

FEI BOARD MEETING

Hong Kong, China (HKG), 4 November 2025

The second in-person FEI Board meeting of the year took place on 4 November in the framework of the FEI General Assembly 2025 organised in Hong Kong, China (CHN).

The main resolutions taken by the FEI Board are summarised below:

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WELCOME BY THE FEI PRESIDENT

The FEI President welcomed the Board members for the in-person meeting and thanked the Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China and the Hong Kong Jockey Club for the excellent organisation and warm hospitality in the vibrant city of Hong Kong, China. The President expressed his appreciation to Heilan Group for becoming the Official FEI Corporate Apparel Supplier.

The President thanked the outgoing Board members – Maribel Alonso (MEX), FEI Dressage Committee Chair; George Dimaras (GRE), EEF Regional Group Vice President; and Carmen Barrera (ESA), Regional Group V Chair – for their support and contribution over the years.

The President highlighted the opening of the new auditorium at the FEI Headquarters named after FEI Honorary President HRH Princess Haya. It will accommodate courses for Officials and presentations to stakeholders as well as other groups, such as the FIFA Masters and various universities.

FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

The FEI Secretary General reviewed the timetable and agenda for the FEI General Assembly 2025.

ALLOCATION OF FEI CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Board allocated the following FEI Championships:

- FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Horses 2027, Buftea (ROU), 10-11 September 2027
- FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Riders and Juniors 2027, Šamorín (SVK), 16 September 2027

GOVERNANCE

Presidential election 2026

The Board noted that a dedicated session on the [President Role Description](#) will take place on 6 November. It will be moderated by the Chair and a member of the FEI President's Succession Working Group (PSWG) prior to the vote the following day. During this session, a clarification on mandatory and non-mandatory requirements in the FEI President Role Description will be made. The work was done in consultation with the FEI Board and stakeholders, in particular at this year's [FEI Sport Forum](#).

The Board approved the Rules for Election of the FEI President 2026 following a presentation highlighting the key aspects. The Rules will be published early February 2026, marking the beginning of the election process.

Update on Memorandum of Understanding signatories

The Director of Governance provided a short overview of Memorandum of Understanding stakeholders (MoUs). Currently 17 organisations have renewed MoUs with the FEI and have expressed their interest in continuing the cooperation.

Grooms Consultative Group: Terms of Reference and Composition

The Board approved the modifications to the terms of reference of the Grooms Consultative Group.

Amelia Gomez-Su (MEX) was approved as the FEI Officials representative in replacement of Susanne Macken (IRL) and Olivier Phillipaerts (BEL) was approved as the Athletes representative replacing Max Kühner (AUT).

The updated Group's composition is as follows:

- Frank Kemperman (NED), Chair
- Jackie Potts (GBR), Eventing Groom
- Melina Jobst (GER), Jumping Groom
- Lucy Katan (GBR), Executive Director International Grooms Association (IGA)
- Robin Parsky (USA), President Jumping Owners Club
- Amelia Gomez-Su (MEX), FEI Officials Representative, *NEW*
- Daniela Garcia Nigaglione (MEX), NF Representative
- Olivier Phillipaerts (BEL), Jumping Athlete *NEW*
- Thomas Torgensen (SWE), Board Member Equestrian Organisers

ITEMS RAISED BY NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Russian Equestrian Federation and Equestrian Federation of Belarus

Further to the changing approach within the International Federations (IFs) and the Paralympic Movement, the Board reviewed the situation regarding the Russian Equestrian Federation and Equestrian Federation of Belarus and took the following decisions:

- the checks of neutrality will be delegated to the relevant NFs. Appeals will be handled by the FEI. The decision is effective immediately.
- allow the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in team competitions under a neutral flag. The decision will be effective as of 1 January 2026.
- allow the organisation of FEI Events in Belarus. The decision will be effective as of 1 January 2026.
- Suspend the maintenance requirement CES Officiating Review for Officials from Russia and Belarus needed for the maintenance of their status, due to their inability to officiate.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair provided her report on the activities of the Nominations Committee. The President thanked the Chair for the Committee's work under her leadership.

APPOINTMENT OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Board approved the following appointments to the FEI Technical Committees:

FEI Jumping Committee

Guilherme Jorge (BRA) was appointed as a member of the FEI Jumping Committee for the four-year term 2025-2029.

FEI Dressage Committee

Peter Storr (GBR) was re-appointed as a member of the FEI Dressage Committee for the four-year term 2025-2029.

FEI Para Equestrian Committee

Marco Orsini (GER) was appointed as a member of the FEI Para Equestrian Committee for the four-year term 2025-2029.

FEI Eventing Committee

Martyn Johnson (GBR) was appointed as a member of the FEI Eventing Committee for the four-year term 2025-2029.

FEI Driving Committee

Marcie Quist (USA) was appointed as a member of the FEI Driving Committee for the four-year term 2025-2029.

FEI Veterinary Committee

Bruno Van Cauwer (BEL) was appointed as members of the FEI Veterinary Committee for the four-year term 2025-2029.

FEI Medical Committee

Franz Kasin (NOR) was re-appointed as a member of the FEI Medical Committee for the four-year term 2025-2029.

JUMPING

The Board approved the change of venue for the first leg of the Longines League of Nations™ - Abu Dhabi 2026 from Al Forsan International Sports Resort to **the Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club**. The event will take place from 11 to 15 February.

EVENTING

The Board approved the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ Rules 2026 and the FEI Eventing World Athletes Rankings Rules 2026. In addition, the Board approved the designation of CCIO4* Boekelo (NED), to be held from 1 to 4 October 2026, as the series' final for the 2026 Season.

The updated documents will be published [here](#).

VETERINARY

The Director, Veterinary & Welfare presented an update on emerging diseases, vaccines, and legislation, as follows:

West Nile virus

The FEI Veterinary & Welfare Department conducted a global survey to evaluate the spread of the West Nile virus with special attention to Europe, legislation related to the disease, and access to vaccines. The FEI is monitoring the situation closely and is liaising with veterinary authorities and organisations.

Legislation of the European Union on protection of animals during transport

FEI together with the European Horse Network have been part of the consultation process and have liaised with thoroughbred racing and breeding organisations as well as some National Federations to provide sport-specific feedback. The EU legislation is delayed but the FEI remains in contact with Denmark as the presiding country of the Council of the European Union and is monitoring the situation closely.

International movement of horses

Concerns over stalled progress in the international movement of horses have been addressed with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). The FEI is supporting Organisers and NFs to facilitate the process.

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