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News from the FEI General Assembly

FEI EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTES AGAINST NEW STATUTES

Copenhagen (DEN), 17 November 2009

On 17 November, the FEI Extraordinary General Assembly, held in Copenhagen (DEN), voted against the adoption of new Statutes for the restructuring of the FEI Bureau, the current governing body. A hundred and two (102) National Federations were represented, 85 in person and 17 by proxy. Out of 98 valid votes cast, there were 49 against, 48 in favour and one abstention.

Consequently, the FEI will continue to be governed by a 19-member Bureau rather than the proposed seven-member Board.

The FEI modernisation process, championed by former FEI President HRH Doña Pilar de Borbón, began 12 years ago and was accepted in principle by the FEI General Assembly in 2005 in London. The main objective of the proposed reform is to achieve a smaller and dynamic Board, which is both competency based and regionally balanced. Today's vote was preceded by extensive consultation which took place throughout the summer ensuring National Federations were listened to and that their feedback was integrated as much as possible. In order to ensure regional representation, the original proposal was to have no more than two members per continent. On the basis of additional feedback from National Federations in South and Central America, it was modified not to allow more than one member per Regional Group. To guarantee the respect of democratic principles also called upon by European National Federations, the proposed election process provided for all candidates to be put to the vote of the General Assembly.

The modernization process will not be on the agenda of the 2010 General Assembly, given the FEI's need to focus on a number of priorities in the areas of development, horse welfare and commercial initiatives, among others. An additional factor is that 2010 is an election year in the FEI.





FEI STATEMENT ON HORSE WELFARE

Copenhagen (DEN), 17 November 2009

The FEI condemns all training methods and practices that are contrary to horse welfare. The welfare of the horse has always been and will always be at the core of every aspect of the Federation's work as the international governing body for equestrian sport.

During its meeting in Copenhagen (DEN) on 15 November, the FEI Bureau had extensive discussion on the issue of hyperflexion. The

FEI Bureau insists that, with immediate effect, stewards in all disciplines use the disciplinary measures available to them, such as verbal warnings and yellow warning cards*, to prevent any infringement of FEI rules.

The FEI is now engaged with World Horse Welfare, a leading international equestrian organization, in addition to continued consultation with riders, trainers, officials and veterinarians to thoroughly research the issues. The further education of stewards will also continue to ensure that welfare issues at FEI events are dealt with promptly and professionally.

The FEI acknowledges and welcomes public opinion and will continue to ensure that the welfare of the horse, which has been central to this debate, will remain its absolute priority.

****If a rider receives two yellow warning cards within one year, he / she is automatically suspended for a period of two months immediately following the event at which the second yellow warning card was received.***

OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR CLEAN SPORT CAMPAIGN AT FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Copenhagen (DEN), 19 November 2009

Revolutionary decision will allow horses to have a low level of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAIDs) before FEI competitions.

In a landmark moment for equestrian sport, the FEI General Assembly today voted overwhelmingly in favour of new **Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations** which will ensure the welfare of the horse and guarantee a fair playing field. A series of **far reaching recommendations** – part of the Clean Sport Campaign led by the Ljungqvist and Stevens Commissions – were also adopted by a massive majority amongst the 105 National Federations represented in Copenhagen.

Delegates also approved in a close vote a new **Prohibited Substances List** itemizing more than 1000 substances not allowed in competition. The adoption of the so-called "Progressive List" now permits in-competition use of a limited number of medications under strictly prescribed limits.



FEI President HRH Princess Haya thanked the delegates on behalf of the sport for their support of the Clean Sport Campaign. "This is a true landmark moment in the history of our sport," HRH Princess Haya commented. "The overwhelming support of the National Federations for the Clean Sport Campaign is proof that

we are moving in the right direction thanks to the incredible work done by the Ljungqvist and Stevens Commissions. This vote has given us the power to roll out Clean Sport and allow us to restore the public image of our sport as a clean and uncorrupt product.”

The Clean Sport Campaign is the result of a year-long consultation process which has brought together the viewpoints and expertise of the entire FEI Family and the professional recommendations of the Commissions led by Prof. Arne Ljungqvist, chairman of the IOC Medical Commission and vice president of the World Anti Doping Agency, and Lord Stevens, former Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

Professor Ljungqvist said, “Ultimately it was down to the equestrian community to make the final decision and they have voted in support of the package as a whole. The two Commissions have put in an enormous amount of work to come up with these recommendations and it is particularly gratifying that we have received such overwhelming support for the Clean Sport Campaign from the National Federations.”

Lord Stevens stated afterwards, “We said yesterday that the FEI needed to adopt these recommendations before it could be given a clean bill of health. They have been approved by a massive majority and now the sport can move forward.”

NEW FEI DRESSAGE COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Copenhagen (DEN), 19 November 2009

USEF has received word of the following appointments to form the new FEI Dressage Committee:

Frank Kemperman (NED), chair
Thomas Bauer (GER)
Margit Otto-Crepin (FRA)
Anne Gribbons (USA)
David Hunt (GBR)
Elisabet Lundholm (SWE)



The former Dressage Committee was disbanded by the FEI in November 2008, with an FEI Dressage Task Force appointed in the interim (see report below).

Final FEI Dressage Task Force Report Now Available

With the 2009 FEI General Assembly rapidly approaching the FEI Dressage Task Force produced its official report of its one-year work since the abolition of the FEI Dressage Committee in November 2008. The Task Force presented its recommendations for the future development of the dressage sport to the FEI Bureau at the Assembly in Copenhagen, Denmark. The report focused on training and education of judges; creation of a system for evaluation of judges; selection and number of judges at Championships; use of half marks in scoring; division of judging tasks; categorization of FEI events; and Olympic Games teams, individuals and competition format.

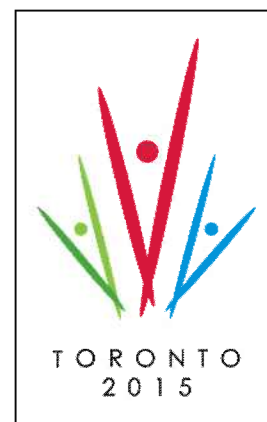
The Dressage Task Force strived for open communication towards riders, trainers, judges, national federations and organizers. Addressing the popularity of the dressage sport, DTF members were unanimous in highlighting the need to increase transparency and attractiveness for spectators, media and sponsors.

The Dressage Task Force (DTF) published a 50-page report on the past year's work, which is available for download from the FEI website via this link: <http://www.fei.org/Disciplines/Dressage/News/Pages/DressageTaskForceReport.aspx>

Pan American Games Return to Canada in 2015

On Friday, November 6th, the 2015 Pan American Games/Para Pan American Games were awarded to Toronto, Canada and the Golden Horseshoe Region. The Caledon Equestrian Park's reputation for hosting world-class equestrian competition secured its position as the equestrian venue in the bid process. All equestrian events will be held at Caledon Equestrian Park in July 2015, with only the cross-country portion of eventing being held off-site at nearby Will O' Wind Farm.

Equestrian Management Group (EMG), which hosts 16 equestrian events of various disciplines annually at the Caledon Equestrian Park, and its partners, the Town of Caledon and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), were heavily involved in the bid process. "We are thrilled to be a part of the 2015 Pan American Games," said Craig Collins, Managing Partner of EMG. "We are very fortunate to be included in this wonderful opportunity for all Pan Am sports to be showcased in Toronto and the surrounding area. Congratulations to the Bid Committee, which did a fantastic job of securing the Games for Toronto."



The 2015 Pan American Games/Para Pan American Games will have a huge economic impact on Toronto and the surrounding area, including Caledon. Provincially, it is estimated that the Pan American Games/Para Pan American Games will stimulate \$2 billion in economic activity, create 17,000 jobs, and bring more than 5,000 athletes and 250,000 tourists to Ontario.

"Hosting the equestrian events of the 2015 Pan American Games will leave Caledon with a legacy of a world-class facility built on public lands," noted Town of Caledon Mayor Marolyn Morrison. "Our participation in the Games will also bring economic benefits to the area as well as contribute to the longterm viability of the provincial initiative to create the Greenbelt. Caledon has a strong reputation in the equestrian community, and we are honored and thrilled to be hosting the equestrian events for the Games."

An organizing committee will be formed over the next few months to continue the process of planning the 2015 Pan American Games/Para Pan American Games. The 2011 Pan American Games will be held in Guadalajara, Mexico in October of 2011.

2010 FEI Draft & Definite Schedules

As of this date, the FEI has not released the 2010 Draft Schedule template. Therefore, organizers should continue to use the 2009 template until the 2010 version is released. Once available, USEF will notify organizers immediately.

FEI World Cup™ Dressage News

2011 World Cup Finals Allocated to Leipzig (GER)

The International Equestrian Federation (FEI) has allocated the 2011 World Cup Dressage Finals to Leipzig, Germany. The Finals will take place April 27 – May 1, 2011 and will coincide with the World Cup Finals for show jumping and driving.

"It has never happened before that three World Cup Finals take place at the same location at once," said German Equestrian Federation president Sönke Lauterbach. "I'm convinced that the show will be a fun experience."

The 2010 FEI World Cup™ Dressage Finals will be held in 's-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands, March 25 – 28, 2010. The U.S. has three remaining North American League qualifiers for these Finals: West Palm Beach, Florida (January and February), and Loxahatchee, Florida (March).



FEI Seeking Bids for 2012 World Cup™ Dressage Final

The FEI is currently seeking bids to host the 2012 World Cup™ Dressage Final. All bids must be submitted to the FEI no later than January 15, 2010, with a decision announced by the FEI in the spring of next year. For a complete listing of FEI events open for bid, visit this link: http://www.fei.org/Events/Pages/FEI_Championships.aspx. Organizers interested in hosting one of these events should contact Jim Wolf, USEF Executive Director of Sport Programs, at jwolf@usef.org.

FEI Chief Steward Report Update

Please note the FEI now requires that **Chief Stewards must send copies of their event report to the National Federation, the Organizer and to the President of the Ground Jury** in addition to the FEI Headquarters. Therefore, USEF must receive a copy of the Chief Steward Report for each CDI. Reports may be e-mailed to Becky Francis bfrancis@usef.org, Jen Brown jbrown@usef.org, and/or Jennifer Keeler jkeeler@usef.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

2010 FEI Horse & Rider Registrations

USEF is currently processing 2010 FEI Registrations for horses and riders, and applications are now available on-line! Riders and owners must sign-in to their USEF account at www.usef.org to access the 2010 on-line application. For questions, contact Ashley Sabo asabo@usef.org. Organizers may check FEI Registration status of competitors via the FEI website, www.fei.org.

New USEF Competition “Levels”

As of December 1, 2009, USEF will be implementing a new competition “levels” system for all USEF/USDF-Licensed Dressage Competitions, which includes every CDI. Please note under this new classification system, all CDI’s are automatically considered a Level 5 competition.

Competitions which were approved for 2010 as CDI’s, USEF National Championships, USDF Regional Championships, High Performance qualifying competitions (at the I-1 level) and USEF/NAJYRC qualifying competitions have automatically been assigned the appropriate level (5, 4, or 3) by USEF. There is no need for the organizers of these competitions to contact USEF unless you choose to be conduct your competition at a higher level than has been automatically assigned.

All other dressage competitions will be either Level 1 or 2, unless you choose to conduct your competition at the standards for a higher level. **Managers of all of these competitions must immediately contact Amy Alley aalley@usef.org in the USEF Competition Dates Department to notify her as to what level should be assigned to your competition.** Please include your competition number(s), date(s), and level choice. Competitions with dates through June 30, 2010 must notify USEF of level choice by December 31, 2009 or will be automatically assigned as Level 2.



More information about the competition “levels” is available on the USEF website <http://www.usef.org/IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/natDressage.aspx>.



2010 Alltech® FEI World Equestrian Games News

WEG Dressage Judging Panel Announced

The FEI has released the dressage judging panel for the 2010 Alltech® FEI World Equestrian Games, as follows:

GROUND JURY:	Anne Gribbons (USA) – President
	Mary Seefried (AUS)
	Cara Whitham (CAN)
	Stephen Clarke (GBR)
	Evi Eisenhardt (GER)
	Maribel Alonso (MEX)
	Ghislain Fouarge (NED)
FOREIGN TD:	Wojtek Markowski (POL)
APPEALS:	Elizabeth McMullen (CAN)

Foreign “O” Judges for CDI’s & Qualifying for WEG

With the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games rapidly approaching, we would like to remind all organizers of upcoming CDI events that riders will be looking to earn FEI Certificates of Capability. In order to earn this Certificate, scores must be obtained from **foreign FEI “O” Judges** (FEI 5*) at CDI 3*s and CDI-W’s. FEI “O” judges are a very small elite group of judges who are accredited to judge at the highest level: Olympic Games and World Championships, and scores from these judges can qualify horses/riders of other nationalities to Olympic Games and World Championships. In order for scores for U.S. riders to count, they must be obtained from FEI “O” judges who have a nationality other than American. Please take this into consideration when appointing your panel as riders will be looking to begin obtaining 2010 qualifying scores this winter.

USEF Web Page for FEI & CDI Information

As a reminder, we have a page on the USEF website devoted to FEI and CDI information, including the **new 2010 CDI calendar**, archived USEF CDI Managers’ Newsletters, and quick links to various pages of the FEI website, including dressage test downloads. Please visit this website link and click on “FEI & CDI Information”:

<http://www.usef.org/IFrames/breedsDisciplines/discipline/allDressage/natdressage.aspx>.

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Upcoming Calendar

January 22 – 24, 2010 CDI-W/Y West Palm Beach, FL (Gold Coast Opener)

Contact: Noreen O’Sullivan nosullivan@harborfs.com

February 4 – 7, 2010 CDI 5* Wellington, FL (World Dressage Masters)

Contact: Lloyd Landkamer lankamer@aol.com

February 11 – 14, 2010 CDI 3*/Y/J Indio, CA (pending location change to Thermal, CA)

Contact: Regina Antonioli eqconcepts@earthlink.net

February 12 – 14, 2010 CDI-W/Y West Palm Beach, FL (Wellington Classic Challenge)

Contact: Noreen O’Sullivan nosullivan@harborfs.com

February 26 – 28, 2010 CDI-W/Y/J Burbank, CA (Mid-Winter Dressage Fair)

Contact: Glenda McElroy glenda@glenroys.com

March 4 – 7, 2010 CDI-W/Y Loxahatchee, FL (Palm Beach Dressage Derby)

Contact: Evelyn O’Sullivan pbderby@aol.com

March 12 – 14, 2010 CDI 3*/Y/J Del Mar, CA (The Dressage Affaire)

Contact: Kim Keenan keenandressage@yahoo.com

March 18 – 21, 2010 CDI-W/Y/J/P Wellington, FL (WEF Dressage Classic)

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