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Next Events

- **03-06 Aug 2017** Longines FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Dressage Championships in Ermelo (NED)
- **24 Aug 2017** EEF Dressage Meeting on FEI proposed rule changes in Gothenburg (SWE)
- **21-27 Aug 2017:** Longines FEI European Championships in Gothenburg (SWE)
- **22 Aug 2017:** Seminar “From the Horse’s Perspective” in Gothenburg (SWE)
- **26 Aug 2017** EEF Board Meeting in Gothenburg (SWE)
- **02-05 Sept 2017:** Seminar on training & judging young Dressage horses in Warendorf (GER)
- **09 Oct 2017:** EEF in-person Board Meeting in Luxemburg
- **10 Oct 2017:** EEF General Assembly in Luxemburg



CSI Invitations & CSI/CSIO requirements

Following the discussions at the 2017 FEI Sports Forum the FEI had set up a Working Group which discussed the subject of CSI invitations as well as CSI/CSIO requirements during a meeting held in Lausanne (SUI) on 20 & 21 June 2017.

Amongst the recommendations on the invitation rules as agreed by the Working Group are varying percentages at different star levels and that an invitation system needs to be implemented for CSIs at all levels except for CSI1*.

On CSI/CSIO requirements there was an agreement that no drastic changes are needed, but that the services that an organizer has to provide and that are covered by the applicable entry fees must be clearly defined. There was also consensus that the level of the entry fee can vary according to the region. Based on the recommendations of the Working Group the FEI Jumping Committee has drafted a formal proposal which was sent to NFs and stakeholders on July 6th in the context of the FEI rules revision process. NFs now have the possibility to participate in the consultation process and provide their feedback to the FEI until 18 September 2017.

EEF President Hanfried Haring, who was a member of the Working Group, considers the outcome of the meeting as satisfactory but would like to highlight one negative aspect which is the fact that NFs will lose a certain percentage of home riders that they will be entitled to enter for home events.

EHN Legal Group Meeting

Legal experts from the European Horse Network (EHN) gathered on 21 June 2017 in Brussels in order to kick-off a strong collaboration on EU legal matters that have an impact on the horse industry. The following 7 topics will be closely monitored by the EHN Legal Group and reported back to the EHN membership, including draft recommendations with the aim for joint membership positions:

- Consumers' Sales
- Veterinary Products
- Identification (exchange of views on a Central National Database, work with Traces)
- Animal Health Law
- CAP2020 (the future of agricultural policy)
- Taxation (VAT & SMEs)
- Ethics (welfare, responsible ownership and training, transportation, movements of horses, insurance for riders and owners (end of life), drugs)



2018 Nations Cup Jumping – DIVISION 2

On 27 June 2017 a meeting of the involved NFs and stakeholders of the Nations Cup Jumping Division 2 took place in Vienna (AUT). Armagan Özgörkey, Chair of FEI Group I and EEF Vice-President invited to the meeting which was attended by 13 NF representatives as well as by John Roche, FEI Jumping Director, and representatives of the AJO. The attendants unanimously agreed to support the proposed concept of regional qualification for the Division 2 Final as of 2018. Twelve NFs will host a CSIO in their country and the Division 2 Final will take place in Budapest (HUN). Six more NFs are planning to host a CSIO as of 2019.

The President of the EEF, Hanfried Haring, considers the meeting as an important success. “All contributions to the discussion showed the clear will of the participating NFs to strengthen the Nations Cup as the most important competition in our equestrian sport and to facilitate the continuous development of equestrianism in regions which are geopolitically located further away from the center of the Jumping sport.”

The meeting minutes as well as the summarized proposal on the future of Division 2 can be found on the EEF website at <http://www.euroequestrian.eu/documents/wg-jumping>.

FEI Rules Revision Process

On 06 July 2017 the FEI provided its NFs and stakeholders with the proposed rule changes for 2018. Our Working Groups are currently discussing these and will revert to our EEF membership with feedback well in time before the FEI deadline of 18 September 2017.

On 26 July 2017 the Regional Group Chairs have met in Lausanne (SUI) in order to have a first conversation on Olympic quotas to be allocated to the various geographical regions for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. The related proposals will be distributed by the FEI to all NFs and stakeholders on 07 August 2017 and will become part of the consultation process leading up to the FEI General Assembly.

EHN Presidents Meeting

Hanfried Haring, EEF President and Bo Helander, Chair of the EEF EU-Committee attended an EHN Presidents meeting on 13 July 2017 in Brussels. The aim of the meeting was to exchange thoughts and ideas among high-level representatives of the equine sector on the creation of a strong and innovative communication plan for the horse in Europe. The meeting was followed by an MEP Horse Group lunch on the subject of Equestrian Tourism in the European Parliament.



EEF Driving Working Group Meeting

A new EEF Working Group has been created for the discipline of Driving, chaired by Quentin Simonet (FRA), which held its first in-person meeting on 20 July 2017 in Aachen (GER). Besides the discussion on proposed changes to the FEI Driving Rules, the group focused on the following subjects and issued recommendations as listed below:

FEI Youth Driving Championships

- Should be held every year
- Lower levels are needed to enter into the Driving discipline
- Keep single horse possibility in a team
- Dressage test should be more challenging

FEI Young Horses Driving Championships

- Should be held every year as is currently the case
- only include 5 and 6 year old horses in Young Horse Championships. Minimum horse age for 3* competitions to be set at 7 years old. Young horses at the age of 5 or 6 years shall only be allowed to compete in 2* events or lower in order to give more time to the young horses for their development. It is highlighted that such a change would need to be communicated 2-3 years in advance;
- increase demands for 6 year old horses at the YH Championships and also for the 7 year old horses if they remain included in the Championship

FEI Para-Driving Championship.

- Should be held only every 2nd year.

The full minutes of the meeting are currently in the approval process but will be available on the EEF website at <http://www.euroequestrian.eu/documents/wg-driving>.

EEF Board Meeting in Aachen (GER)

The agenda of the meeting held on 21 July 2017 focused on the subject of EEF continental representation in the FEI Bureau, as was already presented to our membership at the 2016 EEF General Assembly and the EEF meeting held in the context of the 2016 FEI General Assembly in Tokyo. The EEF Board has finalized its proposal which will be distributed to all members in due course.

