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All EEF Members

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Re: Recent developments in the discipline of Jumping

Dear Friends

Today I would like to provide you with a summary of the recent developments in the discipline of Jumping following the FEI Sports Forum. The three main topics had been the harmonization of entry fees, the invitation system and the future of the FEI Nations Cup Jumping.

Particularly due to the intensive preparation of the EEF and the work of the EEF Jumping Working Group the subject of entry fee harmonization had basically already been off the table before the start of the Forum. The discussion during the Forum has then reaffirmed our argumentation.

In principle there was also agreement with regards to the other two subjects: the invitation system promises to be helpful in the fight against paycards and the FEI Nations Cup is still regarded as the most important competition. So far so good, but the discussion was then focusing on the following:

- There is still no sponsor confirmed for the Nations Cup series and the FEI will thus provide 2 Million for the Nations Cup Final in 2017. After that, everything remains open.
- The Nations Cup is in direct competition with the Global Champions Tour when it comes to riders and horses. Following the FEI's approval of the GCL this situation has been aggravated with some people arguing that this is mainly due to the concessions made to GCT/GCL with regards to invitations.

This has shown that there is still the need for further discussions with the stakeholders and the FEI Bureau has thus decided to postpone the introduction of the new invitation system which was planned for 2017 and to set up a Working Group tasked to further discuss the invitation system as well as the CSI/CSIO requirements. For your information, the aforementioned Working Group will meet on 20 & 21 June 2017 and the EEF will ensure that the interests of Europe will be represented with rigor. We will once again propose the model for an invitation system which had been developed by our EEF Jumping Working Group last year. The EEF



proposal states that organizers shall be free to chose how many participants they wish to invite according to the Longines World Ranking List and how many they wish to invite with personal invitations. Riders would then get Longines Ranking List points in reciprocal relation to the amount of personal invitations (for example: 80% personal invitations would mean 20% ranking points offered to participating athletes; 30% personal invitations would mean 70% ranking points offered to participating athletes). For your convenience you will find the proposal attached once again to this letter. Following a few minor modifications such a model could then be applicable to all organizers and would also lead to the strengthening of the FEI Nations Cup Jumping. If this will be complemented by additional measures such as the use of the Nations Cup to qualify teams for the World Equestrian Games and a commitment of National Federations to only nominate riders for Championships and Games who made themselves available to compete in the Nations Cup series then I am optimistic that the Nations Cup can have a good future.

In conclusion I would like to add two more comments:

1. The postponement of the introduction of the new invitation system doesn't mean that there are no rules now. The current system just remains in place and for the moment nothing changes.
2. It is clear that in order to discuss the invitation system all agreements that have been made so far must be known to the involved parties. This goes without saying. However, I will not participate in the discussion whether or not the MOU between the FEI and GCT/GCL must be made public. The reason for this is very simple: We know all the facts already. They are either published on the FEI website in the Global Champions League / Tour Rules documents or have been provided to us by the FEI President at the 2017 FEI Sports Forum and also confirmed in writing (ie 20 events in 2018, etc).

Consequently a discussion about the MOU won't lead to anything except a waste of resources which we would rather need to solve the challenges we are currently facing.

Yours ever



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