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2021 European Senior Championships in the Olympic & Paralympic disciplines

After an initial decision by the FEI in March 2020 to cancel the European Senior Championships in 2021 for Jumping, Eventing, Dressage and Para-Equestrian Dressage following the rescheduling of the Olympic Games due to Covid-19, the EEF nevertheless considered it opportune to investigate whether it would be possible to organize these championships in 2021.

This initiative was taken because many National Federations in Europe expressed their desire for such European Championships to take place. This was also in line with the outcome of the video conferences held by the EEF and its stakeholders in April and May 2020. During those video conferences it became clear that for most European Federations, the European Championships will be the most important event in the years ahead.

Two scenarios were prepared: a scenario in case the Olympic Games will take place in 2021 and a scenario in case the Olympic Games will not take place due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

It was not easy to find organizing committees that were able to organize a Championship at such short notice and to find dates that are fitting in the FEI calendar.

The preliminary dates are as follows:

- In case the Olympic & Paralympic Games will take place in 2021, the Championships would likely be scheduled as follows:
 1. Jumping from 02-05 September 2021
 2. Dressage from 07-12 September 2021
 3. Eventing from 23-26 September 2021

- In case no Olympic and Paralympic Games will take place then the Championships would likely be scheduled as follows:
 1. Jumping EU-CH on the 2021 Olympic Games Jumping dates
 2. Dressage & Para-Equestrian Dressage EU-CH on the 2021 Olympic Games Dressage dates



3. Eventing from 19-22 August 2021

In order to be able to organize the Jumping EU-CH in week 35 where already several 5* CSI events are planned, we have spoken with the different organizers to find solutions within the FEI rules. The EEF is therefore grateful that the OCs of the 5* competition in Brussels (Stephex), and the OC of the GCL in Rome have expressed their willingness to cooperate in finding a solution. We also thank the Russian National Federation that would also be prepared to move its 5* event in Moscow to another date. Finally, we thank the OC of the Hamburg Derby for its cooperation.

Please note that on the date that this report is submitted the final decision regarding the 2021 EU-CH is still unknown but is expected for the end of October 2020.

2021 Longines EEF Series

Due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic the organizing committees of the 2020 qualifiers, semi-finals and final of the Longines EEF Series had to cancel their events.

Therefore we had to postpone the launch of this new series to 2021. Our sponsor of the series, Longines, has expressed its continuous support for the series.

We Swiss company *Alcor* has been appointed for the operational management of the Longines EEF Series. The preliminary planning of the 2021 Longines EEF Series is as follows.

- Qualifiers League West:
 - Le Touquet (FRA) 6-9 May 2021
 - Lisabon (POR) 28-30 May 2021
- Qualifiers League North:
 - Drammen (NOR) 13-16 May 2021
 - Uggerhalne (DEN) 20-23 May 2021
- Qualifiers League Center:
 - Gorla (ITA) 20-25 April 2021



Magna Racino (AUT) 24-27 June 2021

- Qualifiers League South:

Athens (GRE) 03-06 June 2021

Bojourishte (BUL) 17-20 June 2021

- Semi-final West/North:

Geesteren (NED) 09-13 June 2021

- Semi-final Center/South:

Budapest (HUN) 08-11 July 2021

- Final (in case OGs taking place):

Warsaw (POL) 22-25 July 2021

- Final (in case OGs not taking place):

Warsaw (POL) 09-12 Sept 2021

2020 EEF Secretary Generals Meeting

The 2020 EEF Secretary Generals Meeting was held on 18 August 2020 and was attended by 28 European Secretary Generals. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the meeting could not take place in Antalya (TUR) as initially planned and had to be moved online instead. The main focus of the meeting was on the full review of the FEI Anti-Doping rules for equine and human athletes. The recommendations submitted by the EEF Anti-Doping Working Group were greatly appreciated by NFs and facilitated a very constructive exchange of opinions with staff members of the FEI Legal department. The final recommendations of the EEF with regards to proposed rule changes for 2021 were submitted to the FEI within the stipulated deadline.