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Date Clashes with Nations Cup Events

The Problem of the Nations Cup Series was extensively debated at the EEF General Assembly on 28 September 2011 in London. It was unanimously declared that the Nations Cups are the most precious good owned by the NFs and the FEI, and that to a large extent the continuance of equestrian sport in the Olympic family depends on the Nations Cups keeping their importance and on the series being harmonised. So the Nations Cups and their series have absolute priority, not only for the NFs but for the owners and riders as well.

The Board of the EEF decided to bring forward the following motion to the EEF and then to the FEI General Assembly on 14 November 2011 in Rio de Janeiro:

“The members of the EEF ask the FEI to uphold the rule that CSI5* are not permitted to clash with events of the FEI Top League. We will fully support the FEI in all measures to this end and declare that otherwise we must refuse approval of the calendar.

In connection with this complex of problems, we ask the FEI to answer the question what consequences will arise for participants in non-FEI affiliated events, i. e. for organisers, officials, athletes etc. At the same time we ask to verify what further measures can be taken, e. g. to give double Rolex Ranking Points in Nations Cup competitions etc. For sure we will discuss this with the athletes.

We do not consider this matter a purely European one, although participation is currently restricted to NFs and OCs from Europe, but are convinced that it is of global importance in our effort to maintain FEI leadership in the sport and its rules. We unfortunately are at a crossroad and have to decide which way we – the FEI, the NFs, the sport – will take.”

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