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ELECTIONS

Chairs of Technical Committees:

Jumping: The current acting chair John Madden (USA) was elected for a period of two years, 2011-2013, until the end of the current mandate which was left open in February 2011.

Driving: Karoly Fugli (HUN), 2011-2015

Chairs of Regional Groups:

The Chair of Regional Group III was re-elected for a second term in office: Sergey Buikevich (KAZ), 2011-2015

The Chair of Regional Group VII was re-elected for a second term in office: Khaled Bin Abdullah Al Khalifa (BRN), 2011-2015

Michael Cherry (BER) was elected **Chair of Regional Group IV** for one year, 2011-2012, until the end of the current mandate which was left open following the resignation of David O'Connor (USA).

FEI Tribunal:

Chair: Jens Adolphsen (GER), 2011-2013 (Tribunal Members may not serve more than two consecutive full Terms. As Jens Adolphsen has already served six years as Tribunal Member he is only eligible for the remainder of his term, i.e. until 2013).

Four new members were elected: Henrik Arle (FIN), Randi Haukebo (NOR), Vladan Jevtic (SRB), and Armand Leone (USA), 2011-2015. Pierre Ketterer (FRA) was re-elected for a second term in office, 2011-2015.

Audit and Compliance Committee Member:

Jack Chi-Feng Huang (TPE) was elected for one year, 2011-2012, until the end of the current mandate which was left open in 2010 following the resignation of Henk Rottinghuis (NED).

Nominations Committee Members:

Five members were re-elected for a second term in office from 2011-2013:

Jacky Buchmann (BEL), Group I,
Rakshan Radpour (IRI), Group III
Maribel Alonso de Quinzanos (MEX), Group V
Mohamad Ghazi Yehia (LIB), Group VII
Neil Patrick Fitt (BOT), Group IX

Four new members were elected (2011-2013), as follows:

Andrew Finding (GBR), Group II;
Mark Samuel (CAN), Group IV;
Luiz Rocco (BRA), Group VI;
Yasuhiko Haruta (JPN), Group VIII

Jacky Buchmann (BEL), representing Group I, was elected as the Committee's chair for a period of two years, further to the proposal of the Bureau.

Appointments by the FEI Bureau

The appointments made by the FEI Bureau on 11 November were announced in [this press release](#).

A draw for the terms in office of the new members of the FEI Veterinary and Driving Committees was conducted by the Nominations Committee chair. The GA was informed of the results, as follows:

FEI Veterinary Committee

Dr Phillipe Benoit (FRA), 2011-2015
Dr Sergio Salinas (MEX), 2011-2015
Dr Stephen Schumacher (USA), 2011-2014

FEI Driving Committee

Klaus Christ (GBR), 2011-2013
Edward B. Young (USA), 2011-2015

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JUMPING

The following items were approved by the FEI Bureau and will shortly be available on the FEI website:

- Clarification to CSI Invitation rules;
- CSI/CSIO Requirements;
- 2012 FEI Nations Cup Rules;
- Modifications to the FEI World Cup Rules for 2012 / 2013 season;
- Rules for the 2012 Global Champions Tour;
- A European Youngster Cup U /25 and Ponies series for 2012;
- 2014 Youth Olympic Games: Appointment of Paul Weier (SUI) as FEI Foreign Technical Delegate;
- Appointment of Johann Heins (NED) as FEI Honorary Steward General Jumping.

The GA accepted the Technical Committee Chairman's report which included, among other items, updates on:

- Clarification to Invitation Rules for CSI3*/4*/5* events;
- 2012 CSI/CSIO requirements;
- **2012 Rules for the Rolex Rankings**, the number of results that will count for 2012 Rolex Ranking points will be reduced from 50 to 30. In addition, Grand Prix competitions at CSI2* events in Western Europe must offer at least 30,000 CHF (see conversation rate for other currencies) to have these competitions count for Rolex Ranking points. **The number of competitions counting for Rolex Ranking points at an international event remains unlimited for 2012.** This issue will be placed on the agenda of the Sports Forum in Spring 2012 for discussion;
- 2012 FEI Nations Cup™ Rules: in order to improve the standard of the European Promotional League events, all events that are part of this series must have at least CSIO4* status; cross-over points would not be allowed between the European Promotional League and the Challengers League; the point system used in the Top League would also be used in the Promotional League (rather than basing the number of points available on the number of teams participating at an event) so that teams could better plan their season;
- Due to the exceptionally congested calendar in 2012, the Olympic year, the date clash rule which does not allow CSI5* events and CSIO Top Level events to share dates, will be suspended for 2012 only.

The revised version of FEI Rules for Jumping Events, 23rd edition was approved by the General Assembly. The main alterations are listed as follows:

- **Fines, Yellow Warning Cards, Eliminations and Disqualifications** - The Chapter on Fines, Yellow Warning Cards, Eliminations and Disqualifications (Chapter VII) has been completely restructured; the numbering of the articles in this Chapter has changed. Clarification regarding disqualification, including the possibility for retroactive disqualification, has been added to the text.
- **Water jump** - It will not be considered a fault at the water jump if the horse's fetlock or boot leaves an imprint on the lath. **As of 2013**, all water jumps must be built according to specifications established in the Memorandum for International Jumping Events; if the water jump is not built according to those specifications, a vertical obstacle must be placed over the water, as described in Art. 211.10.
- **Participation at International Events** - Athletes will be able to participate in certain competitions for Seniors from the year in which they reach the age of 12. Refer to Art. 255 for conditions.
- **Dress** - All athletes are required to wear a hard hat at all times when mounted (an exception is allowed for Senior athletes to remove their headgear for ceremonial protocol).
- **Reference to Judges** - Reference to National, Candidate International, International and Official International Judges has been changed to Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4 Judges respectively to align with the new Education System for Judges. A per diem allowance must be offered to all FEI Officials at FEI Jumping events.
- **CSI Grand Prix Qualification** - Provisions have been included for athletes to be automatically qualified for the Grand Prix at CSI events where qualification conditions for the Grand Prix are included in the Schedule.
- **Nations Cup competitions participation in second round** - For all levels of Nations Cup competitions (CSIO1* to CSIO5* as well as CSIOY/J/P/Ch), the second round will be open to a minimum of six and a maximum of eight teams with four athletes per team. NB: CSIOs that are part of the FEI Nations Cup™ are governed by the specific rules for that series.
- **Requirements for timing equipment** - The requirements for timing equipment and scoreboards, previously published separately on the website, have been restructured and are now included in the FEI Rules for Jumping Events as a new Annex IV.
- **Participation in Regional Championships and Games in Latin America** - Under certain conditions athletes will be allowed to participate in Regional Championships and Games in Latin America (Central and South America) from the year in which they reach their 16th birthday and horses as of seven years old. Athletes of the appropriate age may participate in a Junior Championship even if they have previously participated in Regional Championships and Games in Latin America, providing the height of obstacles at the Regional Championships/Games does not exceed 1.40 m.
- **European Jumping Championships for Young Riders and Juniors certificates of capability** - At CSI/CSIO events for Young Riders and Juniors athletes with a score of eight penalties or less in the Grand Prix or Nations Cup may earn a Certificate of Capability for the FEI European Jumping Championships for Young Riders and Juniors.
- **Farewell Competition at European Jumping Championships for Young Riders and Juniors** - The Farewell Competition at European Jumping Championships for Young Riders and Juniors may be held on the third day or the fourth day and may be held as a combined competition for these two categories if there is not a sufficient number of participants.

- **Continental Championship for Veterans** - An Appeal Committee is mandatory for the Continental Championship for Veterans. The reserve (fifth) athlete at the Continental Championship for Veterans may also take part in the Championship competitions.
- **The main alterations to the Rules for Championships and Games are:** The water jump at World and Continental Championships and the Olympic Games (effective after the 2012 Olympic Games) must be used only three times during the official competitions of the event. A maximum of two spread obstacles with a width of one metre or less may be used (for the Olympic Games, effective after the 2012 Games).
- **World Championships** If the two rounds of the second competition are conducted on the same day, the courses must be identical; if they are conducted on separated days, the courses must be different. Participation in the second round will be limited to the ten best teams and the individuals placed within the best 50 following the first round. In case of a tie for first, second and/or third place in the Individual Final (Final Four), there will be a jump-off.
- **Continental Championships** If the Championship is combined with another discipline, the OC has the right to limit entries to one horse per athlete.

The full text of the Rules will be available on this [PAGE](#).

DRESSAGE

The GA approved the Technical Committee chairman's report which included updates on:

- **FEI World Cup™ Dressage:** In accordance with the Task Force report a bidding process for the West European League was implemented. Thirteen bids were received; the Committee selected eight events which will constitute the League in the 2012/2013 season. The Committee is working to improve the quality of the other three Leagues.
- **Education:** A proposal for an online training centre for Dressage judges was presented by the FEI Education and Standards Department.
- A number of changes in the judging system was implemented, including the introduction of the **Judges Supervisory Panel**. A logbook with information on all judges has been developed and will be used to review the list of FEI judges every year.
- **Tests:** The new Olympic Grand Prix Special test was introduced on 1 October 2011 and is mandatory as Grand Prix Special test. It will be re-evaluated after the 2012 Olympic Games and a decision for the future will be taken. All the other tests will be reviewed on a four year cycle. Shorter tests for pony riders (Team/Individual/Preliminary) will be introduced on 1 January 2012.

Modifications to the FEI Rules for Dressage Events, 24th edition, were approved. The main modifications include:

Article 422.2.3 (Conditions of participation, Intermediate I Freestyle): it will be up to the organiser to make it mandatory or not to participate in the Freestyle (currently it is mandatory);

Article 422.3.8 (Conditions of participation, Starting Possibility at Senior Dressage Events): opening to have separate competitions for younger/limited age group of horses in both the small and big tour;

Article 427.1 (Dress, Civilians): mandatory for all riders of 18 years and younger, and all riders on six-year and younger horses to wear protective headgear;

Article 446.4 (Championships – Organisation): for all championships, an athlete must have completed the first test to continue in the Championship.

Annex I (Olympic Games) has been updated in accordance with the [FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games](#), 23rd edition.

Article P-20.7 B: changes to the format of Pony European Championships

These modifications will be effective 1 January 2012. The update Rules will be published on this [PAGE](#).

The following modification will be applicable as of **2013**:

Annex VII (Judges): introduction of rotation of Ground Juries in order to ensure that the same judges may not officiate at any event for more than three years.

PARA DRESSAGE

The GA approved the Technical Committee chairman's report which included updates on:

Championships: The FEI European Para Dressage Championship took place in Moorsele (BEL) in September 2011. For the first time it was not an open championship in order to encourage NFs from outside Europe to organise competitions in their region. This strategy was productive as there were more three-star competitions all over the world and the level of sport has been consistently increasing.

Integrated competitions: In 2011 there were more integrated competitions where Para competitions were run in parallel with Dressage competitions. Using the same officials resulted in reduced costs for setting up Para competitions.

Judges education: An education programme for Para judges was set up.

Paralympic Games London 2012: The qualification procedure for the Paralympic Games was approved and is available [here](#).

Ranking Lists: The rules for the Para Ranking Lists for Teams and Individuals were revised. Ranking Lists for qualification for the 2012 Paralympic Games were produced.

The FEI Rules for Para-Equestrian Dressage Events underwent an extensive revision in 2009. The work to align Para-Dressage Rules as much as possible with the FEI Rules for Dressage Events therefore allowing able-bodied trainers, chefs, judges and coaches in each NF to help their Para-Equestrian riders, is ongoing. As a result, this year's modifications, which were approved by the GA, were in line with the modifications to the Dressage Rules. These include:

Article 8421.2.6.1 (Dressage Tests): Participation in the Freestyle tests will be limited;

Article 8422.1.3 (Conditions of participation): if reclassified, an athlete may compete in the original grade for two months (today: 12 months);

Article 8427.1.3 (Dress): Protective headgear must be worn by everyone while mounted (not only the athlete);

Article 8439 (Classifiers): must be two international FEI classifiers for all CPEDI3* and above (unclear in today's rules);

These changes will be applicable as of 1 January 2012. The updated FEI Rules for Para-Equestrian Dressage Events will be published on this [PAGE](#).

The following modifications will be applicable as of 1 January **2013**:

Article 8420.2.3 (Categories of Para Equestrian Dressage Events): A team may not include more than two Athletes from any grade;

Article 8451 (Qualification): introduction of eligibility criteria for FEI European Championships (in addition to the existing criteria for the FEI World Equestrian Games).

The decision taken by the FEI Bureau about the withdrawal of the addition to Article 430.7.6 of the Rules for Dressage Events and to Article 8430 of the Rules for Para-Equestrian Dressage regarding evidence of blood in the arena was unanimously approved by the General Assembly (cf. press release issued on 11 November ([here](#))).

EVENTING

The GA approved the Technical Committee chairman's report which included updates on:

- **Open Forums:** in the framework of the full revision of the FEI Rules for Eventing, which will be voted upon by the FEI General Assembly in 2012, a consultation process was launched. Two Open Forums, giving all involved in the sport the opportunity to exchange ideas, have been held so far, one in Luhmühlen (GER) in August and one in Guadalajara (MEX) in October. Two more Forums are scheduled to take place in Adelaide (AUS) in November and at Taupo (NZL) in May 2012.
A [document](#) on competition format, qualifications of athletes and horses, and the Ground Jury roles and responsibilities was sent to the National Federations, Eventing Associations, Organising Committees, and Officials. The feedback received to date has been compiled in [this document](#).
- **FEI Risk Management Policy and Action Plan:**
 - **Training of horses and riders:** The FEI Eventing Committee is keen to work more closely with the National Federations, trainers and riders to ensure increased dissemination of education, horsemanship and correct Cross Country training in line with the increasing number of participants in the discipline.
 - **Horses and riders qualifications:** discussions have begun in order to ensure that the principles and rules regarding qualification fulfil their initial scope.
 - **Training and education of officials:** in all FEI seminars for Eventing Officials a compulsory half a day section on Risk Management has been included and the discussion on the current Risk Management Policy and Cross Country vision has been at the core of the annual conformity course directors meeting held in Geneva (SUI).
 - **Production of a safety DVD for education of riders, officials, trainers, and NFs.** A new safety DVD is currently being put together in cooperation with British Eventing.
 - **Frangible deformable structures:** the mission for frangible/deformable Cross Country fences remains to reduce the risk of a rotational horse fall without compromising and changing the fundamental nature of the Cross Country test which is to jump fixed fences. Specifications for frangible and deformable structures are currently being finalised by a working group lead by the Committee's Chairman and Transport Research Laboratory.
 - **Rider protection:** the development and testing of air-vests is being monitored. Contacts with National Federations and riders have taken place and the new generation of hybrid air-vests could be considered in

- order to establish whether national or international standards will be created.
- **Statistics:** the [2010 safety report](#) has been compared with the 2004-2009 statistical bench-marking tool. This has allowed the Committee to measure the results of the different projects and continuously monitor the level of risk involved in the sport.
 - **National Federations involvement:** 22 National Safety Officers (NSOs) attended the annual meeting, held at Greenwich, London (GBR). The national data collection for the 2009 season was reviewed; more consistent and reliable information is expected to be produced for the 2010 season.
 - **Education of officials:**
 - **The Global Education Program (GEP)**, launched in March 2009 as a complement to the regular education program for Eventing officials, focuses on enhancing education of officials in developing/smaller nations. It includes shadow judging, exchange of officials per continent, and mentor schemes. The system includes ongoing evaluation and external verification of procedures.
 - **A yearly conformity seminar** for overall Course Directors selected on regional basis was established.
 - Seven **regular courses** for Judges, Technical Delegates and Course Designers have been held this year.
 - **Development:** in 2011 a development plan for South America in view of the Pan American Games was set up. The Eventing Development Officers are working closely with the FEI Headquarters on opportunities in Eastern Europe, South Africa, India and South East Asia. The current development programmes for the discipline, which are being financed by the Olympic Solidarity, will be reviewed in order to ensure sustainability as well as a consistent approach to the FEI Solidarity Programme.

The GA was informed about the Bureau's approval of the following proposal by the FEI Eventing Committee:

- **FEI World Cup™ Eventing:** to further discuss with NF/OCs the continuation of the series for 2012 under the current rules. Such ongoing discussion is needed due to the lack of support from the main European Eventing nations on one side, and the strong interest and support of the series in Australia, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, and Sweden.
- **Rankings HSBC - prize-money** distribution: include riders further down in the classification to spread the money between more riders.
- **FEI Eventing Nations Cup Series:** The introduction of an FEI Nations Cup™ for Eventing (team event) at three-star level for a trial year using the current rules, which will be reviewed at the end of 2012.

The modifications to the FEI Rules for Eventing, 23 edition, were accepted. The proposals included only clarifications to existing rules as the consultation process is currently ongoing for the overall revision of the rules to be implemented in 2013. The updated rules will be published on this [PAGE](#).

NON OLYMPIC SPORTS

DRIVING

The GA approved the Technical Committee chairman's report.

The modifications to the FEI Rules for International Combined Driving Events, 10th edition were approved. The most significant change is the introduction of a Driving single pony class for children aged between 12 and 14.

The Marathon will have three sections (A, D, and E) and will have a maximum of three obstacles with four gates each. The cone competition will consist of a maximum of 15 cones and will be held at a speed of 220m/min.

These changes will be applicable as of 1 January 2012. The updated FEI Rules for International Combined Driving Events will be published on this [PAGE](#).

VAULTING

The FEI Rules for Vaulting Events were fully reviewed. The eighth edition, effective 1 January 2012, will be available on the FEI website ([here](#)).

The main changes include:

- **Categories of CVI events:**
 - Introduction of a 3* level (CVI3*) – one round composed of a compulsory test, a technical test and a freestyle test.
 - A new category of Children Vaulting is introduced (age: 12-14)
 - The age of the Junior category has been redefined:
Individual Junior: 14-18
Pas de Deux Junior: 14-18
Squad Junior: Until 18
 - The age of the Senior category has been redefined:
Individual Senior: From 16
Pas de Deux Senior: From 16
Squad Senior: no limit
- **Squad:**
 - Definition: the word "Team" has been replaced by "Squad" to avoid confusion with nations competition in which nations are represented by teams.
 - A squad will be composed of six vaulters instead of seven. All six vaulters will perform the compulsory and freestyle tests (in the past the seven vaulters performed the compulsory tests, but only six vaulters performed the freestyle).
- **Qualification criteria:** introduction of qualification criteria for individual and pas-de-deux 2* and 3* competitions.
 - 1* level vaulters will have to have obtained a min score to be eligible to compete in a CVI2*. There is no qualification criteria at national level to be eligible to compete at 1* level.
 - 2* level vaulters will have to have obtained a min. score at a CVI2* to be eligible to compete at 3* level.

2012 will be a transitional period. Vaulters will be "fast-tracked" into the new levels based on their performances achieved up to the end of 2011.

Further details on the qualification criteria will be posted on the FEI website and will be part of the Guidelines for Vaulting Judges.

- **Officials**

- Judges will be star rated as follows:
 - FEI4* Judge- formerly O Judge
 - FEI3* Judge – formerly I Judge
 - FEI2* Judge – formerly C Judge
 - FEI1* Judge – National Judge registered by the FEI.
- The Jury must be composed of a minimum of four FEI judges (min three FEI judges and one national judge/FEI1*), except for CVI1* where the minimum required is two, one FEI judge and one national judge/FEI1*.
- Clarity in judging: each test will receive four scores with equal value according to the special demands of the test. The horse score will count for 25% of the total score of the test.
- Each judge will evaluate one aspect of the test (horse score, technical score, exercise score, artistic score)

REINING

The FEI Rules for Reining Events were fully reviewed. The fourth edition, effective 1 January 2012, will be available on the FEI website ([here](#)).

The new FEI rules address a number of key issues thus bringing the discipline more in line with the other Non Olympic Disciplines of the FEI.

The main changes relate to:

- The new Rules reflect the very clear stance taken by the FEI in terms of welfare of Reining horses. The new Rules clearly state what is and is not allowed during the warm-up and warm-down sessions, and the sanctions that by FEI officials for failure to observe the new Rules.
- The **star-rating of events** now directly link to the competitive skill levels on three main levels - beginners, intermediates and advanced.
- Organisers no longer need to provide **minimum prize money** at each level and it is hoped this will allow many more potential organisers to hold 1, 2 & 3* level events.
- **Riders must now qualify up through the star levels** and there will be new patterns that similarly reflect differing levels of ability.
- FEI Officials will also now carry a star-rating that will reflect their level of experience and qualification thereby matching athletes.
- Other areas of the rules that have been addressed are in respect of the rules for **substitution of athletes and horses and restrictions on certain training movements within the arenas and warm up areas.**

There are plans to hold seminars in Europe and the Americas in 2012 where the new rules will be discussed and the FEI will monitor events throughout 2012 in order to ensure the new rules reflect the wish for change expressed by many National Federations.

VETERINARY MATTERS

The GA approved the Technical Committee chairman's report which included updates on:

- **Global Medication Control Programme (MCP)** - extending the MCP globally on a regional basis. Ways to expand the testing laboratories network are also being explored.
- **International movement of horses** - The veterinary department is enacting an agreed strategy to reduce the barriers to the international movement of horses. It is anticipated that bringing about substantial change in current government approaches will take five to 10 years. The Committee Chairman had a meeting in Brasilia (BRA) with the country's director of government veterinary services and visited the 2016 Olympic Games site in Rio de Janeiro. The FEI entered into an historic agreement with the OIE to bring about change in this area.
- **Suggested star rating for treating vets in Endurance** - A proposal to introduce star rating for Endurance vets is being examined. It would reflect the expertise gained through courses and work at FEI events.
- **Hypersensitisation Protocol Guidelines** - Guidelines for use of the Hypersensitisation Protocol (Annex XI of the [FEI Veterinary Regulations](#), 12th edition) were produced throughout the year and have been used successfully.
- **Non-licensed substances use at FEI Events** - A revised Medication Form 3 (FEI Veterinary Regulations, 12th edition) was produced making it clear that the responsibility for the use of non-licensed non-prohibited substances lies with the treating vets and not with the FEI. Treating vets must also comply with national drug laws.
- The **FEI injuries surveillance project** is now well underway.
- **Detection Times** and has the support of the IOC.
- **Pony Measurement** has had a pilot project which has concluded successfully.
- **Working with other regulators:** good relationships have been forged with other regulating authorities, e.g. in racing, scientific, welfare and government bodies.
- **FEI footing project** continues with satisfactory interim reports. A footing seminar is planned for 2012/13.

Modifications to the FEI Veterinary Regulations, 12th edition, were approved. The main modification include:

- **Microchipping of horses registered for the first time with the FEI** - The GA adopted a requirement that horses being registered with the FEI for the first time must be micro chipped according to set standards (ISO 11784 and 11785). The standard microchip number consists of 15 digits, the first three identify the manufacturer and the remaining numbers are unique and non-duplicated. These numbers represent the unique number that will be associated with that horse from birth until death.
- **Products such as bit buddy/cornell collars** - certain tack items were examined over the year at the request of the disciplines. Bit buddies are believed to encourage rough handling of the bit. Cornell collars help with a recognised respiratory disorder called displaced soft palate. Free standing tongue guards are considered more severe than those fixed to the bit.
- **Rotation of veterinary officials at events** - FEI Veterinary Delegates are proposed to only officiate at an event for a maximum of three years with at least a year out before returning to that event. This will become compulsory after 1 January 2013.

- **National Head FEI Veterinarian duties** were elaborated and explained.
- A **fine of CHF 500** will now be imposed on those found in act of giving a treatment outside designated areas and without authority at FEI events. Horses that receive such treatment will be tested as a matter of routine.
- **Post Mortems** will be compulsory for equine fatalities at FEI events.
- A **minimum compensation fee for Official vets** was put forward to the GA.

The updated FEI Veterinary Regulations will be available on this [PAGE](#).

FEI Veterinary Regulations 2013

A thorough revision of the FEI Veterinary Regulations will be undertaken in 2012 as is the case every four years. The review will seek to deliver clear regulations with greater levels of guidance where appropriate.

CLEAN SPORT UPDATE

Five Clean Sport seminars aimed at riders, vets and officials took place in 2011 in Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. Some of them were organised in cooperation with the International Show Jumping Riders Club (IJRC). An education toolkit for use by National Federations and other stakeholders is currently being produced and will be made available early next year. A Quiz App for Smartphones will be launched by the end of the year. Trade names and detection times were added to the Prohibited Substances Database available on the FEI Clean Sport website www.feicleansport.org.

Modifications to the **Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations**, 1 edition, updates effective 1 January 2012 were approved.

The proposed changes to **the FEI Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes**, concerning sanctions on individuals (art. 10) and consequences to teams (art. 11), were approved.

Both sets of rules will be available on the FEI website.

FEI SOLIDARITY

The FEI Solidarity concept, the broad lines of which were approved by the Extraordinary General Assembly last May, was presented to the GA delegates. FEI Solidarity is based on four pillars that are considered as the most important in sports development: the athlete, the coach, the national federation, and the values.

The FEI Solidarity Committee met in August in Lausanne (SUI) and again in Rio de Janeiro (BRA) on the occasion of the General Assembly.

The FEI Solidarity structure has been designed and a work plan has been established. Two FEI Solidarity officers – one multi-skilled technician and one expert on transport and quarantine issues – are in the process of being hired.

The assistance to NFs will take the form of technical programmes, financial support for specific projects, and consultancy services. The guidelines for application are currently being created and will be finalised before the end of the year.

The FEI Solidarity programmes and projects will be managed by the FEI Solidarity Department with the support of the FEI Solidarity Committee.

2012 OLYMPIC GAMES

The FEI Bureau approved the clarification to Art. 339.5.2.2 of the FEI Rules for Jumping Championships and the Olympic Games, 23rd edition regarding the team competition. This means that the provision that will apply for the 2012 Olympic Games will now read, "In case of equality of Penalties for any place teams retain the same starting place as in the first Competition".

Furthermore, on the basis of guidance received from the IOC, it was clarified that if one member of a Dressage, Jumping, and Eventing team is disqualified for an anti-doping violation, the entire team would be disqualified. However, in Jumping the team members that did not commit the doping violation would still be able to keep their score for purposes of the individual placings.

The updated FEI Rules for Jumping Championships and the Olympic Games will be available on this [PAGE](#).

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES, 16-28 August 2014, Nanjing (CHN)

The General Assembly approved the competitions rules, the qualification system and the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

EDUCATION AND STANDARDS

The GA was updated on the activities of the Education and Standards Department, as follows:

- **108 courses and seminars** for Jumping, Dressage and Para-Dressage officials, including stewards, were organised in 2011, which is a significant increase compared to previous years. There were 30 courses in 2008, 30 in 2009, and 49 in 2010.
- **New education systems** for Jumping judges, vets, Para Dressage stewards and classifiers were developed in cooperation with the relevant Technical Committees and working groups.
- The **FEI Exchange Programme**, which was launched two years ago, was continued. Its purpose is to assist specific National Federations and their FEI judges, stewards, course designers and veterinarians in getting access to events in order to improve their international experience. More than 30 officials from as many NFs benefitted from this programme.
- A **meeting of the FEI Level 4 course designers** was held in May. Eighteen of the 27 course designers registered with the FEI attended this meeting which was the first of its kind. Its purpose was to exchange experience, review the latest developments in course design in Jumping, and discuss recommendations for further improvement.
- A **two-day seminar for FEI technical delegates in Jumping** was held in April. Its purpose was to redefine the role of the TDs at major FEI events in relation to the other officials and stakeholders.
- The FEI, CHIO Aachen, and the Aachen School of Course Design co-organised a **two-day symposium** where vital expertise was shared to increase the

growth and success of national, regional, FEI 1* and 2* competitions around the world.

- An **event evaluation tool**, which is a component of a bigger process to define, monitor and improve the level of Jumping events, was developed. Further details will be provided at the 2012 Sports Forum.

STATUTES AND GENERAL REGULATIONS

The following modifications to the FEI Statutes and General Regulations were approved.

STATUTES:

Sports Forum: The Statutes have been modified to formally recognise the Sports Forum, which will be held each year starting in 2012, as an FEI annual meeting. The Sports Forum shall provide an opportunity for all FEI stakeholders to participate and discuss issues related to the future of equestrian sport, including proposals for rule changes.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Protective Headgear: The Medical Committee prioritised rule changes promoting helmet use as part of its focus on athlete safety. A rule, which provides that the use of properly fastened protective headgear while riding on the show grounds is mandatory, was approved. The requirements while competing in each discipline are governed by the applicable sport rules. The GA agreed with the request of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) to delay the implementation of this rule by one year so that it will become effective on 1 January 2013 in order to allow for a comprehensive educational programme.

Betting: The existing rules on betting for FEI athletes and Persons Responsible were expanded to all the members of the support personnel and specifically officials.

The modifications to the FEI Statutes will be effective on 15 November 2011. The modifications to the FEI General Regulations will be effective on 1 January 2012 except for the rule on the use of protective headgear which will become effective on 1 January 2013. FEI Statutes and General Regulations will be published on this [PAGE](#).

AFFILIATIONS

The FEI Executive Board took note that the IOC Executive Board had proposed to withdraw IOC recognition from the Netherlands Antilles National Olympic Committee NOC, following the formal dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles on 10 October 2010 and the new institutional and constitutional structure within the Kingdom of The Netherlands.

In line with the information received from the IOC, the following course of action was adopted by the General Assembly:

1. To withdraw FEI recognition of the Stichting Antilliaanse Hippische Sportbond (AHO NF).
2. To allow the qualification and participation of athletes from the former Netherlands Antilles for 2012 Olympic Games in London as independent athletes, under the Olympic flag and administered by the temporary administrative structure put in place by the former Netherlands Antilles NOC.

3. The athletes of the former Netherlands Antilles to come under the jurisdiction of the Dutch Equestrian Federation.

IOC CODE OF ETHICS AND BRIGHTON DECLARATION ON WOMEN IN SPORT

With the unanimous approval of the GA, the FEI became a signatory to the [IOC Code of Ethics](#) and the [Brighton Declaration on Women and Sport](#).

2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 2012 FEI General Assembly will take place in Istanbul (TUR) from 5 to 10 November (these dates are subject to confirmation).

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