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FEI Eventing Committee Meeting Paris (FRA) 26-27 SEPTEMBER 2006

The Eventing Committee held its second annual meeting in Paris (FRA) after the FEI World Cup Eventing Final in Malmö (SWE).

The main matters discussed that will be submitted to the approval of the Bureau were the following:

- **Eventing Strategic 10 year Plan**

The committee reiterated that the most important topic of the Eventing Strategic plan was the Development. The definition of development for Eventing need to integrate creation of sport opportunities, promotion of Eventing, twining plan (NF, OC, officials and riders) and coaching. It was necessary to develop these matters and help create more competition and increase official's professionalism in all regions.

- **Scoring system**

In general it is agreed the current scoring is easier to understand for the public following the change of the Eventing format without steeplechase. The discussion is continuing on the coefficient for dressage, considering that most national rules did not use a coefficient.

The Committee would propose for the 2009 rules revision the deletion of the dressage coefficient and 0.5 time penalties / per second (instead of 0.4) for exceeding time on Cross Country and await /open the discussion with NFs.

- **FEI - World Cup Eventing**

See separate report FEI Web-site under "FEI World Cup Eventing – working documents - FEI Working group report".

It was decided to continue with the current concept in regard to confirming the calendar of events for 2007 (contract etc). The above rules changes for 2007 would be submitted to the Bureau. A deadline was set to end 2006 to decide whether the Final should take place in June 2007 or 2008.

- **2008 Olympic Games**

The Eventing Committee agreed to present the following to the Bureau in regard to the Olympic Regulations for Eventing taking into account the very special conditions of Hong Kong:

- Introduction of a 5 minute 4* dressage test – a shorter format of the current one (difficulties to be maintained)
- Jumping test: no time break between Team and Individual competitions only allowed for change of course and inspection for the riders, to be able to organise the whole competition during the evening session for climate reasons.
- Test Event: Questionnaire be sent to NFs having expressed interest to send horses to Hong Kong in August 2007 to test the whole system and specifically the climatic conditions which is of concern to all.
- Qualification (min. Eligibility standard) confirmed to: 1 CCI3* and 1 CIC3* as a combination in the qualification period for OG current and preceding year.
- Asia-Pacific Qualification event - considering the difficulty of the region to organise a 3 star championship, the Eventing Committee agreed to propose to allow Group G an additional qualification possibility at Blenheim GBR in September 2007.

- **Rules for Eventing**

The Committee agreed to propose the following changes to the rules for the 2009 revision. However the below would serve as guidelines as of next year after presentation and approval to the FEI Bureau in November 2006.

- **Conflict of Interest policy for Eventing Officials** will be integrated in the relevant discipline rules. The Eventing Committee have concluded that levels of conflict for Categories of Officials need to be established by level and category of officials, however if some conflicts could be acceptable at certain levels and some could never be acceptable. The sport was too small to rule out all conflicts of Interest.
- **Restriction on number of categories per event per TD:** Due to qualification rules and reduced number of events of some categories in some regions, certain Organisers propose up to 5 different categories/levels of events, with the same TD and CD. The Committee decided to limit the number of categories for one event per TD to maximum 3. If additional categories are added an additional International TD must be appointed. In addition over a certain number of riders entered the OC must appoint an Assistant TD. The reason was to ensure that the TD could carry out all his duties required fro each category.
- **Tie break rules** - Rules for Eventing to include the Jumping and the dressage test as a tie break as for the Olympic Regulations
- **New Eventing Dressage Tests** will be introduced in 2009
- **Eventing Judges promotion requirements** – will include a requirement for Eventing judges to be listed on their national Dressage Judges list (on the level below the Prix St Georges. (4th level in USA, Advanced in UK) for 2009.
- **FEI World Eventing riders rankings** - the ranking list will be reviewed as of **1 January 2007** be rolling over a 12 month period.

- **FEI Eventing Officials / Courses**

- Eventing Course Syllabus, Concept and list of Course Directors will be updated for 2007.
- Directives will be prepared on the Training & introduction of Eventing officials into the sport
- List of Course and Seminars for 2007 approved and included on FEI Web-site for Eventing

- **Safety Program** - a simplified report on the topical safety issues to be included on FEI Web-site will be produced by the end of October 2006