

PROPOSAL for COMMENTS: Influence of Olympic Format on current CCI competition format – fax sent to all NFs involved in Eventing the 3rd July 2003

Further to the great news from the IOC approving that Eventing be maintained in the 2004 Athens and 2008 Beijing Olympic Games with the FEI's concept of the short Eventing format, Eventing now readdressing the future development of the sport.

As Eventing has continuously evolved throughout its history it is felt that the consequences of a change of the Olympic competition to a shorter format need to be fully comprehended in order to allow for its natural development by all participants in the sport (riders, sponsors, organiser's, etc.). A summary of these discussions were acknowledged by the Bureau end April, and it has been very clear that a consultation process needs to take place with all the parties concerned, etc.

The Eventing Committee is therefore kindly requesting NFs, Eventing Riders, and Organisers to **consider** the following proposals and kindly comment and/or answer back in writing **to the FEI Eventing Department by 1st September 2003**.

1. NAME OF THE DISCIPLINE AND CATEGORY OF EVENTS:

Use of the name **Long format Eventing** and **Short format Eventing** to designate the sport and in order to avoid confusion with CCIs and CICs as well as One Day Event or Three day Event. These different names are incomprehensible to the non-initiated.

The Olympic Format designates only a competition with separate Team and Individual Jumping tests.

2. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF FEI EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The Committee wishes to suggest that momentum of the format change for the Olympic Games be used in a positive way and that the Eventing sport benefits from the movement to increase its universality. The key element is a flexible approach to the sport format in this transition period.

2.1 World Equestrian Games / Continental Games:

It is suggested that in future Organising Committees of multidiscipline/multisports Championships/Games, i.e. WEG, Pan American Games, Asian Games, will have the option to organise short format if they do not have existing infrastructures for the long format. This is in line with the decision made for the Olympic Games and not burden Organising Committee with little or no experience or facilities with major expenses at a venue that might not be used again for Eventing.

2.2 Eventing World Championships

- Development of a qualification track for **the short format** to allow riders and horses to participate in the Olympic Games.
- Creation of a parallel Eventing Championship track with the **long format (Three Day Event)**. This would include creating a World Eventing Championship of a 4 star level to take place every 2 years. It is felt that such a championship would raise the level of the sport and create much interest for sponsors, owners and riders.

The following championship program is proposed:

	Year 1	Year 2 - WEG	Year 3	Year 4 -Olympics
Short Format	Continental Championship – 3 star short format (CIC)	If WEG - 4 star short format	Continental Championship – 3 star short format (CIC)	Olympic Games – 4 star Olympic short format
Long format	World Championship - 4 star –long format (CCI)	If WEG long format (CCI) – 4 stars or Regional CH-CCI 3 star	World Championship - 4 star –long format (CCI)	Continental Games / Regional Championship - 3 star - long format

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If the principle of the above championship track is agreed to, the qualification system for riders and horses needs be developed to allow participation in both tracks.

2.3 Young Rider and Junior Championships

It is suggested that the Young riders and Junior Championships be changed to the short format to line up with the qualification line for the Olympic Games and the Continental Three (3) star short format.

2.3 Four Star One day Event (CIC**)**

The Eventing Committee have created a new Four (4) star category, the specifications and technical and organisation requirements will be defined in September. It is felt that this category of events should be of highest quality and technical requirements as for the CCI****.

It would be of great interest to the FEI Eventing Committee if your NF could estimate **the number of riders and horses** in your federation that could be considered for the short format or/and the long format championship program.