

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

REINING

FEI Reining Committee Meeting Reports

Lausanne (SUI) 14-15 June 2007

The FEI Reining Committee held its first annual meeting in Lausanne (SUI) on 14-15 June 2007. Anat Kirshner (ISR) attended her first Committee meeting.

Seminars and Courses 2008

The USA NF had submitted an application to host two courses for Reining Judges in Oklahoma City in January and March 2008. One of these courses was to receive FEI financial assistance. More courses need to be encouraged in Europe and other parts of the world. Steward courses and the procedure of promotion of Steward were also discussed. Continued education is important for both Judges and Stewards, and the plan is to standardise the educational material.

Promotion of Judges

Six Judges were promoted either from National to Candidate International or from Candidate International to International status. A Working Group was established to oversee the processes of the Course Directors.

Applications for Championships 2008

The application to hold the 2008 North American Junior and Young Rider Championships at Colorado Horse Park (USA) was accepted by the Committee. It was also decided to put together a promotional package for organisers interested in hosting Reining events.

Rule Changes/Amendments for 2008

Some rule changes were proposed for 2008, among others the possibility to have a pre- or post equipment check, breaking of ties and including metric measurements in the rules.

FEI World Reining Masters

The FEI World Reining Masters Final 2007 is to take place in Oklahoma City (USA) on 29 November 2007. The points calculation system was to be checked and possibly revised for 2008.

Strategic Plan

A time plan for Championships was worked out to have one major Championship each year. The preliminary plan was to have the FEI World Masters Final and a Continental Championship (European) in 2008; a European Continental Championship and a North American Senior Championship, which could also serve as a test event in 2009; an FEI World Reining Masters Final in the beginning of the year and then the FEI Alltech World Equestrian Games in 2010; Continental Championships in 2011 and World Championships in 2012. A business plan was also to be established.

Mooslargue (FRA) 18 August 2007

The FEI Reining Committee held its second meeting in Mooslargue (FRA) in conjunction with the FEI European Reining Championships. Among the items on the agenda for discussion and decisions made were the following:

FEI World Reining Masters

It was decided to slightly change the qualification system for the 2008 Final, by allowing riders to earn points also in CRIs abroad as long as at least one CRI was organised by their NF in their home country, in which they have to take part. The rules would still allow the rider to start with three horses, but he/she may only earn points with the highest scoring horse. New Draft Rules to be sent out to NFs for comments in September.

Judges

A preliminary audit of all FEI Reining judges was presented. Two judges with no activity in the past three years were removed from the list for non-activity.

Rules

A new draft of the rules with some changes for 2008 was approved. The changes were mainly clarifications for Championships and the draw formula. The new Draft Rules for 2008 was to be sent out to NFs for comments in September.

FEI Reining World Championship

The holding of a Reining World Championship in 2008 was discussed. This would be ideal as 2008 is an Olympic year and a NF had shown an interest in organising a World Championship.