



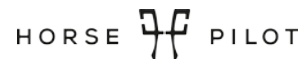
# FEI™ GENERAL ASSEMBLY MOSCOW, RUSSIA

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Future of Reining  
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GLOBAL EQUINE LOGISTICS



# Background - Timeline

- **November 2018** - Termination of Cooperation Agreement with NRHA
- **June 2019** - FEI Board put forward a statute amendment proposing the removal of Reining as an FEI Discipline
- **June 2019 to October 2019** - Ongoing discussions between FEI & NRHA regarding a new agreement
- **22 October 2019** - Publication of final versions of FEI Rules but no final position put forward on Reining
- **13 November 2019** - NRHA Board agrees to the terms of a new Agreement; NRHA Board signs the Agreement

# New Agreement

- New Agreement has been approved by the Board but will only be countersigned if the NFs vote to keep Reining at the EGA
- **Short and simple Agreement** – 4 pages.
- This presentation will
  - Give an overview of the main points of the Agreement
  - The consequences of a material breach within of the Agreement

# What is an FEI International Reining Competition?

- A competition that is included in the FEI Calendar by the **National Federation**, regardless of the number of National Federations and/or foreign athletes participating (as you know you could have a CRI with just 1 nation participating)

# Example:

- A Reining competition in Colorado or ITA for horses 7 years and above with more than 4 NFs and/or more than 15 foreign athletes (not counting “Athletes Living Outside their Country of Nationality”) = FEI International Reining Competitions. Therefore:
  - Cannot include horses of 4, 5 and 6 years old.
    - Only horses of 7 years old and above may compete.
  - This Competition would be under the exclusive jurisdiction of FEI.

# Unsanctioned Events

- If this event in Colorado or ITA went ahead and included more than 4 NFs or 15 foreign athletes with horses age 7 and above and was not entered in the FEI Calendar... it would be considered..... as an Unsanctioned Event!
- Unsanctioned Event = event and/or a competition that is neither published in the FEI Calendar nor authorised by the NF.
  - FEI Officials and/or FEI athletes and/or horses that participate in an unsanctioned event risk up to 6 months suspension.

# Non FEI Reining Competitions

- Reining competition with less than 4 NFs (including Host NF) and/or less than 15 foreign Athletes (not counting “Athletes Living Outside their Country of Nationality”) and not entered in the FEI Calendar are **not considered as FEI International Reining Competitions.**
- FEI Rules and Regulations do not apply at these competitions. Therefore:
  - a. Horses of 7 years and above can compete; and
  - b. Horses of mixed ages (e.g. horses of 4 up to 20 years old) can also compete in the same competition.

# Compliance

- To monitor this fundamental principle on jurisdiction, NRHA is required to **implement controls for non FEI International Reining Competitions** to ensure that no more than (4) NFs and/or no more than fifteen (15) foreign Athletes enter and/or participate
  - **Controls** – subject to FEI approval
  - To be implemented **within 3 months of signature of Agreement** (i.e. by mid-February)
  - This is to **avoid Athletes/Officials “accidentally” competing in an Unsanctioned Event.**
  - **Failure to implement controls = material breach = termination right for FEI**



# Definition of “Joint Event”

- Clarification and definition of a **Joint Event**.
  - Majority of FEI Events are held in conjunction with NRHA Events, so important to clearly define the term “joint event”.
- **Joint Event** refers to **Events** where **FEI Competitions** and **NRHA Competitions** are held on the **same date(s)** at the **same venue**
- At **Joint Events** - **FEI Rules and Regulations** (stewarding, anti-doping, horse inspections, etc.) apply and to be fully respected.

# Term & Termination of Agreement

- **4 Year Term** (would include FEI Reining World Championships 2022)
- Termination possible upon 6 months notice
- **Material breach:** if the party in breach is **unable to repair** the breach to the satisfaction of the other party **within 30 days** of being notified of it, the other party can terminate the Agreement.
  - Termination to take effect after 30 days
- If Agreement is terminated total separation of FEI and NRHA systems. NRHA events would be “unsanctioned”.

# Next Steps

- At the EGA the NFs will be asked to:
  - Vote on keeping Reining in the FEI (based on the KPIs and the Agreement reached with NRHA)
  - Therefore to retain Reining in the FEI Statutes as the Final Draft contained the following provisions

"Article 1.1. To be the sole authority for all International Events in Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Driving, Endurance, Vaulting, ~~Reining~~, Para -Equestrian and any other forms of Equestrian Sport approved by the General Assembly (the "Equestrian Disciplines")";

"Article 31.1 iii. Technical Committees for:

- a) Jumping
- b) Dressage
- c) Eventing
- d) Endurance
- e) Driving
- f) Vaulting
- ~~g) Reining~~
- ~~h)g) Para -Equestrian~~
- ~~i)h) Veterinary~~
- ~~j)i) Medical"~~

## "DEFINITIONS

**Discipline:** The term "Discipline" refers to any Equestrian Discipline approved by the General Assembly, such as Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Driving, Endurance, Vaulting, ~~Reining~~ and Para Equestrian.

**Equestrian Disciplines:** International Events in Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Driving, Endurance, Vaulting, ~~Reining~~ and Para Equestrian any other form of Equestrian Sport approved by the General Assembly."

# Reining as an FEI Discipline in the future

- Reining cannot be removed as an FEI Discipline, unless approved by the FEI General Assembly



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Objectives and KPIs

# Overarching Objectives

- Ensure enforcement of terms of signed Agreement with NRHA
- Consistent recognition of horse welfare, anti-doping and ethical principles
- Create clear responsibilities for education of Athletes and FEI Officials
- Review and adjust star-rating system
- Improve platforms for youth athletes
- Improve platforms for lower level athletes (1\* / 2\*)

# Overarching Objectives cont.

- Attract increased participation in lower categories (currently 1\* / 2\*)
- Create new competition formats
- Develop Reining in new countries



# KPIs for 2020

- ❑ Introduce annual FEI Reining Nations Cup™ for 1\* / 2\* and Junior/Young Riders in 2020
- ❑ Establish ranking system for 1\* / 2\* Athletes by end 2020

# KPIs for 2022

	2018	Aim	2022
FEI Reining Events	101	+ 20%	120
FEI Registered Athletes	342	+ 25%	427
FEI Registered Horses	297	+ 25%	371

# KPIs for 2024

	2018	Aim	2024
FEI Reining Events	101	+ 60%	160
FEI Registered Athletes	342	+ 75%	600
FEI Registered Horses	297	+ 75%	520

# Summary

- Promote horse welfare in competition management
- Motivate worldwide Reining community
- Create attractive platform for broad equestrian customer base (increased focus on 1\* / 2\* Athletes & Youth)



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