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FEI WORLD CUP – EVENTING

**Malmö (SWE) 23 September 2006 - Summary Working Group Meeting
Paris 25 September 2006 - Conclusions Eventing Committee**

A compilation of the answers received from Organisers, Media, NFs to the FEI World Cup Questionnaire was distributed to the Working Group.

The FEI wishes to convey special thanks to all NFs, Organisers, Media Representatives and Riders who have contributed to this questionnaire and to the Working Group.

The main conclusions of the Working Group after discussion were:

- The project of the World Cup for Eventing was viable and very successful for many events organising qualifiers, as it enabled these events to obtain government sponsorship in certain regions.
- The Final needed to be enhanced and needed to be organised independently of other Eventing Championships.
- Final to take place every year (not in odd years) to maintain the interest in the project.
- Date change of the Final to end May, beginning June. The new cycle to start in 2007 if possible.
- Max. 50 riders for the Final (one horse per rider). Final to be a stand alone event.
- Increase of prize money for the Final.
- Services for owners to be promoted and compulsory for the Final OC.
- Final competition to be held over 2 days, the Jumping tests on the second day. The Malmö experience of Cross country in the morning and Jumping in the afternoon with a Horse Inspection between was considered to be a successful formula to maximise spectator on one day.
- Qualification for riders for the Final to be reviewed, number of starters in qualifiers to be related - a percentage system to be studied.
- The Final for the next 3 years needs to be in Europe and the next Final OC should commit for at least 3 years in order to establish and stabilise the new concept.
- An effort should be made to standardize the Qualifiers to obtain Eventing World Cup identification.
- Overall agreement that if an important sponsor was found, the concept could be adapted in regard to number and location of events and Final.
- TV strategy for the World Cup to be developed – however this was also linked to a potential sponsor to try to optimise the standardisation of the project.

The Eventing Committee met after the FEI Eventing World Cup Final in Paris to review the above and the following proposal was made for change to the 2007 rules:

- For the Final to be run on 2 days and the Jumping test to be held last.
- Prize money for the Final to be increased to € 100,000.-.
- Distance of Cross Country of Qualifying events to be changed to 3600m – 4400m. For the Final the distance to be 4000m to 4400m.
- The deadline for riders and horses to qualify for the Final will be set to one month (30 days) before the Final.
- Prize-giving to include horses however lap of honour to be removed.
- For all qualifiers the event to be run on 2 days and it is strongly recommended to hold the Jumping test last.
- Completion of the World Cup Final will allow the rider and horse a Qualifying Result as for a CCI3*.
- Draw for start list for the Final (start list should not be based on World Cup Rankings).
- 1 Wildcard per nation should only be allocated to the nations with the maximum qualified riders for the Final.
- Change rules of World Cup point system to allow only riders with Qualifying Results to obtain points.
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The Committee agreed to continue with the current concept for 2007 with the above rule changes (to be submitted to the FEI Bureau in November 2006).

Work to be continued to find a sponsor by the end of 2006 with the possibility to adapt the concept for 2008. No decision should be made until December 2006 whether the Final should take place in June 2007 or 2008. However, it was highly recommended by the FEI Commercial and Sports Department that the next Final be postponed to May 2008.

Partnership of a third party was discussed, however it was felt that the FEI should be overall responsible for the management, even if certain services be outsourced, inline with the FEI World Cup – Jumping arrangements with its sponsor Rolex or FEI Super league for Jumping with Samsung. The administration and procedures were currently being introduced at headquarters.

2007 season approval calendar approved by the Committee (to be finalized by the FEI Bureau November 2006)

FEI World Cup Eventing Qualifiers for the 2007 Final:

Event	NF	Date
Bonn-Rodderberg	GER	15-17 September 2006
Buenos Aires	ARG	Dates TBC (Nov.06?)
Tallahassee, FL	USA	09-11 March 2007
Fontainebleau	FRA	22-25 March 2007
Temecula, CA	USA	30 March - 1 st April 2007
Norwood, NC	USA	05-08 April 2007
Burnham Market	GBR	06-07 April 2007
Kihikihi	NZL	07-08 April 2007
Tor di Quinto / Rome	ITA	13-15 April 2007
Ballindenisk	IRE	21-22 April 2007 (TBC)
Chatsworth	GBR	12-13 May 2007
Strzegom	POL	21-24 June 2007 (or reserved dates: 28 June - 1 st July 2007)
Kalispell, MT	USA	27-29 July 2007
Mansfield, ON	CAN	03-05 August 2007
Schenefeld	GER	09-12 August 2007
Malmö	SWE	10-12 August 2007
Martinvast	FRA	22-26 August 2007
TBC	AUS	TBC
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If decision to organise the Final in June 2007 - call for bids will be made in November 2006.

If decision is made to postpone and organise the Final in June 2008 - call for bids will be made in February 2007.

A deadline for application for qualification events for 2nd half of 2007 and beginning 2008 is set for February 2007.

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