

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION
OF INDIA HELD ON 18 DEC 2019 AT MANEKSHAW CENTRE, DELHI CANTT**

1. The Executive Committee Meeting of Equestrian Federation of India was held on 18th Dec 2019, at 1500hrs at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt under the Chairmanship of Lt Gen Gopal R, UYSM, AVSM, SM, President EFI & QMG.

2. Following members attended the meeting:-

(a)	Lt Gen PR Venkatesh, SM, DGRVS	-	Vice President (Vet)
(b)	Mr Harish Khokhar	-	Vice President (Fin)
(c)	Col Jagat Singh	-	Vice President (Tech)
(d)	Brig Deep Ahlawat, VSM	-	Member Eventing
(e)	Col Jaiveer Singh	-	Secretary General
(f)	Lt Col MM Rahman	-	Joint Secretary
(g)	Col Rakesh Sharma	-	Treasurer
(h)	Col Vikas Thakur	-	Member Medication Control
(j)	Col Mangal Singh	-	Member Jumping
(k)	Col SS Ahlawat, VSM (Retd)	-	Member Dressage
(l)	Dr Sanjay Gupta	-	Member Central Region
(m)	Mr Kishore Futnani	-	Member South Region
(n)	Col PP Singh (Retd)	-	Member Eastern Region
(o)	Dr Siddhartha Sharma	-	Member North East Region
(p)	Ms Vanita Malhotra	-	Chairperson, Athletes Commission
(q)	Lt Col Raj Sangram Singh	-	Vice Chairperson, Athletes Commission
(q)	<u>Absent</u>		
(i)	Lt Gen MH Thakur, AVSM, VSM	-	Vice President (Adm)
(ii)	Brig SS Kashyap	-	Vice President (Sports Devp)
(iii)	Col Tarsem Singh Warraich	-	Member Tent Pegging
(iv)	Lt Col DP Nanda	-	Member Northern Region
(v)	Col CS Sohal (Retd)	-	Member Endurance

3. **Opening Address by the President.** The President welcomed all EC members including newly elected members to the EC Meeting. The President also welcomed Dr S Y Quraishi who has been appointed as the Observer by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi on the basis of a litigation between the Federation and Rajasthan Equestrian Association. The President informed the house that the Min of Youth Affairs and Sports has extended the recognition of EFI upto 31 Mar 2020 and has also appointed a 14 Member Committee to review

the Sports Code 2017 which is likely to replace the NSDCI-2011. The President also informed the house that a legal litigation has been filed by Rajasthan Equestrian Association (REA) which the Secretary General will subsequently cover in detail. He further suggested that as members we do not do post mortem of the past, but rather move ahead with a positive approach for development of the sport. The President requested all members to participate and contribute meaningfully for the betterment of the sports and the federation. The President requested all members to introduce themselves to the house and thereafter requested the Secretary General to proceed with the agenda.

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<u>AGENDA-I</u>			
4. <u>Welcome New Board Member.</u> The President welcomed the newly elected Executive Committee members attached as Appendix 'A' . The members who were present in the house introduced themselves to the house.	<u>Decision of the EC.</u> The house perused the same.	Secy Gen	
<u>AGENDA-II</u>			
5. <u>New Membership.</u> The Secy Gen displayed the names of all new applicants (Individual/Life/Club) membership of EFI. List of new members is attached as Appendix 'B' .	<u>Decision of the EC.</u> The house perused the list and approved the membership of the applicants.	Secy Gen	
<u>AGENDA-III</u>			
5. <u>Update on Court Case.</u> The Secy Gen informed the house that a petition was filed by Rajasthan State Association against the Federation for non compliance of NSDCI-2011. The hon'ble High Court imposed a stay on declaration of results of election held on 29 Sep 2019. On 15 Nov 2019 the Hon'ble High Court had granted permission for declaration of results subject to final outcome of the petition. Dr SY Quraishi has been appointed as an observer by the Hon'ble High Court to oversee functioning of the federation.	<u>Decision of the EC.</u> The EC perused the same.	Secy Gen	

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<u>AGENDA-III</u>			
6. <u>EFI Calendar 2019-20.</u> The Secretary General apprised the house about the upcoming national events (attached as Appendix C).	<u>Decision of the EC.</u> The EC perused the same.		
<u>AGENDA-IV</u>			
7. <u>Secretary General's Briefing.</u>			
7.1 <u>FEI Eventing Course.</u> The Secretary General informed the house about the FEI Eventing Course for National /FEI Level 2 Judge, Tech Delegate, Course Designer and Steward scheduled to be held at RVC Centre & College, Meerut wef 12 - 15 Mar 2020 along with NEC Eventing 2019-20. Col PP Singh (Retd), Regional Member (East) recommended that only ex-athletes to participate in the course. Col Jagat Singh, Vice President (Tech) said that we should follow the rules FEI Rules on the subject. President said that if we are following the rules, the point would not have come up. Vice President (Tech) said that once we receive the application from the candidates, it will be reviewed as per the FEI ruling before final selection of candidates for the course. Col PP Singh (Retd), Regional Member (East) suggested that we should be clear and transparent in all matters. Col PP Singh (Retd), Regional Member (East) also suggested that the list of National Officials requires to be updated.	<u>Decision of EC:-</u> The house perused the same and agreed to the recommendation of Col PP Singh (Retd), Regional Member (East). The house agreed that a committee be formed with the following to review and update the National Official list:- (a) Members Disciplines (b) Vice President (Tech) (c) Secretary General	Secy Gen Member Disciplines VP (Tech)	

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<p>7.2 Results of FEI Events:- The Secretary General presented the results of following FEI events held wef 30 Sep 2020 to till date. Results are attached at Appendix 'D'.</p> <p>(a) FEI Dressage World Challenge 2019</p> <p>(b) FEI Jumping World Challenge 2019</p> <p>(c) FEI Jumping Children's Classics 2019 (Silver/Bronze)</p> <p>The Joint Secretary informed the house that World Challenge competitions are held in each member country generally at one venue. Considering the large geographical layout of our country FEI was kind enough to allocate 02 venues for these competitions in India – One in North and the other in South. Col SS Ahlawat, VSM, Member Dressage said that the FEI judges are same for both the venues. Joint Secretary appraised the house that judges are actually allocated through FEI and the judge will remain same in a group of countries. Based on the performance of the rider, a comprehensive national ranking, a zonal ranking and world ranking is prepared. The top ranking participants are invited to compete at a pre-decided venue to arrive at the final championship results. A similar concept is conducted both for Dressage and Show Jumping.</p>	<p>Decision of EC:- The house perused the results of all events.</p>	<p>Secy Gen</p>	

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<p>Brig Deep Ahlawat, VSM, Member Eventing said that in Jumping World Challenge, same horse can't compete in Cat 'A', 'B' & 'C' but athlete can participate on different horses. The Secretary General appraised the house about the FEI Jumping Children's Classics Tour (Silver/Bronze) which is limited to children upto the age of 14 and is conducted on similar lines as the world challenge series. Last year the competition could not happen but this year we have conducted the event at APRC, Delhi.</p>			
<p>7.3 Invitations. The Secretary General informed about the invitation received for various seminar/meetings/courses abroad as mentioned below:-</p> <p>(a) National Safety Officer of of this NF is invited by FEI for Eventing Risk Management Seminar scheduled to be held at Aintree (Great Britain) wef 24 – 26 Jan 2020. The Secretary General appraised the house that Brig Deep Ahlawat, VSM, Member Eventing is the National Safety Officer for India and he would be attending. He also said that FEI keeps updating on various safety measures pertaining to eventing as the risk factor is very high in this discipline.</p> <p>(b) ITPF General Assembly is scheduled to be held at Sultanate of Oman – Muscat wef 26 – 30 Jan 2020 and Col Tarsem Singh Warraich, Member Tent Pegging is likely to attend.</p>	<p>Decision of EC:- The house perused the same and agreed.</p>	<p>Secy Gen</p>	

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(c) ITPF is also conducting an International Course for Coaches & Judges wef 27 – 30 Jan 2020 along side the General Assembly. The Secretary General informed the house that this will be displayed on the website and any eligible candidates willing to attend the international course at Muscat are welcome; their names will be recommended by this NF.			
<p>7.4 Infrastructures & Sports Development. The Secretary General appraised the house that we need to form a committee consisting of following to decide the kind of equipment that needs to be purchased for respective discipline with venues to be upgraded or equipped:-</p> <p>(a) Member Discipline Eventing</p> <p>(b) Regional Member (East)</p> <p>(c) Secretary General</p> <p>Col PP Singh (Retd), Regional Member (East) appraised the house that with effect from 01 Jan 2020 Frangible Devices are compulsory in FEI CCI4* & CCI5* Eventing events in order to improve safety of the Horse & Rider. From 2021 onwards, frangible device will be mandatory for all FEI Eventing events. He added that in India we don't have any frangible devices and have to procure them. The frangible devices are manufactured in Europe and they are FEI certified. NF must identify the manufacturer from where we can import the device and to begin with education on the use of frangible devices for all National Officials,</p>	Decision of EC:- The house perused the same and agreed.	<p>Secy Gen</p> <p>Member Disciplines</p> <p>Regional Members</p>	

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<p>especially Course Builders (also for Judges, TDs and Course Designers). He mentioned that as on date there are no official available in India who knows about the use of frangible devices.</p> <p>The President mentioned that we are having only one set of Jumping Equipment at Delhi and NF needs to procure another set of Jumping Equipment which is exclusively available to member clubs. Col SS Ahlawat, VSM (Retd), Member Dressage suggested that atleast two Jumping sets need to be procured. The President said that the committee can decide on the number required.</p> <p>The President informed the house that about 60 Safety Cups for Show Jumping have been procured by the NF for an amount of Rs 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lac only). These are FEI approved Safety Cups which are mandatory for any FEI approved jumping event and suggested that we procure another 120 Cups. The Joint Secretary suggested that all major hubs can be given about 60 Safety Cups each to make them safety complaint as per FEI norms.</p> <p>The President appraised the house that we have only one Timer Machine and we need to procure another one. Brig Deep Ahlawat, VSM, Member Eventing said that the Timer Machines are now mandatory for equestrian championships. The President suggested that the subject experts recommend the best timer</p>			

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<p>machine to be procured from the appropriate vendor. By use of timer machine one can exclude the possibility of human error in calculating rider faults and time penalties and bring in transparency and unbiased timing.</p> <p>The President also discussed about the need of footing that is required for Dressage & Show Jumping events and raised a question whether it will be feasible to maintain after procuring an element as per our climatic conditions. Col SS Ahlawat, VSM (Retd) mentioned that ARC Mumbai was having an excellent arena and the Club had invested approx 2.5 crore rupees for the same. He has also taken the name of equestrian arena of AGL Stables and EIRS Bangalore. Ms Vanita Malhotra, Chairperson Athletes Commission said that it would be a sensible investment and considering safety of the horse, good ground conditions should be provided. Mr Kishore Futnani said that the expenditure to maintain the footing after its procurement is top priority. The house deliberated upon the location where the footing was required to be established and it was decided the proposed venue would be APRC Delhi. The President recommended that somebody (technical committee) should go into it and sent it to the finance committee and thereafter a final decision can be taken. The President directed that all actions should be completed in a time bound manner.</p>			

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<p>7.4 Regional Equestrian League (REL). The Secretary General appraised the house that Para 5 of REL Guidelines needs to be amended as follows:-</p> <p><u>Existing</u></p> <p>One EFI Rep (CD/Jury as per the request of OC) shall be detailed for each horse show to ensure that the desired levels are not diluted.</p> <p><u>Amendment</u></p> <p>Jury/Official shall be detailed for each REL to ensure that the desired level are not diluted as given below :-</p> <p>(i) Jury/Official as per EFI National list will be proposed by OC and approved by NF.</p> <p>(ii) EFI rep will be detailed by NF.</p> <p>The President directed that availability of the official must be obtained before detailing any official in any event to avoid any last minute embarrassment.</p> <p>Brig Deep Ahlawat, VSM, Member Eventing suggested that instead of two qualification/MER, we should go for one qualification considering less participation of athletes in senior national events comparatively in previous years. Ms Vanita Malhotra, Chairperson Athletes Commission also agreed to the suggestion of Member Eventing.</p>	<p><u>Decision of EC:-</u> The house perused the same and agreed.</p>	<p>Secy Gen</p> <p>Bid Evaluation Committee</p>	

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<p>Lt Col Raj Sangram Singh, Vice Chairperson said that the main aim of REL concept was to spread the sports all over the country and to give more horse shows to small clubs. After introduction of REL concept, quality of the athletes participating in National events has significantly been improved. He recommended to continue with the existing two MER. The house agreed for Two MER in REL for Nationals for senior level.</p> <p>Joint Secretary appraised the house about the Show Jumping Course Plans being used for conducting the RELs. He mentioned that we are having two course plans for each category. Member Eventing also observed that we are replicating the Children Classics Course Plan for Children Category in REL which should be avoided. He suggested to ask Course Plans from Mr Arun Alagappan and Mr Eklavya Sharma (FEI Course Designers) and to choose best out of them for REL 2020-21. The President directed that we should be transparent on all things and no representation should come from the participating athletes in this regard. He also said that it should be ensured that adequate facilities are available in places where RELs are conducted.</p> <p>Mr Kishore Futnani said that for NEC/JNEC we normally have a guideline for the facilities which should be available in the venue during a National event, so we can do the same thing for the REL. No REL should be given to</p>			

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<p>the organisers where adequate facilities are not available. He also suggested to raise the level of REL by taking the reference of participation and level of athletes in JNEC 2019. He said that the idea of REL was only the best riders to come for the Nationals so we should raise the level of REL.</p> <p>The President said that the role of Bid Evaluation Committee should do a complete job. The Bid Evaluation Committee should go on ground and evaluate the facilities of venue and not be based just on the photographs or documents submitted by the bidder. He requested the Bid Evaluation Committee to do a wholesome job. Mr Sanjay Gupta said that the evaluation of venue on ground by the Bid Evaluation Committee will add much more financial burden on organiser who conducts the REL. He added that the REL concept was basically introduced for promotion of the sport and we should have some level of confidence on the Organiser rather than sending a team to evaluate a venue. The President said that our officials are available all over the country and a rep from the nearest place to the venue will be detailed to evaluate facilities of a particular venue. He also added that Regional Members will also ensure about the facilities of venues of their respective region before recommending an REL.</p>			

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<p>The President directed that before accepting any BID, a rep will go and check the venue to ensure the facilities for conducting an REL. He also added that the safety of the Rider & Horse and basic facilities of a competition should not be compromised.</p> <p>Thereafter, the Secretary General flashed the details of REL conducted till date (attached as Appendix 'E').</p>			
<p>7.5 Bid Evaluation Committee. The Secretary General informed the house that Col Jagat Singh, member of Bid Evaluation Committee has been elected as Vice President (Tech) so he can't be a part of the Bid Evaluation Committee. The Secretary General recommended the name of Col Arun Nain in place. The President directed that official concurrence from Vice President (Adm) be obtained prior to appointment as member Bid Evaluation Committee.</p>	<p>Decision of EC:- The house perused the same and agreed.</p>	Secy Gen	
<u>AGENDA-VII</u>			
<p>8. <u>Points from Members.</u> The President directed that the moment we receives any message/complaints from any quarter, immediately an acknowledgement should go to the sender that your message/complaint has been received and thereafter all messages/complaints should be dealt with in an appropriate manner.</p>			
<p>8.1 <u>Ms Sweta Mirdha Hooda</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Upgradation based on Outstanding Performance.</u> Col SS Ahlawat, VSM (Retd), Member Dressage appraised the house that Ms Sweta Mirdha Hooda had a couple of points. Most of the points have been addressed.</p>	<p>Decision of EC:-</p> <p>The house perused the same and agreed to incorporate one MER on 64/65% of score in Technical Guidelines after getting it ratified in forthcoming AGM.</p>	Secy Gen	

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<p>Ms Sweta Mirdha Hooda made a request stating that as of now two MER of 60% and above is required to upgrade a horse from Medium and above category of Dressage. In case someone gets an exceptionally good horse and scores exceptionally high in that particular grade, then the individual should be allowed to upgrade the horse on the basis of 01 MER with a request written to the EFI Secretariat. Ms Vanita Malhotra was in agreement to the suggestion of the athlete. However, she suggested that though our requirement is two MER in two competition, 64% or some minimum requirement whatever the Member Dressage or the technical committee decides in one competition allowing a competitor to upgrade his/her horse should be there for upgradation. Brig. Deep Ahlawat, VSM, Member Eventing said that presently our upgradation is in two competitions on 60% score and if rider imports a well trained horse from abroad and scores a percentage of 65% the horse should be allowed to participate one up. The house agreed to the suggestion of Member Eventing. Col SS Ahlawat, VSM (Retd), Member Dressage said that this will be applicable only for horses imported from abroad and competing for the first time. Joint Secretary observed that by doing so we would be discriminating Indian and imported horse.</p>			

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<p>The President requested him to explain the logic behind the same that if a horse having high calibre to perform and when coming to India and competing in lower grade. Col SS Ahlawat, VSM (Retd), Member Dressage explained that when a horse is brought to India, the horse is not used to the weather, ground, rider, so the rider and the horse as a combination feels that they should go one grade down to gain confidence then should be allowed to participate in the desired grade. President asked the house that any undue advantage to the Horse/Rider. Ms Vanita Malhotra said that the horses should not be discriminated whether it is an Indian or Imported from abroad. During the discussion Joint Secretary said that Article 5.5 that was a question of debate in last technical committee meeting has been removed, it had the same issue on request you can upgrade. Now again a modified form of that Article 5.5 is coming in again into the Technical Guidelines. Col SS Ahlawat, VSM (Retd), Member Dressage replied that we are discussing about the waiver on exceptional cases. Joint Secretary said that if we give waiver that should be included in the Technical Guidelines. Col SS Ahlawat, VSM (Retd), Member Dressage said that we can include that later on.</p>			

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<p>He added that once we have a decision on it we can include that in our Technical Guidelines. Joint Secretary informed the house that to make a change in Technical Guidelines we have to put it in the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM). The House agreed to put it in next AGM. Ms Vanita said that as per grading system of EFI, a rider have to wait one more year for achieving second MER to upgrade his/her horse. She said an example that if her horse scores 64% or above, she can upgrade her horse in FEI. So if a horse achieves a score as decided by the Technical Committee of EFI, that horse should be allowed to upgrade on discretion of the athlete and this rule should be for each and every athletes/riders.</p> <p>(b) <u>Reassessment in Retrospect.</u> Ms Sweta Mirdha Hooda requested that all riders who have upgraded their horse under the preview of erstwhile Article 5.5 of Tech Guidelines 2016 to be re-assessed at the lower grade from which upgraded and if found eligible then only be permitted to stay in the higher grade.</p> <p>(c) <u>National Champion.</u> The Secretary General informed the house that in every year the top level/grade winner is declared as national champion. Joint Secretary said that Ms Sweta Mirdha Hooda wants National Champion in each category. Ms Vanita said that there should be a minimum requirement to become a national champion. Joint Secretary confirmed that the minimum standards to achieve a medal is laid down in the Technical Guidelines.</p>	<p>The President ruled out any retrospect affect and even amplified that the court of law also does not permit retrospect affect.</p> <p>The house perused the same and decided to follow the existing procedures in vogue.</p>		

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<p>8.2 <u>Col Sarpartap Singh (Retd).</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Bid for ITPF Tent Pegging World Cup Qualifier.</u> Col Sarpartap Singh (Retd) suggested that NF should bid for Qualifier for Tent Pegging World Cup 2021. The Secretary General informed that Col Tarsem Singh Warraich, Member Tent Pegging is going to attend General Assembly of ITPF and the matter can be taken up at the ITPF General Assembly. The President said that before giving a bid to the ITPF we should identify a suitable venue & organiser to conduct an international level event.</p> <p>(b) <u>Horse Insurance.</u> Since the NF has started a system of sport horse registration which is one of the pre-requisites for horse insurance. Since sports horses are prone to injuries during events and transportation for shows so Col Sarpartap Singh (Retd) requested that EFI to take up a case with leading Insurance companies for insurance of horses.</p>	<p><u>Decision of EC:-</u></p> <p>The house agreed to point of President.</p> <p>The house discussed the same in detail and did not agree to the suggestion made by Col Sarpartap Singh (Retd). The house was of the view that horse insurance was the onus of the owner and the federation should not indulge in the same.</p>	<p>Secy Gen</p> <p>Member Tent Pegging</p>	
<p>8.3 <u>Col PP Singh (Retd).</u> The Secretary General informed the house that Col PP Singh (Retd) has been selected as a official for Tokyo 2020 Olympics.</p>	<p>The house congratulated him on his achievement.</p>	<p>Secy Gen</p>	
<p>8.4 <u>Incorporation of Inter NCC Equestrian Championship in EFI Calendar.</u> DG RVS has requested to incorporate the Inter NCC Equestrian Championship in the EFI Calendar of events in order to aid in creating greater awareness amongst NCC Cadets alongwith motivating the young riders as well as identifying future potentials amongst them. Lt Col Raj Sangram Singh, Vice Chairperson Athletes Commission said that the events then should be conducted as per EFI Technical Guidelines. The President directed to check the same before incorporating the NCC events in EFI Calendar.</p>	<p><u>Decision of EC:-</u> The house perused the same and agreed to include the NCC Championship in the EFI Calendar.</p>	<p>Secy Gen</p>	

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<p>8.5. <u>Mr Nitin Gupta</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Complaints against Col RS Yadav.</u> An issue had occurred between Mr Nitin Gupta and the official Col RS Yadav during the FEI Jumping World Challenge held at Mumbai in the 1st week of Dec 2019. Mr Kishore Futnani, Regional Member (South) explained that the complain of Mr Nitin Gupta was technical in nature wherein he complained regarding the technical specification of the jumping poles being used in the competition. The jury could have given him an appropriate reply.</p> <p>The President directed that views be sought from the Technical Delegate on the issue and in the meanwhile an interim reply to be given. Mr Kishore Futnani suggested that both Mr Nitin Gupta and Col RS Yadav to be called, heard and the matter should be resolved rather than letting it linger on since this is a long standing issue and similar issues happened in the pasts also between the two individuals.</p> <p>(b) <u>FEI Code of Conduct.</u> The President enquired as to who is looking after the disciplinary issues pertaining to the federation. The Secretary General informed the house that we has a Grievance Dispute Resolution Committee comprising of :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mr Rajiv Dutta, Sr Advocate (ii) Capt Sushil Balwada (Retd), Advocate (iii) Brig Vikram Singh <p>The President suggested that there is a need to define a breach, a minor breach and major breach and a Code of Conduct for Clubs, indl members of all types & State Association.</p>		Secy Gen	

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<p>There is a requirement to have a code of conduct as a rider, as a member of the federation and as a EC Member. Request Dispute Resolution and Discipline Committee to form and lay down guidelines for code of conduct. Just because one is on EC member/AGM Member one cannot just go one putting baseless allegations at the federation.</p>			
<p>8.7 <u>Points from Athlete Commission.</u></p> <p><u>Ms Vanita Malhotra.</u></p> <p>(a) She said that Children under 14 have to take long leave by giving undertaking to participate in JNEC events. Requests are coming from the parents of the children to issue a letter from EFI that their children have qualified for the JNEC.</p> <p>(b) Participation Certificate for JNEC. The Joint Secretary informed the house that participation certificate will be give this year onwards and the same has been incorporated in Technical Guidelines 2019.</p> <p>(d) Chairperson Athletes Commission said that request are coming from the Young Tent Pegging athletes to include Team events in JNEC Tent Pegging for Young Riders. Brig Deep Ahlawat, VSM, Member Eventing said that individual tent pegging events is okay in JNEC but as regards to team events it will be more dangerous as young riders may not be able to control the horses in groups which may lead to athlete/horse injury. The Secretary General also said that the participation of young athletes are also less in Tent Pegging to constitute a team.</p>	<p>The house perused the same and agreed unanimously.</p>		

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<u>AGENDA-VIII</u>			
9. <u>Any other points with the permission of chair.</u>			
<p>9.1 Col PP Singh (Retd), Regional Member (East) suggested that the Indian contingent should be participating more in the international competitions. For this the modalities can be worked out, may be the selection criteria can be changed and the selection process can be changed to have move Indian riders participate in the international events.</p> <p>The President replied that the team could not be sent to Pattaya for the Asian Championship due to non meeting of criteria by participants/teams. However the point made by Col P P Singh (Retd) is noted.</p> <p>On the similar lines Col P P Singh (Retd) suggested that we should make efforts to conduct more CDIs and CSI in India on borrowed horses and it is very much possible as the same was happening in the past. People should be invited to India to see our facilities.</p>		Secy Gen	
<p>9.2 Col Col Mangal Singh, Member Jumping Suggested that we should encourage pony riding with the following breeds:-</p> <p>(a) Manipuri (b) Zaniskari (c) Kathiawari (d) Marwari (e) Bhutia</p> <p>Col Mangal Singh suggested that for every category of national event we should start with cash prize as an incentive and this could be either through the EFI or through sponsorship.</p>	The house deliberated upon the subject and decided to have pony ridings as an All India Open event on a trial basis wef calendar year 2020-21.	Secy Gen	

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<p>9.3 President emphasised that when sporting horses are imported into India they attract an import duty of 42% and a case should be taken up with the Ministry of Finance to exempt sporting horses of import duty on similar lines as sporting rifles are exempted from import duty. The Joint Secretary informed the house that a case was initiated which was recommended by the Min of Youth Affairs and Sports but the case turned down at the Min of Finance.</p> <p>Col SS Ahlawat, VSM (Retd) suggested that irrespective of the level of the rider/parent the exemption if any should be sought for everyone across the board with a condition that the individual enjoying the exemption of duty cannot sell the horse for the next 03 years.</p>		Secy Gen	
<p>9.4 Dr Siddhartha Sharma, Regional Member (North East) suggested that we have a meeting with the State Associations call them, ask them about the activities held in the last year and their accountability to which the President informed the house that the meeting with the State Associations is in line and we will be considering this after the Court Case hearing.</p>		Secy Gen	
<p>9.5 Insurance of Riders. The President informed the house that the Indian Polo Association has come up with a scheme of insurance of riders at a premium of Rs 1000/ Rider for a period of One year in which the rider is insured against any injury during the game/event/ transportation with a financial support upto Rs 3 Lakhs for injury and upto Rs 10 Lakh for total injuries including air evacuation from remote places. Someone should get in touch with the insurance companies to work out the modalities based on a tailor made requirement. The Secretary General volunteered to take on the task.</p>		Secy Gen	

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9.6 Welfare of Support Staff. A rider performs at an event but behind the scene there are a number of people like the groom, care taker, farrier who actually do a lot of work for the horse and the sport. There is an organisation by the name National Skill Development Authority which can certify the qualification required for each trade, the nature of work expected for each trade and duration of work alongwith suggested recommendation. The President suggested that at every event there should be an award for the grooms, care taker and farriers and if acceptable then modalities can be worked out to start the competition.	The house accepted the proposal.	Secy Gen	
9.7 Dr S Y Quraishi. The Secretary General mentioned about sponsorship, so Dr S Y Quraishi wanted to know who were the sponsors and why not the Army can act as a sponsor. The President informed the house that the Indian Army has been sponsoring conduct of events by making use of its infrastructure and support. The EFI Secretariat is being supported by the Army in terms of infrastructure, manpower and support staff. Dr SY Quraishi queried about the potential sponsors who can finance the federation. The President requested Mr Harish Khokhar, Vice President (Finance) to explore feasibility of getting sponsors for the federation through automobile manufactures.		VP (Fin) Secy Gen	


AGENDA – X

10. **Closing Address by the President.** The President thanked each member for the active participation in the EC meeting and as a customary practice presented the EFI Tie to each newly elected member as a token of affiliation to the EC Body.

Case No : 074/EC/2020

Station : Delhi Cantt-110010

Dated : 13 Feb 2020


 (Jaiveer Singh)
 Colonel
 Secretary General

LIST OF NEW ELECTED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

S/ No	Appt	Name	Elected On
1	President	Lt Gen Gopal R, UYSM, AVSM, SM	Sep 2019
2	Vice President (Tech)	Col Jagat Singh	Sep 2019
3	Vice President (Fin)	Mr Harish Khokhar	Sep 2019
4	Secretary General	Col Jaiveer Singh	Sep 2019
5	Treasurer	Col Rakesh Sharma	Sep 2019
6	Member Medication Control	Col Vikas Thakur	Sep 2019
7	Member Discipline (Dressage)	Col SS Ahlawat, VSM (Retd)	Sep 2019
8	Member Discipline (Show Jumping)	Col Mangal Singh	Sep 2019
9	Member Regional (Central)	Dr Sanjay Gupta	Sep 2019
10	Member Regional (North)	Lt Col DP Nanda	Sep 2019
11	Member Regional (Western)	Vacant	

NEW MEMBERSHIP**(a) Life Membership**

S/ No	Name	Membership No
1	Maj Gen Anil Kumar, Sm	LM -785
2	Lt Col C. V. Carter Arulraj	LM -786
3	Lt Col Tejinder Singh	LM -787
4	Lt Col Sanjeev Singh (Retd)	LM -788
5	Major Arun Sharma	LM -789
6	Major Jerin Kuruvila	LM -790
7	Major Vikas Sharma	LM -791
8	Major Vaibhav Lakra	LM -792
9	Major Prince C Kurian	LM -793
10	Capt Piyush Deshmukh	LM -794
11	Capt Abhimanyu Singh	LM -795
12	Lt Ritika Dahiya	LM -796
13	Lt Amreet Bhinder	LM -797
14	Dr Sanjay Sakalani	LM -798
15	Ms Samarah Khatau Malaney	LM -799
16	Mr Sahir Thapar	LM -800
17	Mr Vignesh G Rao	LM -801
18	Mr Kahan Hiran Patel	LM -802
19	Mr Shyam Mehta	LM -803
20	Mr Nasir Jamal	LM -804
21	Mr Riyad R Kundanmal	LM -805
22	Mr Haroon M Adam	LM -806
23	Ms Chinar Parikh	LM -807
24	Dr. Pandurang Sawandkar	LM -808
25	Mr Rajiv Kumar	LM -809
26	Mr Kamal Chandra Bhanj Deo	LM -810
27	Mr Nirmol Kumar Agarwal	LM -811
28	Mr Siddharth Vijay Rane	LM -812
29	Lt Col Faiz Siddiqui	LM -813
30	Col Amit Kumar	LM -814
31	Mr Bharat Manoharan	LM -815

(b) Club Membership

S/ No	Name	Membership No
1	Grenadiers Equestrian Club	CM - 345
2	United Riders Club (Urc)	CM - 346
3	Equestrian Breeders And Sports Association	CM - 347
4	Sainik School Purulia	CM - 348
5	Fazilka Riding Club	CM - 349
6	Sainik School , Kunjpura, Karnal(Hr)	CM - 350
7	Jamshedpur Horse Riding School(Jharkhand)	CM - 351

EFI CALENDAR 2019-20 : UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

S. No	Date	Discipline	Events	Venue	Org	Remarks
01	14 - 20 Dec 19	Tent Pegging	National Equestrian Championship 2019-20	Sarangkheda (Maharashtra)	Chetak Festival Committee Cancelled	Cancelled, New Venue yet to be decided
02	20 - 29 Dec 19	All Disciplines (excluding Endurance)	JNEC 2019 Asian Equestrian Federation (AEF) U-21 Dressage Championship Qualifier	Bangalore	EIRS	
03	12-15 Jan 2020	Endurance	National Equestrian Championship 2019-20	TBD	TBD	TD Report
04	15 - 20 Jan 20	Dressage	National Equestrian Championship 2019-20	Delhi	APRC	
05	27-30 Jan 2020	Eventing	CCI1* Intro, CCI2*-L, and CCI2*-S	Meerut	RC C&C	New event
04	10- 17 Feb 20	Show Jumping	National Equestrian Championship 2019-20	Kolkata	Tollygunge Club, Kolkata	Re scheduling of dates
06	01 - 15 Mar 20	Eventing	National Equestrian Championship (Pre-Novice, Novice, CI* - Intro, CI** - L & CI*** - S) FEI Course for Eventing Level 1 & 2 Judge, TD & CD	Meerut	RVC Centre & College	
07	25 Mar - 05 Apr 20	All Disciplines	Delhi Horse Show	Delhi	Army Polo & Riding Centre	

RESULTS OF FEI EVENTS

1. **FEI World Challenge Dressage 2019 at Delhi and Bangalore wef 01 to 04 Nov 2019.**

Position	Name of Rider	Astride
<u>INTERMEDIATE -I</u>		
1 st	Viveka Singh Rathore	Chateau-VS
2 nd	MS Rathore	Lancelot
<u>PRIX ST GEORGES</u>		
1 st	Sweta Mirdha Hooda	Divine Will
2 nd	MS Rathore	Breeze of Heaven
<u>SENIOR II CLASS</u>		
1 st	Ashish Vivek Limaye	Qurt De Montaplaisir
2 nd	Rakesh Kumar	Victory Lap
3 rd	Basavaraju Sangappa	Frimeur DU Record
<u>SENIOR I CLASS</u>		
1 st	Yad Ram	Azad
2 nd	Avdesh Kumar	Jai Hind
3 rd	Ashish Malik	Virasat
<u>YOUTH CLASS</u>		
1 st	Umar Ali	Pratap
2 nd	Shashank Varma	Qurt De Montaplaisir
3 rd	Chirag Khandal	Magneto

2. **FEI World Challenge Show Jumping 2019 at Delhi and Mumbai wef 28 Nov to 10 Dec 2019.**

Position	Name of Rider	Astride
<u>CAT A</u>		
1 st	Sehaj Singh Virk	Laila Lordanos
2 nd	Ashish Vivek Limaye	Claudettee
3 rd	Kirat Singh Nagra	Kar Fateh
<u>CAT B</u>		
1 st	Sehaj Singh Virk	Castro 45
2 nd	Gaurav Pundir	Contello
3 rd	Praveen Kumar	Ascot India
<u>CAT C</u>		
1 st	Jitender Singh	Vazir
2 nd	Kunal Malik	Red Wood
3 rd	Karandeep Malik	Gyani

3. **FEI Jumping Children Classics 2019 at Delhi wef 08 Dec to 09 Dec 2019.**

Position	Name of Rider	Astride
<u>Silver Tour</u>		
1 st	Shashank Kanumuri	Kaafia
<u>Bronze Tour</u>		
1 st	Amanraj Singh	Silver Stick
2 nd	Chitrabhanu Singh	Fire Baby
3 rd	Arjun Singh	Cavalino Ask

REGIONAL EQUESTRIAN LEAGUE (REL) : 2019-20

S No	Tentative Dates	Discipline	Events	Venue	Organizer	Remarks
1	01 - 03 Mar 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (JNEC)	Mumbai	Amateur Riders Club	Conducted
2	15 - 25 Mar 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Bangalore	ASC Centre & College	Conducted
3	12 - 15 Apr 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (JNEC)	Ajmer	Mayo College	Conducted
4	27 - 28 Apr 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (JNEC)	Mumbai	Amateur Riders Club	Conducted
5	28 - 30 Apr 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (JNEC)	Dibrugarh	Equestrian Federation of Assam	Conducted
6	05 - 15 Aug 19	Show Jumping & Tent Pegging	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Jaipur	61 Cavalry	Conducted
7	24 - 25 Aug 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Bangalore	Embassy International Riding School	Conducted
8	25 - 30 Aug 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Meerut	RVC Centre & College	Conducted
9	14 - 16 Sep 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Meerut	Army Equestrian Node	Conducted
10	20 - 24 Sep 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Jaipur	Sagar Equestrian Sports Academy	Conducted
11	04 - 06 Oct 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Auroville, Puducherry	Red Earth Riding School	Conducted
12	05 - 06 Oct 19	Show Jumping, Dressage & Tent Pegging	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Hyderabad	Hyderabad Polo & Riding School	Conducted
13	12 - 13 Oct 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Bangalore	ASC Riding & Polo Academy, ASC Centre & College	Conducted
14	18 - 20 Oct 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (JNEC & NEC)	Indore (MP)	Equinest Rider's Club	Conducted
15	19 - 20 Oct 19	Show Jumping	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Chhatarpur	ARG Stables, Chhatarpur	Conducted
16	19 - 20 Oct 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Bangalore	Embassy International Riding School	Conducted
17	01 - 02 Nov 19	Show Jumping & Tent Pegging	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Sultanpur Lodhi Distt - Kapurthala	Punjab Equestrian Association	Conducted
18	02 - 03 Nov 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Bhiwandi, Maharashtra	The Ride to Live Academy	Conducted

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19	02 - 03 Nov 19	Show Jumping, Dressage & Tent Pegging	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Hyderabad Polo & Riding School, Hyderabad	Telangana State Equestrian Association (TSEA)	Conducted
20	09 - 10 Nov 19	Show Jumping, Dressage & Tent Pegging	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Bangalore	ASC Centre & College	Conducted
21	15 - 17 Nov 19	Show Jumping, Dressage & Tent Pegging	REL (NEC & JNEC)	RTC Bhondsi, Gurgaon	Equestrian Sports Academy (ESA), Gurgaon (HR)	Conducted
22	18 - 19 Nov 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Jaipur	Sagar Equestrian Sports Academy	Conducted
23	21 Nov - 01 Dec 19	Show Jumping & Tent Pegging	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Gurukul Horse Riding Club, Ghaziabad	Elite Sports Academy, Noida	Conducted
24	22 - 24 Nov 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (NEC & JNEC)	AGL Stables Chhatrapur	ARG Stables, Chhatrapur	Conducted
25	21 - 29 Nov 19	Show Jumping & Tent Pegging	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Army Equestrian Centre, Delhi	Army Polo & Riding Centre Delhi Cantt	Conducted
26	27 Nov - 04 Dec 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Mahalaxmi Race Course, Mumbai	Amateur Riders Club, Mumbai	Conducted
27	27 Nov - 02 Dec 19	Show Jumping & Tent Pegging	REL (NEC & JNEC)	HI Tech College of Engineering, Ghaziabad	Elite Sports Academy, Noida	Conducted
28	01 - 10 Dec 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Army Equestrian Centre, Delhi	Army Polo & Riding Centre Delhi Cantt	Conducted
29	06 - 09 Dec 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Fort William Riding Institute (FWRPI), Kolkata	Fort William Riding Institute (FWRPI), Kolkata	Conducted
30	06-07 Dec 19	Show Jumping & Tent Pegging	REL (NEC & JNEC)	Punjab Armed Police Campus Jalandhar	Punjab Armed Police, Jalandhar	Conducted
31	08 - 10 Dec 19	Show Jumping & Dressage	REL (NEC & JNEC)	The Tollygunge Club, Kolkata	The Tollygunge Club Ltd, Kolkata	Conducted
32	16 Dec 19	Show Jumping & Tent Pegging	REL (NEC)	Punjab Armed Police Campus Chandigarh	Punjab Armed Police, Jalandhar	Conducted
33	20 - 22 Dec 19	Show Jumping & Tent Pegging	REL (NEC)	Veterinary College Ground, Khanapara, Guwahati	Equestrian Federation of Assam, Dibrugarh	
34	20 - 22 Dec 19	Endurance	ALL India Open Qualifier Endurance 40 Km & 60 Km	Araavi Trails Resort, Palampur, Gujarat	All India Marwari Horse Society- Gujarat Chapter	

NOTE :- It is for the information of all Organising Committee and Members that the EC has decided that there will be no restriction on number of REL per Region. Organising Committee are requested to Forward their Bid forms duly filled to the Regional Member for his Recommendation and thereafter the same will be forwarded to the Vice President, Sports Development who in turn will forward the same to the Secretariat of the Federation. It should be ensured that the bid form duly filled should reach the Secretariat minimum 30 days in advance from the date of the REL.