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CODEX

FEI Official Veterinarians

1. The FEI Official Veterinarian must be a licensed Veterinarian in the country of their National Federation and be experienced as an equine practitioner. During any official role, he/she is always a representative of FEI.

2. Veterinarians must ensure that the Horse's welfare and health are protected at all times according to the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse, the FEI Veterinary Regulations, the FEI General Regulations, the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations and any other applicable rules or regulations.

3. An FEI Official Veterinarian must avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest when attending FEI Events in an Official Veterinarian role. An FEI Official Veterinarian must have a consistent, neutral, independent and fair position towards Athletes, owners, trainers, organisers and other officials. Financial and/or personal interest must never influence, or be perceived to influence, judgment.

Activities which will lead to or may lead to a "conflict of interest" when officiating may include, but are not limited to:

- Acting as FEI Permitted Treating Veterinarian at the same Event in which you are acting as FEI Official Veterinarian
- Having any ownership interest in a Horse competing at an Event at which you are officiating
- Competing at any Event at which you are acting as an FEI Official
- Officiating at an Event where you have a close personal relationship with any Athlete competing at the Event
- Officiating at an Event where a Horse you treated or worked with in any capacity is competing.

In the interest of transparency, an FEI Official Veterinarian must notify the Ground Jury at the Event if any of the above or other possible, or perceived, conflicts of interest arise.

4. FEI Official Veterinarians must ensure that they are familiar with and understand both the FEI Veterinary and FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations, in addition to an awareness of the FEI General Regulations including any updates to the above-mentioned regulations. FEI Official Veterinarians must firmly commit themselves to supporting Clean Sport.

5. FEI Official Veterinarians must be concerned about and use their best efforts to protect the safety of both the human and equine athlete.

7. FEI Official Veterinarians have a responsibility to advise the Permitted Treating Veterinarians of local and National laws.

8. During FEI events FEI Official Veterinarians must be punctual and correct in their way of behavior, ensuring the integrity of FEI Veterinary procedures at Events.

9. Disciplinary actions against Veterinarians who do not follow the Codex and/or FEI Regulations will be taken. Such disciplinary actions may consist of a warning, a temporary suspension and/ or removal from the FEI Official Veterinarian list. 10. FEI Official Veterinarians may work as Permitted Treating Veterinarians, provided they are not working in as an FEI Official Veterinarian at the same Event.

FEI Veterinary Committee 2012

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