

**MINUTES OF MEETING BETWEEN OFFICE BEARERS, ATHLETE
COMMISSION MEMBERS AND PROMINENT ATHLETES AT THE
EFI SECRETARIAT OFFICE ON 29 AUG 2022**

1. A meeting between office bearers, Athlete Commission members and Prominent Athletes of Equestrian Federation of India was held on 29 Aug 2022 at EFI Secretariat office.

2. Following members attended the meeting :-

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| (a) | Mr Harish Khokhar | - | VP (Fin) | |
| (b) | Col Jaiveer Singh | - | Secretary General | |
| (c) | MS Rathore | - | Member Athlete Commission | |
| (d) | H/C Suresh Kumar | - | Member Athlete Commission | |
| (e) | Sehaj Singh Virk | - | Prominent Athlete | |
| (f) | Maj Ashish Malik | - | Prominent Athlete | 18 th Asian
Games team
Silver Medalist |
| (g) | Dfr Rakesh Kumar | - | Prominent Athlete | |
| (h) | Maj Deepanshu Sheoran | - | Prominent Athlete | |
| (j) | Col AK Goswami | - | OC, AEN Meerut | |

3. **Opening Address by VP (Fin)**:- Mr. Harish Khokhar, VP (Fin) welcomed all present members and requested them to share their views on the following topics:-

- (a) Selection Criteria (Version 5).
- (b) Events Schedule 2022-23
- (c) Any other points.

He then requested Secretary General to proceed.

Points	Decision	Action to be taken by	Remarks
4. <u>Selection Criteria (V-5)</u> :- The Secy General requested all members present to bring out any observations related to Selection Criteria (Version – 5). He requested everybody to kindly speak in Hindi for ease of comprehensive by all.			
5. Capt Sheoran suggested that keeping in mind the welfare of horses and location of maximum riders in Northern region, trials to be planned accordingly. He further requested that all trials of Eventing to take place in	The Secretary General requested Capt Sheoran to raise his suggestions related to the Calendar at later part of the meeting.		

North India and the Show Jumping and Dressage trials should be as per FEI's WC format.			
6. Mr Harish Khokhar reiterated Secy Gen's request of seeking opinion of all present if fresh trials are required to be conducted in view of rescheduled dates of the 19 Asian Games which will now be held wef 25 Sep to 08 Oct 2023.	All present unanimously agreed that fresh trials should be conducted for selection of team India for the three disciplines in view of rescheduled dates of 19 Asian Games.		
7. Mr Harish Khokhar sought clarification from all present if any weightage is to be given to the athletes who had attained MERs in the trials conducted in the session 2021-22 wef 01 Sep 2021 to 15 May 2022.	After due deliberation and much discussion due to facts states below all present are of the view that no weightage to be given to riders having achieved MER in the previous session i.e 2021-22:- (a) The time gap between the last trial for the session 2021-22 and rescheduled dates of 19 Asian Games is 16 months. (b) The Technical Guidelines of EFI permits validity of rider points only for a year.		
8. Mr Sehaj Singh Virk, Col AK Goswami brought out that attaining minimum 3 MER out of 4 is very stringent. They requested the federation should consider to reduce it to two for consideration of a Horse-rider combination for probables and best of 3 results to be considered for the order of merit. The Secretary General info all present that the selection process is required to be stringiest in order to ensure that only medal winning Horse-rider combination participate in the 19th Asian Games.	After much discussion and due deliberation all present unanimously accepted MER requirement stated in Selection Criteria (V-5) and no change to be made.		
9. Mr Sehaj Singh Virk suggested to hold all the trials for Show Jumping and Dressage at Modi Equestrian Academy. The Secy General confirmed that the calendar was planned	All members present agreed that two Show Jumping & Dressage trials for selection of Indian team for 19 Asian Games to be held at Modi Equestrian Academy and		

accordingly since there were no takers to conduct trials on behalf of EFI except Modi Equestrian Academy. This resulted in few representations. He further info that ARC, Mumbai has now forward their willingness to conduct trials of Show Jumping and Dressage. The Secy General also clarified that the events calendar has to be planned as per EFI Statutes.	Armature Riding Club, Mumbai respectively.		
10. Mr MS Rathore suggested that the first run in the form of FEI 1Star (intro) to be held at Jaipur wef 30 Sep to 04 Oct 2022 should be mandatory only for Pre Novice & Novice and not all horses.	The suggestion was unanimously agreed upon by all present. The Secretary General confirmed that necessary change shall be made.		
11. The Secy Gen brought out that a few riders based abroad have requested to delay the last date of trials to 15 Mar 2023.	After much discussion and due deliberation the suggestion was not agreed upon since the delay will upset the time schedule for horses ex India to move to Europe post closure of trials i.e. 15 Feb 2023.		
12. Maj Ashish Malik negated the suggestion of Capt Sheoran to hold trials on FEI World Challenge (WC) format since the conditions have to be same when testing Horse-Rider combination for 19 Asian games in India like venue, size of arena, weather condition etc.	All present unanimously agreed to hold trial competitions as an independent entity instead on FEI World Challenge format. Also, Dressage trials being an FEI CDI, cannot be split/conducted on World Challenge format.		
13. Mr MS Rathore & Maj Ashish Malik suggested that observer to be replaced with referee who should be empowered to take decisions on matters they feel are rule violations.	The Secretary General noted the suggestion.		
14. A suggestion to hold 5 trials as was done in the last session was raised by Capt Sheoran.	After much deliberation it was decided that four trials only of each discipline will conducted in India and for riders based abroad for the purpose of obtaining MER as stipulated in Selection Criteria (V-5) to ensure horses ex India reach Europe for a reasonable time for training and exposure in FEI events		

	since adequate funds released by MYAS.		
15. All present unanimously brought out the rider based abroad have many advantage over Rider based in India since they have many competitions to choose from their six events, good weather conditions, limited distance to travel etc.	The Secretary General assured all present that efforts have been made to have maximum parity between riders based in India and abroad in the Selection Criteria keeping in mind the advantages and disadvantages of both locations.		
16. Mr MS Rathore & Mr Sehaj Singh Virk suggested that the CD's for Eventing and Show Jumping should not be put under clauses to lay "Championship Course". They requested the CD's to be permitted to do their own job without any external pressure.	The Secretary General noted the suggestion.		
17. <u>Calendar : 2022-23</u> Secy Gen stated that the first trial for eventing will be held in Meerut, Delhi, Jaipur and Bangalore. Col Goswami requested to finalize it at the earliest to enable them obtain departmental approval to move. 18. Col Goswami stated that horses should not be send to Bangalore due to long distance involved which will adversely affect their health. Mr Harish Khokhar clarified that in the interest of fairness each of the venue to hold one trial each of Eventing.	After due deliberation and much discussion it was unanimously decided that the Eventing trials will be conducted at each of the location i.e Meerut, Delhi, Jaipur, Bangalore and in the sequence mentioned.		
19. All present requested to finalize the calendar and promulgate it at the earliest for better planning and coordination.	The suggestion was noted for compliance by Secretary General.		
20. Mr Sehaj Singh Virk brought out that the 3 rd and 4 th Trial of Show Jumping and Dressage should be held at Embassy Riders Club, Bangalore being a neutral venue.	The Secretary General noted the suggestion and clarified that he had approached Embassy International Riding School for the needful but they declined to conduct neither Show Jumping nor Dressage trials.		

21. Mr MS Rathore suggested to have more number of pre Novice and Novice events in India	The Secretary General noted the suggestion for compliance.		
22. Col Goswami requested that the athletes should not interact with the foreign Jury in the trial events. Also, no assistant to the foreign CD laying X-country/Show Jumping course for trials to be provided.	Mr Harish Khokhar clarified that the foreign CD needs an assistant to enable them carry out their task smoothly in a foreign country. Also the assistant CD is leaning and by default we are providing education to our officials to understand international best practices for CD.		

23. There being no fresh suggestions the meeting was closed.

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(Jaiveer Singh)
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Secretary General