

Dear European Equestrian Federation (EEF) National Federations,

We are very happy that new pony regulations were accepted at the FEI General Assembly in Moscow. Thank you for your support and constructive feedback during the process. The rules text in the Veterinary Regulations have been published this week, and we would like to share further information with you on the upcoming changes in the new FEI Pony Measuring system.

### 1 January 2020

- All **new pony registrations** will have to be measured at an **Official FEI Measuring Session**. **Measured in ponies** will receive a **FEI Measuring Certificate** according to their age. (**8 years or older** will receive a **lifetime** certificate, **younger** will get a **1 year certificate**)
- **All registered ponies** measured in at **FEI events and FEI Appeal Measurements** by 2 FEI Measuring Veterinarians during **2017-2018-2019** will receive an **FEI Lifetime Measuring Certificate**. (“Grandfather Rights”).
- **1 January 2020 - 31 December 2022 (Transition Period)**
- Measuring of **entered ponies without FEI Measuring Certificate** will take place according to the **current (2019) FEI Pony Measuring Rules** at the **European Pony Championships & Pony Nations Cup Final & Pony Jumping Trophy Final**.
- Those **measured in at these events** will receive a **FEI Measuring Certificate** according to their age.
- **1 January 2023 (Full Implementation)**
- **All ponies** will need a **FEI Measuring Certificate** in order to be **eligible to compete** at FEI Events.

In order to start measurements as early as possible next year, we kindly request you to please establish at least one Official FEI Measuring Station in your country and/or cooperate with neighbouring countries on this establishment. In order to be approved as Official FEI Measuring Station, the following criteria must be fulfilled:

- A large parking place for the trailers and horse trucks ;
- A place to walk the ponies in hand;
- Boxes available for ponies to urinate after the travel;
- Testing boxes for EADCMP testing, 1 box for every 15 ponies;
- A hard surface Trot Up area;
- A suitable area for lungeing and riding before, ideally sheltered; and
- X ray facilities

The Measuring Area must fulfil these criteria:

- A total of at least 3m x 3m
- A measuring “pad” of at least 3m by 3m that is flat, even and level which must be certified\* by laser measurement within 12 months before of the measuring session. Tolerances up to 2mm are accepted by the FEI.
- The floor must be non-slippery (a concrete slab or other paved surface is most desirable; plywood, dirt, gravel or other uneven surfaces are not permitted);

- Freedom from unnecessary disturbances and distractions;
- Adequate lighting to facilitate the process;
- Ideally a separate entrance and exit to allow safe movement of Ponies into and out of the area; and
- Must be sheltered.

\*The person carrying out the control of the floor must be officially recognised by relevant authority or a trade organisation within the country of the Measuring Station to perform such work and to issue certificates of the result.

For the approval of the Measuring Station we kindly request you to provide us with:

- The name and address of the Measuring Station and the name and contact details of the person in charge of the facility.
- A map with the location and an overall drawing etc. of the venue. (google maps)
- A description of the pony logistics for this station.
- The certificate from the laser measuring of the floor of the Measuring Pad.
- Photos of the Measuring Area

We kindly ask you to please also provide the following as soon as possible in order for us to establish a Pony Measuring Calendar for 2020:

- Provisional dates when your NF would like to organise a Measuring Session.
- The approximate number of Ponies you expect to be measured at this session.

Please be informed that following a confirmed date for a Measuring Session you will be requested to provide the following:

- A minimum of 3 stewards for the entire Measuring Session, with a minimum of 1 FEI Steward of any discipline; 2 can be national stewards or equivalent. A measuring schedule that we can send to the veterinarians containing:
  - ✓ the name of the PRs or the representative
  - ✓ the name and nationality of the Pony owner
  - ✓ the name of the Pony
  - ✓ the country of registration and FEI ID/Passport number of all Ponies attending the Measuring Session

Please send the above requested information or any enquires on Pony Measuring to Leila Tavassoli, [leila.tavassoli@fei.org](mailto:leila.tavassoli@fei.org)

We thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.