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GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CLOSING CEREMONIES



# CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

## **1. Confirmation of Constitution & Regulation Committee Minutes - Stockholm, May 2019**

## **2. ITA Memberships**

No new membership applications have been received.

In support of Ukraine, Russia has for the time been excluded from all work in UET and all championships in Europe. It was decided to take the same position regarding Russia in ITA.

No changes are proposed for the amount of the fees. List of countries per group is confirmed

## 3. International Trotting Association (ITA) Constitution

Main conclusions supported by the Committee for a new era of cooperation and a method of work inside ITA :

- A World Trotting Conference planned every **three years** with maintaining rotation basis. Consequently, next Conference would be organised in 2026.
- An Interconference meeting organised **each year** between two Conferences. With delegates of the Constitution Committee of the prior Conference. The last meeting (six months prior the Conference) organised physically.

# PROPOSALS ITA 2023 – CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

- **4 days of conference** and one day for visits and meetings with local actors of the industry.
- **Committees:** Contacts between countries should be improved between conferences. Digital video meetings would be held annually in order to prepare the next conference.
- Chairman(woman) of Committees will be in charge of the organisation of these meetings. Members will have then the possibility to propose the agenda recommendations of the next Conference.
- Then **organisation of one meeting at least of each Committee during the Conference** to present the conclusions and propositions for adoption by the General Assembly.
- **Whats App groups will be created** with the members of the Committees of the precedent Conference.

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- Inter-conference does not have to be at the same place as upcoming WTC.
- Nomination of a WTC Liaison Officer, working with the country organising the next WTC.
- If the General Assembly agrees these principles, a working group will be in charge to modify the Constitution and it will be then sent to the ITA members for approval. **It will be precised also in the text that meetings can be held by videoconference and votes can be done by emails between two WTC.**

## 4. Confirmation of Schedule for future World Trotting Conference

2023 Germany

**2026** New Zealand (Board meeting September 6, will confirm the candidacy)

**2029** Europe, UET to confirm (Italy will have to confirm its candidacy before the end of this year)

**2032** United States of America

**2035** Europe, UET to confirm

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## **5. International Agreement of Trotting Races**

Modifications approved by UET between 2019 and 2023 are approved and will be integrated in the International Agreement of Trotting Races.

## **6. Life membership of the ITA**

Propositions of the Committee for 2023

*Heinz Tell, Germany.*

*Dean Cooper, Australia.*





# BREEDING COMMITTEE REPORT

## 2019 follow up

1. Dead or gelded stallions
2. Stallion limits, number of annually services
3. ISO 3166 suffix
4. Frozen embryos and sex sorting techniques
5. Change of names, country of origin

## Proposal nr 1

Technology driven change from DNA microsatellites to SNP-chip

All countries commit to inform each other about the time schedule for transition to SNP-chip. Secured identity of horses is necessary for transfer, both for racing and breeding in different studbooks.

Wording in Constitution regarding identity checks needs to be more specified and clarified.

## Proposal nr 2

Foals born as a result of embryo transfers using frozen embryos shall not be able to register in any studbook.

Not allowing frozen embryos will make it more difficult to use genetic engineering and gene doping on embryos.

## Proposal nr 3

Foals born as a result of OPU/ICSI shall not be able to register in any studbook.

OPU is an invasive method that is painful for the mares and in the committee we also considered it unethical.

Not allowing OPU/ICSI will make it more difficult to use genetic engineering and gene doping on embryos.

## Proposal nr 4

The question regarding, if horses with lifetime ban on racing also should have lifetime ban for breeding, will be further discussed in international meetings.



# PROPOSALS FROM THE EQUINE HEALTH & INTEGRITY COMMITTEE



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## 1. ITA MEMBERS STATEMENT ABOUT THE USE OF THE WHIP

The committee proposes we make the following statement:

**For the overall health and welfare of our horses, the ITA Members agree to take a long-term view of whip use in harness racing, and continue to limit and moderate its use in our sport.**





## 2. ITA MEMBERS STATEMENT REGARDING ANTI-DOPING WORK

The committee proposes we make the following statement:

**The ITA members support research and actions to find better protocols to detect and restrict the use of prohibited substances and gene doping. Systematic anti-doping work is a central part of animal welfare.**

### 3. ITA MEMBERS STATEMENT REGARDING THE LIFE CYCLE OF HORSES



- The committee proposes we make the following statement:

**The Life Cycle of Horses: Aftercare for race horses is essential in ensuring they have a good quality of life post-retirement from the racing industry. The ITA Members support all actions and programs in the member countries to retrain horses beyond the racetrack. A dignified end of life for each individual horse is paramount.**

## 4. ITA MEMBERS STATEMENT REGARDING BAREFOOT RACING

The committee proposes we make the following statement:

**The ITA members agree that the impacts of barefoot racing on horses in some circumstances are noted and acknowledged as an animal welfare concern as it may have both short and long terms impacts on a horse. Scientific research will continue to be considered as part of our wider discussions. We encourage the member countries to monitor the shoeing status of the horses during races.**



# RACING AND WAGERING COMMITTEE REPORT



## Recommendations from the committee:

1. Each national racing authority should secure their rights to racing data and video images that covers the races.
2. Each national racing authority should secure that betting operators who provide bets on races, make contribution to the harness racing industry at an acceptable level.
3. It is important to have annual meetings with each national racing authority to share experiences, like for instance technical working tools and development in betting on races.
4. Encourage betting operators to take bets to the most valued harness racing worldwide and broadcast those races in their region.
5. National harness racing authorities should include the use of communication-based technologies (such as audio, video, websites, social media etc.) in their training and education programs for trainers. The goal of this is to ensure that current and prospective owners are regularly informed on the progress of horses.
6. To share information in regard to economic, environmental and other important impact studies that have been conducted in respective countries, for collection and collation, to determine the changing global economics of the industry.



7. National harness racing authorities should use their best endeavours to educate participants (owners, trainers, drivers and breeders) and the wagering public focusing on the benefits associated with the involvement in the harness racing industry.

In addition, we would like to underline:

1. The importance of exchange of good quality data between ITA members for the export of racing and bets.
2. The assurance that all authorized wagering operators collecting bets on races complies with the relevant rules and regulations applicable to combating Fraud and Money Laundering.

### **About the world driving championship:**

The committee recommend that the World Driving Championship should be held every two years. When the World Driving Championship are held in the same year as the World Trotting Conference, the championship will be hosted by the host for the conference. In other World Trotting Conference years, the championship will be hosted the year prior by the country responsible for the World Trotting Conference. In years when there is no associated WTC, a rotation will take place between Canada/US, Aus/NZ and Europe.

The following schedule will pertain to the next several years:



Year	WTC	WDC
2025		New Zealand/Australia
2026	New Zealand	
2027		Canada or USA
2029	Europe (combined) UET to confirm	Europe (combined) UET to confirm
2031		USA
2032	USA	
2033		Australia or New Zealand
2035	Europe (combined) UET to confirm	Europe (combined) UET to confirm
2037		Europe UET to confirm

The Racing and Wagering Committee will also recommend that the fee currently allocated towards driver's prize money, that is paid by each region, will be increased to include a portion of driver expenses to also be paid to the host country. These funds will be used to offset some of the costs associated with hosting the World Driving Championship



# PROPOSALS FROM THE MARKETING & BUSINESS COMITTEE












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# 1. MAKING LISTS OF THE TOP HORSES

- Inspiration from the FIFA world ranking
- We suggest we do these first regionally and discuss after the lists are made about whether it is possible to make one international list. Two separate lists needed: one for pacers and for trotters.
- Regional lists will be made by the end of the year and should be updated monthly.
- Please note that this is a pure marketing / PR task to promote the sport, no an aim to create a universal standard of the “best horse”.

Below are FC 24's Top 100 Players.

#	Player	OVA	POT	ATT	SKI	MOV	POW	MEN	DEF	GK	STATS
1.	 <b>Kylian Mbappé</b> ST   Paris Saint-Germain	91	95	82	81	92	82	74	31	8	2,181
2.	 <b>Kevin De Bruyne</b> CM   Manchester City	91	91	82	89	79	82	83	62	11	2,299
3.	 <b>R. Lewandowski</b> ST   FC Barcelona	91	91	86	82	81	85	81	32	10	2,205
4.	 <b>Karim Benzema</b> CF   Real Madrid CF	91	91	87	82	80	82	76	28	8	2,143
5.	 <b>Lionel Messi</b> CAM   Inter Miami CF	91	91	85	93	88	77	74	26	11	2,190
6.	 <b>Erling Haaland</b> ST   Manchester City	90	94	76	70	82	86	75	42	10	2,144
7.	 <b>T. Courtois</b> GK   Real Madrid CF	90	90	17	22	57	50	31	18	85	1,336
8.	 <b>Alisson</b> GK   Liverpool	89	90	28	32	54	48	35	17	87	1,437
9.	 <b>Joshua Kimmich</b> CDM   FC Bayern München	89	90	77	82	79	80	78	83	12	2,292

*Example from FIFA's world ranking*

## 2. HAVING ANNUAL ONLINE MEETINGS IN BETWEEN CONFERENCES

- The committee suggest we find a more dynamic way to share good ideas and experiences as for example the world of marketing changes so rapidly.
- The committee suggests that we would have annual meetings of the delegates, and also a bigger meeting where also other personnel, for example the marketing managers can participate and share their ideas and best practises.



### 3. GAMIFICATION AS A MARKETING TOOL

- The committee suggests that we join forces on finding out how can gamification be in use to our sport.
- This discussion should start by having an online meeting where we could put up all the projects the different countries have and have case examples presented.



## 4. USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BETTER

- The committee suggests that we also learn from other how AI and data can be used as a tool to do marketing in identify target groups better. AI could also help in the challenge to get more horse owners.
- This discussion should start also by having an online meeting to focus on learning form each other.





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# 2023 WORLD DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

## SCORE AFTER #3 – MONS – BELGIUM – AUGUST 16

Drivers	Country	TOT DAY 3	RANK
Rick EBBINGE	NETHERLANDS	139	1
Peter McMULLEN	AUSTRALIA	106	2
Hanna HUYGENS	BELGIUM	105	3
Santtu RAITALA	FINLAND	103	4
Michael Nimczyk	GERMANY	97	5
Doug McNAIR	CANADA	93	6
Jordan ROSS	USA	93	7
Blair ORANGE	NEW-ZEALAND	89	8
Miodrag PANTIĆ	SERBIA	68	9
Rodney GATT	MALTA	59	10