

KNHS (Royal Dutch Equestrian Federation) pleads again for independent FEI Endurance committee of inquiry.

The KNHS strongly advises again to the FEI that the endurance expert committee, set up by the FEI itself, should strictly exist of independent members. This committee is set up to investigate the welfare- and the doping problems in the endurance sport.

As consequence this committee will have to come with actual improvement proposals and solutions. With this the KNHS completely supports the letter of the Swiss Equestrian Federation, which was recently sent to the FEI.

According to the Swiss NF and also the KNHS the composition of the committee, suggested by the FEI, does not fulfill the requirements of full independency. Therefore the KNHS pleads, for the second time and with the Swiss Federation, for a neutral committee led by a chair, preferable from outside the Equestrian World, but with affinity for Equestrian Sports. According to the KNHS, a first requirement of this chair should be experience in the leading of similar researches.

The remaining members of the committee should be recruited, on base of independency, from judges, veterinarians, trainers, riders and other equestrian experts. In the opinion of the KNHS the FEI should emphasize the selection finding members with experience in other equestrian disciplines.

With this position the KNHS and the Swiss Equestrian Federation share their opinions. Some quotes from the letter of the KNHS to the FEI in June this year, in which was announced following:.

“With this letter, the Royal Dutch Equestrian Federation is sharing the concerns that were expressed by the Federation of Switzerland and the European Equestrian Federation.

We support the proposal of the European Equestrian Federation, but we would like to strongly advise for independent investigation (also concerning the persons who will join this investigating commission).

The FEI needs to realize that welfare- and image troubles in one of the equestrian disciplines can have very negative consequences for the Equestrian sport in total”

The press release of the Swiss Equestrian Federation can be found in the following link http://www.fnch.ch/images/stories/verbandsnews/mm_SVPS_130827_Expertenkommission_FEI_d.pdf