



Dear President,

Competitions in May 2021

The FIE Executive Committee has decided not to hold World Cup or Grand Prix competitions in May 2021, due to the global Covid-19 situation.

Indeed, several organizers have already cancelled their competitions scheduled for May, some countries still have closed borders or entry or exit restrictions, or mandatory quarantines. In addition, the travel conditions (flights and formalities) are uncertain and complex. The situation changes quite unpredictably and suddenly, and some federations might find themselves unable to participate in events, which would create inequalities.

Finally, the global Covid-19 cases are unstable, they vary from one continent and from one country to another, and this makes it difficult for the moment to consider a less strict and less restrictive health protocol.

We still have to finalize all the zonal qualifying events. I therefore urge the federations to help us enforce the health rules that will be put in place, in order to protect all participants.

The Executive Committee also debated the situation of the senior rankings. In line with what was decided for the past year, and in order not to unbalance and deconstruct the rankings, it was decided not to remove the points from the April and May 2019 competitions, and to keep the senior rankings in the current state.

A consultation with the Confederations is underway concerning the holding of the Senior Zonal Championships.

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President**