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Open Letter - Olympic Games and World Equestrian Games new formats

Dear Ingmar,

Following our letter dated November 15th, 2016 where we voiced the Jumping Owners Club's support to the new Olympic Games format proposal put forward by the International Jumping Riders Club, we were surprised and disappointed to see that neither the riders nor the owners could be heard.

We expressed on various occasions, and notably during your presentation at the Jumping Owners Club General Assembly in Barcelona, that the new Olympic Games format proposed by the FEI, now approved by the National Federations, was not satisfactorily taking into consideration the welfare of our horses.

Regarding the new World Equestrian Games format, the Jumping Owners Club approves the cancellation of the final class with a rotation of horses. Besides, we do not trust the cancellation of the initial Speed Class to be a bad decision either, as long as all Championships have similar formats in order to be more understandable for the general public.

However, the fact that the decision about the new WEG format was made without prior consultation with the riders or the owners reinforces our concerns and tends to reflect a lack of consideration for the primary partakers of equestrian sports.

We hope that in the future, all stakeholders of our noble sports can be heard, and that every decision will be made keeping in mind the Welfare of the Horse.

Best regards,

Christian BAILLET
President