



# NAMIBIA ENDURANCE RIDE ASSOCIATION

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Date: 02/12/2019

To: THE PRESIDENT OF NAMEF

RE: Namibia Endurance Ride Association (NERA) disaffiliation from FEI and NAMEF in 2020:

President,

The Namibian Endurance Ride Association (NERA) Council wants to inform you that:

**Our members voted overwhelmingly on the 2019 AGM held in Windhoek on 30/11/2019 in favour for NERA to dis-affiliate from FEI completely with immediate effect and that NERA will not pay the 2020 FEI registration fee through NAMEF. NERA will also not host the 2020 Walvisbay ride as an FEI event. NERA will pay the FEI cancelation/calendar fee for this ride.**

Please note that NERA has informed the FEI of its decision. We will in due course inform all relevant competition partners such as ERASA and The Horse Society of Botswana. NERA is in the process of exploring new endurance avenues with non-FEI registered partners in order to create an environment where the all NERA members have equal opportunities and for NERA to create an environment and culture of family participation among all age and weight groups.

NERA managed for many years to facilitate the process successfully to incorporate both the needs of the FEI rider and the NERA rider. NERA council has always created a platform for symbiosis between FEI and NERA members, but since 2018 when NAMEF came onto the scene, various operational governance issues of the endurance sport in Namibia has become the "thorn in the relationship" between the 2 parties.

At the 2019 NERA AGM the members exercised their right to vote for NERA to explore new avenues of participation in future.

**Thus in terms of governance of the endurance sport in Namibia:**

- The NERA council, as currently will remain the governing authority of its members and endurance riding in Namibia.
- NERA will remain an association registered under the Namibian Sports Council and will exercise its rights and privileges within the boundaries of such registration.

**Duneside club and Duneside members:**

- Duneside club will not have any representation on the NERA council. They can fulfil their wish expressed to affiliate directly to NAMEF in 2020 and with the help of NAMEF further the careers of the FEI athlete and horse.
- Any Duneside member who wishes to join NERA at the beginning of 2020 will be accepted by NERA only on condition that such member is willing to comply in full with the NERA membership's rules and regulations. No automatic acceptance of any Duneside member back into our structures will be allowed.
- Duneside club will have to organise and host all FEI endurance events as from 2020 onwards without assistance and participation of NERA and or its members.
- Duneside club will not have access to any NERA rider data and performance and timekeeping systems. They are welcome to develop their own systems in due course.
- NERA will not pay any FEI fees costs for any FEI event organised by Duneside club as from 2020.
- Walvisbay international ride will in future be hosted by NERA as a non-FEI event.
- NERA is in the formal process to amend its constitution to suit the new avenues of participation as a non-FEI member.
- NERA will actively work towards finding new non-FEI competition partners. Competition arrangements with such partners will be worked out in the near future.

**In term of working relationship with NAMEF:**

- Since NERA has completely dis-affiliated from FEI there is no need for any further discussion of a working relationship in future.
- No need for an Ad Hoc committee to discuss any issues with regards to endurance.
- NERA has no further need for representation on the NAMEF Council.
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Thank You



**Jan Meeser  
PRESIDENT  
NERA**