



*Chester Weber: "With the announcement that the FEI World Driving Championships Four-in-Hand scheduled to take place in the Netherlands from October 7 to 11 have been cancelled, I wish to extend my empathy to the organizing committee and all of the competitors and officials. It is never an easy decision to cancel, especially this close to the event but I respect the decision of the FEI and the Organizing Committee to prioritize health and safety.*

*Unfortunately, due to the travel restrictions surrounding the current coronavirus pandemic, I had already begrudgingly withdrawn my entry for this year's World Championships. Traveling overseas from the USA to Europe with the necessary horses, equipment, and personnel was impossible, and I would never expose my team and family to those risks.*

*We will all look forward to the staging of the FEI World Driving Championships Four-in-Hand once the health and safe travel of all participants can be assured. I will welcome the opportunity when that happens to defend my individual silver medal and especially for the U.S. to defend its team gold medal from the FEI World Equestrian Games Tryon 2018.*

*These are extremely difficult times for everyone, and I have no doubt that our driving community will emerge stronger and more united as a result."*