



# ENDURANCE

## **ENDURANCE RULES**

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## **PREAMBLE**

These Endurance Rules (including the Annexes, which form an integral part of these Endurance Rules) come into effect on 1 January 2020. They supersede all prior Endurance Rules issued by the FEI and apply to all international-level Endurance Events that take place on or after 1 January 2020.

Horsemanship and Horse welfare are the core of endurance riding. Endurance is a test of the Athlete's ability to manage the Horse safely over an Endurance course. It is designed to test the stamina and fitness of the Athlete and Horse against the track, distance, terrain, and clock, without compromising the welfare of the Horse.

A key tenet of the sport is successful completion of an Endurance course, including all of the Phases of the course and all of the mandatory veterinary inspections. The Completion Rate of each Athlete and Horse will determine the maximum speed (speed cap) at which the Athlete/Horse may travel on Endurance courses for qualification up through the various levels of FEI Events, i.e. from CEI 1\* to Championship level. The qualification system is therefore designed to promote horsemanship at all levels of the sport.

Defined terms used in these Endurance Rules (denoted by initial capital letters) have the meaning given to them in Annex 1, or (if not listed in Annex 1) have the meaning given to them in the FEI Statutes, FEI General Regulations, FEI Veterinary Regulations, or other applicable FEI Rules and Regulations. In addition, Annex 1 includes certain rules to be used in interpreting and applying these Endurance Rules. However, the most important rule is that these Endurance Rules are to be interpreted and applied in a manner that gives effect to the values and objectives set out in this Preamble and in accordance with the FEI General Regulations (i.e. not by reference to national or local laws, but rather as an independent and autonomous text).

## FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The FEI requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount. The welfare of the Horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial or other interests. The following points must be particularly adhered to:

### 1. **General Welfare:**

#### a) Good Horse management

Stabling and feeding must be compatible with the best Horse management practices. Clean and good quality hay, feed and water must always be available.

#### b) Training methods

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to methods that are abusive or cause fear.

#### c) Farriery and tack

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

#### d) Transport

During transportation, Horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly, and driven by competent personnel. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the Horses.

#### e) Transit

All journeys must be planned carefully, and Horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

### 2. **Fitness to compete:**

#### a) Fitness and competence

Participation in Competition must be restricted to fit Horses and Athletes of proven competence. Horses must be allowed suitable rest periods between training and Competitions; additional rest periods should be allowed following travelling.

#### b) Health status

No Horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete, Veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

## c) Doping and medication

Any doping or illicit use of medication constitutes a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any Veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before Competition.

## d) Surgical procedures

Any surgical procedures that threaten a Horse's welfare or the safety of other Horses and/or Athletes must not be allowed.

## e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares

Mares may not compete when more than four months pregnant or with foal at foot.

## f) Misuse of aids

Abuse of a Horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

**3. Events must not prejudice Horse welfare:**

## a) Competition areas

Horses must be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles and Competition conditions must be designed with the safety of the Horse in mind.

## b) Ground surfaces

All ground surfaces on which Horses walk, train and/or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injury.

## c) Extreme weather

Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions that may compromise Horse welfare or safety. Provision must be made for cooling conditions and cooling equipment for Horses after competing.

## d) Stabling at Events

Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the Horse. Washing-down areas and water must always be available.

**4. Humane treatment of Horses:**

## a) Veterinary treatment

Veterinary expertise must always be available at an Event. If a Horse is injured or exhausted during a Competition, the Athlete must stop competing and a Veterinary evaluation must be performed.

b) Referral centres

Wherever necessary, Horses should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured Horses must be given full supportive treatment before being transported.

c) Competition injuries

The incidence of injuries sustained in Competition must be monitored in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Discipline. Ground surface conditions, frequency of Competitions, and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimise injuries.

d) Euthanasia

If injuries are sufficiently severe a Horse may need to be euthanized on humane grounds by a Veterinarian as soon as possible, with the sole aim of minimising suffering.

e) Retirement

Horses must be treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from Competition.

5. **Education:**

The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the Competition Horse.

This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings. The FEI encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.

**CHAPTER I: GENERAL****800. RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO INTERNATIONAL-LEVEL ENDURANCE EVENTS**

- 800.1 All international-level Endurance events, including CEIs, CEIOs, and Championships (**Events**), are governed by and must be organised in accordance with the following rules (each as amended from time to time): these Endurance Rules, the FEI Statutes, FEI General Regulations, FEI Veterinary Regulations, FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse, FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations, FEI Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes, and any other rules, policies or documents issued by the FEI from time to time that apply according to their terms to international-level Endurance Events (collectively, the **FEI Rules and Regulations**).
- 800.2 By registering with the FEI, submitting an entry for an Event, and/or participating in any capacity in an Event, Athletes, Trainers, Owners, Crew Members, Support Personnel, teams, Chefs d'Equipe, National Federations, and other persons participating in the Event are deemed to have undertaken to comply with the FEI Rules and Regulations, not only during the Event itself but also in the course of preparing for the Event, and will be liable for the consequences set out in those FEI Rules and Regulations in the event of any breach.
- 800.3 In addition to complying with the FEI Rules and Regulations, Endurance Events held as part of Regional Games (and participants taking part in those Events) must comply with the requirements laid down by the relevant IOC-affiliated Regional Games Association.
- 800.4 Without prejudice to the generality of Article 800.2, these Endurance Rules recognise in particular two distinct roles associated with the preparation and participation of Horses in Events:
- 800.4.1 The **Trainer** is the person who is responsible for preparing the Horse both physically and mentally for competition (which includes determining the appropriate exercise programme, nutrition, and veterinary care for the Horse).
- 800.4.2 The **Athlete** (who may also be the Trainer) is the person who rides the Horse in a Competition.
- 800.5 It is the personal and non-delegable responsibility of each person participating in any capacity in an Event, including each Athlete and each Trainer, to familiarise himself with all of the requirements of the FEI Rules and Regulations, including any amendments that may be made from time to time. Each Athlete and each Trainer must also ensure that each of his Support Personnel (including Crew Members) and any other person from whom he obtains advice or support familiarises himself with such requirements. Ignorance of those requirements will not be a defence in the event of any breach.

**801. HORSE WELFARE**

- 801.1 Horse welfare is the first priority in Endurance: everything possible must be done to protect Horse health, safety and welfare at all times. This guiding

principle is the most important responsibility of all persons participating in Events, including Athletes, Trainers, Owners, Crew Members, Support Personnel, teams, Chefs d'Equipe, and Officials. Anyone participating in any capacity in any Event is required to comply strictly with both the letter and spirit of Article 801 and the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse.

801.2 In addition to Article 801.1:

801.2.1 The Athlete and the Trainer must have knowledge of the efficient and safe use of the Horse, and must take care at all times of both human and equine safety.

801.2.2 The Athlete is responsible for safely managing the condition of his Horse over the course, taking account of the climate and other conditions, without compromising the welfare of his Horse.

801.2.3 The Athlete and Trainer may not enter or keep a Horse in a Competition if the Horse is suffering from an illness or injury or is receiving medication that would adversely affect or enhance its ability to compete.

801.3 The FEI has zero tolerance for any cruelty towards or Abuse of a Horse:

801.3.1 Failure to comply with Article 801 and/or the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be considered Horse Abuse.

801.3.2 Any act or omission at an Event that amounts, in the opinion of the Ground Jury, to cruelty towards or Abuse of a Horse shall result in an Endurance Yellow Warning Card and Disqualification and may also be subject to the additional sanctions set out in the FEI General Regulations.

801.3.3 Any cruelty towards or Abuse of a Horse that takes place away from an Event will be subject to the sanctions set out in the FEI General Regulations.

801.4 Reporting requirements:

801.4.1 Any person who witnesses Horse Abuse must report it to the FEI in accordance with the FEI General Regulations. Such reports must whenever possible include the signatures and addresses of the persons who witnessed the abuse.

801.4.2 Any Horse Abuse must be reported without delay, but there is no time limit for reporting any such abuse. If the abuse occurs during an Event, the report must be made without delay to (i) the Ground Jury and/or the Secretary of the OC, and (ii) FEI Headquarters.

801.4.3 Any cruelty towards or Abuse of a Horse that takes place away from an Event must be reported to the FEI Headquarters.

801.4.4 A failure to report cruelty towards or Abuse of a Horse is itself subject to sanction as a breach of the FEI Rules and Regulations.

**CHAPTER II: THE COMPETITION****802. CATEGORIES OF FEI ENDURANCE EVENTS**

802.1 International-level Endurance Events are set in the FEI Calendar and are divided into:

802.1.1 Concours de Raid d'Endurance International (**CEI**);

802.1.2 Concours de Raid d'Endurance International Officiel (**CEIO**);

802.1.3 Championships (and test events for those Championships); and

802.1.4 Combined National/FEI events (**CEN/CEI**).

**802.2 CEIs:**

802.2.1 CEI Events have only an official individual classification. Unlike CEIO Events, they do not have an official team classification. An OC may at its discretion permit Athletes to compete at a CEI Event in a team of three to five Athletes, not necessarily of the same nationality (details to be indicated in the approved Competition Schedule), but it will not be considered an Official Team Competition. Each member of the team will be considered an individual Athlete for official classification purposes. The number of teams that may be accepted is at the discretion of the OC.

802.2.2 CEI Events may be held in conjunction with wider national or FEI-approved series or programmes, subject to the approval of the FEI, in consultation with the FEI Endurance Technical Committee.

**802.3 CEIOs:**

802.3.1 CEIO Events have an official individual classification and an official team classification.

802.3.2 Each nation may enter only one team in the team Competition. A minimum of three teams is necessary for the team Competition to be considered an Official Team Competition. Each team must have a minimum of three Combinations and a maximum of five Combinations with two reserve Horses.

**802.4 Championships:**

802.4.1 Championships have an official individual classification and an official team classification (except for Young Horse Championships, where there is only an official individual classification). Article 802.3.2 also applies to Official Team Competitions at Championships.

802.4.2 Championships include:

- (a) Senior Championships of a minimum of 120 km and maximum of 160 km in one day;

- (b) Young Horse Championships with a minimum of 120 km and a maximum of 130 km in one day;
- (c) Junior and Young Rider Championships of a minimum of 120 km and maximum of 130 km in one day; and
- (d) Regional Games and Regional Championships of a minimum of 100 km or more in one day.

802.4.3 Championships (at the Senior or Junior/Young Rider level) may be organised on a regional, continental or world level. Further details are set out in the FEI General Regulations.

#### 802.5 **Test event for Championships:**

802.5.1 To ensure the smooth running of a Championship, the FEI Endurance Technical Committee will require (for 3\* Championships) and may require (for all other Championships) the organiser of a Championship to host a test event at least six months prior to the Championship, which test event must have:

- (a) the same (or similar) distance, course, and panel of Officials as the Championship; and
- (b) the same provider for timing, data handling and heart rate monitoring.

802.5.2 The FEI Endurance Technical Committee will decide whether or not the test event meets the above criteria. There shall be no appeal from that decision.

802.5.3 Any changes to the arrangements for the Championship under Article 802.5.1 after the test event are subject to the approval of the FEI Endurance Technical Committee and FEI Endurance Department, and may also be subject to the approval of the FEI Headquarters.

802.5.4 If the OC does not organise a test event, or organises a test event that does not comply with the requirements of this Article 802.5 or the requirements set out in the applicable host agreement, the FEI may withdraw the allocation of the Championships from the OC.

#### 802.6 **Combined FEI and National Events:**

802.6.1 If 20 or fewer Combinations are entered in an FEI Event (other than a CEIO or Championship), at the request of the National Federation concerned the FEI may approve the FEI Event being combined with a National Event. CEI Combinations must be given entry priority over national-level Combinations for such combined events.

802.6.2 The national and FEI Competitions may start at the same time where so requested by the OC, subject to the approval of the Technical Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury, subject to the maximum number of starters permitted under Article 848,

and provided that the welfare of the Horses and the safety of the Athletes will not be compromised.

- 802.6.3 At any combined National and FEI event, national-level Combinations may not provide any form of assistance (in terms of pacing or otherwise) to FEI-level Combinations that could be considered to provide the FEI-level Combination with any unfair advantage. Breach of this Article will result in Disqualification of both Combinations.

### **803. STAR LEVEL OF EVENTS**

- 803.1 CEIs, CEIOs and Championships are divided into three star levels (3\* being the highest level):
- 803.1.1 **1\***: Competitions between 80-119 km in one day.
- 803.1.2 **2\***: Competitions between 120-139 km in one day, or between 70-89 km per day over two days.
- 803.1.3 **3\***: Competitions between 140-160 km in one day, or 90-100 km per day over two days, or 70-80 km per day over three days or more.
- 803.2 Unless specified otherwise, the requirements that apply to CEI star levels apply to CEIOs of the same star level.
- 803.3 The FEI will determine, in consultation with the FEI Endurance Technical Committee, the OC and relevant National Federations, what star system requirements apply to any Event not covered under Article 803.1.
- 803.4 The FEI may create special categories of events and apply specific star level requirements for Officials and eligibility to participate, regardless of distance, for emerging programmes in developing nations or regions or for purposes of research into potential changes to these Endurance Rules, including alteration of weight divisions or special categories or divisions within Events. In such cases, the FEI will request ongoing input from National Federations and Technical Committees.

### **804. COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

- 804.1 Competition Schedules must be approved by the FEI in accordance with the FEI General Regulations. The FEI will publish the Competition Schedule once approved.
- 804.2 The Competition Schedule must include (at a minimum): (i) the category of the Event, (ii) closing date for entries, (iii) entry fees, (iv) minimum weight requirements (if applicable), (v) the total length of the course, and the length and number of Loops on the course, (vi) outline of the course (including any changes in altitude), (vii) number and location of crewing points, (viii) speed caps, (ix) time limits (in total and for each Phase, as applicable), (x) place and time of the start, (xi) rules for starting, (xii) method used to mark the course, (xiii) procedures at Vet Gates, (xiv) Hold Times, (xv) method of classification, and (xvi) prizes.

804.3 The Competition Schedule should also set out administrative information relevant to participants (e.g. transport facilities, accommodation for Athletes and Crew Members, stabling, forage, etc).

### 805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS

805.1 Athletes must comply with the following minimum weight requirements:

Event	Minimum weight
<b>Young Rider/Junior</b>	
Young Rider/Junior Competitions and Championships	No minimum weight
<b>Senior</b>	
CEI 1*	No minimum weight
CEI 2* and 3* (regardless of the Athlete's age)	70 kg (including all riding equipment, except for the bridle)
CEIOs and Championships (irrespective of star level/distance, and regardless of the Athlete's age)	70 kg (including all riding equipment, except for the bridle)

805.2 Where minimum weight requirements apply:

805.2.1 OCs must provide a reliable weighing machine with recalibration capability at the Event.

805.2.2 The Athlete must maintain the minimum riding weight at all times during the riding phases of the Competition.

805.2.3 Weight control must be carried out before the start of the Competition and (if so requested by an FEI Official) after the finish. Weight control inspections may also take place at random at any time during the Competition on request by an FEI Official.

805.2.4 If an Athlete fails to comply with the minimum weight requirements or to submit to a weight control, he will be Disqualified.

### 806. ONE HORSE PER ATHLETE IN COMPETITION

No Athlete may compete with more than one Horse in any Competition.

### 807. METHOD OF STARTING

807.1 Subject to Article 807.2, the first day of a Competition (for multi-day Competitions), or the day of a Competition (for single-day Competitions), must

have a mass start. Horses may not cross the starting line before the signal is given.

- 807.2 Staggered starts may be used for single day CEI 1\* Events, if there are at least 50 starting Combinations, provided that the interval between the first and last Combination to start may not exceed one hour.
- 807.3 In multi-day Competitions, a mass start or staggered start may be used on any day(s) subsequent to the first day. When the staggered start is used, Combinations must start the following day with the same time interval difference as was recorded at the finish of the day before. This will continue for a period of time (e.g. one hour) to be set at the discretion of the President of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate in consultation with the OC. Those remaining after that period will start together.
- 807.4 If a Combination makes a false start, the Combination must return and re-cross the start line. Failure to do so will result in Disqualification. The Combination's start time will continue to run from when the original start signal was given.
- 807.5 The start time of any Combination that does not present itself on time for the start is recorded as if it had started on time. No Combination may start later than 15 minutes after the official start time. Failure to comply with this provision will result in Disqualification.

## **808. TIME-KEEPING AND RECORD-KEEPING**

- 808.1 Time is counted from the start signal until the Combination crosses the finish line. The OC must ensure that properly qualified persons (using synchronised time-keeping methods) accurately calculate and record the start and finish times and the speeds of each Combination for each Loop and Phase.
- 808.2 Each Combination will be issued a time card or acceptable and reliable alternative after each Phase.
- 808.3 Where Stewards and/or timekeepers are responsible for time-keeping, they must record the times of each Combination at the start and finish of each timed Loop and Phase.
- 808.4 When the primary time-keeping systems used are electronic (which is recommended for CEI 3\* Events, CEIOs and Championships), OCs must arrange for alternative power sources and a back-up system for time-keeping and record-keeping to be used if all power sources fail.

## **809. CLASSIFICATION**

- 809.1 The Competition Schedule must clearly define the method of classification.
- 809.2 **Horse Inspections:** Only Combinations in which the Horse has passed all the Horse Inspections and Veterinary Examinations are entitled to be included in the final classification.
- 809.3 **Individuals:** In an individual Competition, regardless of the order and rules for starting, each Athlete must carry out the entire Competition as if competing alone against the clock, taking account of the track, distance, and terrain, and without compromising the welfare of the Horse. The Combination that finishes

the course in the shortest time, while respecting any applicable speed caps and minimum weight requirements, and successfully completing all Horse Inspections, Veterinary Examinations, medication controls, and any other protocols in place for the safety of the Horse and Athlete under the FEI Rules and Regulations, will be classified as the winner of the Competition.

809.4 **Teams:** In team competitions:

809.4.1 If a National Federation starts three or more Combinations, the Combinations will be eligible for team and individual classification and placing/awards. The winner of the team competition is the team with the best time after adding the final classification of the three highest placed Combinations in the team. If there is a tie for best time, the winner will be the team whose third Combination has the best time. All Athletes participating in a team that is classified for medals will receive a team medal.

809.4.2 If a National Federation starts fewer than three Combinations, or fewer than three Combinations in a team are classified, that team may not be placed as a classified team, even if that leaves medal or award places vacant. The classified Combinations will be eligible only for individual classification and placing/awards.

809.4.3 In the World Equestrian Games, the teams in the Endurance Event will be classified as set out in this Article 809.4.

809.4.4 If any Combination whose result counted towards team classification is subsequently Disqualified, the classification of that entire team will become null and void. Such loss of team classification will not affect the individual classification (or Completion Rates) of the other Combinations in that team.

809.5 **Dead heat:** When two or more Combinations start the Competition at the same time and finish with the same total elapsed riding time, the Ground Jury (assisted by the Stewards) must determine which Combination crossed the finish line first (whether based on plain sight or photo/video evidence) and that Combination will be classified ahead of the other Combination. There may not be any ties.

809.6 **Disqualification, withdrawal, retirement, or Failure to Qualify:**

809.6.1 **Disqualification** occurs when an Athlete is penalised by the Ground Jury and removed from a Competition and/or Event for a violation of these Endurance Rules or other FEI Rules and Regulations, or the Competition Schedule.

809.6.2 **Failure to Qualify** for the next Phase or for final classification occurs when a Combination is removed from the Competition (see Annex 3 for elimination codes), such as for failure to (i) pass a Horse Inspection, (ii) complete the full course as required, (iii) comply with the applicable speed cap, and/or (iv) meet all time requirements for completion.

809.6.3 **Withdrawal** occurs when an Athlete withdraws from the Competition (without otherwise being removed from the Competition) at or prior to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection.

809.6.4 **Retirement** occurs when an Athlete decides (without otherwise being removed from the Competition) not to continue in the Competition after his Horse successfully passes the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, provided that the retirement must occur (i) before the Combination crosses the start line, or (ii) after the Combination successfully completes one or more Phases up to the point of retirement, and passes all Horse Inspections after each of those Phases (including any compulsory re-inspection or vet-requested re-inspection).

## **810. REMOVAL FROM COMPETITION**

810.1 All Horses removed (voluntarily or otherwise) from Competition must be presented for Horse Inspection either to the FEI Veterinary Commission or the FEI Treatment Veterinary Panel within 20 minutes of removal, unless (and only if) the President of the Veterinary Commission, Permitted Treating Veterinarian, and Foreign Veterinary Delegate permit the Horse's immediate transfer from the Field of Play to a pre-authorized treatment facility and the Horse's veterinary records are updated accordingly. Failure to comply with this Article will result in the issue of an Endurance Yellow Warning Card to the Athlete and Trainer, Disqualification of the Combination, the imposition of a 60-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period for the Horse, and the penalty points set out in Article 865.

810.2 A Combination that Fails to Qualify for the next Phase of the Competition or is Disqualified for any reason must leave the course immediately and may not continue along the course unless there is no viable alternative (which must be agreed by a member of the Ground Jury or, if not available, a Steward).

## **811. PRE-RIDE BRIEFING**

811.1 For all CEI Events, a pre-ride briefing must be conducted. Attendance is mandatory for all Athletes, Trainers, Chefs d'Equipe (if applicable), Officials, and Veterinarians. Attendance is recommended but not required for Crew Members.

811.2 For Championships, the pre-ride briefing must be conducted in English. There are no mandatory language requirements for the pre-ride briefing at other CEI Events.

## **812. VETERINARY CONTROL AND TREATMENT**

Provisions on veterinary control and veterinary treatment during Competition are set out at Annex 5.

**CHAPTER III: THE COURSE/FIELD OF PLAY****813. FIELD OF PLAY**

The **Field of Play** includes the defined course (Loops and Phases), the defined crewing points on the course, the recovery area before the Vet Gate, the Vet Gate, and the hold area after the Vet Gate. Certain restrictions apply to the Field of Play as set out in these Endurance Rules, the FEI Veterinary Regulations, other applicable FEI Rules and Regulations, and the Competition Schedule. If a Horse is removed from the Field of Play without following the proper procedures, the penalties in Article 865 will apply.

**814. LOOPS**

814.1 The total length of the course must be divided into a number of sections (called **Loops**).

814.2 Loop time is calculated from the time the Combination crosses the start line of a Loop until it reaches the end line of that Loop. Loop time does not include any recovery time or time spent in the Vet Gate.

814.3 Loop speed is the average speed of the Combination over a Loop, calculated by dividing the length of the Loop by the time taken by the Combination to complete the Loop.

**814.4 Requirements for Loops:**

814.4.1 Subject to this Article 814.4 and Article 822.3, the OC will determine the length of each Loop of the Competition, and must advise the President of the Ground Jury, President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate of the number and the length of each Loop.

814.4.2 Each Loop must be a minimum of 20 km and a maximum of 40 km in length.

814.4.3 The length of each Loop may vary (i.e. Loops do not have to be of an equal length).

814.4.4 A Competition may be spread over one or more days, but each day of a Competition must be divided into at least three Loops.

814.4.5 Subject to Article 814.4.4, each Competition must have the following minimum number of Loops, depending on the total length of the course for that Competition:

<b>Length of course</b>	<b>Minimum number of Loops</b>
80-119 km	Three
120-139 km	Four
140-160 km	Six

- 814.4.6 Loops must not be specially designed or constructed for speeds that increase the risk of injury for the Horses. The Course Designer or Technical Delegate will make the final decision on this issue.
- 814.4.7 The more demanding part(s) of the course should be earlier in the ride.
- 814.4.8 The OC must ensure that there is access to water for the Horses on the course at least every 10 km.

## **815. RECOVERY AREA**

- 815.1 Following each Loop, there must be a safe area where the Horses can recover (including reducing their heart rate to the necessary parameters) before entering the Vet Gate for Horse Inspection. The time the Horse spends in this area after finishing a Loop and before successfully meeting the necessary heart rate parameters is referred to as its 'recovery time'.
- 815.2 The recovery time stops only once the Horse enters the Vet Gate with a heart rate within the maximum heart rate parameters (see Article 817.4.1). If the Horse's heart rate is outside the maximum heart rate parameters, the initial time recorded on entering the Vet Gate is discarded. When the Horse is presented a second time at that Vet Gate, the time is stopped again. If the Horse successfully meets the maximum heart rate parameters on the second presentation, it is the second time that it entered that Vet Gate that is recorded as the recovery time.

## **816. PHASES**

A **Phase** (or Phase time) includes the Combination's Loop time plus the Horse's recovery time after that Loop, except that the final Phase does not include any recovery time after the final Loop.

## **817. VET GATES**

- 817.1 At the end of each Loop Horses must undergo Horse Inspections and any other required Veterinary Examinations. There must be a safe and restricted access area for this purpose (the **Vet Gate**), which must be separate from the recovery area (where the Horse recovers after a Loop before entering the Vet Gate) and the hold area (where the Horse rests following the Horse Inspection before starting the next Loop).
- 817.2 **Access to Vet Gates:** Subject to any further restrictions set out in the Competition Schedule or specified by the Ground Jury, no more than two people may accompany a Horse in the Vet Gate. In addition, at Championships and CEIOs, the Team Veterinarian and Chefs d'Equipe may access the Vet Gate during the Competition provided that they report their presence to the President of the Ground Jury. Any persons entering the Vet Gate must be properly identified in accordance with Article 819.2.
- 817.3 **Horse Inspections:** Following any recovery time in the recovery area, the Athlete/Crew Members (subject to Article 817.2) must enter the Vet Gate with the Horse for the Horse Inspection. The Horse Inspection will include an assessment of the Horse's fitness to continue in the Competition based on its heart rate recovery, metabolic status, gait and general condition. These

assessments of a Horse must be performed by the same Veterinarian. The Horse may be inspected more than once if the Veterinary Commission or Ground Jury so decides. The inspection decorum (see paragraph 10 of Annex 5) must be respected at all times.

- 817.4 **Heart rate assessment:** When the Horse enters the Vet Gate, it must first be presented for a heart rate assessment:
- 817.4.1 For all Events (regardless of star level), Horses must be presented at the Vet Gate with a heart rate of no more than:
- (a) 64 beats per minute (bpm) within 15 minutes of crossing the end line of each Loop (except the final Loop); and
  - (b) 64 bpm within 20 minutes of crossing the finish line of the final Loop.
- 817.4.2 Subject to Articles 817.4.3 and 817.4.4, if the Horse's heart rate is higher than the parameters set out in Article 817.4.1, the Horse may be presented a second time provided that it is still within the time specified in Article 817.4.1. If a Horse does not pass the second presentation, it will be designated as Failed to Qualify. A third presentation is not permitted.
- 817.4.3 In addition to Article 817.4.1, at the first Vet Gate after the halfway point on the course or at the third Vet Gate (whichever comes first), and at each subsequent Vet Gate, Horses that present with a heart rate greater than 68 bpm at the first presentation will be designated as Failed to Qualify - metabolic (FTQ-ME), without any opportunity to present a second time.
- 817.4.4 At the Final Horse Inspection, the Horse may be presented only one time. Horses that do not meet the presentation criteria will be designated as Failed to Qualify and must still be presented to the Veterinary Commission for inspection within 20 minutes after crossing the finish line.
- 817.4.5 Failure to comply with the time limits for presentation of the Horse at the Vet Gate will result in Disqualification. The Horse must still undergo the relevant Horse Inspection, and so an additional designation for Failure to Qualify for veterinary (or other) reasons may also apply in addition to the Disqualification.
- 817.4.6 If the Veterinarians responsible for the Horse Inspection are occupied with several other Horses when a Combination presents at the Vet Gate, then the time will be stopped for that Combination while it waits for inspection.
- 817.4.7 Further details on the protocol for heart rate assessments are set out in paragraph 9.3 of Annex 5.
- 817.5 **Hold Time:** Once a Horse has successfully met the required heart rate parameters, its Hold Time (i.e. rest period) begins and continues for the stated period. Hold Times are subject to the following requirements:

- 817.5.1 There must be a rest period for the Horse (**Hold Time**) at each Vet Gate (except the final Vet Gate after the finish) of at least one minute per 1 km of the Loop just completed. (For example, following a 35 km Loop, there must be a minimum Hold Time of at least 35 minutes).
- 817.5.2 In CEI3\* Events and Championships, there must be at least one Hold Time of a minimum of 50 minutes. In all other Events, there must be at least one Hold Time of a minimum of 40 minutes.
- 817.5.3 The maximum scheduled Hold Time for a single hold in a one-day Event is 60 minutes.
- 817.5.4 Where compulsory re-inspections in a Vet Gate are required, the Hold Time must be at least 40 minutes, and Horses are required to present for such re-inspections no more than 15 minutes before the end of that Hold Time.
- 817.5.5 The President of the Ground Jury, President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate must be consulted on Hold Times.
- 817.6 **Metabolic, gait and other assessments:** During the Hold Time, all the other aspects of the Horse Inspection, including trotting the Horse in the vet lane, will be carried out. Further details concerning these assessments are set out in paragraph 9 of Annex 5.
- 817.7 **Modifications to heart rate parameters, presentation times and/or Hold Times to protect Horse/Athlete welfare:**
- 817.7.1 The Competition Schedule may set out maximum heart rates and presentation times that are lower/shorter than the stated maximums in Article 817.4.
- 817.7.2 To safeguard the welfare of the Horse and the safety of the Athlete, the President of the Ground Jury (in consultation with and based on advice from the President of the Veterinary Commission, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, Ground Jury members and the Technical Delegate) may prior to or during an Event:
- (a) reduce the maximum heart rate parameters;
  - (b) shorten the presentation times at Vet Gates; and/or
  - (c) increase the Hold Times.
- Modifications to the above parameters must be announced to all Athletes and/or Chefs d'Equipe before the start of the Loop concerned.
- 817.7.3 Throughout the Competition, the President of the Ground Jury, the Veterinary Commission, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, the Ground Jury members and the Technical Delegate must monitor the ride conditions (including any extreme weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances) and the number of Horses that

Fail to Qualify at each inspection. It is their responsibility to make changes to the inspection parameters to protect the Horses.

- 817.7.4 If parameters are reduced/shortened under this Article 817.7, then references to higher maximum parameters under these Endurance Rules will be replaced accordingly.

## **818. HOLD AREA**

There must be a safe area after the Vet Gate where Horses can rest following the Horse Inspection to complete the required Hold Time.

## **819. ACCESS TO AND IDENTIFICATION ON THE FIELD OF PLAY**

### **819.1 Access to the Field of Play:**

- 819.1.1 Access to the Field of Play may be restricted as set out in these Endurance Rules, as specified in the Competition Schedule or as announced by the Ground Jury.

- 819.1.2 Subject to Articles 817.2 (further restrictions for Vet Gates) and 819.1.1, the maximum number of Crew Members allowed on the Field of Play is three per Horse.

### **819.2 Required identification:**

- 819.2.1 At all times on the Field of Play, Athletes and Horses must be identified with the same number that is clearly visible from a distance, and the Crew Members assisting that Athlete/Horse must wear the same number as the Athlete and Horse. Any person accompanying a Horse in the Vet Gate area must wear the number that corresponds to the Athlete/Horse. Failure to comply with this provision will be considered prohibited assistance under Article 826.5.

- 819.2.2 Subject to Article 819.2.1, any person entering the Vet Gate must be clearly and officially identified by the OC (e.g. with a bib). Such person must wear the official identification at all times in the Vet Gate.

- 819.2.3 At Championships, Chefs d'Equipe and Team Veterinarians must be clearly identified by the OC (e.g. with a bib). The Chefs d'Equipe and Team Veterinarians must wear the official identification at all times on the Field of Play.

- 819.2.4 If a person fails to wear the required identification on the Field of Play in accordance with this Article 819.2, he may be removed from the Field of Play (in addition to any other applicable sanctions).

### **819.3 Classes of Combinations:**

The OC may distinguish different classes of Combinations (e.g. Combinations competing at different speed caps) on the Field of Play in a clear, visible and

consistent manner, such as by using coloured bibs, arm bands, wrist bands, ribbons or a designated series of numbers.

## **820. HORSES MUST REMAIN IN CLEAR VIEW**

At all times on the Field of Play, Horses must be capable of being clearly observed by FEI Veterinary Officials, Ground Jury and/or Stewards. No screens, equipment or barrier of any kind (including a human barrier) may be used to obscure any part of the Horse and/or prevent such observation. Failure to comply with this Article may result in Disqualification and/or an Endurance Yellow Warning Card.

## **821. PLAN OF THE COURSE**

**821.1 Completion of course design:** The course of a Competition must be officially established at least seven days before the Competition begins, and must be approved by the Technical Delegate prior to handing over to the Ground Jury.

**821.2 Plans, maps and GPS:** Once the course is finalised, and no later than the pre-ride briefing, each Athlete must be given access to:

821.2.1 a plan (or map) showing the track of the course, including the start/end of each Loop, permitted crewing and water points, Vet Gates and any known hazards (for Championships, OCs must provide copies of such plans to each Athlete); and

821.2.2 a map in a scale of at least 1:50'000 or GPS equipment.

**821.3 Course modification:** After the course has been officially established, no changes may be made without the approval of the Technical Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury.

## **822. COURSE DESIGN, TERRAIN AND SAFETY**

**822.1** The OC and the Course Designer (if appointed), in consultation with the Technical Delegate, should assist in creating a technically challenging course across country (within the limits of the terrain and weather conditions) that will test the stamina and riding skills of the Combinations, without compromising the welfare of the Horses.

**822.2** The course should include technically challenging factors relating to (without limitation) footing, terrain, altitude, and direction. To accomplish this, the course should include naturally occurring or man-made features such as tracks, ditches, steep climbs, descents, and water crossings. To the extent possible, the technical challenges must be left in their natural state, but they must be reinforced if necessary to ensure that they remain in the same state throughout the Competition.

**822.3** The terrain of the course must comply with the following restrictions:

822.3.1 The terrain on the course may be modified only where necessary for the safety of Athletes and welfare of the Horse. The course must have a minimum of 25% of unmodified terrain.

- 822.3.2 A maximum of 10% of the total course length may be made up of paved roads.
- 822.3.3 The type of terrain and altitude differentials must be clearly indicated in the Competition Schedule.
- 822.4 The finish line at the final Loop must be long and wide enough to allow several Horses to finish safely without interference from each other, and there must be sufficient run-out to allow Combinations to come to a stop safely after crossing the finish line. The finish line must be located as close as possible to the Vet Gate.
- 822.5 Competitions shall be organised to allow Athletes to compete at their own pace, subject to any applicable speed caps, and subject further to adverse conditions and trail safety:
- 822.5.1 If adverse conditions or other considerations such as extreme weather conditions arise that might compromise the ability of Combinations to complete a course safely, the President of the Ground Jury and the President of the Veterinary Commission, in consultation with the OC and the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, may require compulsory halts or establish a maximum time for a Loop/Phase and/or the closing times for one or more Vet Gates, to ensure that Combinations do not fall too far behind the other Combinations and to ensure the safety and welfare of Horses and Athletes.
- 822.5.2 In circumstances related to trail safety, depending on the given circumstances of a particular course, as well as the time of day, the OC, in consultation with the Technical Delegate, may require compulsory halts or establish sections of a course where controlled gaits of the Horse and/or maximum speeds apply (which may differ from the otherwise applicable speed caps).

### **823. MARKING THE COURSE**

- 823.1 The marking of the course must be clear and easy to see so that there is no doubt as to how to proceed on the course. The start and end of each Loop must be clearly and distinctly marked. The markings may be flags, ribbons, signs, lime, paint, etc.
- 823.2 A distance marker must be placed every 10 km.
- 823.3 Whenever a short cut is possible on the course, the OC must place a steward to ensure that the course is accurately completed and that no short cut is taken.
- 823.4 The course markings must be respected, and failure to do so may result in Disqualification.

### **824. ORDER OF THE COURSE**

- 824.1 The Combination must complete the entire course in the correct order and direction as marked on the map referred to in Article 821.2.

824.2 Any error on course must be corrected from the place where the error started, under penalty of Disqualification. If correcting a course error is not feasible and/or in the best interests of the Horse, the Ground Jury may determine an alternative that will require the Combination to complete an equivalent distance over the same type of terrain, such distance to be made up within the same Loop, so that the Combination still passes through each Vet Gate in the correct order and within the relevant time limits. In such cases, the Combination will receive a certificate of completion and be designated as Finished not Ranked. The Athlete and Horse may not be considered for the Best Condition Award, and its performance may not count for individual or team classifications.

## **825. POSTPONEMENT/CANCELLATION OF EVENTS**

825.1 An Event may be postponed and/or cancelled as set out in the FEI General Regulations. OCs are encouraged to anticipate the possible need to delay (by up to 30 hours), reschedule, and/or cancel an Event and evacuate the venue. For CEIO Events and Championships, the OC should include reference to such potential in its Competition Schedule.

825.2 A decision to postpone and/or cancel an Event must be notified to the Athletes and/or (if applicable) Chefs d'Equipe, as well as the OC, time-keeping team and all Event Officials, as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any event before the start of the Competition or (if the Competition has started) before the next Loop concerned.

## **826. ASSISTANCE ON COURSE & FAIR PLAY**

826.1 An Athlete may lead or follow his Horse on the course, but must be mounted to pass through the start line of any day and the end line of the day's final Loop. Failure to comply with this provision will result in Disqualification.

826.2 Once the Combination has started, no one other than the Athlete may lead or ride the Horse on the course. Failure to comply with this provision will result in Disqualification.

826.3 A Combination that wilfully obstructs an overtaking Combination will be Disqualified. This is not intended to prevent a contest for placing, but rather is intended to apply where the slower Combination is being lapped or passed because (for example) it is travelling at a significantly slower pace or having equipment issues.

### **826.4 Permitted assistance during an Event or on course:**

826.4.1 The Competition Schedule must detail what assistance (crewing) may be given to Combinations during an Event, and in particular where such assistance is allowed on the course and within Vet Gates.

826.4.2 There must be at least 5km between crewing points. Continuous crewing (i.e. crewing outside the designated crew points) is prohibited and will result in Disqualification. However:

- (a) It remains the responsibility of the Athlete to manage his Horse according to the climate and conditions, and if a Horse needs urgent assistance to protect its welfare, the

Athlete must stop his Horse to obtain such assistance. A failure to do so, or otherwise preventing the Horse from obtaining such assistance, may be considered as Horse Abuse. Misuse of this provision to gain an unfair advantage will result in Disqualification. A Horse that receives urgent assistance may also be designated as Fail to Qualify for veterinary (or other) reasons.

- (b) A Combination may be assisted at any time if an Athlete falls or is otherwise separated from his Horse, or if the Horse loses a shoe. The Athlete must remount and/or continue in the Loop from the point at which he dismounted, left the course or required intervention.

826.5 **Prohibited assistance:** an Athlete or Trainer who receives or provides the following assistance will receive an Endurance Yellow Warning Card, and, in the event of a breach of Articles 826.5.6 and/or 826.5.7 may also be Disqualified:

- 826.5.1 being followed, preceded or accompanied on any part of the course by any person on foot, on bicycle, or in a motorised vehicle;
- 826.5.2 being followed, preceded or accompanied by any motorised vehicle on any access track adjacent to the course;
- 826.5.3 providing or accepting any aid on any part of the course not specifically designated for such aid;
- 826.5.4 a person encouraging a Horse during the trot in the Vet Gate (except that the person trotting the Horse may use limited verbal encouragement);
- 826.5.5 cutting wire fences, or altering a part of an enclosure on or within the course so as to clear a way or cutting down trees or eliminating challenges or altering technical aspects of the course;
- 826.5.6 a person on the course (other than the Athlete) encouraging the Horse by any means whatsoever; or
- 826.5.7 accepting any intervention by a person not authorised to assist the Combination, whether solicited or not, with the object of advantaging the Athlete or his Horse.

## 827. DRESS CODE

- 827.1 Any person who mounts a Horse at an Event must wear:
- 827.1.1 protective Headgear that is securely fastened and that is of a recognised equestrian/endurance standard; and
- 827.1.2 safe riding footwear with smooth soles and heels of 12 mm or more, or alternatively caged/boxed stirrups or equestrian safety stirrups.
- 827.2 At all Events, participants (including those covered in this Article 827) must wear clean and tidy attire that is appropriate and not detrimental to the image of the discipline of Endurance. In addition:

- 827.2.1 Athletes must wear appropriate team or individual riding attire (including a shirt or polo shirt with a collar) while on the Field of Play and during the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, opening and closing ceremonies, Best Condition Award, and prize-giving ceremonies.
- 827.2.2 Team officials and Crew Members must wear appropriate team or individual team attire while on the Field of Play and during the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, opening and closing ceremonies, Best Condition Award, and prize-giving ceremonies.
- 827.2.3 FEI Officials must wear appropriate working attire (no shorts or sandals) at all times during the Event when performing their duties, including on the Field of Play. For the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, opening and closing ceremonies, Best Condition Award, and prize-giving ceremonies, FEI Officials must wear a jacket (where appropriate considering the weather) and (men only) a tie.
- 827.2.4 Shorts and sandals are not permitted during the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, opening and closing ceremonies, Best Condition Award, and prize-giving ceremonies. Shorts are not permitted within the Vet Gate area, and (for safety reasons) sandals are not permitted within the Field of Play.
- 827.3 The FEI General Regulations set out the rules in relation to permitted branding/advertising on clothing.
- 827.4 The President of the Ground Jury and/or the Chief Steward may require a person who is in breach of this Article 827 to change attire and (if he fails to do so) may require that person to leave (or be removed from) the Field of Play.

## **828. DYE, HENNA AND BARRIER CREAM**

Dye, henna and/or barrier cream may not be used on the Horse at any time on the Field of Play. Failure to comply with this provision will result in Disqualification.

## **829. TACK AND EQUIPMENT**

- 829.1 **Tack condition:** Horse tack must be in a safe condition and correctly fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury to the Horse. Officials may require any ill-fitting tack/equipment to be removed or altered. The use of any ill-fitting equipment that risks causing (or causes) pain or injury to the Horse may be considered as Horse Abuse (see also the FEI Veterinary Regulations).
- 829.2 **Permitted tack:** The FEI may issue further detailed rules regarding permitted tack. Subject to the foregoing and Article 829.1, the following tack is required or permitted (as specified below) on the Field of Play:
- 829.2.1 A correctly fitted bridle and saddle are required on the course.
- 829.2.2 Gags and 'bitless bridles' are permitted.
- 829.2.3 Martingales are permitted, provided that they do not unduly restrict the free movement of the head of the Horse.

- 829.2.4 Reins must be attached to the bit or (for bitless bridles) directly to the bridle.
- 829.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 8 cm.
- 829.2.6 Leather or plastic nosebands are permitted. A noseband may never be so tightly fixed that it risks causing (or causes) irritation to the skin. It must be adjusted to allow at least two fingers under the noseband on the front of the nose.
- 829.2.7 Cheek pieces (meaning two strips of sheepskin or similar material that is attached to the cheek pieces of the bridle) are permitted. See Annex 8 for a diagram.
- 829.2.8 Unless specified otherwise in the Competition Schedule, Blinkers and visors (which are similar to Blinkers, but one or both cowls have holes cut in them permitting limited side or rear vision) are permitted, provided that they allow full forward vision (without any interference). They must be removed during Horse Inspections, including the Final Horse Inspection. See Annex 8 for diagrams showing permitted/prohibited variations.
- 829.2.9 Fly masks are permitted only if specifically authorised by the Ground Jury to take account of the local conditions, and provided that they (i) do not unduly obstruct the Horse's vision or hearing, (ii) do not serve any purpose other than to protect the Horse from insects, and (iii) are removed during Horse Inspections.
- 829.2.10 Equi-boots and pads are permitted.
- 829.2.11 Head collars are permitted provided that the Horse can be adequately controlled and does not pose any safety risk to any person or other Horse. Otherwise a bridle must be used.
- 829.3 **Prohibited tack/equipment:** Use of the following is prohibited at all times during a Competition on the Field of Play:
- 829.3.1 any type of rein that might unduly restrict the free movement of the head of the Horse, including draw (running) reins/French reins;
- 829.3.2 rein additions such as handles;
- 829.3.3 metal chain nosebands;
- 829.3.4 whips (including any other item that is used as a whip) and spurs;
- 829.3.5 anything placed inside or covering the Horse's ears (for example, ear plugs or similar and ear bonnets/hoods), except for fly masks as set out in Article 829.2.9; and
- 829.3.6 subject to Articles 829.2.8 and 829.2.9, any material covering the Horse's eye(s) or otherwise obstructing the Horse's vision, including eye covers or eye shields (these are similar to Blinkers, but in place of the eye cowls, the eyes are covered with mesh or other transparent material or by an opaque cover). See Annex 8 for diagrams.

- 829.4 **Safety equipment:** The Competition Schedule may require the use of specific safety equipment, such as reflective items.
- 829.5 **Mobile phones and GPS:** The use of mobile phones and GPS devices is permitted. All other forms of communication devices must be approved by the Ground Jury prior to the Competition.
- 829.6 **Failure to comply:** An Official may inspect a Combination's tack/equipment on the Field of Play at any time. If an Official determines at or prior to the First Horse Inspection that a Combination's tack/equipment is in breach of Article 829.2 (permitted tack) and/or 829.3 (prohibited tack), the Official may request that such tack/equipment be altered or removed. Failure to comply with the Official's instructions will result in Disqualification. If the determination is made after the first Horse Inspection, the Combination will be Disqualified.

**CHAPTER IV: ELIGIBILITY****830. MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETES AND TRAINERS**

- 830.1 A person may participate as an Athlete in any Endurance Event (subject to applicable qualification criteria) from 1 January in the year when he reaches the age of 14.
- 830.2 To be registered with the FEI as the Trainer of a Horse, the Trainer must be 18 years old or older.

**831. MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSES**

- 831.1 The minimum age requirements for Horses are set out below:

<b>Level of Event</b>	<b>Required minimum age</b>
Novice	5 years old
CEI 1*	6 years old
CEI 2*	7 years old
CEI 3*	8 years old
CEIOs and Championships	Horse must be one year older than the minimum age requirement that applies to a CEI of the same star level as the Championship  (For example, to participate in a 2* Championship, the Horse must be 8 years old)

- 831.2 A Horse is deemed to have its birthday on 1 January in the year that it was born.
- 831.3 The age of the Horse is determined as of the date of the Event for which eligibility to participate is sought, and must be confirmed either through reliable registrations or written veterinary opinion, which may be recorded in the Horse's Passport.

**832. REGISTRATION**

- 832.1 To compete in an Event, all Athletes, Horses and Trainers must be registered with the FEI and the applicable registration fees must have been paid to the FEI, in accordance with the FEI General Regulations.
- 832.2 When Endurance Horses are registered with the FEI, the name of the Trainer for that Horse must also be registered and a registration fee paid (except that where the registered Trainer is also a registered Athlete, no additional Trainer registration fee is charged).

- 832.3 Any change in the Trainer of the Horse must be notified to the FEI without delay. If the registered Trainer of a Horse changes, the Horse may not participate in any Event for a period of 30 days, starting from the date of notification of the change to the FEI.

### 833. PREGNANT MARES

A mare in advanced pregnancy, meaning over 120 days, or with foal at foot, may not be entered (or participate) in any Event.

### 834. MANDATORY OUT OF COMPETITION PERIODS

#### 834.1 Standard MOOCP:

After competing in a National Event or FEI Event, a Horse may not compete in any National Event(s) or FEI Event(s) for the following Mandatory Out of Competition Period:

Distance completed	Mandatory Out of Competition Period
From crossing the start line up to 46 km	5 days
Over 46 km to 86 km	12 days
Over 86 km to 126 km	19 days
Over 126 km to 146 km	26 days
Over 146 km	33 days

#### 834.2 Additional MOOCP:

- 834.2.1 In addition to the period set out in Article 834.1, the following Mandatory Out of Competition Periods and other consequences will apply where the following circumstances occur at an FEI Event or National Event (where more than one of the circumstances below apply, the additional Mandatory Out of Competition Periods will be cumulative):

Incident	Additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period and other consequences
Horses that exceed an average of 22 km/hour over completed Loops (as determined under Article 834.2.2)	7 days
Second consecutive FTQ-ME (Failure to Qualify – metabolic) in a rolling year	14 days

Third (or subsequent) FTQ-ME (Failure to Qualify – metabolic) in a rolling year	60 days (subject to extension under Article 834.2.4)
Third consecutive FTQ-GA (Failure to Qualify – irregular gait) in a rolling year	a) 180-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period; and b) Horse must undergo a specific examination protocol before being eligible to compete in any FEI Events or National Events (the protocol for this examination is set out in Annex 7).
Four consecutive FTQ-GA (Failure to Qualify – irregular gait)	Horse will be banned from all future Endurance competitions at both the national and international level.
Serious Injury (musculoskeletal)	180 days (subject to extension under Article 834.2.4)
Serious Injury (metabolic)	60 days (subject to extension under Article 834.2.4)
Failure by the Person Responsible to provide a copy of the veterinary report from a designated/approved referral facility to the FEI Veterinary Department in accordance with Article 835	180 days (and Horse will not be permitted to compete until the veterinary report is provided)

834.2.2 To determine whether a Horse has exceeded an average of 22 km/hour over completed Loops under Article 834.2.1, the average speed of the Horse is calculated as follows:

- (a) If the Horse completes all of the Loops of the course, speed is calculated based on the average speed of all those completed Loops.
- (b) Subject to Article 834.2.2(d), if a Horse fails to complete a Loop, speed is calculated based on the average of all previous completed Loops.
- (c) If a Horse completes a Loop but Fails to Qualify at the Vet Gate, speed is calculated based on the average of all previous completed Loops, including the Loops that ended in a Fail to Qualify at the Vet Gate.
- (d) If a Horse fails to complete the first Loop (and so there are no previous completed Loops), no speed will be recorded.

834.2.3 It is the responsibility of the President of the Veterinary Commission, Permitted Treating Veterinarian, and Foreign Veterinary Delegate to review the treated Horses at the end of the Competition on a case by case basis, and to specify if those Horses

must (i) have an additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period under Article 834.2.1, or (ii) receive authorised treatment, without requiring such additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period.

834.2.4 The Mandatory Out of Competition Period for Serious Injuries may be extended further at the discretion of the FEI Veterinary Department based on a diagnosis by a designated referral centre or other approval referral facility (see Article 835).

### 834.3 **Consequences during MOOCP:**

834.3.1 For Article 834.1, the standard Mandatory Out of Competition Period starts to run from 00:01 GMT the day after the relevant ride finishes (the end of the ride is determined by the maximum ride time allowed), and finishes at midnight GMT on the last day of the Mandatory Out of Competition Period. For Article 834.2, any additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period starts to run from 00:01 GMT the day after the standard Mandatory Out of Competition Period expires, and finishes at midnight GMT on the last day of the additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period. In any case, the published ride start time of the Horse's next competition (national or international) must fall after the expiry of the applicable Mandatory Out of Competition Period.

834.3.2 FEI-registered Horses may not compete in any National Events or FEI Events during any Mandatory Out of Competition Period. Failure to comply with this provision will result in the penalties set out in Article 865.

834.3.3 If a Horse participates in a National Event or FEI Event during any Mandatory Out of Competition Period, the Athlete who rode the Horse (and the Trainer of the Horse, if applicable) will receive an official notification from FEI Headquarters. The penalty points and suspension set out in Article 865 will take effect as of the date of the FEI notification. The results obtained by that Horse (and by any Athlete riding that Horse) in the National Event or FEI Event concerned (and in any subsequent National Events/FEI Events up to the date of notification) will be Disqualified.

## **835. REFERRAL FACILITY**

Where the Permitted Treating Veterinarian, President of the Veterinary Commission, and Foreign Veterinary Delegate, consider that a Horse requires further assessment and continued veterinary care beyond the period of Competition, the Horse shall be referred to the referral centre designated or approved by the Permitted Treating Veterinarian, President of the Veterinary Commission, and Foreign Veterinary Delegate. The Person Responsible must provide the FEI with the veterinary report from that referral facility within 72 hours of the release of the Horse from that facility, or (in the event the Horse dies) within 72 hours of the death of the Horse. This obligation is separate and in addition to the obligations set out in the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

## CHAPTER V: QUALIFYING FOR AND COMPETING IN FEI EVENTS

### 836. OVERVIEW

In order to promote good horsemanship and protect Horse welfare, successful completions will be tracked for each Athlete and Horse, and used to determine (i) qualification to compete in Competitions at the different star levels; and (ii) the speed at which they may participate in those Competitions.

Some of the provisions in this Chapter will be phased in over the course of 2020, and so certain transitional provisions are set out in Article 844.

### 837. COMPLETION RATE

#### 837.1 **Successful completion:**

Reference to a 'successful completion' of a Competition means that the Combination finished all of the Phases of the course in accordance with the applicable course requirements (e.g. maximum allotted time, correct order without short cuts, etc), successfully completed all of the required Horse Inspections or other Veterinary Examinations, complied with any minimum weight requirements, complied with any applicable speed caps or other maximum speed requirements (e.g. imposed for trail safety), was not eliminated or subsequently Disqualified, and complied with any applicable Mandatory Out of Competition Period(s).

#### 837.2 **Completion Rate calculation:**

837.2.1 The '**Completion Rate**' means the percentage calculated by dividing the number of Qualifying Results (see Article 837.3.1) by the number of starts at any level of Competition. Each Athlete and each Horse has a separate Completion Rate.

837.2.2 The Completion Rate will be calculated on a rolling three year basis. Subject to Article 837.2.4, Completion Rates will be re-calculated as soon as each Competition result is confirmed.

837.2.3 If an Athlete or Horse does not compete within the three year period set out in Article 837.2.2, rather than the Completion Rate being set to zero, the speed cap for the Athlete and Horse will be the speed cap that applied to the Athlete's/Horse's last recorded result (where the Athlete and Horse have different speed caps, the lower speed cap applies).

837.2.4 The respective Completion Rates of the Athlete and Horse will be determined as at the deadline for Definite Entries for the Competition in question.

#### 837.3 **Impact of Competition results on Completion Rates:**

837.3.1 **Positive impact on Completion Rates:** A successful completion in a Competition (see Article 837.1) is considered a **Qualifying Result**, and so has a positive impact on the respective Completion Rates of the Athlete and the Horse.

*(The result counts as 1/1 for the Completion Rate percentage. For example, if an Athlete or a Horse has started in three Competitions, and successfully completed all three of those Competitions, then the Completion Rate would be 3/3 (100%), i.e. three Qualifying Results divided by three starts).*

837.3.2 **Neutral impact on Completion Rates:** The Competition will not count as a Qualifying Result or towards the 'number of starts' of the Athlete/Horse, and so will have no impact on the respective Completion Rates of the Athlete and the Horse, where:

- (a) the Combination Fails to Qualify or withdraws at or prior to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection;
- (b) the Athlete voluntarily retires his Horse from a Competition at a Vet Gate after completing one or more Phases, provided that the Combination complied with the applicable speed cap and any other ride requirements, and passed all Horse Inspections, including at the Vet Gate where the Athlete chooses to retire; or
- (c) the Combination is classified as Finished not Ranked (FNR).

*(The results under Article 837.3.2 count as 0/0 for the Completion Rate percentage. For example, if an Athlete or Horse has started in three Competitions, and successfully completed two of those Competitions, but withdraws from the third Competition at or prior to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, then the Completion Rate would remain 2/2 (100%), i.e. two Qualifying Results divided by two starts).*

837.3.3 **Negative impact on Completion Rates:** The Competition will not count as a Qualifying Result but will count towards the 'number of starts' of the Athlete/Horse, and so will have a negative impact on the respective Completion Rates of the Athlete and the Horse, where:

- (a) the Combination Fails to Qualify after the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection; or
- (b) the Combination is removed/eliminated from the Competition for any other reason (see elimination codes at Annex 3).

*(The results under Article 837.3.3 count as 0/1 for the Completion Rate percentage. For example, if an Athlete or Horse has started in three Competitions, and successfully completed two of those Competitions, but is Disqualified in the third, then the Completion Rate would be 2/3 (66.7%), i.e. two Qualifying Results divided by three starts).*

837.3.4 **Impact of Disqualification after the Event:** If a Combination is Disqualified from a Competition after (rather than during) the Competition, the Completion Rate that was calculated after the Competition will be adjusted to reflect the Disqualification. The adjusted Completion Rate will apply only prospectively, i.e., in respect of Competitions taking place after the Disqualification is confirmed. It will not be back-dated to the date of the Competition from which the Combination was Disqualified, and therefore it will

not impact any Competitions in which the Horse and/or the Athlete participated in the period after that Competition was completed and before the Disqualification was confirmed.

### 838. SPEED CAP

838.1 Speed caps will apply to all Athletes and Horses participating in any Competition. They may be either (i) fixed, or (ii) based on Completion Rate.

838.2 Where the speed cap is based on Completion Rate, the speed cap of a Combination is determined based on the Completion Rate of the Athlete or Horse in that Combination (whichever is lower), in accordance with the table below:

<b>Completion Rate</b>	<b>Speed linked to Completion Rate (km/hour)</b>
Less than 25%	Max 14
Greater than or equal to 25% and less than 50%	Max 16
Greater than or equal to 50% and less than 66%	Max 18
Greater than or equal to 66%	Open speed

838.3 To comply with a speed cap, a Combination must keep its average speed over each Loop under the speed cap. It is not enough for the Combination to keep its average speed over all of the Loops combined under the speed cap.

838.4 Where the average speed of a Combination exceeds the applicable speed cap on any Loop:

838.4.1 If the Horse passes the Horse Inspection after that Loop, the Combination will be classified as Failed to Qualify – Speed (FTQ-SP).

838.4.2 If the Horse fails the Horse Inspection after that Loop, the Combination will be classified as Failed to Qualify – Speed (FTQ-SP) and will also be classified according to any other elimination codes (see Annex 3) that apply for veterinary reasons.

### 839. NOVICE EVENTS

#### 839.1 Novice qualifications:

839.1.1 Novice qualifications must be administered by each National Federation. The novice qualification eligibility form (which covers the criteria set out in this Article 839) must be filled in on the FEI online platform prior to the relevant National Federation making the first FEI entry for the Athlete/Horse.

839.1.2 Horses and Athletes must each successfully complete (not necessarily as a Combination) two novice rides of distances between 40-79 km (in one day) and two novice rides of between 80-90 km (in one day), each at a maximum speed of 16 km/hour, with all four novice rides to be completed within two years of the first novice ride.

**839.2 Exemptions from novice qualification requirements:**

839.2.1 A National Federation may ask the FEI to exempt an Athlete or Horse from the novice qualifications under Articles 839.1.2 and 840.4.1.

839.2.2 The Horse will be granted the exemption only if (i) it is eight years or older at the time of the request, and (ii) in the three years prior to the request it has successfully completed a minimum of 480 km in Competitions over distances of 80 km, including at least one competition of 80km or more at the age of eight or older.

839.2.3 The Athlete will be granted the exemption only if he has successfully completed a minimum of 480 km in Competitions over 80 km or more in the three years prior to the request.

**840. CEI EVENTS**

840.1 Qualifications for CEI Events must be determined according to the FEI's records and database, and attested to by each National Federation.

840.2 Subject to Article 839.2, all Horses and Athletes must have successfully completed their novice qualifications to be eligible to advance through the star level qualification process.

840.3 Once Athletes/Horses have qualified for a star level, they may be referred to as an Athlete/Horse of that star level. (For example, if an Athlete/Horse has completed novice qualifications and so has qualified to compete at the CEI 1\* level, he/it will be considered a CEI 1\* Athlete/Horse).

**840.4 CEI 1\*:**

840.4.1 Qualifying to compete at CEI 1\*:

(a) Horses are eligible to compete in a CEI 1\* Event once they have successfully completed all the novice qualifications, but no earlier than one year after the successful completion of their first novice ride.

(b) Athletes are eligible to compete in a CEI 1\* Event once they have successfully completed all the novice qualifications, but no earlier than six months after the successful completion of their first novice ride.

840.4.2 Competing at CEI 1\* once qualified for that level:

(a) Athletes and Horses must successfully complete three CEI 1\* Competitions at a maximum speed of 18 km/hour or at

the speed linked to their Completion Rate, whichever is lower.

- (b) The speed cap for any subsequent CEI 1\* will be determined by the Completion Rate of the Athlete/Horse.

**840.5 CEI 2\*:**

**840.5.1** Qualifying to compete at CEI 2\*:

Horses and Athletes must complete the requirements of Article 840.4.2(a) within a rolling three-year period.

**840.5.2** Competing at CEI 2\* once qualified for that level:

- (a) Athletes and Horses must successfully complete one CEI 2\* at a maximum speed of 18 km/hour or at the speed linked to their Completion Rate, whichever is lower.
- (b) The speed cap for any subsequent CEI 2\* will be determined by the Completion Rate of the Athlete/Horse.

**840.6 CEI 3\*:**

**840.6.1** Qualifying to compete at CEI 3\*:

Horses and Athletes must successfully complete a minimum of two CEI 2\* Competitions within a rolling three-year period, the first at a speed cap that complies with Article 840.5.2(a), and the second at a speed cap that complies with Article 840.5.2(b).

**840.6.2** Competing at CEI 3\* once qualified for that level:

- (a) If the Athlete and Horse have not successfully completed a CEI 2\* together as a Combination within three years of the date of the CEI 3\* Competition they wish to participate in:
  - (i) They must successfully complete one CEI 3\* at a maximum speed of 18 km/hour or at the speed linked to their Completion Rate, whichever is lower; and
  - (ii) Any subsequent CEI 3\* will be subject to a speed cap based on the Completion Rate of the Athlete/Horse.
- (b) If the Athlete and Horse have successfully completed a CEI 2\* together as a Combination within three years of the date of the CEI 3\* Competition they wish to participate in, their speed cap for CEI 3\* Competitions is based on their Completion Rate.

**840.7 Validity of star level qualification:**

840.7.1 Each star level qualification achieved will be valid:

- (a) for Athletes, for five years; and
- (b) for Horses, for two years.

840.7.2 Each time an Athlete or Horse successfully completes a Competition at the same or higher level for which he/it has qualified, the Athlete's/Horse's qualification (at his/its current level) will be automatically revalidated for the period set out in Article 840.7.1.

*(For example, if an Athlete qualified to compete at the 2\* level successfully completes a CEI 2\* or 3\* Competition, the Athlete's 2\* qualification will be revalidated for an additional five years from the date of that Competition. The same procedure applies to Horses, except for a shorter qualification validity period).*

840.7.3 If an Athlete or a Horse fails to successfully complete a Competition at the same or next level for which he/it has qualified within the period set out in Article 840.7.1, the Athlete/Horse will automatically drop down one level of qualification.

*(For example, if an Athlete qualified to compete at the CEI 2\* level fails to successfully complete a CEI 2\* or 3\* Competition in five years, that Athlete will drop down and be qualified only for the CEI 1\* level. The Athlete will continue to drop down levels each five years. The same procedure applies to Horses, except for a shorter qualification validity period).*

840.7.4 If an Athlete or Horse fails to revalidate a qualification within the period set out in Article 840.7.1 (and so drops down a level), to regain the expired qualification the Athlete or Horse must successfully complete one Competition at one level below the expired qualification within the speed cap that applied to the Athlete's/Horse's last recorded result or based on Completion Rate, whichever is lower. Where the Athlete and Horse have different speed caps, the lower speed cap applies.

*(For example, if an Athlete or Horse drops from the CEI 2\* level to CEI 1\* level, in order to return to the 2\* level, the Athlete or Horse must successfully complete one CEI 1\* Competition within the applicable speed cap).*

840.7.5 Each time an Athlete or Horse successfully completes a Competition at the level below the level for which he/it has qualified (if applicable), the Athlete's/Horse's qualification for the level below will be automatically revalidated for the period set out in Article 840.7.1.

*(For example, if an Athlete qualified to compete at the 2\* level successfully completes a CEI 1\* Competition, the Athlete's 1\* qualification will be revalidated for an additional five years from the date of that Competition. The same procedure applies to Horses, except for a shorter qualification validity period).*

**841. CHAMPIONSHIPS**

841.1 The Championship level is separate and does not influence the qualification levels of the Athlete/Horse.

**841.2 Qualification for Championships:**

841.2.1 Horses and Athletes must have graduated through the qualifying processes for novice and CEI star qualifications, up to and including the star level of the Championship. (For example, to compete in a 3\* Championship, the Horse and Athlete must be qualified to compete at the CEI 3\* level).

841.2.2 Horses and Athletes must also have successfully completed the following minimum number of CEI Events (or CEIO Events of the same star level):

<b>Championship</b>	<b>Minimum number of CEI Events</b>
Young Rider/Junior Championships	Three CEI 2* Events or higher
Senior Championships	Five CEI 2* Events or higher (including a minimum of two CEI 3* for Senior 3* Championships)
Regional Championships	Three CEI 1* Events or higher
Young Horse Championships	Five CEI 1* Events or higher

841.2.3 For Regional Championships and Young Horse Championships:

- (a) one of the required CEI Events in the table at Article 841.2.2 must have been in combination with the nominated Athlete/Horse; and
- (b) the CEI Event under paragraph (a) above must have been (i) the same or greater distance as the Championship (in a single-day event), and (ii) completed no more than two years prior to (and no later than) the deadline for Nominated Entries for the Championship or 60 days prior to the Championship (whichever comes first).

841.2.4 For Young Rider/Junior and Senior Championships:

- (a) two of the required CEI Events in the table at Article 841.2.2 must have been in combination with the nominated Athlete/Horse (for Senior 3\* Championships one of the combination rides must have been at the CEI 3\* level); and
- (b) one of the two CEI Events under paragraph (a) above must have been (i) the same or greater distance as the Championship (in a single-day event), and (ii) completed

no more than two years prior to (and no later than) the deadline for Nominated Entries for the Championship or 60 days prior to the Championship (whichever comes first).

## **842. CALCULATING TIME PERIODS UNDER THIS CHAPTER**

The time periods fixed under this Chapter V shall begin to run from the day that a qualification is granted (or renewed) and expire at midnight GMT on the last day of the applicable time period. (For example, if the time period is three years starting from 26 June 2020, it will expire at midnight GMT on 25 June 2023. Similarly, if the time period is six months starting from 26 June 2020, it will expire at midnight GMT on 25 December 2020).

## **843. APPROVED RECORDS OF RESULTS**

Approved records must be provided for Athlete/Horse results for insertion into FEI database/passports as required. The National Federation is ultimately responsible for proof of results.

## **844. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

### **844.1 Qualification:**

844.1.1 As of the effective date of these Endurance Rules (1 January 2020), Athletes and Horses retain any star level qualification that they had achieved as at 31 December 2019.

844.1.2 Athletes/Horses that are qualified as at 1 January 2020 for a particular star level will be deemed to have completed the qualification requirements for the lower star level(s) under these Endurance Rules. Subject to Article 844.3.2(b)(ii), they may compete at that lower star level at the speed cap linked to their respective Completion Rates (i.e. they do not have to comply with the fixed speed caps for that lower level).

844.2 **Completion Rate:** Completion Rates will be calculated for all Athletes and Horses starting from 1 January 2020, based on performances from that date onwards, subject to the following:

844.2.1 The initial Completion Rates of Athletes/Horses registered with the FEI after 1 January 2020 will be determined by their first Competition after 1 January 2020, and will be amended thereafter based on subsequent results.

844.2.2 The initial Completion Rates of Athletes/Horses registered with the FEI prior to 1 January 2020 will be determined by their first three Competitions after 1 January 2020, and will be amended thereafter based on subsequent results. The speed cap applicable to those first three Competitions is set out in Article 844.3.2(b).

### **844.3 Speed caps:**

844.3.1 **Fixed speed caps:** All Athletes and Horses must comply with any fixed speed caps specified in these Endurance Rules, unless exempt under Article 844.1.2.

**844.3.2 Speed caps based on Completion Rate:**

- (a) Speed caps based on Completion Rates will take effect as of 1 January 2020 for all Athletes/Horses, and so will apply to any Competitions held from that date onwards, subject to Article 844.3.2(b).
- (b) For Athletes/Horses registered with the FEI prior to 1 January 2020, the speed cap for the first three Competitions of the Athlete or Horse after 1 January 2020 shall be:
  - (i) the fixed speed cap that applies to the Competition (unless Article 844.1.2 applies); or
  - (ii) open speed if the speed cap for the Competition is linked to Completion Rate or if Article 844.1.2 applies.

**CHAPTER VI: INVITATIONS AND ENTRIES****845. INVITATIONS****845.1 CEIs:**

845.1.1 The number of Athletes that may be accepted for a Competition will be stated in the Competition Schedule and the official invitation to National Federations.

845.1.2 The number of Officials and Athletes (whether competing as individuals or as members of a team) to whom hospitality will be extended is at the discretion of the OC.

**845.2 CEIOs, Championships:**

The Competition Schedule and the official invitation sent to each National Federation participating in the Event must allow for each team to have five Athletes and seven Horses, a non-riding Chef d'Equipe, and an FEI-registered Veterinarian as Team Veterinarian. Further details on teams are set out in the FEI General Regulations.

**845.3 World Equestrian Games:**

845.3.1 The Competition Schedule and the official invitation sent to each National Federation participating in the Event must allow for each team to have four Athletes and four Horses, plus a reserve Combination, a non-riding Chef d'Equipe, and a Veterinary Surgeon as Team Veterinarian. Any reserve Combination at the World Equestrian Games may not compete if it is not in the starting team.

845.3.2 National Federations that enter a team in the World Equestrian Games may not send other individual Athletes to compete in those Games.

845.3.3 There is a maximum of two individual Athletes per National Federation.

**845.4 Crew Members:**

The OC must accept a minimum of two Crew Members per Horse at all Events.

**845.5 Expenses & privileges:**

845.5.1 The OC of World Equestrian Games must accept responsibility for meeting the living expenses of Athletes, Horses, Crew Members and team officials (Chefs d'Equipe and Veterinarians) from the day before the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection until the day after the end of the Championships. This must be published in the Competition Schedule and in the official invitation sent to National Federations.

845.5.2 The OC of World and Continental Championships may accept responsibility for meeting the travelling and living expenses of Athletes, Horses, Crew Members and team Officials (Chefs d'Equipe and Veterinarians) from the day before the First (Pre-

Ride) Inspection until the day after the end of the Championships. This must be published in the Competition Schedule.

## **846. ENTRIES**

### **846.1 Number of entries:**

846.1.1 The number of Horses that may be entered for an Event must comply with the Competition Schedule.

846.1.2 Subject to Articles 845 and 848, under no circumstances may the OC limit the number of entries of eligible Athletes or teams for an FEI Championship.

### **846.2 National Federations:**

846.2.1 Only National Federations may enter Athletes and their respective Horses in an Event. National Federations may enter only Athletes and Horses who meet the qualification criteria set out in these Endurance Rules or other applicable FEI Rules and Regulations. The OC may not accept any entries other than those received from National Federations. The OC must accept any entries by National Federations from nations other than the nation where the Event will be staged (i.e. the OC must accept entries for foreign Athletes).

846.2.2 A National Federation may not make Definite Entries for the same Athletes, Horses or Combinations for Events held on the same dates. If it does, the Athlete, Horse or Combination (as applicable) will be Disqualified from the Event in which it participates.

### **846.3 Deadlines for entries:**

846.3.1 Entries for FEI Championships and World Equestrians Games must be made in accordance with the FEI General Regulations (these include Nominated Entries and Definite Entries).

846.3.2 For CEI and CEIO Events:

(a) There are no Nominated Entries.

(b) Definite Entries must reach the OC at the latest four days prior to the beginning of the Event. After the Definite Entries have been sent in, substitutions of Horses and/or Athletes may only be made in exceptional circumstances and with the express permission of the OC (see Article 847.3).

### **846.4 Details to be included with entries:**

Entries for Athletes and Horses must include their names, Trainer, FEI registration numbers (FEI ID), and, where appropriate, qualifications.

**846.5 Nominated Entries and reserve Horses:**

- 846.5.1 If a National Federation sends more Athletes and/or Horses than shown in the Nominated Entries, the OC is not obliged to accommodate them or to allow them to participate in that Event.
- 846.5.2 Where a National Federation has made a Nominated Entry of a team and finds that it will be unable to send a team, it must immediately inform the OC.
- 846.5.3 Subject to Article 806, as many reserve Horses as are allowed by the OC may travel to Championships. However, all such reserve Horses must be on the Nominated Entries list.

**846.6 Withdrawals and no shows:**

- 846.6.1 Subject to Article 809.6.3, an Athlete may withdraw any or all his Horses from a Competition, but he may not add a Horse not previously entered for that Competition without the approval of the OC and the Ground Jury.
- 846.6.2 Teams or Athletes in the Definite Entries for an Event that fail to take part without valid excuse must be reported by the Foreign Judge/Technical Delegate to the FEI Secretary General, who may take action against them before the FEI Tribunal. Competing at another Event staged at the same time is not a valid excuse for failure to participate at an Event.
- 846.6.3 Athletes must reimburse the OC for the financial loss incurred by the OC (i.e. stabling and hotel expenses) as a result of late withdrawal or no shows after the date of Definite Entries.

**847. DECLARATION OF STARTERS****847.1 CEIs:**

- 847.1.1 Each Athlete may bring one reserve Horse to the Competition, subject to the ability of the OC to accommodate the Horse (this must be clearly indicated on the Competition Schedule). These reserve Horses must be duly entered in the Competition under the Athlete's name and a second entry fee, to be determined by the OC, must be paid by the Athlete.
- 847.1.2 Athletes may trot up both Horses at the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection (provided that the Horses are duly entered in their names). If a Horse is entered by more than one Athlete for a Competition, it will only be required to undergo the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection once.
- 847.1.3 Immediately following the inspection of his Horse(s), each Athlete must declare to the Ground Jury which Horse (entered in his name) he will ride.
- 847.1.4 Each Athlete is responsible for arranging the proper supervision, care and feeding of any reserve Horse during the Athlete's absence on the day of the Competition.

**847.2 CEIOs and Championships:**

- 847.2.1 Each National Federation may send Horses up to the maximum shown in the Competition Schedule from the list of Definite Entries, subject to the ability of the OC to accommodate them
- 847.2.2 The Chefs d'Equipe must declare in writing to the Secretariat of the OCs (i) the names of the Athletes definitely starting, and (ii) the names of the Horses partnered with those Athletes, chosen from the names included on the official entry forms. Declaration of starters by the Chef d'Equipe or his representative will take place within one to three hours after the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection of the Horses, at the discretion of the President of the Ground Jury.
- 847.2.3 Each Chef d'Equipe and/or Person Responsible is responsible for ensuring the proper supervision, care and feeding of any reserve/non-participating Horses during the Event.

**847.3 Substitutions (all Events):**

- 847.3.1 **Substitutions after Definite Entries:** After the deadline for Definite Entries:
- (a) substitution of Horses and/or Athletes may only be made with the permission of the National Federation and the OC, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. All substituted Horses and/or Athletes must be correctly qualified in accordance with Article 840 and 841;
  - (b) the registered Trainer of a Horse taking part in the Competition may not be substituted. In the event of a change in registered Trainer, Article 832.3 applies.
- 847.3.2 **Substitutions in case of accident or illness:** If an accident or illness of an Athlete or a Horse occurring between the declaration of starters and the start of the Competition makes it impossible for that Athlete or Horse to take part in the Competition, substitutions may be made up to two hours before the start of the Competition. The following conditions must be met: (i) a certificate of the condition from an officially recognised physician for the Athlete, or from a Veterinary surgeon/Team Veterinarian for the Horse, (ii) the substitution Athlete and/or Horse is correctly qualified in accordance with Article 840 and 841, and (iii) permission of the President of the Ground Jury.
- 847.3.3 An Athlete and/or a Horse may be replaced only by another Athlete or Horse or by a Combination that has been duly entered in the Competition, and provided that the Horse has successfully passed the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection.

**848. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STARTERS**

For each Event, there may be a maximum of 200 starters per Competition and a maximum of 400 starters per day, subject in each case to space at the venue and an appropriate ratio of Athletes to Officials (see Annex 6).

**CHAPTER VII: OFFICIALS FOR ENDURANCE EVENTS****849. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS**

- 849.1 Criteria in respect of appointment, promotion and maintenance of status for all FEI Endurance Officials will be published regularly on the FEI website in accordance with the published education and standards criteria.
- 849.2 The appointment and number of Officials for each Event is set out in Annex 6. For any combined FEI and National events, see Article 802.6.
- 849.3 Except for the Foreign Veterinary Delegate and Foreign Judge, where two Officials have equivalent qualifications and experience, preference should be given to the Official of the country where the Event is staged.
- 849.4 Where a Foreign Official is required for an Event, such Foreign Official may not be a national or resident of the country where the Event is staged, unless that person is resident in a different time zone to the time zone of the Event location.
- 849.5 At Events other than CEIOs and Championships, at the request of the National Federation concerned the FEI may authorise a Judge sitting on the Ground Jury to carry out functions for both the National Event and FEI Event (which would otherwise be prohibited under the FEI General Regulations).

**850. ROTATION OF OFFICIALS**

- 850.1 The President of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate, the Chief Steward, the Foreign Veterinarian Delegate, the President of the Veterinary Commission and the President of the Treating Veterinarian Commission may be appointed at the same Event venue in any of the foregoing capacities only once every three months.
- 850.2 A person may not serve as an FEI Endurance Official at more than ten Events in each Regional Group in any rolling year (i.e. in any 12-month period). (For example, if a person serves as a Steward ten times in a Regional Group in one rolling year, he may not serve as a Steward or in any other FEI Official role in that Regional Group during that one rolling year period. However, he may act as an FEI Official at Events in a different Regional Group in that period, subject to the same ten Event maximum).

**851. DUTIES OF OFFICIALS**

- 851.1 The FEI Officials' Code of Conduct is set out as an appendix to the FEI General Regulations.

**852. OFFICIALS' PER DIEMS AND EXPENSES**

- 852.1 Officials are entitled to the following:
- 852.1.1 Daily per diems are not mandatory at FEI Events. If any per diems are paid to Officials, they cannot exceed a maximum of CHF 500 per day (or equivalent local monetary value).

- 852.1.2 The level of daily per diem (if any) must be confirmed in writing by the OC to the Officials in advance of their acceptance of their appointment.
- 852.1.3 The OC must advise whether such per diem is subject to withholding tax or similar within the country of the Event.
- 852.1.4 The OC and Official must agree (in advance of the relevant Event) the basis upon which travel to and from the venue will be arranged or reimbursed, and whether any per diems will be provided on travel days. Travel arrangements must be such that Officials (i) arrive no later than the day before the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection (if it takes place in the morning) or the morning on the day of the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection (if it takes place in the afternoon), and (ii) have sufficient time to fully complete their duties on-site before they have to leave the Event venue. In CEI 3\* Events and Championships, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate and President of the Ground Jury must be available at the Event Venue at least until the morning after the Event finishes. The OC must arrange and reimburse accommodation and meals for the Officials at the relevant Event (accommodation arrangements must be made before the Official travels to the relevant Event).
- 852.1.5 Payment of per diems and reimbursement of agreed expenses will only be made after the Event is completed and all results have been signed off by the President of the Ground Jury.
- 852.2 Subject to Article 852.1, no other gifts or fees may be provided to Officials.
- 852.3 Any per diem or reimbursement of expenses under Article 852.1 may be paid and arranged only by the OC, and not (for example) by any other person, organisation, sponsor, etc.

### **853. TECHNICAL DELEGATE/COURSE DESIGNER**

- 853.1 The Technical Delegate must approve the technical and administrative arrangements for the conduct of the Event, including (among other things) the correct entry procedures, examinations and inspections of Horses, accommodation (for Horses, Athletes and Crew Members), and stewarding for the Event.
- 853.2 Prior to approving the arrangements for the conduct of the Event, the Technical Delegate has overall control and responsibility for the arrangements of the Event. Once the Technical Delegate is satisfied with the arrangements for the Event, he must inform the Ground Jury accordingly and at that point overall control and responsibility for the conduct of the Event transfers to the Ground Jury. The Technical Delegate will continue to supervise the technical and administrative conduct of the Event until its conclusion and will advise and assist the Ground Jury, the Veterinary Commission, and the OC.
- 853.3 The Technical Delegate must check and approve, in advance of the Event, in coordination with the Course Designer (if appointed by the OC), the layout of the course and ride conditions to protect the welfare of Horses and safety of Athletes based on the level of the Competition(s), the degree of difficulty of the course, and the complicating weather conditions. The Course Designer is under the supervision of the Technical Delegate. For CEI Events, the Technical Delegate may also act as the Course Designer.

- 853.4 The Technical Delegate will supervise the briefing(s) and the conduct of all technical personnel.
- 853.5 The Technical Delegate will report to and advise the Ground Jury on all aspects relating to the technical and administrative arrangement of the Event, and assist as needed so that the Ground Jury can make any necessary decisions.
- 853.6 At CEI 3\* or lower Events, the Technical Delegate, if suitably qualified, may also serve on the Ground Jury. For lower level events (CEI 1\* and 2\*), and provided there are 30 or fewer Horses entered in the Event, the Technical Delegate may also (if suitably qualified) serve as President of the Ground Jury, subject to the approval of the FEI.

#### **854. GROUND JURY**

- 854.1 The Ground Jury will supervise all arrangements made by the OC for the veterinary control, stewarding and time-keeping at the Competition.
- 854.2 Once the Technical Delegate has reported to the Ground Jury that he is satisfied with all the arrangements for the Event, the Ground Jury is responsible for the overall control and conduct of the Event.
- 854.3 The OC must enlist the assistance of an appropriate number of other officials, stewards and veterinarians, depending on the number of entries (see Annex 6).
- 854.4 The Foreign Judge or President of the Ground Jury (as indicated in the table below) must provide a report to the FEI containing the information set out in the FEI General Regulations within 15 days of the relevant Event:

<b>Event</b>	<b>FEI Official responsible for providing report</b>
CEI 1* and 2* and Regional Championships	President of the Ground Jury
CEI 3* and Championships	Foreign Judge

#### **855. VETERINARY COMMISSION**

- 855.1 The Veterinary Commission has absolute control over all matters concerning Horse safety, health and welfare.
- 855.2 The President of the Veterinary Commission and the Foreign Veterinary Delegate should be consulted by the OC and the Technical Delegate as early as practicable regarding the planning for Vet Gates and other Horse safety issues at the Event.
- 855.3 At CEI 1\* Events, the President of the Veterinary Commission will also be responsible for the duties normally undertaken by a Foreign Veterinary Delegate.

**856. CHIEF STEWARD**

- 856.1 The Chief Steward is responsible for the organisation of stewarding throughout the Event across the Field of Play.
- 856.2 The Chief Steward must ensure that stable security is adequate for the level of the Event and that sufficient stewards are available at each Vet Gate and on the course.
- 856.3 The Chief Steward will assist the OC, Ground Jury and Technical Delegate to ensure the smooth running of all scheduled functions during an Event, such as opening and closing ceremonies or any official function organised during the Event.
- 856.4 The Chief Steward is responsible for the overall security and welfare of participants at the Event across the Field of Play.
- 856.5 The Chief Steward must liaise closely with the President of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate and the President of the Veterinary Commission, and should be consulted by the OC and the Technical Delegate as early as practicable regarding planning for the Event.

**857. INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE ADVISORS**

- 857.1 At all FEI Events, the FEI has the right to appoint an Independent Governance Advisor to attend the Event and to report back to the FEI in relation to (i) the organisation of the Competitions, the venue and the course, (ii) the performance of the Officials, and (iii) suggested areas for improvement. Independent Governance Advisors must provide their reports to the FEI Endurance Department.
- 857.2 The FEI will appoint Independent Governance Advisors as follows:
- 857.2.1 Appointments are subject to the approval of the FEI Endurance Technical Committee.
- 857.2.2 The FEI may appoint veterinary and non-veterinary Independent Governance Advisors.
- 857.2.3 Independent Governance Advisors must at a minimum be qualified as 4\* Officials and have ten years' active experience officiating at that level.
- 857.2.4 Independent Governance Advisors will be appointed for a term of two years, and may be re-appointed without term limits.
- 857.2.5 During any period in which a person acts as an Independent Governance Advisor, he may not accept any other FEI Official positions.
- 857.3 Independent Governance Advisors will attend Events unannounced, i.e. no prior notice of their attendance may be given to the OC.
- 857.4 The FEI will pay the costs of the Independent Governance Advisors to attend the selected Events, including per diems (as per the applicable FEI policy) and expenses (economy travel, accommodation and meals).

- 857.5 The Independent Governance Advisors will not act (or be considered) as Officials at the Event, but may provide expert guidance or assistance if so required.
- 857.6 Serving as an Independent Governance Advisor will count for the purposes of maintaining an FEI Official star rating.

**CHAPTER VIII: AWARDS AND PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONIES****858. PRIZE MONEY AND AWARDS**

- 858.1 The FEI General Regulations govern the distribution of prize money.
- 858.2 An award recognising completion (e.g. medal, ribbon, plaque, etc) must be given to all Athletes who successfully complete the course. There is no minimum value for such awards.

**859. RANKINGS**

FEI Endurance rankings (and related prizes/awards) will be determined in accordance with Annex 4.

**860. PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONIES**

- 860.1 The Veterinary Commission must exclude any unfit Horse from participation in the prize-giving ceremony.
- 860.2 Athletes and other persons participating in prize-giving ceremonies must comply with the dress code set out at Article 827.

**861. BADGES OF HONOUR**

Badges of Honour will be awarded as follows to Athletes who successfully complete World Championships:

- a) A Gold Badge for three successful completions.
- b) A Silver Badge for two successful completions.
- c) A Bronze Badge for one successful completion.

**862. ELITE ATHLETE STATUS**

- 862.1 Athletes who meet the criteria under this Article 862 will receive the recognition of Elite Athlete Status. Elite Athlete Status will not result in automatic qualification for any Championships.
- 862.2 **Juniors and Young Riders:** To achieve Junior/Young Rider Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI 2\* 120km Events or higher. To maintain Junior/Young Rider Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI 2\* 120 km or higher within every successive two years.
- 862.3 **Seniors:** To achieve Senior Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI 3\* 160km Events or higher. To maintain Senior Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI 3\* 160 km within every successive two years.
- 862.4 **Removal of Elite Athlete Status:** Athletes who receive any form of a suspension as defined under the FEI General Regulations or commit an offence under the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Control Medication Regulations will automatically lose their Elite Status and will be required to re-qualify again by completing all ten

required CEI Events starting (as applicable) either from the date the period of suspension is imposed or the 'fast track' decision is finalised.

**863. BEST CONDITION AWARD**

- 863.1 The OC may organise a Best Condition Award at any Competition for the Horse that is in the best condition of the Horses finishing in one of the top ten classification positions after completing the Competition. FEI guidelines for determining the Best Condition Award are set out in Annex 2. Athletes are not obliged to enter their Horses in the Best Condition Award.
- 863.2 All Horses entered in the Best Condition Award remain subject to doping/medication control. They are deemed to still be in the Competition until after the prize giving ceremony for the Best Condition Award.

**CHAPTER IX: DISCIPLINARY****864. PROCEDURE**

- 864.1 Any breach of these Endurance Rules or other FEI Rules and Regulations will be dealt with in accordance with the procedures set out in these Endurance Rules or (where there are none) in accordance with the procedures set out in the FEI General Regulations or other applicable FEI Rules and Regulations.
- 864.2 The sanctions listed in these Endurance Rules are not exhaustive. They apply in addition to any other sanctions set out in other applicable FEI Rules and Regulations.

**865. ATHLETE AND TRAINER PENALTY POINTS**

- 865.1 An Athlete and Trainer will each automatically receive the following number of penalty points for the incidents set out below:

<b>Incident</b>	<b>Penalty points</b>
Elimination from an FEI Event due to a metabolic condition	10
Elimination due to Serious Injury (metabolic)	25
Elimination due to Serious Injury (musculoskeletal) and/or a Catastrophic Injury during an FEI Event	80
Horse participating in an FEI Event or National Event during the applicable Mandatory Out of Competition Period (see Article 834)	100 (the additional penalties set out in Articles 834.3.3 and 867.1 will also apply)
Horse is not presented for Horse Inspection before leaving the Field of Play	100 (the additional penalties set out in Articles 810 and 867.1 will also apply)
Incorrect Behaviour (as defined in the FEI General Regulations)	100 (with an Incorrect Behaviour Card pursuant to Article 866.2; Incorrect Behaviour may also be sanctioned under the FEI General Regulations)
Failure by the Person Responsible to provide a copy of the veterinary report from a designated/approved referral facility to the FEI in accordance with Article 835	80

- 865.2 Athletes and Trainers accumulate penalty points over a rolling period of one year. Penalty points will be removed from the running total one year from the date on which they were incurred.

**866. WARNING CARDS**

- 866.1 **Endurance Yellow Warning Card:** The President of the Ground Jury, the Chief Steward or the Technical Delegate may issue an Endurance Yellow Warning Card to a Person Responsible for offences relating to Horse Abuse, failure to comply with the protective headgear requirements, or otherwise where specified in these Endurance Rules. For Incorrect Behaviour, only the Incorrect Behaviour Card may be used. The consequences that apply if the same person receives one or more Endurance Yellow Warning Card(s) are set out in the FEI General Regulations.
- 866.2 **Incorrect Behaviour Card:** The President of the Ground Jury, the Chief Steward or the Technical Delegate may issue an Incorrect Behaviour Card to an Athlete or Trainer for Incorrect Behaviour under Article 865.1. An Incorrect Behaviour Card will result in 100 penalty points, Disqualification, and a suspension of two months.
- 866.3 **Notification:** The person receiving a warning card must be notified during the period of the Event that he will receive an Endurance Yellow Warning Card or Incorrect Behaviour Card, which will be delivered either by hand or by any other suitable means. If after reasonable efforts the person cannot be notified during the period of the Event, the person must be notified in writing within 14 days of the Event. An Endurance Yellow Warning Card or Incorrect Behaviour Card may be issued in addition to any other sanction(s) issued in accordance with these Endurance Rules, FEI General Regulations, or other applicable Rules and Regulations.

**867. SUSPENSIONS**

- 867.1 If an Athlete or Trainer incurs 100 or more penalty points, the Athlete/Trainer will receive an automatic two-month suspension. After the suspension is served, the Athlete's/Trainer's penalty points total will be reduced by 100 points.
- 867.2 The consequences during any period of suspension are set out in the FEI General Regulations.
- 867.3 If a Horse ridden by an Athlete suffers a Serious Injury and/or a Catastrophic Injury within one year of any other Horse ridden by the same Athlete also suffering a Serious Injury and/or a Catastrophic Injury, that Athlete will be automatically suspended for six months.

**868. PROTESTS**

The procedure for protests is set out in the FEI General Regulations.

## ANNEX 1: DEFINITIONS

A.1 Defined terms used in these Endurance Rules (denoted by initial capital letters) have the meaning given to them in this Annex 1, or (if not listed in this Annex 1) have the meaning given to them in the FEI Statutes, FEI General Regulations, FEI Veterinary Regulations, or other applicable FEI Rules and Regulations.

**Athlete:** as defined in Article 800.4.2.

**Best Condition Award:** the award described in Article 863 and Annex 2.

**Blinkers:** a garment fitted over a Horse's head with holes for the eyes and ears, one or both eyeholes being fitted with cowls cutting out all vision to the rear but permitting full forward vision.

**Catastrophic Injury:** an injury that, in the opinion of the President of the Veterinary Commission, the Treating Veterinarians and the Foreign Veterinary Delegate requires immediate euthanasia or contributes to the death of a Horse in Competition or as a result of injuries sustained during a Competition, howsoever caused. (For the procedures in the event of a Horse fatality, see Article 835, paragraph 6 of Annex 5, and the FEI Veterinary Regulations).

**CEI:** as described in Articles 802.1.1 and 802.2.

**CEIO:** as described in Articles 802.1.2 and 802.3.

**Championships:** the Endurance championships outlined in Article 802.4.2.

**Combination:** a Horse and Athlete pair competing in a Competition.

**Competition:** an FEI Endurance ride in which Athletes are placed in order of merit and for which prizes may be awarded.

**Completion Rate:** as defined in Article 837.

**Crew Member:** a person nominated and permitted to provide assistance to a Combination on the Field of Play.

**Definite Entries:** the list of confirmed Athlete/Horse entries submitted by a National Federation to participate in a Competition (for Championships and FEI World Equestrian Games, the Athletes/Horses must be selected from the list of Nominated Entries).

**Disqualification:** as defined in Article 809.6.1.

**Elite Athlete Status:** the status/recognition given to Athletes who meet the criteria of Article 862.

**Endurance:** as described in the Preamble.

**Endurance Yellow Warning Card:** as described in Article 866.1.

**Event:** as defined in Article 800.1 (an Event may include one or more Competitions).

**Failure to Qualify:** as defined in Article 809.6.2, and as further detailed in Annex 3 (elimination codes).

**FEI Calendar:** the calendar of FEI sanctioned events available at: <https://data.fei.org/Calendar/Search.aspx>.

**FEI Rules and Regulations:** as defined in Article 800.1.

**Field of Play:** as defined in Article 813.

**Final Horse Inspection:** the mandatory Horse Inspection that takes place at the end of the Competition.

**First (Pre-Ride) Inspection:** the first Horse Inspection that takes place at the start of the Competition, before the first Loop.

**Foreign Veterinary Delegate:** as defined in the FEI Veterinary Regulations. If no Foreign Veterinary Delegate is appointed, that role will be fulfilled by the Primary Veterinary Delegate.

**Hold Time:** as described in Article 817.5.

**Horse Abuse:** see definition of 'Abuse of Horse' under the FEI General Regulations and Article 801.2 of these Endurance Rules. (Horse Abuse is also referred to as 'Abuse of a Horse').

**Incorrect Behaviour Card:** as described in Article 866.2.

**Loop:** as defined in Article 814.1.

**Mandatory Out of Competition Period (or MOOCP):** the mandatory period during which a Horse may not compete in any National or FEI Events, as described in Article 834.

**National Event:** endurance rides organised at the national-level under the jurisdiction of National Federations.

**Nominated Entries:** the list of Athletes and Horses nominated by a National Federation to participate in a Competition from which the Definite Entries and any substitutions must be chosen.

**OC:** the committee responsible for organising an Event.

**Official Team Competition:** a team competition at a CEIO.

**Phase:** as defined in Article 816.

**Qualifying Result:** as defined in Article 837.3.1.

**Serious Injury:** a serious injury of a Horse may be classified as musculoskeletal or metabolic:

Serious musculoskeletal injuries include but are not limited to fractures, serious tendon or ligament damage, or muscle injuries that preclude normal ambulation. A Horse that is non-weight-bearing, even if the cause is undiagnosed, must be classified as having a Serious Injury (musculoskeletal).

Serious metabolic injuries include any condition that requires urgent treatment or fails to be completely resolved by treatment at the venue, and (following a vote with at least 2/3 majority) in the opinion of the Treating Veterinarian, President of the Veterinary Commission, and Foreign Veterinary Delegate (or if not appointed, the Primary Veterinary Delegate) requires further assessment and continued appropriate veterinary care beyond the period of Competition. Examples include but are not limited to persistent colic, acute kidney injury, myopathy, collapse, heat stroke, and other metabolic conditions that may

compromise the Horse's health and well-being. If the condition is such that referral is recommended, it must be considered a Serious Injury (metabolic).

**Trainer:** as defined in Article 800.4.1.

**Vet Gate:** as defined in Article 817.1.

A.2 In these Endurance Rules, unless expressly specified otherwise:

A.2.1 words importing one gender include the other genders;

A.2.2 words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular;

A.2.3 references to Articles and Annexes are references to articles of and annexes to these Rules; references to 'paragraphs' are references to provisions in the Annexes;

A.2.4 any reference to a provision in a rule or regulation includes any modifications or successor provisions made or issued from time to time;

A.2.5 any reference to legislation includes any modification or re-enactment of legislation enacted in substitution of that legislation, and any regulation, order-in-council or other instrument from time to time issued or made under that legislation;

A.2.6 any reference to an agreement includes that agreement as modified, supplemented, novated or substituted from time to time;

A.2.7 a reference to 'writing' or 'write' includes fax and email;

A.2.8 a reference to 'may' means 'in the sole discretion of such person'; a reference to 'may not' is a prohibition;

A.2.9 a reference to a person includes natural persons, corporate bodies, and unincorporated bodies (whether or not having separate legal personality), and also includes the legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns of such person;

A.2.10 a reference to a 'day' means any day of the week and is not limited to working days;

A.2.11 an expression of time refers to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT);

A.2.12 headings and tables of content are for reference only and shall not affect the proper interpretation and application of the Rules or Regulations in question; and

A.2.13 any words following the terms 'including', 'include', 'in particular', 'such as', 'for example', or any similar expression, shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms.

A.3 In the event of any inconsistency between these Endurance Rules and the FEI Statutes, the FEI Statutes shall prevail. Unless expressly specified otherwise, in the event of any inconsistency between these Endurance Rules and the FEI General Regulations, the FEI General Regulations shall prevail.

## ANNEX 2: FEI GUIDELINES FOR BEST CONDITION AWARD

The OC may use the following guidelines for a Best Condition Award (if held by the OC):

1. The Best Condition Award will be determined on the day (or last day) of the Competition by a panel of three members (including a chair), made up of (i) two Official Veterinarians and one Judge, or (ii) three Official Veterinarians, as selected by the President of the Veterinary Commission. Details of the criteria used to judge the award must be announced prior to the start of the assessment.
2. Only the Horses classified in the top ten finishing positions of the Competition may participate in the Best Condition Award, provided that they have successfully completed the Competition in a time that is within an additional percentage of the winning time (such percentage to be determined by the Ground Jury).
3. The procedure for assessing the Horses for the Best Condition Award will be as follows:
  - 3.1 First stage: Prior to any examination under the saddle, the Horse will be assessed unmounted for gait, metabolic parameters, and surface injuries.
  - 3.2 Second stage: If not eliminated at the first stage, the Horse must be trotted 40 metres out and back, followed by trotting in a figure eight.
  - 3.3 Third (optional) stage: The Best Condition Award may include a mounted phase. If a mounted phase is included, and provided the Horse is not eliminated at the previous stages, the Athlete will be required, on the instructions of the chair of the Best Condition Award panel, to demonstrate his equitation skills in a free range ridden display of the Athlete's choice. The purpose of this display is to exhibit the soundness of the Horse, including its fitness, agility and willingness to compete. This free range equitation display may not exceed five minutes.
  - 3.4 If the panel considers that the Horse has an irregular gait, is unable to complete the trot out due to lack of impulsion or exhaustion, or fails to meet the metabolic criteria, the Horse will be eliminated from the Best Condition Award.
4. The scoring is divided into four sections of equal points (100 points for each section):
  - 4.1 Section 1: points are awarded based on the position of the Horse compared to the first Horse to finish.
  - 4.2 Section 2: points are awarded based on the recovery time of the Horse for each Phase, except for the finish. The recovery time is the time between when the Athlete completes the Loop and presents for the Horse Inspection (for the avoidance of doubt, the Horse must successfully pass the inspection for the phase to be considered completed).
  - 4.3 Section 3: points are awarded based on the Horse's results during the veterinary examination (taking place as part of the Best Condition Award) and is scored as follows:

<b>Skin Test</b>		<b>Cap. Refill</b>		<b>Muc. Membrane</b>		<b>Gut Sounds</b>		<b>Surface Factors</b>	
Seconds	Points	Seconds	Points	Seconds	Points	Seconds	Points		
1	10	1 to 2	10	A	10	Normal	10	No Lesions	10
2	7.5	2 to 3	7.5	B	7.5	Mid Decrease	7.5	Mild Lesions	7.5
3	5	3 to 4	5	C	5	Moderate Decrease	5	Moderate Lesions	5
4	2.5	4 to 5	2.5	D	2.5	Marked Decrease	2.5	Severe Lesions	Eliminate
Score		Score		Score		Score		Score	

4.4 Section 4: this section is optional and applies only where weight restrictions apply to the Competition. Points are awarded by subtracting the weight of the Athlete under examination from the weight of the heaviest Athlete whose Horse is being considered for the Best Condition Award. The score is obtained by subtracting this difference from 100.

868.1 The Horse with the highest score after adding the points under the four sections above will be declared the winner of the Best Condition Award.

**ANNEX 3: ELIMINATION CODES**

**WD:** Withdrawn

- The Combination does not show up at the Event.
- The Combination decides not to participate in the Competition at or prior to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection in accordance with Article 809.6.3.

**RET:** Retired

- The Combination decides not to continue in the Competition in accordance with Article 809.6.4.

**DSQ:** Disqualified

- A Combination is Disqualified in accordance with these FEI Endurance Rules.
- A reason for Disqualification must be communicated to the FEI via the official results and reports. The reason for Disqualification will be verified with the Officials concerned.
- A Horse may be Disqualified and also designated as Failed to Qualify for a veterinary or other reason (see list under FTQ below).

**FNR:** Finished Not Ranked

- FNR means that the Combination has (or is deemed to have) completed a Competition (including all Horse Inspections) but is not ranked in the final classification (see e.g. Article 824.2 regarding an error on course).
- A Combination may be designated FNR with the approval of the President of the Ground Jury and/or the Technical Delegate. The Officials must provide reasons for the FNR designation.
- Article 837.3.2(c) determines the impact of an FNR designation on Completion Rates. If in addition to the FNR designation the Combination receives a certificate of completion from the Officials at the Event, the Competition will count for the qualification purposes.

**FTQ:** Failed to Qualify

The FTQ designation must be accompanied by one or more of the additional codes below:

- **SP:** Speed (not respecting applicable speed cap per loop)
- **GA:** Irregular gait
- **ME:** Metabolic
- **MI:** Minor Injury (e.g. slight soreness, wound, etc.)
- **SI-MUSCU:** Serious Injury (musculoskeletal injury)
- **SI-META:** Serious Injury (metabolic injury)
- **CI:** Catastrophic Injury
- **OT:** Out of Time (failure to complete a Loop within the allocated time/minimum speed, but successfully passes the Horse Inspection after that Loop)
- **FTC:** Failed to Complete (non-completion of a Loop, but successfully passes the Horse Inspection after that Loop). The Officials must provide reasons for the FTC designation, and an explanation of what happened to the Combination.

The above FTQ codes may be cumulative, as shown in the table below:

code #1	code #2	code #3
SP		
GA		
ME	SP	
MI	GA	SP
SI-MUSCU	ME	
SI-META	MI	
CI		
OT		
FTC		

## ANNEX 4: FEI WORLD ENDURANCE RANKINGS 2020

The scale of points for the calculation of rankings for Endurance is set out below.

**For each ranking list, a rider obtains points depending on the place he obtained in the different Events as described in the following table (points for CEIOs follow the star rating of CEIs):**

Place	WEG / WEC / World Championships	Continental Championships	CEI3*	CEI2*	CEI1*/ Regional Championships/ Regional Games
<b>1</b>	200	160	120	80	40
<b>2</b>	195	156	117	78	39
<b>3</b>	190	152	114	76	38
<b>4</b>	185	148	111	74	37
<b>5</b>	180	144	108	72	36
<b>6</b>	175	140	105	70	35
<b>7</b>	170	136	102	68	34
<b>8</b>	165	132	99	66	33
<b>9</b>	160	128	96	64	32
<b>10</b>	155	124	93	62	31
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<b>until</b>	5	4	3	2	1

### Calculating the rankings:

The ranking is established by taking into account all of the results of the Athlete, Combination or Horse (depending on the ranking). Rankings are defined for a period of time that spans from 1 January until 31 December of the calendar year.

A minimum of five Athletes must start the relevant CEI for an Athlete to earn 100% of the available ranking points for that Event. If the CEI has less than five Athletes competing, the competing Athletes shall be eligible only to earn 50% of the otherwise available ranking points.

At the end of the calendar year, Athletes who have not incurred any EADCMR violation, Penalty Points, Endurance Yellow Warning Card and/or Incorrect Behaviour Card during the relevant calendar year will be awarded bonus ranking points, as follows:

*No EADCMR violation:	250 points
No Penalty Points:	200 points
No Endurance Yellow Warning Card:	150 points
No Incorrect Behaviour Card:	150 points

\* For the avoidance of doubt, where an EADCMR violation occurs during a particular calendar year but the decision confirming the EADCMR violation is not issued until the following calendar year (or in the case of the Administrative Procedure, the PR does not accept the applicable sanctions until the following calendar year), the Athlete shall be ineligible to receive the 'No EADCMR violation' bonus points in the calendar year that the decision is issued (or in the case of the Administrative Procedure the calendar year that the PR accepts the sanction) and any calendar year during which the PR is serving a period of ineligibility. For example, if an Athlete commits an EADCMR violation in November 2020 but the FEI Tribunal does not issue its final decision confirming the violation until March 2021, the Athlete shall be eligible for the 'No EADCMR violation' bonus points in the 2020 calendar year but not in the 2021 calendar year.

The bonus ranking points are attributed on a cumulative basis. An Athlete may earn up to 750 bonus ranking points.

### **Prizes and Awards for Athletes for the Open Riders World Endurance Ranking and Young Riders World Endurance Ranking**

**Prize Money (if applicable) will be apportioned as follows:**

1st place: 50%

2nd place: 30%

3rd place: 20%

#### **Awards:**

Athletes finishing in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will each receive (i) an FEI Medal or Trophy, and (ii) certificate.

Athletes finishing in 4th to 10th place will each receive a certificate of recognition.

### **Prizes and Awards for Horses for the Open Horse World Endurance Ranking and Young Riders Horse World Endurance Ranking**

#### **Awards:**

Horse finishing in 1st: trophy and certificate

Horses finishing in 2nd to 10th: certificate of recognition

### **Prizes and Awards for Combinations for the Open Combination World Endurance Ranking and Young Riders Combination World Endurance Ranking**

#### **Awards:**

Horse finishing in 1st: trophy and certificate

Horses finishing in 2nd to 10th: certificate of recognition

## **ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION**

[If these Endurance Rules (including Annex 5) are approved, the FEI Veterinary Regulations will be amended accordingly]

### **PART A: VETERINARY CONTROL**

#### **1. Veterinary Commission and Horse welfare**

- 1.1 The Veterinary Commission has absolute control over all matters concerning Horse welfare.
- 1.2 Any decision of the Ground Jury taken on the direct advice of the Veterinary Commission is final, and may not be appealed. Where the Ground Jury eliminates a Horse from any Competition, it must provide its reasons for doing so, which must be recorded in accordance with paragraphs 3.1 and 3.4(c), below.

#### **2. Foreign Veterinary Delegate / Primary Veterinary Delegate**

If no Foreign Veterinary Delegate is appointed for an Event, that role will be fulfilled by the Primary Veterinary Delegate.

#### **3. Horse records**

- 3.1 For each Event, individual Vet Cards must be issued for each Horse before the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection and must be completed after each subsequent Horse Inspection and any other Veterinary Examination. The Vet Cards may be in paper or electronic form, provided that only the FEI-approved paper/electronic forms are used, and (if the OC opts to use the electronic form) then the OC must specify this in the Competition Schedule.
- 3.2 All the relevant information required at the Horse Inspections (see paragraph 9.2) and any other details from other Veterinary Examinations or as otherwise required under this Annex 5 or the FEI Veterinary Regulations must be recorded on the Vet Card for each Combination and must be available at all subsequent inspections and examinations.
- 3.3 Athletes are entitled to see and copy the record referring to their Horses immediately after the Horse Inspection or Veterinary Examination.
- 3.4 After each Event:
  - (a) details of a Horse's completed distance to the nearest Vet Gate, reasons for non-classification (metabolic, irregular gait or both), treatments at the venue, referral for hospitalisation, Mandatory Out of Competition Period(s) and any other comments necessary to protect the Horse's future safety and welfare deemed necessary by the Veterinary Commission must be recorded on the Vet Card;
  - (b) all Vet Cards must be sent to the FEI Veterinary Department in electronic form within 72 hours of the end of the Event, but copies may also be retained by the OC (if paper cards are used during the Event,

they must be scanned or photographed or the details must be manually entered into an electronic form, e.g. Word); and

- (c) the Veterinary Report for the Event must be sent to the FEI Veterinary Department in electronic form in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations and any other requirements for reporting set out in the FEI Veterinary Regulations. This report must include details of any injury or disease suffered by a Horse and the treatment provided for such injury/disease.

- 3.5 Only the Veterinary Commission and/or President of the Ground Jury may make entries in the official record.

#### **4. Veterinary supervision at Events**

At all Endurance Competitions of 160 km in one day or of an average of 100 km on two or more days, subject to the discretion of the Veterinary Commission, all competing Horses must remain in the stable area at the Event under veterinary supervision (including by the Permitted Treating Veterinarians, President of the Veterinary Commission, Foreign Veterinary Delegate and/or member of the Veterinary Commission) for (i) a minimum of eight hours before the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection (subject to published closing times for the stables), and (ii) a minimum of eight hours after the scheduled finish for the Competition. If a Horse has not completed all Phases of the Competition, the President of the Veterinary Commission, Foreign Veterinary Delegate and President of the Ground Jury may authorise the release of a Horse at an earlier time.

#### **5. Veterinary services and aftercare**

- 5.1 The President of the Veterinary Commission or Foreign Veterinary Delegate are required to provide for appropriate aftercare and veterinary services as set out in the FEI Veterinary Regulations. For Championships, triage and emergency treatment facilities must be provided on site, and arrangements must also be made with a designated referral facility to refer Horses for further assessment and treatment if necessary. Such arrangements must be clearly written in the Competition Schedule and approved by the Technical Delegate in collaboration with the President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate prior to the Examination on Arrival.
- 5.2 After the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, the President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate in consultation with the Ground Jury may recommend changes in the treatment arrangements including the placement of members of the Veterinary Commission, or scheduling of their availability, for help in the treatment/aftercare area. Such arrangements must identify the Treating Veterinarian(s) and the treatment group must include a Veterinarian licensed to practice Veterinary medicine in that geographical location.

#### **6. Horse fatality**

- 6.1 If a Horse dies for any reason at the Event, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate must ensure that the procedures set out in the FEI Veterinary Regulations are carried out.
- 6.2 If a Horse that has competed in an Event dies for any reason that is related to its participation in that Event (including where the Horse suffers a Catastrophic Injury or Serious Injury requiring referral to a designated facility), the Person Responsible (as defined in the FEI General Regulations) and the Horse's

administering National Federation must notify the FEI Veterinary Department as required under the FEI Veterinary Regulations, and also comply with the procedures set out in Article 835 of the Endurance Rules and in the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

## **PART B: HORSE INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS**

### **7. Examination on Arrival**

- 7.1 Examination on Arrival must be carried out at all FEI Events and take place in a designated Examination on Arrival area as described in the FEI Veterinary Regulations. The Foreign Veterinary Delegate (or his appointee, who must be an FEI Veterinarian) must examine all Horses arriving at the Event venue and collect their FEI passports, before they are allowed to enter the stables.
- (a) For CEIs, the Examination on Arrival may be coupled with the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, but (for biosecurity reasons) Horses may not enter the stables at the Event before the Examination on Arrival is completed.
  - (b) At CEIOs and Championships, the Examination on Arrival and First (Pre-Ride) Inspection must occur separately and far enough in advance to allow for isolation of compromised Horses and their travelling partners until health questions or concerns are satisfied. The OC must provide adequate isolation facilities for those purposes.
- 7.2 During the Examination on Arrival, a member of the Veterinary Commission must:
- (a) verify the identity of the Horse from its FEI passport, using the diagram, description, and (if applicable) the microchip number;
  - (b) check that the Horse has been vaccinated against equine influenza in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations;
  - (c) verify whether all details relating to the Horse's identification, vaccination record and other health requirements are correctly recorded in the Horse's Passport;
  - (d) ensure that the Horse does not have any clinical signs of infectious disease. This may include a clinical examination to assess the heart, respiratory rate, body temperature and the checking of any other clinical parameters; and
  - (e) palpate the limbs and/or body only when there is a concern of a suspected injury or illness sustained during travel.
- 7.3 Following any Veterinary Examination, any Horse considered not fit to compete must be reported to the Ground Jury before the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection. The Veterinary Commission/Foreign Veterinary Delegate must discuss the matter with the Ground Jury, and the Ground Jury (if it considers necessary) may eliminate the Horse before the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection.
- 7.4 Horses that are not vaccinated against Equine Influenza as required under the FEI Veterinary Regulations or whose vaccination status cannot be confirmed

(e.g. failure to produce an FEI passport) must be refused permission to enter the Event stables and stabled in the isolation stables.

- 7.5 Horses that have any clinical findings consistent with non-infectious diseases or injury must be reported to the Veterinary Commission/Foreign Veterinary Delegate as soon as possible.
- 7.6 Horses must be stabled in the isolation stables if they show any clinical signs of infectious disease, or have been in contact with other Horses that show clinical signs of infectious disease. These Horses must be refused permission to enter the Event stables and stabled in isolation stables pending recovery, or until alternative arrangements have been made.
- 7.7 Any biosecurity concern must be immediately reported to the Veterinary Commission/Foreign Veterinary Delegate.

## 8. Horse Inspections

- 8.1 Following the Examination on Arrival, all Horse Inspections during the Competition will follow the same format. If there are any changes to how the Horse Inspections will be conducted, that must be announced prior to the Competition by the Ground Jury or be published in the Competition Schedule.
- 8.2 **First (Pre-Ride) Inspection:** the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection will take place on the day preceding or on the day of the first Loop in the Competition (before the ride starts) and will be performed by the Veterinary Commission and the Ground Jury.
- 8.3 **Horse Inspections at each Vet Gate:** the first mandatory Horse Inspection at the end of each Loop of the course (see also Article 817).
- 8.4 **Compulsory Re-Inspections:** the Veterinary Commission, in consultation with the Ground Jury, will establish at which Vet Gates they will require Horses to be presented for a compulsory re-inspection, no earlier than 15 minutes before that Athlete's scheduled departure time from that Vet Gate.
- 8.5 **Requested Re-Inspections:** the Veterinary Commission may ask an Athlete to present his Horse for re-inspection during its Hold Time and no earlier than 15 minutes prior to departure if the Veterinarian has concerns about the Horse's continuing status.
- 8.6 **Final Horse Inspection:** The Final Horse Inspection takes place after the Horse crosses the finish line of the Competition.
- 8.7 **Veterinary inspection in case of visible blood:**

If blood is visible on a Horse at any time anywhere on the Field of Play, the Horse must be examined by a panel of three Veterinarians who will report their findings verbally to the President of the Ground Jury. If the panel of Veterinarians determines (i) that the Horse has free-flowing blood from an injury or orifice, or (ii) that continuing in the Competition will in any way endanger (or risk endangering) the welfare of the Horse, the Horse must be designated as Failed to Qualify. The Horse may continue in the Competition only if the panel of Veterinarians determines that the blood is not free-flowing and that continuing in the Competition does not in any way endanger (or risk endangering) the welfare of the Horse (for example, where the Horse suffers a minor scratch from a tree branch). The panel of Veterinarians must report any blood visible on the Horse

(regardless of its determination) in the Veterinary Report for the Event (see the FEI Veterinary Regulations), including the Horse's FEI registration number, a description of the injury, a photograph of the injury, the determination of the panel with reasons, and the names and FEI registration numbers of each of the three panel members that examined the Horse).

#### 8.8 **Other veterinary inspections:**

The Ground Jury or Veterinary Commission may select any Horses at random at any time to submit to a Horse Inspection or other Veterinary Examination during the Competition.

### 9. **Assessments during Horse Inspections**

9.1 The Veterinarians' responsibilities to evaluate a Horse are the same for all Horse Inspections, i.e. the same standards apply to judging fitness to continue with respect to heart rate, metabolic status, gait and general condition up to and including the Final Horse Inspection.

9.2 **Assessments for all Horse Inspections:** Assessments will be made of the Horse's general condition and its metabolic status, including (without limitation) heart rate, mucous membrane characteristics, capillary refill time, intestinal activity (gut sounds), estimated hydration status, demeanour. Its gait will be evaluated and soreness on palpation of the back and girth and the muscles and any minor injuries including in the mouth, and around the saddle and girth area will also be assessed. These assessments and any other observations regarding the Horse's condition must be recorded on the Vet Card.

#### 9.3 **Heart rate assessment protocol:**

(a) All heart rate assessments must be undertaken by a member of the Veterinary Commission.

(i) The maximum heart rate parameters are set out in 817.4.1.

(ii) Heart rate is the first parameter to be examined and recorded during the Horse Inspection. It is an essential criterion to accurately assess the Horse's recovery and fitness to continue.

(iii) Every effort should be taken to accurately record the heart rate. If the examination of the heart rate is disrupted due to movement or excitement of the Horse rendering the examination impossible or inaccurate, the examination is stopped and recommenced when the Horse is settled. If the Athlete, Crew Member, or other Person Responsible (as defined in the FEI General Regulations) deliberately disrupts the Horse Inspection, the Horse will fail the inspection.

(b) Stethoscope Examination:

(i) When the Horse is presented for inspection, the stethoscope is applied to the left side of the chest wall at approximately the level of the elbow. The initial heart rate recording may be by the use of a stethoscope or with an Approved Electronic Heart Rate System.

- (ii) The examiner should locate the best position to auscultate the heart i.e., where the heart sounds are clearly audible.
  - (iii) A stop watch must be used to time the count.
  - (iv) The stop watch is started when the heart beat is audible and the count starts on the next heartbeat. The stop watch can be stopped at 15 seconds if the count is one quarter or less of the maximum heart rate parameter or at 30 seconds if the heart rate is less than or equal to half of the maximum heart rate parameter. In both cases the heart rate can be recorded as being at or below the maximum heart rate parameter and the inspection can then be completed.
  - (v) If the heart rate inspection cannot be completed under paragraph iv above, the heart rate must be recorded for a full 60 seconds. If the heart rate is greater than the maximum heart rate parameter at 60 seconds, the Horse must be presented for heart rate re-inspection. If there is insufficient time left for a heart rate re-inspection or if the heart rate is greater than the maximum heart rate parameter at the heart rate re-inspection, the Horse will Fail to Qualify – metabolic (FTQ-ME).
  - (vi) Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI) is recorded at each inspection and involves the examination and recording of the heart rate as part of the metabolic assessment of the Horse. Once the heart rate has been recorded the stop watch is restarted and the Horse has one minute to trot 80 m (40 m out and 40 m back) allowing for a gait assessment. At the end of the minute a second heart rate is recorded. The difference between the first and second heart rates is the CRI. The examining Veterinarian must not perform any manipulation prior to taking the second heart rate that is likely to cause the heart rate of the Horse to become artificially elevated (such as by examining the Horse's head).
  - (vii) The second heart rate recording of the CRI must be with a stethoscope. At this examination the heart rate is recorded for up to one minute and the cardiac cycle is examined for any pathological signs that may indicate that the Horse is unfit to continue.
- (c) FEI-approved electronic heart rate monitoring systems:
- (i) When the Horse is presented for a heart rate assessment, the electronic heart rate reader must be applied to the left side of the chest wall at approximately the level of the elbow.
  - (ii) The examiner should locate the best position to record the heart rate.
  - (iii) The reader is started and the assessment starts. The system must provide an assessment at 15 seconds, 30 seconds, 45 seconds and 60 seconds. If the heart rate is less than or equal to the maximum heart rate parameter at any of those time intervals, then the reading can be recorded and the inspection can then be completed.

- (iv) If the heart rate is greater than the maximum heart parameter at each of the time intervals in paragraph iii above, the Horse must be presented for heart rate re-inspection. If there is insufficient time left for a heart rate re-inspection or if the heart rate is greater than the maximum heart rate parameter at the heart rate re-inspection, the Horse will Fail to Qualify – metabolic (FTQ-ME).
  - (d) Confirmation of heart rate in excess of the maximum heart rate parameters must follow the protocol in this paragraph 9.3. The second heart rate assessment, to be taken immediately, will be taken by a second heart rate reader and the Horse will be confirmed as a Fail to Qualify if the heart rate fails to meet the maximum heart rate parameters.
  - (e) Horses with abnormally high heart rates, or heart rates higher than maximum heart rate parameters, will not be allowed to continue in the Competition and will be deemed to have Failed to Qualify – metabolic (FTQ – ME). Any abnormal heart sounds must be recorded on the Vet Card.
- 9.4 **Respiratory system:** abnormalities in rate or character of the breathing deemed by the Veterinary Commission to be of such a nature as to endanger the safety of the Horse will be cause for Failure to Qualify for the next Phase.
- 9.5 **General condition and metabolic status:** Horses in a generally poor condition or with an abnormally high temperature will be designated as Failed to Qualify – metabolic (FTQ-ME).
- 9.6 **Metabolic status:** the metabolic status will be assessed by the examination and recording of those parameters that indicate the Horse's fitness to continue including mucous membranes, capillary refill time, hydration, intestinal activity (gut sounds), demeanour and Cardiac Recovery Index. Failure to Qualify due to metabolic status, musculoskeletal injuries or other reasons will require a review by a panel of three Veterinarians who will, by secret individual vote for a pass or fail, verbally communicate their vote directly to a member of the Ground Jury.
- 9.7 **Irregular gait:** During any inspection during the course, a Horse with an irregular gait that is observable through evaluation by trotting the Horse on a loose lead in hand straight out and back, without prior flexion or deep palpation, which is observed to cause pain, or threaten the immediate ability of the Horse to safely continue the Competition, will be removed from Competition and will Fail to Qualify for the next Phase. To assess irregular gait:
- (a) The inspection must be carried out on a flat firm surface.
  - (b) If after having once trotted the Horse, the observing Veterinarian questions the Horse's fitness to continue, the Horse will be re-trotted before a panel of three Veterinarians who will by secret individual vote opt for a pass or fail and verbally communicate their vote directly to a member of the Ground Jury.
  - (c) Any of the three Veterinarians may call for a single additional trot up prior to voting if he so wishes, giving the Horse and Athlete the benefit of the doubt, and will communicate that request to the member of the Ground Jury present who will request the Horse be trotted again. The decision based on a majority vote by the three Veterinarians (who must each vote independently and without prior discussion) will be final.

- (d) If the panel is still unable to conclude based on three attempts (one by the original examining Veterinarian and twice by the panel) that the Horse is fit to continue, whether it is because of a presentation failure, including the inability of the Horse to trot the full distance, the inability of the Horse to trot soundly, or based on veterinary assessment criteria, the Horse will be designated as Failed to Qualify – irregular gait (FTQ-GA).
  - (e) Any unusual feature about a Horse's gait must be noted on the Vet Card of the Horse, whether it is deemed grounds for elimination or not. Where electronic systems are used, there must be provision for this.
- 9.8 **Soreness, laceration and wounds:** any evidence of soreness, lacerations and/or wounds in the mouth, on the limbs and/or on the body (including girth and saddle sores) must be recorded on the Vet Card. If participation in or continuation of the Competition is likely to aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds or in any way endangers (or risks endangering) the welfare of the Horse, the Horse will not be allowed to continue.
- 9.9 **Shoes and feet:** Horses may be ridden without shoes, but if shod they must be correctly shod and the shoes must be in a suitable condition for the Competition. Horses that are shod at the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection may cross the finish line without one or more shoes. However, if the Horse's feet or shoes hinder its ability to compete safely or appear to be causing the Horse pain, then the Horse will Fail to Qualify for the next Phase. Equi-boots and pads must be removed at the Horse Inspection if so requested by the Veterinary Commission.
- 9.10 **Specific additional procedures for the Final Horse Inspection:**
- (a) The Horse must be presented to either the Veterinary Commission or the Permitted Treating Veterinarian for a full Horse Inspection.
  - (b) The purpose of the Final Horse Inspection is to determine whether the Horse is still fit to continue after a normal rest period for another full Loop. The assessments will be performed in the same manner, and applying the same criteria, as previous Horse Inspections during the course, save that there will be only one opportunity to qualify for presentation. Each Horse will also be checked against its Vet Card.
  - (c) The first trot-up of all Horses must be in front of a panel of three members of the Veterinary Commission. A member of the panel may ask to see the Horse trot only one more time before voting takes place.

## 10. Decorum during Horse Inspections:

- 10.1 The Ground Jury and Stewards are responsible for enforcing the Horse Inspection decorum.
- 10.2 The Horse Inspection areas should (as far as practicable) be quiet and without distraction out of respect for the Athletes and Horses under the stresses of intense competition and for the welfare of the Horses.
- 10.3 Athletes and other persons assisting the Athletes during the Horse Inspection must respect the Horse Inspection decorum and not do (or fail to do) anything that might have a negative impact on any of the Horses in the Horse Inspection area, or on any Horse Inspections.

- 10.4 Horses must be presented for inspection in a bridle or head collar but without any other tack, including saddle, boots, fly masks, Blinkers/visors and other tack. The tack must be removed in the recovery area before entering the Vet Gate. If there has been any topical application of any kind to the skin of the Horse (other than any topical application that is strictly prohibited under Article 828), the Veterinary Commission will require that it be removed before the Horse may be presented for the Horse Inspection. If a Horse is presented at the Vet Gate with tack on (other than the bridle or head collar) or any topical application of any kind to the skin (subject to Article 828) that has not been removed further to instructions of the Veterinary Commission then that Horse will fail the first presentation. The time into the Vet Gate will be cancelled and the Horse will be required to exit the Vet Gate and present for a second (final) presentation (except that there shall be no opportunity to re-present at the Final Inspection).
- 10.5 Horses presented for vetting must proceed, as instructed, directly from the Vet Gate entrance to the relevant Veterinarian in the veterinary examination area (vet lane) showing constant forward motion. No action may be taken to hold back the Horse or to prevent the constant forward motion of the Horse. The Horse may not enter the vet lane until its heart rate has been assessed, and may not be trotted until so instructed by the relevant Veterinarian. In the event of breach of this provision, the Athlete will be given a fixed time penalty of five minutes and/or an Endurance Yellow Warning Card.
- 10.6 Whistling or any other behaviour within the Vet Gate to encourage a Horse to urinate is prohibited.
- 10.7 No gamesmanship will be tolerated in terms of delaying or interfering with a fair presentation. From time to time, the FEI may provide a list of conduct that is specifically prohibited during Horse Inspections.
- 10.8 Failure to comply with the Horse Inspection decorum, or the list of prohibited conduct that may be provided by the FEI, may (in addition to any specific penalties set out in this paragraph 10) result in Disqualification or other disciplinary action and/or such other measures as the Ground Jury and Stewards consider appropriate in the circumstances. The Ground Jury and Stewards have a wide margin of discretion to determine what steps are appropriate in relation to any misconduct during Horse Inspections.

### **PART C: VETERINARY TREATMENT DURING COMPETITION**

See Chapter V (Veterinary Medication) of the FEI Veterinary Regulations for detail on permitted/prohibited veterinary treatments during Events.

## ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS

The tables below set out the requirements for the appointment of Officials at Events, including (i) the minimum number of Officials required (and any additional Officials required based on the ratio of Officials to entries), (ii) the required qualification level of those Officials (i.e. 'minimum rate'), and (iii) which body is responsible for appointing those Officials. If FEI Headquarters is responsible for appointing any Official, it may consult as necessary with the FEI Endurance Committee and/or the OC. For the purposes of this Annex 6, and save where stated otherwise, CEIOs must comply with the requirements applicable to CEIs of the same star level.

### Technical Delegates:

	Technical Delegate		
	Minimum rate	Number	Appointment
<b>WEG/World Championships</b>	4	1 (see note 1)	FEI Headquarters
<b>Regional Games/Continental Championships; Championships for Seniors, Juniors/Young Riders, or Young Horses</b>	4	1 (see note 1)	FEI Headquarters
<b>Regional Championships</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
<b>CEI 3*</b>	3	1	FEI Headquarters
<b>CEI 2*</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
<b>CEI 1*</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval

(1) The Technical Delegate must be 'Foreign', in accordance with Article 849.4.

## Stewarding team:

	Stewarding Team					
	Chief Steward			Stewards		
	Minimum rate	Number	Appointment	Minimum rate	Minimum number	Appointment
<b>WEG/World Championships</b>	4	1	FEI Headquarters	2	One per 15 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval
<b>Regional Games/Continental Championships; Championships for Seniors, Juniors/Young Riders, or Young Horses</b>	4	1	FEI Headquarters	2	One per 15 entries	
<b>Regional Championships</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	National or above	One per 20 entries	
<b>CEI 3*</b>	3	1	FEI Headquarters	National or above	One per 20 entries	
<b>CEI 2*</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	National or above	One per 20 entries	
<b>CEI 1*</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	National or above	One per 20 entries	

## Ground Jury:

	Ground Jury									
	President (see note 2)			Foreign Judge (see note 2)			Members			
	Minimum rate	Number	Appointment	Minimum rate	Number	Appointment	Minimum rate	Minimum number	Appointment	Extra member
<b>WEG/World Championships</b>	4	1	FEI Headquarters	4	1	FEI Headquarters	3	3	FEI Headquarters	1 per 30 Entries
<b>Regional Games/ Continental Championships; Championships for Seniors, Juniors/Young Riders, or Young Horses</b>	4	1	FEI Headquarters	4	1	FEI Headquarters	3	2	FEI Headquarters	1 per 30 Entries
<b>Regional Championships</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	Not required			National or above	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 30 Entries
<b>CEI 3*</b>	3	1	FEI Headquarters	3	1	FEI Headquarters	National or above	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 30 Entries
<b>CEI 2*</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	Not required			National or above	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 30 Entries
<b>CEI 1*</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval				National or above	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 30 Entries

(2) The FEI reserves the right to appoint the President of Ground Jury and the Foreign Judge at all CEIOs (regardless of star level).

**Veterinary Commission:**

	<b>Veterinary Commission</b>									
	<b>President (see note 4)</b>			<b>Foreign Veterinary Delegate (see note 4)</b>			<b>Members</b>			
	<b>Minimum Rate</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Minimum Rate</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Minimum Rate</b>	<b>Minimum number</b>	<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Extra Member</b>
<b>WEG/World Championships (see note 3)</b>	4	1	FEI Headquarters	4	1	FEI Headquarters	4	3	FEI Headquarters	1 per 15 entries
<b>Regional Games/Continental Championships; Championships for Seniors, Juniors/Young Riders, or Young Horses (see note 3)</b>	4	1	FEI Headquarters	4	1	FEI Headquarters	4	3	FEI Headquarters	1 per 15 entries
<b>Regional Championships</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	Not required			PTV	2	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 20 entries
<b>CEI 3* (see note 3)</b>	4	1	FEI Headquarters	4	1	FEI Headquarters	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 20 entries
<b>CEI 2*</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 20 entries
<b>CEI 1*</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	Not required			PTV	2	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 20 entries

(3) At least half of the members of the Veterinary Commission (including the President and Foreign Veterinary Delegate) must be 'Foreign', in accordance with Article 849.4.

(4) The FEI reserves the right to appoint the President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate at all CEIOs (regardless of star level). Where a Foreign Veterinary Delegate is not required, a Primary Veterinary Delegate must be appointed to fulfil the role of the Foreign Veterinary Delegate.

## Treating Veterinarians:

	Treating Veterinary Commission						
	President			Members			
	Minimum Rate	Number	Appointment	Minimum Rate	Minimum number	Appointment	Extra Member
<b>WEG/World Championships</b>	4	1	FEI Headquarters	4	1	FEI Headquarters	1 per 20 entries
<b>Regional Games/Continental Championships; Championships for Seniors, Juniors/Young Riders, or Young Horses</b>	4	1	FEI Headquarters	4	1	FEI Headquarters	1 per 20 entries
<b>Regional Championships</b>	2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	PTV	N/A	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 50 entries
<b>CEI 3*</b>	4	1	FEI Headquarters	PTV	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 30 entries
<b>CEI 2*</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	PTV	N/A	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 50 entries
<b>CEI 1*</b>	2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	PTV	N/A	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 50 entries

## ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD CONSECUTIVE FTQ-GA

Further to the table at Article 834.2.1, after a Horse Fails to Qualify for irregular gait (FTQ-GA) for a third consecutive time in a rolling year, the following procedure must be applied before the Horse may return to Competition to ensure that the Horse has properly recovered before competing again:

### 1. Notification:

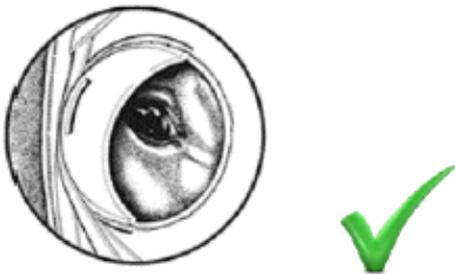
- 1.1 The Horse must be flagged in the FEI database as having Failed to Qualify for irregular gait three consecutive times in a rolling year.
- 1.2 If an Athlete intends to ride a Horse that has had three consecutive Failures to Qualify for irregular gait in a rolling year, that Athlete (or the Trainer) must notify the FEI Endurance Department of the Horse's next Competition at least four weeks prior to the Horse's next Competition.
- 1.3 The FEI Endurance Department will inform the FEI Veterinary Department of the Horse's status and ask for it to arrange for the Horse to be examined in accordance with this Annex 7. The FEI Endurance Department will also inform the President of the Ground Jury of the Horse's status and the additional examination.
- 1.4 The FEI Veterinary Department will inform the Foreign Veterinary Delegate and Veterinary Commission of the Horse's status and the required additional examination.

### 2. Examination procedure:

- 2.1 Before the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, a panel of three Veterinarians (including the President of the Veterinary Commission, Foreign Veterinary Delegate, and a member of the Veterinary Commission) must carry out a detailed examination to determine if the Horse is fit to compete.
- 2.2 The examination must consist of, but is not limited to:
  - (a) Walk and trot on a straight line;
  - (b) Walk and trot both ways in a circle; and
  - (c) Palpation of relevant tissues.
- 2.3 The panel of Veterinarians must notify the Ground Jury of the results of the examination (in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations). The Ground Jury must decide whether or not the Horse is fit to continue to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection.
- 2.4 During the Competition, the Veterinary Commission must closely monitor the Horse.
- 2.5 If the Horse successfully completes the Final Horse Inspection, the FEI Endurance Department will remove the flag from the Horse's profile on the FEI database.

**ANNEX 8: DIAGRAMS OF BLINKERS AND CHEEK PIECES**

The following provides illustrations of permitted/prohibited Blinkers and cheek pieces, as described in Articles 829.2.7, 829.2.8 and 829.3.6.

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