

Guidelines & requirements for Athletes & Horses for FEI Endurance competitions



To be able to complete at the highest level of competition in Endurance Internationally involves many years of planning and preparation.

To start your journey

To compete in FEI events at the local levels requires the following memberships, registrations and qualifying rides a summary is below. Complete up to date information can be found on the EA website <https://www.equestrian.org.au/forms> direct all enquiries for Athlete and Horse registrations to Danielle O'Brien at danielle.obrien@equestrian.org.au or call her on (02) 8762-7011). It can take up to three weeks to have all documentation complete. Make sure you ask questions if you are unsure of any part of the process, **you are responsible to ensure you and your horse have the right qualifications, registrations and documentation.**

Summary as at April 2021

Athlete	✓
Annual Membership with State Branch of AERA eg QERA	
Annual Membership with State Branch of Equestrian Australia e.g. Equestrian Qld	
Annual FEI Athlete Registration https://www.equestrian.org.au/Endurance-Horse-FEI-Registration	
Annual FEI Trainer Registration (required if you train your own horse)	
Horse	✓

Must have completed 2 x 40km rides + 2 x 80km AERA rides (minimum 12 months must be completed within a 24 month period) to compete in their first *1 star event	
Horse must be minimum 6 years of age	
Horse registered with EA State branch - lifetime membership	
Annual FEI Horse registration https://www.equestrian.org.au/Endurance-Horse-FEI-Registration	
<p>Apply for an EA National Passport Document - for 1* & 2* rides or a FEI Passport</p> <p>Once the horse EA National Passport has been certified and identified by owner and veterinarian, the passport is then returned to Equestrian Australian with the completed Novice Qualifications form http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Endurance_Standard_Novice_Qualification_Form.pdf</p> <p>If planning on progressing to 3* then recommend an FEI Passport, records all FEI rides & vet approved/applied vaccinations</p>	

The Bullio Club issued the following summary that may also be of assistance

[CEI+REQUIREMENTS+FOR+BULLIO+CUP+10Sept2019.pdf](#)

2021 Australia & NZ FEI Calendar

1. NSW Bullio – 1 May
2. QLD Toft Endurance – June TBC
3. NSW Bullio – Aug TBC
4. NSW Bullio Cup – 30th Oct 1* & 2* including a Team Camp see below #
5. NZ scheduled rides for 2020/2021 can be found here as a guide to the number and type of FEI (CEN) rides they offer <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/disciplines/endurance-ctr/competition/ride-calendars/>.
 - a. If you are considering taking your horse to NZ in the future guidelines (Pre Covid) can be found Appendix I

The Bullio Team Camp offers education for all endurance riders held over Thursday 28th October (afternoon) and Friday 29th October (morning) at the ride base prior to the Bullio Cup AERA and FEI endurance events on the weekend of 29th-31st October 2021 in Orange, NSW.

The Bullio Team Camp education program is aimed at sharing knowledge in a friendly and interactive series of presentations and demonstrations. Topics address different aspects of endurance riding, with the inclusion of specific talks to inspire and assist with high performance pathways towards international and FEI competition. This year's topics include;

- Equine body work and biomechanics
- The science behind electrolytes and supplementing during competition
- Short talks from Australian riders training overseas
- 'How To' present your horse in the vet ring - 'trotting-up'
- 'How To' run an FEI even for ride organisers
- 'How To' become an FEI official – our sport needs you!
- 'Tying-up' - management

Registration for this program costs \$35.00 per person. Please keep a look out for advertising on AERA and NSWERA websites and social media soon.

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TBC

Ride Officials

Rides cannot happen without a dedicated qualified team of Officials, for more information on how to contribute to this great sport and become an official or renew your qualifications please contact Robyn Parnell nybor63@gmail.com

Volunteer & Sponsorship

As we are a small population of riders and officials, for these event to take place we need riders & supporters to step up and offer assistance by either time and or sponsorship. ***“Don’t ask what ride organiser can do for you; ask what you can do for the ride organisers”***. Contact them in advance to see how you can assist. They a need all the help they can get to be able to give you the opportunity to compete at your best! If we are really serious about putting our best horses and riders up against international competition it will take a mountain of effort from all involved.

Planning & Qualifications required for international competitions

- Review the FEI Ride Calendar for opportunities to compete in Australia & overseas.
- Put your hand up to assist at FEI events local and overseas for example, Trans-Tasman, Endurance World Championships, WEG for the Australian Endurance Team for International experience.
- There is a 24-month qualifying window for WEG. COVID has certainly disrupted many international competitions so stay tuned to EA, AERA & your State Endurance Assoc for announcements and updates
- Ensure over a 24 months you complete 2 x FEI 3* rides on the horse that you plan to take to WEG as part of 1. FEI requirements 2. WEG Requirements 3. Australian Team Selectors Requirements (subject to rule change)
- Ensure you complete 1 x FEI 3* Championship ride at a minimum 14kph or more during the qualifying period on your potential WEG horse or horses.

May need to consider taking your horse to New Zealand or further aboard to obtain the necessary qualifications. Other avenues would be to ride in other countries to gain a wide variety of competition experience; arranging reciprocal rides for example - you offer your horse here at competitions for the opportunity to compete on a borrowed horse in their countries competition.

The main international endurance competitions can be found

<https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/endurance/main-events>

FEI Endurance Rules – January 2021 (current at the date of this document March 2021)

https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/FEI%20Endurance%20Rules%20-%201%20January%202021%20-%20CLEAN.final_.pdf

Download the rules; you will be fully responsible to adhered to the rules. Qualifying criteria can be found in chapter IV & V.

Equestrian Australia Endurance Committee - EAEC

An example of what is required to qualify for an international event - [Qualifying Criteria Endurance World Championships 2021](#)

We would like to encourage a wide range of riders to continue their journey or get started on their journey. Please contact any member of the EAEC if you have further enquires or feedback.

Wishing you all the best on your journey to success! Dream Big

Equestrian Australia Endurance Committee



Penny and Alexandra Toft at the World Equestrian Games 2018 with Dream Dancer TE

Appendix I

NZ Guidelines

- 5-6 months NZ trip duration for example – need to allow a minimum \$40,000
- IRT \$11,500 return for example to fly your horse from Melbourne > Auckland > Melbourne. If you don't have a return date GST will be payable at 15% of your horses declared value & will be held in trust & becomes payable if your horse stays 12 months or more.
- Ground Transport costs at both ends via an authorised Transport Company
- Blood test required for entry into NZ, no quarantine, however if sending gear at the same time as your horse ensure its new or clean & free of any dirt etc.
- Decide whether you wish to base your horse on either the North or South Island – and select a suitable trainer accordingly.
- Register yourself & horse with ESNZ & obtain an NZ logbook. Join a local endurance club if you are doing both FEI & National rides as part of your training program.
- Your Helmet will need to be tagged by an official (red tag) – that it's been checked – normally can be completed at the ride, left on for the duration you are competing in NZ.
- Allow for flights/accommodation/car hire/insurance etc and any crew/horse body worker that is travelling with you at least once every month for the duration to compete.