



Guidelines & requirements for Rider & Horse 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.

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	
Annual FEI Trainer Registration (required if you train your own horse)	
Horse	√
AERA Yellow Log Book	
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 a *1 star event	
Horse must be minimum 6 years of age	
Horse registered with EA State branch - lifetime membership	
Annual FEI Horse registration	
Apply for an EA National Passport Document - for 1* & 2* rides or a FEI Passport	
If planning on progressing to 3* then recommend an FEI Passport, records all FEI rides & vet approved/applied vaccinations	

Link for Horse & Rider FEI registration

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/Endurance-Horse-FEI-Registration>

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*
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/>

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TBC



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-%20201%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.

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.



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.