

15 July 2016

Re: FEI Endurance Rules – Modifications to be implemented 1st January 2017

Dear National Federations,

We have the pleasure of enclosing the proposed modifications to the Endurance Rules for 2017.

The modifications result from proposals made by the FEI Endurance Technical Committee, the FEI HQ and from feedback received from our stakeholders of the Endurance discipline.

You will find the proposed changes highlighted in the Endurance Rules in annex, of which the main areas of amendments are summarised hereafter:

Multi day rides start: Upon proposal from the USA-NF

New star rating for CEIs: In line with the ESPG and Task Force recommendations and also by proposal of the Alliance of Endurance Organizers, supported by the BEL-NF. This new start system for Endurance events will allow as well, a better progression of the horses and athletes career and at the same time reward the big organisers with the possibility to host a five start event.

Age of horses: Welfare of the horse is in the basis for this proposal, the FEI Endurance Technical Committee seeks to prolong the sporting life of the horses.

Rest Periods: In order to have the rest periods in line with the star system of events and also protect the horses from the stress of competing in a championship.

National results: The FEI must ensure that the rule that was approved last year is applied correctly in order to protect the horses welfare at all times.

Athlete Penalty Points: Introduction of two new points, both proposals have the aim to punish incorrect behaviour and non-compliance with the rules in an effective way.

Novice Qualifying: In order to ease the novice qualification and to have a more clearly understandable rule, allowing also older

horses to become FEI registered horses without having to start a qualification process after competing several years in national events.

Qualifications: Maintain the existing qualification system through the start system, but in line with the proposed changes.

Championships: The existing rules don't refer the need of having a pre-ride briefing and we need to ensure they take place in an effective way.
The same principle applies to an eventual "Test Event", so that the organisers know well in advance the requirements of for a test event.

WEG 2022: The proposal is made in order to allow the bidders for the WEG 2022 to make their budgets according to the needs of Endurance. Technical details will be discussed at a later stage, after long debate with NFs.

Entries and substitutions: In line with the FEI GRs changes.

Welfare of the horse: A clear understanding of the possible measures to take in order to ensure the safety and welfare of the horse is needed.

Badges of Honour: To be in line with the other disciplines and the FEI Grs.

We would appreciate any comments you may have on these proposed rule changes prior to 23:59 (CEST) on the **9th September 2016**. Thank you for reporting back to manuel.mello@fei.org directly.

Yours sincerely,



Manuel Bandeira de Mello
FEI Director Endurance

2016 Rule

- 801.8.3 All Horses must remain at all times to be capable of being clearly observed by FEI Veterinary Officials, Ground Jury and Stewards. No screens, no equipment or barrier of any kind may be used to prevent such observation under penalty of disqualification and a Yellow Card Warning.

2017 Rule modification proposal

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2016 Rule

- 805.4 A mass start may not be used on following day(s) in multi-day Events. Combinations should start the following day with the same time interval difference as noted at finishing the day before. This will continue for a period of time i.e. one hour, to be set at the discretion of the President of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate in consultation with the OC. Thereafter those remaining will start together.

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- 805.4 *A mass start or staggered start may be used on following day(s) in multi-day events. When the staggered start is used, combinations should start with the same time interval difference as noted at the finishing the day before. This will continue for a period of time i.e. one hour, to be set at the discretion of the President of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate in consultation with the OC. Thereafter those remaining will start together*
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2016 Rule

- 814.1.4 These rides may be held in conjunction with wider national or FEI approved series or programs, with approval of the FEI, in consultation with the Technical Committee, which shall reserve the right to require the series or program be run under CEIO or CEI-4 Star requirements, regardless of distances.
- 814.1.5 CEIs are defined in the FEI Calendar. CEIs are divided into four different star levels as follows:
- 814.1.5.1 **4 Star:** Senior Championships of a minimum of 160 km in one day, Young Horse Championships for 7 year olds – maximum distance 130kms, Junior and Young Rider Championships of a minimum of 120 km, maximum of 130km in one day. Regional Championships where the OC can apply for a change of distance to take into account local climatic or other conditions. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes.
- 814.1.5.2 **3 Star:** All rides of 140 km – 160 km in one day, or 90-100 km per day over 2 days, or 70- 80 km per day over 3 days or more. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes.
- 814.1.5.3 **2 Star:** All rides between 120 km and 139 km in one day or between 70 km and 89 km per day over two days. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes.

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- 814.1.5 *CEIs are defined in the FEI Calendar. CEIs are divided into ~~four~~ **five** different star levels as follows:*
- 814.1.5.1 5 Star:** *All rides from 120 km to 160 km in one day, or 90-100 km per day over 2 days, or 70- 80 km per day over 3 days or more. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes. Prize Money, or in kind value, of a minimum of 20.000CHF needs to have FEI certified data and timing system and stabling according to Veterinary Regulations.*
- PGJ, FGJ, TD, PVC, CS and Appeal Committee to be appointed by the FEI. Pre-ride briefing conducted in English is mandatory for all Officials, Trainers and participants.*
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- Pre-ride briefing is strongly advised for all Officials, Trainers and participants.*
- The Pre-ride briefing can be conducted in the national language, with a mandatory translation to English if needed.*

- 814.1.5.3** **3 Star:** All rides of ~~140-130 km – 160-150 km~~ in one day, ~~or 90-100 km per day over 2 days, or 70-80 km per day over 3 days or more.~~ **or between 70 km and 89 km per day over two days.** Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes.
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- 814.1.5.5** **1 Star:** (Low Level Event) All rides between 80 km and ~~119-109 km~~ in one day. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes.

All the numbering of the following articles will be reviewed to continue with the correct updated numbers

2016 Rule

- 814.2.2 At a CEIO, there must be an individual and a team classification. Each nation may enter only one team. A minimum of three teams is necessary for the team Competition to be considered as an official team Competition. Each team must be composed of a minimum of three combinations. The three best results will be considered for the final classification. In the event that less than three members of a team are classified, such a team shall not be eligible to be placed as a classified Team, even if it leaves medal or award places vacant.

2017 Rule modification proposal

NEW Article

- 814.2.3 *A CEIO event shall have the same star rating as defined for CEIs in Endurance Rules.*
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2016 Rule

- 815.2.2 For CEIs 1-Star through 2-Star Competitions Horses must be at least 6 years old to participate.
- 815.2.3 For 3-Star Competitions Horses must be at least 7 years old to participate.
- 815.2.4 For 4-Star, CEIOs and Championships (excluding Young Horse Championships where the minimum age must be 7 years) Horses must be at least 8 years of age.

2017 Rule modification proposal

NEW Article

- 815.2.2 *For CEIs 1-Star Competitions Horses must be at least 6 years old to participate.*
- 815.2.3 *For CEIs 2-Star Competitions horses must be at least 7 years old to participate.*
- 815.2.4 *For 3 and 4-Star Competitions Horses must be at least ~~7~~ 8 years old to participate.*
- 815.2.5 *For 5-Star, CEIOs and Championships (excluding Young Horse Championships where the minimum age must be 7 years) Horses must be at least ~~8~~ 9 years of age.*
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2016 Rule

815.3.1 After competing in a CEI or National Events, a Horse must be given a mandatory minimum rest period, as defined, before it is again eligible to participate in a National or FEI Competition:

Distance completed	start – 40 km	5 days (retirement only)
	start – 80 km	12 days
	Over 80 – 120 km	19 days
	Over 120 km -140 km	26 days
	Over 140 Km	33 days

2017 Rule modification proposal

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	<i>Start the ride -49.99km</i>	<i>5 days</i>
	<i>50.01-79.99km</i>	<i>12 days</i>
	<i>80.01-109.99km</i>	<i>16 days</i>
	<i>110.01-129.99km</i>	<i>19 days</i>
	<i>130.01-149.99km</i>	<i>26 days</i>
	<i>Over 150 Km</i>	<i>33 days</i>
	<i>World and Continental Ch.</i>	<i>40 days</i>

2016 Rule

815.3.4 If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait at any 4 consecutives CEI or National Events in a rolling year, it must be given a mandatory rest period of 6 months and pass a veterinary examination 4 weeks prior to first competition before it is again eligible to participate in a CEI or National Events.

If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait reasons more than 4 consecutive CEI or National Events, the horse will be banned from future Endurance competition.

2017 Rule modification proposal

NEW Article to follow 815.3.4

815.3.5 National results cannot interrupt extended rest periods applied to FEI horses who have failed to qualify for irregular gaits or metabolic reasons at consecutive CEI or Nacional events.

2016 Rule

815.3.5

The FEI in consultation with the FEI Technical Committee and FEI Veterinary Department may decide to create a supplementary schedule.

Athlete Penalty Points will be awarded to each Athlete should their Horse be eliminated at an FEI Event due to metabolic reasons and/or Catastrophic Injuries. Penalty points are accumulated from the first penalty rolling forward for a period of 12 months. Thereafter on the first anniversary of each point penalty such penalty is dropped from the running total.

100 penalty points will result in an automatic two month suspension period. After such suspension the points total is reduced to zero.

- Each metabolic elimination results in 10 penalty points.
- If a Horse is eliminated for a metabolic reason that requires immediate invasive treatment the Athlete concerned will receive 25 penalty points.
- If a Horse suffers a Catastrophic Injury during an FEI Competition the Athlete concerned will receive 80 penalty points.
- If a Horse is participating in a CEI or National Event during the mandatory minimum rest period (as set out in article 815.3.1 above), the Athlete will receive 100 penalty points (refer to Notes for Guidance).

In addition to the sanctions listed above, other sanctions may also be applicable and violations of the relevant rules may be brought in front of the FEI Tribunal.

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- *If a Horse is not brought to the Final Veterinary Inspection the Athlete will receive 100 penalty points*
- *Contrary to Article 169.7.1 of the GRs incorrect behaviour towards (a) Event Officials or any other party connected with the Event (other Athlete, journalist, public etc.) and/or (b) Doping Control Officers, Testing Veterinarian, Chaperones and/or any other person involved in the collection of a doping control sample will entail a penalty of 100 points*

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2016 Rule

- 816.1.2 Horses must complete the requirements of this qualifying phase all within the 24 month period and no shorter than 12 months, prior to taking part in a CEI. Please refer to Notes for guidance if clarification is needed.
- 816.1.3 Athletes must complete the requirements of this qualifying phase all within the 24 month period and no shorter than 6 months, immediately prior to taking part in an CEI Event.

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- 816.1.1 Horses and Athletes must, though not necessarily as a combination:
816.1.1.1 Successfully complete 2 rides of distances between 40-79 km and 2 rides of between 80-90 km at speeds of 16 kph or under.*
- 816.1.2 From their first novice qualification ride, horses must complete the requirements of the qualification phase within 24 months. Horses are eligible to compete in a CEI 1* event 12 months from the completion of the first novice ride provided they have completed all the novice qualifications including respecting speed and rest period restrictions. Once the novice qualifications are fully completed, horses are eligible to compete in a CEI1* event for a 24 months period.*
- 816.1.3 From their first novice qualification ride, athletes must complete the requirements of this qualifying phase within 24 months. Once novice qualifications are fully completed, athletes are eligible to compete in a CEI1* event 6 months from the completion of the first novice event. After having completed the novice qualification, should an athlete fail to complete in a CEI1* during the next 24 months period, the athlete will need to refresh their novice qualification before progressing further.*
- 816.1.4 From 8 years old horses and older, dispensation of art. 816.1.2 and 816.1.3 can be granted if athletes and horses, not necessarily as a combination, have accumulated a minimum of 240km in a maximum of three CEN events in a 36 months period.*
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2016 Rule

- 816.2.2 Horses and Athletes, not necessarily as a combination must successfully complete FEI Competitions to progress through the Star system, beginning with a successful completion at the 1-Star level, thereby qualifying to move up through each Star category as defined in Art 814.
- 816.2.3 Star System Qualification for Athletes to 3* level will be for up to five years and can be revalidated by successfully completing an FEI Competition applicable to the Athlete's existing status or equivalent National Event distance.

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- 816.2.2 *Horses and Athletes, not necessarily as a combination must successfully complete two 2* events, or one 3* event, before moving to a 4* event. Horses and Athletes, not necessarily as a combination must successfully complete one 4* event, before moving to a 5* event.*
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2016 Rule

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- 816.3.2 Test Event:** *The FEI Endurance Technical Committee can, if needed, request a test event that will have to match the following requirements, at least 6 months prior to the championship:*
- *The same distance as the Championship or as close as possible*
 - *The same course as the Championship or as close as possible*
 - *The same panel of Officials as the Championship or as close as possible*
 - *The same provider for timing, data handling and hearth rate monitoring*

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2016 Rule

817.2.1 World Equestrian Games

Four athletes and four horses, plus a reserve combination, a non-riding Chef d'Equipe and a Veterinary Surgeon as Team Veterinarian must be included in the official invitation to the National Federation(s) concerned.

In the Team competition there will be a drop score and the reserve Combination cannot compete if not in the Team.

A maximum of 2 Individual athletes per NF.

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World Equestrian Games 2022

Five athletes and five horses, a non-riding Chef d'Equipe and a Veterinary Surgeon as Team Veterinarian must be included in the official invitation to the National Federation(s) concerned.

Two days competitions of 160 Km, a Team Competition and an Individual competition.

Three combinations in the Team competition.

Two combinations in the Individual competition.

- 818.1** Entries for FEI Championships and World Equestrian Games must be made following the compulsory three phases outlined under paragraph 818.5.1, 818.5.2 and 818.5.3 below. According to Art.116.2 of the FEI General Regulations
- ~~818.5.1~~ Entries in principle must reach the OC at least eight weeks before the Event is due to begin. Entry in principle means that an NF has the definite intention of sending Athletes to participate in the Event. It must state whether the intention is to send only individuals, only a team or a team and individuals.
- ~~818.5.2~~ Nominated entries must reach the OC at least four weeks before the Event and must include a list of the names of Athletes and Horses from which the Definite Entries and any substitutions will be chosen and state the number of Athletes and Horses which the NF intends to send. The number of nominated entries of Athletes and Horses must not exceed twice the number invited in the Schedule. Once the nominated entries have been sent in, NFs may send fewer Athletes and/or Horses but never more than the number of nominated entries. NFs which are not represented after having made nominated entries and whose excuse is not acceptable to the OC shall be reported by the OC to the Secretary General for consideration of their excuse by the FEI Tribunal.
- 818.5.3 Entries for CEIs: Definite entries must reach the OC at the latest four days preceding the beginning of the Event. ~~These represent the final selection of Athletes and Horses that will travel to the Event. The Definite Entries may not exceed the number listed and must be chosen from the list of names on the Nominated Entries.~~ After the Definite Entries have been sent in, substitutions of Horses and/or Athletes may only be made in accordance with the Endurance Rules.
- 819.3 Substitutions (CEI 1*, 2*, 3*, 4*, 5* CEIO and CHAMPIONSHIPS)**
- 819.3.1 Substitutions after Definite Entries: after the Definite Entries have been sent in, substitution of Horses and/or Athletes ~~from their country's own list of Nominated Entries (if any)~~ may only be made with the ~~written~~ permission of the NF and the OC, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. All substituted Horses and/or Athletes to be correctly qualified as per Art 816.3.
- 819.3.2 Substitutions in Case of Accident or Illness: in case of an accident or illness of an Athlete or a Horse, occurring between the declaration of starters and the start of the Competition, where such accident or illness makes it impossible for that Athlete or Horse to take part in the Competition; substitutions can be made up to 2 hours before the start of the Competition. The following conditions must be met; 1) a certificate of the condition from an officially recognised physician for the Athlete, and from a Veterinary surgeon/Team Veterinarian for the Horse, and 2) permission of the President of the Ground Jury.
- 819.3.3 An Athlete or a Horse, either or both, can only be replaced by another Athlete or Horse or by Athlete/Horse combination taken from those who have been duly entered and where such horse has successfully passed the First Horse Inspection.
- ~~819.3.4~~ ~~At any Championship or any other CEI 4-Star ride Horses can only be substituted by the Athlete's National Federation with Horses that have been included on that National Federation's Nominated Entries list and that are qualified according to Article 818.~~
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2016 Rule

Article 819 - DECLARATION OF STARTERS
CEI 1*, 2*, 3*

819.3 Substitutions (CEI 1*, 2*, 3*, CEIO and CHAMPIONSHIPS)

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CEI 1*, 2*, 3*, 4*, 5*

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2016 Rule

825.2 CEIO's Regional Games and Continental Championships for Seniors, Young Riders and/or Juniors and other CEI 4 Star Endurance Events

825.3 CEI 3 Star Endurance Events

825.4 CEI 1 & 2 Star Endurance Events

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825.2 CEIO's Regional Games and Continental Championships for Seniors, Young Riders and/or Juniors and other **CEI 5 Star** Endurance Events

825.3 CEI **4 Star** Endurance Events

825.4 CEI 1, 2 **and 3** Star Endurance Events

2016 Rule

- 820.1 The Technical Delegate or the Ground Jury together with the Veterinary Commission can decide to modify the length of timed holds according to extreme weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances. Modifications must be announced to all Athletes and/or Chefs d'Equipe before the start of the phase concerned.

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To add to existing 820.1*

To safeguard the welfare of the horse and the safety of the athlete, the Veterinary Commission, in discussion with the Technical Delegate and the Ground Jury, will assess the welfare implications of the ride conditions (Rule 800.4.1) and advise the Ground Jury of appropriate changes to the presentation and heart rate parameters.

- *Reduce the maximum heart rate*
- *Shorten presentation time and*
- *Increase the hold time that affect the welfare of the horse.*

Throughout the competition the President of the Veterinary Commission, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury must monitor the ride conditions in combination with 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 horse.

2016 Rule

- 824.2.1. The Technical Delegate must, in coordination with the FEI approved Course designer (if appointed) check and approve, in advance, the layout of the course. For 1*, 2* and 3* Events the Technical Delegate may also act as the Course Designer. For 4* and Championships the FEI will appoint an FEI approved Course Designer in association with the OC who must participate in the course design with the OC.

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- 824.2.1. *The Technical Delegate must, in coordination with the FEI approved Course designer (if appointed) check and approve, in advance, the layout of the course and ride conditions to protect the welfare of the horse and safety of the athlete based on the classification of tracks; the degree of difficulty and the complicating weather conditions. For 1*, 2*, and 3* and 4* Events the Technical Delegate may also act as the Course Designer. For 4* 5* and Championships the FEI will appoint an FEI approved Course Designer in association with the OC who must participate in the course design with the OC.*
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2017 Rule modification proposal – **NEW Chapter**

CHAPTER VI ***Badges of honour***

Article 828

Badges of Honour will be awarded to Athletes who complete World Championships to the following scale:

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

2016 Rule

Annex 1: Rated Officials required for Competitions

1*	Ground Jury	President	2* or above
	Technical Delegate		2* or above
	Vet. Commission	President 2 Members	3* or above
	Treatment Veterinarian Chief Steward	President	2* 2*
2*	Ground Jury	President	3* or above
	Technical Delegate		3* or above
	Vet. Commission	President 2 Members (including 1 FVD)	3* or above 2* or above
	Treatment Veterinarian Chief Steward	President	3* 2*
3*	Ground Jury	President Foreign Judge	4* 3* or above
	Technical Delegate		4* or above
	Vet. Commission	President and/or FVD 2 Members	4* 3* or above
	Treatment Veterinarian Chief Steward	President	4* 2*
4*	Ground Jury	President Foreign Judge Members	4* 4* 4*
	Foreign Technical Delegate		4*
	Vet. Commission	President and FVD Panel	4* 4*
	Treatment Veterinarian Chief Steward	President	4* 3*

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	<i>Treatment Veterinarian Chief Steward</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>2* 2*</i>
2* and 3*	Ground Jury	<i>President</i>	<i>3* or above</i>
	Technical Delegate		<i>3* or above</i>
	Vet. Commission	<i>President 2 Members (including 1 FVD)</i>	<i>3* or above 2* or above</i>
	<i>Treatment Veterinarian Chief Steward</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>3* 2*</i>
3[±] 4*	Ground Jury	<i>President Foreign Judge</i>	<i>4* 3* or above</i>
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