



Thinking about hosting an FEI Endurance ride?

AUSTRALIAN FEI ENDURANCE RIDE ORGANISERS PACK

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Star Level of Events

The star level of events is divided into three levels. (3* being the highest level).

- 1* Competitions between 100 – 119 kms in one day
- 2* Competitions between 120 – 139 km in one day, or between 70 – 89 km per day over two days with a minimum of two loops per day.

A CEI2 will be categorised as a CIM provided that it meets all of the following criteria: - The distance is between 120 – 126km; - The prize money is less than CHF 20,000 (including the value of prizes in kind); - The number of entries is below 100. **2* rides conducted in Australia will generally be classified as a 2* CIM (lower level) event.***

- 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.

A Summary of Key FEI Ride Considerations

Scheduling Ride Distances, Hold Times, Water and Crew Points

All FEI rides are run as Vet Gate Into Hold (VGIH). For all Events (regardless of star level), horses must be presented for a heart rate assessment with a heart rate of **no more** than 64 beats per minute of crossing the end line of each loop within 15 minutes (except the final loop) and **no more** than 64bpm within 20 minutes of crossing the finish line of the final loop. This is in accordance with FEI rule 816.6.1.

When scheduling proposed ride distances and hold times, consider that:

- For CEI 1* and 2* CIM, there must be at least one Hold Time of a minimum of 40 minutes.
- For CEI 2*, CEI 3* and Championships, there must be at least one Hold Time of a minimum of 50 minutes.
- Hold time must meet a minimum of thirty minutes for distances of 20km to 29km loops, and one minute per 1 km completed for 30km Loops and above.
- The maximum scheduled Hold Time for a single hold in a one-day Event is 60 minutes.
- Ride loops must not exceed 40 km nor be less than 20km.
- Distance markers must be placed every 10 kms
- On-course crew points, where used, must be a minimum distance apart of at least 5 kms
- There must be, at a minimum, a water drinking point available, 1 per 10km.

The Organising Committee (OC) is required to provide a map of the course to competitors showing start/finish, water points, crew points (if any), hazards of note etc.

Hold/Recovery Area

The OC will need to designate a hold area or camp the FEI horses within viewing distance of the vetting area, this must be approved by the technical delegate. Note it's also fine for the hold area to be adjacent to the strapping area (recovery area).

The Endurance Steward-General can provide further detail into yarding/stabling requirements for relevant distance categories.

Rider Weights and Finish Line

Minimum Rider Weights for FEI rides are 60kg for Youth/Jnr and 70kg for Open 1*, 2* Minimum weight for 3* is 75kg.

No Dead Heats are possible. An athlete will need to be awarded 1st place and another 2nd place etc. This should form part of the pre-ride briefing and ride officials are required to manage this.

Helmet Tagging

EA Helmet Tagging is compulsory. Athletes will need to ensure their helmets have been tagged to ensure they comply (effective 1st July 2022) with the current safety standards which can be found here: <https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/current-approved-safety-standards-helmets> Ride OCs will need to ensure that athletes have an opportunity to have their helmet tagged prior to pre-ride vetting.

FEI HorseApp

A FEI Equine Health Self-Certification form needs to be completed in the FEI HorseApp for each Horse entering the FEI Stable Area and that the Horse's rectal temperature has been recorded in the FEI HorseApp twice daily for 3 days prior to the horses arrival at the event (please note 3 days prior does not include day of arrival) Temperatures are not able to be put in the App retrospectively so the person responsible must log the temperatures in the FEI HorseApp in the lead up to the event. It is recommended OCs remind athletes about the need to record temperatures on the FEI HorseApp on their ride flyer.

While horses are present at the Event venue, their rectal temperature must be taken at least twice daily and recorded using the FEI HorseApp. Any change in the health status of the horse should be immediately reported to the Veterinary Commission. The ride organiser or official must check out all horses at the end of the competition, this is done in the FEI HorseApp.

FEI Endurance Rules

FEI events have many other rules with regards to tack, dress code etc. It is up to individual athletes to know the rules and comply with them. It is the Officials responsibility to monitor them or modify if conditions warrant this

FEI Endurance Rules can be found here: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/endurance/rules>

Entry Fees

OCs will have differing costs for running a ride dependent on location, ride base, availability of officials, etc.

The normal FEI ride entry fee charged by an OC starts at \$250+ per entry for 1* event. A Medication and Control fee of CHF \$18/25 per horse (pending star level of event) is payable by the OC to the FEI post-event. This cost should be considered before setting the entry fee for each competitor.

The Ride Application Process

All clubs hosting FEI rides are required to be affiliated to their EA State Branch. Please refer to your State Branch website for further information regarding affiliation and the associated fee.

If running AERA rides alongside the FEI rides you will need to first complete an *Application to Host an Affiliated Ride* form and submit to your AERA State Branch calendar coordinator with the applicable fee for ride date approval by AERA. FEI ride components must be approved by the EA National Discipline Committee for Endurance (EAEnC) before being published on any AERAspace and/or AERA State Branch calendar.

Once approved by the State Committee, the next step is to complete the online [FEI Calendar Application Form](#) and click submit to Equestrian Australia's FEI Liaison Officer. This is an online form.

The Liaison Officer will then circulate the application to the EAEnC for approval. All expressions of interest to host FEI endurance events require approval by the EAEnC prior to the event's Competition Schedule being submitted to the FEI for approval.

The Committee is committed to developing a balanced annual ride calendar throughout Australia. A guideline for the approval of FEI rides that considers the mandatory out of competition rest periods (MOOCP) (Refer FEI Endurance Rules 839.1) are for rides to be spaced at least two weeks apart for 1* rides, three weeks apart for 2* rides and four weeks apart for 3* rides.

ORGANISING TIP

It is highly recommended that clubs interested in hosting an FEI ride submit their application by the standard yearly process which is to submit the proposed ride application by the annual August deadline. Rides submitted by the August deadline are not subject to a late fee.

Rides submitted outside of the standard process (i.e., after the annual August deadline) typically incur a late fee in addition to the ride calendar fee. It is in the best interest of the ride organiser to submit by the August deadline to avoid incurring a late fee. Please allow five business days for a response to your ride application if this was submitted outside of the standard annual process. You will receive an update on the outcome of your application from the Chair of the EAEC.

Current FEI fees (2025)	\$
Calendar Fees (rides with a 3*)	CHF 500
Calendar Fees (1*, 2* only)	CHF 300

For rides received after annual Calendar application deadline, in addition to the calendar fees, add:

Late fee (rides with a 3*)	CHF 500
Late fee (1*, 2* only)	CHF 0

For date changes, in addition to the calendar fees, add:

Modification fee (rides with a 3*)	CHF 500
Modification fee (1*, 2* only)	CHF 0

Minimum Organising Dues (all rides) CHF 500

Equine and Human Anti-doping fee

Lower level event (1*, 2* CIMS)	CHF 18 per horse
Non-CIM events (e.g., 3*)	CHF 25 per horse

ORGANISING TIP

The FEI is headquartered in Switzerland and all charges are in CHF (Swiss Francs) use a freely available program like xe.com for up-to-date currency conversion rates to AUD

How many officials will I need and who are they?

The OC must enlist the assistance of an appropriate number of Officials, Stewards and Veterinarians, depending on the number of entries.

Technical Delegate

Star Level of Ride	Minimum level of official	Number required	Appointed by
CEI 3* / CEI 2*	3	1	FEI Headquarters
CEI 2* CIM	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
CEI 1*	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval

Stewarding Team

Chief Steward				Stewarding Team			
Star Level of Ride	Minimum level of official	Number required	Appointed by	Minimum level of official	Number required	Additional member per entries	Appointed by
CEI 3* / CEI 2*	3	1	FEI Headquarters	National or above	1 up to 39 entries	1 per additional 20 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval
CEI 2* CIM	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	National or above	1 up to 39 entries	1 per additional 20 entries	
CEI 1*	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	National or above	1 up to 39 entries	1 per additional 20 entries	

Ground Jury

President				Foreign Judge			Members			
Star Level of Ride	Minimum level	No. required	Appointed by	Minimum level	No. required	Appointed by	Minimum level	No. required	Additional member per entries	Appointed by
CEI 3* / CEI 2*	3	1	FEI Headquarters	3	1	FEI headquarters	National or above	1 up to 59 entries	1 per additional 30 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval
CEI 2* CIM	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	Not required			National or above	1 up to 59 entries	1 per additional 30 entries	
CEI 1*	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval				National or above	1 up to 59 entries	1 per additional 30 entries	

For CEI 1* and CEI 2* CIM the FEI may approve the President of the Ground Jury to also perform the role of either the Chief Steward or Technical Delegate if suitably qualified.

Veterinary Commission

President				Foreign Veterinary Delegate			Members			
Star level of ride	Minimum level	Number	Appointment	Minimum level	Number	Appointment	Minimum level	Number	Appointment	Additional member per entries
CEI 3* / CEI 2*	EOV3	1	FEI Headquarters	EOV3	1	FEI Headquarters	EOV2	1 up to 39 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per additional 20 entries
CEI 2* CIM	EOV3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	Not required			EOV2	2 up to 39 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per additional 20 entries
CEI 1*	EOV3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval				EOV2	2 up to 39 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per additional 20 entries

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 Veterinary Commission

President				Members				Veterinary Service Manager		
Star level of ride	Minimum level	Number	Appointment	Minimum level	Number	Appointment	Additional member per entries	Minimum level	Number	Appointment
CEI 3* / CEI 2*	EVT 3	1	FEI Headquarters	PTV	1 up to 59 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per additional 30 entries	EVT 2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
CEI 2* CIM	EVT 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	PTV	N/A	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per additional 50 entries	EVT 2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
CEI 1*	EVT 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	PTV	N/A	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per additional 50 entries	EVT 2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval

Permitted Treating Veterinarians can be appointed as members of the Treating Veterinary Commission in regions/countries with an insufficient number of licensed Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials, otherwise preference should be given to Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials.

The President or a Member of the Treating Veterinary Commission (if suitably qualified as per the requirement outlined in the table above, by being level EVT2 minimum) can be appointed as the VSM.

Example Scenario 1

You are planning to run a CEI1* and CEI2* CIM standalone event (no AERA rides). You expect around 28 FEI entries. You will require the following officials:

- 1x Level 3 Technical Delegate*
- 1 x Level 3 Chief Steward*
- 1 x Stewarding Team Member National level or above (up to 39 horses)
- 1 x Level 3 Ground Jury President*
- 1 x Ground Jury Member National level or above (up to 59 horses)
- 1 x EOVS President Veterinary Commission
- 2 x EOVS Veterinary Commission Members (up to 39 horses)
- 1 x EVT3 President Treating Veterinary Commission**
- 1 x EVT2 Veterinary Service Manager**

*Note: * If less than 30 horses entered the CS/TD can be same person or PGI/TD.*

***The President of the Treating Veterinary Commission can also act as Veterinary Service Manager*

In the above scenario, a minimum of 8 officials are required (*in addition to other ride personnel such as: a medical officer, farrier, ride secretary, checkpoint personnel, track marker, timekeepers, weighing steward*) as the **President Treating Veterinary Commission can also act as the Veterinary Service Manager and the *Level 3 Technical Delegate can also act as the Ground Jury President or Chief Steward, subject to the approval of the FEI and availability of officials

Example Scenario 2

You are planning to run a CEI1* and CEI2* CIM alongside a 40 km and 100 km AERA events. You expect around 45 FEI entries and 65 AERA entries. You will require the following officials:

- 1x Level 3 Technical Delegate
- 1 x Level 3 Chief Steward
- 2 x Stewarding Team Member Nat. level or above (up to 39 horses + 1 per additional 20)
- 1 x Level 3 Ground Jury President
- 1 x Ground Jury Member National level or above (up to 59 horses)
- 1 x EOVS President Veterinary Commission
- 3 x EOVS Veterinary Commission Members (2 up to 39 horses + 1 per additional 20)
- 1 x EVT3 President Treating Veterinary Commission**
- 1 x EVT2 Veterinary Service Manager**

***The President of the Treating Veterinary Commission can also act as Veterinary Service Manager*

In the above scenario, a minimum of 12 officials are required (*in addition to other ride personnel such as: a medical officer, farrier, ride secretary, checkpoint personnel, track marker, timekeepers, weighing steward*) as the President Treating Veterinary Commission can also act as the Veterinary Service Manager. The Level 3 Technical Delegate cannot also act as the Ground Jury President or Chief Steward as there are more than 30 FEI horses entered. Note: additional AERA veterinarians would still be required for the amount of AERA horses entered over the minimum required amount of veterinarians to service the FEI horses.

ORGANISING TIP

When running an AERA ride alongside an FEI ride it is important to note that an accredited FEI veterinarian may also vet AERA horses but an AERA veterinarian without an FEI accreditation cannot vet FEI horses. It is recommended you engage the required amount of accredited FEI veterinarians for your event before engaging any extra veterinarians required if total numbers exceed the minimum amount required.

Where do I find the Officials?

The FEI maintains an up-to-date list of officials on the FEI database. This includes veterinary and non-veterinary officials for each country.

The Australian Steward General for Endurance is Robyn Parnell. Where needed, Robyn can assist ROs to source appropriate level officials while taking into consideration their requirements for maintaining and upgrading accreditations.

[List of Accredited FEI Officials](#)

Summary of non-veterinary Australian FEI officials' locations

Allison Brown, **Level 1 Judge, Level 1 Steward** – Brisbane, QLD

Christine Stomps **Level 1 Judge, Level 1 Steward** – Gippsland, VIC

Marylou Locke, **Level 2 Judge, Level 3 Steward** – North Coast, NSW

Robert Locke, **Level 1 Judge, Level 1 Steward** – North Coast, NSW

Naomi O'Shaughnessy, **Level 1 Judge, Level 1 Steward** – Central VIC

Robyn Parnell, **Level 3 Judge, Level 3 Technical Delegate, Level 3 Steward** – Northern Rivers, NSW

Penny Toft, **Level 2 Judge** – Ipswich Region, QLD

Where an insufficient number of required officials are available in Australia, these officials must then be sought from overseas which of course impacts on ride budgets.

What are the costs involved in running an FEI endurance ride?

Ride costs are variable depending on the star level of event/s you wish to run, ride location, available facilities, proximity and availability of officials, etc.

The Organising Committee must consider the following expense arrangements for FEI Officials/Vets and make allowance for these in the ride budget:

- Travel expenses (flights, private vehicle reimbursements, accommodation)
- Local transport (airport to hotel, hotel to venue etc)
- Meals (hotel and/or on-venue catering)
- Per diems – Non-Veterinarian Officials (daily per diems are not mandatory – where paid they must be a maximum of CHF 500 per day)
- Per diems – Veterinarians (in line with current National AERA rates AUD\$1180 (+GST where applicable))
- Other expenses (according to Organising Committee's policy)

OCs may negotiate fees and expenses with Officials attending their own rides.

A sample ride budget is provided below. It is by no means exhaustive. It is a good start point and can be tailored to suit the OC and their needs.

ORGANISING TIP

To reduce ride organising costs, consider venues that have infrastructure available such as toilets, showers, water and power. The venue needs to have sufficient space to accommodate horses, horse trucks/floats, camping and a level area that allows for setting up 40m vetting lanes and a dry area or shed for the secretary's office.

Example FEI Ride Budget

EXAMPLE FEI RIDE BUDGET FOR A NO FRILLS 1*/2* EVENT

PART A: INCOME

	No. Entrants	Entry Fee	TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
<u>Ride Entry Fees</u>				
FEI 2* 120km	8	\$400		\$3,200
FEI 1* 100km	12	\$300		\$3,600
Total	18			<u>\$6,800</u>
<u>Sponsorships & Donations</u>				
A				\$2,000
B				\$10,000
				<u>\$12,000</u>
TOTAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES				<u>\$18,800</u>

PART B: EXPENSES

Trophies & Prizes

First place		\$350
Second place		\$200
Third place		\$150
BC Rugs		\$800
Completion 2*		\$400
Completions 1*		\$300
		<u>\$2,200</u>

FEES

FEI Swabbing Levy		\$400
FEI fees *	500CHF	\$1,200
Forestry Permit		\$207
Forestry		
AERA State Branch	\$37 per rider	
		<u>\$1,807</u>

Ride Base Expenses

Toilet hire		\$450
Fuel		\$200
Light Towers		\$0
Arrows/ vote slip etc		\$100

Communications (rural fire brigade/radio club)	\$550
Toilet paper/ sanitiser etc	\$100
	\$0
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	\$1,400
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Course Materials

Office Ink/stationery	\$100
Camping	\$400
Consumables	Tape/spray/screws/tubs/lights/batteries
	\$300
Timing System	Freight/batteries
	\$300
Rider on track Water/Lollies	\$90
Track marking supplies Hay	\$150
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	\$1,440
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Veterinary Fees plus travel

Treating Veterinary Commission	\$1,300
President Veterinary Commission	\$1,300
Vet Commission Members	\$2,600
Accommodation/ Travel	\$1,000
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	\$6,200
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Volunteers & Vets Meals

Saturday lunch	\$250
Sunday lunch	\$250
Sunday dinner	\$250
Friday Meals	\$250
Saturday night	\$250
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Other

Technical Delegate	\$1,000
Chief Steward	\$1,000
President Ground Jury	\$1,000
Stewards/ Ground Jury Members	
Timing Data entry	\$300
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	\$3,300
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$17,597
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NET PROFIT / (LOSS)	\$1,203
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Developing an FEI Competition Schedule

Once your ride has been approved and officials appointed, complete a FEI Schedule for your event.

Submit your draft Competition Schedule to the Steward General Endurance, for review and approval, at least 14 weeks for a 3* event and 6 weeks prior to the event for CEI1* and CEI2*. Steward General Endurance is available to help complete the FEI Schedule.

Once reviewed and approved by the Steward General, the Schedule must be submitted to EA no later than 12 weeks (CEI 3*) and 4 weeks (CEI 1*, CEI2*CIM) prior to the event. EA will conduct a final check, approve and submit to the FEI.

Competition Schedules must be approved by the FEI in accordance with the FEI General Regulations. The FEI will publish the Competition Schedule on the FEI database once approved.

The draft FEI Competition Schedule template must be used

<https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/endurance/draft-schedules>

Ride Entries/AERASpace setup

The OC is responsible to send EA the details of those to be entered in the FEI classes in order they can be entered into the FEI entry database. This can either be done progressively as the entries are received, or in bulk at close of entries. Earlier is better as they can then sort out any issues with FEI registration, passports or qualifications. This is why entries are usually closed a week to 10 days prior to the ride.

Remember there are two rides per distance, both need to be set up in AERASpace - one for Youth/Jnr and one for Open. CEI1*, CEIYJ1*, CEI2*CIM, CEIYJ2*, CEI 3*, CEIYJ3*

It is the ride organisers responsibility to notify the technical delegate, president of the ground jury and Equestrian Australia of any nomination changes after definite entries.

Hosting an Equestrian Australia FEI National Championships event

An expression of interest is sought annually for the hosting of an Equestrian Australia FEI National Championships event. The Championships distance is CEI 3* 160km.

There are some extra considerations for hosting a National Championships event.

[View example EOI for Endurance_AUS_Champs](#)

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