

## **FEI Endurance Rules 2018 Notes for Guidance**

### **Art 804.2.4**

**Exceptional Circumstances:** Such Exceptional Circumstances are those which arise on short notice and can be reasonably foreseen to produce unreasonable and unfair risks to Athlete and/or horses during the conduct of the event. Examples and advice for determining such shall be provided in the Endurance Notes for Guidance.

*Notes for Guidance:*

*The most likely circumstance that could be met would relate to weather conditions during ride day itself.*

*Electrical storms and flooding are the two main reasons that might require the Officials to make a decision to either suspend the ride or to cut it short. Consideration must be given to how the final classification of those taking part will be handled.*

### **Art 804.3.4**

**Catastrophic Occurrences or Circumstances:** Those which arise on short notice and are determined to dangerously risk Athlete and/or horse safety, and which cannot be avoided through Course Modification, Rescheduling or Delay of the Event. Examples and advice for determining such shall be provided in the Endurance Notes for Guidance.

*Notes for Guidance:*

*Violent storms or flash flooding is the usual cause of such circumstances. Abandonment of the event is the only course of action that might be open to the Officials making the decision.*

*In determining the action to be taken it is wise to seek specialised information from local authorities, Police and the nearest weather centre.*

*The officials have the right to cancel any event, according to art.109.12 of the General Regulation as follow:*

*Subject to the unanimous agreement of the President of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and President of the Veterinary Committee in consultation with the Organiser, a Competition (either before or during) can be postponed and/or cancelled, not only due to force majeure, catastrophic occurrences, extreme weather conditions but also for non-compliance with FEI Rules and in specific situations where the welfare or safety of the Horses, Athletes, Officials or the public is compromised.*

### **Art 801.4.2**

Under the absolute control of the Course Designer or TD loops of the course must not be specially designed and constructed for speeds likely to subject the Horses to increased risk of injury during Competition.

*Notes for Guidance:*

*Loops of courses can be designed and constructed but need to respect the definition of an Endurance Course as defined in Art 801.2 – 'technically challenging factors including footing, terrain, altitude, direction and speed.*

### **Art 801.8.2**

The maximum number of grooms allowed within the Vet Gates will be 5 per Horse to take into account availability of space and to ensure that the Horse is allowed sufficient space to rest. Access to the Vet Gates and the Vet Gates examination area may be further restricted by the OC under advice from the TD. Such restrictions must be clearly shown in the FEI approved schedule. The right of the groom to access the Vet Gates is lost upon removal of the applicable Horse from the Competition.

*Notes for Guidance:*

*The loss of access is in respect to the Vet gate areas and not on loops at authorised crew points.*

### **Art 806.1**

As timing plays such an important part in the competition, OCs must ensure that each Athlete's start and finish time for each timed phase is accurately noted and recorded by properly qualified persons using synchronised time-keeping methods. (See Endurance Notes for Guidance).

*Notes for Guidance:*

*It is now common practice for Organisers to provide computerised timing systems. The FEI recommends that for 3\* events computerised systems should be used. However, should computerised systems not be available, and also even when they are, there should be a second "back up" system in place either by hard copy or by a second computer timing system.*

### **Art 806.2**

Each Athlete will be issued a time card or acceptable and reliable alternative for each phase. (See Endurance Notes for Guidance).

*Notes for Guidance:*

*These "time cards" may either be an actual paper/card copy or can be a "slash card" style item which is used. Such "slash card" should allow the athlete to access their timing record whilst within the vet gate.*

### **Art 806.5**

The veterinary gate system at compulsory halts must be used. (See Endurance Notes for Guidance).

*Notes for Guidance:*

*Full detail of the vet gate system is contained within the FEI Veterinary Regulation. The lay out for the vet gate should allow for a "one way" system from start to finish and should be designed to ensure that horses are not delayed in being presented to the line Veterinarians once they have presented for vetting.*

*The vet gate protocol (as published and updated from time to time by the FEI) should be consulted and used when finalising the design of the vet gate itself.*

### **Art 807.6.4**

For other Permitted Assistance that is allowed please see Endurance Notes for Guidance. The Event Schedule shall be determinative for each event.

*Notes for Guidance:*

*In recent times the requirement to protect the environment is increasing in importance for Endurance Events.*

*As such the OC in cooperation with the FEI should indicate in the schedule what is or is not allowed in the provision of assistance.*

*This will extend to include the places where assistance can be given (water) and whether any restrictions may apply in terms of the number of vehicles allowed in the provision of such assistance and the number of official crews that may be allowed access to those designated assistance points.*

### **Art 807.7.4**

Being followed, preceded or accompanied on any part of the course or immediate adjacent access track as defined (see notes for guidance) by any vehicle (notwithstanding art. 807.6.1).

*Notes for Guidance:*

*The FEI Endurance Rules 2013 induct the requirement at certain events of a course designer. At all other events this aspect is managed by the technical delegate. Should the track or phase provide for a vehicle track adjacent to the designated horse track then consideration must be given to the potential risk of injury to the horse or rider or the potential welfare aspect caused by dust, sand or vehicle exhaust fumes. Therefore the course designer or technical delegate may preclude vehicles using such adjacent tracks if they believe there is a danger or risk in such usage.*

## **Art 808.2**

For additional specifics related to Endurance schedules, please refer to the Endurance Notes for Guidance.

*Notes for Guidance:*

*The FEI General Regulation lists the specific cut off dates for the submission and approval of FEI Schedules.*

*Further it details the final date for changes to any approved schedule, to include the date change of the event itself.*

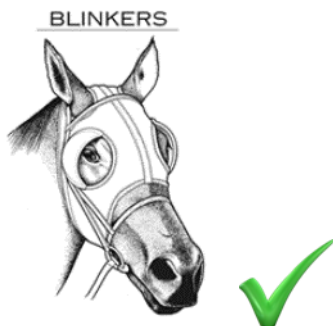
## **Art 810.5**

**The horses' ears should be free of any inserts or attachments.** Ear of horses should not be clogged. Ear plugs are forbidden. Blinkers may be allowed but must permit full forward vision, without modification, and must be removed during the vet gates. Definition of blinkers shall be provided in the Endurance Notes for Guidance

*Notes for Guidance:*

*Blinkers must be removed during the vet gates, **including the final inspection.***

*The definition of blinkers are set as below*



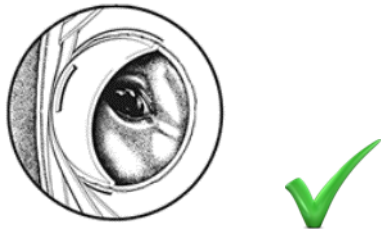
**Blinkers** means a garment fitted over a horse's head with holes for the eyes and ears, one or both eyeholes being fitted with cowls cutting out all vision to the rear but permitting full forward vision;

CHEEK PIECES



**Cheek Pieces** means two strips of sheepskin or any other similar material or device which is attached to the cheek pieces of the bridle;

VISOR



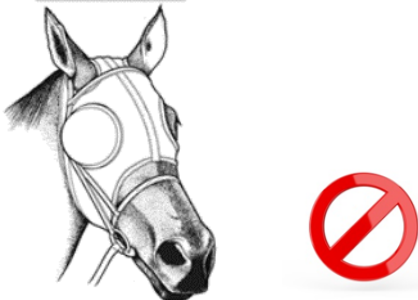
EYESHIELD



**Visor** means a garment similar to blinkers in which one or both cowls have holes cut in them permitting limited side or rear vision;

**Eyeshield** means a garment similar to blinkers except that in place of the eye cowls both eyes are covered with a mesh or other transparent material;

EYECOVER



**Eyecover** means a garment similar to blinkers except that in place of the eye cowls one eye only is completely covered by an opaque cover;

## **Art 811 Cruelty**

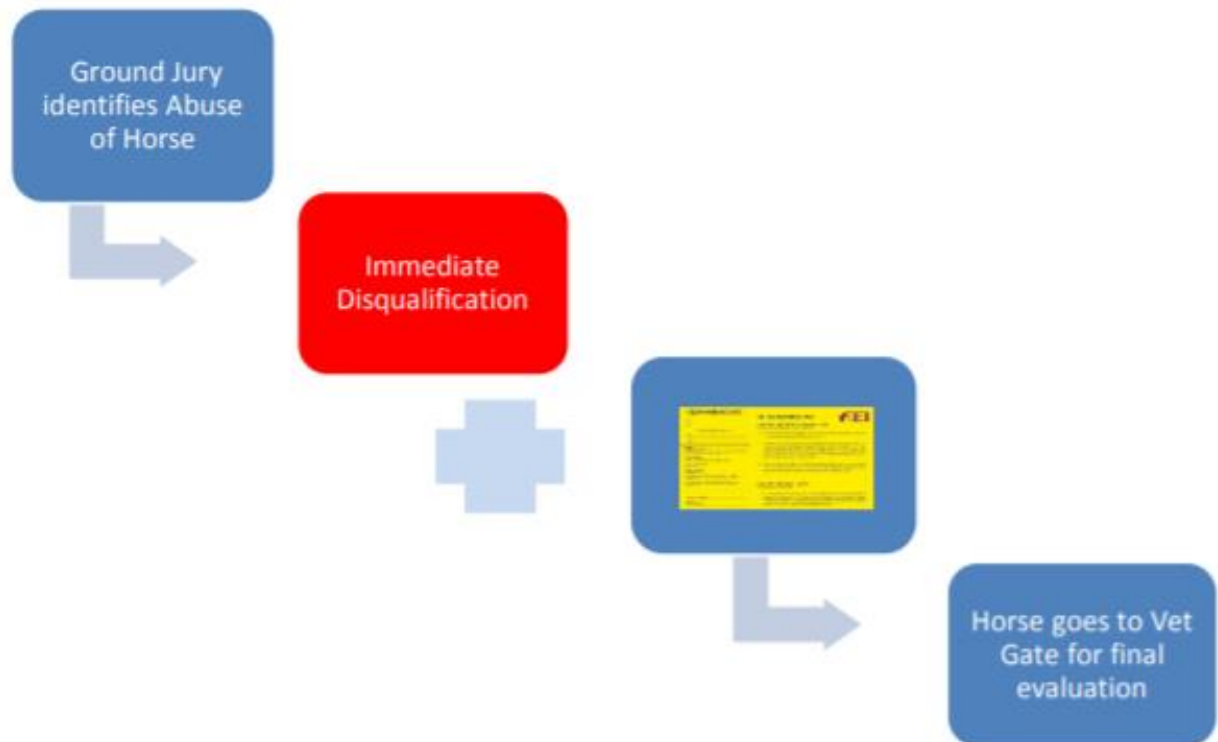
811.1 Any act or series of actions which, in the opinion of the Ground Jury can clearly be defined as cruelty or abuse shall be penalised by disqualification and as otherwise allowed under the GRs, and the individual concerned shall be reported to the FEI.

### *Notes for guidance:*

*If the Ground Jury finds that any abuse of horse has occurred, the required action is immediate disqualification AND a Yellow Warning Card.*

*After the Ground Jury has disqualified the horse/athlete combination, the horse must go to the Vet Gate for examination and the outcome code must be added to DSQ, eg DSQ GA, DSQ ME, etc, or just DSQ if the horse has passed the examination.*

*This is the correct and only way to apply the rule for the Abuse of Horse cases:*



**Art 815.3** Mandatory Rest for Horses (refer to Notes for Guidance):

*Notes for guidance:*

*Rest periods for FEI Endurance Horses must be correctly managed and respected for both National and FEI Events.*

*When registering a horse with the FEI in Endurance, we strongly recommend that the National Federation administering the horse in question, provides all national results for this horse from the last 12 months, regardless of the country in which the horse has participated.*

*If a horse does not respect its mandatory rest period, the result of the combination will be disqualified and the Athlete will receive 100 Penalty Points and will be consequently suspended for two months (Art.815.3.7).*

*o If a horse participates in a CEI during the mandatory rest period, the 100 penalty points will be applied and the Athlete's two month suspension will take effect as of the date of that CEI.*

*o If a horse participates in a CEN during the mandatory rest period, the Athlete will receive an official notification from FEI Headquarters. The 100 penalty points will be applied on the date of the FEI notification and consequently the Athlete's two month suspension will take effect as of the date of the FEI notification.*

**Article 815.3.3**

If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gate reasons at any CEI or National events it must be given, in addition to the rest period defined under art. 815.3.1, an additional mandatory rest period, of 14 days before it is again eligible to participate in a CEI or National Event.

If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for metabolic reasons which require immediate invasive treatment at any CEI or National events it must be given a mandatory rest period of 60 days before it is again eligible to participate in a CEI or National event.

*Notes for Guidance:*

*The FEI has written to All FEI Officials and Organisers to ensure that the correct information is shown on the results from FEI competitions with specific reference to immediate invasive and extended rest periods under Arts 815.3.2 & 815.3.3.*

*For guidance under the removal from competition of horses for metabolic reasons the following should be considered when providing treatment detail in reports and results.*

*The section of the above rules:*

*Any metabolic condition diagnosed in a horse that has Failed to Qualify that left untreated would compromise or threaten the welfare of the Horse would be considered a condition requiring invasive treatment.*

*If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for metabolic reasons which require immediate invasive treatment at any CEI or National Events it must be given a mandatory rest period of 60 days before it is again eligible to participate in a CEI or National Event*

*The following words are important to provide the correct information in the results:*

*metabolic reasons which require immediate invasive treatment*

*There must be a clear, unbroken chain of events which make it clear that the treatment is immediate. Only then does the extended rest period come into force.*

*Here are three examples for clarity:*

a)

*A horse fails to qualify due to metabolic reasons (severely dehydrated) and is sent immediately to the Treatment Team for attention. The Treatment Team immediately commence fluid treatment that is, in their opinion, needed to be administered without delay upon the grounds of welfare.*

***In this case the horse's results should show ME-TR***

b)

*A horse fails to qualify due to metabolic reasons (HR of 70) and is sent immediately to the Treatment Team for attention. The Treatment Team undertake an examination and conclude that, in their opinion, there is no need to provide any form of invasive treatment but decide to hold the horse under observation. After a hour, the horse is then released.*

***In this case the horse's results should show ME***

c)

*A horse fails to qualify due to metabolic reasons (HR of 70) and is sent immediately to the Treatment Team for attention. The Treatment Team undertake an examination and conclude that, in their opinion, there is no need to provide any form of invasive treatment but decide to hold the horse under observation. After a hour, the horse is then released but the Treatment Team are subsequently asked by the horse Owner to provide some fluids as the horse is now required to make a long journey. The Treatment Team agree and provide such fluids. Note: this fluid treatment is NOT immediate and is not considered to be treatment that the horse must receive to directly address the immediate needs of the horse.*

***In this case the horse's results should show ME***



### **Article 815.3.4**

If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait at any 4 consecutive 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.

*Notes for Guidance:*

#### **Notification of return to competition**

*The Horse is flagged in the database.*

*The PR/Trainer must inform the FEI Endurance Department at least 4 weeks prior to the event.*

*The FEI Endurance Department make a request to the FEI Veterinary Department that the horse is examined according to this protocol and informs the Ground Jury President. The FEI Veterinary Department informs the Veterinary Delegate.*

*At the First Horse Inspection the Horse is first presented in accordance to Veterinary Regulations Article 1045 (Endurance Horse Inspections). The horse is then sent to a Holding Lane if it is not declared unfit to compete.*

*The Holding Lane Veterinarian will further assess if the Horse is fit to compete. The examination must consist of, but is not limited to:*

- *Walk and trot on a straight line;*
- *Walk and trot both ways in a circle;*
- *Palpation of relevant tissues.*

*The Holding Lane Veterinarian informs the Ground Jury of the results of the examination as set forth in Article 1039 (Holding box article). The Ground Jury decides if the Horse is fit to compete.*

*During the ride the Horse continues to be flagged. The members of the Veterinary Commission are informed about this and must pay special attention to the horse.*

*After a successful Final Inspection the flagging is lifted from the Horse by the FEI Endurance Department.*

### Article 815.3.6

(...)

Contrary to Article 169.7.1 of the GRs1 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.

#### *Notes for Guidance:*

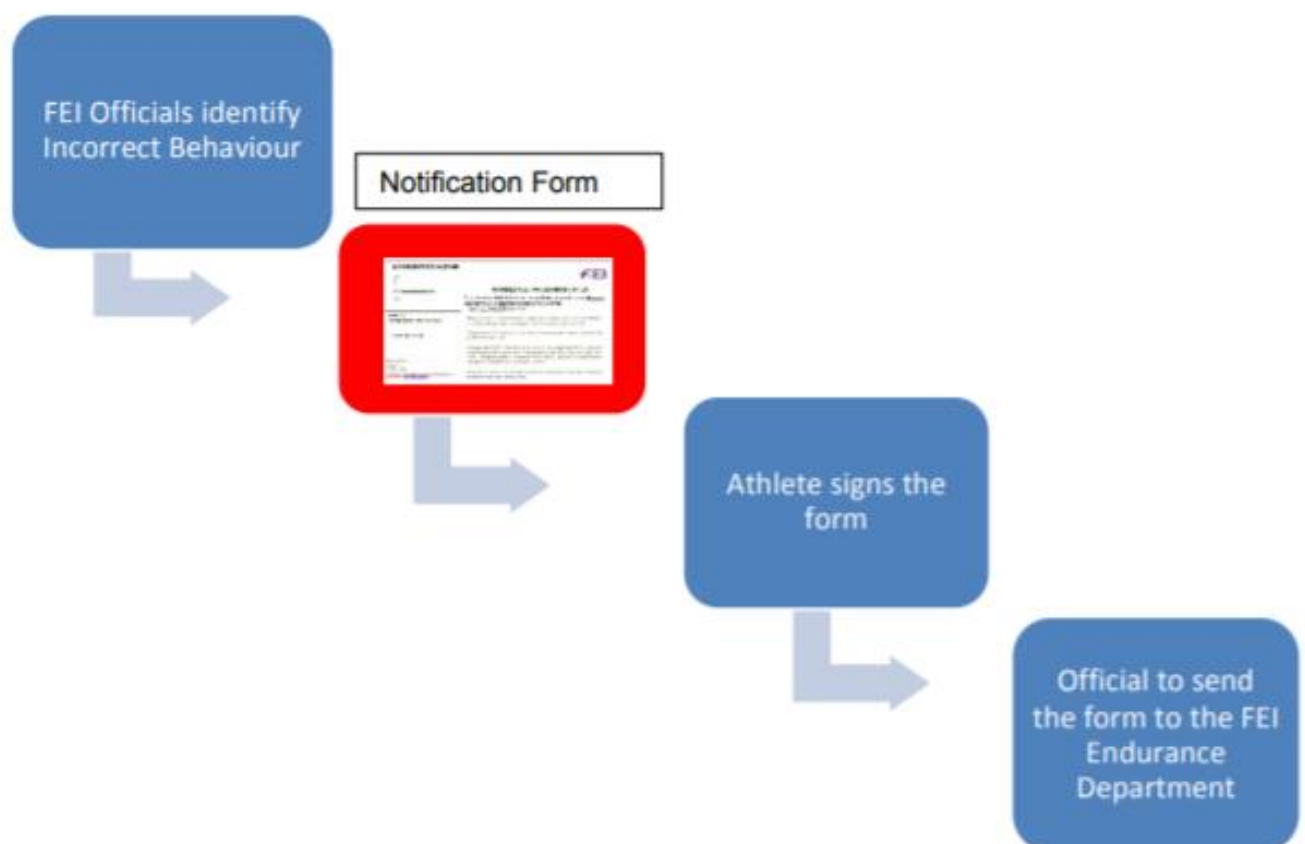
*Instead of issuing a Yellow Warning Card, FEI officials must use the "INCORRECT BEHAVIOUR NOTIFICATION" form to notify the athlete that, due to their Incorrect Behaviour, they will receive 100 penalty points and therefore be suspended for a two-month period.*

***The Incorrect Behaviour Notification form must be issued and the athlete should sign the form.***

*It is preferable to notify the athlete in the presence of a witness. If so, the name of the witness should be recorded.*

*The FEI Official must send a copy of the form to the FEI Endurance department [edurancereport@fei.org](mailto:edurancereport@fei.org) within 48 hours. The FEI IT department will then update the system and the athlete will be immediately suspended for two months.*

*This is the correct and only way to apply the rule for Incorrect Behaviour cases:*



The card be [downloaded here](#):

<https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/officials/endurance/forms>

## **Article 816**

QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE & CERTIFICATES OF CAPABILITY (Please refer to Endurance Notes for Guidance for Transitional Arrangements)

*Notes for Guidance:*

*Certificates of Capability can be downloaded from the FEI web site for each Championship.*

*There are two types - standard qualification and elite qualification.*

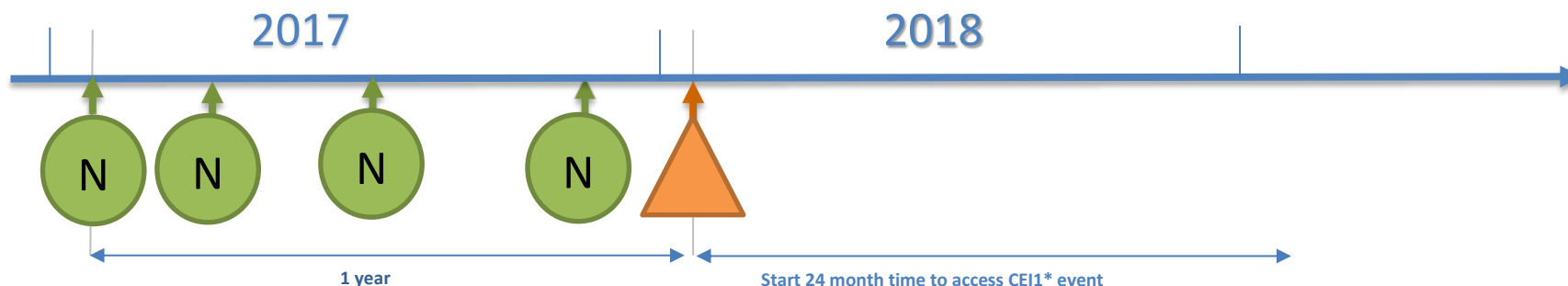
*Full detail must be supplied within the certificate to allow the FEI to check whether an athlete or horse has fully met the required/published criteria.*

*Whilst the FEI will do what it can to ensure any clarification is sought from the National Federation who has stamped and signed the Certificate (which is required to be submitted at the time of the nominated entry) the responsibility remains with the National Federation concerned to ensure the Athlete or horse is correctly qualified to be named on the nominated entry.*

**816.1.2**

Horse Novice Qualification		
24 months period		24 months period
Time to complete the novice qualification rides		Time to successfully complete a CEI event
<b>Example A</b>	<b>Example B</b>	
Novice rides completed in less than 12 months	Last novice ride completed in more than 12 months	
The horse will only be eligible to enter a CEI1* event 12 months from the completion of the first novice qualification ride.	The horse will be eligible to enter a CEI1* after the completion of the last novice qualification ride.	Once the novice qualification is completed, the horse is eligible to enter a CEI1* event for 24 months. If not completed within 24 months, the horse will have to restart his novice qualification.

**Example A**



## Example B



Horse Level Qualification										
Level completed	For 24 months			For next 24 months			For next 24 months			
	May compete in			May compete in			May compete in			
Novice qualification	→	CEI1*	if	CEI1* completed	→	CEI2*	if	CEI2* completed	→	CEI3*
				CEI1* not completed	→	Novice (1)	if	Novice	→	Novice(1)
CEI1*	→	CEI2*	if	CEI2* completed	→	CEI3*	if	CEI3* completed	→	CEI4*
				CEI2* not completed	→	CEI1*	if	CEI1* not completed	→	Novice(1)
CEI2*	→	CEI3*	if	CEI3* completed	→	CEI4*	if	CEI4* completed	→	CEI4*
				CEI3* not completed	→	CEI2*	if	CEI2* not completed	→	CEI1*
CEI3*	→	CEI4*	if	CEI4* completed	→	CEI4*	if	CEI4* completed	→	CEI4*
				CEI4* not completed	→	CEI3*	if	CEI3* not completed	→	CEI2*

(1) Once dropped from a CEI level to novice qualification level, to complete the novice qualification does not require to start the whole qualification process from scratch, as far as the novice qualification process matches the rule criteria.

### **816.3.12**

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 CEI3\* 160 km within every successive 24 months.

*Notes for Guidance:*

*On the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2002, The FEI introduced a change to the description of Endurance events as defined in the rules of 2001. The basis of \*Rating linked to distances was introduced and the detail published to come into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2002. This is the first reference to a CEI3\* 160km competition appears.*

*The full rule review of 2005 included the new \*Rating of competitions.*

*The introduction of the Athlete Elite Status is to provide those Athletes, with considerable experience and up to date competition participation, every opportunity to compete at Championships around the world without the need to qualify as a combination with the intended horse but without reducing the requirements to ensure the welfare of the horse at all times.*

*This is why the qualification indicates that the events must be CEI 3\* 160km events or higher, together with the requirement that to maintain status the athlete must successfully complete at least one CEI160km event or higher within every successive 24 months.*

*It would clearly be against this reasoning if an Athlete's events from unlimited previous years could be used to achieve Elite Status and thereby potentially put at risk the competition horse due to lack of experience and up to date competition participation.*

*Further, 'CEI3\* 160km' competitions were not in existence prior to 1st January 2002.*

*To avoid question and to provide clarity the start date for Elite Level qualification is 1<sup>st</sup> January 2002.*

### **Art 821.2.3**

However, this list is not intended to be exhaustive and the good judgment of the GJ and Stewards shall be sacrosanct. (See Endurance Notes for Guidance)

*Notes for Guidance:*

*Any attempt to delay the assessment of a horse's heart rate after vet gate presentation may be the subject of a time penalty. Such time penalty to be added to the hold time thereby delaying that combination's start to the next phase.*

*The penalty time added to the hold time should represent as closely as possible the time of the delay of presentation.*

*The responsibility to present the horse for heart rate assessment as quickly as possible rests solely on the person accompanying the horse.*

*The Ground Jury should request a member of the Veterinary Panel to undertake immediate assessment of the heart rate of any horse which the Ground Jury believes to be intentionally avoiding the timely presentation of the horse to the line Veterinarian.*

### **Art 821.2.7**

Heart Rate Re-Inspection: If during the Vet Gate Inspection the horse's heart rate is higher than the parameters defined for that Inspection the horse may be presented a second time within the time allowed as defined.

*Notes for Guidance:*

*There is no restriction on the use of Electronic Heart Rate Monitoring systems provided such equipment has been independently calibrated and have been approved for use by the FEI.*

*Art 821.2.2 now provides clear guidance on how such systems must be programmed and what information the system must provide.*

### **Art 822.6**

The procedure laid down in the Endurance Notes for Guidance should be used to establish the Best Condition Award. All entrants in the Best Condition Award remain subjected to medication control.

*Notes for Guidance:*

*Horses entered in the BC Award should be eliminated from the BC competition if it is judged by the panel to be consistently irregular gate, unable to complete the trot out due to lack of impulsion or exhaustion or its metabolic score indicates a metabolically compromised horse.*

*The competition is usually assessed on the day of the competition. Details of the criteria used to judge the award should be announced prior to the start of the assessment.*

*The BC Evaluation is divided into 4 sections of equal points (100 points for each section).*

*Section 1 awards points according to the position of the horse compared with the first horse to finish.*

*Section 2 allocates points to the recovery time for each phase except for the finish. The recovery time is the time between when the rider completes the phase and presents for inspection.*

*The horse must successfully pass the inspection.*

*Section 3 records the score for the traditional veterinary examination and is scored as follows:*

*Section 4 is optional for those countries that include weight in their normal BC judging. This score is obtained from subtracting the weight of the rider under examination from the weight of the heaviest rider in the BC. The score is obtained by subtracting this difference from 100. The winner of the competition is the horse with the highest score after the addition of the 4 sections.*

**Skin Test                  Cap. Refill                  Muc. Membrane                  Gut Sounds                  Surface Factors**

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	

**Art 824**

The FEI reserves the right to appoint the President of Ground Jury, the Foreign Judge, the President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate at all 3\* Events and all CEIO Competitions. For CEI 1\*, 2\*, in special circumstances, the FEI has the right to consult with OCs, in a timely manner, to ask for a different balance of experience and expertise within the team of Officials proposed in the Schedule of the Competition the Event.

*Notes for Guidance:*

*The FEI will liaise with Organisers through the National Federation in the event of wishing to appoint such Officials. The FEI will await the proposals for Officials to be appointed (noted in the Schedule submitted for approval) and will then contact the national Federation to either approve or request a change.*

At all CEI 1\*, 2\* and 3\* Events, the FEI may grant a dispensation in accordance with the FEI General Regulations Art.149.10 subject to a request being received from the National Federation concerned and in compliance with the conditions as detailed in the FEI Endurance Notes for Guidance.

*Notes for Guidance:*

*The FEI General Regulations indicate that Event Officials who are engaged in the officiating of FEI events should not involve themselves with competitions of a "National" type. Similarly the FEI Endurance Rules clearly state that it is not permitted for combinations taking part in an FEI event to be accompanied or "paced" during the competition by another combination.*

*The FEI will consider the approval of a combined "National" and "International" event upon application and will then advise the Technical Delegate and the President of Jury if such approval is given.*

*National and International competitions may start at the same time subject to request from the Organiser and approval of the Technical Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury,*



*providing that the welfare of the horse and safety of the athletes are not compromised whatsoever.*

*The Technical Delegate and President of Jury will be required to ensure that the FEI event officials can still undertake their duties fully whilst also overseeing the national Event. They will also be required to ensure the timings of the events are such so as to preclude National Combinations providing any International combinations with any form of assistance either in terms of pacing or any other form of assistance that could be considered to provide the International combination any unfair advantage.*

#### **Art. 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\* 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.

*Notes for Guidance:*

#### *Classification of ride conditions*

##### *A. Classification of Tracks*

*Level 1 - Flat with minimal elevation - up to 50 metres elevation*

*Level 2 - Undulating – up to 250metres elevation*

*Level 3 - Steep Terrain – up to 500meters elevation*

##### *B. Degree of Difficulty*

*Level 1 – FAST TRACK - Low difficulty with average speed greater than 20 km per hour*

*Level 2 – COMMON GROUND -Moderate difficulty with average speed between 12 to 20km ground*

*Level 3 – SLOW TRACK - Significant difficulty with average speeds below 12 km per hour*

*Level 4 – DANGEROUS TRACK NOT SUITABLE FOR COMPETITION*

*This is a combination of extreme weather conditions and track conditions that could lead to the injury or death of a horse or athlete.*

*Example: temperatures over 40degrees and under 5 degrees Celsius; Unstable footing; dangerous obstacle crossings; Rescue Failure.*

##### *C. Complicating Weather Conditions*

*1. Hot- greater than 30 degrees C*

*2. Comfortable - between 20 and 30 degrees Celsius*

*3. Cold below 20 degrees Celsius*

## **Art 824.6 Independent Governance Advisors (IGAs)**

824.6.1 At all FEI Endurance 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 the organisation of the Competitions, the venue and the course, the performance of the Endurance Officials and the suggested areas for improvement.

*Notes for Guidance:*

*IGAs are appointed by the FEI under approval of the FEI Endurance Technical Committee.*

*Appointment is as follows:*

- *Two to Four IGAs, two Vets and two Judges/TDs will be retained*
- *They must be a minimum 4\* FEI Official with a minimum of ten years active experience*
- *They cannot accept any appointments other than FEI requests during their term of office*
- *Term of appointment is two years subject to an addition term authorised by the FEI Technical Committee*
- *Per diems agreed at 300 CHF per day to include travel days*
- *Economy air ticket provided by FEI*
- *Expenses and meals paid by FEI*
- *Acting as an IGA qualifies for maintenance as required under FEI rules*

*IGAs are not active officials at events they may attend. They will provide support and guidance as required. They will provide regular reports to the FEI.*

## **Appointment and Promotion of Officials:**

### *Notes for Guidance:*

*The following criteria are in respect of those persons wishing to become an FEI Endurance Official or to obtain promotion to a higher status as an existing Official. Detail is also provided to maintaining such status achieved.*

*The FEI will from time to time, in cooperation with the recommendations of the FEI Endurance Technical and Veterinary Committees update/amend these criteria as required. Such changes will only be made after consultation with Federations and will be tabled at the FEI General Assembly for information in advance of any such criteria change.*

### **\*Rating - Judges**

For appointment to 2\* FEI Official an applicant will:

- Have been a member of a Ground Jury or Appeal Committee at a CEI or acted as President of the Ground Jury at National Events during the current or preceding year.
- Speak one of the two official languages.
- Have qualified at an FEI course for International Candidate Judges "FEI Level I Course for Endurance Judges".
- Have been appointed an to FEI International Candidate Judge
- Have acted as a member of an Organising Committee, or as assistant to the Chief Steward or as Chief Steward at two events, preferably International.
- Be preferably under the age of 60.

For promotion to 3\* Official an FEI Endurance Judge will:

- Have been a member of a Ground Jury at a minimum of 3 events, CEIs 1\* or 2\* level, in any one 2 year period.
- Have acted as President of the Ground Jury at a CEI 1\* event during the current or preceding year.
- Have qualified at an FEI course for International Judges Level II Course for Endurance Judges.
- Have been a 2\* Judge for a minimum of two years or two complete seasons

For promotion to 4\* Official an FEI Endurance Judge will:

- Have been a member of a Ground Jury at a minimum of 3 CEIs events, 3\* level, in any one 2 year period.
- Have acted as President of the Ground Jury at a CEI 2\* event during the current or preceding year.
- Have attended a level 2 II (3\*4\*) course within the previous twelve months.
- Have been a 3\* Judge for a minimum of two years or two complete seasons.

All officials, after qualifying within the above criteria must attend a course equal to their status at least every 3 years (2\* - Level I / 3\* and 4\* - Level II). With the many changes within our sport in recent years it is considered that this requirement should be compulsory in the interests of safety and welfare. Anyone not attending courses within the agreed timeframe will be given notice to comply within a limited time or face being downgraded / dropped from the FEI lists.

**\*Rating – Technical Delegates**

For appointment to Technical Delegate 2\* an applicant will:

- Have acted as a Technical Delegate or equivalent position at National Events during the current or preceding year.
- Speak one of the two official languages.
- Hold FEI International Endurance Judge status.
- Have qualified at an FEI course for Technical Delegates.
- Be preferably under the age of 60.

For promotion to 3\* status an FEI 2\* Technical Delegate will:

- Have been an FEI 2\* Technical Delegate at a minimum of 3 CEIs events, 1\* level, in any one 2 year period.
- Have qualified at an FEI course for Technical Delegates.
- Have been a 2\* Technical Delegate for a minimum of two years or two complete seasons

For promotion to 4\* status an Endurance Judge FEI 3\* Technical Delegate will:

- Have been an FEI Technical Delegate at a minimum of 3 CEIs (2\* level and above), in any one 2 year period.
- Have attended a Technical Delegate refresher course within the previous twelve months.
- Have been a 3\* Technical Delegate for a minimum of two years or two complete seasons.

All officials, after qualifying within the above criteria must attend a course equal to their status at least every 4 years. With the many changes within our sport in recent years it is considered that this requirement should be compulsory in the interests of safety and welfare. Anyone not attending courses within the agreed timeframe will be given notice to comply within a limited time or face being downgraded / dropped from the FEI lists.

**\*Rating – Stewards**

[https://inside.fei.org/system/files/FEI%20Education%20System%20for%20Stewards%20Dec.%202012%20DEF\\_4.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/system/files/FEI%20Education%20System%20for%20Stewards%20Dec.%202012%20DEF_4.pdf)

\*Rating – **Endurance Official Veterinarians (EOV)**

<http://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/veterinarians/education>

**Promotion to 2\* FEI Veterinary Official**

For promotion to 3\* Official an FEI 3\* Endurance Veterinarian will:

- Applicants must be licensed as veterinarians or veterinary surgeons in their country of residence and have a minimum of 5 years post qualification equine veterinary experience.
- Applicants must attend a 2-day General Veterinarian Course and complete official mentoring and supervision with at least 2 different Veterinary Delegates at a minimum of 10 Endurance events (FEI or National).
- Applicants must apply through their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion, in which they will list the events they attended and their mentors' name. They must enclose a minimum of 2 positive Evaluation Forms duly filled in and signed by their mentors. Applications must be submitted within 2 years following the applicants' participation in a General Veterinarian Course.
- The National Federation will proceed to the necessary verifications and approve or reject the applications.
- Upon approval, the National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will promote the applicants who have satisfied all requirements

**Promotion to 3\* FEI Veterinary Official**

For promotion to 3\* Official an FEI 3\* Endurance Veterinarian will:

- Applicants must have been listed as a 2\* EOV for a minimum of 2 calendar years.
- Applicants must have passed an Advanced Course for Endurance Official Veterinarians and have officiated as a 2\* member of a Veterinary Commission at a minimum of 4 CEIs (1\* or 2\* level) within the 2 years of submitting their Application for Promotion.
- Applicants must apply through their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion in which they will list the events they officiated at.
- The National Federation will proceed to the necessary verifications and approve or reject the applications.
- Upon approval, the National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will promote the applicants who have satisfied all requirements.

**Promotion to 4\* FEI Veterinary Official**

For promotion to 4\* Official an FEI 3\* Endurance Veterinarian will:

- Applicants must have been listed as a 3\* EOV for a minimum of 3 calendar years.
- Applicants must have attended at least one continuing education seminar/conference dedicated to equine sports medicine and/or exercise within the 3 years of submitting their Application for Promotion.

- Applicants must have officiated as a Foreign Veterinary Delegate or President of a Veterinary Commission at a minimum of 2 CEIs (2\* level) within the 3 years of submitting their Application for Promotion.
- Applicants must have officiated as a 3\* member of a Veterinary Commission at a minimum of 3 CEIs (3\* level) within the 3 years of submitting their Application for Promotion.
- Applicants must apply through their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion in which they will list the events they officiated at.
- The National Federation will proceed to the necessary verifications and approve or reject the applications.
- Upon approval, the National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will promote the applicants who have satisfied all requirements.

All FEI Veterinary Officials, after qualifying within the above criteria must officiate at a minimum of 4 FEI Endurance rides and attend a course equal to their status (i.e. the course required for promotion to the relevant star level) every 4 years. With the many changes within our sport in recent years it is considered that this requirement should be compulsory in the interests of safety and welfare. It is expected that all FEI Endurance Veterinarians will remain current with changes in rules, protocols and prohibited/banned substances. Anyone not event active/attending courses within the agreed timeframe will be given notice to comply within a limited time or face being downgraded / dropped from the FEI lists.

**\*Rating – Endurance Veterinary Treatment officials (EVT)**

<http://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/veterinarians/education>

**All Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials must first reach the same requirements as for the Official Veterinarians.**

Promotion to 2\* FEI Endurance Veterinary Treatment officials (EVT)

For promotion to 2\* FEI Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official (EVT) an applicant will:

- Applicants must be exposed to equine practice for no less than 25% of their total clinical practice.
- Applicants must have been a member of a Veterinary Commission at a minimum of 3 Endurance events (FEI or national) and must have completed official mentoring and supervision with at least 2 different EVT's at a minimum of 3 Endurance events (FEI or National), 2 of which must be 3\* (or CEN equivalent).
- Applicants must apply through their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion, in which they will list the events they attended and their mentors' name. They must enclose a minimum of 2 positive Evaluation Forms duly filled in and signed by their mentors.
- The National Federation will proceed to the necessary verifications and approve or reject the applications.
- Upon approval, the National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will promote the applicants who have satisfied all requirements

Promotion to 3\* FEI Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official (EVT)

For promotion to 3\* FEI Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official (EVT) an applicant will:

- Applicants must have completed an advanced course in the treatment of competition horses, in particular Endurance horses, approved by the Endurance Technical Committee.
- Applicants must have officiated as a 2\* EVT at a minimum of 4 CEIs (1\*/CEN equivalent or 2\* level).
- Applicants must submit a CV with 2 references demonstrating case exposure and skills in the treatment of the disease of Endurance horses to be presented to the Endurance Technical Committee.
- Applicants must apply through their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion in which they will list the events they officiated at.
- The National Federation will proceed to the necessary verifications and approve or reject the applications.
- Upon approval, the National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will promote the applicants who have satisfied all requirements.

Promotion to 4\* FEI Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official (EVT)

For promotion to 4\* FEI Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official (EVT) an applicant will:

- Applicants must have been President EVT at a minimum of 2 CEIs (2\* level).
- Applicants must have officiated as a 3\* EVT at a minimum of 3 CEIs (3\* level).
- Applicants must have attended at least one seminar/conference dedicated to equine sports medicine and/or exercise physiology, or relevant FEI course within the 3 years of submitting their Application for Promotion.
- Applicants must apply through their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion in which they will list the events they officiated at.
- The National Federation will proceed to the necessary verifications and approve or reject the applications.

To ensure that they are up-to-date with the latest regulatory and horse welfare matters, FEI Veterinarians are requested to continue their education at regular intervals.

The Veterinary Department reviews the status of all FEI Veterinarians at the end of each year and either renews their status for the following period, downgrades them or removes them from the list.

#### 2\* Endurance Official Veterinarians

- Complete the PTV online examination every 4 years
- Pass a General Veterinarian Course every 4 years
- Officiate at a minimum of 4 FEI events every 2 years

#### 3\*-4\* Endurance Official Veterinarians

- Complete the PTV online examination every 4 years
- Pass a General Veterinarian Course every 4 years
- Pass an Advanced Course for Endurance Official Veterinarians every 4 years
- Officiate at a minimum of 4 FEI events every 2 years as a member of the veterinary commission

#### 2\*-3\*-4\* Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials

- Complete the PTV online examination every 4 years
- Pass a General Veterinarian Course every 4 years
- Pass a Course for Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials every 4 years
- Officiate at a minimum of 4 FEI events every 2 years as an Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official



## **Annex 4: FEI WORLD ENDURANCE RANKINGS 2018**

*Notes for Guidance:*

*If alternative weight divisions are approved by the FEI, these competitions will not be considered in the FEI World Endurance Rankings and the athletes and horses competing in these categories will not obtain any points as indicated below, except for the approved standard weight division category, designated as such in the Schedule.*

*Only those standard weight competitions approved in the schedules will be eligible for ranking points at Shows/Events where several weight division competitions were held.*

*Please find below the scale of points for the calculation of Rankings for Endurance:*

### **Scale of points**

For each ranking list, a rider obtains points depending on the place he obtained in the different competitions as described in the following table:

<b>Place</b>	<b>CEI4* CH-M</b>	<b>CEI 4* G/CH- [Cont.]</b>	<b>CEI3*</b>	<b>CEI2*</b>	<b>CEI1*</b>
<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