The FEI Endurance & IT Departments have developed Guidelines to provide information on the way to proceed regarding the application and control of speed restrictions during CEI Events.

These guidelines are based on the Endurance Rulebook, applicable from 1 January 2021, which can be found here.

The aim of these Guidelines is to help you with:

- The process of checking the speed restrictions of Athletes and Horses;
- The actions to be taken during the competition if a combination exceeds their speed limit.

Please note that some screenshots have been used as examples only, in order to facilitate understanding.

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Scientific studies have clearly shown that excess speed has a direct and detrimental effect on Horse Welfare.

From 1 July 2020, the Endurance Technical Committee has enforced through the new FEI Endurance Rules, voted by National Federations during the 2019 FEI General Assembly, consequences for being DSQ/FTQ at speeds exceeding 20km/h in a repeated manner.

FEI Official and/or Timing & Results Provider at CEI Events can be in a situation where Athletes and/or Horses are subject to speed restrictions following repeated FTQ and/or DSQ designations with average speeds exceeding 20km/hour.

Whilst the results are proactively entered in the FEI Database once received by the Organizing Committees/National Federations, it remains the responsibility of the FEI Official to check the following processes on site, along with the OC Timing & Results Provider, to ensure that any Athlete/Horse concerned by speed restrictions will be managed correctly.

This requires a strict collaboration between the OC Timing & Results Provider and the FEI Officials on site, to ensure the respect of the application of the new rule, art. 837 “CONSEQUENCES FOR REPEATED FTQ AND/OR DSQ DESIGNATIONS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS EXCEEDING 20 KM/HOUR”.

The process of checking the Speed restrictions is explained in detail in the following document, link:


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