###  FEI Endurance Organisers’ Protocol - 01/01/2020 to 30/06/2020

With an aim to further ensure the welfare of equine and human athletes at International Endurance Events, the safety of all participants and the implementation and respect of common principles of behaviour, fairness, and sportsmanship, the FEI has created this FEI Endurance Organiser’s Protocol (hereinafter the “Endurance Protocol”) to guarantee the correct and full application of the applicable FEI Rules and Regulations in your Events, in particular but not limited to, the FEI General Regulations, the FEI Endurance Rules, the FEI Veterinary Regulations, the FEI Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes and the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations.

In order for the FEI to approve the competition schedules the Endurance Protocol **must** be signed once a year by the Organiser and the National Federation, listing the Event(s). By signing the Endurance Protocol (which will be incorporated into the competition schedule of your Event(s)) both aforementioned parties agree to comply with all applicable FEI Rules and Regulations, and in particular (but not limited to), with the following requirements:

1. Full cooperation must be given to the FEI Officials to ensure that they can perform their tasks according to the FEI Endurance Rules, in particular:

- Ground Jury Art. – Art. 848.1

- Technical Delegate – Art. 848.2

- Veterinary Commission – Art. 848.3

- Chief Steward Art. – Art. 848.4

2. Full cooperation must be given to the FEI Independent Governance Advisors (IGAs) to ensure that they can perform their tasks according to the FEI Endurance Rules Art. 848.6

3. The welfare of the horse must be a first priority and you must allow the FEI Officials to take all necessary measures to safeguard it, as per the FEI Endurance Rules, including but not limited to:

- Loops of the course must not be specially designed and/or constructed to encourage high speeds - Art. 814.4.5

- Allowing for the reduction of the pulse criteria - Art. 816.9.2. The pulse criteria may be reduced during the ride if, in the opinion of the President of the Veterinary Commission in consultation with the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, the President of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate they believe there is a danger to the safety of the Horses.

- The Veterinary Commission has absolute control on all matters concerning horse welfare – Annex 5, Art. 1.3.

- 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…. - Art. 816.9.3.

4. The safety of the athletes, FEI Officials and public must be safeguarded at all times and FEI Officials must be allowed to take all necessary measures to ensure safety, as per the FEI Endurance Rules/FEI GRs:

- The field of play - Art. 813

- Number of crew members allowed - Art. 813.2.2

- Horses must remain capable of being clearly observed at all times - Art. 813.5

- Permitted Assistance during Event or on Course - Art. 822.4

- Prohibited Assistance - Art. 822.5

- Postponement and/or cancellation of an Event - FEI GRs 109.12

5. The FEI Officials’ Code of Conduct must be adhered to including the obligations and restrictions pertaining to the “Endurance Official’s Per Diems”.

Any breach of the FEI Rules and Regulations will be prosecuted according to the FEI Legal System (Chapter VIII of the FEI General Regulations).

List of Events organised by the Organiser from **01/01 to 30/06/2020**:

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