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Endurance Temporary Committee

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- Mr. Mark Samuel (CAN)



Take Endurance back to its roots of horsemanship
and away from ‘Winning at all costs’.





Take Endurance forward as a competitive discipline within the FEI,
maintaining Horse Welfare as our top priority.



Endurance Technical Committee Meetings

- 02 November 2018: Teleconference
- 12 December 2018: In-Person Meeting in Lausanne
- 15 January 2019: In-Person Meeting in Lausanne
- 30 January 2019: Teleconference
- 06 February 2019: Teleconference
- 21 February 2019: Stakeholders Meeting in Lausanne
- 22 February 2019: In-Person Meeting in Lausanne
- 05 March 2019: Teleconference
- 27 March 2019: Teleconference
- 14 & 15 April 2019 : In-Person Meeting in Lausanne

Stakeholders meeting

Endurance Temporary Committee (ETC) met on the 21 February with 27 Stakeholders represented by:

- FEI Groups (EEF, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX)
- World Horse Welfare
- Alliance of Endurance Organisers

The ETC organised 5 sessions during the day to receive the input from its stakeholders and listen to them.

Listening to the Endurance community

What you told us:

- Role of the FEI;
- Equine welfare is not being safeguarded;
- Numbers of fatalities and positive drug tests are unacceptable;
- Existing rules work well but problems arise when they are not enforced;
- Drug sanctions must be meaningful enough to act as a deterrent.

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FEI Athlete Representative

Tarek Taher

FEI Athlete Representative

- Listen to the voices of the whole Endurance community;
- Provide a platform to voice their opinions;
- Formation of TEIRA;
- Feed this into the Endurance Temporary Committee.



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SESSION 5

Qualification of Horses and Athletes: reducing welfare risks

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Horsemanship

Sarah Coombs

FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse

- The FEI requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times, the welfare of the Horse must be paramount;
- Welfare of the Horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences;
- The Welfare of the Horse is our No.1 priority (should be);
- Competitive and commercial influences are not.

Our Mission

- The proposal of rule changes to “return Endurance to its roots”;
- Taking Endurance *forward* as a competitive discipline within the FEI whilst maintaining horse welfare as our top priority in accordance with the FEI Vision and Code of Conduct;
- Allow elite horses to compete fairly without detriment or harm;
- This involves a renewed emphasis on horsemanship and completion instead of “winning at all costs”;
- Change of ethos if Endurance is to move forward.



What do we mean by Horsemanship?



2016 Study

- 105 participants in 30 countries representing 8 disciplines.
- Good horsemanship is part of the history and culture of people from around the world.

“Horse” comes before “man” in horsemanship

Horsemanship



Study conducted by

Stefanie Krysiak (CAN)



Change of Ethos

- Test the stamina and fitness of the Horse without compromising welfare;
- Good horsemanship
 - Strategic riding
 - Recovery
- Winning requires completion



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GEIS Evidence

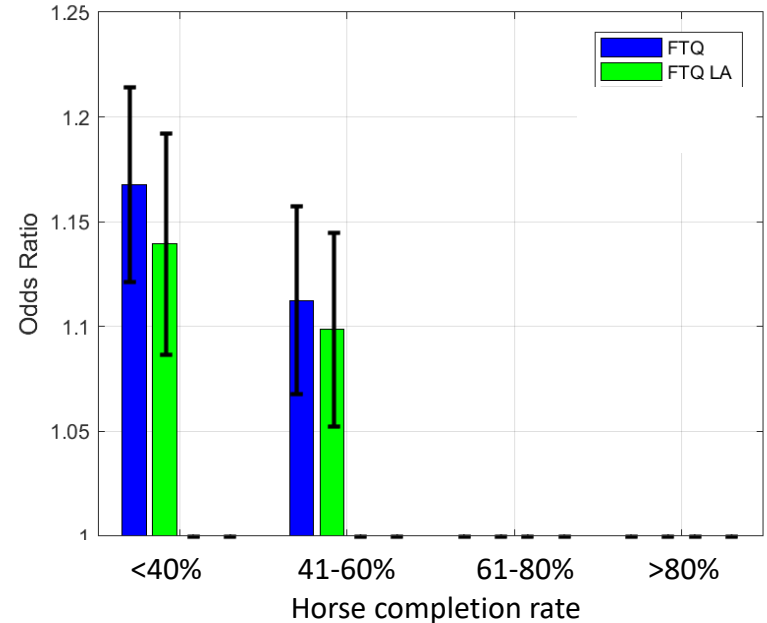
Prof. Timothy Parkin

FEI and the University of Glasgow

- Work together since 2014 - funded Euan Bennet since 2015,
- Primary focus of analyses has been FEI Endurance data:
 - GEIS data since 2010 & Vet Card Data from 2014,
- Identify factors that increase (or decrease) the likelihood of a Horse ending an Endurance ride (or loop) with an FTQ (GA or ME),
- High-level statistical analysis providing the strongest evidence-base possible,
- All results account for effect of all other risk factors.

Welfare linked to completion rate

- If Athlete comp. rate <50% risk of:
 - FTQ-GA increased by 14%
 - FTQ-ME increased by 18%
- Horse comp. rate
 - Clear rate relationship
- If Athlete and Horse combination comp. rate < 80%, risk of:
 - FTQ-ME increased by 14% - 23%



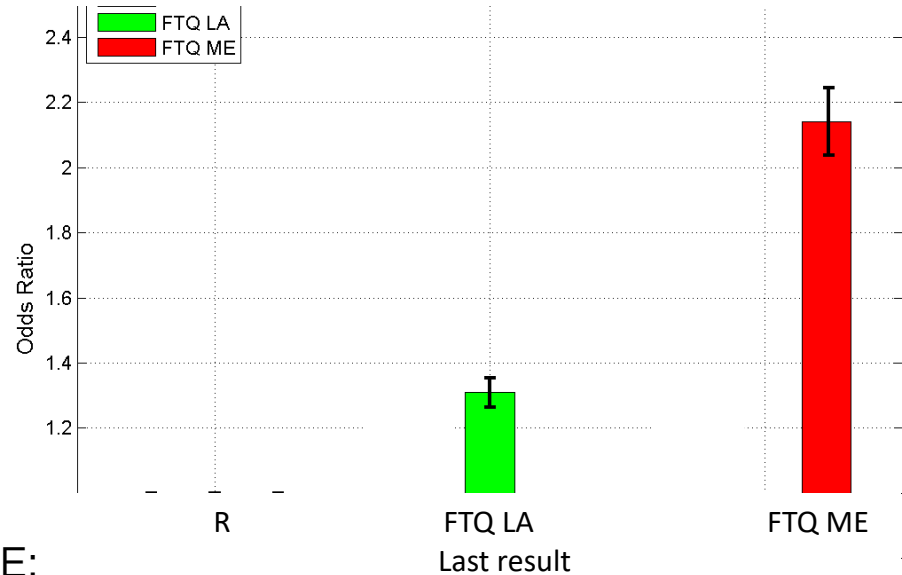
Horse or athlete history of FTQ

- Horse

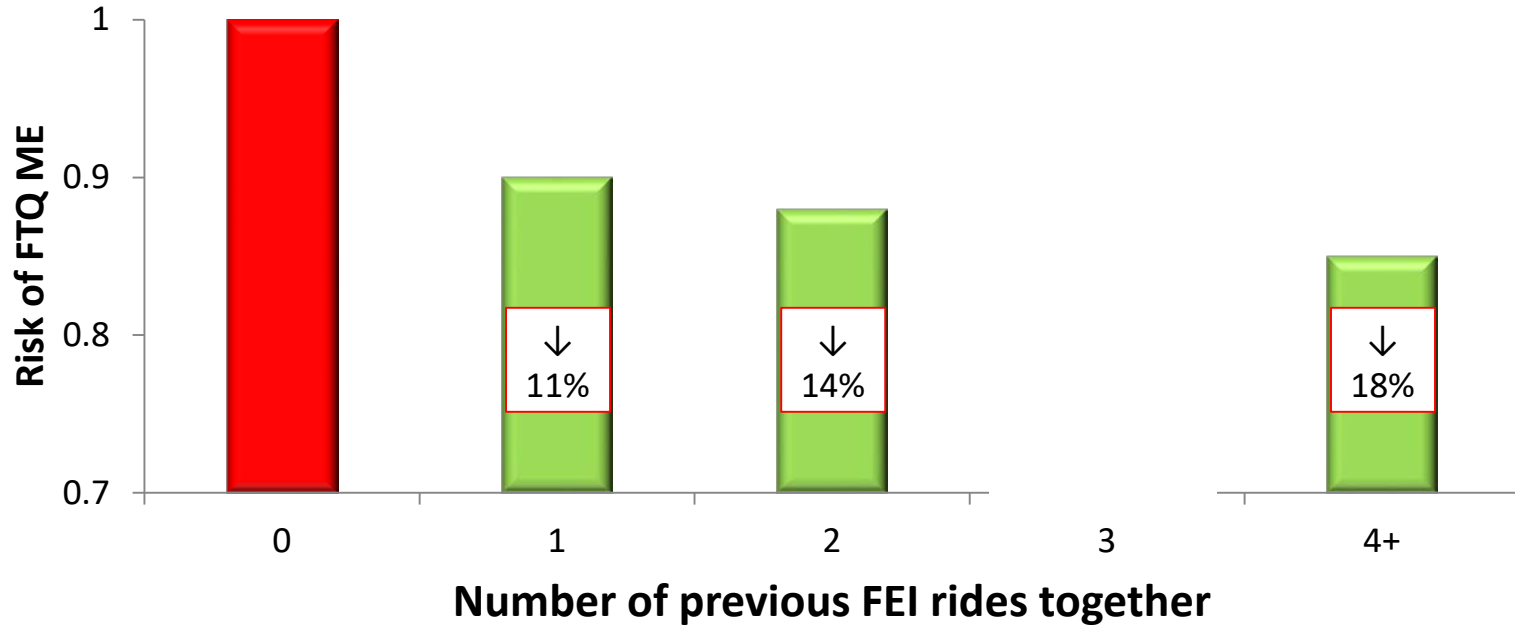
- Previous FTQ-GA
- &
- Previous FTQ-ME

- Athlete

- 2 or more previous FTQ-ME:
 - 24% to 36% increase in risk of FTQ-ME in the current ride



Previously ridden as a combination



Conclusion

- Increased risk of FTQ in current ride associated with:
 - Previous and recent FTQ
 - Low previous completion rate of both Horse and Athlete
 - Not having previously ridden together as a combination

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Qualifications From CEI 1* to Championships

Valerie Kanavy

History of Endurance

The origins of Endurance sport has its roots in Cavalry tests.

Judged both on rider and Horse skills, military lives depended on fitness, agility and speed.

This is the foundation of our sport.



FEI Definition of Endurance

- *“Endurance Riding is a Competition to test the Athlete’s ability to safely manage the stamina and fitness of the Horse over an endurance course in a Competition against the track, the distance, the climate, the terrain and the clock.”* Art. 800.1, FEI Endurance Regs.
- Successful finishes of Endurance events, completing the test is a core tenet or principal part of our endurance foundation.
- As completion is a core principle of Endurance, completion percentage will be introduced to the qualification process.

FEI Completion percentage

- What is a Completion percentage?
 - This is a percentage of successful completions based on number of starts.
- Why considering a completion percentage in qualification process?
 - For welfare issues;
 - To add an element of strategy;
 - For a reward system.

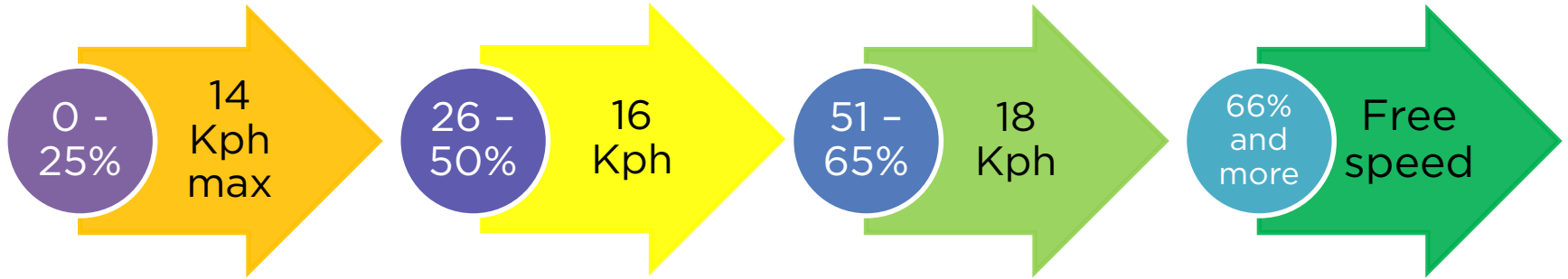
Strategy

- Speeds are based on completion percentage individually for both Horses and Athletes;
- Completion rate will follow the Horse and Athlete throughout their career;
- The lowest completion rate whether it be the Horse or Athlete is the limiting factor for speed.



Reward

The higher completion rate is, the faster you can compete.



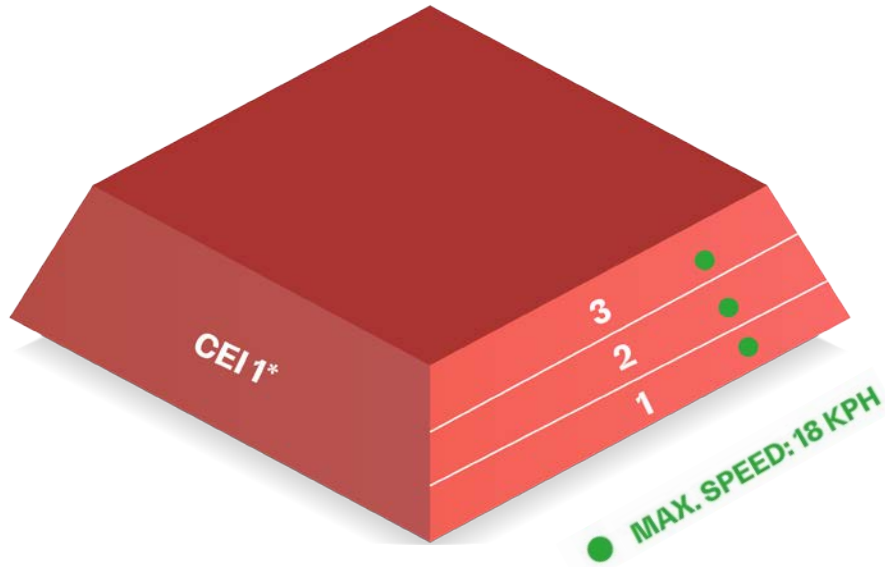
Speed is calculated on the speed of each phase and it does not include recovery time.

Qualifications: Novice

No change from current requirements

- Horses:
 - Minimum age of 5 years for the horse
 - Must complete at least two 40km rides and two 80km rides with a maximum speed of 16 kph in a minimum of 12 months and maximum of 24 months time period.
- Riders:
 - Must complete at least two 40km rides and two 80 km rides with a maximum speed of 16kph in a minimum of 6 months, maximum of 24 months.

Qualifications: to complete 1* level



Minimum Horse age: 6 years old.

Must have completed novice qualifications.

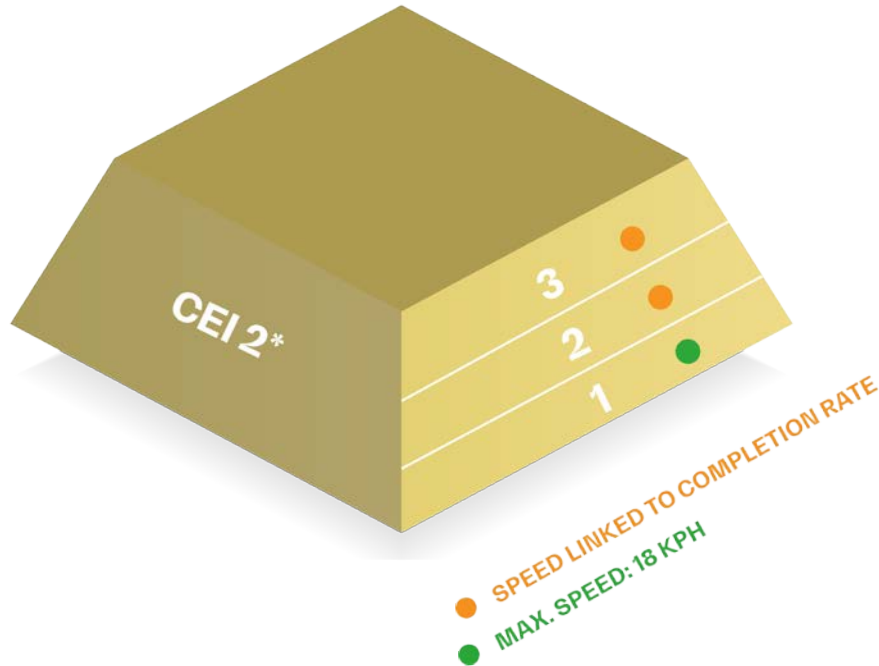
To complete the 1* level:

- 3 x CEI 1* successful completion with a maximum speed of 18 kph.

Once completed:

- Access to CEI 2* level,
- Access to additional CEI 1* events with a speed linked to completion rate.

Qualifications: to complete 2* level



Minimum Horse age: 7 years old.

To complete the 2* level:

- Must complete 3 x CEI 2*,
- 1st CEI 2* completion with a maximum speed of 18 kph,
- 2nd and 3rd completion with a speed linked to the completion rate.

Once CEI 2* level completed:

- Access to CEI 3* level.

Qualifications: to complete 3* level



Minimum Horse age: 8 years old.

To complete CEI 3* level:

- 2 completions with a speed linked to the completion rate

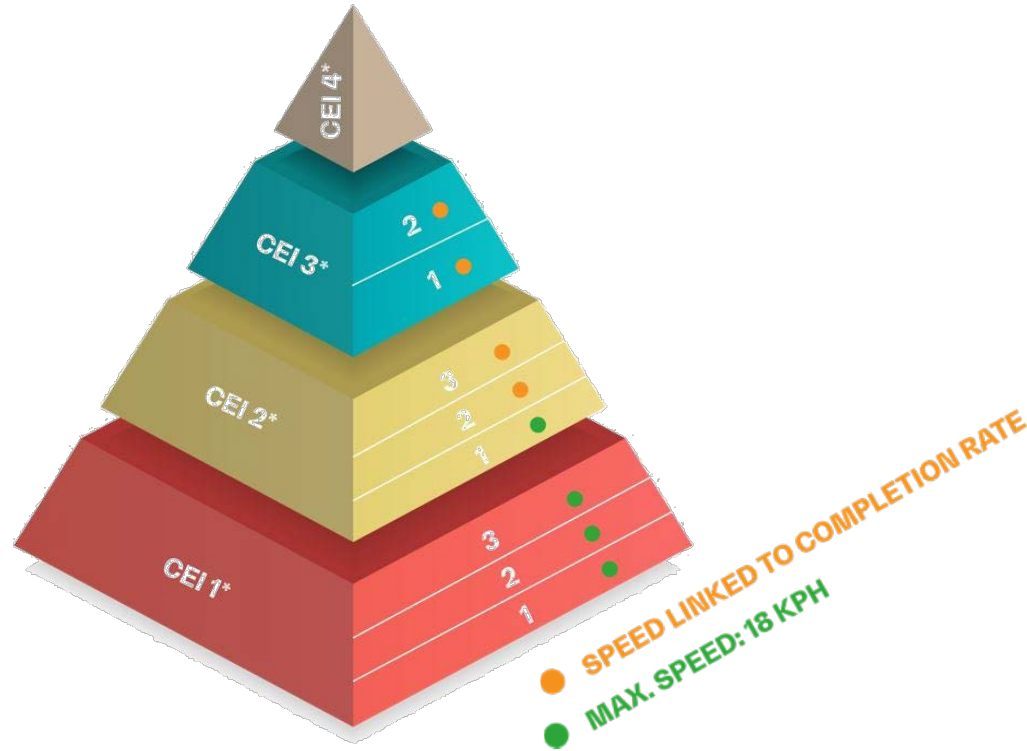
Qualifications: Access to Senior Championships



Minimum Horse age: + 1 year than the minimum age requirement linked to distance star level;

The Horse and Athlete in combination must complete at least two 2* or greater, one of which must be the distance of the Championship.

Qualifications: From 1* to Championships



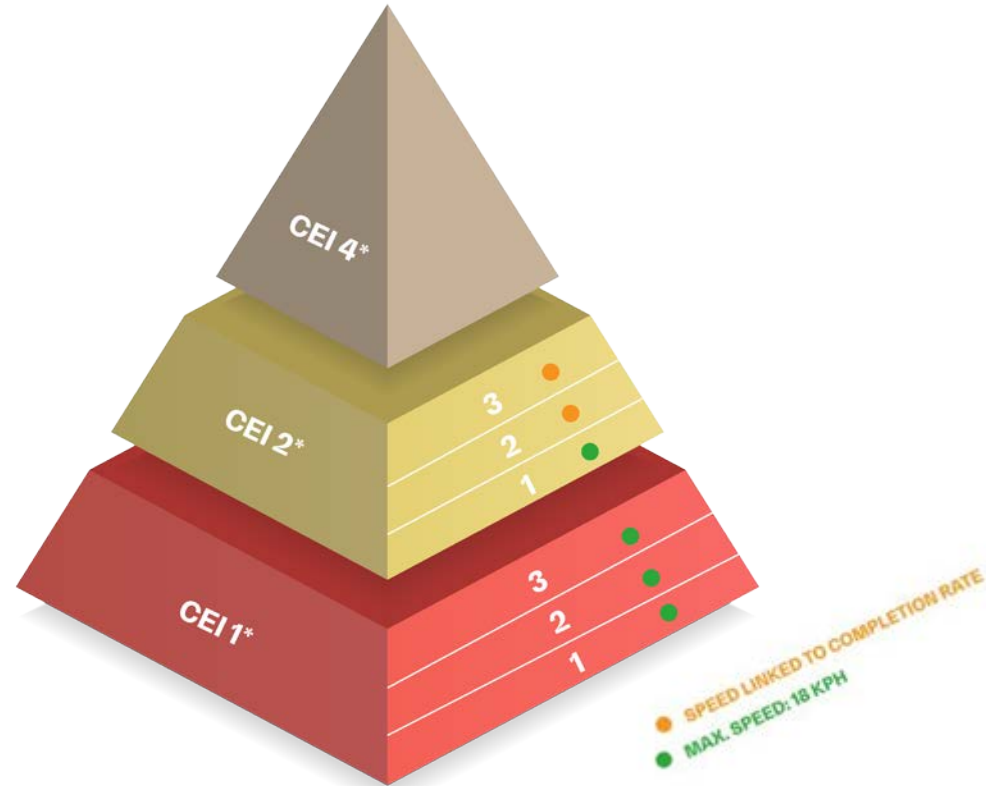
Qualifications: Access to J/YR Championships



Minimum Horse age: + 1 year than the minimum age requirement linked to distance star level.

The Horse and Athlete in combination must complete two 2* or greater, one of which must be the same distance as the championship.

Qualifications: Access to J/YR Championships



Qualifications: Horse Age Restrictions For Championships

- 140 - 160 km Championships:
Horse must be at least 9 years of age.
- 120 - 139 km Championships:
Horse must be at least 8 years of age.
- 80 - 119 km Championships:
Horse must be at least 7 years of age.



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THANK YOU