

**PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF  
ENDURANCE RULES 2023**

14 October 2022

Dear National Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the Endurance Rules together with the corresponding explanations, the comments received as well as the reasoning for accepting or not accepting each proposal.

In the following document you will find 2 sections as follows:

- A.** [Proposed Rules changes to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022;](#)  
and
- B.** [Proposed Rules changes that have been rejected or deferred to a future Rules revision.](#)

Sincerely,



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**A. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES TO BE VOTED AT THE FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022**

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>BRA NF</b> <b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION</b>
(...) 9. Assessments during Horse Inspections (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>BRA NF</b></p> <p>The actual protocol dramatically raises the quantity of 1 minute measurements during vet-checks, creating long queues and damaging competitiveness, since horses with high heart rates can enter the vet-gate and wait in line for their measurement. This is also detrimental to horse welfare because those who waited to be measured will have less time to rest after the exam. The 64bpm parameter is long tested and known, while the 59bpm (for the 15 seconds) is an arbitrary invention. Having 2 different parameters for different time windows (59bpm for 15s X 64bpm for 60s) can cause misunderstandings and potential errors in the measurement. It is also unfair that a horse that was 64bpm in the first 15s gets eliminated.</p> <p><b>FRA NF</b></p> <p>We are in favour of going back to the previous system with 64bpm, also after 15s. The current wording lead to misunderstanding and traffic-jam at first loops. The equipment used to control the hearth rate are not adapted as it is considering the hearth rate on 1 minute based on only 15 seconds.</p> <p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b></p> <p>The Endurance Department and the Endurance Technical Committee have revisited this rule and propose the below modification in order to reduce confusion while maintaining Horse welfare considerations.</p> <p><b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b></p> <p>Annex 5 – 9.3</p> <p><del>(f) (i) If the heart rate is 5 bpm or more below the maximum heart rate parameter after the first 15 second time interval, then the reading may be recorded and the inspection completed. However, the Veterinarian may elect to continue the assessment for 60 seconds in case of any concern about the accuracy of the assessment. (For example, if the maximum heart rate is 64bpm, the assessment may be stopped after the first 15 second time interval where i) the electronic heart rate monitor shows that the Horse's heart rate is 59bpm or lower, or ii) the Veterinarian counts 14 heart beats or less using the stethoscope, because <math>14 \times 4 = 56</math>, whereas <math>15 \times 4 = 60</math>).</del></p> <p><del>(ii) If the heart rate is within 4bpm, equal to, or greater than the maximum heart rate parameter after the first 15 second time interval, the assessment must continue for the full 60 seconds. (For example, if the maximum heart rate is 64bpm, the assessment must continue for the full 60 seconds if after the first 15 second time interval i) the Horse's heart rate is 60bpm or higher when using the electronic heart rate monitor, or ii) the Veterinarian counts 15 heart beats or more using a stethoscope).</del></p> <p><del>(iii) If after 60 seconds the Horse's heart rate is equal to or less than the maximum heart rate parameter, then the reading will be recorded and the inspection completed.</del></p>

**To be changed into:**

**Annex 5 – 9.3**

(e) Starting and timing the assessment:

- (i) Where a stethoscope is used, a stop watch must be used to time the count. An assessment must be taken after 15 seconds and then (if necessary further to the provisions below) at 60 seconds. To evaluate the heart rate after 15 seconds under paragraph (f)(i) below, the number of heart beats counted in 15 seconds must be multiplied by four. The stop watch must be started when the heart beat is audible and then the count starts on the next heartbeat.
- (ii) Where an electronic heart rate monitor is used, the monitor must provide an assessment ~~at 15-second intervals~~ **at the following intervals displaying readings at: 15, 30, 45 and 60 seconds only**. The assessment starts when the monitor makes contact with the Horse's chest and picks up the first heartbeat.

(f) Determining whether the Horse's heart rate complies with the maximum heart rate parameters:

- (i) **The Horse's heart rate will be measured for a minimum of 15 seconds and a maximum of 60 seconds at 15-second intervals.**
- (ii) **If at any of these 15-second intervals, the heart rate reading complies with the maximum heart rate parameter, then the reading may be recorded and the inspection completed. 15 (or less) beats within the first 15 seconds, which would be the equivalent of 60bpm (or less) at 60 seconds, 32 beats (or less) within 30 seconds or 48 beats (or less) within 45 seconds, or 64 beats (or less) within 60 seconds)**
- (iii) **If the heart rate reading at the above mentioned intervals are greater than their corresponding values of the maximum heart rate parameter, the heart rate assessment must continue for another 15 seconds until it reaches the 60 second mark.**

**Comments received by 24 August 2022**

**UAE NF** recommends that, if the heart rate complies with the given maximum heart rate parameter in any of these 15-second interval, then the reading may be recorded, and the inspection is completed.

**ESP NF** agrees with the proposal and welcomes the change. ESP NF also identified a mistake in the wording which has been corrected (in point (f) (ii) it should be 16 within the first seconds instead of 15 (16 \* 4 = 64)).

**ARG NF**

64 bpm is the actual heart rate parameter to qualify. ARG NF proposed wording: *64 bpm every 15 seconds and the CRI should be considered when the horse is authorized to leave the VET – Check after the first 15 minutes.*

**FEI Feedback**

**FEI Feedback to UAE NF:** We agree with the comments and confirm that this is already included in the proposed change.

**FEI Feedback to ESP NF:** We confirm that this is not a mistake but a more conservative number to safeguard Horse welfare in response to overcooling. The FEI HQ and ETC maintain this wording.

**FEI Feedback to ARG NF:** The feedback proposed is unclear.

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022**

As per the above wording.

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

**ESP NF**  
**UAE NF**  
**FRA NF**

**Article Number – Article Name**

**816. VET GATES - 816.5 Horse Inspections**  
**ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION**  
**9. Assessments during Horse Inspections**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**ESP NF**

The new protocol has also had a huge impact on the sport competition and we find it to have issues in its implementation. While horse welfare is the first and most important point on the competition, the current rules as written have brought up an unfair practice that impacts fair play. HR assessments have increased generally by 4 times by locking a Vet and Horse for an entire minute as the quarters are now ignored and no horse competing enters the vet-gate at 60 BPM or less. CRI must be done on every horse, but heart rate should be able to be measured within the Vet-Gate by the line Veterinarian or another Veterinarian or trained Steward as a filter if necessary to avoid gamesmanship, and then HR measured again for CRI if it was not taken by the line veterinarian immediately before trotting. This rule change was introduced last minute in October 2019 after the Pisa Championship without proper due process and not communicated to the NFs (it does not appear in the drafts sent to NFs throughout the year), and no discussions held at Moscow as no one realized the change existed, after lengthy discussions were held the entire year about the rest of the proposals. This rule is hence highly controversial and has posed a big fair play issue, while not seemingly having protected horse welfare.

The HR Assessment should return to the 2019 system and find a system that properly identifies horses in trouble BEFORE they start the next loop, such as requesting a compulsory re-inspection if the CRI is difference is 8 or more. Veterinary assessment should take proper time and include proper CRI procedure, however HR Assessment should be quick to avoid fair play issues and timing advantages to avoid gamesmanship. For that purpose, Vets and even Stewards should be trained to read BPM from HR machines when these are available to avoid queues and said gamesmanship.

**UAE NF**

1- Vet Gate Inspection Efficiency: The "Two-Phase" Vet gate inspections has tremendously improved the efficiency of the inspection time after the horses cross the Vet gate line.

2- Crowd Elimination: The demonstrated throughput and efficiency that have been achieved with the implementation of the "Two-Phase" horse inspection in the Vet gate has reduced the horses' wait time in the Vet area, eliminated the crowding of horses, reduced the risk of horse's collision while being in close proximity, and improved the overall horse's welfare.

3- Recovery Time Accuracy: The "Two-Phase" horse inspection in the Vet gate is combined with a "Queuing Mechanism" to ensure a prompt presentation of the horse for heart rate test within 35 seconds from crossing the Vet gate line. This process has greatly improved the accuracy of the recovery time and enhanced the officials' control throughout the Vet gate inspection.

The prompt capturing and recording of the horse's heart rate after the crossing of the Vet gate line goes in tandem with the Endurance Rule 2020- Annex 5: Horse Inspections, Examinations, Control of Medication "9.3 Heart rate assessment procedure: (a) All heart rate assessments must be undertaken by a member of the Veterinary Commission. Heart rate is the first parameter to be examined and recorded during the Horse Inspection. It is an essential criterion to accurately assess the Horse's recovery and fitness to continue. The recovery time of the Horse must also be made available to the Veterinarian conducting the Horse Inspection". This system satisfies the article.

The "Two-Phase" horse inspection in the Vet gate have been utilized successfully in many FEI events, National events, and multiple FEI Endurance Championships. In addition, this

process has been witnessed and deeply vetted by multiple FEI officials who approved its effectiveness and insisted on using the "Two-Phase" Horse Inspection process in The World Equestrian Championship. Over the years, the "Two-Phase" horse inspection in the Vet gate has proven itself as a true innovation to the sport and it has been an added value to the overall horse's welfare.

Lastly, the "Two-Phase" horse inspection in the Vet gate is a sound system with proven records in resolving operational issues during endurance events while addressing the objective of improving the horse's welfare.

#### **FRA NF**

We are in favour of going back to the previous system with 64bpm, also after 15s. The current wording lead to misunderstanding and traffic-jam at first loops. The equipment used to control the hearth rate are not adapted as it is considering the hearth rate on 1 minute based on only 15 seconds.

#### ***FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022***

The FEI understands the reasoning behind the proposal of a two-phase vet gate in order to deter gamesmanship and long queueing in the vet gate. Please find below proposal.

#### **FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022**

### **816. VET GATES**

#### **816.5 Horse Inspections:**

##### 816.5.2

The Organising Committee must indicate in the Draft Schedule that is submitted to the FEI whether a one or two-phase veterinary inspection will be performed at the Competition. Where in the opinion of the President of the Ground Jury, in consultation with the Veterinary Commission, the type of veterinary inspection selected by the Organising Committee is not appropriate or would cause logistical issues, the President of the Ground Jury can decide to change to a two-phase veterinary inspection (in the case where the Organiser had originally selected a one-phase veterinary inspection) or a to a one-phase veterinary inspection (in the case where the Organiser had originally selected a two-phase veterinary inspection). Any such change must be made prior to the start of the Competition and must be communicated at the pre-ride briefing.

#### **(a) One phase veterinary inspection**

When the Horse enters the Vetting Area, it must be taken directly from the Vetting Area entrance to a designated Veterinarian in the vet lane (as instructed by the Stewards) showing constant forward motion. The inspection decorum in the Vetting Area must be respected at all times (see paragraph 10 of Annex 5).

#### **(b) Two-phase veterinary inspection**

When the Horse enters the Vetting Area, it must be taken directly from the Vetting Area entrance (as instructed by the Stewards) to the designated Veterinarian in the vet lane showing constant forward motion. Should all the vetting lanes be occupied, the Horse will be assessed by a designated Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarian (who must be a member of the Veterinary Commission). The inspection decorum in the Vetting Area must be respected at all times (see paragraph 10 of Annex 5).

The Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarian will take the Horse's Heart Rate according to the protocol outlined in Annex 5, paragraph 9.3 (Heart rate assessment procedure).

- a. If the Horse meets the maximum heart rate parameters, it will then pass to the designated Veterinarian in the vet lane as instructed by the Stewards showing

constant forward motion in order to complete a full Veterinary Inspection including the CRI.

- b. If the Horse fails to meet the heart rate assessment parameters, it will be required to exit the vetting area and re-present to the designated Veterinarian in the vet lane for a Heart Rate Re-Inspection.
- c. The designated Veterinarian in the vet lane will carry out a full Veterinary Inspection including a CRI with the HR measurement recorded by the Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarian. To clarify, only the first heart rate measurement taken by the Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarian is considered.
- d. When the Horse is coming in for a re-inspection (whether compulsory, requested, or for a heart rate re-inspection), the Horse must proceed directly to the designated Veterinarian in the vet lane.
- e. If the Horse is entering after its permitted recovery time, the Horse must proceed directly to the designated Veterinarian in the vet lane.
- f. For the final inspection, the Horse must proceed to the designated Veterinarian in the vet lane.

### Comments received by 24 August 2022

**ARG NF** proposes that there is no need for an Official Vet to measure the heart rate monitor machine.

**ESP NF** agrees and welcomes this proposal. ESP NF also proposes to change the word Stewards by Officials, as it is very common for Officials in the Vet Gate to designate the lanes interchangeably and not only being managed by Stewards. In many competitions with few officials, the PGJ or FJ also do this.

#### **UAE NF**

When the horse enters the vetting area, it enters Stage 1 – Heart rate assessment by the veterinarian, which will include horses who enter for re-inspection and also horses arriving from the final phase. Stage 2 - All other assessment of the horse by the Lane Veterinarian.

The disadvantages of the proposed assessment suggested by FEI is as listed under

1. Proposed assessment is complicated and not practical, as it will create confusion for the rider, trainer, owner, team vets and the audience
2. For transparency the heart rate should be displayed on the screen.
3. Very costly to the OC to install two heart rate machine at both stages.

### FEI Feedback

**FEI Feedback to ARG NF:** Not having an Official Veterinarian measuring the heart rate parameter would cause possible issues and protests, claiming that the person measuring the heart rate is not a professional and does is incorrectly. The FEI HQ and ETC do not agree with this proposal.

**FEI Feedback to ESP NF:** The FEI agrees to change the word “Stewards” to “Officials”. Please see the correction in the proposed wording below.

**FEI Feedback to UAE NF:** The FEI agrees with this proposal to simplify the two-phase veterinary inspection procedure. The corrected proposed wording can be found below.

### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

#### **816. VET GATES**

##### **816.5 Horse Inspections:**

##### 816.5.2

The Organising Committee must indicate in the Draft Schedule that is submitted to the FEI whether a one or two-phase veterinary inspection will be performed at the Competition. The OC must confirm in the Schedule the number of Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarians that will be present should a two-phase veterinary inspection be chosen. Where in the opinion of the President of the Ground Jury, in consultation with the Veterinary

Commission, the type of veterinary inspection selected by the Organising Committee is not appropriate or would cause logistical issues, or that the number of Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarians is not sufficient, the President of the Ground Jury can decide to change the type of veterinary inspection initially selected by the Organising Committee (from one phase to two-phase, or vice versa). Any such change must be made prior to the start of the Competition and must be communicated at the pre-ride briefing.

(a) One phase veterinary inspection

When the Horse enters the Vetting Area, it must be taken directly from the Vetting Area entrance to a designated Veterinarian in the vet lane (as instructed by the Officials) showing constant forward motion. The inspection decorum in the Vetting Area must be respected at all times (see paragraph 10 of Annex 5).

(b) Two-phase veterinary inspection

When the Horse enters the Vetting Area, it must be taken directly from the Vetting Area entrance (as instructed by the Officials) to the designated Veterinarian in the vet lane showing constant forward motion. Should all the vetting lanes be occupied, the Horse will be assessed by a designated Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarian (who must be a member of the Veterinary Commission). If there is a sufficient number of Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarians present, all Horses can present first to them and then proceed to the Veterinarian in the lane. The inspection decorum in the Vetting Area must be respected at all times (see paragraph 10 of Annex 5).

- (i) The Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarian will take the Horse's Heart Rate according to the protocol outlined in Annex 5, paragraph 9.3 (Heart rate assessment procedure).
- (ii) If the Horse meets the maximum heart rate parameters, it will then pass to the designated Veterinarian in the vet lane as instructed by the Officials showing constant forward motion in order to complete a full Veterinary Inspection including the CRI.
- (iii) The designated Veterinarian in the vet lane will carry out a full Veterinary Inspection including a CRI with the HR measurement recorded by the Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarian. To clarify, only the first heart rate measurement taken by the Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarian is considered.
- (iv) For the final inspection, the Horse must proceed to the designated Veterinarian in the vet lane.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ESP NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>These rules were introduced for a specific issue in a specific part of the world that has proven to be out of the boundaries that the rule may tackle, while greatly impacting all the other countries in the world. We would like to see the qualification system returned as much as possible to the 2019 rules. Endurance worldwide is seeing a reduction in interest and participation as reaching the higher levels has become very difficult under the FEI system. Several countries are no longer using FEI rules or completely different qualifying systems in their national rules. As the FEI system has mostly replaced national qualifying systems in most of Europe, the FEI must return to a qualification system that is possible to be achieved by most amateur riders to avoid European countries to also see a reduction in international activity.</p> <p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b></p> <p>The FEI and the ETC agrees with this proposal as they believe it maintains the Horse Welfare while making the sport more accessible, especially in countries with fewer organized competitions. If this rule is approved at the FEI GA 2022, transitional provisions will be needed to define how/when these changes would take effect. Subject to the feedback of the NFs/Stakeholders, proposed transitional wording will be included in the final draft of the rules that will be published on 14 October 2022.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
<p>833.3.2 <b>CEI 2*</b>: Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 2* level once they have successfully completed two <del>out of three consecutive</del> CEI 1* within a two-year period.</p> <p>833.3.3 <b>CEI 3*</b>: Athletes and Horses may only compete at the CEI 3* level if they are qualified as a Combination. To so qualify, they must have successfully completed (i) two <del>out of three consecutive</del> CEI 2*, and (ii) one CEI 2* together as a Combination (except for Athletes with Elite Status, see Article 861), all within a two-year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).</p>
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
<p><b>GBR NF</b> agrees with this proposal. GBR NF does not agree with the elite rider concept so would not support any proposals to reduce qualification requirements there.</p> <p><b>UAE NF</b> agrees with this proposal.</p>
<b>ESP NF</b>
<p>Our feedback for possible transitional rules would be to use the two-year qualification period that currently exists and apply it retroactively, so that anyone that has fulfilled the criteria from 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2023 is this applied to their qualifications.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p><b>FEI Feedback to GBR NF:</b> Your remarks are noted.</p> <p><b>FEI Feedback to ESP NF:</b> We agree with your feedback. This rule will apply as of 1 January 2023 and will take into account results from 1 January 2021, thus retroactively qualifying Athletes and Horses. As a transitional provision, this rule shall be deemed to apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Results from 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2023 (inclusive) as of 1 January 2023; and</li> <li>- Results from 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2024 (inclusive) as of 1 January 2024.</li> </ul> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, no result(s) achieved more than 2 years prior can be taken into account for the purpose of interpreting this rule.</p>
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022</b>
As per the above wording.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>BRA NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<p><b>ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS</b></p> <p>(3) At least half of the members of the Veterinary Commission (including the President and Foreign Veterinary Delegate) must be 'Foreign', in accordance with Article 848.4.</p> <p>(4) At least half of the members of the Veterinary Commission must be Level 3 EOVs or higher</p>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>At least half of the members of the VET committee including PVC and FVD must be foreign makes organising a CEI 3* completely unfeasible in some countries. If there are no CEI 3* events, there is no reason to organise CEI 2* and CEI 1* events, which leads to the total nationalisation of the discipline in those regions.</p>
<p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b></p> <p>The FEI agrees with this proposal.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
<p><del>(3) At least half of the members of the Veterinary Commission (including the President and Foreign Veterinary Delegate) must be 'Foreign', in accordance with Article 848.4.</del></p> <p><del>(4) At least half of the members of the Veterinary Commission must be Level 3 EOVs or higher</del></p>
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022</b>
As per the above removal of the two requirements.

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

**ESP NF**

**UAE NF**

**Article Number – Article Name**

**849. ROTATION OF OFFICIALS**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**ESP NF**

Removal of the rule. Remove this rule as it has proven very problematic in implementation. There are not enough officials in the world to support it and was seen as targeted at a particular region but its effects are devastating there and everywhere else. This rule has not worked and causes trouble.

**UAE NF**

1. This rule has proved to be problematic while implementing.
2. Rules for FEI officials to officiate should be standardised for all disciplines whether it is Endurance, Show jumping, Eventing or Dressage. The disciplines other than Endurance do not follow the rotation rule.
3. Currently as all the officials are administered under the FEI Education Department, there should be no discrimination in appointment of officials; all officials should be treated equally and fairly.
4. Key to success for any event is participation of the local officials who know the culture, language, terrain, weather and ways of dealing with the local riders/trainers and all other participants.
5. Local officials know the terrain and loops well and it helps them in judging during the events whereas the foreign officials arrive a day before the pre-ride and are unfamiliar with the terrain and the loops hence they need the assistance of the local officials.
6. The criteria for promotion of officials being that the official needs to fulfil certain number of rides during the current and preceding year in and outside the country, this restricts them and deny them the opportunity to fulfil this requirement, as they are not invited by other OCs owing to the cost involved.
6. The local Officials do not have opportunity to be invited to other regions.
7. The NFs invest their time and money in organizing courses and seminars to qualify the officials, in order to increase the number and competitiveness of the officials, unfortunately these qualified officials are not invited for events overseas and not allowed to officiate in their home country.
8. As additional officials' requirement is based on the ratio of Officials to entries, with big number of entries it is not logical to bring 30 to 40 officials as it involves high cost to the Organisers, which is not practical and due to the pandemic there is difficulty in movement and travel.

***FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022***

The FEI/ETC is aware of the financial difficulties that this rule has brought and therefore proposes the following relaxations. Specifying the "key Officials" concerned with this rule allows Ground Jury Members and Members of the Veterinary Commission to be excluded from the rotation restrictions.

**FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022**

**849. ROTATION OF OFFICIALS**

849.1 For the purposes of this Article 849, a '~~specified Official~~' 'key Official' includes ~~all members of the Ground Jury (including~~ the President of the Ground Jury ~~and~~, the Foreign Judge), the Technical Delegate, the Chief Steward, and ~~all members of the Veterinary Commission (including~~ the President of the Veterinary Commission. ~~and the Foreign Veterinary Delegate).~~

849.1.1 The Foreign Veterinary Delegate is excluded from the above rule on the basis that the appointment/rotation of the Foreign Veterinary Delegate must be in accordance with Article 1121 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

849.2 Where only one Event is held each year at a particular venue, a person may serve as a ~~specified Official~~ **key Official** at that Event no more than three times in any five year rolling period.

849.3 "Where more than one Event is held each year at a particular venue, a person may serve as a ~~specified~~ **key Official** at that venue (a) for no more than three Events per year; and (b) for no more than nine Events in total in any five year rolling period."

**Comments received by 24 August 2022**

**UAE NF** supports this.

**SWE NF**

For small countries it is especially hard to require that officials can serve only 3 times in 3 years, to extend that period to 5 years make it even harder. It is also hard to understand why a person can officiate more often if there is a venue with more competitions. SWE NF proposed wording is: *849.2 Where only one Event is held each year at a particular venue, a person may serve as a "key Official" at that Event no more than three times in a row.*

**FEI Feedback**

The FEI HQ and ETC are aware of this issue and believe that the proposed relaxation to this rule is sufficient.

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022**

As per the above wording.

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

**FRA NF**

**Article Number – Article Name**

**805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

To facilitate and promote the organisation of Nations Cup, without difference of weight for a competition from the same level.

**FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022**

The FEI agrees with this suggestion.

**FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022**

Event	Minimum weight
<b>Young Rider/Junior</b>	
Young Rider/Junior Competitions and Championships	60 kg
<b>Senior</b>	
CEI 1* and CEI 2* / CEIO 1* and CEIO 2*	70 kg
CEI 3* / CEIO 3*	75 kg
Championships	75 kg

**Comments received by 24 August 2022**

**GBR NF**

GBR are not in favour of weights at all and with a saddle weighing 25kg it is detrimental to the equine back. Consideration for associated eating disorders and mental health should be considered when asking riders to weigh in. The weight requirement for 75 kgs 3\* should be removed and amended to 70kgs for senior FEI events. There is no rationale that has an impact on horse welfare for this rule. However, there are many proven benefits to carrying less weight or to work to a scale based on rider weight and % of dead weight to be carried. That said, if weights are to be maintained it makes sense to have an equivalent approach across CEIs and CEIOs.

**FEI Feedback**

This feedback is new and cannot be considered at this point of the Rules Revision process. Until the FEI can find another way to ensure a level playing field, minimum weights must be set. However, this can be rediscussed as part of next year's full review of the FEI Endurance Rules. We look forward to receiving any scientific evidence to support your position.

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022**

As per the above wording.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>FEI</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>Art 856. INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE ADVISORS</b>
(...) 856.2.3 Independent Governance Advisors must at a minimum be qualified as 4* Officials and have ten years' active experience officiating at that level. (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Changing level of IGA from L4 to L3 due to lack of officials. This will provide more flexibility.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
856.2.3 Independent Governance Advisors must at a minimum be qualified as <i>level 3 Officials</i> and have ten years' active experience officiating at that level.
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022</b>
As per the above wording.

**Corrections proposed by**

**FEI**

**Article Number – Article Name**

**ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION (10.5 on page 67)**

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**ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS**

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**ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA 74 ANNEX**

2. Notification : (...)

1.3 The FEI Endurance Department will inform the FEI Veterinary Department of the Horse's status and ask for it to arrange for the Horse to be examined in accordance with this Annex 7. The FEI Endurance Department will also inform the President of the Ground Jury of the Horse's status and the additional examination.

1.4 The FEI Veterinary Department will inform the Foreign Veterinary Delegate and Veterinary Commission of the Horse's status and the required additional examination. (...)

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Changing the wording from 'Stewards' to 'Officials' for consistency with Article 816.

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Changing the wording from 'minimum rate' to 'minimum level'.

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Correction of inconsistencies. There is no more "note 9".

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Annex 7 of the Endurance Rules states that the Veterinary department communicates with the FVD and the PVC, and the Endurance department communicates with the PGJ. This causes extra work internally. The request for the Annex 7 re-exam comes to Endurance and the Veterinary department will communicate with all officials.

**FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022**

Horses presented for vetting must proceed, as instructed, directly from the Vetting Area entrance to the designated Veterinarian in the vet lane (as instructed by the Stewards) showing constant forward motion. (...)

Horses presented for vetting must proceed, as instructed, directly from the Vetting Area entrance to the designated Veterinarian in the vet lane (as instructed by the *Officials*) showing constant forward motion. (...)

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Change to be made in all tables of the Annex 6 from 'minimum rate' to 'minimum level'.

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Delete *(see note 9)* on Page 73.

(8)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.

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(...) 1.3 The FEI Endurance Department will inform the FEI Veterinary Department of the Horse's status and ask for it to arrange for the Horse to be examined in accordance with this Annex 7. ~~The FEI Endurance Department will also inform the President of the Ground Jury of the Horse's status and the additional examination.~~

1.4 The FEI Veterinary Department will inform *the President of the Ground Jury*, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate and Veterinary Commission of the Horse's status and the required additional examination. (...)

**Comments received by 24 August 2022**

N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022</b>
As per the above wording.

**B. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED OR DEFERRED TO A FUTURE RULES REVISION**

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ARG NF, BRA NF, ESP NF, URU NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>APPENDIX E – CIMs (General Regulations)</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b><u>ARG NF</u></b>            CEI2* as a CI will raise the costs for OCs and will bring less participants. We need the CEI2* to develop the Sport. This would highly affect the progress of the sport for small NFs. This amendment must be addressed with the consultation of all NFs that practice the sport.</p> <p><b><u>BRA NF</u></b>            With the recent rule change of the CEI 2* becoming a Major event and requiring FEI passports the tendency is to lose a lot of participants because of the extra cost. The riders now prefer to participate at CENs instead. This will result in less qualified horses and consequently less 3* competitions.</p> <p><b><u>ESP NF</u></b>            Reintroduce CEI2* as a CIM : This change has created some chaos within the community and it is still not understood the reasoning for it, even without it's full change in effect yet. Requiring FEI passports at this level is burdensome and limits accessibility in the discipline, along with the increasing costs that have come and are coming to organisers due to the change. CEI 2* are save a few exceptions a qualification competition for 3* and Championships, and while some championships are held at this level, they are not considered high level competition as 3* are.</p> <p><b><u>URU NF</u></b>            CEI2* Major Event. The costs of this event will be so high, that the sport will start to decline being this an important competition for the development of the sport. OC, horse owners, will have to increase their expense in an enormous amount, this means all efforts made by NFs during these last years to develop the sport will fall down considering the drastic economic blockage caused by COVID 19. We ask that CEI 2 star remains a CIM.</p> <p><b><i>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</i></b>            Changes to the CIM classification are not part of the Endurance Rules revision process as the table of CIMs is in the FEI General Regulations. There are no changes proposed to the Table of CIMs in the General Regulations.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
<p><b><u>NED NF</u></b>            We would like to see that the CEI2* will reintroduced as a CIM in the General Regulations Appendix E. In most countries the speeds at CEI2* are low to moderate and therefore a 2* is a minor event from a sportive/technical perspective. When stakes are higher because of price money, speed increases and the 2* can no longer be considered a minor event. The problem with regarding all 2* events as a CI rather than a minor event is that it will be harder and more expensive to organize a 2*. This will unnecessarily hinder the development of endurance in countries where it is a small sport. A much more elegant solution is to regard a CEI2* as a CI only when there is a substantial amount of prize money. We have entered a proposal for the endurance rules to attain this goal. We believe this proposal should be put forward this year instead of the FEI proposal to the General Regulations.</p>

**GBR NF** agrees that removing 2\* CEIs from the minor event category hasn't worked. These rules affect smaller nations disproportionately, and they have made 2\* events more costly for riders and organisers. GBR agrees with ARG NF that Allowing 2\* events with less than 20,000CHF prize money to be CIMs is a reasonable compromise.

**FEI Feedback**

N/A – please refer to memo on FEI General Regulations.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>URU NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>849. ROTATION OF OFFICIALS</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
In our country we have very few venues, it is impossible to configure drafts with the restrictions of number of events officials are permitted do assist. It is very expensive to organize an event considering the cost of bringing a foreign official.
<b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>
Please note that the wrong article has been mentioned by the URU NF. This proposal is a major change to the rule that requires the consideration of both Endurance and Veterinary Departments. Moreover, this suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ARG NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>848. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS</b> (...) <b>848.4</b> Where a Foreign Official is required for an Event, such Foreign Official may not be a national or resident of the country where the Event is staged, unless that person is resident in a different time zone to the time zone of the Event location. (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
OCs and authorities will be affected because of the lack of officials and the cost of hiring foreign authorities. OCs will not be able to cover the costs of their investments and consequently there will be less OCs due to the high organizational costs.
<b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>
Foreign Judge is currently only required in CEI3*. The only requirement for another foreign official is Foreign Vet Delegate for CEI2*. The FEI believes that it is important to appoint foreign officials in higher level events to maintain integrity as well as share experiences and education among officials.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ARG NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
PTVs need to work under FEI officials supervision so they can gain experience.
<b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>
PTVs can be members of the Endurance Veterinary Treatment Commission in CEI1*, 2* & 3* events. PTVs cannot work as members of Endurance Veterinary Commission as they must be L2 EOVs. We do not agree with the suggestion, as the PTVs would need to be trained in the procedures for their duties.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
<b>BEL NF</b>
The Belgian Federation supports the position of the Argentinean Federation. Until 31 December 2020, PTVs could officiate as members of the veterinary commission in CEI1*. The implementation of the new regulation on 1 January 2021 makes it difficult for PTVs to be promoted to EOV lev. 2 in countries that organise few CEI's, as vets have to travel, often abroad and at their own expense, in order to be able to carry out the 3 services required for promotion to EOV lev. 2.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
As mentioned earlier, due to the current education system, such a change cannot be accepted at this point.

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

**BRA NF**

**Article Number – Article Name**

**805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS**

805.1 Athletes must comply with the following minimum weight requirements, which include all riding equipment except for the bridle: (...)

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Lowering the minimum weight does not necessarily protect horses or increases the welfare of the horse, since by lowering the minimum weight the speed increases, making it on the contrary more dangerous for the horses. Riders vary on their bodyweight and as most of them already weigh 70kg or more without equipment.

In a gender friendly discipline where male and female riders have been able to compete under almost equal conditions, now with the lowering of the minimum weight for the 1\* and 2\* will make male adults not so keen anymore to compete. Another point riders complain about is the difficulty to plan and adapt their riding equipment. The main problem with weight is dead weight. Countries where they have riders with less bodyweight or more female participants can opt for 70kg in the 1\* and 2\* category. Otherwise, either Endurance becomes a sport for jockeys or will not be gender friendly anymore.

Event	Minimum weight
<b>Young Rider/Junior</b>	
Young Rider/Junior Competitions and Championships	60 kg
<b>Senior</b>	
CEI 1* and CEI 2*	70 kg
CEI 3*	75 kg
CEIOs and Championships	75 kg

**FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022**

This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.

**FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022**

N/A

**Comments received by 24 August 2022**

N/A

**FEI Feedback**

N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>BRA NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<p><b>823. DRESS CODE</b></p> <p>(...) 823.2.1 Athletes must wear appropriate team or individual riding attire (including a shirt or polo shirt with a collar) while on the Field of Play and during the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, opening and closing ceremonies, Best Condition Award, and prize-giving ceremonies. (...)</p> <p>(...) 823.2.4 Shorts are not permitted in the Vetting Area or during opening and closing ceremonies, the Best Condition Award, and/or prize-giving ceremonies. For safety reasons sandals are not permitted anywhere on the Field of Play. (...)</p>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>In warmer places, it's very uncomfortable to use long pants during hot days. In those places the use of Bermuda shorts is a common way to dress even during the last Olympic Games in Japan, the use of Bermuda shorts was allowed and caused no harm to the image of the other equestrian disciplines. Also Art.823 Shirts with a collar should be used at CHs, at CEIs in tropical/hot countries team T-shirts should be allowed as long they are clean and tidy.</p>
<p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b></p> <p>This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>BRA NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>826. MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETES AND TRAINERS</b> 826.1 A person may participate as an Athlete in an Endurance Event from 1 January in the year when this person reaches the age of 14. (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Endurance is a family sport, where parents and children participate together from a very early age on. This creates a demand for national events for children under 14 years old, a category that is supposed to be the future of the sport.
<b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>
National endurance rides are under the jurisdiction of National Federations who can decide the riding ages for Athletes in that country. Moreover, this suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>BRA NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>837. CONSEQUENCES FOR REPEATED FTQ AND/OR DSQ DESIGNATIONS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS EXCEEDING 20 KM/HOUR</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
After two consecutive eliminations with average speed over 20km/h a horse may need a rest and a lower speed competition to physically recover, but this does not apply necessarily to the rider. With the tendency to organize faster and flatter trails, being eliminated with a speed of over 20km/h does not necessarily mean that there is something wrong with the rider.
<b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>
This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>BRA NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>848. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS</b> (...) 848.4 Where a Foreign Official is required for an Event, such Foreign Official may not be a national or resident of the country where the Event is staged, unless that person is resident in a different time zone to the time zone of the Event location. (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
This article is supposed to enable huge countries to organise events without bearing the costs of long trips of foreign officials, but some countries (like Brazil) have a much more latitudinal territory (opposed to longitudinal one, such as the USA), so the whole country lives in the same time zone. In Europe for instance, some countries are equivalent to or smaller in size and population compared to some of the States/provinces elsewhere/Brazil.
<b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>
This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ESP NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<p><b>816. VET GATES</b>  <b>816.6 Heart rate assessment:</b></p> <p>(...) 816.6.5 At the first Vet Gate after the halfway point on the course or at the third Vet Gate (whichever comes first), and at each subsequent Vet Gate, Horses that present at the Vetting Area with a heart rate greater than 68 bpm at the first presentation must pass a heart rate re-inspection and a compulsory re-inspection before being permitted to start the next Loop. (...)</p>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Change the compulsory re-inspection from 68BPM at halfway point, to 72 at any vet-gate to make it easier to control by officials, recommended at 68 from halfway point.</p> <p>While not impossible to do and much more easily when software system are used in the competitions, this rule is proving problematic in it's implementation and difficult to always get done as it is easy to forget about it or not realize when the half way point of the competition is. By increasing the BPM slightly and making it a rule that is applied throughout the entire competition, it should be easier for all Officials to remember about it and apply it even without timing systems available. By leaving 68 as recommended, if officials without timing systems forget about applying it, it is no longer a rule breach of their fault.</p> <p>Compulsory re-inspection at all phases of a ride if BPM at 72 or higher, recommended at 68 or higher from halfway point.</p> <p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>  This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ESP NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>832. NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS</b>
(...) 832.3 <b>Novice qualification procedure:</b> Horses and Athletes must have successfully completed (not necessarily as a Combination) two novice rides of 40-79 km (in one day) and two novice rides of 80-100 km each restricted to a speed of no more than 16 km/hour (calculated in accordance with Article 838.2). The required 80-100 km rides may be completed either as (i) two single-day events, or (ii) one single-day event and one multi-day event (for the multi-day event, 40-50km must be completed per day for two consecutive days at the same Competition). All qualifying novice rides must be completed within a two-year period. (...)
<b>833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS</b>
833.1 The CEI star qualification level of an Athlete or Horse must be determined according to the FEI's records and database, and attested to by each National Federation. (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Allow for 3-5 day margin on novice qualifications fulfillment :
Endurance competitions are held over the weekend in most parts of the world, and the same competition held on a Saturday one year, may appear earlier or later next year even if the same weekend (first Saturday of June may be the 3rd one year but the 5th next year). This causes riders and horses who debuted at a competition to not be able to ride in it one year after because the rule does not allow for any margins. A margin into the minimum and maximum time would let Horses and Athletes to participate in what is logically the same or similar weekend after a long period has elapsed.
<b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>
This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ESP NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Give Elite Status riders specific benefits to qualification</p> <p>Elite riders have completed successfully and without anti-doping violations 10 rides of their relevant category, which is quite an achievement and a dedication to the discipline. They have proven their capability as riders and as such should not be subject to doing a lot of rides, allowing horses with them to qualify with less rides and kilometers which ultimately are a stress to them (we think it is common knowledge that a Horse shouldn't do more than one high kilometer competition per year to remain sound and healthy without any risks).</p> <p>Allow Elite Status Riders to ride horses at 2* and 3* with only one completed ride by the horse at the previous level (1* and 2*).</p> <p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b> This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ESP NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Allow difficult rides such as Mountain rides to be qualify with a lower distance.</p> <p>Mountain and difficult rides are slowly dying and being removed from Endurance as they pose a greater challenge to Athlete and Horses with more resting time required due to higher efforts on both, while awarding the same as flat rides. They are also the rides that best protect horses by reducing drastically the speed at which they can go. As such, we think it would be very positive for these rides to be given an advantage to return them to the center stage, by lowering the amount of kilometers needed for their completion depending on their altitude differentials and difficulty (i.e. a 1* of 80km instead of 100km)</p> <p>Difficult rides protect Horse Welfare and are at the roots of Endurance. We must make sure they do not keep disappearing and we recognize the effort of finishing them is in line with flat rides.</p> <p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b> This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ESP NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<p><b>844. ENTRIES</b>  <b>(...) 844.5 Reserve Horses:</b></p> <p>(...) 844.5.2 For CEIOs and Championships, each National Federation may send Horses up to the maximum shown in the Competition Schedule from the list of Definite Entries, subject to the ability of the OC to accommodate them. The OC must allow each team up to two reserve Horses. (...)</p> <p><b>845. DECLARATION OF STARTERS</b></p>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Allow team flexibility and recognize the efforts of reserve athletes and their Chefs by giving teams up to 7 Athletes and Horses to trot at the Pre-Ride.</p> <p>The case at Pisa 2021 was big enough but not excluded, as in the past 10 years substitutions are a very common occurrence due to how the discipline works and the many months of training and work that it takes to reach a single day. As such, it is common for teams to travel with at least one reserve athlete and horse who are not even accredited or recognized at the events. We believe these Athletes should have the same rights as the definite 5 who will run. Allow teams to travel with up to 7 official athletes and up to 7 horses in any combination that the Chefs decide (3 Athlete with 7 Horses or 6 Athletes with 7 Horses). Grant medals to all of the team if on the podium, including both Chefs and not qualified athletes (unless DSQ for rule violations) as it happens in other team sports.</p> <p>Make it easier for NFs and Chefs to prepare for a competition and take their best to the finish line, as only the best 5 of their country are allowed to finally compete.</p> <p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>  This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ESP NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>848. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS (3* FEI Officials Selection)</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>FEI to only select FJ and FVD at any 2-3* competitions and pay for their travel.</p> <p>The current rule for the FEI to appoint 7 officials at all 3* with more than 20 entries must be revisited so that Organising Committees get to decide who will manage their competitions (Presidents) without limiting the FEI's capacity to get good reporting and actions on all competitions. It makes sense that the FEI gets to appoint the Foreign officials required for competitions that they believe warrant such an action, while paying for their travel costs so that the OC is not limited by this action. This should not be compulsory for the FEI at all events, and as such the FEI can be allowed to appoint these officials also for 2* events if needed, but on a case per case basis and to help with the education of officials that need promotion and events outside of their countries.</p> <p>Make the FEI appoint relevant officials where it is needed and without causing aggravation on the OCs which are the pillars of the discipline. Only Foreign Officials and travel costs paid by the FEI.</p> <p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b> This proposal is not sustainable. The Endurance department is currently working closely with the OC to ensure the feasibility of the appointments.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ESP NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>858. RANKINGS ANNEX 4: FEI WORLD ENDURANCE RANKINGS</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Put limit on the number of rides that count and award more points at rides with more starting combinations.  The FEI Ranking currently has a problem where a rider that looks for the biggest amount of low participation rides is at an advantage vs those who look for the biggest challenge. By introducing a limit of 5 counting rides (the 5 that award the rider the most amount of points) and giving extra points for each starting rider, this practice would be minimized and competitors that strive to be the best would be rewarded.
<b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>
This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ESP NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>861. ELITE ATHLETE STATUS</b>
<p>861.2 <b>Juniors and Young Riders:</b> To achieve Junior/Young Rider Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI 2* or higher. To maintain Junior/Young Rider Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI 2* or higher within every successive two years.</p>
<b>836. CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Junior Elite Status should grant a benefit to participation on Championships with 1 combination ride.</p> <p>While Senior Elite riders are allowed to fulfill their championship qualifications with one ride in combination instead of two, Juniors are required to do the two. In 2021, the board allowed to restraint this rule and put it in line with the Seniors. This should be made permanent. Make Junior Elite Status allow participation in Championship with ONE instead of TWO combination rides for their qualification.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>
<p>This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy. Indeed, a relaxation of this rule has been given as a result of Covid-19 pandemic, however, this is not a “problematic” rule and will be revisited at the next years full rule revision.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
<b>NED NF</b>
<p>Under article 861 the Elite Athlete status is mentioned. There is an advantage for senior riders, but not for junior and young riders. A elite athlete doesn’t have to compete as combination in a CEI2* if athlete and horse are both individually are qualified for the CEI3* level in other combinations. Junior and Young riders compete at CEI2* 120. There should be mentioned an advantage for Junior and Young riders elite athlete for championships. This exception was made last year for the championships. This should be permanent.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>As mentioned in the FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022, this will be revisited at the next year’s Full Endurance Rules Revision, as this suggestion currently does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.</p>
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ESP NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>865. WARNING CARDS</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Allow yellow cards to be used instead of Incorrect Behaviour card for minor offenses at the discretion of the PGJ/TD/CS, keep IB card for major offenses. Also allow IB card for Horse Abuse that warrants it.</p> <p>Instead of helping curb offenses, the introduction of the Incorrect Behaviour card change the system in that minor offenses which do not warrant the full IB punishment are left completely unpunished or at most a verbal warning. The yellow card allowed for offenses that required a "don't do this again" punishment and this many times calmed the person receiving it enough to change their behaviour, whereas now we have to fully sanction. Likewise, Horse Abuse that is grave should also receive an IB card.</p> <p>Let the officials choose which punishment should be awarded for these type of offenses, IB or Yellow Card. They could work in tandem, one being yellow for minor offenses and giving a second chance, where as the IB would be a "soccer" red card for really bad offenses.</p> <p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b> This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ESP NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Allow Treatment Veterinarians to assess horses as long as they have not treated any horse</p> <p>The costs of running a Endurance competition are very high and having enough personnel to cover all horses arriving at the first vet-gates without losing time is very difficult even on Championships, much less at lower level competitions. Meanwhile, we have trained professionals that could help alleviate the situation that are set to stand aside and wait until the end of the competition to start their work. Should Treating Vets be allowed to assess horses until they start treating horses, if at all necessary, gives at the very least one extra pair of hands (and sometimes more) to help check horses faster at the same cost, running more fair play friendly competitions. There does not seem to be a con to this proposal.</p> <p>Treating vets should be able to work as line veterinarians as long as they have not had to treat horses with products that may be positive for anti-doping (which is already a rare enough occurrence).</p> <p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b> This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ESP NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION 9. Assessments during Horse Inspections</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Since the introduction of the current Heart Rate Assessment protocol in 2020, we have seen a big rise of competing horses being eliminated at the latter stages of the competition by poorly understood calculations from HR monitors which do not count as a human would. These provokes cases where a Horse is eliminated at 65 or 66 BPM when for the most of the minute they had shown to be at 63-64 on the machine.</p> <p>Define the way machines must calculate the BPM more precisely so that averages account for the entire duration of the assessment and horses are not unfairly disqualified to due a lack of precision in the rules.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>
This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
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<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>ESP NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Lower costs for 1* competitions.</p> <p>Promote Endurance at the lower levels by reducing the costs required to organise competitions and ease of access into the sport. The Officials required for these events should be minified (without risking the competition) allowing lower level officials and where feasible in lower number to hold small competitions with few starters.</p> <p>Allow Level 2 Judges/Stewards to manage small 1* competitions.</p> <p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>            This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy. Under the current education system, officials will not have adequate knowledge and experience to fulfil the roles.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>814. LOOPS</b> 814.2 Loop time is calculated from the time the Combination crosses the start line of a Loop until it reaches the end line of that Loop. Loop time does not include any recovery time or time spent in the Vetting Area.
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We suggest that starting time on the loop should be the time indicated for the start instead of the time when the horse cross the line. This would be more realistic especially on competition without efficient chip system.
<b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b> This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy. This is not a recently introduced rule and the FEI does not consider it as problematic. However, it is a valid point that will be considered for next year's rule revision.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
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<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<p><b>833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS</b></p> <p>833.3.3 <b>CEI 3*</b>: Athletes and Horses may only compete at the CEI 3* level if they are qualified as a Combination. To so qualify, they must have successfully completed (i) two out of three consecutive CEI 2*, and (ii) one CEI 2* together as a Combination (except for Athletes with Elite Status, see Article 861), all within a two-year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).</p> <p><b>834. COMPETING AT CEI EVENTS ONCE QUALIFIED</b></p> <p>834.2 If the Athlete and Horse are both individually qualified for the CEI 3* level, but in other Combinations (i.e. with other partners), they have to successfully complete one CEI 2* as a Combination to compete together in a CEI 3*. (Further to Article 833.3.3, Athletes with Elite Status are exempt from this Combination requirement).</p>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We recommend to define that the combination ride could be on CEI1* or CEI2**. Cases occurred with combinations who successfully finished even CEI3* in the past and have been blocked as they did not do a recent CEI2*. We believe 1 CEI1* is sufficient to prepare for the concerned level. The difference between 100km and 120km is small.</p> <p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b></p> <p>This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy. The ETC and FEI HQ do not feel that this change is urgent or problematic and will be revisited at the full revision next year.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
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<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

**FRA NF**

**Article Number – Article Name**

**836. CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

We believe that it would be enough to allow elite riders to need only 1 combination ride when it comes to CEI2\*.

Championship	Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements
1* Championships	Two out of three consecutive CEI 1* or higher, including one in Combination
2* Young Horse Championships	One CEI 2* in Combination
2* Young Rider/Junior Championships	Two CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination
2* Senior Championships	Two CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination
3* Senior Championships	Two CEI 3*, including one in Combination

**FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022**

This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy. The ETC and FEI HQ do not feel that this change is urgent or problematic and will be revisited at the full revision next year.

**FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022**

N/A

**Comments received by 24 August 2022**

N/A

**FEI Feedback**

N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>CHAPTER VI: INVITATIONS AND ENTRIES</b> <b>843.5 Expenses &amp; privileges</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We propose to add new Article (843.5.3) – “Maximum Entry Fee per horse for CEIO, Championships (Regional & Continental) to be 600 € including box fee and first bedding” The Endurance Championships and Games must be accessible for any Athlete and/or NF’s team, who received qualification. If there is no upper limit for Entry fee per horse, each Organizing committee can uncontrollably increase it and make it difficult for some Federations and/or Athletes to participate.
<b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>
This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>844. ENTRIES</b> <b>(...) 844.5 Reserve Horses</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We believe in the concept of the reserve combination instead of a reserve horse. It would be much more align with the willingness to have riders with a very good knowledge of their horse.</p> <p>This reserve combination would be part of the nominated entries and presented by at the first horse inspection.</p> <p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b> This already applies on the Championships and CEI3* level. If we make this change, we would be putting higher requisite on reserve horses than normal horses in the CEI1* and CEI2* level. Moreover, this suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
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<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>856. INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE ADVISORS</b> (...) 856.2.5 During any period in which a person acts as an Independent Governance Advisor, this person may not accept any other FEI Official positions. (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We believe that IGA should be allowed to officiate as officials during the time they are IGA because of their very strong knowledge.
<b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>
This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy. The FEI HQ believes that neither of these criteria apply. The restriction on IGAs not acting as Officials is not a newly introduced rule. In addition, there is no inconsistency/error.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We want to highlight that the rule defining that on 3* key officials are “appointed by the FEI” has been initially presented and supported to allow FEI HQ to improve juries on events which previous editions where bad (negative reports...). It was not to make FEI HQ changing it when there was no issue from previous editions.</p> <p>In fact, it was applied like this before 2022 but there have been a recent change to apply the same rule as before...</p> <p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b> We take note of your comment, as there were no changes presented.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>UAE NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<p><b>864. ATHLETE AND TRAINER PENALTY POINTS</b>  864.1 An Athlete and Trainer will each automatically receive the following number of penalty points for each incident set out below: (...)</p> <p><b>866. SUSPENSIONS</b>  866.1 If an Athlete or Trainer incurs 100 or more penalty points, the Athlete/Trainer will receive an automatic two-month suspension. After the suspension is served, the Athlete's/Trainer's penalty points total will be reduced by 100 points. (...)</p>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The Article states that the trainer and rider will receive 100 penalty points which will result in a two-month suspension.</p> <p>This proposal is not practical and does not indicate the knowledge of sport in many countries, especially those countries that have many horses, riders and trainers. In countries like UAE, France, Spain. Etc. the minimum number of horses supervised by a trainer is between 10 and 15 horses, not as countries where one trainer has only one horse. If these horses are disqualified according to the points in the current rule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increasing the penalty points to 300 instead of 100 for the trainer only because the trainers have many horses participating in the same event.</li> <li>- there should be a ratio between the number of horses under trainer and the total penalty points. If the trainer has 5 horses or less the total penalty point will be 100 whereas if it more than 5 horses the total penalty point will be more</li> <li>- If the horse is eliminated because of higher pulse only and not a serious metabolic, the 10 penalty points should not be applied as it does not compromise the horse welfare. Some horses can still be nervous with higher heart rate which does not indicate a metabolic problem.</li> </ul> <p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b>  We acknowledge good receipt of your feedback and will tackle this issue next year during the Full Rule Revision, since this suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy. The ETC and FEI HQ believe that this is not urgent as a data extraction has shown that from the year 2020 until May 2022 there has been less than 8 Athletes/Trainers per year that have reached the maximum penalty points.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
<p><b>UAE NF</b>  Recently we had cases which affected the rider and trainer concerned, with no fault of theirs and hence we strongly feel that this rule should be reviewed urgently, especially accident cases which are not related to horse welfare and the consequences of applying the current rules, creating major problems for the trainers.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We are aware of the case you are referring to, which is currently under CAS proceeding. Therefore, we will not comment on this case.</p>
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022</b>
N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>UAE NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION</b> <b>9. Assessments during Horse Inspections</b>
<p>(iv) If the heart rate is greater than the maximum heart parameter after the 60-second assessment:</p> <p>(A) Except for the Final Horse Inspection (where only one presentation is permitted), if there is <b>sufficient time</b> remaining for a second presentation (see Article 816.6), the Horse may be presented a second time for a heart rate re- inspection. The same procedures under paragraphs (a)-(f) above will apply to the second presentation.</p> <p>(B) <b>If there is no time remaining for a heart rate re-inspection</b> or the Horse fails to meet the maximum heart rate parameters at the heart rate re-inspection or at the Final Horse Inspection (where only one presentation is permitted), <b>then a confirmation procedure must be completed to confirm the failed assessment.</b> For the confirmation procedure, the Horse must be presented to a second Veterinarian immediately after the failed assessment. If an electronic heart rate monitor was used for the failed assessment, then a second electronic heart rate monitor (or, if not available, a stethoscope) must be used. The Veterinarian will assess the Horse's heart rate for <b>15 seconds only</b>. If the Horse is to be designated as 'Failed to Qualify', then the Horse's heart rate during the confirmation procedure must either be made available on a public electronic display or notified to a member of the Ground Jury. If the Horse's heart rate is greater than the maximum heart rate parameter during the confirmation procedure, the Horse will be designated as 'Failed to Qualify – metabolic' (FTQ-ME)</p>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>This rule is creating confusion and problematic while implementing it for all the officials and this rule is important for fair play to maintain the same standard in judging everywhere, hence going back to the old rule is more feasible. Instead of sufficient time it has to be re-worded as no-time.</p> <p><b>FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022</b></p> <p>This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy. The current wording leaves room for Officials on the ground to make the decision based on the layout of the vet gate whether 'sufficient time' remains for a Horse to leave and re-enter the vet gate. We do not find this rule problematic and do not wish to impose a time limit at this time. This rule will be revisited at next year's full rule revision.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
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<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022</b>
N/A

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

**UAE NF**

**Article Number – Article Name**

**ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA**

Further to the table at Article 839.2.1, after a Horse Fails to Qualify for irregular gait (FTQ-GA) for a third (or subsequent) time in a rolling year, the following procedure must be applied before the Horse may return to Competition to ensure that the Horse has properly recovered before competing again :

**1. Notification:**

1.1 The Horse must be flagged in the FEI database as having Failed to Qualify for irregular gait three (or more) times in a rolling year.

1.2 If an Athlete intends to ride a Horse that has had three (or more) Failures to Qualify for irregular gait in a rolling year, that Athlete (or the Trainer) must notify the FEI Endurance Department of the Horse's next Competition at least four weeks prior to the Horse's next Competition.

1.3 The FEI Endurance Department will inform the FEI Veterinary Department of the Horse's status and ask for it to arrange for the Horse to be examined in accordance with this Annex 7. The FEI Endurance Department will also inform the President of the Ground Jury of the Horse's status and the additional examination.

1.4 The FEI Veterinary Department will inform the Foreign Veterinary Delegate and Veterinary Commission of the Horse's status and the required additional examination.

**2. Examination procedure:**

2.1 Before the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, a panel of three Veterinarians (including the President of the Veterinary Commission, Foreign Veterinary Delegate, and a member of the Veterinary Commission) must carry out a detailed examination to determine if the Horse is fit to compete.

In CEI1\* events the examination procedure must be done by the President of the Vet Commission and two members of the vet commission. **Examination must be done at CEI events.**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

1. It should be limited to FEI events and not be coupled with national events. National events should be under the jurisdiction of respective NFs'

2. There are possibilities that during this additional MOOCP period the qualification of the horse also drops down and there is no provision for the horse to lift and fulfill the consequences of three or more FTQ's if it is not allowed to participate in any national event.

3. In cases where the horse has had three or more Failures to Qualify (FTQs) in a national competition for irregular gait in a year, how will the horse lift the consequence in such cases

4. Horses participating only in national competitions should have the provision of examination at a national event follow national examination protocol

5. Examination can be done by a panel of FEI vets in a national competition. The FEI Ground Jury will update the FEI/NF whether the horse is fit to continue in a national competition, and it is the best solution when there are many competitions being held and not much opportunity to enter a CEI event.

**FEI Feedback on 6 July 2022**

This suggestion does not fall within the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rule Revision Policy. The ETC and FEI HQ do not feel that this change is urgent or problematic and will be revisited at the full revision next year.

**FEI Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022**

N/A

**Comments received by 24 August 2022**

**GBR NF**

GBR believe that the requirements for an FEI check to be released from the rest period is not practical in some countries such as the U.K. with such a short season and so few competitions, and we would argue that the current rule is problematic and that the change is in fact urgent - GBR now have a few horses that will be 'stuck' in their MOOCP as they cannot get to an FEI event to be assessed so they cannot even do a 20km national event. We consider that the check should be easily facilitated with a private vet check to FEI rules and submitted to FEI vets an agreed amount of time prior to competing.

**FEI Feedback**

This will be considered as part of the full review of the Endurance Rules in 2023.

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022**

N/A