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B.12	ARG	Regarding the officials appointment, we suggest to maintain the current rule.
B.12	ARG	We don't agree with this proposal, the OC t are going to incur in a large expense.
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B.12	ARG	Maintain the current rule. Although we believe that some rules must be modified or updated there are others that are a matter for officials to enforce and respect the rules and be sufficiently trained to exercise their role. Increasing the number of stars, especially for the lower category events, means an additional cost for the OC.
B.12	AUS	Attention to the appointment of officials needs to consider developing and isolated nations such that the cost of hosting FEI competition is not increased through the requirement of specific officials.
B.12	AUS	EA protest at the increased star rating requirement for officials, particularly the requirement for 3 star officials for CEI1* events, and the requirement for 3* Chief Stewards from CEI1* up. These requirements increase the cost to conduct the ride requiring officials of higher star rating to be brought in from other regions, while decreasing the chances that officials have to perform and qualify. Veterinary Officials for CEI3*: proposal that: At least half of the members of the Veterinary Commission (including the President and Foreign Veterinary Delegate) must be 'Foreign', in accordance with Article 849 EA protest against this proposal, on the grounds that it will substantially increase the costs for conducting CEI3* events within Australia, to require foreign veterinarians as half the veterinary commission, including both President and Foreign Veterinary Delegate. International and interstate travel to and in Australia covers extreme distance, compared to most other regions in the world, and therefore imposes substantial increase in costs to conduct the ride. With most CEIs in Australia run with very small numbers of riders, there are limited opportunities for officials to work at rides, and the requirements for imported veterinarians, at high star rating, will seriously limit the engagement and opportunities for local veterinarians to contribute to the sport. EA support our NZ colleagues in their proposal to allow NZ veterinarians from the different (South and North) NZ Islands to be considered as foreign to each other.
B.12	AUT	EEF WG position : we do support the concept and would see some evolution especially regarding the IGA. Reasoning : IGA reports seem to be very ineffective and their true independence limited. We would like to see bigger independence and transparency being applied in the IGA system, by making these reports public so that public scrutiny can be certain they are acted upon and their contents reflect the events that arrive in competitions.
B.12	BEL	Belgium does not agree. Belgium recommends applying the same systems as in other disciplines of the FEI. The proposed rule will increase the costs for OC and NF.
B.12	BRA	Rotation of officials in regions where they have few local officials might become a heavy financial burden. We believe it should be based on criteria by the FEI where the FEI can interfere if the OC invites always the same officials even if the OC has the means to diversify. South America is not Europe where you can invite someone easily/cheaply from a neighbour country
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B.12	CHI	<p>We agree with this change, but the rule will have to be reviewed because for a 2* judge is mandatory to be PGJ once to be a 3* judge.</p>
B.12	CHI	<p>President of Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chief Steward should not be repeated within three months (although they could change positions with each other).</p> <p>We agree as long as the number of authorized officers exists in the country.</p>
B.12	CRC	<p>CRC Comments and suggestions. We are assuming on these charts that the minimum rate refers to the star/level of officials.</p> <p>Stewarding Team: Currently Stewards in Endurance are up to level 3. Why does it show Minimum Rate: 4 for WEGs Championships, regional games. Having to have a level 3 Steward at a CEI1* will increase organizing costs even more. Currently there are very few level 3 Stewards around the world. We believe for a CEI1* a Level 1 Steward should be authorized to serve as a Chief Steward and level 2 stewards for CEI2* and CEI3*.</p> <p>Ground Jury: The term ground jury as presented in this table includes the President, Foreign Judge and members. Throughout these rules it seems that ground jury refers to one person and in other articles the term Ground Jury implies all members. Some articles require that it be clear that the PGJ is the person responsible for the decision. Some examples 853.2 / 854. It is extremely important that it be clear who will be held accountable.</p> <p>Veterinary Commission: Note 3. We do not agree with the statement that at a CEI3*: at least half of the members of the Veterinary Commission (including the President and Foreign Veterinary Delegate) must be a Foreign in accordance with article 849.4.</p> <p>If FEI appoints the President of the Vet Commission or other members, when a country has a veterinarian with the required experience and star rating for a 3* event, does this mean that FEI will cover their transportation costs?</p>
B.12	CRO	<p>Considering the article No 1121 of the Veterinary regulation, the maintenance of status for EOVs has become extremely demanding for veterinarians from countries with no or a small number of events (a need of 4 events/2 years, a 3 years break after 3 consecutive years of officiating).</p> <p>Since the Officials Exchange Programme is not meant for status maintenance purposes we would like to propose an early implementation of a rotatory system giving the EOVs from the Balkan region a fair chance to maintain their status.</p>
B.12	EEF	<p>EEF WG position : we do support the concept and would see some evolution especially regarding the IGA.</p> <p>Reasoning :</p> <p>IGA reports seem to be very ineffective and their true independence limited. We would like to see bigger independence and transparency being applied in the IGA system, by making these reports public so that public scrutiny can be certain they are acted upon and their contents reflect the events that arrive in competitions.</p>
B.12	ESP	<p>We believe the IGA system needs to be reinforced and a lot more public so that there is an evident perception from the community and officials about what happens during competitions. There should no one be afraid of the truth being public, which will go a long way towards demonstrating corruption or neglect is not tolerated.</p>
B.12	GBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> More rotation needed – some officials never get opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> May struggle to find officials, particularly for EP where the events are concentrated in a three month period <input type="checkbox"/> May be better to use officials who can do the role well than swap in officials who cannot <input type="checkbox"/> 150.1 – 6 months would be better

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B.12	IRL	If it is felt that with the shortage of Treatment Vets, they should be left out of this rotation proposal. Three months needs to be clearly defined.
B.12	ITA	<p>Proposal: We support the concept and would see some evolution especially regarding the IGA.</p> <p>Reasoning: IGA reports seem to be very ineffective and their true independence limited. We would like to see bigger independence and transparency being applied in the IGA system, by making these reports public so that public scrutiny can be certain they are acted upon and their contents reflect the events that arrive in competitions.</p> <p>Age of Officials We are, as always, slightly concerned regarding the removal of the age limit for judges. This will be happening from the start of 2020 but we have yet to see and understand exactly how the evaluation test will be carried out. How will the transition period work? The age limit provides a continuing and steady flow within the population and therefore creates possibilities for judges to progress to the next level. There is a risk that an entire generation of judges may be passed over as judges will stay on longer. How will the rotation of judges work? We would like to know how the FEI will proceed and ensure that this will not be the case.</p>
B.12	JPN	May an official who was appointed as one of the listed officials, be appointed as another official on the list, within the three-month time frame, e.g. appointed as PGJ and then TD? If not, NFs with limited number of FEI officials will see difficulties in organizing Endurance events
B.12	JPN	We strongly agree with and support this proposal of creating a veterinary IGA.
B.12	JPN	<p>We do not agree with FEI HQ appointing all of TD/Chief Steward/PGJ/FJ/PVC/FV/President of TVC for CEI3*, that is too much. The Organiser / NF of the nation(s) may not be able to afford to cover the expenses, especially where the discipline is under development and has a small number of entries. MINIMUM RATE for TD for CEI1* should be 2 or 2*.</p> <p>OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS: Stewarding Team --- It is very confusing since there are only 3 levels of Endurance Stewards, Level 1, 2, and 3. However, in this chart, there are Rate 2, 3, and 4. It means Level 1 = Rate 2, Level 2 = Rate 3, and Level 3 = Rate 4, correct? Please clarify. WEG/Regional/Continental Games/Championships, we recommend Steward to be at least Rate 3 or Level 2.</p> <p>OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS: Ground Jury --- We believe a member of GJ for WEG/Regional/Continental Games/Championships must be a 4* (Rate 4) Judge. On the other hand, PGJ of CEI 1* must be 2* (Rate 2), since under current promotion regulations for FEI Endurance Officials, a 2* Judge must have an experience as PGJ at a CEI1*. The proposed rule here contradicts with the promotion criteria.</p>
B.12	KSA	We recommend to apply the rule of appointment of officials to be the same applied in FEI other disciplines: In Endurance proposed Rules 2020 we note that the Endurance Technical Committee has amended many Rules to be in line with FEI General Regulations for other disciplines which we support. The proposed educational and evaluation system for the officials at the 2019 FEI sports forum is the solution to assure the implementation of the rules during the event. Example: The proposed rule of the responsibility to appoint the key officials for CEI3* is given to FEI headquarters, while the appointment of the officials for the FEI regional competition was given to the OC in consultation with FEI. This indicates to maintain the general officials appointing system across all FEI disciplines. The proposed rules will increase the cost for the OC and NFs
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B.12	NAM	<p>In Group IX we are not able to offer many events thus our OC's will struggle to keep the events profitable – too expensive to fly officials in from other countries Please do not forget that in the Endurance sport we have Africa, Australia, NZ and the Americas For EU this is easy – not for rest of the world. Distances and exchange rates do hamper the progress here. We agree that rotation is necessary, must even be compulsory, however please consider drawing from the same Regional group. Alternately find a way to offer exchanges under development.</p>
B.12	NAM	agree
B.12	NED	In itself we support the removal of the age limit for judges as suggested. However, this gives us some reason for concern. The age limit provides a continuing and steady flow within the population and therefore creates possibilities for judges to progress to the next level. There is a risk that an entire generation of judges may be passed over as judges will possibly stay on longer. We would like to know how the FEI provides for this not to happen.
B.12	NOR	This is ok
B.12	NZL	We have no concerns with this proposal and would vote for it.
B.12	NZL	<p>This is also not a rule change but commenting on the current system; if one of the aims of having foreign officials is to ensure transparency and adherence to the rules, then having officials from within the same NF but from a different time zone does not really assist with this. Whilst it may help to keep costs down in some instances e.g. Australia which has several time zones and some parts of Australia observe daylight savings and other parts don't which means even more time zones. However, New Zealand is also remote and is surrounded by oceans; having two main islands means that even some national vets and officials must fly to get to an event. If some countries have the exemption from foreign with different time zones, we would like to return to the situation where the North Island was considered foreign to the South Island. The current system also makes it harder for New Zealand vets and officials to gain overseas experience as Australia does not need to bring in truly foreign vets and officials when they can use someone from elsewhere in the country.</p>

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B.12	NZL	<p>It appears that the requirement for the number of veterinarians on the Veterinary Commission and Treatment Veterinarians is being slightly increased. This will further increase the cost of running CEI events. Of greater concern is the requirement at 3* level for at least half of the Veterinary Commission to be foreign. Unless the FEI is going to assist with the extra travel costs, this will probably make running a 3* event in New Zealand cost prohibitive. At our own championship events we may run other classes on the same day as a 3* competition; sometimes this may be a CEN 40 km or even Competitive Trail Rides.</p> <p>The requirement for the number of treatment veterinarians being based on horses competing in classes that day rather than the number of horses in the 3* classes means that more Treatment Vets need to be at the ride base with very few horses needing treatment. It would be helpful if the number of treatment vets was based on both the number of horses in the CEI event(s) on the day as well as the prediction of speed and elimination rate for that event. Many of our CEI events are at venues which have been used before and we know that very few horses will need treatment or be requested to have rehydration fluids.</p> <p>At most of our CEI events, the Treatment Vet would only treat 0-4 horses each day.</p>
B.12	OMA	<p>We support to apply the rule of officials appointment to be the same ruled in FEI other disciplines.</p> <p>The new rules will increase the cost for the Organizing committee and National Federations</p>
B.12	OMA	We support this proposals
B.12	POR	<p>Introduce rotation of officials, as per the recommendation of the FEI Official's Working Group, and direct appointment of officials by the FEI in certain circumstances.</p> <p>No, it's very expensive. It's unbearable</p>
B.12	POR	<p>To be in line with the other disciplines, the President of the Ground Jury and the Foreign Judge will have to submit official reports to the FEI as discussed during the Sports Forum.</p> <p>AGREE</p> <p>specifies the Officials required for events, star level, appointments and the ratio of Officials to starters according to the new Education System for Endurance Officials.</p>
B.12	POR	<p>AGREE</p> <p>In a update to the Independent Governance Advisors (IGA) rule, the cost of accommodation will now be covered by the FEI to ensure full independence and the number of IGAs will no longer be limited to four</p>
B.12	RSA	<p>Rotation of Officials:</p> <p>This rule is going to be very difficult to implement in the smaller countries eg. South Africa as there are not that many officials and it is very expensive to get International officials.</p> <p>We live far from Europe and airfares are very expensive.</p> <p>The officials in SA have to travel far distances as the events can be 2000km apart.</p>
B.12	RUS	WE RECOMMEND KEEPING THE CURRENT RULES
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B.12	SWE	<p>Steward teams Comment: Up to now a Chief Steward officiating at a CEI*, CEI**, CEI*** could be a 2 * Level Steward. The new suggestions is that a Chief Steward must have a 3* level already when officiating at a CEI*. We suggest that a Steward Level 2* can officiate as a Chief Steward at CEI * and CEI**, oth-erwise it will be very hard for Stewards in small Countries with few events to get the experi-ence and eventually have the possibility to officiate at Events with a higher status. Ground Jury 3* Comment: The proposal is that FEI Headquarter should appoint officials for all CEI***. When appointing Officials, please take into consideration the cost of travel otherwise it will effect small Countries with Events with less number of starters.</p>
B.12	UAE	<p>We recommend to apply the rule of appointment of officials to be the same applied in FEI other disciplines: In Endurance proposed Rules 2020 we note that the Endurance Technical Committee has amended many Rules to be in line with FEI General Regulations for other disciplines which we support. The proposed educational and evaluation system for the officials at the 2019 FEI sports forum is the solution to assure the implementation of the rules during the event. Example: The proposed rule of the responsibility to appoint the key officials for CEI3* is given to FEI headquarters, while the appointment of the officials for the FEI regional competition was given to the OC in consultation with FEI. This indicate to maintain the general officials appointing system across all FEI displaces</p> <p>The proposed rules will increase the cost for the OC and NFs</p>
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B.12	USA	<p>USEF Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="626 940 2576 1052">☐ Reports. Approve however it is recommended for TD reports to be rewritten so that they are substantive regarding the reporting of the competition, safety and welfare of the horses and competitors, any abnormalities that occur during the competition, etc. In other words, we would like to see a narrative of how the competition was run and relating to any occurrences, rather than a “box ticking” Report. <li data-bbox="626 1052 2576 1226">☐ Level of Officials at minor Events. Please note the official’s star level requirements for 1* events (President of Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chief Steward) are all currently sitting at the 2* level. The proposed changes for 2020 require officials to all be 3* level. Based upon the proposed Annex 6 chart, it appears that it would be impossible for an official to be promoted from the 2* to 3* level. It is recommended that for 1* level competitions that the Chief Steward, President of the Ground Jury and the TD remain as 2* officials instead of increasing to the 3* level, thereby the language of promotion does not need to be revised as it will provide 2* officials the experience they need at the 1* level.