

PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF ENDURANCE RULES 2024

Introduction

Further to the approval of the FEI Periodical Rules Revision Policy at the 2019 General Assembly (available here: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/about-fei/governance/rules-revision-process>) the full revision of the Endurance Rules took place in 2023. Consequently, for this year's revision process NFs and MOU stakeholders were invited to propose only modifications that fulfilled the following criteria:

1. Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes;
2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.
3. New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation;
4. Implementation of new technology development(s) relevant to the specific set of Rules;
5. IOC, IPC, WADA, ASOIF and similar organisations' policies' implementation;
6. Other scenarios not foreseen by this Policy as considered and approved by the Board.

In addition, the FEI Headquarters and the Endurance Technical Committee have a number of proposals put forward based also on the above-mentioned criteria.

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

- A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2024.** In this section you will find each of the Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders addressed by the FEI with the relevant feedback from the Endurance Committee; and
- B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI**



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FEI Secretary General

A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2024

Rules Proposal Submitted By
FRA NF
Article No.–Article Name
802. CATEGORIES OF FEI ENDURANCE EVENTS 802.4 Championships and Games
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc. 3. New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>The world championship for 8-year-old horses which is run over 120 km is not suitable. The distance of 140km would better correspond to the best 8-year-old horses. It would be a step as part of their qualifications for the seniors Championships which they do at 9 years old.</p> <p>Today the best horses do not participate in this championship, because the distance is not part of their qualifications. They have already done 120km races at 7 years old, or at the start of the year at 8 years old.</p> <p>The origin of this inconsistency might come from the fact that previously the YH World Championship was dedicated to 7 yo on 120km. The recent increase from 7yo to 8yo has not yet been followed by a change of distance from 2* to 3*.</p>
Proposed Wording
802.4.2 (b) 2 3* Young Horse Championships <u>of 140 km in one day, with a minimum of 120 km and a maximum of 130 km in one day;</u>
FEI Feedback
This is not a new/recently introduced rule, it cannot be accepted during this rule revision process.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
ESP NF
Article No.–Article Name
803. STAR LEVEL OF EVENTS
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
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Explanation for Proposed Change
CEI 2* CIM considerations did not take into account multi-day competitions which are usually very low on entries and level (tend to be easier than a full 120km in one day). We would like the inclusion of multi-day competitions in the CIM if they fulfil the normal criteria adjusted to the distance for their competitions.
Proposed Wording
803.1.2.1 The distance is between 120 – 126km in one day or between 70 – 80km per day over two days. With a minimum of two loops per day;
FEI Feedback
Multi-day 2* Events have different requirements than single-day 2* Events (for example, stabling requirements). Additionally, the ESP NF did not identify which Rules Revision Criteria was applicable to the proposed change and in the view of the ETC and Endurance Department, the proposed change does not come within any of the specified criteria. Therefore, no change is proposed.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
BEL NF
Article No.–Article Name
805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
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Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>805.1 Athletes must comply with the following minimum weight requirements, which include all riding except for the bridle:</p> <p>Event / Minimum weight Young Rider/Junior</p> <p>Young Rider/Junior</p> <p>Competitions and Championships / 60kg</p> <p>Senior</p> <p>CEI1* and CEI2* / CEIO1* and CEIO2* / 70kg</p> <p>CEI3* / CEIO3* / 75kg Championships / 75kg</p> <p>It's a long time that all the FEI disciplines have suppressed the minimum weight in the rules.</p> <p>If we want that the "endurance" can continue to exist, we must suppress the weight.</p> <p>History proves that more weight does not slow down speed, but rather harms animal welfare.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Regarding today of the WELFARE ANIMAL, we recommend NO minimum Athlete weight for all levels and categories.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Senior Championships / CEI3* Competitions NO 2. Young Rider/Junior Competitions and Championships NO 3. CEI2* Competitions NO 4. CEI1* Competitions NO
FEI Feedback
<p>BEL NF did not identify which Rules Revision Criteria was applicable to the proposed change and in the view of the ETC and Endurance Department, the proposed change does not come within any of the specified criteria. Therefore, no change is proposed.</p> <p>In addition, as already mentioned during last year's rule revision, the FEI is conducting the research on this subject and will reach out with clearer time frames in due time.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
BRA NF
Article No.–Article Name
805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
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Explanation for Proposed Change
We believe this rule the way it is written opens a loophole for riders who want to cheat. It gives an advantage to those riders who haven't been caught so far to dispose of 1kg of the minimum weight in the last loop. As the rule permits them to arrive with one kg less and pass because it is the first time they are weighed/controlled they can win a competition under more favourable conditions. So the way the rule is now most of the riders will get rid of 1 kg weight in the last loop.
Proposed Wording
805.3.5 If an Athlete is weighed during a Competition and is under the minimum weight by less than 1kg, the Athlete will be permitted to continue If during the same Competition the Athlete is weighed again and is under the minimum weight (by any amount), the Combination will be disqualified. <u>At the finish line the rider must always have the mandatory weight.</u>
FEI Feedback
Officials have the discretion to Disqualify the Athlete at the final Loop, should they notice that some equipment is missing or if there has been a change of equipment, or any foul-play attempts. Additionally, the BRA NF did not identify which Rules Revision Criteria was applicable to the proposed change and in the view of the ETC and the Endurance Department, the proposed change does not come within any of the specified criteria. Therefore, no change is proposed.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
ESP NF
Article No.–Article Name
805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
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Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>While very early and have not been able to test completely yet due to only 2 months since the approval of the rules, it seems riders have adapted to this new rule by starting their competitions with up to 1kg less knowing they have one chance to rectify, and having that little advantage until/if they are weighted.</p> <p>We would propose that the wording is modified so that athletes are not assured that second chance and must remain vigilant of their weight throughout the competition, making it so that the Ground Jury has the final decision on whether it applies or not.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>805.3.5 If an Athlete is weighed during a Competition and is under the minimum weight by less than 1kg, the Athlete will may be permitted to continue, <u>on the discretion of the Ground Jury</u>. If <u>allowed to continue</u> during the same Competition the Athlete is weighed again and is under the minimum weight (by any amount), the Combination will be Disqualified.</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>Officials have the discretion to Disqualify the Athlete, should they notice that some equipment is missing or if there has been a change of equipment, or any foul-play attempts.</p> <p>Additionally, the ESP NF did not identify which Rules Revision Criteria was applicable to the proposed change and in the view of the ETC and the Endurance Department, the proposed change does not come within any of the specified criteria. Therefore, no change is proposed.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
USA NF
Article No.–Article Name
805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
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Explanation for Proposed Change
The question is what is to keep all riders from abusing this “warning” weight. What happens if a riders weight at the finish line is under the required minimum? If a rider is under minimum how do you check to see if the weight has been corrected?
Proposed Wording
805.3.5 If an Athlete is weighed during a Competition and is under the minimum weight by less than 1kg, the Athlete will be permitted to continue, but will always have a mandatory weight at the finish. If during the same Competition the Athlete is weighed again and is under the minimum weight (by any amount), the Combination will be Disqualified.
FEI Feedback
Officials have the discretion to Disqualify the Athlete also at the final Loop, should they notice that some equipment is missing or if there has been a change of equipment, or any foul-play attempts. Additionally, the USA NF did not identify which Rules Revision Criteria was applicable to the proposed change and in the view of the ETC and the Endurance Department, the proposed change does not come within any of the specified criteria. Therefore, no change is proposed.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
BRA NF
Article No.–Article Name
817. PLAN OF THE COURSE
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
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Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Not clear the way it is written. 817.2.2 a map in a scale of at least 1:50'000 or and GPS equipment or a digital alternative that performs the function of mapping, tracking and navigation if available.</p> <p>The way it is written and GPS gives the impression that a map and GPS is required and not all the OCs have access to these GPS equipments</p>
Proposed Wording
817.2.2 a map in a scale of at least 1:50'000 and/or GPS equipment or a digital alternative that performs the function of mapping, tracking and navigation if available.
FEI Feedback
<p>The current way that the rule is written already mentions 'if available'. If GPS equipment/digital alternative are not available, then a map is enough. Additionally, the BRA NF did not identify which Rules Revision Criteria was applicable to the proposed change and in the view of the ETC and the Endurance Department, the proposed change does not come within any of the specified criteria. Therefore, no change is proposed.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
ESP NF
Article No.–Article Name
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
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Explanation for Proposed Change
While we applaud the increase, the most typical Pessoa bit used in Endurance is generally measured 11cm if no modifications are made to it. We would encourage an increase of another cm so that athletes are not required to make strange and/or hasty modifications to their equipment that may end up being worse for the mouth of the horses. We agree with the rest of the article.
Proposed Wording
825.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 11 cm.
FEI Feedback
The lever arm measurement has already been increased to 10 cm last year to align with other disciplines. The ESP NF did not identify which Rules Revision Criteria was applicable to the proposed change and in the view of the ETC and the Endurance Department, the proposed change does not come within any of the specified criteria. Therefore, no change is proposed.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
ITA NF
Article No.–Article Name
828. REGISTRATION
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
3. New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation
Explanation for Proposed Change
Trainers should have the option of accepting or not their role as trainer of a horse upon receiving notification from the FEI when they have been added as trainer of a horse. Trainers should also have the possibility to remove themselves as trainer of a horse when they are no longer Responsible or no longer wish to be Responsible for a horse instead of having to wait for someone else to remove their name.
Proposed Wording
828.4 When trainers are added to a horse they will be automatically notified and will have _____ days to accept.
828.5 A trainer who no longer wishes to be associated with a horse has the possibility of removing their name by
FEI Feedback
This is not a new/recently introduced rule, so it cannot be accepted during this rule revision process. Therefore, no change is proposed. We would also like to reiterate that it is the responsibility of the Athlete/Trainer/NF to keep track of these records and changes.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
FRA NF
Article No.–Article Name
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc. 3. New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation
Explanation for Proposed Change
It was forgotten to specify that this rule should only apply to 3*Elite status. In the current situation a rider can go to 3* without combination qualifications, as soon as he has elite 1* bronze status. This error greatly changes the experience required of riders which cause an evident risk for both safety of athlete and welfare of the horse.
Proposed Wording
833.3.3 CEI 3* : 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 CEI 2*, and (ii) one CEI1* or one CEI 2* together as a Combination (except for Athletes with Elite Status 3* Bronze who are exempt from the Combination ride requirement, see Article 861), all within a three-year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).
FEI Feedback
We believe that the Athletes who have reached 1* Bronze Elite Athlete Status are experienced enough as they have completed at least ten CEI1* Events to achieve this status and they have also gone through the usual qualification process to be able to participate in CEI3* Events. Data shows that out of all CEI3* results since 01.01.2024 until 25.06.2024 only 5% are 1* and 2* Elite Athletes that do not have the Combination Ride requirement. We believe that it is premature to make any changes to this rule at this stage and that it would be ideal to asses it at the end of the year. Therefore, no change is proposed.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
ESP NF
Article No.–Article Name
839. MANDATORY OUT OF COMPETITION PERIODS 839.2 Additional MOOCP
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
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Explanation for Proposed Change
We believe the consequences for Third and subsequent FTQ-GA eliminations are very harsh and take horses out of the competition system which may end up in a worse place. We propose to change the Incident to consider consecutive eliminations instead of a total number in a rolling year, allowing successful qualifications to demonstrate a good management of the horse.
Proposed Wording
839.2.1 – Third (or subsequent) consecutive FTQ-GA (Failure to Qualify – irregular gait) in a rolling year.
FEI Feedback
The ESP NF did not identify which Rules Revision Criteria was applicable to the proposed change and in the view of the ETC and Endurance Department, the proposed change does not come within any of the specified criteria. Therefore, no change is proposed.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
ITA NF
Article No.–Article Name
843. INVITATIONS
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
3. New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation
Explanation for Proposed Change
NF Official Team Chef d’équipe, trainer and Veterinary should have access and the proper accreditation also for CEI competitions – this occurs in other FEI Disciplines. They need to be able to follow their combinations even if these are not official team competitions. CEI are often used for team selections purposes. <i>If necessary, the NFs could declare at the beginning of the season the team officials for their senior and youth squads.</i>
Proposed Wording
843. INVITATIONS 843.1 CEIs: 843.1.1 The number of Athletes that may be accepted for a Competition will be stated in the Competition Schedule and the official invitation to National Federations. 843.1.2 The number of Officials and Athletes (whether competing as individuals or as members of a team) to whom hospitality will be extended is at the discretion of the OC. 843.1.3 The OC must invite and offer accreditation of officially declared National Federation team Endurance officials (1 Chef d’équipe, 1 trainer and 1 vet) if they have combinations competing in the event.
FEI Feedback
This is not a new/recently introduced rule, therefore it cannot be accepted during this rule revision process. Therefore, no change is proposed. Additionally, this information is already mentioned on the Schedule, in section XII, point 8. Entry Right To Showgrounds/Accredited Persons.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
ESP NF
Article No.–Article Name
853. GROUND JURY
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
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Explanation for Proposed Change
For matters regarding the welfare of the horse, we consider that the President of the Veterinary Commission should be consulted in order to eliminate a combination.
Proposed Wording
853.5 The President of the Ground Jury may, in their sole discretion, eliminate a Combination at any point during the Competition if they decide that this would be in the best interest of the wellbeing and/or safety of the Horse and/or Athlete. For Horse Welfare related issues, the President of the Veterinary Commission must be consulted by the President of the Ground Jury.
FEI Feedback
The Veterinarians, Stewards and Judges will naturally report any safety concerns or evidence of Horse welfare shortcomings to the PGJ who has the decision-making power to eliminate a Combination. The proposed wording also aligns with the corresponding Article in the Jumping and Driving Rules and the FEI Board decided that there should be consistency in the wording of this rule across the various disciplines. The ESP NF did not identify which Rules Revision Criteria was applicable to the proposed change and in the view of the ETC and the Endurance Department, the proposed change does not come within any of the specified criteria. Therefore, no change is proposed.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By	
BRA NF	
Article No.–Article Name	
864. ATHLETE AND TRAINER PENALTY POINTS	
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria	
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Explanation for Proposed Change	
<p>We consider that the penalty points for late presentation LP and FTQ/ME is double. When a Horse presents after the time allowed normally it has a metabolic problem or gait problem. So, our suggestion would be LP/FTQ ME or LP/FTQ GA 10 penalty points or simply FTQ ME (when a horse doesn't lower his heart rate or has metabolic problems, but presents within the stipulated time).</p>	
Proposed Wording	
Incident	Penalty points
Disqualification for Late Presentation	10
LP/FTQ-ME or LP FTQ-GA	
Failure to Qualify – metabolic (FTQ-ME)	10
FEI Feedback	
<p>These Late Presentation penalty points were introduced in order to avoid situations where Athletes present late just to avoid the Veterinary code (like FTQ-ME). This rule is effective as of 01 January 2024 and we still did not fully see it in action. Additionally, the BRA NF did not identify which Rules Revision Criteria was applicable to the proposed change and in the view of the ETC and Endurance Department, the proposed change does not come within any of the specified criteria. Therefore, no change is proposed.</p>	
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)	
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
USA NF
Article No.–Article Name
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION 9. Assessments during Horse Inspections
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
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Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>The FEI should always support welfare of the horse and proper horsemanship. When training a horse balance is a critical part of good and proper training and care. Horses are lunged both left and right. They are trained using both left and right diagonals and leads. All in the effort to create a whole and balanced horse.</p> <p>While it is customary to lead a horse from the left, it should not be mandatory. Many endurance riders come from an unschooled background. To mandate left only sends a wrong message. Horse when only led from the left learn to curl and become crooked. Leading and teaching from the right helps to make a straight and balanced horse.</p> <p>In some cases a horse who has lost an eye needs to be led from the right. A simple word change does not change the message of proper presentation and leading a horse.</p>
Proposed Wording
The inspection must be carried out on a flat firm surface. The person trotting the Horse must lead the Horse from the Horse’s left or right -hand side on a loose rein beside the Horse and not in front or behind the Horse (see Annex 8).
FEI Feedback
<p>To clarify, this is not a new rule, this is already part of the Veterinary Rules (Article 1036.3). The intention of adding this provision is a reminder of the existing procedure.</p> <p>The USA NF did not identify which Rules Revision Criteria was applicable to the proposed change and in the view of the ETC, the proposed change does not come within any of the specified criteria. Therefore, no change is proposed.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
ITA NF
Article No.–Article Name
ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
3. New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>There are two proposals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addition of text in 1. Notification to clarify and comply with the 3rd paragraph of the text. 2. Clarify the procedure if the horse DOES NOT successfully complete the ride.
Proposed Wording
<p>ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA For Horses that wish to participate in National rides, or Horses that have lost their CEI qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After the 180 days MOOCP has been completed, the Horse may enter a CEN ride subject to the usual national veterinary controls. - Should this Horse wish to participate again in CEI rides, the Athlete’s (or the Trainer’s) National Federation must notify the FEI Endurance Department of the Horse’s next Competition at least four weeks prior to the Horse’s next Competition, and the below examination procedure will apply. <p>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:</p> <p>1. Notification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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), through their National Federation 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. 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. <p>2. Examination procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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. 2.2 The examination must consist of, but is not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Walk and trot on a straight line; (b) Walk and trot both ways in a circle; and (c) Palpation of relevant tissues. 2.3 The panel of Veterinarians must notify the Ground Jury of the results of the examination (in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations). 2.4 If the Horse passes the Annex 7 Examination, and with the approval of the Ground Jury, the Horse can continue to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection and participate in the Event. If the Horse successfully completes the ride, the block will be removed from the Horse’s profile when the results of the Event are validated.

2.5 If the Horse does not successfully complete the ride

2.6 During the Competition, the Veterinary Commission must closely monitor the Horse.

FEI Feedback

In most cases, it is the NF that notifies the FEI about an Annex 7 Inspection request. If the Athlete/Trainer notify us directly, then we systematically copy the NF in our reply.

If the Horse does not successfully complete the ride, it means that the Annex 7 Inspection is not passed.

Finally, this is not a new/recently introduced rule, therefore it cannot be accepted during this rule revision process. Therefore, no change is proposed.

FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

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Rules Proposal Submitted By
ESP NF
Article No.–Article Name
ANNEX 8: DIAGRAMS
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
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Explanation for Proposed Change
We have seen that this rule is sometimes not applied 100% as the diagram is pictured but Veterinarians have no problem to correctly view the horse. We think this diagram as is can be used to eliminate horses which otherwise were presented just fine for evaluation purposes.
Proposed Wording
To eliminate the diagram and keep it as a phrase stating: The horse should be trotted from the upper left side of the horse allowing clear view from the veterinarians on the line.
FEI Feedback
To clarify, this is not a new rule, this is already part of the Veterinary Rules (Article 1036.3). The intention of adding this provision is a reminder of the existing procedure. The ESP NF did not identify which Rules Revision Criteria was applicable to the proposed change and in the view of the ETC, the proposed change does not come within any of the specified criteria. Therefore, no change is proposed.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
BRA NF
Article No.–Article Name
FEI World Endurance Ranking Rules 2024
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
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Explanation for Proposed Change
Even though we really do appreciate more rankings were put in place, we would kindly ask the Technical Endurance Committee and the Endurance Department to revise the way to calculate the World Ranking to give countries outside Europe a fairer chance to participate.
Proposed Wording
Review the way the Ranking is calculated.
FEI Feedback
The Endurance Technical Committee and the FEI Endurance Department will continue to review these rules. Given their novelty, we will reassess at the end of the year.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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Rules Proposal Submitted By
ESP NF
Article No.–Article Name
Removal of Endurance Ranking Rules from the Endurance Rules
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
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Explanation for Proposed Change
We believe that the rankings should be part of the regulatory process overviewed by National Federations that allow us to have input and vote on their changes and how their work, while still encouraging the quick changes that may be done to them from season to season.
Proposed Wording
Reinstatement of the Rankings into the Rules and allowance to change these specifics every season with approval of the General Assembly.
FEI Feedback
The ranking rules for the other disciplines are maintained as standalone documents approved by the Board. This approach allows for modifications to be made when needed and based on the collected data and ensures that the ranking rules are not constrained by the standard Rule Revision process.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

Article No.–Article Name
816. VET GATES 816.8 Hold Time
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.
Explanation for Proposed Change
Addition of the reference that there must be at least one hold time of 50 minutes for a CEI2*, as this is considered a higher-level Event and same rule as for a CEI3* and Championships should apply to it.
Proposed Wording
816.8.2 In CEI 2* , CEI 3* and Championships, there must be at least one Hold Time of a minimum of 50 minutes. In all other Events, there must be at least one Hold Time of a minimum of 40 minutes.

Article No.–Article Name
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT 825.2 Permitted tack
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.
Explanation for Proposed Change
Addition of the reference to the already existing Article in the FEI Veterinary Regulations.
Proposed Wording
825.2.6 Leather or plastic nosebands are permitted. A noseband may never be so tightly fixed that it risks causing (or causes) irritation to the skin. It must be adjusted to allow at least two fingers under the noseband on the front of the nose. Article 1044.8 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations applies in relation to the permitted tightness of the noseband.

Article No.–Article Name
861. ELITE ATHLETE STATUS 861.4 Consequences of EADCMR and suspensions of Elite Athlete Status
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.
Explanation for Proposed Change
We would like to add below clarification regarding the reset of Elite Athlete Status in case the Athlete receives No Fault or Negligence, or if they are provisionally suspended and the case is dropped afterwards. The way that the system currently works is that all Athletes that receive any form of suspension lose their Elite Athlete Statuses, and they do not regain them if in the end they are found at No Fault or if the case is dropped.
Proposed Wording
<p>861.4 Consequences of EADCMR and suspensions of Elite Athlete Status:</p> <p>861.4.1 Athletes who receive any form of a suspension as defined under the FEI General Regulations or commit an offence under the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Control Medication Regulations will automatically lose their Elite Status and will be required to re-qualify again by completing all required CEIs starting (as applicable) either from the date the period of final suspension is imposed or the 'fast track' decision is finalised.</p> <p>861.4.2 If an Athlete who has not yet achieved Elite Status (but who is in the process of qualifying for Elite Status) receives any form of a suspension as defined under the FEI General Regulations or commit an offence under the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Control Medication Regulations will be required to re-qualify again by completing all required CEIs starting (as applicable) either from the date the period of suspension is imposed or the 'fast track' decision is finalised.</p> <p>861.4.3 Articles 861.4.1 and 864.2 will not apply to an Athlete who is found by the relevant body to have "No Fault or Negligence" for an offence or where a provisional suspension was originally imposed on the Athlete for an alleged offence but where the case was subsequently dropped and/or the Athlete was found by the relevant body not to have committed the alleged offence. This Article 861.4.3 shall also apply retroactively to cases arising prior to 1 January 2025 but where the final decision is issued on/after 1 January 2025.</p>

Article No.–Article Name

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Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Addition of a clarification regarding CEI3* distances to avoid confusion and inconsistency as to which rides count towards which Elite Athlete Status.
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Proposed Wording

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In order to calculate the new statuses of Athletes in Article 861 under these Endurance Rules, due to the availability of historical data and based on the Notes for Guidance from 2013 and 2014, the rides that count towards Elite Status are as of 2002.

All CEI3* rides count towards the Elite Status regardless of their distance (140 km and above) and whether or not the ride was held as a multi-day Competition.