

## PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF ENDURANCE RULES 2023

### 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 Endurance Rules are subject to a full review in 2023 (to come into force in 2024).

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

- A. **Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2023.** 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**

*This version of the Memo has been amended and re-published on 07 August 2023 to fix a typographical error on page 164, highlighted in yellow.*



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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ARG NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
803. STAR LEVEL OF EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Seeking to prevent a horse that has just finished its Novice stage passing from 80 km to 119 km directly. With the same criteria for greater distances.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
803.1 CEIs, CEIOs and Championships are divided into three star levels (3* being the highest level): 803.1.1 1*: Competitions between 100- 105 km in one day. 803.1.2 2*: Competitions between 120-125 km in one day, or between 70- 89 km per day over two days. 803.1.3 3*: Competitions between 140-160 km in one day, or 90-100 km per day over two days, or 70-80 km per day over three days or more
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal as CEI1* are very rarely organised at the higher end of the 1* distance. It is up to the National Federation to regulate in their countries the distances through the draft schedules that are submitted to the FEI.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
803. STAR LEVEL OF EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We offer to return the distance for CEI1* events back to 80 km.</p> <p>In Endurance, there was the traditional ladder of distances increased by 40 km. Novice qualification is usually being made at CEN 40 and CEN 80, while CEI events have been made at 80 km, 120 km, and 160 km.</p> <p>Such distances originated from distances in the USA where the modern Endurance sport was born. In the USA, distances are 25 miles (40 km), 50 miles (80 km), 75 miles (120 km) and 100 miles (160 km).</p> <p>The distance of 100 km is out of this ladder and makes too little difference between 1* and 2*.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
803.1.1 <b>1*</b> : Competitions between <b>80</b> -119 km in one day
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We understand the background and believe that a 100km distance on the 1* is better in order to manage speeds. National Federations are free to organise CEN's at 90km if they see the need to do so for their Athletes and Horses. We do not agree with this proposal and see it as an unnecessary change at this time.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
GER NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
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<b>Proposed Wording</b>
803.1.1 1* Competitions between 90-119 km in one day, or between 60 (-69) km per day over two days
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not see the need to change the distances for the CEI1*.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
BRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>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.</p> <p>Riders vary on their bodyweight and 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 de 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 ride equipment. The main problem with weight is dead weight.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Athletes must comply with the following minimum weight requirements, which include all riding equipment except for the bridle:</p> <p>Event Minimum weight            Young Rider/Junior Competitions, CEI 1* and CEI 2* / CEIO 1* and CEIO 2* - 60 kg            Senior CEI 1* and CEI 2*- 70/75 kg up to the NF/OC to decide and defined in schedule (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 jockey's or will not be gender friendly as male and female riders will not be able to compete under equal conditions            CEI 3* / CEIO3* - 75 kg            CEIOs and Championships 75 kg</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We believe that the minimum weight should not be a matter for the OC to decide upon as this could lead to inconsistencies between rides in different countries and even between different venues in the same country. The minimum weight was introduced after much debate as a measure to protect Horses from fast speeds and to level the playing field. The FEI is looking to conduct further studies on minimum weight in relation to Horse Welfare and will propose any necessary changes after the proper research has been done.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
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<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Athletes must comply with the following minimum weight requirements, which include all riding equipment except for the bridle, headpiece and mouthpiece:</p> <p>Event Minimum weight            Young Rider/Junior Competitions, CEI 1* and CEI 2* / CEIO 1* and CEIO 2* - 60 kg            Senior CEI 1* and CEI 2*- 70 to 75 kg defined in schedule            CEI 3* / CEIO3* - 75 kg            CEIOs and Championships 75 kg</p>
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<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A



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GER NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS
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<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Event / Minimum weight  <b>Young Rider/Junior</b>            Young Rider/Junior Competitions and Championships / 60kg  <b>Senior</b>            CEI1* and CEI2* / CEIO1* and CEIO2* / 65kg            CEI3* / CEIO3* / 65kg            Championships / 65kg</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The FEI is looking to conduct further studies on minimum weight in relation to Horse Welfare and will propose any necessary changes after the proper research has been done.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>	
ITA NF	
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>	
805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS	
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>	
For the behaviour of horses we think that it should be better to reduce a bit the maximum weights. A lot of riders are women that difficulty reach 50/55 kgs of body weight. It means that a horse have to carry a died extra weight of 20/25 kgs, too much.	
<b>Proposed Wording</b>	
805.1 Athletes must comply with the following minimum weight requirements, which include all riding equipment except for the bridle:	
<b>Event</b>	<b>Minimum weight</b>
<b>Young Rider/Junior</b>	
Young Rider/Junior Competitions and Championships	<del>60 kg</del> -55 kg
<b>Senior</b>	
CEI 1* and CEI 2* / CEIO 1* and CEIO 2*	<del>70 kg</del> -60 kg for CEI 1*, 65 kg for CEI 2*
CEI 3* / CEIO3* Championships	<del>75 kg</del> -70 kg 75 kg–70 kg
<b>FEI Feedback</b>	
The FEI is looking to conduct further studies on minimum weight in relation to Horse Welfare and will propose any necessary changes after the proper research has been done.	
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>	
N/A	

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
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<b>Proposed Wording</b>
We recommend reducing minimum Athlete weight to:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Senior Championships / CEI3* Competitions: 70 kg</li><li>2. Young Rider/Junior Competitions and Championships: 50 kg</li><li>3. CEI2* Competitions: 65 kg</li><li>4. CEI1* Competitions: 60 kg</li></ol>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The FEI is looking to conduct further studies on minimum weight in relation to Horse Welfare and will propose any necessary changes after the proper research has been done.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
URU NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We believe that a weight of 70 kg stimulates higher average speeds and the participation of riders of very low weight, excluding many other riders of more standard weight who do it with great passion and who are left out because they are not competitive.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
We propose 75 kg in all CEI competitions achieving a fair weight average between woman and men. This will stimulate riders to participate in endurance CEI events.
CEI 1* and CEI 2* / CEIO 1* and CEIO 2*- 75 kg
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The FEI is looking to conduct further studies on minimum weight in relation to Horse Welfare and will propose any necessary changes after the proper research has been done.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ARG NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Many Juniors at lower levels compete either on their own or supported by family members who also ride. So, crew support for most Junior riders is negligible. In addition, the body weight for many Juniors will be 40 to 50 kgs. Under the current rule these Juniors will require 10 to 20 kgs each of added weight. Frankly a 40kg Junior will struggle to lift a 20kg saddle with weight belts.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Article 805.1 (inside the table) Young Rider/ Junior Competitions and Championships : weight not required
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The FEI is looking to conduct further studies on minimum weight in relation to Horse Welfare and will propose any necessary changes after the proper research has been done.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NAM NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Juniors are new to the sport and are the future of our sport.</li> <li>• Most of our Juniors weigh in around 40-50 kg, and with the current rule must load 10-20 kg dead weight to weigh in at 60 kg.</li> <li>• We have lost a lot of Junior/Young riders to FEI participation due to this ruling.</li> </ul>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Art 805.1 (Inside the table)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young rider/ Junior Competitions and Championships – no specific weight</li> </ul>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The FEI is looking to conduct further studies on minimum weight in relation to Horse Welfare and will propose any necessary changes after the proper research has been done.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>															
NZL NF															
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>															
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<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>															
<p>In the interests of growth and sustainability the Endurance Sport needs to be seen as not just horse-friendly but rider-friendly. Young Riders/Juniors are often new to the sport and are the future of the sport. We need to encourage and grow the numbers of Young Riders/Juniors. Many Young Riders/Juniors at lower levels compete either on their own or supported by family members who also ride. So, crew support for most Young Riders/Juniors is often negligible. In addition, the body weight for many Young Riders/Juniors will be 40 to 50kg. Under the current rule these Young Riders/Juniors will require 10 to 20kg each of added weight. A 40kg Junior will likely struggle to lift a 20kg saddle with weight belts.</p>															
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>															
N/A															

**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

GBR NF

**Article No.–Article Name**

805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS

**Comment and Rationale**

The carrying of weights has a detrimental effect on horse welfare; athlete mental health. No other FEI discipline competes with weights. Please see attached supporting comment/rationale paper.

**Proposed Wording**

Remove 805 in its entirety.

~~805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS~~

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

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<b>Senior</b>	
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<del>CEI 3* / CEIO3*</del>	<del>75 kg</del>
<del>Championships</del>	<del>75 kg</del>

~~805.2 If Juniors or Young Riders participate in Competitions for Seniors, they must comply with the minimum weight requirements applicable to Seniors for such Competitions.~~

~~805.3 Compliance with minimum weight requirements:~~

~~805.3.1 OCs must provide a reliable weighing machine with recalibration capability at the Event. 805.3.2 The Athlete must maintain the minimum riding weight at all times during the Competition while completing Loops of the course (including while riding or leading the Horse on the course). 805.3.3 Weight control must be carried out before the start of the Competition and (if so requested by an FEI Official) after the finish. Weight control inspections may also take place at random at any time during the Competition on request by an FEI Official.~~

~~805.3.4 If an Athlete fails to comply with the minimum weight requirements or to submit to a weight control, the Athlete will be Disqualified.~~

**FEI Feedback**

The FEI is looking to conduct further studies on minimum weight in relation to Horse Welfare and will propose any necessary changes after the proper research has been done.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

N/A



<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
JPN NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>MINIMUM WEIGHTS rule creates an unfair competition for athletes. This rule might be considered that FEI has a negative view of each athlete’s gender and their unique physique. This goes against current international trends and prevents the sport from gaining worldwide popularity.</p> <p>As stated in the preamble, “Horsemanship and Horse welfare are the core of endurance riding. Endurance is a test of the Athlete’s ability to manage the Horse safely over an Endurance course. It is designed to test the stamina and fitness of the Athlete and Horse against the track, distance, terrain, climate, and clock, without compromising the welfare of the Horse.”</p> <p>“Endurance is a test of the Athlete’s ability to manage the Horse safely over an Endurance course.” We are concerned that the idea of MINIMUM WEIGHTS does not comply with the preamble.</p> <p>Therefore, Japan strongly believes that this rule should be removed.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Removal of the whole article.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The FEI is looking to conduct further studies on minimum weight in relation to Horse Welfare and will propose any necessary changes after the proper research has been done.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The IRL NF believe this rule is open to interpretation. As currently written, it is not necessary to weigh a rider at the finish. This could have a major influence on medal positions.</p> <p>It was originally intended that those riders whose bodyweight was higher than the minimum weight for the ride, on weighing out, did not need to weigh-in. It was never intended to be an excuse for not weighing in. As happened at a recent Championships.</p> <p>It is illogical to weight out at a competition and not weigh in. It is in conflict with Article 809.2</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Article 805.3.3</p> <p>Weight control must be carried out before the start of the Competition and <del>(if so requested by an FEI Official)</del> after the finish. Weight control inspections may also take place at random at any time during the Competition on request by an FEI Official.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The current system of weight control is working well and we believe that adding this requirement may be difficult to apply on the ground.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
811. PRE-RIDE BRIEFING
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The IRL NF believe that while this is declared as a mandatory attendance, there is no mandatory punishment for non-compliance.</p> <p>Additionally, Trainers are not always in attendance at a ride, hence the deletion. Unless a punishment exists, riders will continue with non-attendance at briefs.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Article 811.1</p> <p>For all CEIs, a pre-ride briefing must be conducted. Attendance is mandatory for all Athletes, <del>Trainers</del>, Chefs d’Equipe (if applicable), Officials, and Veterinarians. <del>Non-attendance will result in yellow card sanction</del>. Attendance is recommended but not required for Crew Members.</p> <p>Article 811.2</p> <p>For Championships (and test events for those Championships), the pre-ride briefing must be conducted in English. There are no mandatory language requirements for the pre-ride briefing at CEIs. <del>Attendance shall be mandatory in accordance with Article 811.1</del></p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We believe that this sanction is too harsh. The current system works well. Such a requirement will be difficult to control by Officials on site. Attendance to Pre-Ride Briefing in Championships is already mandatory in the current rules.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
811. PRE-RIDE BRIEFING
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The IRL NF propose a New Rule 811.3 as there is no set protocol for the scheduling of the Pre-Ride Briefing.</p> <p>The practice has been to conduct the Pre-Ride Brief after the Pre Ride Vet Inspection. This Vet Inspection can be spread over a few hours. Logically the Pre-Ride Brief should be the starting point for a ride, where the ground rules and ride, specific instructions are given including the conduct of the Pre Ride Vet Inspection. It is unreasonable to expect riders to hang around for 3 or 4 hours after they have completed the Pre-Ride Vet Inspection with an early start the following day.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>New Article 811.3</p> <p>The Pre-Ride Brief shall be held before the commencement of the Pre-Ride Veterinary Inspection.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We believe that the OC should not be restricted by this rule proposition, the way it is currently organised works well.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EEF MOU
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
812. VETERINARY CONTROL AND TREATMENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We do believe that on FEI 3* Championships the requirements of veterinary control and treatment deserve to be strengthened. On 3* championships only as on other FEI events the framework does not permit proper implementation and control.</p> <p>On 3* Championships all horses are on site sufficiently in advance, they can recover well from transport and get essential vet assistance prior to the 24 hours before the start of the course.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
On FEI 3* Championships intravenous and nasogastric fluids should not be administered within 24h of the start of the course.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The current rule in the Veterinary Regulations (Article 1060.4 (b)) states: <i>for Endurance, intravenous (IV) and naso-gastric fluids must not be administered within 8 hours before the First Horse Inspection and not between the First Horse Inspection and the start of the first loop of the Competition, or between any phases of the competition.</i></p> <p>Usually the Pre-Ride Inspection takes place the afternoon on the day before the Ride. Therefore, in accordance to the above-mentioned Article, fluids cannot be administered past the morning before the Ride, which comes to 24 hours before the start of the Ride, as suggested above.</p> <p>FEI will commission a scientific study on fluid therapy for Horses in 2023. The outcomes of the study will be used to consider new rules and guidelines for fluid therapy. Changing the current rule ahead of the study results would be suboptimal.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

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N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
BRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
813. FIELD OF PLAY 813.3
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
It is very difficult in regular CEIs for training centers when they have ten horses competing to change the bip numbers all the time if they have only 10 grooms to take care of all ten horses. It is very expensive also for the OCs to provide these bips.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
At all times on the Field of Play, at Championships the Athlete and Horse in a Combination, and the Crew Members assisting that Combination, must be identified with the same number which must be clearly visible from a distance.  At regular CEIs the OC should provide bips with f.e. groom written on it and when the combination FTQ the bip of the rider and 4 Groom bips should be given back to the OC.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
This is the organisational matter and the current rule stipulates the need to be able to identify people in the Field of Play and those entering the Vetting Area. We do not agree with this proposed change.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EEF MOU
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
813. FIELD OF PLAY (...) 813.1.2 Crew points (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Part of the learnings from Covid period restrictions is that 2 crew members per horse is the right and efficient rule to apply : care of the horse ensured, quietness for the horses, efficient control, fairness amongst competitors, image of the sport...</p> <p>Only 2 with the horse at the same time, with the possibilities to have 2 persons at vet area and 2 different persons crewing on the race. For Championships and CEIO extra accesses should be given to team staff.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>A maximum of 2 persons per horse are allowed to crew a horse at the same time.</p> <p>For Championships and CEIO up to 2 extra accesses without crewing functions are provided to the national team staff : vet, chef d'équipe, farrier.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Currently, the OC's are indicating on the Draft Schedule the number of crew members allowed at the venue, and this is working very well. We do not feel the need to introduce such a rule at this point.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A



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<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
GER NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
814. LOOPS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
814.4.4 Subject to Article 814.4.3, each Competition must have the following minimum number of Loops, depending on the total length of the course for that competition: Length of course / Minimum number of Loops 100-119km / Three 120-139km / Four 140-160km CEI 3* / Five 160km 3* Championship / Six
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Length of course / Minimum number of Loops <del>90-119 km / Three</del> 120-139km / Four 140-160km CEI 3* / <del>Six</del> ! → Exception 140km Five Loops! (In exceptional cases with justification) 160km 3* Championship / Six
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Currently, the wording of the article states ‘minimum number of loops’ which means that you can already organise a CEI3* on 6 loops. A clear explanation to justify this change was not presented. We do not agree with this proposal.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ARG NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
816. VET GATES 816.5 Horse Inspections (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Regarding the OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS those who operate the hearts rate monitors could be national veterinarians, advanced students or experienced stewards, all of them previously qualified by the NF and under the supervision of the president of the veterinary jury. This point facilitates the organization added to lower costs and does not affect the quality of the control and management of the horse.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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, determining in that document the Officials who will be in charge of the heart rate monitors, being able to choose between national vets, advanced students or experienced stewards.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal, as we feel that it would be complicated to control and could be problematic in cases where Athletes object that the Heart Rate procedure was not executed properly.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
816. VET GATES 816.5 Horse Inspections (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Very costly to the OC to install two heart rate machine & set up at both stages.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
For the final inspection, the Horse must proceed to the <b>Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarian</b> and then proceed to the designated veterinarian for other assessments to the vet lane.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
To clarify, we do not require that the OC needs to install the Heart Rate (HR) monitor screens at both stages. Finishing Horses must go directly to the Veterinarian on the line because if the HR parameter is higher than the allowed maximum, the confirmation needs to be done immediately. We do not agree with this proposal.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
URU NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
816. VET GATES 816.6 Heart rate assessment (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
68 BPM in VET GATE Based on the rules, considering it may lead to confusion, we propose to establish this BPM criteria during the whole competition increasing the number of metabolic controls of the horses during the whole event.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
816.6.5 <del>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</del>  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.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree with this proposal's goal, and propose the below changes to the Article.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
816. VET GATES 816.8 Hold Time (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We recommend having minimum hold time at least 30 minutes because we have seen many events schedules with 20 minutes hold time, this is not good it does not give enough time for the horse to rest as the current rule allows to have minimum hold time of 20 minutes if the loop distance is 20 km.</p> <p>In cases where veterinarian request for re-inspection or there is hyposensitivity test in this loop, which means the horse will not have enough time to rest.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
There must be a Hold Time for the Horse at each Vet Gate (except the final Vet Gate after the finish) of at least one minute per 1 km of the Loop just completed. (For example, following a 20 km Loop, however if the loop distance less than 20 km there must be a minimum Hold Time of not less than 30 minutes.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree with this proposal and propose the below changes to the Article.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
816.8.1 There must be a Hold Time for the Horse at each Vet Gate (except the final Vet Gate after the finish) <b>of at least thirty minutes for distances of 20km to 29km loops</b> , and one minute per 1 km <b>of the Loop just</b> completed <b>for 30km loops and above</b> . (For example, following a 35 km Loop, there must be a minimum Hold Time of at least 35 minutes, <b>following a 21km loop, there must be a minimum Hold Time of at least 30 minutes</b> ).

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NED NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
818. COURSE DESIGN, TERRAIN, AND SAFETY
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We should assist in creating a technically challenging course across country (within the limits of the terrain and weather conditions) that will test the stamina and riding skills of the Combinations, without compromising the welfare of the Horses. Less flat courses to reduce the speed in the competition. Championships should be held as a technical course.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
The course of a championship may not be held on flat course, but should be a technical course.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The bidding process currently in place aims to select suitable venues for Championships. We do not agree with this proposal as some flat terrain can be very technical depending on the footing and the design of the tracks.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
822. ASSISTANCE ON COURSE & FAIR PLAY
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We would like FEI to emphasise on the riders safety in the case of accident happening on the track. Help to improve the solidarity amongst them when an accident happen by giving a frame with potential time adjustment to be fair with the one who stops and care the other rider.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
822.6 Assistance to a victim by a Athlete An Athlete have to provide assistance to any person who needs emergency care on the course. 822.6.1 If the firsts persons that discovers a victim are Athlete, They have to contact the emergency service, provide first aid care and inform the OC. 822.6.2 Athletes that doesn't provide assistance to a victim will be disqualified except if enough person already look after the victim. 822.6.3 The riding time of athletes that provided assistance to a victim should be adjusted by the Jury. The riding time adjusted should be calculated at the best based on item like the time of the emergency call, GPS collar data, testified of Officials and other rider, etc.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The FEI does not believe that there should be a sanction for Athletes that do not provide assistance as there may be several factors that do not allow an Athlete to stop. However, we do agree that Athletes should be encouraged to support one another, especially in emergency situations. We propose that an Athlete who is assisting a fellow Athlete will not get 'out of time'.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
822.4.2 (b) A Combination may be assisted at any time if an Athlete falls or is otherwise separated from their Horse, or if the Horse loses a shoe. The Athlete must remount and/or continue in the Loop from the point at which the Athlete dismounted, left the course or required intervention. <b>An Athlete that provides assistance to a fellow Athlete who has fallen or has been otherwise separated from their Horse will not Fail to Qualify for being Out of Time (FTQ-OT), should they pass their permitted time due to providing such assistance, provided that the President of the Ground Jury is satisfied that the sole reason for the Athlete exceeding the allocated time is due to the assistance given to another Athlete pursuant to this Article.</b>



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FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
822. ASSISTANCE ON COURSE & FAIR PLAY (...) 822.5 Prohibited assistance (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Eco responsibility We would like FEI to avoid waste of water “manufactured within new bottles” for human consumption and plastic.  As a concrete example of what is currently observable : (10 bottles / horse / crewing point) x 6 loops x 4 crewing points/loop = 240 bottles / 1 horse
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
822.5.8 Using mineral-spring water bottles in new bottles to cool horses is prohibited.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We believe that OC’s can make such restrictions in their events through the published Schedule in order to adhere with local water restrictions, etc. There is also a reference to the sustainability handbook for event organisers in our draft schedules to encourage sustainability at events.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
JPN NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
822. ASSISTANCE ON COURSE & FAIR PLAY
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>In 822.4/822.5, there should be more clarification on the term “crew point” and what each crew are allowed to do there.</p> <p>In Endurance, Athlete is solely responsible on controlling horse’s condition. This includes the control of the speed and the making decisions and skills on cooling the horse. We occasionally see on SNS that crew handing water to Athlete whilst mounted on a galloping horse. In those cases, can we say the Athlete is taking the control of horse’s condition? Due to that, the horse cannot slow down at the crew point, which may result in harming the welfare of the horse.</p> <p>Also, when a crew interfere with other rider’s horse, whether intentionally or not, there is no penalty imposed to the crew. We wonder if FEI could set penalty(penalties) to crew. If yes, we believe that the penalty must be able to rescue the “victim(s).”</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Crew Point is a designated area including an entrance and an exit, located adjacent to the Course. Within the area, a horse is allowed to walk, but not trot, canter, nor gallop. Crew can assist within the area. When a horse shows trot or faster gait while the Athlete is mounted, time penalty shall be imposed to the combination.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We propose to add that crew points must have a designated start and end point in order to better control the traffic in these areas.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
813.1.2 Crew points (the designated areas <b>with a marked ‘start’ and ‘end’ point</b> on the course where the Crew Members may assist their Combination, as specified in the Competition Schedule, see Article 822.4.1);

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ARG NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
823. DRESS CODE
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Include t-shirts since there are currently numerous designs with the elegance according to the event and not just a polo shirt with a collar.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
823.2.1 Athletes must wear appropriate team or individual riding attire (including a shirt, polo shirt with a collar <b>or t-shirt</b> ) while on the Field of Play and during the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, opening and closing ceremonies, Best Condition Award, and prize-giving ceremonies.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We believe that its best left to Officials on the ground to determine the appropriateness of the dress codes in relation to weather condition. The current rule allows for polo shirts with short sleeves.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NED NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
823. DRESS CODE
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>In article 823.1 is mentioned that every athlete 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>Not every official is looking at this in the same way. This should be treated the same way at every event by every official.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
823.2.1 Athletes must wear appropriate team or individual riding attire (including a shirt or polo shirt with a collar with or without turn-up) while on the Field of Play and during the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, opening and closing ceremonies, Best Condition Award, and prize-giving ceremonies.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
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<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

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URU NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
823. DRESS CODE
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Dress code  Due to the different countries with very different climates, some with very hot weather, we consider athletes can wear an appropriate T Shirt making it comfortable to ride.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Athletes must wear appropriate team or individual riding attire (including a shirt or polo shirt with a collar <b>or a T shirt</b> ) while on the Field of Play and during the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, opening and closing ceremonies, Best Condition Award, and prize-giving ceremonies.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
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<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

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BRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
823. DRESS CODE
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>In warmer places it's very uncomfortable to use long pants during hot days. In tropical regions the use of Bermuda shorts is a common way to dress.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Tidy and clean Bermuda Shorts are permitted in the VG area at CEIs.          At Championships and CEIOs no shorts allowed          For safety reasons sandals are not permitted anywhere on the Field of Play</p> <p>Also Art.823 Shirts with a collar to be used at CHs and CEIOs.          At CEIs tidy and clean Team T-shirts are allowed          (for the same climate reason as mentioned above)</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We are OK with this proposal and understand the need to adjust clothing due to certain weather conditions.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
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. <b>Depending on weather conditions and at the discretion of the OC and Officials, knee-length dress shorts may be allowed.</b>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
824. DYES AND SKIN CREAMS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Henna is a natural material extracted from plants used to keep horses' limbs from salty soil and the high humidity which can cause big damage to the skin. thus, the use of henna is to protect the health and safety of horses.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Dyes ( <b>excluding henna</b> ) may not be used on the Horse at any time on the Field of Play as it may obstruct the veterinary inspection and identification of the Horse. Barrier cream or other topical skin cream may be used on the Horse, provided that it is removed before presentation for Horse Inspections or at the request of any Veterinarian or Official anywhere on the Field of Play. Failure to comply with this provision will result in Disqualification.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal for the reasons already mentioned in the rule itself 'obstructs the veterinary inspection and identification of the Horse.'
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
BRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The 8 cm shank has caused a lot of problems as especially in 1* and 2* competition these bits are used on young horses, why is in Dressage permitted to have 10/12 cm?
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 10 cm or the second ring in the three ring bit
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree with the proposal, and want to emphasize that any lacerations/wounds found in the mouth of the horse will be FTQ-MI.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
825.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed <b>8 10</b> cm. <b>Any evidence of soreness, lacerations and/or wounds in the mouth, must be recorded on the Vet Card. If participation or continuing in the Competition is likely to aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds or in any way endangers (or risks endangering) the welfare of the Horse, the Horse will not be allowed to continue and will be designated 'Failed to Qualify – Minor Injury' (FTQ-MI) (see Annex 5, 9.8).</b>



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<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Even if the purpose of the change implemented after the last full revision process was fair and that we are in favour of fixing a maximum length, we do believe that 8 cm shanks rules is too restrictive.</p> <p>In addition to the fact that when a maximum measurement is defined in the FEI rules of other disciplines it is "10 cm", we would emphasise on some of endurance specificities give extras reasons to the proposed change : allow more control which improve safety of horses and riders who start into big group, light youth riders, riding skills and way of handling contact can be more problematic than the bit itself.</p> <p>Judges and stewards have to take decisions when abnormal situations are observed.</p> <p>Below wording corresponds to eventing regulations.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Bits with a lever arm may not exceed 10 cm. The length of the lever arm is measured in a straight line from the highest lowest point where the bit is stopped to the lowest point of the lever arm.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We believe the measurement of the lever arm belongs in the FEI TackApp, but agree with the measurement length change to 10 cm.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
825.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed <b>&amp; 10 cm. Any evidence of soreness, lacerations and/or wounds in the mouth, must be recorded on the Vet Card. If participation or continuing in the Competition is likely to aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds or in any way endangers (or risks endangering) the welfare of the Horse, the Horse will not be allowed to continue and will be designated 'Failed to Qualify – Minor Injury' (FTQ-MI) (see Annex 5, 9.8).</b>

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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
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<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
825.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed <b>&amp; 10 cm</b> . Any evidence of soreness, lacerations and/or wounds in the mouth, must be recorded on the Vet Card. If participation or continuing in the Competition is likely to aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds or in any way endangers (or risks endangering) the welfare of the Horse, the Horse will not be allowed to continue and will be designated 'Failed to Qualify – Minor Injury' (FTQ-MI) (see Annex 5, 9.8).

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GBR NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
The specified length of the shank [lever arm] on any bit has been discussed by a large number of judges at many endurance events with these discussions themed around judges actual understanding of where the measurement should be taken and also the safety concerns around the carrying out of the measuring process.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<del>825.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 8 cm.</del>  825.2.5 Bits with a lever arm may not exceed 10cm. The length of the arm is measured in a straight line from the lowest point where the bit is stopped to the lowest point of the lower arm.'
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We believe the measurement of the lever arm belongs in the FEI TackApp but agree with the measurement length change.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
825.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed <del>8</del> 10 cm. Any evidence of soreness, lacerations and/or wounds in the mouth, must be recorded on the Vet Card. If participation or continuing in the Competition is likely to aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds or in any way endangers (or risks endangering) the welfare of the Horse, the Horse will not be allowed to continue and will be designated 'Failed to Qualify – Minor Injury' (FTQ-MI) (see Annex 5, 9.8).

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
SWE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Even if the purpose of the change implemented after the last full revision process was fair and that we are in favour of fixing a maximum length, we do believe that 8 cm shanks rules is too restrictive.</p> <p>Below wording corresponds to eventing regulations.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Bits with a lever arm may not exceed 10 cm. The length of the lever arm is measured in a straight line from the highest lowest point where the bit is stopped to the lowest point of the lever arm.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We believe the measurement of the lever arm belongs in the FEI TackApp but agree with the measurement length change.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
825.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed <b>8 10</b> cm. Any evidence of soreness, lacerations and/or wounds in the mouth, must be recorded on the Vet Card. If participation or continuing in the Competition is likely to aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds or in any way endangers (or risks endangering) the welfare of the Horse, the Horse will not be allowed to continue and will be designated 'Failed to Qualify – Minor Injury' (FTQ-MI) (see Annex 5, 9.8).

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
URU NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We consider that extending the permitted size in length of the lever arm of any bit in 2 cm will include more type of bits and this extension will not harm the horse or even act as control implement.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Proposal size in length 10 cm  825.2.5 Any shank ( lever arm) on any bit may not exceed & 10 cm
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree to increase the length of the lever arm.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
825.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed & 10 cm. Any evidence of soreness, lacerations and/or wounds in the mouth, must be recorded on the Vet Card. If participation or continuing in the Competition is likely to aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds or in any way endangers (or risks endangering) the welfare of the Horse, the Horse will not be allowed to continue and will be designated 'Failed to Qualify – Minor Injury' (FTQ-MI) (see Annex 5, 9.8).

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>There is no scientific reason signifying what is the optimum shank length and the sizes differ in various FEI disciplines. The use of shank is to protect the welfare of the horse and the athlete.</p> <p>Each horse has to have a bit that fits well and is suitable to the horse and not endanger the safety of the horse and the athlete.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 12 cm.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We propose to increase lever arm measurement to 10 cm to align with other disciplines.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
825.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed <del>8</del> 10 cm. Any evidence of soreness, lacerations and/or wounds in the mouth, must be recorded on the Vet Card. If participation or continuing in the Competition is likely to aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds or in any way endangers (or risks endangering) the welfare of the Horse, the Horse will not be allowed to continue and will be designated 'Failed to Qualify – Minor Injury' (FTQ-MI) (see Annex 5, 9.8).

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ARG NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The restriction of any stem (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 8 cm does not ensure welfare for the horse or protect it from injuries and nevertheless also compromises the safety of the rider.</p> <p>The good treatment in the horse's mouth depends, among other things, on the rider's ability to not exert force and even on the thickness of the bit.</p> <p>Faced with so many bit options, as far as we concerned, the best way is to reinforce the task of stewards and veterinarians to control at every opportunity that the horse does not bear any suffering in its mouth.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Elimination of the rule.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal to completely eliminate the rule. Please see our proposal below.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
825.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed <del>8</del> 10 cm. Any evidence of soreness, lacerations and/or wounds in the mouth, must be recorded on the Vet Card. If participation or continuing in the Competition is likely to aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds or in any way endangers (or risks endangering) the welfare of the Horse, the Horse will not be allowed to continue and will be designated 'Failed to Qualify – Minor Injury' (FTQ-MI) (see Annex 5, 9.8).

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ESP
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The possible damage caused by a bit has more to do with the handling of the bit than it's possible length. A very abusive bit with a short shank may do more damage to the mouth than a very long shank, in the end it depends on the management of the rider. Trying to specify through rules how this should be handled requires a lot of expertise and updates as happens in Jumping or Dressage. We propose instead, as we have a lot of veterinary controls and inspections through the competition unlike those disciplines, that the FEI Endurance and Veterinary Committees specify rules regarding the detection of injuries in the mouth during any veterinary inspection.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Remove this rule or make it very broad to allow most commonly used bits, such as 12cm, and make clearer rules regarding the detection injuries in the mouth of the horse during horse inspections, including blood or pain.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal to completely eliminate the rule. Please see our proposal below.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
825.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed <b>8 10</b> cm. Any evidence of soreness, lacerations and/or wounds in the mouth, must be recorded on the Vet Card. If participation or continuing in the Competition is likely to aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds or in any way endangers (or risks endangering) the welfare of the Horse, the Horse will not be allowed to continue and will be designated 'Failed to Qualify – Minor Injury' (FTQ-MI) (see Annex 5, 9.8).



<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We offer to remove Article 825.2.5 since this requirement is not safe and discredits horses who have an insensitive mouths.  This rule did not exist before 2020.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<del>825.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 8 cm.</del>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal to completely eliminate the rule. Please see our proposal below.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
825.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed <del>8</del> 10 cm. Any evidence of soreness, lacerations and/or wounds in the mouth, must be recorded on the Vet Card. If participation or continuing in the Competition is likely to aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds or in any way endangers (or risks endangering) the welfare of the Horse, the Horse will not be allowed to continue and will be designated 'Failed to Qualify – Minor Injury' (FTQ-MI) (see Annex 5, 9.8).

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ITA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
This rules changement didn't improve the behaviour of the horses.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
825.2.5 <del>Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 8 cm.</del>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal to completely eliminate the rule. Please see our proposal below.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
825.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed <b>&amp; 10 cm</b> . Any evidence of soreness, lacerations and/or wounds in the mouth, must be recorded on the Vet Card. If participation or continuing in the Competition is likely to aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds or in any way endangers (or risks endangering) the welfare of the Horse, the Horse will not be allowed to continue and will be designated 'Failed to Qualify – Minor Injury' (FTQ-MI) (see Annex 5, 9.8).

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The IRL NF note that the length of the shank has no effect on the force that can be applied. It is the height of the fulcrum above the bit that decides the force that can be applied, by the amount of lift it facilitates. This rule was brought in to avoid abuse of the horse with excessively strong bits.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Article 825.2.5  <del>Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 8 cm</del> The distance between the bit and its attachment to the bridle shall not exceed 4cms while the shank shall not exceed 8cms.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The correct way to measure a shank is explained in the FEI TackApp, and was previously outlined in the Endurance Stewards Manual.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NOR NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>A shank is easily measured for compliance with the relevant rule.</p> <p>The big difficulty with this rule is its application to three ring, pelham and other similar bits. Riders claim that they only use the first ring?</p> <p>The leverage of a bit is established not only by the shank below the bit, but the ring or shank above the bit.</p> <p>The rule needs to be clarified to stop subjective measuring and interpretation by different officials. This would eliminate all ambiguity and subjectivity, resulting in clarity.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Article 825.2.4 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 8 cm. The measurement should be from the top point of the bit to the lowest point of the bit.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The correct way to measure a shank is explained in the FEI TackApp, and was previously outlined in the Endurance Stewards Manual.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NOR NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>At virtually all rides, the first-time officials get to see tack up close is on the morning of the ride, the day after the First (Pre-Ride Inspection).</p> <p>If a horse is found at the start to have a tack violation, then that horse should be automatically disqualified.</p> <p>That the current rule be amended to reflect the reality on the ground.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
825.6 Failure to comply: An Official may inspect a Combination's tack/equipment on the Field of Play at any time. If an Official determines prior to the start of the race that a Combination's tack/equipment is in breach of Article 825.2 (permitted tack) and/or 825.3 (prohibited tack), the Official may request that such tack/equipment be altered or removed. Failure to comply with the Official's instructions at any time after the start will result in Disqualification.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The reality on the ground, as you mention, is that the officials check the tack on the morning of the ride and sometimes minutes before the start. We believe it is fair to give the opportunity to these Athletes to change their tack if an Official requests that they do. Should they be found again in breach of tack and equipment rules they will be DSQ (as per the current rules). We propose the below wording.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
825.6 Failure to comply: An Official may inspect a Combination's tack/equipment on the Field of Play at any time. If an Official determines at or prior to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection <b>or prior to or at the start of the Competition</b> that a Combination's tack/equipment is in breach of Article 825.2 (permitted tack) and/or 825.3 (prohibited tack), the Official may request that such tack/equipment be altered or removed. Failure to comply with the Official's instructions will result in Disqualification. <b>If the determination is made after the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, the Combination will be Disqualified.</b>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT 825.3 Prohibited tack/equipment (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The IRL NF propose a New Article 825.3.8. This is simply because of the standard of riding is, in general, what you would expect of a rider using such equipment. It is very easy to abuse a horse when in the wrong hands.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
New Article 825.3.8  The use of curb chains or straps in any material is strictly forbidden.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The feedback we received from Athletes is that forbidding curb chains means that Athletes can no longer use a hackamore bitless bridles which is commonly used in the discipline. However, we propose the below wording.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
825.2.12 A curb chain may never be so tightly fixed that it risks causing (or causes) irritation to the skin. It must be observed to have laxity when the reigns are loose.

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NOR NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT 825.2 Permitted tack (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Sadly, the standard of riding in endurance is not always as good as it should be. There is no definition in the rules as to what constitutes a proper fitting bridle, in particular a Curb Chain or Strap. Any regulation on what constitutes a proper fitting Curb Chain or Strap will be subjective in its application and any inspection will only be valid at the time of inspection.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
825.2.1 A correctly fitted bridle and saddle are required on the course.  The use of any form of Curb Chain or Strap is prohibited for Endurance.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The feedback we received from Athletes is that forbidding curb chains means that Athletes can no longer use a hackamore bitless bridles which is commonly used in the discipline. However, we propose the below wording.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
825.2.12 A curb chain may never be so tightly fixed that it risks causing (or causes) irritation to the skin. It must be observed to have laxity when the reigns are loose.

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
BRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
826. MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETES AND TRAINERS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Endurance is a family sport, where parents and children participate together from a very early age on
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Art.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 12.  The BRA NF would welcome the Children’s category 12 to 14 years also for Endurance as described in the General Rules for other disciplines.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We believe that the decision to start riders at the age of 12 is a decision for the National Federation which can organise national categories for children. We do not see the need to add a new category to the FEI Endurance rules at this point.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A



## Rules Proposal Submitted By

GBR NF

## Article No.–Article Name

827. MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSES

## Comment and Rationale

With the increase in distance of the CEI1\* events to a minimum of 100km, it is in the best interests of the horse that the age is increased.

## Proposed Wording

In the table change:

Level of Event	Required minimum age
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CEI1*	6 <del>7</del> years old
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## FEI Feedback

Following feedback received at the 2023 Sports Forum regarding this rule change proposal, we agree **not** to change the required minimum age for Horses competing at a CEI1\*. However, in order to protect the younger Horses starting their FEI career, we propose to include a cap speed for their first CEI1\* of 18km/hr, as it was also suggested during the Sports Forum by some National Federations.

Data extraction from 2020-2023 demonstrated that:

- The percentage of **6 year old Horses** out of all Horses participating in CEI1\* is between **6** and **8%** yearly (total number of 6 year old Horses participating in CEI1\* is 869 out of a total of 8'812);
- **average** loop speed of 6 year old Horses in CEI1\* was
  - **17.48 km/h in 2020** – **highest** speed this year was **27.1 km/h**;
  - **17.03 km/h in 2021** – **highest** speed this year was **24.25 km/h**;
  - **16.73 km/h in 2022** – highest speed reached this year was **25.39 km/h**;
  - **15.38 km/h in 2023** (*data extracted up until today*) – **highest** speed up until now was **21.83 km/h**.
- **The lowest** average loop speed ranges as low as **9.67 km/h** (2020);
- These 6 year old Horses mostly come from ESP, FRA, ITA, URU, ARG and KSA – regions that have high level of endurance activity.

## FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

833.3.1 CEI 1\*: Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 1\* level once they have successfully completed all the novice qualifications, but no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) after the successful completion of their first novice ride. Athletes and Horses must successfully complete a CEI 1\* within ~~two~~ **three** years of qualifying for the CEI 1\* level. If they fail to do so, they will lose their CEI 1\* qualification and must update their novice qualifications to re-qualify for the CEI 1\* level.

833.3.1.1 All 6 year old Horses entering in their first CEI1\* must complete it with a speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour (calculated in accordance with Article 838.2). This Horse will be restricted at 18km/hour until it has successfully completed a CEI1\* or until the Horse is older than 6 years old.

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
GER NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
827. MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSES
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>827.1 The minimum age requirements for Horses are set out below:</p> <p>Level of Event / Required minimum age:</p> <p>Novice: 5 years old  CEI1*: 6 years old  CEI2**: 7 years old  CEI3***: 8 years old</p> <p>Welfare for the Horse -&gt; Do not lower the age groups any further!</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>Following feedback received at the 2023 Sports Forum regarding this rule change proposal, we agree <b>not</b> to change the required minimum age for Horses competing at a CEI1*. However, in order to protect the younger Horses starting their FEI career, we propose to include a cap speed for their first CEI1* of 18km/hr, as it was also suggested during the Sports Forum by some National Federations.</p> <p>Data extraction from 2020-2023 demonstrated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The percentage of <b>6 year old Horses</b> out of all Horses participating in CEI1* is between <b>6</b> and <b>8%</b> yearly (total number of 6 year old Horses participating in CEI1* is 869 out of a total of 8'812);</li> <li>• <b>average</b> loop speed of 6 year old Horses in CEI1* was <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>17.48 km/h in 2020</b> – <b>highest</b> speed this year was <b>27.1 km/h</b>;</li> <li>○ <b>17.03 km/h in 2021</b> – <b>highest</b> speed this year was <b>24.25 km/h</b>;</li> <li>○ <b>16.73 km/h in 2022</b> – highest speed reached this year was <b>25.39 km/h</b>;</li> <li>○ <b>15.38 km/h in 2023</b> (<i>data extracted up until today</i>) – <b>highest</b> speed up until now was <b>21.83 km/h</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>The lowest</b> average loop speed ranges as low as <b>9.67 km/h</b> (2020);</li> <li>• These 6 year old Horses mostly come from ESP, FRA, ITA, URU, ARG and KSA – regions that have high level of endurance activity.</li> </ul>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p>833.3.1 CEI 1*: Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 1* level once they have successfully completed all the novice qualifications, but no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) after the successful completion of their first novice ride. Athletes and Horses must successfully complete a CEI 1* within <del>two</del> <b>three</b> years of qualifying for the CEI 1* level. If they fail to do so, they will lose their CEI 1* qualification and must update their novice qualifications to re-qualify for the CEI 1* level.</p> <p style="color: red; padding-left: 40px;">833.3.1.1 All 6 year old Horses entering in their first CEI1* must complete it with a speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour (calculated in accordance with Article 838.2). This Horse will be restricted at 18km/hour until it has successfully completed a CEI1* or until the Horse is older than 6 years old.</p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
828. REGISTRATION
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We offer to remove the requirement of suspending the Horse for 30 days after the change of trainer.</p> <p>This makes it impossible for the horse to compete if something happens to the trainer (for example, past away or resigned) through no fault of the rider.</p> <p>Each case must be considered individually depending on the reason for the change of trainer.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
828.3 Any change in the Trainer of the Horse must be notified to the FEI without delay. <del>If the registered Trainer of a Horse changes, the Horse may not participate in any Competition for a period of 30 days, starting from the date of notification of the change to the FEI.</del>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal. We believe it is essential for the Trainer to become properly acquainted with the Horse in order to avoid any issues relating to training/performance/administered treatment or medication. We propose to reduce the period from 30 to 14 days.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
828.3 Any change in the Trainer of the Horse must be notified to the FEI without delay. If the registered Trainer of a Horse changes, the Horse may not participate in any Competition for a period of <del>30</del> 14 days from the date of notification of the change to the FEI.

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
831. SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The IRL NF note that this rule is at variance with previous rules and needs a small clarification.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Article 831. SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION</p> <p>A 'successful completion' of a Competition means that the Combination finished all of the Phases of the course in accordance with the applicable course requirements (maximum allotted time, correct order without short cuts, no prohibited assistance, etc), passed all of the Horse Inspections, complied with minimum weight requirements <b>on weighing out, during the competition and at the finish</b> and any applicable speed restrictions, did not withdraw or retire, was not designated as 'Failed to Qualify', was not Disqualified during or after the Competition, and complied with any applicable Mandatory Out of Competition Period(s).</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
This addition is further to the IRL NF proposal to weigh ALL the finishers, which in some venues will be difficult to apply on the ground. The current system of weight control is working well. We do not agree with this addition.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
832. NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Allow for 3-5 day margin on novice qualifications fulfillment:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 1* level once they have successfully completed all the novice qualifications, but no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) <b>with a margin of 5 days</b> after the successful completion of their first novice ride.</p> <p><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>with a margin of 5 days</b>.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We do not agree with this proposal and do not see its urgency. Most years the calendar days shift by 1 and some years they shift by 2. In addition, we have proposed 36 months for the qualification period instead of the current 24 months.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
832. NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS (...) 832.4 Exemptions from novice qualification requirements (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We offer to return the wording existed before 2020.</p> <p>In Endurance Rules 2019 there was an Article 816.1.4: <i>For 8 years old Horses and older, dispensation of art. 816.1.2 and 816.1.3 can be granted if athletes and Horses, not necessarily as a combination, have accumulated a minimum of 240km in a maximum of three National Events in a 36 months period.</i></p> <p>In Endurance Rules effective 1 January 2020 there was an Article 832.1.4: <i>For 8 years old Horses and older, dispensation of art. 832.1.2 and 832.1.3 can be granted if Athletes and Horses, not necessarily as a Combination, have accumulated a minimum of 240km in a maximum of three National Events in a 36 months period.</i></p> <p>In Endurance Rules effective 1 July 2020 the required distance of 240 km was suddenly changed to 480 km in Article 832.4.</p> <p>We believe that this requirement to double the distance from 240 km to 480 km is <b>not reasonable</b>, because it means that an athlete or a horse is required to complete <b>6 competitions</b> of 80 km, while an athlete or a horse can complete the regular novice requirement of just <b>4 competitions</b> (2 x 40 km + 2 x 80 km = 240 km in total) which is much easier.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>832.4.2 The Horse will be granted an exemption from the novice qualifications if (i) it is eight years or older at the time of the request, and (ii) in the three years prior to the request it has successfully completed a cumulative minimum of <b>240</b> km in Competitions <del>over distances</del> of 80 km <b>or more</b>, including at least one competition of 80 km or more at the age of eight or older.</p> <p>832.4.3 The Athlete will be granted an exemption from the novice qualifications if the Athlete has successfully completed a cumulative minimum of <b>240</b> km in Competitions <del>over</del> 80 km or more in the three years prior to the request.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We do not agree with this suggestion. Since we are proposing that the qualification window is extended from 24 months to 36 months, it will facilitate the process of obtaining novice qualifications in countries where there are less events held. A 240km distance is equal to the current minimum required distance for novice (40+40+80+80km).</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
832. NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The IRL NF note that this rule is to ensure that riders and horses gain some experience before entering a CEI 1* competition. As currently written, a horse and rider can do these qualifiers at 1KPH (technically) which makes a mockery of the intentions / purpose of the Qualifying process.</p> <p>It is illogical to qualify a horse for CEI 1* 100km by using a multiday ride over shorter distances. Equally it is illogical to qualify a horse over a shorter distance at a lower speed than it will experience in a CEI 1*.</p> <p>Most OCs will have a minimum speed of 12KPH in the ride schedule. The old adage is do not increase Distance and Speed at the same time.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Article 832.3 Novice qualification procedure:</p> <p>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 <b>not less than 12 km/hour and</b> no more than 16 km/hour (calculated in accordance with Article 838.2). The required 80-100 km rides <del>may</del><b>must</b> be completed <del>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).</del> All qualifying novice rides must be completed within a two-year period.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We do not agree with this proposal, as we do not see the benefit of the minimum speed restriction for a qualifying ride especially for Young Horses as we are already proposing to limit the first CEI1* for 6-year-olds. Furthermore, there is no minimum speed set out in CEI rides.</p> <p>Should you feel the need to add such a restriction, you can do so in your national rides as they are governed by the national rules.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NOR NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
832. NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>On completion of its Novice Qualifications a Horse may compete in a CEI 1*. This represents an increase of 25% in distance from 80 Km to 100 Km. It must also carry 70 Kg in a CEI 1*. For many horses these are big challenges.</p> <p>In the Novice Qualifications there is an upper speed limit. However, there is no minimum speed limit, so a horse could qualify at 6KPH which is a little over normal walking speed. The minimum speed that a CEI 1* will be run at is 10 KPH.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
That the second 80 Km of the Novice Qualification is run at a minimum speed of 10 KPH over one day. To allow a horse to increase distance and speed at the same time could be considered a welfare issue.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal, however we do propose to limit the speed for 6 year olds on their first CEI1* to 18km/hr. National Federations should be able to identify horses that are not fit to qualify into the CEI rides, and have the responsibility to observe that.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A



<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ARG NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
This qualification procedure has become too restrictive and directly affects not only the development of the sport but even its subsistence. To assist these riders to qualify the proposal is to have to complete one CEI2* and one CEI 3* with the combination requirement removed.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Article 833 CEI QUALIFICATIONS Article 833.3 The qualification procedure for CEI star level is set out below: 833.3.1 No Change 833.3.2 CEI 2*: Athletes and horses are qualified to compete at the 2* level once they have successfully completed one CEI1* within a two-year period of the 2* start. 833.3.3 CEI 3*: Athletes and horses may only compete at the CEI 3* level if they are qualified. To so qualify, they must have successfully completed one CEI 2*. (except for Athletes with Elite status, see Article 861). All within a two-year period.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal. There has already been a relaxation approved in last year’s rule revision by removing the requirement for consecutive successful rides.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ECU NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Change Article 833.3.2 modify the section where a rider needs to do 2 CEI1 * in order to ride in a CEI2* to just one CEI1* as a requirement.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal. There has already been a relaxation approved in last year's rule revision by removing the requirement for consecutive successful rides.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ECU NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Change Article 833.3.3 the section where it's a requirement to do at least one (1) CEI 2* in the horse you will participate on a CEI3*.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal. There has already been a relaxation approved in last year's rule revision by removing the requirement for consecutive successful rides.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<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>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>CEI 2*:</b> Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 2* level once they have successfully completed two out of three consecutive CEI 1* within a two-year period <b>Elite Riders may compete with a Horse that has only completed one CEI 1* within a two-year period..</b></p> <p><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). <b>Elite Riders may compete with a Horse that has only completed one CEI 2* within a two-year period.</b></p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal. However, we propose that the Combination ride could be either a CEI1* or a CEI2*.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
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) <b>one CEI 1* or one CEI 2*</b> together as a Combination (except for Athletes with Elite Status <b>who are exempt from the Combination ride requirement</b> , see Article 861), all within a <del>two</del> <b>three</b> -year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The requirement to ride as a combination is reducing growth of the Endurance Sport. Riders in isolated NFs have been able to lease horses to foreign riders. The horses were often to reserve or back up horse. This ability enables the isolated rider to finance their sport by preparing a horse for the leasing rider.</p> <p>The loss of these ride opportunities makes it more difficult for riders to maintain their ride status. This would give me limited opportunities to qualify as a rider. I could then fly into neighbouring countries to compete and add additional qualifications to my record. By requiring a qualifying ride in combination these opportunities are lost.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Article 833 CEI Qualifications</p> <p>833 .3.3 CEI 3* Athletes and horses may only compete at the CEI 3* level if they are qualified. They must have successfully completed (i) two CEI 2*.</p> <p>834.2 Delete current wording as no longer required.</p> <p>836.1.2 (a) Delete current wording as no longer required and delete combination wording from the table</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal. However, we propose that the Combination ride could be either a CEI1* or a CEI2*.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
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) <b>one CEI 1* or one CEI 2*</b> together as a Combination (except for Athletes with Elite Status <b>who are exempt from the Combination ride requirement</b> , see Article 861), all within a <del>two</del> <b>three</b> -year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Taking note from the FRA NF comments last year, allow combination rides at lower levels also account for the combination ride throughout the career of a Horse and Athlete. If Horse and Athlete have completed a Combination ride at any level in the past, this should be sufficient to fulfil the Combination Ride requirement for Qualifications at the Star Level and Championships.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
833.x Any successful CEI or CEIO ride completed as a Combination of Horse and Athlete will fulfill the requirements of Combination Ride for any Star Level or Championship qualification if they fulfill the other required criteria.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We propose that the Combination ride could be either a CEI1* or a CEI2*.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
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) <b>one CEI 1* or one CEI 2*</b> together as a Combination (except for Athletes with Elite Status <b>who are exempt from the Combination ride requirement</b> , see Article 861), all within a <del>two</del> <b>three</b> -year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EEF MOU
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
834. COMPETING AT CEI EVENTS ONCE QUALIFIED
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We support the combination ride qualification but consider that achieving it on a CEI1* should also be permitted, enough. By achieving a CEI1* together the in competition relationship between the rider and the horse is already existing. This corresponds to the the purpose of the rule.</p> <p>It would positively contribute to the dynamic of the discipline.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>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 CEI 1* or 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>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 1* or 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>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree with this proposal. We propose that the Combination ride could be either a CEI1* or a CEI2*.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p>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) <b>one CEI 1* or one CEI 2*</b> together as a Combination (except for Athletes with Elite Status <b>who are exempt from the Combination ride requirement</b>, see Article 861), all within a <b>two three</b>-year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).</p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
834. COMPETING AT CEI EVENTS ONCE QUALIFIED
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We support the combination ride qualification but consider that achieving it on a CEI1* should also be permitted, enough. By achieving a CEI1* together the in competition relationship between the rider and the horse is already existing. This corresponds to the the purpose of the rule.</p> <p>It would positively contribute to the dynamic of the discipline.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>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 CEI 1* or 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>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 1* or 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>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree with this proposal. We propose that the Combination ride could be either a CEI1* or a CEI2*.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p>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) <b>one CEI 1* or one CEI 2*</b> together as a Combination (except for Athletes with Elite Status <b>who are exempt from the Combination ride requirement</b>, see Article 861), all within a <b>two three</b>-year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).</p>



<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<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 number of kilometers needed for their completion depending on their altitude differentials and difficulty (i.e. a 1* of 90km 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>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We find several difficulties in implementing this. While we agree that mountain rides are important for the discipline and encourage their continuance, in order to apply such a rule, other types of challenging terrain must be taken into account. Linking the difficulty of terrain to the qualification level changes the current classification which is linked to distances. We do not agree with this proposal.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We believe that the requirement to repeat the novice qualification if Athletes and Horses did not complete the CEI1* level within two years is not reasonable.</p> <p>Athletes and Horses have already completed 4 competitions in Novice qualification, which means that they already know how to ride properly. There can be a lot of reasons why athletes and horses do not compete for a few years, and such a requirement to make the novice qualification again will increase the costs of sport for riders.</p> <p>Also, we believe that the requirement to wait one year for horses after the successful completion of their first novice ride is not reasonable. Provided that the age of a horse is 6 years or above, such a horse should be allowed to compete for CEI1* right after completing full novice qualification and after the required mandatory rest period.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>833.3.1 CEI 1*: Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 1* level once they have successfully completed all the novice qualifications, <del>but no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) after the successful completion of their first novice ride. Athletes and Horses must successfully complete a CEI 1* within two years of qualifying for the CEI 1* level. If they fail to do so, they will lose their CEI 1* qualification and must update their novice qualifications to re-qualify for the CEI 1* level.</del></p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We do not agree with this proposal. The time limit starts from the first successful ride. The current time frame is not unreasonable considering the training and rest periods that these young horses require.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The IRL NF note that the current interpretation of this rule by the is not in line with the standard used for CEI Horses and Riders.</p> <p>Currently a rider or horse that does not achieve CEI 1* status within the two- year period, has to do the full Novice Qualification again (all four qualifying rides). While a CEI horse has to do one at a lower level. See 835.5 below</p> <p>835.5 If an Athlete or Horse fails to revalidate a qualification within the period set out in Article 835.1 (and so drops down a level), to regain the expired qualification the Athlete or Horse must successfully complete one Competition at the lower level.</p> <p>The proposed amendment is in line with the standard applied to CEI horses and is much fairer to those who are unlucky enough not to have achieved CEI 1* status in the prescribed period.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Article 833.3.1</p> <p><b>CEI 1*:</b> Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 1* level once they have successfully completed all the novice qualifications, but no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) after the successful completion of their first novice ride. Athletes and Horses must successfully complete a CEI 1* within two years of qualifying for the CEI 1* level. If they fail to do so, they will lose their CEI 1* qualification and must update their novice qualifications, <b>successfully completing one 80-100km ride in accordance with Article 832.3</b> to re-qualify for the CEI 1* level.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The Athlete/Horse as per the current rules, do not need to re-do their entire novice qualifying rides, but only those that had dropped out of the qualification window (currently two years). The current wording says 'must update their novice qualifications' which is sufficient. Therefore we do not propose new wording.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ITA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We think that it sufficient one ride to pass the next level, even also because the difference of kms it's very small, only 20 kms from CEI 1* to 2*.</p> <p>Instead for the 3 * we propose that the first 3* event have to be at capped speed, not more than 18 kmh ( APPLICABLE ONLY FOR HORSES).</p> <p>No need to qualify as combination. (in this way the only result is that a lot of horses have to do more and more races in order to qualify with different riders)</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</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 <del>two</del> <b>one</b> CEI 1* within a two-year period.</p> <p>833.3.3 <b>CEI 3*</b>: Athletes and Horses <del>may only are qualified to 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 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).</del> are qualified to compete at the CEI 3* level once they have successfully completes one CEI 2* within a of two-year period.</p> <p>The horse first 3* event have to be race at no more than 18 kmh</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal. There has already been a relaxation approved in last year's rule revision by removing the requirement for consecutive successful rides.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NAM NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The riders do not understand that the novice phase must be done as in the rule : “no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) after successful completion of their first novice ride”</li> <li>• According to them this is ONLY if you want to participate at a CEI 1* level.</li> <li>• With only Namibia hosting FEI events in Southern Africa (and not more than 1 or 2 event a year) it took the riders at least 2 years to finish the 2 2 x CEI 1* event to qualify for CEI 2* level.</li> <li>• CEI 3*: For smaller countries like Namibia, it is very difficult to qualify for a CEI 3*, because we do not have a lot of CEI events.</li> <li>• This ruling has disadvantaged the riders from this part of the world to be able to compete at World Championships, taking into account the exorbitant travel, accommodation and leasing fee of a horse to try and qualify for a CEI 3*.</li> </ul>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Art 833.3.1</b> We want to propose that the following wording must be added to Art 832.3 “<b>but no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) after successful completion of their first novice ride</b>” and be deleted from Art 833.3.1</li> <li>• <b>Art 833.3.2 CEI 2*</b> : Athletes and horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 2* level once they have successfully completed one CEI 1* within a two-year period of the 2* start.</li> <li>• <b>ART 833.3.3 CEI 3*</b>: Athletes and horses may only compete at the CEI 3* after completing 2 CEI 2* events. To so qualify, they must successfully complete two CEI 2*. (Except for Athletes with Elite Status) all within a two-year period.</li> </ul>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We do not agree that further clarification is needed to the wording of these articles. We would like propose that once qualified at a level, Horses maintain their qualification for 3 years instead of 2. Last year’s removal of the need to have consecutive rides has simplified the qualification procedure.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p><b>835. VALIDITY OF CEI STAR LEVEL QUALIFICATION</b></p> <p>835.1 Each CEI star level qualification achieved will be valid:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">835.1.1 for Athletes, for five years; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">835.1.2 for Horses, for <del>two</del> <b>three</b> years.</p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NED NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<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 it is in 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 participate in what is logically the same or similar weekend after a long period has elapsed.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
833.3 The qualification procedure for CEI star levels is set out below with a margin of 3-5 days.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal and do not see its urgency. Most years the calendar days shift by 1 and some years they shift by 2. In addition, we have proposed 36 months for the qualification period instead of the current 24 months.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

## Rules Proposal Submitted By

NZL NF

## Article No.–Article Name

833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS

## Explanation for Proposed Change

Remote NFs are struggling to remain within the FEI Family. The compliance costs incurred to meet Foreign Officials requirement, Quantity of Officials and ride standards makes the Event very costly to run. When the CEI field is only 8 to 12 horses/athletes then the cost per athlete is prohibitive. To be practical the ride must be subsidised by National riders, or sponsors from outside the sport. The result is the remote NFs running less and less rides. While this maintains the National Standard the minimal number of Events leads to reduced opportunity for riders to complete FEI qualifying rides.

This qualification procedure has become too restrictive on remote nations and places the future of the sport in those nations in jeopardy.

The requirement to ride as a combination is reducing growth in the Sport of Endurance. Previously, PRs from smaller NFs have been able to lease horses to foreign athletes from other smaller NFs. The horses were often reserve or back up horses. This ability enables the PR to finance their sport by preparing a horse for the leasing athlete.

The loss of these ride opportunities makes it more difficult for athletes to maintain their ride status. This also would give opportunities to qualify as an athlete. Athletes could then fly into neighbouring countries to compete and add additional qualifications to their records.

By requiring a qualifying ride in combination these opportunities are lost.

To assist these riders to qualify the proposal is to have to complete one CEI2\* and one CEI 3\* with the combination requirement removed.

## Proposed Wording

### 833 CEI QUALIFICATIONS

833.3 The qualification procedure for CEI star levels is set out below:

833.3.1 CEI 1\*: Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 1\* level once they have successfully completed all the novice qualifications, but no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) after the successful completion of their first novice ride. Athletes and Horses must successfully complete a CEI 1\* within two years of qualifying for the CEI 1\* level. If they fail to do so, they will lose their CEI 1\* qualification and must update their novice qualifications to re-qualify for the CEI 1\* level.

833.3.2 CEI 2\*: Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 2\* level once they have successfully completed ~~onetwo~~ CEI 1\* within a two-year period.

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) onetwo CEI 2\*, and (ii) one CEI 2\* together as a Combination~~ (i) ~~one CEI 2\*~~ (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).~~

### 834. COMPETING AT CEI EVENTS ONCE QUALIFIED

~~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).~~

## FEI Feedback

We do not agree with these proposals. The Combination ride required is essential for horse welfare.

We have proposed certain changes that will alleviate some of the struggles you mention such as:

1. Novice qualification window is 3 years instead of 2.
2. The combination ride to reach the CEI3\* level can be done on a CEI1\* as well.
3. Horses will be qualified for a period of 3 years instead of 2.

## FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

### 832. NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS

**832.3 Novice qualification procedure:** 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~~ **three**-year period.

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### 833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS

833.3.2 **CEI 2\*:** Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 2\* level once they have successfully completed two CEI 1\* within a ~~two~~ **three**-year period.

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 CEI 1\* or one CEI 2\*** together as a Combination (except for Athletes with Elite Status **who are exempt from the Combination ride requirement**, see Article 861), all within a ~~two~~ **three**-year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).

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### 835. VALIDITY OF CEI STAR LEVEL QUALIFICATION

835.2 Each CEI star level qualification achieved will be valid:

835.2.1 for Athletes, for five years; and

835.2.2 for Horses, for ~~two~~ **three** years.



<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The combination ride could be CEI1* or CEI2*.
<b>Proposed Wording</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 CEI 2*, and (ii) one <b>CEI1* or CEI 2* together</b> 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 <b>CEI1* or CEI 2* together</b> 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>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree with this proposal. We propose that the combination ride could be either a CEI1* or a CEI2*.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
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) <b>one CEI 1* or one CEI 2* together</b> as a Combination (except for Athletes with Elite Status <b>who are exempt from the Combination ride requirement</b> , see Article 861), all within a <del>two</del> <b>three</b> -year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ARG NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
834. COMPETING AT CEI EVENTS ONCE QUALIFIED
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Same argument as Art 833 above mentioned.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Elimination of the rule.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with the proposal of eliminating the article.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ITA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
834. COMPETING AT CEI EVENTS ONCE QUALIFIED
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
This cancellation follows the modification of article 833.3.3.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<del>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).</del>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with the proposal of eliminating the Article.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NOR NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
835. VALIDITY OF CEI STAR LEVEL QUALIFICATION
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
While the Endurance Rules make provision for the requalification of a Horse that does not retain it's CEI status, there is no rule for a Horse that was CEI 1* qualified, that fails to meet the retention of CEI status.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
The same rule as applies to CEI 3*** and CEI 2** should apply.  The Horse should have to do an 80 Km one day at over 10 KPH and under 16 KPH.  On completion there should be no waiting period as in the Novice Qualifications. Like the CEI 3*** and CEI 2** horse it should be reinstated at CEI 1* level.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The proposed wording is quite unclear. Currently, if a Horse that finished its novice qualification was not able to successfully complete a CEI1* then it remains at the novice level. As long as it has the required number of rides within the set out period, it will be able to try again at the 1* level. Please see below changes to the qualification periods and their validity which will ease qualifications.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p><b>832. NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS</b></p> <p>832.4 <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 <del>two</del> three-year period.</p> <p>***</p> <p><b>835. VALIDITY OF CEI STAR LEVEL QUALIFICATION</b></p> <p>835.3 Each CEI star level qualification achieved will be valid:</p> <p>835.3.1 for Athletes, for five years; and</p> <p>835.3.2 for Horses, for <del>two</del> three years.</p>

**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

ARG NF

**Article No.–Article Name**

836. CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Same argument as Art 833 above mentioned.

**Proposed Wording**

INSIDE TABLE

2\* Young Rider/Junior: Championships Two CEI 2\* or higher, including one in Combination

2\* Senior Championships: Two CEI 2\* or higher, including one in Combination

3\* Senior Championships: One CEI 3\*, including one in Combination

**FEI Feedback**

We believe that to compete at a CH level with a Horse, Athlete’s must have two combination rides, however we propose a relaxation for Elite Young Rider/Junior and Elite Seniors as outlined below.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

836.1.2 (b)

Championship	Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements
1* Championships	Two <del>out of three consecutive</del> 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, only one in Combination for 2* Bronze Elite Junior/Young Riders or higher
2* Senior Championships	Two CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination, only one in Combination for 2* Bronze Elite Senior Riders or higher
3* Senior Championships	Two CEI 3*, including one in Combination

**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

BRA NF

**Article No.–Article Name**

836. CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Elite riders, both Adult and YR elite Riders should be able to qualify for CHs with one competition as a combination instead of two. There should be an advantage of being experienced and elite and the rule was there to enable riders from countries who have not the possibility to travel with their horses to participate in CHs.

**Proposed Wording**

2\* YR and JR Championships Two CEI 2\* or higher, including two in Combination except for Young Elite Riders one in combination  
 2\* Senior Championship Two CEI 2\* or higher, including two in Combination except for Senior Elite Riders one in combination

**FEI Feedback**

We agree with this proposal.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

836.1.2 (b)

Championship	Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements
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ECU NF													
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>													
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**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

EEF MOU

**Article No.–Article Name**

836. CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

We support to redefined the 2\* FEI Championships qualification by implementing in the future the provisional measures which have been taken due to Covid impact on qualification period.

Specifically on youth riders, due to their sport career not yet long, requiring 2 combination rides is a limiting factor that we consider disproportionate.

Even if the qualification has been decreased from 2 to 1 CEI2\* or higher, there had not been negative issues occurring consecutively. With this change the remaining qualification event corresponds to a combination ride.

We support that this change could be applied on any FEI 2\* Championships.

It would positively contribute to the dynamic of the discipline.

**Proposed Wording**

2\* Young Rider/Junior Championships and 2\* Senior Championships : Two CEI 2\* or higher, including one in Combination

**FEI Feedback**

We propose the relaxation be given only to Elite riders.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

836.1.2 (b)

Championship	Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements
1* Championships	Two <del>out of three consecutive</del> CEI 1* or higher, including one in Combination
2* Young Horse Championships	One CEI 2* in Combination
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**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

ESP NF

**Article No.–Article Name**

836. CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Junior Elite Status should grant a benefit to participation on Championships with 1 combination ride.

While Senior Elite riders are allowed to fulfill their championship qualifications with one ride in combination instead of two, Juniors are required to do 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.

**Proposed Wording**

2\* Young Rider/Junior Championships: Two CEI 2\* or higher, including two in Combination, **except for Elite Junior Riders which will be required one in Combination.**

**FEI Feedback**

We agree with this proposal.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

836.1.2 (b)

Championship	Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements
1* Championships	Two <del>out of three consecutive</del> CEI 1* or higher, including one in Combination
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FRA NF	
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>	
836. CHAMPIONSHIPS	
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>	
<p>We support to redefined the 2* FEI Championships qualification by implementing in the future the provisional measures which have been taken due to Covid impact on qualification period.</p> <p>Specifically on youth riders, due to their sport career not yet long, requiring 2 combination rides is a limiting factor that we consider disproportionate.</p> <p>Even if the qualification has been decreased from 2 to 1 CEI2* or higher, there had not been negative issues occurring consecutively. With this change the remaining qualification event corresponds to a combination ride.</p> <p>We support that this change could be applied on any FEI 2* Championships.</p> <p>It would positively contribute to the dynamic of the discipline.</p>	
<b>Proposed Wording</b>	
2* Young Rider/Junior Championships and 2* Senior Championships : Two CEI 2* or higher, including one in Combination	
<b>FEI Feedback</b>	
We agree with your proposal to give the relaxation to Elite Young Riders of one ride in combination instead of two. However, we believe this relaxation should only be given to experienced riders (both Senior and Young Riders who are Elite).	
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>	
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3* Senior Championships	Two CEI 3*, including one in Combination

**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

GBR NF

**Article No.–Article Name**

836. CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

The current requirement adds a huge number of additional kilometres put on to the horses, this is detrimental to the competing life of the horse and negatively impacts horses and riders competing in nations where there is minimal access to FEI competition.

The new suggestion limits horse required kilometres, whilst maintaining the need for combination qualifications AND rider lifetime experience.

**Proposed Wording**

**836. CHAMPIONSHIPS**

836.1 To qualify for Championships, Horses and Athletes must have:

836.1.1 graduated through the qualifying processes for novice and CEI star qualifications, up to and including the star level of the Championship (for example, for a 2\* Championship, the Athlete and Horse must each be qualified for the CEI2\* level); and

836.1.2 successfully completed the relevant additional number of CEIs (or CEIOs of the same star level) specified in the table below. ~~Of those additional rides:~~ **These additional CEIs (or CEIOs) must be completed within the specified time period within the table.**

Championship	Athlete / Horse	Additional CEIs (or CEIOs) to be completed	Applicable timeframe
1* Championship	Athlete (Senior) Athlete (Young Rider)	Three 1* or higher Two 1* or higher	Lifetime
	Horse	One 1* in combination	Prior to, but no more than two years prior to, the deadline for Nominated Entries for the Championship or 60 days prior to the Championship (whichever comes first)
2* Championship	Athlete (Senior) Athlete (Young Rider)	Three 2* or higher Two 2* or higher	Lifetime
	Horse	Two 2*, one in combination	The combination CEI2* must take place prior to, but no more than two years prior to, the deadline for Nominated Entries for the Championship or 60 days prior to the Championship (whichever comes first)
	Young Horse	One 2* in combination	The combination CEI2* must take place prior to, but no more than two years prior to, the deadline for Nominated Entries for the Championship or 60 days prior to the Championship (whichever comes first)
3* Championship	Athlete	Three 3*	Lifetime
	Horse	Two 3*, one in combination	The combination CEI3* must take place prior to, but no more than two years prior to, the deadline for Nominated Entries for the Championship or 60 days prior to the Championship (whichever comes first)

**FEI Feedback**

We do not agree with this proposal, it is too complicated and it adds more rides for the Horses. Please see suggestion to lower required rides for Championships.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

836.1.2 (b)

Championship	Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements
1* Championships	Two <del>out of three consecutive</del> 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, <del>only one in Combination for 2* Bronze Elite Junior/Young Riders or higher</del>
2* Senior Championships	Two CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination, <del>only one in Combination for 2* Bronze Elite Senior Riders or higher</del>
3* Senior Championships	Two CEI 3*, including one in Combination

**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

ITA NF

**Article No.–Article Name**

836. CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

We think that one race in combination is sufficient in order to participate at 2\* Championship, both for Junior that for Senior. We think also that Elite Riders, Junior and Senior, should be exempted from this rule application.

**Proposed Wording**

836.1 To qualify for Championships, Horses and Athletes must have:

836.1.1 graduated through the qualifying processes for novice and CEI star qualifications, up to and including the star level of the Championship (for example, for a 2\* Championship, the Athlete and Horse must each be qualified for the CEI 2\* level); and

836.1.2 successfully completed the relevant additional number of CEIs (or CEIOs of the same star level) specified in the table below. Of those additional rides:

(a) one ~~or two~~ (as specified in the table) must have been undertaken by the relevant Athlete and Horse as a Combination; and

(b) that ride (~~or one of those two rides~~) must have (i) been a single-day event over the same distance as the Championship (or greater distance), and (ii) taken place prior to, but no more than two years prior to, the deadline for Nominated Entries for the Championship or 60 days prior to the Championship (whichever comes first).

**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~~ one in Combination

2\* Senior Championships

Two CEI 2\* or higher, including ~~two~~ one in Combination

3\* Senior Championships

Two CEI 3\*, including one in Combination

**No combination race required for Elite Riders, Juniors and Seniors.**

**FEI Feedback**

We agree with your proposal to give the relaxation to Elite Young Riders of one ride in combination instead of two. However, we believe this relaxation should only be given to experienced riders (both Senior and Young Riders who are Elite).

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

836.1.2 (b)

Championship	Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements
1* Championships	Two <del>out of three consecutive</del> CEI 1* or higher, including one in Combination
2* Young Horse Championships	One CEI 2* in Combination
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2* Senior Championships	Two CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination, <del>only one in Combination for 2* Bronze Elite Senior Riders or higher</del>
3* Senior Championships	Two CEI 3*, including one in Combination

**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

NAM NF

**Article No.–Article Name**

836. CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

- For Namibian riders it is impossible to compete at a Championship on our own horses, due to logistics and costs.
- It should be a goal that is attainable to all, giving the capable rider a fair chance to achieve.

**Proposed Wording**

IN THE TABLE:

2\* Young Rider/Junior Championships: Two CEI 2\* or higher including 1 in combination

2\* Senior Championships: Two CEI 2\* or higher

3\* Senior Championships: One CEI 3\*

**FEI Feedback**

We do not agree with removing the requirement of a combination ride, however we propose the below.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

836.1.2 (b)

Championship	Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements
1* Championships	Two <del>out of three consecutive</del> 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, only one in Combination for 2* Bronze Elite Junior/Young Riders or higher
2* Senior Championships	Two CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination, only one in Combination for 2* Bronze Elite Senior Riders or higher
3* Senior Championships	Two CEI 3*, including one in Combination

**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

NED NF

**Article No.–Article Name**

836. CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

834.2 Athlete with elite status don't need a combination ride in the CEI2\* to compete in the CEI3\*. We would like to see an advantage for a young rider / junior athlete with an elite status that they only need 1 combination ride in the CEI2\* for the championship instead of two rides in the CEI2\*.

**Proposed Wording**

836

Championship	Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirement
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 (except for Athletes with Elite Status, one 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**

We agree with this proposal and propose to have the same exemption for 2\* Senior Championships as below.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

836.1.2 (b)

Championship	Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements
1* Championships	Two <del>out of three consecutive</del> CEI 1* or higher, including one in Combination
2* Young Horse Championships	One CEI 2* in Combination
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UAE NF

**Article No.–Article Name**

836. CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

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**Proposed Wording**

	<b>Championship</b>	<b>Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements</b>
	1* Championships	Two out of three consecutive CEI 1* or higher, including one in Combination
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	3* Senior Championships	Two CEI 3*, including one in Combination

**FEI Feedback**

We believe that this relaxation should only be given to experienced riders (both Senior and Young Riders who are Elite).

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

836.1.2 (b)

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2* Senior Championships	Two CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination, <b>only one in Combination for 2* Bronze Elite Senior Riders or higher</b>
3* Senior Championships	Two CEI 3*, including one in Combination

**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

URU NF

**Article No.–Article Name**

836. CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

We have seen that after acquiring the elite status, a rider has nearly no benefits considering that this condition is only reached by experienced riders with positive results

**Proposed Wording**

We propose adjusting the qualification criteria for 2\* Championships for Senior and Young Riders.

Two CEI 2\* event or superior as a combination and only one CEI 2\* event or superior As a combination for Elite riders.

**FEI Feedback**

We agree with this proposal.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

836.1.2 (b)

Championship	Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements
1* Championships	Two <del>out of three consecutive</del> 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, only one in Combination for 2* Bronze Elite Junior/Young Riders or higher
2* Senior Championships	Two CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination, only one in Combination for 2* Bronze Elite Senior Riders or higher
3* Senior Championships	Two CEI 3*, including one in Combination

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
836. CHAMPIONSHIPS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Same argument as Art 833 above mentioned.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
The IRL NF note that most riders are lucky to have 1 x 3*** horse, so do not have access to a second horse for qualifying purposes.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Article 836.1.2 (b)  that ride <del>(or one of those two rides)</del> must have (i) been a single-day event over the same distance as the Championship <del>(or greater distance)</del> , and (ii) taken place prior to, but no more than two years prior to, the deadline for Nominated Entries for the Championship or 60 days prior to the Championship (whichever comes first).
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not see the need to cross out the above.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>		
ARG NF		
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>		
837. CONSEQUENCES FOR REPEATED FTQ AND/OR DSQ DESIGNATIONS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS EXCEEDING 20 KM/HOUR		
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>		
This procedure has become too restrictive and directly affects not only the development of the sport but even its subsistence. With this system of penalties it is more difficult to maintain an FEI system of competition and encourage participation. At the same time, it generates a large administrative burden to register, communicate and control its effective application. Its instrumentation generates more rejection in athletes than effective awareness.		
<b>Proposed Wording</b>		
Eliminate in Table: Two (but only if at consecutive Competitions) Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions. Successful completion of one Competition (at any CEI star level within the speed restriction).		
<b>FEI Feedback</b>		
We do not agree with this proposal. Speed is a main contributor to serious injuries. We propose raising the speed to 21km/hour, and some other changes to the consequences.		
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>		
<b>837. CONSEQUENCES FOR REPEATED FTQ AND/OR DSQ DESIGNATIONS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS EXCEEDING <del>20</del> 21 KM/HOUR</b>		
837.1 If an Athlete or Horse (in any Combination) is designated as Failed to Qualify ( <b>FTQ</b> ) or Disqualified ( <b>DSQ</b> ) at a number of Competitions within a one-year rolling period, and the average speed of the Athlete or Horse over the course at each of those Competitions exceeded <del>20</del> 21 km/hour, the consequences (and conditions for lifting the speed restriction) set out in the table below will apply to the Athlete and Horse in question. <span style="color: red;">It is the responsibility of the Athlete to know if a speed restriction applies to them.:</span>		
<b>Number of FTQ and/or DSQ in a one-year rolling period with average speed &gt; <del>20</del> 21 km/hour</b>	<b>Consequences</b>	<b>Conditions for speed restriction to be lifted</b>
<b>Two (but only if at consecutive Competitions)</b>	Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.	Successful completion of one Competition (at any CEI star level) within the speed restriction.
<b>Three</b>	Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.	Successful completion of two Competitions (at any CEI star level) within the speed restriction.
<b>Four</b>	<del>Demoted by one qualification level (all requirements to qualify for the next CEI star level must be completed anew) and speed restricted to no</del>	<del>Successful completion of two four</del> Competitions (at any CEI star level) at the qualification level to which the Athlete/Horse is

	<p><del>more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.</del></p> <p>Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.</p>	<p><del>demoted</del> within the speed restriction.</p>
<b>Five</b>	<p><del>Demoted to national level (all novice qualifications must be completed before progressing again through the CEI star qualification levels).</del></p> <p>Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.</p>	<p><del>No conditions.</del></p> <p>Successful completion of <del>two</del> five Competitions (at any CEI star level) at the qualification level to which the Athlete/Horse is <del>demoted</del> within the speed restriction.</p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
BRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
837. CONSEQUENCES FOR REPEATED FTQ AND/OR DSQ DESIGNATIONS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS EXCEEDING 20 KM/HOUR
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>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 to necessarily to the rider</p> <p>With the tendency of 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 (he might just try to be competitive).</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>If an <del>Athlete or a Horse (in any Combination)</del> is designated as Failed to Qualify (FTQ) or Disqualified (DSQ) at a number of Competitions within a one-year rolling period, and the average speed of the <del>Athlete or Horse</del> over the course at each of those Competitions exceeded 20 km/hour, the consequences (and conditions for lifting the speed restriction) set out in the table below will apply to the <del>Athlete and Horse</del> in question:</p> <p>OR</p> <p>If an <del>Athlete or a Horse (in any Combination)</del> is designated as Failed to Qualify (FTQ) or Disqualified (DSQ) at a number of Competitions within a one-year rolling period, and the average speed of the Athlete or Horse over the course at each of those Competitions exceeded 22 km/hour, the consequences (and conditions for lifting the speed restriction) set out in the table below will apply to the Athlete and Horse in question:</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal, as it is the Athlete who determines the speed of the horse. Successive DSQ and FTQ for the horse at a higher speed should alert the Athlete that they must take it slow.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
URU NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
837. CONSEQUENCES FOR REPEATED FTQ AND/OR DSQ DESIGNATIONS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS EXCEEDING 20 KM/HOUR
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We agree and understand the spirit or feeling of this article but we do not think that it is correct to take 20 km/ h for every situation, not considering the different sceneries and or geographical conditions. It is very hard to reach 20 km/n in highlands or rough stony terrains but in lowlands and smooth grounds, reaching this speed does not mean that the horse will be ended exhausted.</p> <p>In the other hand in relation with riders penalties, we find competitors who do not exceed the average speed, do not qualify in many competitions and do not get a restriction speed penalty and those who achieve excellent results and only fail to qualify in a few competitions at high speed and are penalized.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>We propose an average speed of 22km/h or superior for penalties applying the penalty to the horse and not the rider.</p> <p>837.1 If an <del>Athlete or</del> Horse (in any Combination) is designated as Failed to Qualify (FTQ) or Disqualified (DSQ) at a number of Competitions within a one-year rolling period, and the average speed of the <del>Athlete or</del> Horse over the course at each of those Competitions exceeded <del>20</del> 22 km/hour, the consequences (and conditions for lifting the speed restriction) set out in the table below will apply to the <del>Athlete and</del> Horse in question</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal, as it is the Athlete who determines the speed of the horse. Successive DSQ and FTQ for the horse at a higher speed should alert the Athlete that he must take it slow.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>	
GER NF	
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>	
839. MANDATORY OUT OF COMPETITION PERIODS (...) 839.2 Additional MOOCP:	
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>	
<p>839.2.1 In addition to the period set out in Article 839.1, the following Mandatory Out of Competition Periods and other consequences will apply where the following circumstances occur at an FEI Event or National Event (where more than one of the circumstances below apply, the additional Mandatory Out of Competition Periods will be cumulative):</p>	
<b>Incident</b>	<b>Additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period and other consequences</b>
<p>Third (or subsequent) FTQ-GA (Failure to Qualify – irregular gait) in a rolling year</p>	<p>a) 180-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period; and b) Horse must undergo a specific examination protocol before being eligible to compete in any FEI Events or National Events (the protocol for this examination is set out in Annex 7).</p>
<p>Disqualification for Hyposensitivity</p>	<p>4 weeks (28 days)</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>	
<p>Incident: Disqualification for Hyposensitivity Additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period and other consequences: <b>8 weeks (56 days)</b></p> <p>Incident: <b>Third subsequent FTQ-GA (Failure to Qualify – irregular gait) in a rolling year</b></p>	
<b>FEI Feedback</b>	
<p>We are looking for further scientific data in relation to current MOOCPs, so no changes will be done at this stage.</p>	
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>	
N/A	



<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EEF MOU
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
843. INVITATIONS (...) 843.5 Expenses & privileges (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We would highlight that entry fees on CEIs and Championships are sometimes significantly raised.</p> <p>Even if a proportionate system between entry fees and prize money would be interesting to work on we would at least recommend to emphasise in the rules on the need to fix “reasonable” amounts of entry fees.</p> <p>With this addition in the rules, FEI Endurance department could also have more rules support to mitigate with OCs.</p> <p>The below wording proposal corresponds to a recent change in FEI Driving rules.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
The Organising Committee may charge each Athlete/Horse or Team a reasonable fee for entry into the Championship(s) provided that any such fee is included in the schedule.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The current wording as presented is problematic as there must be a clear way of determining what a reasonable entry fee is. However, the FEI actively discusses this with potential OCs with the aim of keeping Championships accessible.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
843. INVITATIONS (...) 843.5 Expenses & privileges (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The current wording as presented is problematic as there must be a clear way of determining what a reasonable entry fee is. However, the FEI actively discusses this with potential OCs with the aim of keeping Championships accessible.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

## Rules Proposal Submitted By

EEF MOU

## Article No.–Article Name

843. INVITATIONS

(...) 843.2 CEIOs and Championships (...)

844. ENTRIES

(...) 844.5 Reserve Horses (...)

## Explanation for Proposed Change

Instead of the 2 reserve horses we would suggest applying 1 reserve combination concept. This proposal also fits with the purpose of the 843.3.1 World Equestrian Games article.

This should not prevent a team to have only 1 horse as a reserve but then this horse remains for the rider(s) with whom combination qualification has been achieved.

Applying the reserve combination process would clarify the processes compared to nowadays when it comes to late substitutions...

The reason for 1 (reserve combination) instead of 2 (reserve horses) is because we like to encourage rules which provide a better level playing field amongst participating teams. Promoting through the rules 2 reserves can be seen as a sign of high risk disciplines, no other discipline can travel up to championships event/venue with 2 reserves. It also gives a disproportionate advantage to the teams which can afford to have many qualified horses and pay for travel and entries at championships/CEIOs beyond the core team.

This change would not interfere with the nominated entries principles allowing to have a long list of combinations, define the definite list out of it but still with the possibility to change a combination before entering the championship/CEIOs venue as far as this new combination was properly entered on the nominated entries list.

From a practical perspective, same rights, accreditations ... must apply to the reserve combination compared to the five first combinations.

## Proposed Wording

The Competition Schedule and the official invitation sent to each National Federation participating in the Event must allow for each team to have five Athletes and five Horses, plus a reserve Combination, a non-riding Chef d'Equipe, and an FEI-registered Veterinarian as Team Veterinarian. Any reserve Combination at the World Equestrian Games may not compete if it is not in the starting team. Further details on teams are set out in the FEI General Regulations.

## FEI Feedback

We believe that the simplest and most pragmatic change to this rule would be the introduction of the concept of reserve combinations.

As you mention in your explanation that you do not want to interfere with the nominated entries list and the possibility of substitution off of this list (as long as the OC can accommodate the horse from the nominated list... etc), restricting the reserve Combination to one instead of two does not do much to level the playing field.

## FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

### 843.2 CEIOs and Championships:

The Competition Schedule and the official invitation sent to each National Federation participating in the Event must allow for each team to have ~~five~~ **seven** Athletes and seven Horses (which includes up to two reserve Horses/**Combinations**), a non-riding Chef d'Equipe, and an FEI-registered Veterinarian as Team Veterinarian. Further details on teams are set out in the FEI General Regulations.

*For the avoidance of doubt, a National Federation may enter less than 7 Athletes that are qualified with more than one Horse as a Combination.*

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
843. INVITATIONS (...) 843.2 CEIOs and Championships (...)
844. ENTRIES (...) 844.5 Reserve Horses (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Instead of the 2 reserve horses we would suggest applying 1 reserve combination concept. This proposal also fits with the purpose of the 843.3.1 World Equestrian Games article.</p> <p>This should not prevent a team to have only 1 horse as a reserve but then this horse remains for the rider(s) with whom combination qualification has been achieved.</p> <p>Applying the reserve combination process would clarify the processes compared to nowadays when it comes to late substitutions...</p> <p>The reason for 1 (reserve combination) instead of 2 (reserve horses) is because we like to encourage rules which provide a better level playing field amongst participating teams. Promoting through the rules 2 reserves can be seen as a sign of high risk disciplines, no other discipline can travel up to championships event/venue with 2 reserves. It also gives a disproportionate advantage to the teams which can afford to have many qualified horses and pay for travel and entries at championships/CEIOs beyond the core team.</p> <p>This change would not interfere with the nominated entries principles allowing to have a long list of combinations, define the definite list out of it but still with the possibility to change a combination before entering the championship/CEIOs venue as far as this new combination was properly entered on the nominated entries list.</p> <p>From a practical perspective, same rights, accreditations ... must apply to the reserve combination compared to the five first combinations.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
The Competition Schedule and the official invitation sent to each National Federation participating in the Event must allow for each team to have five Athletes and five Horses, plus a reserve Combination , a non-riding Chef d'Equipe, and an FEI-registered Veterinarian as Team Veterinarian. Any reserve Combination at the World Equestrian Games may not compete if it is not in the starting team. Further details on teams are set out in the FEI General Regulations.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We believe that the simplest and most pragmatic change to this rule would be the introduction of the concept of reserve combinations.</p> <p>As you mention in your explanation that you do not want to interfere with the nominated entries list and the possibility of substitution off of this list (as long as the OC can accommodate the horse from the nominated list... etc), restricting the reserve Combination to one instead of two does not do much to level the playing field.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p><b>843.2 CEIOs and Championships:</b></p> <p>The Competition Schedule and the official invitation sent to each National Federation participating in the Event must allow for each team to have <del>five</del> <b>seven</b> Athletes and seven Horses (which includes up to two reserve Horses/<b>Combinations</b>), a non-riding Chef d'Equipe, and an FEI-registered Veterinarian as Team Veterinarian. Further details on teams are set out in the FEI General Regulations.</p> <p><i>For the avoidance of doubt, a National Federation may enter less than 7 Athletes that are qualified with more than one Horse as a Combination.</i></p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
844. ENTRIES (...) 844.5 Reserve Horses (...)
845. DECLARATION OF STARTERS
<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>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>844.5.2 For CEIOs and Championships, each National Federation may send Horses <i>and Athletes in any desired combination (if suitably qualified)</i> 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 <i>and Athletes</i>.</p> <p>845.2 At CEIOs and Championships, the Chefs d’Equipe must declare in writing to the Secretariat of the OCs (i) the names of the Athletes definitely starting, and (ii) the names of the Horses partnered with those Athletes, chosen from the names included on the official entry forms <i>that were successfully presented at the Horse Inspection</i>. Declaration of starters by the Chef d’Equipe or their representative will take place within one to three hours after the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection of the Horses, at the discretion of the President of the Ground Jury.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We believe that the simplest and most pragmatic change to this rule would be the introduction of the concept of reserve combinations.</p> <p>As you mention in your explanation that you do not want to interfere with the nominated entries list and the possibility of substitution off of this list (as long as the OC can accommodate the horse from the nominated list... etc), restricting the reserve Combination to one instead of two does not do much to level the playing field.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p><b>843.2 CEIOs and Championships:</b></p> <p>The Competition Schedule and the official invitation sent to each National Federation participating in the Event must allow for each team to have <del>five</del> <i>seven</i> Athletes and seven Horses (which includes up to two reserve Horses/<i>Combinations</i>), a non-riding Chef d’Equipe, and an FEI-registered Veterinarian as Team Veterinarian. Further details on teams are set out in the FEI General Regulations.</p> <p><i>For the avoidance of doubt, a National Federation may enter less than 7 Athletes that are qualified with more than one Horse as a Combination.</i></p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ITA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
844. ENTRIES (...) 844.5 Reserve Horses (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The reserve horses have to become reserve combinations, and they both have to be fully accredited at stables and venue like the others, and in case of medal they can go on the stage with the team.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
844.5.2 <b>Reserve <del>Horses</del> combination</b>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We believe that the simplest and most pragmatic change to this rule would be the introduction of the concept of reserve combinations. As you mention in your explanation that you do not want to interfere with the nominated entries list and the possibility of substitution off of this list (as long as the OC can accommodate the horse from the nominated list... etc), restricting the reserve combination to one instead of two does not do much to levelling the playing field.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<b>843.2 CEIOs and Championships:</b> The Competition Schedule and the official invitation sent to each National Federation participating in the Event must allow for each team to have <del>five</del> <b>seven</b> Athletes and seven Horses (which includes up to two reserve Horses/ <b>Combinations</b> ), a non-riding Chef d'Equipe, and an FEI-registered Veterinarian as Team Veterinarian. Further details on teams are set out in the FEI General Regulations. <i>For the avoidance of doubt, a National Federation may enter less than 7 Athletes that are qualified with more than one Horse as a Combination.</i>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ITA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
844. ENTRIES (...) 844.3 Deadlines for Nominated and Definite Entries (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Horses is a particular Championships at which the participation is kind of “open” as NFs participate just with individuals and not with an Official Team.</p> <p>Horses should be authorized to compete at the Championship with the one and only requirement of the proper qualification/eligibility.</p> <p>Besides, since the invitation is generally open (the number of NFs is unlimited and there’s not a limited number of horses per NF) the conditions established by the FEI GRs art. 116.2 regarding the requirements for the nominate entries seem unapplicable to this event and thus restrictive and penalising.</p> <p>Last but not least it is in the interest of the Discipline that any young horse fulfilling the eligibility requirement/qualification can be entered by the NFs at any time before the definite entries’ deadline.</p> <p>Please note that in Dressage and Jumping there is “studbook” concept of participation rather than NF’s – the Jumping schedule besides read the definite entries only as the only one for entries.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>844.3 Deadlines for Nominated and Definite Entries:</b></p> <p>844.3.1 For Championships and World Equestrians Games:</p> <p>(a) Nominated Entries and Definite Entries must be made in accordance with the FEI General Regulations. All reserve Horses must be on the Nominated Entries list.</p> <p><b>b) the Nominated entries requirements/deadline do not apply to Ch - M – YH, event for which only the FEI Qualification Criteria and the Definite entries conditions will apply.</b></p> <p>(b) Where a National Federation has made a Nominated Entry of a team and finds that it will be unable to send a team, it must immediately inform the OC.</p> <p>(c) After the Definite Entries have been sent in, substitutions of Horses and/or Athletes may only be made in exceptional circumstances and with the express permission of the OC (see Article 846). Substitutions can only be made with duly entered Athlete/Horses from the Nominated Entries list.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The Nominated Entries concept is contained in the FEI GRs (Article 116.2) so this proposed change would require a change to the GRs.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
BRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
848. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The change of this article is supposed to enable huge countries to organise FEI events without bearing the costs of long trips of foreign officials, but some countries (like for instance Brazil) have a much more latitudinal territory (as opposed to longitudinal one, such as the USA), so the whole country lives in the same time zone. In those countries each province/state is equivalent in area and population to one country in other areas (such as Europe).
<b>Proposed Wording</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 or <b>in a different province / state with more than 200.000km<sup>2</sup> and a population of 20.000.000 people or more</b>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We propose the below wording.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</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 <i>or in a different province/state that is at least 500 kms/12 hrs by road from the location where the Event will take place.</i>



<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NZL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
848. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
There are several countries in the FEI that are long narrow and fall within one time zone. Hence the assistance offered under rule 848.4 is not available. This assistance needs to be available to all NFs and not just those NF where the geography of the country covers several time zones. This rule needs to be changed to offer an additional option. Such an option could be that the Officials who live greater than 300km or across a physical barrier such as a mountain range or strait need to be considered as Foreign.
<b>Proposed Wording</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; <i>and/or lives greater than 300km from the Event; and/or across a physical barrier such as a mountain range or strait (of water).</i>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We propose the below wording.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</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 <i>or in a different province/state that is at least 500 kms/12 hrs by road from the location where the Event will take place.</i>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
USA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
848. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
There are several countries in the FEI that are long narrow and fall within one time zone. Hence the assistance offered under rule 848.4 is not available. This assistance needs to be available to all NFs and not just those NF where the geography of the country covers several time zones. This rule needs to be changed to offer an additional option. Such an option could be that the Officials who live greater than 300km or across a physical barrier such as a mountain range or strait need to be considered as Foreign.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Article 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 <b>location</b> ; and/or lives greater than 300km from the Event; and/or across a physical barrier such as a mountain range or strait should be considered as Foreign.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We propose the below wording.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</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 <i>or in a different province/state that is at least 500 kms/12 hrs by road from the location where the Event will take place.</i>

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<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
848. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
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<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Appointment by FEI HQ at CEI3* : Foreign Judge and Foreign Vet Delegate, only
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal. The current rule is working well. We liaise closely with OCs and NFs when selecting panels. This gives us the flexibility to change officials in key positions at venues that have been problematic.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
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<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ARG NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
849. ROTATION OF OFFICIALS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The number of Officials required by each event, compared to the number of active Officials makes it difficult to comply with this rule. Taking into account that the events are held every 3 months, the repetition does not affect the quality of the organization.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Elimination of the rule.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with the removal of this rule as we have seen many positive changes since it was applied. There was a relaxation to this rule implemented last year.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
BRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
849. ROTATION OF OFFICIALS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Rotation even with Key officials in countries with only a few officials and repeated venues will result in having no officials left at all after two years.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Elimination of the rule.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with the removal of this rule as we have seen many positive changes since it was applied. There was a relaxation to this rule implemented last year.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
849. ROTATION OF OFFICIALS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Due to the lack of events in 2020 because of Covid, many Officials discontinue or lost their status.</p> <p>The limits set out in Article 849 seem to be impracticable for many small countries with a low number of key Officials with the required level. The invitation of Officials from other countries can dramatically increase the budget for the organisers which could lead to increasing the entry fees which could lead to reducing the number of participants.</p> <p>Currently, there is a very small number of Promotion and Maintenance FEI Courses for the Officials, and we propose that the FEI will support the national Officials to gain FEI status by arranging additional FEI Courses free of charge.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Elimination of the rule.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with the removal of this rule as we have seen many positive changes since it was applied. There was a relaxation to this rule implemented last year.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NOR NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
849. ROTATION OF OFFICIALS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
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, especially for the smallest countries.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Elimination of the rule.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with the removal of this rule as we have seen many positive changes since it was applied. There was a relaxation to this rule implemented last year.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A



<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
URU NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
849. ROTATION OF OFFICIALS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We have noticed that in our country less athletes are competing in each event. There has been a significant increase in the costs of participating and organizing an event that means we have to use the minimum number of officials in each one. In the other hand, in our country and surely in many others, we have been investing in the Creation of permanent venues that cover all necessary requirements for the best outcome of a high standard competition. These permanent venues have as a priority the welfare of the horse (permanent secure boxes, A big reservoir of fluent clean water, green resting areas, well diagrammed vet check, etc.</p> <p>All these situations make it very difficult organizing events with our officials trying not to exceed the times they can work in a same venue during a period of 5 years.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>We propose that the period should be no more than 3 times in one year. 849.3 Rotation of officials</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We do not see the need to cross out the above or change the timeframe. We have already introduced a relaxation in last year’s rules by defining ‘Key Official’.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
854. VETERINARY COMMISSION
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
Improve the flow of horses at the arrival of the 1st loop. Improvement of fairness and optimising cost saving from OC side.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
When permitted treating veterinarians who haven't any horse to care and don't insure the entrances and exits on the event, they should be allowed to act as Veterinary Commission Member if they have the required level. They do not replace one of the Officials of minimum number of Officials required (or any additional Officials required based on the ratio of Officials to entries). In that case a minimum of 1 treating vet must remain on his treating position.
At least to help the management of horses at the first loop
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree with this proposal and propose the below.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
Annex 5: Horse Inspections, Examinations, Control of Medication Part B: horse Inspections and Examinations 9. Assessments during Horse Inspections  9.2 <b>Assessments for all Horse Inspections:</b> The Veterinarian conducting the Horse Inspection will assess the Horse's general condition and its metabolic status, while taking into account the Horse's recovery time (see Article 816.2). The assessments will include heart rate, mucous membrane characteristics, capillary refill time, intestinal activity (gut sounds), estimated hydration status, and demeanour. The Veterinarian will also evaluate the Horse's gait and assess any soreness on palpation of the back and girth, the texture and any sensitivity of the muscles, and any minor injuries including in the mouth or around the saddle and girth area. These assessments and any other observations regarding the Horse's condition must be recorded on the Vet Card.  9.2.1 A Treating Veterinarian who has been appointed on the approved Event Schedule, may assist in conducting the veterinary inspections on the vet lanes when there is a high number of Horses arriving together, provided this Treating Veterinarian has the required level (EOV) to perform this function, and provided there are no Horses that need treatment. As soon as this Treating Veterinarian is needed to treat a Horse, they may no longer be part of the Veterinary Commission on the vet lane. Priority must always be given to Horses in need of treatment.

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EEF MOU
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
856. INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE ADVISORS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The IGA is a very valuable role nevertheless we see the current IGA framework too restrictive. Consequently we would recommend the following changes to allow more very knowledgeable FEI Officials to be part of the IGA list without forcing them to fully stop them from officiating. The proposed concept would also be seen positively by their host NF as it would allow those top officials to still officiate in their home country CEI only, despite them giving to the FEI their priority by becoming IGA. It would also allow the IGAs to remain in the dynamic of officiating which is valuable for their IGA time and facilitate the transition when they will end up as IGA and will restart their “normal” FEI Officials career.
<b>Proposed Wording</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 apart from CEI appointment in his/her country of residence.
856.2.6 Independent Governance Advisors are appointed on events organised out of their country of residence and different than their nationality.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree with this proposal.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</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>except for in their country of residence and with the approval of the FEI Endurance Department.</b>

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We agree with this proposal.
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<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
856. INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE ADVISORS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
IGA should be allowed to officiate during their time appointed as IGAs, at least in their own country.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Removal of this rule: <del>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.</del>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We believe that allowing IGA’s to officiate in their country of residence is beneficial, however in order maintain neutrality and avoid any perceived conflict of interest, we believe that they should not officiate in their capacity as FEI official at international events.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ARG NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
861. ELITE ATHLETE STATUS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Considering the magnitude and great relevance that achieving this recognition means for the Elite Senior athlete himself, for the sport and for his peers, it is important to keep it for a lifetime. However, it could be differentiate between Elite Active and Inactive.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>861. ELITE ATHLETE STATUS</p> <p>861.1 Athletes who meet the criteria below will receive the recognition of Elite Athlete Status. Elite Athlete Status will not result in automatic qualification for any Championships.</p> <p>861.2 Juniors and Young Riders: 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> <p>861.3 Seniors: To achieve Senior Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI 3* 160km. To maintain Senior Elite Active Athlete status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI 2* 120 km within every successive two years.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree that when an Athlete reached the Elite level that it should not need renewing. Please see in section B proposal to add to Elite Athlete status in Endurance.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</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 <b>CEI 1*, CEI 2* or CEI 3* 160km higher.</b> <del>To maintain Junior/Young Rider Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI 2* or higher within every successive two years.</del></p> <p>861.3 <b>Seniors:</b> To achieve Senior Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten <b>CEI 1*, CEI 2* or CEI 3* 160km.</b> <del>To maintain Senior Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI 3* 160 km within every successive two years.</del></p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EEF MOU
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
861. ELITE ATHLETE STATUS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>An FEI rider become an Elite rider after successfully completed ten CEI3*. The maintenance of this status/achievement (to complete a CEI3* every successive 2 years) is from our perspective sometimes too demanding due to the difficulty for riders to have constantly horses ready for such distance,</p> <p>The below proposal increase the period of validation of the CEI3* but add a successful ride on CEI2*.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>To maintain Senior Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must successfully complete at least</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- one CEI 2* 120 km within every successive two years.</li> </ul> <p>And</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- one CEI 3* 160 km within every successive four years.</li> </ul>
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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
SWE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
862. BEST CONDITION AWARD ANNEX 2: FEI GUIDELINES FOR BEST CONDITION AWARD
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The guidelines of this award are never totally observed. Only minimal straight out and back is performed, when a figure eight is engaged we too often see a horse not totally fit which does not produce good pictures.</p> <p>When performed on the last day, or the day after this award hinders from complete recovery manoeuvres and may compromise the welfare of the horse.</p> <p>When performed on the day of the competition just after the final horse inspection, it helps to improve the fairness of the best condition award inspection. The current system does not prevent that a PR likes to participate to this award with an unfit horse. On recent championships and 3* events the PGJ were obliged to make a draw to nominate best condition examining vets . The whole team being reluctant. We propose a one place, one time one panel award.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>The 10 first horses or the horses arrived in the first hour are inspected and voted by a panel for metabolic, scored Pass/fail and scored A/B/C aside. A is very good, B passable, and C insufficient. They are inspected for gate and scored Pass/Fail and A/B/C on the same way. These scores are secret and communicated to a member of Ground Jury.</p> <p>The first placed Horse scored AA, if any, is the winner of the best condition award.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We understand the vision behind the proposal, however feel that the OC should have some flexibility in organising the Best Condition award.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
BRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
864. ATHLETE AND TRAINER PENALTY POINTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Athletes and trainers should have a separate number of penalty points if the athlete is not the trainer. In some cases trainers at training centers train several horses.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree, and we propose two separate 'counters' for Athletes and Trainers in the FEI Database.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
864. ATHLETE AND TRAINER PENALTY POINTS
<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 rule is not practical and does not support the sport in many countries, especially those countries that have many horses, riders and trainers and professional sport.</p> <p>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, and it is not justified 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>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>If an Athlete incurs 100 or more penalty points, the Athlete will Receive an automatic two-month suspension. After the suspension is served, the Athlete's penalty points total will be reduced by 100 points.</p> <p>If the registered trainer incurs 300 or more penalty points in a given calendar year, the trainer will Receive an automatic one-month suspension. After the suspension is served, the trainer's penalty points total will be reduced by 300 points.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We believe that the introduction of two counters for the penalty points which separate points received by Athlete, and by Trainer will alleviate this. 300 penalty points means that a Trainer can have 3 catastrophic injuries before getting suspended which defeats the purpose of the rule which aims to encourage safe riding.</p> <p>We also propose to introduce a system where a successful completion for an Athlete/Trainer will result in the deduction of 5 penalty points. This aims to balance out the points for those who manage a large number of Horses.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
Please see section (B).

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
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<b>Proposed Wording</b>
If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for metabolic reasons <b><i>which require immediate treatment</i></b> at any CEI or National Event in a rolling year, it must be given a 10 penalty. If the horse eliminated only for Higher pulse with no serious implication it will not receive any penalty points.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
A Horse becoming metabolic is a consequence of how the Athlete is managing the Horse during competition. We would like to leave these penalty points in order to encourage safe riding.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
865. WARNING CARDS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Allow yellow cards to be used instead of Incorrect Behavior 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 Behavior 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 behavior, 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>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>865.1 Endurance Yellow Warning Card:</b> The President of the Ground Jury, the Chief Steward or the Technical Delegate may issue an Endurance Yellow Warning Card to a Person Responsible for offences relating to Horse Abuse, failure to comply with the protective headgear requirements, <i>minor incorrect behaviour offenses</i> or otherwise where specified in these Endurance Rules. For <i>Grave</i> Incorrect Behavior, only the Incorrect Behavior Card may be used. The consequences that apply if the same person receives one or more Endurance Yellow Warning Card(s) are set out in the FEI General Regulations.</p> <p><b>865.2 Incorrect Behavior Card:</b> The President of the Ground Jury, the Chief Steward or the Technical Delegate may issue an Incorrect Behavior Card to an Athlete or Trainer for Incorrect Behavior under Article 864.1 <i>or grave Horse Abuse</i>. An Incorrect Behavior Card will result in 100 penalty points, Disqualification, and a suspension of two months.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We propose to go back to the previous system and re-align with other disciplines by eliminating the Incorrect Behaviour Card and using the Yellow Warning Card system for incorrect behaviour again. The previous system being that if a Person Responsible (PR) receives two Yellow Warning Cards, this results is a two-month suspension.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p><del>865.2 Incorrect Behaviour Cards: The President of the Ground Jury, the Chief Steward or the Technical Delegate may issue an Incorrect Behaviour Card to an Athlete or Trainer for Incorrect Behaviour under Article 864.1. An Incorrect Behaviour Card will result in 100 penalty points, Disqualification, and a suspension of two months.—“Intentionally Omitted”</del></p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 3: ELIMINATION CODES
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We offer to introduce additional Elimination Codes to exactly describe the metabolic reasons for elimination.</p> <p>For example,  <b>FTQ-ME-Pulse</b> for Heart Rate above 64 bpm,  <b>FTQ-ME-Sound</b> for bad Gut Sounds,  Etc.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
TBC
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not see the need to introduce these elimination codes. This information can be found on the vet cards if needed.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 3: ELIMINATION CODES
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Add Disqualification code for a horse who is not appearing to be physically fit, basically Poor physical condition, even though the vital & metabolic signs are good.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<a href="#">FTQ – Poor Bad Condition</a>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree with this proposal and are currently working on it with the Endurance/Veterinary Working Group.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A



<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 3: ELIMINATION CODES
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Add a disqualification code for hyposensitivity control system examination in ELIMINATION CODES in Endurance rule , so it will be easy to reflect such disqualification cases automatically in the results and the consequences once it's received from the timing system.</p> <p>This will enable all concerned to keep track of disqualifications as the additional rest period for hyposensitivity is 28 days (refer FEI rules Art. 839.2.1).</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>DSQ- Hypo</b></p> <p>A Combination is Disqualified in accordance with Article 839.2.1</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
This Disqualification reason already exists on the FEI Database and when a Horse is Disqualified for Hyposensitivity, this result is visible.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EEF MOU
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 4: FEI WORLD ENDURANCE RANKINGS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>To enhance the value of the FEI Endurance athlete ranking we would recommend to take the 5 best results of the year for each rider. We see in this new concept the possibility of rewarding a fair balance combining sport performance and regularity on several events.</p> <p>Due to the specificity of the discipline we would support that FEI Endurance combinations &amp; horses rankings to be based on a rolling 2 years period of time. It would give credit to a longer achievement having in mind that horses cannot multiply too many competitions on a short period of time and we should avoid any motivation to go that direction.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Athlete ranking is established by taking into account the 5 best results of the Athlete for a period of time that spans from 1 January until 31 December of the calendar year.</p> <p>Combination and horse ranking are established by taking into account all the results of the Combination or Horse (depending on the ranking) for a rolling 2 years period of time that spans from 1 January until 31 December of the following calendar year.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We would like to add some new elements to the current Ranking rules to make them more exciting and reflecting of Athlete and Horse achievements. Please refer to page 239-244 of this document for the proposal.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
Pages 239-244

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 4: FEI WORLD ENDURANCE RANKINGS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Set a limit on the number of rides that count and award more points at rides with more starting combinations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>FEI Ranking to calculate the 5 best rides of each Athlete and award more points to competitions with more starters and/or finishers.</p> <p>FEI Rankings should have some prize money.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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Pages 239-244

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URU NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 4: FEI WORLD ENDURANCE RANKINGS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We agree that rules are actualized every year as to correct aspects of the sport which do not follow the spirit or principles of the discipline, however we are surprised to see that all actualizations are based on punishments.</p> <p>Many riders are incredible horsemen that treat their horse with respect and follow the endurance rules every time they compete, but we see that doing the correct things is not valued, that’s why we propose creating positive points.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extra points in ranking by obtaining best condition award ( for rider and horse)</li> <li>• Extra points in ranking for athletes by obtaining a pre-established percentage of qualified rides by applying a defined factor that considers the amount of rides where the athlete took part.</li> <li>• Extra points for horses that remain active during various years meaning they have a caring team behind where equine welfare is the paramount</li> </ul>
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<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
Pages 239-244

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EEF MOU
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION <b>PART A: VETERINARY CONTROL</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
To improve the set-up of some venues in regards to efficiency, security and misused of pictures without proper context details we would recommend to define more clearly the requirements of treatment stables location and access management.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Treatment stables must be away from the public area, but close to the veterinary inspection area. The access has to be regulated.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal as some venues may not be able to do this, but could still find a set up that is appropriate for Horses and Officials.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
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<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
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N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION
<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>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>9.3.e.iii When an electronic heart rate monitor is used and a Horse may be subject to elimination for Heart Rate, the electronic system must be able to display upon request by the Ground Jury the average beats of the heart based on how long the assessment has taken in the same manner as a stethoscope would have counted for an entire minute (counting all beats for the initial 60 seconds instead of small fractions).</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>This has been an ongoing discussion about whether we should change the way HR monitoring devices are calculating the Heart Rate.</p> <p>In theory, the counting of each pulse sounds good, but in order to put it in practice correctly, we would need to cover all the cases where the contact with the horse is lost which results in the difficulty to count all the pulses over the 60 seconds period (or shorter), we are then required to restart the entire HR assessment, which gives more time for the Horse to rest. We would need to cover every possible scenario.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A



**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

UAE NF

**Article No.–Article Name**

ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION

**9.3 Heart rate assessment procedure**

(iv) If the heart rate is greater than the maximum heart parameter after the 60-second assessment:

(A) Except for the Final Horse Inspection (where only one presentation is permitted), if there is **sufficient time** 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.

(B) **If there is no time remaining for a heart rate re-inspection** 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), **then a confirmation procedure must be completed to confirm the failed assessment.** 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 **15 seconds only**. 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)

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

This rule is creating confusion 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.

**Proposed Wording**

ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION

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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).

**FEI Feedback**

We agree with the proposed clarification.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)****9.3 Heart rate assessment procedure**

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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ITA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION 9.3 <b>Heart rate assessment procedure</b> (f) Determining whether the Horse's heart rate complies with the maximum heart rate parameters
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The 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.  This rule no helps the behaviour of horses, for example: a horse stay at 62 bpm for 28 seconds and after goes to 65 bpm until 60 seconds. in this way it fail the inspection.  Better to insert Compulsory Re-inspection with a +8 or higher CRI
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
(i) The Horse's heart rate will be measured for a minimum of 15 seconds and a maximum of 60 seconds <del>at 15-second intervals.</del>  (ii) If at any <del>of these 15-second intervals-moment</del> after the first 15 seconds, the heart rate reading complies with the maximum heart rate parameter, then the reading may be recorded and the inspection completed. <del>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).</del>  (iii) <del>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.</del>  If a horse has a CRI of +8 bpm or higher it have to go to Compulsory Re-inspection
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION <b>9.10 Specific additional procedures for the Final Horse Inspection</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The purpose of the Final Horse Inspection is to determine whether the Horse is still fit to continue after a normal rest period for another full Loop.</p> <p>Therefore, we offer that Final Horse Inspection must be conducted twice:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) after the arrival from the last loop,</li> <li>2) after the specified Final Hold Time (50-60 minutes) in the same way as the Compulsory Re-Inspection.</li> </ol> <p>We can call it the Final Compulsory Re-Inspection (Final CRI).</p> <p>The result of the horse will be considered as successful completion only after passing the Final CRI</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>(a) The purpose of the Final Horse Inspection is to determine whether the Horse is still fit to continue after a normal rest period for another full Loop.</p> <p><b>After the Final Horse Inspection, there is a designated Final Hold Time after which the Final Compulsory Re-Inspection must be conducted.</b></p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
While in principal we agree with this proposal, it could prove quite difficult to implement on the ground. We propose to study it further.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We do not understand why there is a difference between the 15 seconds 60 heart beats requirement and the rest of the heart rate assessment nor did we find any studies to cover this aspect. The parameter should be 64 bpm at every 15 seconds interval including the first, which was working well for many years.</p> <p>We would also like for the second machine assessment to be a whole minute, like the first machine, to avoid any possible errors in the readings as we do not have an established system to calculate the heart beats that every manufacturer has to follow.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with the proposal and do not see the need to change the current wording. The reason for 60 bpm after 15 seconds is because the heart rate is not completely stable.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Allow Treatment Veterinarians to act as Heart Rate EOVs as long as they have not treated any horse.</p> <p>The costs of running an 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>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
9.11 Any EVT Endurance Treating Veterinary Official if also qualified as EOV Endurance Official Veterinarian may work during Horse Inspections as a Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarian until they are required to start treating horses at a competition.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree with this proposal and propose the below.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p>Annex 5: Horse Inspections, Examinations, Control of Medication  Part B: horse Inspections and Examinations  9. Assessments during Horse Inspections</p> <p>9.2 <b>Assessments for all Horse Inspections:</b> The Veterinarian conducting the Horse Inspection will assess the Horse’s general condition and its metabolic status, while taking into account the Horse’s recovery time (see Article 816.2). The assessments will include heart rate, mucous membrane characteristics, capillary refill time, intestinal activity (gut sounds), estimated hydration status, and demeanour. The Veterinarian will also evaluate the Horse’s gait and assess any soreness on palpation of the back and girth, the texture and any sensitivity of the muscles, and any minor injuries including in the mouth or around the saddle and girth area. These assessments and any other observations regarding the Horse’s condition must be recorded on the Vet Card.</p> <p>9.2.1 A Treating Veterinarian who has been appointed on the approved Event Schedule, may assist in conducting the veterinary inspections on the vet lanes when there is a high number of Horses arriving together, provided this Treating Veterinarian has the required level (EOV) to perform this function, and provided there are no Horses that need treatment. As soon as this Treating Veterinarian is needed to treat a Horse, they may no longer be part of the Veterinary Commission on the vet lane. Priority must always be given to Horses in need of treatment.</p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
BRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION <b>PART C: VETERINARY TREATMENT DURING COMPETITION</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
In order to reduce the cost of CEIs the treatment vet at a CEIs if also qualified as a line vet should be able to work in the vet check until he starts his work as treatment vet . Given the fact that most horses in the 1st and 2nd vet gate arrive together and at that point normally these vets are not yet giving treatment.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
At any CEI , the treatment vet (if suitably qualified) , may also serve as line vet as long not any treatment has taken place, especially at the first and second vet gate when normally at Endurance competitions a great number of horses arrive together.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree with this proposal and propose the below.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
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<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION <b>PART C: VETERINARY TREATMENT DURING COMPETITION</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Treating Veterinarians: Analyzing the development of the competition we see that in the first phase is where the vet check gets saturated with horses for the first inspection and no horses need veterinary treatment.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
In an attempt to optimize resources, we propose that the treating vet who is accredited to fulfil the functions of a line veterinarian can participate in vet check during the first phases while they are not required in the hospital.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree with this proposal and propose the below.
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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NED NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION Veterinary Rules ANNEX VIII HYPOSENSITIVITY CONTROL SYSTEM EXAMINATION
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
During 2022 hyposensitivity has been done, but we have missed them at bigger events. During the Young Riders and Junior Championship in Vic the first finished athletes were not checked. We would like to see that at Championships the first 10 horses at the finish line will be checked at hyposensitivity.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
During Championships the first 10 horses crossing the finish line will be checked at hypersensitivity.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Almost all Horses are checked at the first inspection and then further testing is carried out during the Competition. The current system is working well as the HSC team has a strategy for testing.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ARG NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Focusing on allowing suitably qualified FEI veterinarians in the veterinary commission to oversee the work of the national veterinarians. The national veterinarian with the appropriate veterinary qualification and equine experience would provide clinical diagnosis and treatment.</p> <p>Regarding the OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS those who operate the hearts rate monitors could be national veterinarians, advanced students or experienced stewards, all of them previously qualified by the NF and under the supervision of the president of the veterinary jury. This point facilitates the organization added to lower costs and does not affect the quality of the control and management of the horse (See art 816.5.2).</p> <p>Related to the courses for veterinarians, the need to provide the courses in the local language is noteworthy. With this you can add more and better professionals.</p> <p>About THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT, this point generates the loss of valuable veterinary professionals who could work locally in their country and in neighboring countries with the same language and where they do not need to speak or write English until reach level 4*.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>A National vet with suitable veterinary qualification and equine experience would provide the clinical diagnosis and treatment.</p> <p>Who operate the Heart Rate Monitors could be national veterinarians, advanced students or experienced stewards, all of them previously qualified by the NF and under the supervision of the President of the Veterinary Jury.</p> <p>The English language requirement is only for 4*</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We do not agree with these proposals. The English requirement is essential for good communication during events, and for learning the FEI rules. We foresee possible issues with athletes complaining that the HR measurement was not conducted professionally.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NZL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS Treating Veterinary Commission for CEI 1* and CEI 2*
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
This proposal would enable Suitably qualified FEI vets in the Vet commission to oversee the work of National vets. The National vet with suitable veterinary qualification and equine experience would provide the clinical diagnosis and treatment. The FEI requirement would be overseen and approved to meet FEI requirements by an OV also on site.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>Annex 6 OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS</b> Treating Veterinary Commission <b>CEI 2*(see note 4 and 6)</b> <b>CEI 1*(see note 4 and 6)</b> <u>(6) For Events with less than 20 horses the Treating Veterinary Commission may comprise of National Vets, providing a Member of the Veterinary Commission is prepared to oversee the Treatments and ensure FEI requirements are met.!</u>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal. National vets can always get experience from FEI vets during national events.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
USA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS Treating Veterinary Commission for CEI 1* and CEI 2*
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
This proposal would enable Suitably qualified FEI vets in the Vet commission to oversee the work of National vets. The National vet with suitable veterinary qualification and equine experience would provide the clinical diagnosis and treatment. The FEI requirement would be overseen and approved to meet FEI requirements by a OV also on site.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Annex 6 Treating Veterinarians Table amended to <b>show CEI2* (see note 7 and 9) CEI 1* (see note 7 and 9)</b>  Add New Footnote: <b>(9) For events with less than 20 horses the Treating Veterinary Commission may comprise of National Vets, providing a member of the Veterinary Commission is prepared to oversee the Treatments and ensure FEI requirements are met.</b>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal. It is essential that treatment vets go through the FEI education system to understand the way that the rules must be applied.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Allow the officials Level 2 Judges/vets and Stewards to become president of at CEI 1* competitions.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal due to the way our current Education system is designed. Furthermore, CEI1* have the largest number of entries as well as a large number of novice riders and horses which makes it a challenging event.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EEF MOU
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The requirement to have Level 3 stewards in CEI1* and 2* for OCs in several countries is very challenging. We believe that the rule could remain efficient by allowing Level 2.</p> <p>This would also give more experience to Level 2 stewards and reinforce their experience before becoming Level 3.</p> <p>Having a different rule for CEI2* as follow might be already a compromise very appreciated by OCs having lower number of entries :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CEI2* with less than 20 entries : CS Level 2 minimum</li> <li>- CEI2* with 20 or more entries : CS Level 3 minimum</li> </ul>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
CEI1*, CEI2* Minimum level of Chief Steward : level 2
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal and have proposed several relaxations to the promotion system which should alleviate these concerns.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The requirement to have Level 3 stewards in CEI1* and 2* for OCs in several countries is very challenging. We believe that the rule could remain efficient by allowing Level 2.</p> <p>This would also give more experience to Level 2 stewards and reinforce their experience before becoming Level 3.</p> <p>Having a different rule for CEI2* as follow might be already a compromise very appreciated by OCs having lower number of entries :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CEI2* with less than 20 entries : CS Level 2 minimum</li> <li>- CEI2* with 20 or more entries : CS Level 3 minimum</li> </ul>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
CEI1*, CEI2* Minimum level of Chief Steward : level 2
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal and have proposed several relaxations to the promotion system which should alleviate these concerns.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
SWE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The requirement to have Level 3 Chief Stewards in CEI 1* and 2* Events is very Challenging for OC in countries where the Endurance Sport is small with just a few internationell Events.. We believe that the rule could remain efficient by allowing Level 2 Chief Stewards.</p> <p>This would also give more experience to Level 2 stewards and reinforce their experience before becoming Level 3.</p> <p>Having a different rule for CEI2* Events as follow could be a compromise very appreciated by OCs having lower number of entries :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEI2* with less than 20 entries : CS Level 2 minimum</li> <li>• CEI2* with 20 or more entries : CS Level 3 minimum</li> </ul>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
CEI1*, CEI2* Minimum level of Chief Steward : Level 2
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal and have proposed several relaxations to the promotion system which should alleviate these concerns.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A



<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Lower costs for organising competitions.</p> <p>Promote Endurance by reducing the costs required to organise competitions and ease of access into the sport. The Officials, calendar and Anti-Doping costs required for these events should be minified (without risking the competition) allowing to hold small competitions with few starters.</p> <p>Where Level 4, or Level 3 Officials with over 10 years experience at that level are appointed, reduce the requirements for Stewards and Ground Jury by one.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>Costs relating to Calendar fees and anti-doping fees are not governed by the Endurance Rules. These fees are set out in the FEI Financial Charges document (accessible <a href="#">here</a>) which is approved at each year’s General Assembly. Regarding the per diem, as per Article 851.1.1 per diems at FEI Endurance Events are not mandatory.</p> <p>The experience of an Official does not compensate for needing people at an event, as the need for additional Officials is related to the number of entries.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
FEI to only select FGJ and FVD at 3* competitions. The current rule for the FEI to appoint 7 officials at all 3* with more than 20 entries must be revisited so that Organizing 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. Also paying for their travel costs so that the OC is not limited by this action would be very beneficial. Make the FEI appoint relevant Foreign officials where it is needed and without causing aggravation on the OCs which are the pillars of the discipline.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Modify the tables for the FEI to appoint only the FVD and FJ at 3* events with more than 20 entries.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
In practice OCs often propose the key Officials in the Schedule and the FEI approves them. This has been working well between FEI HQ and the OCs. In some cases, where a venue is problematic or is in need of certain improvements the current rule allows us to appoint experienced Officials to elevate the level of the organisation. The aim is always to improve and assist. We do our best to make sure that the logistics work and that the costs are kept at a minimum.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>For CEI3* events with more than 20 entries, the FEI should appoint only Foreign Judge and Foreign Vet Delegate.</p> <p>In case the FEI appoints any Officials, the OC will pay up to 300 CHF for the travel expenses for appointed Officials, and all the rest travel expenses for appointed Officials will be covered by the FEI.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
TBC
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ITA NAM NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To encourage FEI events in our region the hosting of an FEI Event pulls at the most about 5 entries (26-27.05.2022)</li> <li>Currently we only have only 5 officials in a radius of 600 km between the North and the central parts.</li> <li>The costs to host an FEI event is exuberant to cover the travelling, Per Diem and accommodation.</li> <li>If we can appoint <b>only</b> a PGJ, TD and CS at an even, it will make it a feasible goal to host an FEI event.</li> </ul>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>PARA 2</p> <p>For CEI's with 20 entries or less, the event will require a TD, GJ PRESIDENT (also acting as FJ if required) and a CS.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal but have introduced in section B some relaxations to help with these issues.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NZL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Annex 6 currently defines the required officials for events with 20 entries or more. This amendment will set appropriate levels of officials for events with less than 20 entries.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>Annex 6: Officials Required for Events.</b></p> <p>Paragraph 2:</p> <p>For CEIs with 20 entries or less, the Event will require a TD, a PGJ (also acting as FJ if required), a GJ member, a Veterinary Commission President (also acting as FVD if required) and two OV as per the following table. There is no Chief Steward required and this role will be added to the role of the TD or PGJ, who will also oversee the Assistant Steward/s as per Annex 6. There is no requirement for a Treating Veterinary Commission, and this role will be added to the duties of one of the VC members. <del>the FEI will consult with the OC to appoint Officials.</del> For CEIs with more than 20 entries, Officials will be appointed in accordance with the tables below:</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We have introduced some relaxations in Part B. Please refer to page 247-251 of this document.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
Pages 247-251

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
USA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Annex 6 currently defines the required officials for events with 20 entries or more. This amendment will set appropriate levels of officials for events with less than 20 entries.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>Annex 6: Officials Required for Events.</b></p> <p>Paragraph 2:</p> <p>For CEIs with 20 entries or less, the <del>FEI will consult with the OC to appoint Officials.</del> event will require a TD, a GJ President (also acting as Foreign Judge if required), a GJ member, A Vet Commission President (also acting as Foreign Vet if required) and 2 OV as per the following table. There is no CS required and this role will be taken over by the TD or PGJ. There is no TV, and this role will be taken over by one of the OV's.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We have introduced some relaxations in Part B. Please refer to page 247-251 of this document.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
Pages 247-251

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
BRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
In countries with only a few FEI events, the horse must sometimes travel very far to have this examination at a CEI.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>In CEI1* events the examination procedure must be done by the President of the Vet Commission and two members of the vet commission. In case this examination is done at a CEN the horse in question must be examined by a FEI vet least 3* and same procedure to be followed through the FEI veterinary Department.</p> <p>The combination should be able to enter in the FEI entry system and only will be released to compete after the examination. The purpose is apart from the veterinary examination to check on rider and horse qualifications through the FEI system.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The proposal is that once 180-days of MOOCP are done, the Horse can go back to CENs. In case the Horse wishes to go back to the CEIs/when it regains its CEI qualifications, the Horse will have to undergo the Annex 7 Inspection at an FEI Event, and once it passes the Annex 7 Inspection, it will be released from the indefinite MOOCP on the FEI Database.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p><b>ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA</b></p> <p style="color: red;">For Horses that wish to participate in National rides, or Horses that have lost their CEI qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After the 180 days MOOCP has been completed, the Horse may enter a CEN ride subject to the usual national veterinary controls.</li> <li>- Should this Horse wish to participate again in CEI rides, the 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 (and the below examination procedure will apply).</li> </ul> <p>Further to the table at Article 839.2.1, after a Horse Fails to Qualify for irregular gait (FTQGA) 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>..... (...)</p> <p><b>2. Examination procedure:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2.2 The examination must consist of, but is not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Walk and trot on a straight line;</li> <li>(b) Walk and trot both ways in a circle; and</li> <li>(c) Palpation of relevant tissues.</li> </ol>

2.3 The panel of Veterinarians must notify the Ground Jury of the results of the examination (in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations). ~~The Ground Jury must decide whether or not the Horse is fit to continue to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection.~~

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

~~2.5 If the Horse passes the Final Horse Inspection, the FEI Endurance Department will remove the flag from the Horse's profile on the FEI database.~~



<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EEF MOU
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The current regulation for the return to competition of horses who have been suspended could be improved especially from the perspective of countries without enough CEI corresponding to requalification opportunities.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Examination after third (or subsequent) FTQ-GA is to add in the following option to 2.1 ' The examination can also take place at a national endurance event with a minimum distance of 60km , provided that the notification process described at point 1 has been carried out; the examining panel to comprise 3 x FEI veterinarians who must be 3* or 4*.'
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The proposal is that once 180-days of MOOCP are done, the Horse can go back to CENs. In case the Horse wishes to go back to the CEIs/when it regains its CEI qualifications, the Horse will have to undergo the Annex 7 Inspection at an FEI Event, and once it passes the Annex 7 Inspection, it will be released from the indefinite MOOCP on the FEI Database.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p><b>ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA</b></p> <p>For Horses that wish to participate in National rides, or Horses that have lost their CEI qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After the 180 days MOOCP has been completed, the Horse may enter a CEN ride subject to the usual national veterinary controls.</li> <li>- Should this Horse wish to participate again in CEI rides, the 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 (and the below examination procedure will apply).</li> </ul> <p>Further to the table at Article 839.2.1, after a Horse Fails to Qualify for irregular gait (FTQGA) 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>..... (...)</p> <p><b>2. Examination procedure:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2.2 The examination must consist of, but is not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Walk and trot on a straight line;</li> <li>(b) Walk and trot both ways in a circle; and</li> <li>(c) Palpation of relevant tissues.</li> </ol> <p>2.3 The panel of Veterinarians must notify the Ground Jury of the results of the examination (in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations). <del>The Ground Jury must decide whether or not the Horse is fit to continue to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection.</del></p>

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

~~2.5 If the Horse passes the Final Horse Inspection, the FEI Endurance Department will remove the flag from the Horse's profile on the FEI database.~~

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
839. MANDATORY OUT OF COMPETITION PERIODS (...) ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>For Horses requiring to travel to FEI events to do the examination, sometimes horses have to travel far without even an intent to participate in the event. Horses should be allowed to participate in CEN events after the Out of competition period in the meanwhile, which allows the horse to be tested at smaller distances before trying to commit again to a FEI competition.</p> <p>Horses should be entered into the competition like any other and appear on the Master List so that the Ground Jury and Organizing Committee can properly track the horse and their athlete with the FEI entry system. Four weeks is not very practical, everything should be tied to the entry system so that it is more automatic and automatic notifications to the Ground Jury, Veterinary Commission and OC/timekeeper through the entry system exports.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
b) Horse must undergo a specific examination protocol before being eligible to compete in any FEI Events <del>or National Events</del> (the protocol for this examination is set out in Annex 7).
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The proposal is that once 180-days of MOOCP are done, the Horse can go back to CENs. In case the Horse wishes to go back to the CEIs/when it regains its CEI qualifications, the Horse will have to undergo the Annex 7 Inspection at an FEI Event, and once it passes the Annex 7 Inspection, it will be released from the indefinite MOOCP on the FEI Database.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p><b>ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA</b></p> <p style="color: red;">For Horses that wish to participate in National rides, or Horses that have lost their CEI qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After the 180 days MOOCP has been completed, the Horse may enter a CEN ride subject to the usual national veterinary controls.</li> <li>- Should this Horse wish to participate again in CEI rides, the 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 (and the below examination procedure will apply).</li> </ul> <p>Further to the table at Article 839.2.1, after a Horse Fails to Qualify for irregular gait (FTQGA) 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>..... (...)</p> <p><b>2. Examination procedure:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

2.2 The examination must consist of, but is not limited to:

- (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). ~~The Ground Jury must decide whether or not the Horse is fit to continue to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection.~~

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

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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
GBR NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
<p>The current procedure is not equitable in as much as countries which organise a small number of FEI rides or where these rides are geographically spread over a wide area, offer a reduced number of opportunities for horses to be re-examined.</p> <p>The proposal is to add an additional route to facilitate this examination.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>2. Examination procedure</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In CEI1* events the examination procedure must be done by the President of the Veterinary Commission and two members of the vet commission. <del>Examination must be done at CEI events.</del> <span style="color: red;">The examination can take place at a venue other than at a FEI ride, provided that the notification process described at point 1 has been carried out. The examination procedure must be done by 3 x FEI veterinarians who must all be either 3* or 4*. The cost of the 3 x veterinarians to be borne by the horse owner/athlete and negotiated with them in advance of the assessment.</span></p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The proposal is that once 180-days of MOOCP are done, the Horse can go back to CENs. In case the Horse wishes to go back to the CEIs/when it regains its CEI qualifications, the Horse will have to undergo the Annex 7 Inspection at an FEI Event, and once it passes the Annex 7 Inspection, it will be released from the indefinite MOOCP on the FEI Database.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p><b>ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">For Horses that wish to participate in National rides, or Horses that have lost their CEI qualification:</span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: red;">- After the 180 days MOOCP has been completed, the Horse may enter a CEN ride subject to the usual national veterinary controls.</span></li> <li><span style="color: red;">- Should this Horse wish to participate again in CEI rides, the 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 (and the below examination procedure will apply).</span></li> </ul> <p>Further to the table at Article 839.2.1, after a Horse Fails to Qualify for irregular gait (FTQGA) 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>..... (...)</p> <p><b>2. Examination procedure:</b></p> <p>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.</p>

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.

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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ITA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The current regulation for the return to competition of horses who have been suspended could be improved especially from the perspective of countries without enough CEI corresponding to requalification opportunities.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Examination after third (or subsequent) FTQ-GA is to add in the following option to 2.1 ' The examination can also take place at a national endurance event with a minimum distance of 60km , provided that the notification process described at point 1 has been carried out; the examining panel to comprise 3 x FEI veterinarians who must be 3* or 4*.'
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The proposal is that once 180-days of MOOCP are done, the Horse can go back to CENs. In case the Horse wishes to go back to the CEIs/when it regains its CEI qualifications, the Horse will have to undergo the Annex 7 Inspection at an FEI Event, and once it passes the Annex 7 Inspection, it will be released from the indefinite MOOCP on the FEI Database.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p><b>ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA</b></p> <p>For Horses that wish to participate in National rides, or Horses that have lost their CEI qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After the 180 days MOOCP has been completed, the Horse may enter a CEN ride subject to the usual national veterinary controls.</li> <li>- Should this Horse wish to participate again in CEI rides, the 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 (and the below examination procedure will apply).</li> </ul> <p>Further to the table at Article 839.2.1, after a Horse Fails to Qualify for irregular gait (FTQGA) 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>..... (...)</p> <p><b>2. Examination procedure:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2.2 The examination must consist of, but is not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Walk and trot on a straight line;</li> <li>(b) Walk and trot both ways in a circle; and</li> <li>(c) Palpation of relevant tissues.</li> </ol> <p>2.3 The panel of Veterinarians must notify the Ground Jury of the results of the examination (in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations). <del>The Ground Jury must decide whether or not the Horse is fit to continue to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection.</del></p>

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.

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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NED NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
839. MANDATORY OUT OF COMPETITION PERIODS (...) ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
When a horse after third (or subsequent) FTQ-GA (Failure to Qualify – irregular gait) in a rolling year should have the option after 24 months to renew his novice registration instead of examination period according Annex 7.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Third (or subsequent) FTQ-GA (Failure to Qualify – irregular gait) in a rolling year a) 180-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period; and b) Horse must undergo a specific examination protocol before being eligible to compete in any FEI Events or National Events (the protocol for this examination is set out in Annex 7).  c) renewal of his novice qualification
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The proposal is that once 180-days of MOOCP are done, the Horse can go back to CENs. In case the Horse wishes to go back to the CEIs/when it regains its CEI qualifications, the Horse will have to undergo the Annex 7 Inspection at an FEI Event, and once it passes the Annex 7 Inspection, it will be released from the indefinite MOOCP on the FEI Database.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p><b>ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA</b></p> <p>For Horses that wish to participate in National rides, or Horses that have lost their CEI qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After the 180 days MOOCP has been completed, the Horse may enter a CEN ride subject to the usual national veterinary controls.</li> <li>- Should this Horse wish to participate again in CEI rides, the 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 (and the below examination procedure will apply).</li> </ul> <p>Further to the table at Article 839.2.1, after a Horse Fails to Qualify for irregular gait (FTQGA) 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>..... (...)</p> <p><b>2. Examination procedure:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2.2 The examination must consist of, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Walk and trot on a straight line;</li> <li>(b) Walk and trot both ways in a circle; and</li> <li>(c) Palpation of relevant tissues.</li> </ul>

2.3 The panel of Veterinarians must notify the Ground Jury of the results of the examination (in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations). ~~The Ground Jury must decide whether or not the Horse is fit to continue to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection.~~

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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
SWE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
839. MANDATORY OUT OF COMPETITION PERIODS (...) ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>a. 180 days mandatory out of competition period. b. Horse must undergo a specific exam e.t.c. according to annex 7.</p> <p>The current regulation for the return to competition of horses who have been suspended could be improved especially from the perspective of countries without enough CEI corresponding to requalification opportunities.</p> <p>Sugestion: After the MOOCP period give the horse reasonable time in "quarantain" (6 month, 1 year?) before it can start again at national competitions on a lower level (maximum 79 km). We also suggest that the horse must undergo a specific health exam at a Verinary Clinic in its home country before the first start on national level.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
The horse must undergo a specific examination at a Verinary Clinic in its home country before the first start on national level, maximum 79 km.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The proposal is that once 180-days of MOOCP are done, the Horse can go back to CENs. In case the Horse wishes to go back to the CEIs/when it regains its CEI qualifications, the Horse will have to undergo the Annex 7 Inspection at an FEI Event, and once it passes the Annex 7 Inspection, it will be released from the indefinite MOOCP on the FEI Database.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p><b>ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA</b></p> <p>For Horses that wish to participate in National rides, or Horses that have lost their CEI qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After the 180 days MOOCP has been completed, the Horse may enter a CEN ride subject to the usual national veterinary controls.</li> <li>- Should this Horse wish to participate again in CEI rides, the 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 (and the below examination procedure will apply).</li> </ul> <p>Further to the table at Article 839.2.1, after a Horse Fails to Qualify for irregular gait (FTQGA) 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>..... (...)</p> <p><b>2. Examination procedure:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2.2 The examination must consist of, but is not limited to:</p>

- (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). ~~The Ground Jury must decide whether or not the Horse is fit to continue to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection.~~

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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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’</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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</li> <li>4. Horses participating only in national competitions should have the provision of examination at a national event follow national examination protocol</li> </ol> <p>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.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Examination can be done by a panel of FEI listed veterinarian in a national competition. The FEI listed Ground Jury will update the FEI/NF whether the horse is fit to continue in a national competition.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The proposal is that once 180-days of MOOCP are done, the Horse can go back to CENs. In case the Horse wishes to go back to the CEIs/when it regains its CEI qualifications, the Horse will have to undergo the Annex 7 Inspection at an FEI Event, and once it passes the Annex 7 Inspection, it will be released from the indefinite MOOCP on the FEI Database.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p><b>ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA</b></p> <p style="color: red;">For Horses that wish to participate in National rides, or Horses that have lost their CEI qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After the 180 days MOOCP has been completed, the Horse may enter a CEN ride subject to the usual national veterinary controls.</li> <li>- Should this Horse wish to participate again in CEI rides, the 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 (and the below examination procedure will apply).</li> </ul> <p>Further to the table at Article 839.2.1, after a Horse Fails to Qualify for irregular gait (FTQGA) 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>..... (...)</p> <p><b>2. Examination procedure:</b></p> <p>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.</p>

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:

- (a) Walk and trot on a straight line;
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**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

URU NF

**Article No.–Article Name**

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

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

In many countries the number of CEI annual competitions is very low, together with long traveling distances to reach the venue.

**Proposed Wording**

We propose FEI authorizes FEI vets present in a CEN competition to carry out the PRE Ride inspection of horses, so that they do not to travel long distances to a FEI competition, so if the horse does not pass the pre ride inspection he will not make an unnecessary trip, lowering costs and possible injuries of the horse.

**FEI Feedback**

The proposal is that once 180-days of MOOCP are done, the Horse can go back to CENs. In case the Horse wishes to go back to the CEIs/when it regains its CEI qualifications, the Horse will have to undergo the Annex 7 Inspection at an FEI Event, and once it passes the Annex 7 Inspection, it will be released from the indefinite MOOCP on the FEI Database.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

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

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- Should this Horse wish to participate again in CEI rides, the 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 (and the below examination procedure will apply).

Further to the table at Article 839.2.1, after a Horse Fails to Qualify for irregular gait (FTQGA) 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.

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**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.

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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
URU NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI General Regulations Article 118 - Person Responsible
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The high standards and professionalism of the athletes, their participation in different countries, and competing for different owners, gets tackled with the PR regulations. Riders are considered the PR where in the majority of situations they are not involved in the treatments applied to the horse.</p> <p>There are situations where the rider handles the horse to the trainer or groom during the event and has no authority over what happens with the horse, the rider should be exonerated of responsibility if he or she is not the owner, trainer of the horse, (when owner or trainer of the horse then you can consider him or her the PR).</p> <p>The same situation occurs when the rider’s horse tests positive to a banned or controlled drug, he or she should not be considered PR if he or she is not owner or trainer of the horse.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>In our opinion the horse and the trainer should be penalized (longer resting periods for the horse and penalty points for the trainer) in situations where they do not comply with the endurance rules and riders should have no responsibility over the case.</p> <p>Riders should only be penalized when seen by stewards applying not permitted treatments to the horse during an event or being by the horse when this happens, or any other direct action that can be penalized</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Please refer to the FEI General Regulations Rule Memo. It is not proposed to deviate from the current Person Responsible system.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ARG NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI General Regulations Article 164 - Sanctions 164.8 Removal of an Official from an Event
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>There is no consolidated instrument for specific use that allows the issuance of reports from CO's or Endurance Departments of each National Federation to inform about the performance of Officials in the different events.</p> <p>Therefore, it is requested to implement a Report Model in this regard.</p> <p>This would contribute to greater control over the performance of the Officials and would even act as a record of actions.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
To be determined by FEI
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The FEI can look into how information regarding Officials is shared with the relevant National Federation. However, this would not be a matter to be regulated under the rules. Currently, in principle whenever disciplinary action is initiated by the FEI in relation to an FEI Official, the Official's National Federation is copied on the notification letter/decision.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ARG NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI General Regulations APPENDIX E – CIMs
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We share the idea that the smaller nations running CEI 1* and CEI 2* are desperately trying to support and grow FEI endurance sport in their countries. To be successful and sustainable, these events must minimize costs to the OC, NF, and Rider. The endurance riding market is now very competitive and passport costs have caused many riders to opt out of the FEI discipline and opt for cheaper national options. Riders from smaller nations isolated from major endurance events also see little to no added value from purchasing the passport. Particularly where the horse is more unlikely to ever compete in international events in foreign countries due to the high cost of travel.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
In the Table of CIMs Endurance: CEI 1*, CEI 2*.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
In order to address the hardships that some National Federations have reported as a result of removing the CEI2* from the CIM category, we propose to re-instate the CEI2* as a CIM provided that it comes within certain criteria that will be set out in the FEI Endurance Rules (subject to approval at the FEI General Assembly 2023). We expect that the majority of current CEI2* will meet the criteria to be considered as a CIM.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
(...) 803.1.2 2*: Competitions between 120-139 km in one day, or between 70- 89 km per day over two days. (...)
<b>Concept for Proposed change:</b> 803.1.2
A CEI2* will be categorised as a CIM provided that it meets all of the following criteria: - The distance is between 120 – 126km; - The prize money is less than CHF 20,000 (including the value of prizes in kind); - The number of entries is below 100.
Penalties can be imposed where an OC/NF runs an Event as a CIM if it later emerges that the above referenced criteria were not complied with (for example if the prize money limit was exceeded).
2* Championships are not considered as CIMs regardless of the distance or the prize money. 2* Competitions can be held in one day, or between 70-89 km per day over two days with a minimum of three loops per day.

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
BRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI General Regulations APPENDIX E – CIMs
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The rule of the 2* becoming a Major event and requiring FEI passports, made a great number of riders lose interest to participate at FEI competitions and prefer CENs instead. Which will eventually result in less qualified horses and consequently less 3* competitions and from that point on in a spiral going downwards.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Proposal: a 2* only should become a major event if there is prize money of over 20.000 CHF.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
In order to address the hardships that some National Federations have reported as a result of removing the CEI2* from the CIM category, we propose to re-instate the CEI2* as a CIM provided that it comes within certain criteria that will be set out in the FEI Endurance Rules (subject to approval at the FEI General Assembly 2023). We expect that the majority of current CEI2* will meet the criteria to be considered as a CIM.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
(...) 803.1.2 2*: Competitions between 120-139 km in one day, or between 70- 89 km per day over two days. (...)
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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EEF MOU
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI General Regulations APPENDIX E – CIMs
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>There is a strong willingness from endurance stakeholders to bring back CEI2* within the "CIMs" in regards to the extra costs involved and the cuts it made in terms of growth. Of course we are aware of the purpose for the change which has been made. We don't see the financial reason as the one for the FEI to have promoted this change few years ago. Based on these elements we suggest to find a regulatory way to do not impose the extra costs on riders/owners shoulders when it comes to participate in CEI2* in their home country. It would also have a positive impact on number of entries on 2* events. By doing so and keeping all other requirements from CIs we consider it would be a positive step forward and sign addressed to the community, especially for the stakeholders who constitute the base of the international discipline in every country.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>In order to address the hardships that some National Federations have reported as a result of removing the CEI2* from the CIM category, we propose to re-instate the CEI2* as a CIM provided that it comes within certain criteria that will be set out in the FEI Endurance Rules (subject to approval at the FEI General Assembly 2023). We expect that the majority of current CEI2* will meet the criteria to be considered as a CIM.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>(...)  <b>803.1.2 2*:</b> Competitions between 120-139 km in one day, or between 70- 89 km per day over two days.          (...)</p> <p><b>Concept for Proposed change:</b>          803.1.2</p> <p>A CEI2* will be categorised as a CIM provided that it meets all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The distance is between 120 – 126km;</li> <li>- The prize money is less than CHF 20,000 (including the value of prizes in kind);</li> <li>- The number of entries is below 100.</li> </ul> <p>Penalties can be imposed where an OC/NF runs an Event as a CIM if it later emerges that the above referenced criteria were not complied with (for example if the prize money limit was exceeded).</p> <p>2* Championships are not considered as CIMs regardless of the distance or the prize money.          2* Competitions can be held in one day, or between 70-89 km per day over two days with a minimum of three loops per day.</p>

## Rules Proposal Submitted By

FRA NF

## Article No.–Article Name

FEI General Regulations  
APPENDIX E – CIMs

## Explanation for Proposed Change

[Same text submitted through the document for General Regulations changes]

There is a strong willingness from several NFs and endurance stakeholders to bring back CEI2\* within the "CIMs" in regards to the extra costs involved and the cuts it made in terms of growth of the discipline.

Nevertheless, being aware of the purpose for the change which has been made we do see the possibility to find a better solution which would suit fair arguments from both sides.

We don't see the financial reason as the one for the FEI to have promoted this change a few years ago. Based on these elements we suggest to find a regulatory way to do not impose the extra costs on riders/owners shoulders when it comes to participate in CEI2\* in their home country. It would also have a positive impact on number of entries on 2\* events which are potentially prioritising to compete nationally.

By doing so and keeping all other requirements from CIs we consider it would be a positive step forward, especially for the stakeholders who constitute the base of the international discipline in every country.

## Proposed Wording

If the above proposal-specificity would not be accepted, then we ask to bring back CEI2\* within CIMs.

DISCIPLINE	LEVEL:
ENDURANCE	CEI1* & CEI2*
	CEIYJ1* & CEIYJ2*

## FEI Feedback

In order to address the hardships that some National Federations have reported as a result of removing the CEI2\* from the CIM category, we propose to re-instate the CEI2\* as a CIM provided that it comes within certain criteria that will be set out in the FEI Endurance Rules (subject to approval at the FEI General Assembly 2023). We expect that the majority of current CEI2\* will meet the criteria to be considered as a CIM.

## Proposed Wording

(...)

803.1.2 2\*: Competitions between 120-139 km in one day, or between 70- 89 km per day over two days.

(...)

### **Concept for Proposed change:**

803.1.2

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- The distance is between 120 – 126km;
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- The number of entries is below 100.

Penalties can be imposed where an OC/NF runs an Event as a CIM if it later emerges that the above referenced criteria were not complied with (for example if the prize money limit was exceeded).

2\* Championships are not considered as CIMs regardless of the distance or the prize money.

2\* Competitions can be held in one day, or between 70-89 km per day over two days with a minimum of three loops per day.

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI General Regulations APPENDIX E – CIMs
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
CEI 2* are most commonly not high-level events as they are often run as qualification competitions with few registrations that do not break-even the cost of the events. It is very rare to have prize money in these. Even when run as national championships, the competitors at these competitions motivations to run as CI instead of CN is to keep qualifying themselves and their horses.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
CEI1* & CEI2* under 20.000 CHF prize money
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
In order to address the hardships that some National Federations have reported as a result of removing the CEI2* from the CIM category, we propose to re-instate the CEI2* as a CIM provided that it comes within certain criteria that will be set out in the FEI Endurance Rules (subject to approval at the FEI General Assembly 2023). We expect that the majority of current CEI2* will meet the criteria to be considered as a CIM.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
(...) 803.1.2 2*: Competitions between 120-139 km in one day, or between 70- 89 km per day over two days. (...)
<b>Concept for Proposed change:</b> 803.1.2
A CEI2* will be categorised as a CIM provided that it meets all of the following criteria: - The distance is between 120 – 126km; - The prize money is less than CHF 20,000 (including the value of prizes in kind); - The number of entries is below 100.
Penalties can be imposed where an OC/NF runs an Event as a CIM if it later emerges that the above referenced criteria were not complied with (for example if the prize money limit was exceeded).
2* Championships are not considered as CIMs regardless of the distance or the prize money. 2* Competitions can be held in one day, or between 70-89 km per day over two days with a minimum of three loops per day.



<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
ITA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI General Regulations APPENDIX E – CIMs
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</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.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Apply only for CEI3* events.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
In order to address the hardships that some National Federations have reported as a result of removing the CEI2* from the CIM category, we propose to re-instate the CEI2* as a CIM provided that it comes within certain criteria that will be set out in the FEI Endurance Rules (subject to approval at the FEI General Assembly 2023). We expect that the majority of current CEI2* will meet the criteria to be considered as a CIM.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
(...) 803.1.2 2*: Competitions between 120-139 km in one day, or between 70- 89 km per day over two days. (...)
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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NAM NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI General Regulations APPENDIX E – CIMs
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Smaller Nations running CEI 1* and CEI 2* are desperately trying to support and grow the FEI Endurance sport in their countries. To be successful and sustainable these events need to minimize costs to the OC, NF, and Rider. The market for Endurance riding is very competitive and passport costs have seen many riders opt out of the FEI Discipline and into nationally based cheaper options. Riders in smaller nations isolated from the main Endurance events also see little or no value added by the purchase of the passport. Particularly where the horse is most unlikely to ever compete at international events in foreign countries due to cost of travel.</p> <p>Suggestion is to revisit the * rating of each event to encourage growth in the smaller Nations giving all a fair platform to grow and compete. If the CEI 2* can be a lower level event again, the FEI passport is not needed in our Country. That will encourage the riders to participate at CEI2* events.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
In the Table of CIM's Endurance – CEI 1*, CEI 2* (Young Rider/Junior and Senior)
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
In order to address the hardships that some National Federations have reported as a result of removing the CEI2* from the CIM category, we propose to re-instate the CEI2* as a CIM provided that it comes within certain criteria that will be set out in the FEI Endurance Rules (subject to approval at the FEI General Assembly 2023). We expect that the majority of current CEI2* will meet the criteria to be considered as a CIM.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>(...)</p> <p>803.1.2 2*: Competitions between 120-139 km in one day, or between 70- 89 km per day over two days.</p> <p>(...)</p> <p><b>Concept for Proposed change:</b> 803.1.2</p> <p>A CEI2* will be categorised as a CIM provided that it meets all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The distance is between 120 – 126km;</li> <li>- The prize money is less than CHF 20,000 (including the value of prizes in kind);</li> <li>- The number of entries is below 100.</li> </ul> <p>Penalties can be imposed where an OC/NF runs an Event as a CIM if it later emerges that the above referenced criteria were not complied with (for example if the prize money limit was exceeded).</p> <p>2* Championships are not considered as CIMs regardless of the distance or the prize money.</p> <p>2* Competitions can be held in one day, or between 70-89 km per day over two days with a minimum of three loops per day.</p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NED NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI General Regulations APPENDIX E – CIMs
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We would like to see that the CEI2* is 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 prize 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.</p> <p>Furthermore we suggest to add that when there is a substantial amount of prize money, the rider has to be classified to ride a CEI3*.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
CEI2* is a CIM
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>In order to address the hardships that some National Federations have reported as a result of removing the CEI2* from the CIM category, we propose to re-instate the CEI2* as a CIM provided that it comes within certain criteria that will be set out in the FEI Endurance Rules (subject to approval at the FEI General Assembly 2023). We expect that the majority of current CEI2* will meet the criteria to be considered as a CIM.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>(...)  <b>803.1.2 2*:</b> Competitions between 120-139 km in one day, or between 70- 89 km per day over two days.          (...)</p> <p><b>Concept for Proposed change:</b>          803.1.2</p> <p>A CEI2* will be categorised as a CIM provided that it meets all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The distance is between 120 – 126km;</li> <li>- The prize money is less than CHF 20,000 (including the value of prizes in kind);</li> <li>- The number of entries is below 100.</li> </ul> <p>Penalties can be imposed where an OC/NF runs an Event as a CIM if it later emerges that the above referenced criteria were not complied with (for example if the prize money limit was exceeded).</p> <p>2* Championships are not considered as CIMs regardless of the distance or the prize money.</p> <p>2* Competitions can be held in one day, or between 70-89 km per day over two days with a minimum of three loops per day.</p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
NOR NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI General Regulations APPENDIX E – CIMs
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The goals for the change proposed by the FEI at the last GA have not been reached. The drifts have not been counter. The side effects were for all worldwide stakeholders to endorse the costs (complexity, finance) of it. As there are no positive results of the change, we believe it is important to review this problematic implementation.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Bring back CEI2* within CIMs listed levels inside the table.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
In order to address the hardships that some National Federations have reported as a result of removing the CEI2* from the CIM category, we propose to re-instate the CEI2* as a CIM provided that it comes within certain criteria that will be set out in the FEI Endurance Rules (subject to approval at the FEI General Assembly 2023). We expect that the majority of current CEI2* will meet the criteria to be considered as a CIM.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>(...)</p> <p style="color: red;">803.1.2 2*: Competitions between 120-139 km in one day, or between 70- 89 km per day over two days.</p> <p>(...)</p> <p><b>Concept for Proposed change:</b> 803.1.2</p> <p style="color: red;">A CEI2* will be categorised as a CIM provided that it meets all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The distance is between 120 – 126km;</li> <li>- The prize money is less than CHF 20,000 (including the value of prizes in kind);</li> <li>- The number of entries is below 100.</li> </ul> <p style="color: red;">Penalties can be imposed where an OC/NF runs an Event as a CIM if it later emerges that the above referenced criteria were not complied with (for example if the prize money limit was exceeded).</p> <p style="color: red;">2* Championships are not considered as CIMs regardless of the distance or the prize money.</p> <p style="color: red;">2* Competitions can be held in one day, or between 70-89 km per day over two days with a minimum of three loops per day.</p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
SWE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI General Regulations APPENDIX E – CIMs
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>There is a strong willingness from endurance stakeholders to bring back CEI2* within the "CIMs" in regards to the extra costs involved and the cuts it made in terms of growth of the sport.</p> <p>Based on these elements we suggest to find a way not to impose the extra costs on riders/owners when it comes to participate in CEI2* in their home country. If CEI 2* Events sort under "CIMs" We believe that it would have a positive impact on number of entries at CEI 2* events if they sort under CIMs.</p> <p>By doing so and keeping all other requirements from CIs we consider it would be a positive step forward and a tool to develop Endurance among NFs where the Endurance Sport is small.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
URU NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI General Regulations APPENDIX E – CIMs
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>CEI 2 * is now considered a MAJOR event, this means a recognition card or FEI passport is needed , raising the total cost by a large amount of money which we see reflected in the decrease in the number of participants in this category .</p> <p>By the way we have seen that CEI 1* events around the world are now organized with the maximum distance of 119 km, a way to evade this new rule.</p> <p>In our country we have compared the number of participants before and after this new article and we see :</p> <p>CEI 2* 120 km year 2021—-- 125 participants  CEI 2* 120 km year 2022—-- 49 Participants</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>For this tendency not to continue we propose dividing this category in two.</p> <p>CEI 2* minor event. 120 km to 129 km  CEI 2* Major event. 130 km to 139 km</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>In order to address the hardships that some National Federations have reported as a result of removing the CEI2* from the CIM category, we propose to re-instate the CEI2* as a CIM provided that it comes within certain criteria that will be set out in the FEI Endurance Rules (subject to approval at the FEI General Assembly 2023). We expect that the majority of current CEI2* will meet the criteria to be considered as a CIM.</p>
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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EEF MOU
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI Endurance Championships Bidding Process, Allocation, Test event
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We would support FEI by implementing a clearer framework to apply for 3* Championships. This would bring more transparency/understanding, help NFs and OCs to better anticipate their potential bids, give more visibility to athletes. Above all it would give a stronger chance to have successful championships. Of course there might have been very successful counter examples but due to the threat the current process must be reinforced. FEI HQ will also get more elements to act when an OC does not fulfil its engagement.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Requirements to host FEI 3* championship :</p> <p>To be eligible to bid for an FEI 3* championships :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 CEI3* must have been organised on the concerned venue</li> <li>- commit to run a pre ride competition. This test event must respect the following criteria : organised at the same period of the championship the year before, on the championship distance, with the same number of loops.</li> </ul> <p>If the test event is not organised, or not corresponding to the expected level of quality the FEI has the full right to cancel its agreement with the concerned OC and restart a fast track bidding process. In this case the above criteria still apply with the exception of the period of the test event if this is not implementable due to too short timeframe.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The FEI does not propose to introduce the criteria suggested above into the rules. The FEI Endurance World Championships for Seniors and the FEI Endurance European Championships for Seniors are the only 3* Championships. Detailed bid guides are issued for both of these Championships setting out the technical requirements which allows for more flexibility rather than relying on strict regulatory criteria. A venue that has successfully hosted a CEI2* can be capable of holding a 3* Championship (eg Butheeb) provided the organisation/planning is well managed and subject to a test event.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI Endurance Championships Bidding Process, Allocation, Test event
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
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<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A



<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
NEW
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
To promote the Endurance discipline, we offer to create a new type of events. Because not every World/European Championship in Endurance has prize money, we suggest establishing the <b>FEI Endurance World Cup</b> like in Jumping and Dressage. It will be a highest-level <b>CEI5*-W</b> event with a compulsory prize money.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
TBC
 <p>The logo for the FEI Endurance World Cup is displayed within a purple rectangular frame. At the top of the frame is a thin orange horizontal bar. Below this bar is a stylized orange silhouette of a rider on a horse. A white horizontal line is positioned below the silhouette. Underneath the line is the FEI logo in white, followed by the text 'ENDURANCE WORLD CUP™' in a bold, white, sans-serif font.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
This is an interesting proposal that will be studied.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
NEW
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
To promote the Endurance discipline, we offer to create a new category for World Championships – the <b>FEI Endurance World Championship for Elite Riders</b> . Only riders with Elite Athlete status can participate in these championships. Currently, Elite Athlete status has not had much value, and establishing this Championship will encourage riders to achieve this status.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
TBC
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
At this point we are not creating new Endurance Championships as the costs associated with creating new CH are quite high. However, this is a good idea which we will keep for the future.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
NEW
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>To promote the Endurance discipline, we offer to introduce a compulsory annual fee for funding the prize money pool for every World Cup and/or World Championships.</p> <p>Like EADCMP fee, amount of 50 CHF per year will be charged from every registered athlete. For 2022, there are 2432 athletes in Endurance Open Riders World Ranking. Therefore, they can collect <math>2432 \times 50 = 121,600</math> CHF of prize money that can be used proportionally between World Championships held in the current year.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
TBC
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
NEW
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
To promote the Endurance discipline, we offer to create a new category in FEI Endurance Rankings – <b>FEI Endurance Open Trainers World Ranking</b> . A trainer is a very important player in Endurance sport, so it will be for good to know the best trainers in the world whose horses are ranked high. Trainers Ranking will be based on Horse Ranking – points for all horses belonging to the one trainer will be summed up.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
TBC
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree with this proposal and we will work to implement it but it is not something to be included in the Endurance Rules.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
NEW
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
To promote the Endurance discipline, we offer to create a new category in FEI Endurance Rankings – <b>FEI Endurance Elite Riders World Ranking</b> . Currently, Elite Athlete status has not had much value, and establishing this Ranking will encourage riders to achieve this status.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
TBC
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree with this proposal and will work on an Elite Riders World Ranking.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
NEW
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>To improve the image of Endurance discipline, we offer to implement a <b>classification system for all organisers of Endurance events</b>. Every venue/organiser will be classified with a Star Level depending on its existing infrastructure and the experience of the OC. The FEI will evaluate every venue based on reports from TD/FJ, and then assign the Star Level according to the checklist of requirements.</p> <p>There will be a Star Rating system where a 5* Level will be assigned to the world-class venues with permanent infrastructure and permanent vet gate, and where the OC has at least 5 years of experience in organising the 160 km CEIs; while a 1* Level will be assigned to new venues without any permanent infrastructure at all, and where the OC has no or little experience in organising CEI events.</p> <p><b>The right to organise CEI events will be granted in line with the level of the venue.</b> So, a 1* venue can organise only CEI1* events; a 2* venue can organise CEI2* events; a 3* venue can organise CEI3* events; a 4* venue can organise World/Continental Championships (which are CEI4* events); and only 5* venue can organise FEI Endurance World Cup (which will be CEI5* event as we proposed above).</p> <p>By implementing this Rule, we can avoid situations when the high-level event is organised at a venue that is not equipped with the required infrastructure.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
TBC
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
While this is a very interesting idea, it will take a few years to roll out. It will also be limiting for countries that cannot afford a permanent venue meaning their Athletes/Horses will not be able to progress through the FEI levels. While a permanent venue is a bonus, it is not a requirement of the Endurance discipline since some venues have a moving vet gate, and in some countries they will choose the tracks depending on the weather (rain, sand.. etc).
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
NEW
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We offer to establish the FEI Program for Championship Organisers in order to provide the experience exchange.</p> <p>The OCs that have bid for future Championships must visit all current Championships and get accreditation to watch the work of the OC of the current Championship and gain experience.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
TBC
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>There is currently a provision that allows OC's of future championships to be accredited at CH to visit the venue and gain insight and ideas for organisation. To make it a requirement might not be feasible as travel costs are quite high, and information exchange can happen online which is something the Endurance department already offers.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
NEW
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>For World Championships we offer to create a special Independent Veterinary Commission consisting of 3 Veterinarians whose names are not disclosed.</p> <p>This Commission will arrive at the Vet Gate only for the Final Vet Inspection, and this Commission will conduct the Heart Rate Inspection for the first 3 riders in the presence of a representative of the FEI, using only manual stethoscope.</p> <p>This procedure will allow avoiding any possibility of illegal influence and interference in the work of the veterinary commission during the Final Vet Inspection.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
TBC
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The Officials are carefully selected for Championships and the presence of FEI staff and the Independent Governance Advisor is working well. This is also an additional cost for three extra officials that will only work at the final vet gate.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A



**B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI**

Article No.–Article Name
801. HORSE WELFARE
Explanation for Proposed Change
For purposes of clarification, we propose the additional below wording.
Proposed Wording
<p>801.1 Horse welfare is the first priority in Endurance: everything possible must be done to protect Horse health, safety, and welfare at all times. This guiding principle is the most important responsibility of all persons participating in Events, including Athletes, Trainers, Owners, Crew Members, Support Personnel, teams, Chefs d'Equipe, and Officials. Anyone participating in any capacity in any Event is required to comply strictly with both the letter and spirit of Article 801 and the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse, <b>including without limitation in preparation for the Event (by implementing good training practices), during the Event (by exercising good horsemanship and safely managing the Horse over the course), and following the Event (by ensuring the Horse receives appropriate rest from competition in accordance with these Endurance Rules), and by at all times ensuring proper care for the Horse.</b></p> <p>(...)</p> <p>801.2.2 The Athlete is responsible for <b>exercising good horsemanship and</b> safely managing the condition of their Horse over the course, taking account of the climate, <b>terrain, ground surfaces,</b> and other conditions <b>of the course,</b> without compromising the welfare of their Horse.</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>801.2.4 By entering the Competition, the Owner of the Horse consents to veterinary treatment that, in the opinion of the Treating Veterinarian(s), is required to ensure the welfare of the Horse, and to the transport of the Horse to the designated referral facility for further assessment, care, or monitoring, should that be deemed necessary. <b>If the Horse then leaves the venue without agreement of the President of the Veterinary Commission, President of the Treating Veterinary Commission, and Foreign Veterinary Delegate removal of competition consequences will apply (Articles 801.1, 801.3.2 and 810.1).</b></p>

**Article No.–Article Name**

802. CATEGORIES OF FEI ENDURANCE EVENTS  
802.4 Championships and Games

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

In order to encourage more entries and to create team placings in Young Horses Championships.

**Proposed Wording**

802.4.1 Championships (and Games) have an official individual classification and an official team classification (~~except for Young Horse Championships, where there is only an official individual classification~~). Article 802.3.2 also applies to Official Team Competitions at Championships (and Games).

**Article No.–Article Name**

802. CATEGORIES OF FEI ENDURANCE EVENTS  
802.5 Test event for Championships

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Correction of English.

**Proposed Wording**

802.5.2 The FEI Endurance Technical Committee will decide whether or not the test event meets the above criteria. There shall be no appeal ~~from~~ **against** that decision.

Article No.–Article Name
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805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS
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Explanation for Proposed Change
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In order to accommodate Athletes losing body weight during competition, we propose allowing a margin of up to 1kg. If an Athlete is weighed and is found to have lost up to 1kg and is therefore below the minimum weight allowed, the Officials will inform the Athlete to put on the weight lost. If the Athlete is weighed again and found to still be below the allowed minimum weight, the Athlete will be Disqualified.
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This proposal aims to give one chance to Athletes who are losing water weight during rides.
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Proposed Wording
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805.3.4 <b>Subject to Article 803.5 below</b> , if an Athlete fails to comply with the minimum weight requirements or to submit to a weight control, the Athlete will be Disqualified <b>for Underweight</b> .
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805.3.5 <b>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.</b>
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Article No.–Article Name
807. METHOD OF STARTING
Explanation for Proposed Change
For the purpose of clarification, we have added the below wording.
Proposed Wording
807.5 The start time of any Combination that does not present on time for the start of the Competition is recorded as if it had started on time. No Combination may start later than 15 minutes after the official start time of each Phase. Failure to comply with this provision will result in Disqualification.

## Article No.–Article Name

809. CLASSIFICATION  
809.3 Team classification

## Explanation for Proposed Change

For the purpose of clarification and alignment with the approach for all the other disciplines, we have added the below wording.

## Proposed Wording

809.3.4 If any Combination whose result counted towards team classification is subsequently Disqualified, ~~the classification of that entire team will become null and void that Combination's result will be removed from the team result and replaced with the result of the next applicable team member (if any).~~ This will not affect the individual classification of the other Combinations in that team.

## Article No.–Article Name

809. CLASSIFICATION  
809.4 Dead Heat

## Explanation for Proposed Change

In order to avoid any confusion about how to determine the winner at a close finish and to clarify if the winning Horse is judged by its nose, foot, or any other part of the body crossing the finish line, we propose the following clarification to this Article.

## Proposed Wording

809.4 **Dead heat:** When two or more Combinations start the Competition at the same time and finish with the same total elapsed riding time, the Ground Jury (assisted by the Stewards) must determine which Combination crossed the finish line first (whether based on plain sight or photo/video evidence) and that Combination will be classified ahead of the other Combination. ~~Such determination must be based on the tip of the nose of the Horse that crosses the finish line first.~~ There may not be any ties.

## Article No.–Article Name

809. CLASSIFICATION  
809.5 Failure to Qualify, Disqualification, withdrawal and retirement

## Explanation for Proposed Change

In order to clarify that in between Phases, a Horse is only allowed to retire within the permitted departure time which is its Hold time plus (+) 15 minutes as per the clarification made to article 807.5.

## Proposed Wording

809.5.4 Retirement occurs when an Athlete decides (without otherwise being removed from the Competition) not to continue in the Competition after their Horse passes the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, provided that this happens (i) before the Combination crosses the start line, or (ii) at the end of a Phase provided that the Combination has successfully completed that and any previous Phases and passes all Horse Inspections after each of those Phases, including any compulsory re-inspection or vet-requested re-inspection (the Horse must be considered fit to continue in the Competition at each of those inspections). ~~Should an Athlete wish to retire their Horse at the end of a Phase, the Horse must be presented to the Vetting Area and pass all required Inspections. The maximum time a Horse has for Retirement after completing a Phase is its hold time plus 15 minutes as per Article 807.5.~~

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
810. REMOVAL FROM COMPETITION
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We are adding 'reasons' for disqualifications which will be displayed on the FEI Database. This proposal is to create <i>DSQ – Horse not presented</i> .
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
810.1 All Horses removed (voluntarily or otherwise) from Competition must be presented for Horse Inspection either to the FEI Veterinary Commission or the FEI Treatment Veterinary Panel immediately after removal, unless the President of the Veterinary Commission, President of the Treating Veterinary Commission, and Foreign Veterinary Delegate permit the Horse's immediate transfer from the Field of Play to a pre-authorized treatment centre and the Horse's veterinary records are updated accordingly. Failure to comply with this Article will result in the issue of an Endurance Yellow Warning Card to the Athlete and Trainer, Disqualification of the Combination <b>with Horse Not Presented</b> , imposition of a 60-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period for the Horse, and the penalty points set out in Article 864.

Article No.–Article Name
813. FIELD OF PLAY
Explanation for Proposed Change
Correction of English.  Addition of team Farriers as people who must be clearly identified at Championships.
Proposed Wording
813.1.1 Course ( <del>split</del> <b>divided</b> into Loops and Phases, as detailed in the Competition Schedule and the plan of the course, see Articles 814, 815, and 817-820); (...) 813.3.3 At Championships, Chefs d'Equipe and Team Veterinarians and <b>team Farriers</b> must be clearly identified by the OC (e.g. with a bib). The Chefs d'Equipe and Team Veterinarians must wear the official identification at all times on the Field of Play. (...) 813.5 Horses must remain in clear view: At all times on the Field of Play, Horses must be capable of being clearly observed by FEI Veterinary Officials, Ground Jury and/or Stewards. No screens, equipment or barrier of any kind (including a human barrier) may be used to obscure any part of the Horse and/or prevent such observation. Horses may not be put in lorries or trailers <del>to prevent observation while they are competing</del> . Failure to comply with this Article may result in Disqualification and/or an Endurance Yellow Warning Card.

Article No.–Article Name
813. FIELD OF PLAY <b>813.1.4 Training tracks/loops</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal to add training tracks/loops as part of Field of Play.
Proposed Wording
<b>813.1.4 Training tracks/loops</b> (the area where Horses train before the start of the competition which must be prepared to eliminate any dangerous obstacles, must be well marked and must be monitored by the OC or Stewards).

Article No.–Article Name
814. LOOPS
Explanation for Proposed Change
Currently, the OC determines the number and length of the Loops and it is submitted through their NF to the FEI to approve. It is only later that the PGJ , the PVC and the FVD learn about the number and length of the Loops through the approved and published Schedule.
Proposed Wording
<p style="color: red; margin: 0;"><del>814.4.1 Subject to this Article 814.4 and Article 818.3, the OC will determine the length of each Loop of the Competition, and must advise the President of the Ground Jury, President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate of the number of Loops and the length of each Loop.</del></p> <p style="color: red; margin: 0;">814.4.1 Subject to this Article 814.4 and Article 818.3, the OC will determine the length of each Loop and the number of Loops of the Competition and must include this information in the Official Schedule.</p>

Article No.–Article Name
814. LOOPS
Explanation for Proposed Change
In order to encourage safe and smart riding, we proposed to lengthen the final loop at Championships in order to deter a full gallop at the finish.
Proposed Wording
814.4.2 The length of each Loop may vary (i.e. Loops do not have to be of an equal length). Each Loop must be a minimum of 20 km and a maximum of 40 km in length. <span style="color: red;">For Championships, the final Loop must be a minimum of 25 km and a maximum of 40 km in length.</span>

Article No.–Article Name
814. LOOPS 814.4 Requirements for Loops
Explanation for Proposed Change
We propose to lower the requirement for the number of Loops for a 2* multiday competition so that it can be run over two loops. Given that longer distances discourage speed and are therefore safer for Horses and Athletes.
Proposed Wording
814.4.3 A Competition may be spread over one or more days, but each day of a multiday Competition must be divided into at least <span style="color: red;">three Loops two Loops for a 2* multiday and 3 loops for a 3* multiday Competition.</span>



**Article No.–Article Name**

814. Loops  
 818. Course design, terrain, and safety  
 852. Technical Delegate / Course Designer

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

The Course Designers are no longer part of the FEI Officials and we have decided to not refer to this function in the rules.

**Proposed Wording**

814.4.5 Loops must not be specially designed or constructed for speeds that increase the risk of injury for the Horses. The ~~Course Designer or~~ Technical Delegate will make the final decision on this issue.

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818.1 The OC ~~and the Course Designer (if appointed)~~, in consultation with the Technical Delegate, should assist in creating a technically challenging course across country (within the limits of the terrain and weather conditions) that will test the stamina and riding skills of the Combinations, without compromising the welfare of the Horses.

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852. TECHNICAL DELEGATE/~~COURSE DESIGNER~~

852.3 The Technical Delegate must check and approve, in advance of the Event, ~~in coordination with the Course Designer (if appointed by the OC)~~, the layout of the course and ride conditions to protect the welfare of Horses and safety of Athletes based on the level of the Competition(s), the degree of difficulty of the course, and the complicating weather conditions. ~~The Course Designer is under the supervision of the Technical Delegate. For CEIs, the Technical Delegate may also act as the Course Designer.~~

Article No.–Article Name
816. VET GATES 816.4 Access to the Vetting Area
Explanation for Proposed Change
It is encouraged that the Athlete presents their Horse at the vet gate in case any information exchange between the Athlete and the lane Vet is needed. Added a clarification is added to only allow Team Vets and Chefs in the vet gate when a Horse from their country is being presented.
Proposed Wording
816.4 <b>Access to the Vetting Area:</b> Subject to any further restrictions set out in the Competition Schedule or specified by the Ground Jury, no more than two people (of which one is preferably the Athlete) may accompany a Horse in the Vetting Area. In addition, at Championships and CEIOs, the Team Veterinarian and/or Chef d'Equipe may access the Vetting Area during the Competition provided that they report their presence to the President of the Ground Jury and only if a Horse of their country is being presented. Any persons entering the Vetting Area must be properly identified in accordance with Article 813.3.

Article No.–Article Name
816. VET GATES 816.6 Heart rate assessment
Explanation for Proposed Change
We propose that for Championships the maximum recovery time of each loop is 10 minutes (except for the last loop), in order to eliminate Horses that are having a hard time recovering and therefore strengthening the welfare parameters.
Proposed Wording
816.6.1 For all Events (regardless of star level), Horses must be presented for a heart rate assessment with a heart rate of no more than:
(a) 64 beats per minute (bpm) within 15 minutes of crossing the end line of each Loop (except the final Loop), except for Championships, 60 bpm within 10 minutes of crossing the end line of each Loop (except the final Loop); and
(b) 64 bpm within 20 minutes of crossing the finish line of the final Loop, except for Championships, 60 bpm within 12 minutes of crossing the finish line of the final Loop.

Article No.–Article Name
816. VET GATES 816.6 Heart rate assessment
Explanation for Proposed Change
For the purpose of clarification
Proposed Wording
816.6.4 Subject to Article 816.6.6, if the Horse's heart rate is higher than the maximum heart rate parameters, the Horse may leave the Vetting Area and be presented a second time for a heart rate re-inspection within the permitted presentation time. If a Horse does not pass the second presentation, it will be designated as Failed to Qualify (subject to the confirmation procedure in paragraph 9.3(f)(i) of Annex 5). A third presentation is not permitted.

**Article No.–Article Name**

816. VET GATES  
816.6 Heart rate assessment

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Adding a disqualification reason to be reflected on the FEI Database when the results are displayed as 'DSQ- Late Presentation'. We are also proposing to add 10 penalty points for this disqualification to deter Athletes from withholding their Horses from receiving the veterinary care they need.

**Proposed Wording**

816.6.8 Failure to comply with the time limits for presentation of the Horse to the Vetting Area will result in Disqualification for **Late Presentation**. In such circumstances, the Horse must still be submitted to a Horse Inspection, and so an additional designation for Failure to Qualify for veterinary (or other) reasons may also apply in addition to the Disqualification.

**Article No.–Article Name**

864. Athlete and Trainer Penalty Points

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

We are also proposing to add 10 penalty points for Disqualification for Late Presentation in order to deter Athletes from withholding their Horses from receiving the veterinary care they need. The below line will be added to the existing table of Article 864.1.

**Proposed Wording**

Incident	Penalty points
Disqualification for Late Presentation	10

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
817. PLAN OF THE COURSE
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
For the purpose of clarification.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
817.2 Plans, maps <del>and GPS</del> : Once the course is finalised, and no later than the pre-ride briefing, each Athlete must be given access to: (...) 817.2.2 a map in a scale of at least 1:50'000 <del>or GPS equipment</del> . <b>or a digital alternative that performs the function of mapping, tracking and navigation.</b>

Article No.–Article Name
819. MARKING THE COURSE
Explanation for Proposed Change
To expand on the need for clear course markings on a course.
Proposed Wording
819.1 The course markings must be clearly, distinctly and consistently marked to indicate the correct direction and easy to see so that there is no doubt as to how to proceed on the course. In particular, a distance marker must be placed every 10 km, and the start and end of each Loop must be clearly and distinctly marked. The markings may be flags, ribbons, signs, lime, paint, etc.

## Article No.–Article Name

822. ASSISTANCE ON COURSE & FAIR PLAY

## Explanation for Proposed Change

A clarification to stress the importance of biosecurity measures at Events, especially for common water troughs which must NOT be shared.

When a Horse arrives to a Water point, or to the Recovery area, it is advised that the OC strategically places these large water troughs in a way that allows the Athlete/Crew sufficient opportunity to retrieve water using personal buckets before the Horse makes its way to the body of water.

## Proposed Wording

822.4.3 There are also separate ~~designated~~ areas on the course at least every 10 km where drinking water ~~will be provided~~ **must be available** for Horses (see Article 814.4.7), **subject to Article 1026 of the FEI Veterinary Rules.**

**It is advised that, if possible, large water troughs are strategically placed so that the Athlete has the opportunity to gather water using a personal bucket.**

**Article No.–Article Name**

825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT  
 825.2 Permitted tack  
 825.2.6 Nosebands

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

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.

**Proposed Wording**

Please refer to the memo on the Proposed Changes to the FEI General Regulations for the explanation of the proposed new rule in relation to Nosebands.

If you have comments on the proposal in relation to nosebands, please include them as part of your NF’s feedback on the General Regulations.

**Article No.–Article Name**

825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT  
 825.2 Permitted tack

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

For the purpose of clarification.

**Proposed Wording**

825.2.11 Head collars are permitted only **in the Vetting Area** and if the Horse can be adequately controlled and does not pose any safety risk to any person or other Horse. Otherwise (and in most cases) a bridle must be used.

**Article No.–Article Name**

825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

For the purpose of clarification.

**Proposed Wording**

825.3 **Prohibited tack/equipment:** Use of the following is prohibited at all times on the Field of Play and in training areas **and, subject to Article 825.6, in the event of a breach of this Article, the Combination will be Disqualified:**

Article No.–Article Name
834. COMPETING AT CEI EVENTS ONCE QUALIFIED
Explanation for Proposed Change
For the purpose of clarification, and to ease the requirements to qualify at the CEI3* as a combination without compromising the intention of this rule.
Proposed Wording
834.1 Once qualified for the CEI 1* and CEI 2* levels, there are no further requirements to compete at those levels <b>within the given validity period (Article 835.2)</b> .
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 <b>CEI 1* or</b> 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).



**Article No.–Article Name**

839. MANDATORY OUT OF COMPETITION PERIODS  
839.2 Additional MOOCP

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

In order to facilitate the application of Annex 7 around the world, and to not block Horses that do not wish to continue their career in FEI rides, we propose the below change as well as proposal on pages 167-184 of this document.

**Proposed Wording**

<b>Incident</b>	<b>Additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period and other consequences</b>
Horses that exceed an average of 20 km/hour over completed Loops of a course (calculated in accordance with Article 838)	7 days
Second FTQ-ME (Failure to Qualify – metabolic) in a rolling year	14 days
Third (or subsequent) FTQ-ME (Failure to Qualify – metabolic) in a rolling year	60 days (subject to extension under Article 839.2.3)
Third (or subsequent) FTQ-GA (Failure to Qualify – irregular gait) in a rolling year	a) 180-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period; and b) Horse must undergo a specific examination protocol before being eligible to compete in any FEI Events <del>or National Events</del> (the protocol for this examination is set out in Annex 7).
Serious Injury (musculoskeletal)	180 days (subject to extension under Article 839.2.3)
Serious Injury (metabolic)	60 days (subject to extension under Article 839.2.3)
Disqualification for Hyposensitivity	4 weeks (28 days)
Failure by the Person Responsible to provide a copy of the veterinary report from a designated/approved referral centre to the FEI Veterinary Department in accordance with Article 840	180 days (and Horse will not be permitted to compete until the veterinary report is provided)

**Article No.–Article Name**

842. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

These Transitional Provisions are no longer relevant.

**Proposed Wording**

~~**842. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**~~

~~**842.1 Qualifications:**~~

~~842.1.1 As of 1 July 2020, Athletes and Horses retain any star level qualification and successful completions that they had achieved as at 30 June 2020. They will be deemed to have completed the qualification requirements for their star level under these Endurance Rules.~~

~~842.1.2 The qualification requirements for Championships set out in Article 836 will not apply to any Championships being held in 2020, and so will apply only to Championships held from 1 January 2021 onwards. The qualification procedure for Championships set out in the 2019 edition of the endurance rules (see article 816.3) will apply to Championships held in 2020 (the FEI will issue a guidance document to assist in explaining the qualification criteria for the remaining 2020 Championships).~~

~~842.1.3 Athletes and Horses who have successfully completed a CEI 2\* or CEI 3\* together in combination since 30 June 2018 will be deemed to have qualified to compete as a Combination at the CEI 3\* level for a period of two years from 1 July 2020.~~

~~**842.2 Consequences under Article 837:** The consequences under Article 837 (for repeated FTQ and/or DSQ designations with average speeds exceeding 20 km/hour) will be imposed based only on results obtained from 1 July 2020 onwards.~~

~~**842.3 Mandatory Out of Competition Periods:**~~

~~842.3.1 Any mandatory rest periods incurred prior to 1 July 2020 under previous editions of these Endurance Rules must be complied with and will not be affected by the new Mandatory Out of Competition Periods set out in these Endurance Rules.~~

~~842.3.2 Any incidents listed in the table in Article 839.2 that occur at a Competition on or after 1 July 2020 will give rise to the additional Mandatory Out of Competition Periods specified in that provision, subject to the below:~~

~~(a) For the incidents under Article 839.2 that have cumulative requirements (e.g. two or more FTQ ME or three or more FTQ GA in a rolling year), the additional Mandatory Out of Competition Periods will apply even if one or more of the FTQ within a rolling year occurred prior to 1 July 2020, except as set out in paragraph (b) below.~~

~~(b) If a Horse was designated FTQ ME or FTQ GA a number of times within a year prior to 1 July 2020 and no extended mandatory rest period was incurred under the previous Endurance Rules (e.g. because the FTQ were not consecutive or there was no immediate invasive treatment), but that number of FTQ would result in an additional MOOCP under these Endurance Rules (e.g. because the consecutive/immediate invasive treatment conditions no longer apply), the additional MOOCP under these Endurance Rules will not apply to those prior FTQ unless the Horse incurs a further FTQ on or after 1 July 2020. (For example, if a Horse was designated FTQ GA three non-consecutive times within a year of 1 July 2020, the~~

~~additional MOOCP under these Endurance Rules for three FTQ-GA will not apply. However, if the Horse is designated FTQ-GA again on or after 1 July 2020, and the new FTQ-GA falls into the same rolling year as two or more of the FTQ-GA incurred prior to 1 July 2020, then the additional MOOCP under these Endurance Rules for three or more FTQ-GA will apply).~~

Article No.–Article Name
844. ENTRIES 844.5 Reserve Horses
Explanation for Proposed Change
For the purpose of clarification.
Proposed Wording
844.5.1 For CEIs, each Athlete may bring one reserve Horse to the Competition, subject to the ability of the OC to accommodate the Horse (this must be clearly indicated on the Competition Schedule). These reserve Horses must be duly entered in the Competition under the Athlete’s name, <b>identification number</b> and a second entry fee, to be determined by the OC, must be paid by the Athlete. The Athlete may trot up both of their Horses at the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection (provided that the Horses are duly entered in their name). If a Horse is entered by more than one Athlete for a Competition, it will only be required to undergo the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection once.

Article No.–Article Name
845. DECLARATION OF STARTERS
Explanation for Proposed Change
For the purpose of clarification.
Proposed Wording
845.2 At CEIOs and Championships, <b>when there are multiple possibilities</b> , the Chefs d’Equipe must declare in writing to the Secretariat of the OCs (i) the names of the Athletes definitely starting, and (ii) the names of the Horses partnered with those Athletes, chosen from the names included on the official entry forms. Declaration of starters by the Chef d’Equipe or their representative will take place within one to three hours after the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection of the Horses, at the discretion of the President of the Ground Jury.

Article No.–Article Name
847. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STARTERS-ENTRIES
Explanation for Proposed Change
The issue faced is at an Event where more than 200 entries are entered, and should all Horses pass the first pre ride inspection, there would have been an issue with abiding by the maximum of 200 starters. Therefore, we propose a maximum of 200 entries per competition.
Proposed Wording
For each Event, there may be a maximum of 200 <b>starters entries</b> per Competition and a maximum of 400 <b>starters entries</b> per day, subject in each case to space at the venue and an appropriate ratio of Athletes to Officials (see Annex 6).

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
850. DUTIES OF OFFICIALS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Addition of duties of Officials for clarification purposes.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
850.2 All FEI Endurance appointed Officials must be present and reachable throughout the Period of the Jurisdiction.

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
852. TECHNICAL DELEGATE
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Rule proposal that will help reduce costs for OCs that have events with smaller number of entries and that do not have many active Officials in their countries.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
852.6 At any CEI, the Technical Delegate, if suitably qualified, may also serve on the Ground Jury. <del>At CEI 1* and 2*, provided there are 30 or fewer Horses entered in the Event, the Technical Delegate may also (if suitably qualified) serve as President of the Ground Jury, subject to the approval of the FEI.</del>
852.7 At CEI 1*, 2* and 3*, provided there are 30 or fewer Horses entered in the Event, the Technical Delegate may also (if suitably qualified) serve as President of the Ground Jury or Chief Steward, subject to the approval of the FEI.

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
853. GROUND JURY
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
EEWB recommendation to put a provision in the Rules that will allow Officials to stop a Combination at any time during the Competition if they see any dangerous riding or if it is against Horse Welfare.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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.

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
854. VETERINARY COMMISSION
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We propose the below wording in order to alleviate costs for OCs and without compromising officiating quality at Events.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
854.3 At CEI 1* and CEI2* CIM, the President of the Veterinary Commission will also be responsible for the duties normally undertaken by a Foreign Veterinary Delegate.

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
856. INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE ADVISOR
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Reduce the term of an IGA, and allow more flexibility for their appointments.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
856.2.4 Independent Governance Advisors will be appointed for a term of <del>two</del> one year, and may be re-appointed without term limits.

**Article No.–Article Name**

861. ELITE ATHLETE STATUS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

In order to expand on the current Elite Athlete system, and to recognize the achievements of Senior Athletes competing at the 1\* and 2\* level, we propose the following system, which no longer connects the age of the Athlete to their status. Athletes of any age can achieve the below Bronze, Silver and Gold Elite Status levels.

**Proposed Wording**

861.1 Athletes who meet the criteria below will receive the recognition of Elite Athlete Status. Elite Athlete Status will not result in automatic qualification for any Championships. ~~The Elite Athlete level refers to the achievements of the Athlete and not necessarily their current qualification level.~~

861.2 **Juniors and Young Riders:** To achieve Junior/Young Rider Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI 1\*, CEI 2\* or CEI 3\* 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.~~

861.3 **Seniors:** To achieve Senior Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI1\*, CEI2\* or CEI 3\* 160km. ~~To maintain Senior Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI 3\* 160 km within every successive two years.~~

861.4 Athletes can hold multiple Elite Athlete Statuses at the same time (for example, an Athlete could be a 2\* Gold Elite Athlete as well as a 3\* Bronze Elite Athlete simultaneously).

Star Level	Bronze	Silver	Gold
1*	10 successful completions of CEI1*	20 successful completions of CEI1*	30 successful completions of CEI1*
2*	10 successful completions of CEI2*	20 successful completions of CEI2*	30 successful completions of CEI2*
3*	10 successful completions of CEI3*	20 successful completions of CEI3*	30 successful completions of CEI3*

## Article No.–Article Name

864. ATHLETE AND TRAINER PENALTY POINTS

## Explanation for Proposed Change

We believe that a CI should incur a maximum penalty points so that the Athlete has an out of competition period to psychologically recover from the loss.

Additional clarification has been added to this Article to explain the rationale for the rule. Also, a new provision has been added which gives the possibility for the Athlete/Trainer to appeal against the imposition of penalty points for FTQ-SI- MUSCU and FTQ-CI only where exceptional circumstances exist and where they can establish that they bore no fault or negligence.

## Proposed Wording

**864.1** Subject to Article 864.3, in order to (i) protect horse welfare and deter any failure to comply strictly with Article 801,<sup>1</sup> and (ii) deter any conduct that could constitute Incorrect Behaviour, an Athlete and Trainer will each automatically receive the following number of penalty points for each incident set out below. It is the responsibility of an Athlete and Trainer to know their status of penalty points:

Incident	Penalty points
Disqualification for Late Presentation	10
Failure to Qualify – metabolic (FTQ-ME)	10
Failure to Qualify – Serious Injury (metabolic)	25
Failure to Qualify – Serious Injury (musculoskeletal) <del>and/or a Catastrophic Injury</del>	80
Failure to Qualify – Catastrophic Injury	100 (the additional penalties set out in Article 866.1 will also apply)
Horse participating in an FEI Event or National Event during the applicable Mandatory Out of Competition Period	100 (the additional penalties set out in Articles 839.3.3 and 866.1 will also apply)
Horse is not presented for Horse Inspection before leaving the Field of Play, <del>except if Horse is immediately transported for emergency medical treatment</del>	100 (the additional penalties set out in Articles 810 and 866.1 will also apply)
<del>Incorrect Behaviour (as defined in the FEI General Regulations)</del>	<del>100 (with an Incorrect Behaviour Card pursuant to Article 865.2; Incorrect Behaviour may also be sanctioned under the FEI General Regulations)</del>



Failure by the Person Responsible to provide a copy of the veterinary report from a designated/approved referral centre to the FEI in accordance with Article 840	80
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864.2 Athletes and Trainers accumulate penalty points over a rolling period of one year. Penalty points will be removed from the running total one year from the date on which they were incurred. **The successful completion of a ride will result in the deduction of five penalty points from the Athlete's and Trainer's total of penalty points. Where the Athlete is also the Trainer of the Horse, the deduction will be applied to the Athlete's penalty points total. In the case where the Athlete and the Trainer of the Horse are not the same person, the deduction will apply to both their penalty points totals individually. For the avoidance of doubt, the number of penalty points can never be reduced below zero.**

864.2.1 In exceptional circumstances, Athletes and/or Trainers may appeal the penalty points imposed on them for a Failure to Qualify (Serious Injury (musculoskeletal) and Failure to Qualify (Catastrophic Injury) designations (only) pursuant to Article 864.1 on the sole ground that they bear No Fault or Negligence for the incident in respect of which the penalty points were imposed. The appeal shall be filed with the FEI Tribunal in accordance with Article 162.5 and 162.6 of the FEI General Regulations.

864.2.2 In the context of this Article 864.3, 'No Fault or Negligence' means that the Athlete and/or Trainer could not have taken any steps, even with the exercise of good training practices and horsemanship, to prevent the incident in question.<sup>2</sup>

864.2.3 The Athlete or Trainer challenging the imposition of the penalty points bears the burden of proving (on the balance of probabilities) that they bear No Fault or Negligence for the incident.

864.2.4 If the Ground Jury considers that an Athlete and/or Trainer has demonstrated (on the balance of probabilities) that they bear No Fault or Negligence for the relevant incident, it may rescind the imposition of the penalty points on that party.

864.2.5 Except as specifically provided for in Article 864.3 above, Athletes and Trainers may not Protest, appeal or otherwise challenge the imposition of penalty points under Article 864.1.

**Footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup> Including, without limitation, to deter poor training practices, poor horsemanship, failure to safely manage the Horse over the course, and prioritising competitive or commercial influences over horse welfare.

<sup>2</sup> For example, if a Horse suffers an aneurysm on a course and consequently sustains a Catastrophic Injury, provided that the Athlete and Trainer can provide veterinary records to establish that the Horse did indeed suffer an aneurysm and that the aneurysm caused the Catastrophic Injury, the Athlete and Trainer will not receive penalty points for the FTQ-Catastrophic Injury because they could not have known about or prevented an aneurysm, even applying good training practices and horsemanship.

No Fault or Negligence may not be established where the Athlete fails to safely manage the Horse over the course (including where they fail to avoid any natural elements that may pose a risk to the horse especially when travelling at speed, such as visible animal holes and burrows, uneven surfaces, large stones, tree roots, etc).

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865. WARNING CARDS  
865.2 Incorrect Behaviour Card

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

As a consequence of our proposal to remove the Incorrect Behaviour Card, the following Articles will be affected.

**Proposed Wording**

801.3.2 Any act or omission at an Event that amounts, in the opinion of the Ground Jury, to cruelty towards or Abuse of a Horse shall result in an **Endurance** Yellow Warning Card and Disqualification and may also be subject to the additional sanctions set out in the FEI General Regulations.

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810.1 (...) Failure to comply with this Article will result in the issue of an **Endurance** Yellow Warning Card to the Athlete and Trainer, Disqualification of the Combination, imposition of a 60-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period for the Horse, and the penalty points set out in Article 864.

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813.5 (...) Horses may not be put in lorries or trailers to prevent observation. Failure to comply with this Article may result in Disqualification and/or an **Endurance** Yellow Warning Card.

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822.5 **Prohibited assistance:** An Athlete or Trainer who receives or provides the following assistance will receive an **Endurance** Yellow Warning Card, and in the event of a breach of Articles 822.5.5, 822.5.6 and/or 822.5.7 will also be Disqualified:

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865.1 **Endurance Yellow Warning Card:** The President of the Ground Jury, the Chief Steward or the Technical Delegate may issue an **Endurance** Yellow Warning Card to a Person Responsible for offences relating to Horse Abuse, **Incorrect Behaviour**, failure to comply with the protective headgear requirements, or otherwise where specified in these Endurance Rules. ~~For Incorrect Behaviour, only the Incorrect Behaviour Card may be used. The consequences that apply if the same person receives one or more Endurance Yellow Warning Card(s) are set out in the FEI General Regulations.~~

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865.3 **Notification:** The person receiving a warning card must be notified during the period of the Event that this person will receive an Endurance Yellow Warning Card ~~or Incorrect Behaviour Card~~, which will be delivered either by hand or by any other suitable means. If after reasonable efforts the person cannot be notified during the period of the Event, the person must be notified in writing within 14 days of the Event. An **Endurance** Yellow Warning Card ~~or Incorrect Behaviour Card~~ may be issued in addition to any other sanction(s) issued in accordance with these Endurance Rules, FEI General Regulations, or other applicable Rules and Regulations.

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ANNEX 1: DEFINITIONS

~~**Incorrect Behaviour Card:** as described in Article 865.2.~~

**Endurance Yellow Warning Card:** as described in Article 865.1.

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Annex 4: FEI World Endurance Rankings

(...)

At the end of the calendar year, Athletes who have not incurred any EADCMR violation, Penalty Points, **Endurance Yellow Warning Card** ~~and/or Incorrect Behaviour Card~~ during the relevant calendar year will be awarded bonus ranking points, as follows:

(...)

No **Endurance Yellow Warning Card**: 150 points

~~No Incorrect Behaviour Card: 150 points~~

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Annex 5: Horse Inspections, Examinations, Control Of Medication

10.5 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. No action may be taken to hold back the Horse or to prevent the constant forward motion of the Horse. The Horse may not enter the vet lane until its heart rate has been assessed, and may not be trotted until so instructed by the relevant Veterinarian. In the event of breach of this provision, the Athlete will be given a fixed time penalty of five minutes and/or an **Endurance Yellow Warning Card**.

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ANNEX 3: ELIMINATION CODES

## Explanation for Proposed Chan

We have removed the sentence under 'WD' as if the Combination does not show up at an Event, it is not on the Master List and therefore, not on the results.

Under 'DSQ', we have added reasons for Disqualification to be displayed on the FEI Database.

The table with FTQ code combinations was redone for purposes of clarity.

## Proposed Wording

**WD:** Withdrawn

~~—The Combination does not show up at the Event.~~

- The Combination decides not to participate in the Competition at or prior to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection in accordance with Article 809.5.3.

**RET:** Retired

- The Combination decides not to continue in the Competition in accordance with Article 809.5.4.

**DSQ:** Disqualified

- A Combination is Disqualified in accordance with Article 809.5.2.

~~—A reason for Disqualification must be communicated to the FEI via the official results and reports. The reason for Disqualification will be verified with the Officials concerned.~~

- A Horse may be Disqualified and also designated as Failed to Qualify for a veterinary or other reason (see list under FTQ below).
- **In addition to other reasons for Disqualification outlined in these rules, the following reasons may also apply:**
  - o Underweight (UW)
  - o Late Presentation (LP)
  - o Hyposensitivity (HYPO)
  - o Horse Abuse (HA)
  - o Horse Not Presented (HNP)

**FNR:** Finished Not Ranked

- FNR means that the Combination has (or is deemed to have) completed a Competition (including all Horse Inspections) but is not ranked in the final classification (see e.g. Article 820.2 regarding an error on course).
- A Combination may be designated FNR with the approval of the President of the Ground Jury and/or the Technical Delegate. The Officials must provide reasons for the FNR designation.
- If in addition to the FNR designation the Combination receives a certificate of completion from the Officials at the Event, the Competition will count as a 'successful completion' for qualification purposes.

**FTQ:** Failed to Qualify

The FTQ designation must be accompanied by one or more of the additional codes below:

- **SP:** Speed (not respecting any applicable speed restriction)
- **GA:** Irregular gait
- **ME:** Metabolic
- **MI:** Minor Injury (e.g. slight soreness, wound, etc.)
- **SI-MUSCU:** Serious Injury (musculoskeletal injury)

- **SI-META:** Serious Injury (metabolic injury)
- **CI:** Catastrophic Injury
- **OT:** Out of Time (failure to complete a Loop within the allocated time, but passes the Horse Inspection after that Loop)
- **FTC:** Failed to Complete (non-completion of a Loop, but passes the Horse Inspection after that Loop). The Officials must provide reasons for the FTC designation, and an explanation of what happened to the Combination.

The above FTQ codes may be cumulative, as shown in the table below:

Code #1		Code #2		Code #3
GA ME GA + ME MI CI SI-MUSCU SI-META OT FTC	+	SP		
SI-MUSCU	+	ME	+	SP
SI-META	+	GA	+	SP

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ANNEX 4: FEI WORLD ENDURANCE RANKINGS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

The purpose of changing the Endurance Ranking system is to make it more dynamic and exciting to follow. We propose to add two new Rankings (Endurance Trainer World Ranking and Endurance Elite Athlete Ranking). The new parameters for calculating the ranking points take into account the following:

- The level of the Competition (CEIs, CEIOs, Championships)
- Team results (if any)
- Final position in the Competition (as Individual or in Team)
- Number of finishers/ Athletes who ranked

Please note that in line with other disciplines, we are proposing to make the Endurance Ranking Rules a standalone document, which is approved by the FEI Board. See here the proposed changes to the FEI Endurance Ranking Rules for your information. Please note, these Rules will not be put forward for approval at the FEI General Assembly as they will be subject to FEI Board approval.

**Proposed Wording**

**CALCULATION METHOD OF THE FEI ENDURANCE RANKING LISTS**

**1. GENERAL**

The ranking list for the FEI Endurance Rankings takes into account the points obtained by Athletes, Horses and Trainers over a twelve (12) month period over a rolling year period (the ranking always includes 12 months).

All FEI Endurance Competitions are granting points for the FEI Endurance Rankings.

The ranking list for the FEI Endurance Rankings is produced by the FEI Headquarters.

The ranking list for the FEI Endurance Rankings is updated monthly and published on the first week of each month only.

The ranking list for the FEI Endurance Rankings beginning on 1 January and ending 31 December each year will be declared as the “Yearly Ranking” and can be used for specific purposes.

The FEI Endurance Rankings published are the following:

- Endurance Riders World Ranking
- Endurance Horse World Ranking
- Endurance Combination World Ranking
  
- Endurance Young Riders World Ranking
- Endurance Young Riders Horse World Ranking
- Endurance Young Riders Combination World Ranking
  
- Endurance Elite Riders World Ranking
  
- Endurance Trainer World Ranking

**2. POINTS OBTAINED AT GAMES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Points obtained at Continental Games and Continental and World Championships are retained on the list depending on the frequency of the Events. If the Event is held every four years, 25% of the points obtained are dropped after one year, 50% after two years, 75% after three years and the remainder after four years. If the Event is held every

two years, 50% of the points obtained are dropped after one year and the remainder after two years.

For the avoidance of any doubt, the above does not apply to Regional Games and Regional Championships.

### **3. MEDICAL OR MATERNITY LEAVE**

#### **MEDICAL LEAVE**

3.1 Athletes may request an official FEI medical leave provided that the medical condition is certified in writing by a medical doctor. To request the official FEI medical leave, the Athlete must submit the doctor's certificate and the completed Medical Leave Form, available on the [FEI website](#), to the FEI Endurance Department. The Athlete can choose the duration of their medical leave, with the minimum period being six (6) months and the maximum period being twelve (12 months). Applications cannot be submitted retroactively.

3.2 In the Medical Leave Form, the Athlete must indicate the start date and requested end date (the "**Medical Leave End Date**") of the official FEI medical leave. If the Athlete does not specify a Medical Leave End Date in the Medical Leave Form, the minimum period of six (6) months will automatically apply unless the Athlete subsequently informs the FEI Endurance Department otherwise, as per the process set out in article 3.8 below. Where an Athlete requests an official FEI medical leave, the following rules apply in relation to the Athlete's ranking points.

3.3 In the period during which an Athlete has officially ceased to compete due to an official FEI medical leave, they will retain 50% of the Endurance World Rankings points earned from the corresponding months of the preceding year until their Medical Leave End Date.

3.4 The minimum length of time for which an Athlete may be granted an official FEI medical leave is six (6) months.

3.5 If the Athlete returns from an official FEI medical leave after less than six (6) months, no points will be retained from the corresponding months of the preceding year and the rankings will be recalculated accordingly.

3.6 The maximum length of time an Athlete may benefit from an official FEI medical leave of absence at one time is twelve (12) months.

3.7 During the period when an Athlete is on an official FEI medical leave, they may not compete in international or national Competitions; the FEI will inform the Athlete's NF accordingly.

3.8 If the Athlete wants to be eligible to compete in international or national Competitions prior to the Medical Leave End Date (as stated in the Medical Leave Form), the Athlete concerned must inform the FEI Endurance Department at least four (4) weeks in advance of the date when they want their medical leave to end. The official FEI medical leave will end on that new date (provided the minimum period of six (6) months has expired). The FEI will inform the Athlete's NF accordingly and the Athlete will be eligible to compete in international and national competitions as of the new end date.

3.9 If the Athlete wants to prolong the official FEI medical leave beyond the period originally stated on the Medical Leave Form, the Athlete must apply to the FEI Endurance Department prior to the expiration of the original period of the official FEI medical leave



and submit an updated medical certificate to justify the extension request. In no case can the overall period of the official FEI medical leave exceed 12 (twelve) month.

### **MATERNITY LEAVE**

3.10 Athletes may request an official FEI maternity leave provided that the maternity is certified in writing by a medical doctor. To request the official FEI maternity leave, the Athlete must submit the doctor's certificate and the completed Maternity Leave Form, available on the FEI website, to the FEI Endurance Department. The Athlete can choose the duration of their maternity leave, with the minimum period being three (3) months and the maximum period being twelve (12 months). Applications cannot be submitted retroactively.

3.11 In the Maternity Leave Form, the Athlete must indicate the start date and requested end date (the "**Maternity Leave End Date**") of the official FEI maternity leave. If the Athlete does not specify a Maternity Leave End Date in the Maternity Leave Form, the maximum period of twelve (12) months will automatically apply unless the Athlete informs the FEI Endurance Department otherwise, as per the process set out in Article 1.17 below. Where an Athlete requests an official FEI maternity leave, the following rules apply in relation to the Athlete's ranking points.

3.12 In the period during which an Athlete has officially ceased to compete due to an official FEI maternity leave, they will retain 50% of the Endurance World Rankings points earned from the corresponding months of the preceding year until their Maternity Leave End Date.

3.13 The minimum length of time for which an Athlete may be granted an official FEI maternity leave is three (3) months.

3.14 If the Athlete returns from an official FEI maternity leave after less than three (3) months, no points will be retained from the corresponding month of the preceding year and the rankings will be recalculated accordingly.

3.15 The maximum length of time an Athlete may benefit from a maternity leave of absence at one time is twelve (12) months.

3.16 During the period when an Athlete is on maternity leave, they may not compete in international or national Competitions; the FEI will inform the Athlete's NF accordingly.

3.17 If the Athlete wants to be eligible to compete prior to the Maternity Leave End Date (as stated in the Maternity Leave Form), the Athlete concerned must inform the FEI Endurance Department at least four (4) weeks in advance of the date when they want their maternity leave to end and the official FEI maternity leave will end on that date (provided the minimum period of three (3) months has expired). The FEI will inform the Athlete's NF accordingly and Athlete will be eligible to compete in international and national competitions as of the new end date.

3.18 If the Athlete wants to prolong the official FEI maternity leave beyond the period originally stated on the Maternity Leave Form, the Athlete must apply to the FEI Endurance Department prior to the expiration of the original period of the official FEI maternity leave. In no case can the overall period of the official FEI maternity leave exceed 12 (twelve) months.

### **4. POINT SYSTEM**

Competitions are distinguished by star level.

## 4.1 For Individual Competitions

Athletes obtain points related to their placing in the Competitions.

The following points will apply:

**Table 1:**

Placing	CEI, CEIO, Regional Championships & Regional Games					
	1*		2*		3*	
	Points	Bonus	Points	Bonus	Points	Bonus
1	40	5	80	10	120	15
2	39	4	78	8	117	12
3	38	3	76	6	114	9
4	37	2	74	4	111	6
5	36	1	72	2	108	3
6	35	0	70	0	105	0
7	34	0	68	0	102	0
8	33	0	66	0	99	0
9	32	0	64	0	96	0
10	31	0	62	0	93	0
Until	1	0	2	0	3	0

For Continental, World and all 120km Championships, the following points will apply:

**Table 2:**

Placing	Championships					
	Continental 160km		World 160km		All 120km CHs	
	Points	Bonus	Points	Bonus	Points	Bonus
1	160	20	200	25	160	15
2	156	16	195	20	156	12
3	152	12	190	15	152	9
4	148	8	185	10	148	6
5	144	4	180	5	144	3
6	140	0	175	0	140	0
7	136	0	170	0	136	0
8	132	0	165	0	132	0
9	128	0	160	0	128	0
10	124	0	155	0	124	0
Until	4	0	5	0	4	0

For Events falling under the categories below, the scale of points will differ according to the number of finishers in the Competition (those who have ranked in the Competition). Disqualified results will not be considered in the count of finishers.

**Table 3:**

	CEI, CEIO, Regional Championships & Regional Games		
	1*	2*	3*
	Finishers	Finishers	Finishers
Points	1 to 8	1 to 8	
25%	1 to 8	1 to 8	
50%	9 to 17	9 to 17	1 to 5
75%	18 to 25	18 to 25	6 to 10
100%	26 to 33	26 to 33	11 to 16
125%	34 and more	34 and more	17 and more

**Table 4:**

	Championships		
	Continental 160km	World 160km	All 120km CHs
	Finishers	Finishers	Finishers
Points	1 to 10	1 to 20	1 to 15
50%	1 to 10	1 to 20	1 to 15
75%	11 to 20	21 to 40	16 to 30
100%	21 and more	40 and more	31 and more

## 4.2 For Team Competitions

Athletes obtain additional points related to their placing as a Team member in the Competitions. Team members that have not placed at the Competition will not be granted any Team Competitions points.

**Table 5:**

Team Placing	CEI, CEIO, Regional Championships & Regional Games			Championships		
	1*	2*	3*	Continental 160km	World 160km	All 120km CHs
	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
1	30	40	50	60	90	60
2	25	35	45	55	80	55
3	20	30	40	50	70	50
4	15	25	35	45	60	45
5	10	20	30	40	50	40
6	5	15	25	35	40	35
7	3	10	20	30	30	30
8	2	5	15	25	20	25
9	1	3	10	20	10	20
10	1	2	5	15	5	15
11	1	2	3	10	5	10
12	1	2	3	5	5	5
13	1	2	3	4	5	4
14	1	2	3	4	5	4
15	1	2	3	4	5	4

The following scale factor will apply according to the number of Teams ranked in the Competitions. Disqualification happening after the end of the Event will not impact the calculation of the amount of finishing teams.

**Table 6:**

Teams	Points	Finishers
33%	1 to 3	
66%	4 to 6	
100%	7 and more	

For Continental and World Championships, above scale factor does not apply and all points are granted.

## 5. NUMBER OF RESULTS TO COUNT

The number of results to count per Athlete per year for the FEI Endurance Open Riders World Ranking is limited to the best ten (10).

### 5.1 Endurance Horse Ranking

The ranking includes the three (3) best results per Horse.

### 5.2 Endurance Combination Ranking

The ranking includes the three (3) best results per Combination.

## 5.3 Endurance Elite Rider Ranking

Filtered version of the Endurance Athlete World Rankings including only the Athletes with Elite Status at the end of the last month of the year will be included in this ranking calculation.

## 5.4 Endurance Young Rider Ranking

This ranking includes only Athletes up to 21 years old.

## 5.5 Endurance Trainer World Ranking

This ranking includes the five (5) best Horses of each Trainer according to the Endurance Horse World Ranking.

## ANNEX 1: EXAMPLES OF HOW TO CALCULATE RANKING POINTS

Below are examples of how the ranking is calculated. Please refer to the tables provided in this document, in particular the elements highlighted in blue and green.

CEI, CEIO, Regional Championships & Regional Games			
Level	1*	2*	3*
<b>Finishers</b> <i>(see table 3)</i>	40	21	4
<b>% points</b> <i>(see table 3)</i>	125%	75%	50%
<b>Placing</b> <i>(see table 1)</i>	1	8	3
<b>Points</b>	40 x 125% = 50	66 x 75% = 49,5	114 x 50% = 57
<b>Bonus</b> <i>(see table 1)</i>	5	0	9
<b>Total Points</b>	50 + 5 = <b>55</b>	<b>49,5</b>	57 + 9 = <b>66</b>

Championships		
Level	World 160km	All 120km CHs
<b>Finishers</b> <i>(see table 4)</i>	44	12
<b>% points</b> <i>(see table 4)</i>	100%	50%
<b>Placing</b> <i>(see table 2)</i>	3	7
<b>Points</b>	190 x 100% = 190	136 x 50% = 68
<b>Bonus</b> <i>(see table 2)</i>	15	No
<b>Sub-Total</b>	190 + 15 = 205	68
<b>Finishing Teams</b> <i>(see table 6)</i>	7	3
<b>% points</b> <i>(see table 6)</i>	100%	33%
<b>Team Placing</b> <i>(see table 5)</i>	5	1
<b>Points</b>	50 x 100% = 50	60 x 33% = 20
<b>Total Points</b>	205 + 50 = <b>255</b>	68 + 20 = <b>88</b>

\*Blue and green table elements are there to aid with the examples provided which demonstrate the calculation of points method in Annex 1 of this document.

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ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION <b>Part B: Horse Inspections And Examinations</b> <b>9. Assessments during Horse Inspections</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
Following feedback received after the FEI World CH in Butheeb, we propose that amend the confirmation procedure so that no second Heart Rate machine is required to confirm the first reading.
Proposed Wording
9.3 Heart rate assessment procedure: (...) (f) (iv) (B) If there is no time remaining for a heart rate re-inspection 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), then a confirmation procedure must be completed to confirm the failed assessment. For the confirmation procedure, <del>the Horse must be presented to a second the same</del> Veterinarian <del>will reassess the Horse's heart rate for 15 seconds</del> 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, <del>except for Championships, where there will be no confirmation procedure. The Veterinarian will assess the Horse's heart rate for 15 seconds only.</del> 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).

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ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION <b>Part B: Horse Inspections And Examinations</b> <b>9. Assessments during Horse Inspections</b> <b>9.7 Irregular gait</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
We propose to add a clarification to the correct way to trot a Horse during the gait inspection in the Vet Gate. We will be working on an illustration to be inserted in the final version of the Endurance Rules to clearly demonstrate that the person trotting the Horse must lead the Horse from its left hand side and be beside the Horse's shoulder and not in front nor behind the Horse.
Proposed Wording
<b>9.7 Irregular gait:</b> During any inspection during the course, a Horse with an irregular gait that is observable through evaluation by trotting the Horse on a loose lead in hand straight out and back, without prior flexion or deep palpation, which is observed to cause pain, or threaten the immediate ability of the Horse to continue safely the Competition, will be removed from Competition and will be designated as Failed to Qualify – irregular gait (FTQ-GA). To assess irregular gait:  (a) The inspection must be carried out on a flat firm surface. <del>The person trotting the Horse must lead the Horse from the Horse's left-hand side on a loose reign beside the Horse and not in front or behind the Horse (see Annex X).</del>  (...)

**To add Article No.–Article Name**

ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

We moved Art. 853.3 to the Annex 6 as it made more sense to be read as part of this section.  
 We have added the below clarification that the highest star level of Event’s Officials requirements must be met when a Show has combined star levels.  
 We deleted the last sentence given that we were working off historical data since we can only know the entries 4 days in advance.

**Proposed Wording**

The tables below set out the requirements for the appointment of Officials at Events, including (i) the minimum number of Officials required (and any additional Officials required based on the ratio of Officials to entries), (ii) the required qualification level of those Officials (i.e. 'minimum rate'), and (iii) which body is responsible for appointing those Officials. If FEI Headquarters is responsible for appointing any Official, it may consult as necessary with the FEI Endurance Technical Committee and/or the OC. For the purposes of this Annex 6, and save where stated otherwise, CEIOs must comply with the requirements applicable to CEIs of the same star level. **For Shows with multiple star level of Events, the requirements of the highest star level must be adhered to as set out below.**

**The OC must enlist the assistance of an appropriate number of other Officials, Stewards and Veterinarians, depending on the number of entries.**

~~For CEIs with 20 entries or less, the FEI will consult with the OC to appoint Officials. For CEIs with more than 20 entries, Officials will be appointed in accordance with the tables below:~~

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ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

We believe that having a local Technical Delegate for Championships makes following the development of CH venues more accessible. A TD may also need to liaise closely with the OC and their staff who will be local and therefore having the language to do so is beneficial.

**Proposed Wording**
**Technical Delegates:**

	Technical Delegate		
	Minimum level	Number	Appointment
<b>WEG/World Championships</b>	4	1 ( <del>see note 1</del> )	FEI Headquarters
<b>Regional Games/Continental Championships; Championships for Seniors, Juniors/Young Riders, or Young Horses</b>	4	1 ( <del>see note 1</del> )	FEI Headquarters
<b>Regional Championships</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
<b>CEI 3* / <u>CEI 2*</u></b>	3	1	FEI Headquarters
<b>CEI 2* <u>CIM</u></b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
<b>CEI 1*</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval

(1) The Technical Delegate must be 'Foreign', in accordance with Article 848.4.

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ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Clarification on the number of Officials required per number of entries to avoid confusion.

**Proposed Wording**
**Stewarding team:**

	Stewarding Team						
	Chief Steward			Stewards			
	Minimum level	Number	Appointment	Minimum level	Number	Minimum number Additional member per entries	Appointment
<b>WEG/World Championships</b>	4	1	FEI Headquarters	2	<u>1 up to 29 entries</u>	One-1 per additional 15 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval
<b>Regional Games/Continental Championships; Championships for Seniors, Juniors/Young Riders, or Young Horses</b>	4	1	FEI Headquarters	2	<u>1 up to 29 entries</u>	One-1 per additional 15 entries	
<b>Regional Championships</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	National or above	<u>1 up to 39 entries</u>	One-1 per additional 20 entries	
<b>CEI 3* / <u>CEI 2*</u></b>	3	1	FEI Headquarters	National or above	<u>1 up to 39 entries</u>	One-1 per 20 additional entries	
<b>CEI 2* <u>CIM</u></b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	National or above	<u>1 up to 39 entries</u>	One-1 per 20 additional entries	
<b>CEI 1*</b>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	National or above	<u>1 up to 39 entries</u>	One-1 per 20 additional entries	



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**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Clarification on the number of Officials required per number of entries to avoid confusion.

**Proposed Wording**

**Ground Jury:**

	Ground Jury									
	President (see note <u>21</u> )			Foreign Judge (see note <u>21</u> )			Members			
	Minimum level	Number	Appointment	Minimum level	Number	Appointment	Minimum level	Minimum number /entries	Appointment	Extra member/Additional member per entries
WEG/World Championships	4	1	FEI Headquarters	4	1	FEI Headquarters	3	3 up to 29 entries	FEI Headquarters	1 per additional 30 Entries
Regional Games/ Continental Championships ; Championships for Seniors, Juniors/Young Riders, or Young Horses	4	1	FEI Headquarters	4	1	FEI Headquarters	3	2 up to 29 entries	FEI Headquarters	1 per additional 30 Entries
Regional Championships	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	Not required			National or above	1 up to 59 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per additional 30 Entries
CEI 3* / CEI 2*	3	1	FEI Headquarters	3	1	FEI Headquarters	National or above	1 up to 59 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per additional 30 Entries
CEI 2* CIM	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	Not required			National or above	1 up to 59 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per additional 30 Entries
CEI 1*	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval				National or above	1 up to 59 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 30 additional Entries

(21) The FEI reserves the right to appoint the President of Ground Jury and the Foreign Judge at all CEIOs (regardless of star level).

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## Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification on the number of Officials required per number of entries to avoid confusion. Changes to the requirements to clarify that a CEI2\* CIM now has the same requirements as a CEI1\*, and that a CEI2\* (regular) now has the same requirements as a CEI3\*.

## Proposed Wording

### Veterinary Commission:

Veterinary Commission										
	President <i>(see note 5)</i>			Foreign Veterinary Delegate <i>(see note 5)</i>			Members			
	Minimum level	Number	Appointment	Minimum level	Number	Appointment	Minimum level	Minimum number / entries	Appointment	Additional member per entries Extra Member
WEG/World Championships (see notes 32)	EOV 4	1	FEI Headquarters	EOV 4	1	FEI Headquarters	EOV 3	3 up to 29 entries	FEI Headquarters	1 per 15 additional entries
Regional Games/Continental Championships; Championships for Seniors, Juniors/Young Riders, or Young Horses (see notes 32)	EOV 4	1	FEI Headquarters	EOV 4	1	FEI Headquarters	EOV 3	3 up to 29 entries	FEI Headquarters	1 per 15 additional entries
Regional Championships	EOV 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	Not required			EOV 2	2 up to 29 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 20 additional entries
CEI 3* <i>(see notes 3 and 4)</i> / CEI 2*	EOV 3	1	FEI Headquarters	EOV 3	1	FEI Headquarters	EOV 2	1 up to 29 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 20 additional entries
CEI 2* CIM	EOV 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	EOV-3 ± OC, subject to FEI approval			EOV 2	2 up to 29 entries±	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 20 additional entries
CEI 1*	EOV 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	Not required			EOV 2	2 up to 39 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 20 additional entries

(32) The FEI reserves the right to appoint the President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate at all CEIOs (regardless of star level). Where a Foreign Veterinary Delegate is not required, a Primary Veterinary Delegate must be appointed to fulfil the role of the Foreign Veterinary Delegate.

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**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Clarification on the number of Officials required per number of entries to avoid confusion.

**Proposed Wording**
**Treating Veterinarians:**

	Treating Veterinary Commission									
	President (see note 4)			Members				Veterinary Service Manager		
	Minimum level	Number	Appointment	Minimum level	Minimum number / Entries	Appointment	Additional member per entriesExtra Member	Minimum level	Number	Appointment
WEG/World Championships	EVT 4	1	FEI Headquarters	EVT 3	1 up to 39 entries	FEI Headquarters	1 per 20 additional entries	EVT 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
Regional Games/Continental Championships; Championships for Seniors, Juniors/Young Riders, or Young Horses	EVT 4	1	FEI Headquarters	EVT 3	1 up to 39 entries	FEI Headquarters	1 per 20 additional entries	EVT 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
Regional Championships (see note 7) (see note 3)	EVT 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	PTV	N/A	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 50 additional entries	EVT 2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
CEI 3* / CEI 2* (see note 7) (see note 3)	EVT 3	1	FEI Headquarters	PTV	1 up to 59 entries	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 30 additional entries	EVT 2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
CEI 2* CIM (see note 7) (see note 3)	EVT 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	PTV	N/A	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 50 additional entries	EVT 2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
CEI 1*(see note 7) (see note 3)	EVT 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	PTV	N/A	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 50 additional entries	EVT 2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval

(4.3) Permitted Treating Veterinarians can be appointed as members of the Treating Veterinary Commission in regions/countries with an insufficient number of licensed Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials, otherwise preference should be given to Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials.

(5.4) 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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ANNEX 9: THE ENDURANCE AWARDS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

In order to reward a wider range of positive achievements of Horses and Athletes, we would like to introduce 'The Endurance Awards.'

**Proposed Wording**

The *Combinations Award* will be awarded as follows to Combinations who successfully complete Competitions:

- a) Gold status for eight successful completions;
- b) Silver status for six successful completions;
- c) Bronze status for four successful completions.

The *Consecutive Completions Award* will be awarded as follows to Athletes who successfully consecutively complete Competitions:

- a) Gold status for fifteen consecutive successful completions;
- b) Silver status for ten consecutive successful completions;
- c) Bronze status for five consecutive successful completions.

The *Best Condition Award* will be awarded as follows to Athletes and Horses who receive multiple Best Condition awards:

- a) Gold status for six Best Condition awards received;
- b) Silver status for four Best Condition awards received;
- c) Bronze status for two Best Condition awards received.

**Prize Money (if applicable) will be apportioned as follows:**

- Gold Combinations Award: 1/3
- Gold Consecutive Completions Award: 1/3
- Gold Best Condition Award: 1/3