

**PROPOSALS FOR 2020 MODIFICATIONS TO THE
ENDURANCE RULES**

26 October 2020

Dear National Federations,

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

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

- A. [Proposed Rules changes to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020](#); and
- B. [Proposed Rules changes that have been rejected or deferred to a future Rules revision.](#)

Sincerely,



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23 November 2020

A. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES TO BE VOTED AT THE FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
801. HORSE WELFARE - 801.2.4
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>The Veterinary Committee and the Veterinary Department suggest that any horse entered in any International Competition can always be treated.</p> <p>In many countries the right of ownership and sometimes also religious beliefs will apply over any animal welfare legislation and FEI Rules stating the obligation to treat an animal in need. By adding an automatic consent in the FEI rules the risk for refusal of treatment by a PR should be much less.</p>
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
<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.</p>
Comments received by 31 August 2020
<p>NED NF</p> <p>We agree that the owner of the horse consents to veterinary treatment, but in the text it should be limited to necessary treatments on site at the event, and the type of treatment that may be required (e.g. stabilizing, infusion, etc.) should also be mentioned.</p> <p>This type of treatment can mostly be done at the competition site and follow-up treatments in a clinic may not be mandatory. So the obligation to transport to a "referral facility" can be left out. As it is mentioned now in the new rule in theory a veterinarian can perform all kind of expensive treatment which the owner has to pay.</p> <p>Furthermore we would like to see that at least 2 or 3 veterinarians should find treatment necessary.</p>
FEI feedback
<p>The Endurance Temporary Committee and the Veterinary Committee are not in agreement with the proposal from the NED feedback and the wording should remain. We believe that the veterinarians should have the possibility to refer the horse for further evaluation from the event and any treatments and costs can be discussed between the PR/owner and vet from the referral clinic instead of at the event venue.</p>
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

As per wording proposed In 1st draft (see above)

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Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>The rule modification is needed to be in line with the Veterinary Regulations and the new Education System for Endurance Veterinary Officials that have been revised last year.</p> <p>As a consequence this revision impacts the Endurance Rules and an update for the star rating for Veterinarians appointments is needed.</p>

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

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Veterinary Commission:

	Veterinary Commission									
	President (see note 6)			Foreign Veterinary Delegate (see note 6)			Members			
	Minimum Rate	Number	Appointment	Minimum Rate	Number	Appointment	Minimum Rate	Minimum number	Appointment	Extra Member
WEG/World Championships (see notes 3 and 5)	EOV 4	1	FEI Headquarters	EOV 4	1	FEI Headquarters	EOV 3-4	3	FEI Headquarters	1 per 15 entries
Regional Games/Continental Championships; Championships for Seniors, Juniors/Young Riders, or Young Horses (see notes 3 and 5)	EOV 4	1	FEI Headquarters	EOV 4	1	FEI Headquarters	EOV 3-4	3	FEI Headquarters	1 per 15 entries
Regional Championships	EOV 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	Not required			EOV 2-PTV	2	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 20 entries
CEI 3* (see notes 3 and 4)	EOV 3-4	1	FEI Headquarters	EOV 3-4	1	FEI Headquarters	EOV 2-3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 20 entries
CEI 2*	EOV 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	EOV 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	EOV 2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 20 entries
CEI 1*	EOV 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	Not required			EOV 2-PTV	2	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 20 entries

(3) At least half of the members of the Veterinary Commission (including the President and Foreign Veterinary Delegate) must be 'Foreign', in accordance with Article **Error! Reference source not found.**

(4) At least half of the members of the Veterinary Commission must be Level 3 EOVs or higher

(5) At least half of the members of the Veterinary Commission must be Level 4 EOVs.

(4-6) 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.

Treating Commission:

Treating Veterinary Commission

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	President			Members				Veterinary Service Manager (see note 9)		
	Minimum Rate	Number	Appointment	Minimum Rate	Minimum number	Appointment	Extra Member	Minimum Rate	Minimum Number	Appointment
WEG/World Championships (see note 7)	EVT 4	1	FEI Headquarters	EVT 3-4	1	FEI Headquarters	1 per 20 entries	EVT 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
Regional Games/Continental Championships; Championships for Seniors, Juniors/Young Riders, or Young Horses (see note 7)	EVT 4	1	FEI Headquarters	EVT 3-4	1	FEI Headquarters	1 per 20 entries	EVT 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
Regional Championships (see note 8)	EVT 3-2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	PTV	N/A	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 50 entries	EVT 2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
CEI 3* (see note 8)	EVT 3-4	1	FEI Headquarters	PTV	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 30 entries	EVT 2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
CEI 2* (see note 8)	EVT 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	PTV	N/A	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 50 entries	EVT 2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
CEI 1* (see note 8)	EVT 3-2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	PTV	N/A	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 50 entries	EVT 2	1	OC, subject to FEI approval

(7) At least half of the members of the Treating Veterinary Commission must be Level 4 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials.

(8) 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.

(9) The President or a Member of the Treating Veterinary Commission can be appointed as the VSM.

Comments received by 31 August 2020

FRA NF

For CEI1* we suggest to keep the possibility to nominate PTVs as Member of the Veterinary Commission and not restrict it to EOVL2 or above.

This is to ensure the possibility to fulfil all functions, limit extra cost for OCs and help new vets to engage themselves in the FEI Officials pathway.

For CEI1* we suggest to keep the possibility to nominate a EVT L2 as President of the Treating Veterinary Commission and not restrict it to EVT L3 or above.

This is to ensure the possibility to fulfil all functions and limit extra cost for OCs.

FEI feedback

It is not possible to accept this proposal as it is not in line with the new Veterinary Education System that applies to all disciplines.

Furthermore the level of EOVL and EVT appointed for CEI 1* is still very important. Novice horses are coming into CEI competition for the first time and Horses are subject to restrictions such as speed limit, MOOCP etc.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

As per wording proposed In 1st draft

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

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

GER NF

Annex5 Part A 4

Annex5 Part A 4. Veterinary Supervision at Events

Explanation for Proposed Change

Annex V 4. of the FEI Endurance Regulations and the proposed wording for Art. 1035 of the FEI Regs do not conform with each other.
Vet Regs Art 1035, Horse Inspection Timings:

iii. Endurance	For CEI1* and CEI2* Events: Within 24 hours before the competition starts <u>of the first loop</u> For CEI3* Events and above, including Championships: no less than 12 hours before and no longer than 24hrs before the Competition starts <u>of the first loop</u>	Vet Gate Inspection: at the end of each phase Final Horse Inspection: at the end of the competition.
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Please delete "CEI2*" from the Annex V,4. of the FEI Endurance Regulations, then there would be no problem.

CEI1* and CEI2* are qualifying rides for CEI3* rides and Championships and the distance between a CEI1* and CEI2* is only 20 km. CEI1* and CEI2* rides should be treated in the same way.

CEI3* and above rides including championships are very competitive and here the Annex V 4. stipulations are in the interest of horse welfare.

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

None, the proposal from the **GER NF** was received on 27 August 2020

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Comments received by 31 August 2020

To ensure that Horses have adequate rest between travel and Competition, and to ensure adequate veterinary supervision before and after a ride, at all ~~CEI-2*~~, CEI 3*, and Championships, subject to the discretion of the Veterinary Commission, all competing Horses must remain in the stable area at the Event under veterinary supervision (by the President of the Veterinary Commission, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, a member of the Veterinary Commission, and/or a Treating Veterinarian) for (i) a minimum of eight hours before the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection (subject to published closing times for the stables), and (ii) a minimum of eight hours after the scheduled finish for the Competition. If a Horse has not completed all Phases of the Competition, the President of the Veterinary Commission, Foreign Veterinary Delegate and President of the Ground Jury may authorise the release of a Horse at an earlier time.

FEI feedback

This proposal is not referred to in the 1st Draft sent to the NFs on the 13 July 2020, therefore it cannot be accepted at this stage.

Phase 3 of the FEI [Rules Revision policy](#):

- NFs and SHs must be given at least six weeks to review the 1st Draft and the proposed amendments lay down in this 1st Draft and **make comments and/or propose any changes in relation to the amendments referenced in the 1st Draft only**. Comments/changes to be submitted to the FEI no later than 31 August.
- **New proposals can only be accepted if linked directly to a proposed modification included in the 1st Draft.**

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Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
NED NF
834 & 861 Elite Athlete status
<p>Introduction – point 2 Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</p> <p>Annex5 Part A 4. Veterinary Supervision at Events</p>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Under article 861 the Elite Athlete status is mentioned. There is an advantage for senior riders, but not for junior and young riders. An elite athlete doesn't have to compete as combination in a CEI2* if athlete and horse are both individually qualified for the CEI3* level in other combinations. Junior and Young riders compete at CEI2* 120. There should also be mentioned an advantage for Junior and Young riders elite athletes. Not in general what the advantage is for an elite athlete..</p>
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
None, the proposal from the NED NF was received on 31 August 2020
Comments received by 31 August 2020
If the junior and young rider Athlete and Horse are both individually qualified for the CEI 2* level, they have to successfully complete one CEI2* (instead of the 2 competitions to complete in the CEI2*) as a Combination to compete together in a 2* Young rider/Junior Championship. (Further to Article 833.3.3, Athletes with Elite Status are exempt from this Combination requirement
FEI feedback
<p>This proposal is not referred on the 1st Draft sent to the NFs on the 13 July 2020, therefore cannot be accepted at this stage.</p> <p>Phase 3 of the FEI Rules Revision policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NFs and SHs must be given at least six weeks to review the 1st Draft and the proposed amendments lay down in this 1st Draft and make comments and/or propose any changes in relation to the amendments referenced in the 1st Draft only. Comments/changes to be submitted to the FEI no later than 31 August. - New proposals can only be accepted if linked directly to a proposed modification included in the 1st Draft.