20 October 2021

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 2021; and

B. Proposed Rules changes that have been rejected or deferred to a future Rules revision.

Sincerely,

Christina Abu-Dayyeh,
Director
Endurance Department
## A. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES TO BE VOTED AT THE FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021

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### 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. (...)

### Explanation for Proposed Change

At CEI1* events the examination is carried out by three Veterinarians: the President of the Vet Commission and two members of the Veterinary Commission as there are no Foreign Veterinary Delegate in CEI1* competition.

### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

(...)

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.

### Comments received by 30 August 2021

No opposition to this proposal

### FEI feedback

N/A

### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

As per original proposal.
Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name
861.4 Removal of Elite Athlete Status:

Explanation for Proposed Change
The rule should be clarified to confirm two things (1) any EADCMR violation/suspension while an Athlete is in the process of obtaining Elite status puts the rides back to zero; (2) any EADCMR violation/suspension while an Athlete has Elite status will require the Athlete to requalify as an Elite Athlete (i.e. goes back to zero). The date of the FEI Tribunal Decision/date that the suspension starts will be the relevant date to “reset” the Athlete’s number of rides.

Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021
861.4 Removal Consequences of EADCMR and suspensions on Elite Athlete Status:

Athletes who receive any form of a suspension as defined under the FEI General Regulations or commit an offence under the Equine Anti-Doping and Control Medication Regulations will automatically lose their Elite Status and will be required to re-qualify again by completing all ten required CEIs starting (as applicable) either from the date the period of final suspension is imposed or the 'fast track’ decision is finalised.

If an Athlete who has not yet achieved Elite Status (but who is in the process of qualifying for Elite Status) receives any form of a suspension as defined under the FEI General Regulations or commits an offence under the Equine Anti-Doping and Control Medication Regulations, the number of his/her CEIs that count towards achieving Elite Status will be reset to zero (0) either from the date the period of final suspension is imposed or the 'fast track’ decision is finalised.

Comments received by 30 August 2021

No opposition to this proposal

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

As per original proposal
## Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

### Article Number – Article Name

**ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS**

### Explanation for Proposed Change

Due to the low numbers of Level 4 veterinarians, footnotes (5) and (7) need to be amended as it is currently not viable.

### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

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

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

### Comments received by 30 August 2021

No opposition to this proposal

### FEI feedback

N/A

### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

As per original proposal
### Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

**FEI**

### Article Number – Article Name

**Annex 5: Horse Inspections, Examinations, Control of Medication**

### Explanation for Proposed Change

The ETC and HQ have agreed to add that horses competing in Championships must be stabled at the venue prior to the start of the event for reasons horse welfare reasons.

### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

Addition to point 4 in Annex 5:

Horses participating at a Championship must be stabled at the venue overnight and must enter the stables at the latest 4 hours before the official closing time of the stables the night before the First Inspection.

In the event of unforeseen and exceptional circumstances a Horse may present up to one hour before closing time of the stables subject to the specific approval of both the Technical Delegate and Foreign Vet Delegate.

### Comments received by 30 August 2021

KUW NF and UAE NF do not support this proposed change.

### FEI feedback

The FEI HQ and Endurance Technical Committee believes it is in the best interest of horses to be stabled overnight at the venue under supervision at Championships.

### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

As per original proposal
## Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

**FEI**

## Article Number – Article Name

**835. Validity of CEI Star Level Qualification**

## Explanation for Proposed Change

To clarify and avoid redundancies.

## Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

835.3 Each time an Athlete or Horse successfully completes a Competition at the level for which he/it has qualified or the level below, the Athlete's/Horse's qualification at his/its current level will be automatically revalidated by the FEI (for that level which has been completed) for the period set out in Article 835.1.

835.6 Each time an Athlete or Horse successfully completes a Competition at a level below that for which he/it has qualified, the Athlete’s/Horse’s qualification for that lower level will be automatically revalidated for the period set out in Article 835.1.

## Comments received by 30 August 2021

No opposition to this proposal.

## FEI feedback

N/A

## Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

As per original proposal
## Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

**FEI**

### Article Number – Article Name

**Art. 839.2 Additional MOOCP**

### Explanation for Proposed Change

To clarify that the MOOCP for a DSQ Hyposensitivity is an additional MOOCP

### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

**Art. 839.2**  
**Additional MOOCP:**

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):

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<td>Horses that exceed an average of 20 km/hour over completed Loops of a course (calculated in accordance with Article 838)</td>
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<td>Second FTQ-ME (Failure to Qualify - metabolic) in a rolling year</td>
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<td>60 days (subject to extension under Article 839.2.3)</td>
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| 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). |
| 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)                                                                          |

### Comments received by 30 August 2021
KUW and YEM agrees and supports this Amendment from the FEI with suggestion to add a code for a disqualification that is due to hyposensitivity.

UAE NF supports this and proposes to have a disqualification code for hyposensitivity control system examination that will apply in FEI endurance rides, so it will be easy to reflect such disqualification cases automatically in the results and the consequences.

USA NF: A twenty-eight day MOOCP is considered to be too lenient for a hyposensitivity disqualification when compared to the other lengths of MOOCPs. Sixty days would be more in line with the other listed MOOCPs.

FEI feedback

In regards to the comment from the USA, kindly note that the 28 days are additional mandatory out of competition days and therefore will be added on top of any other MOOCP days prescribed. The Hyposensitivity test is used as an indicator that there is an abnormality with the horse and not necessarily that there is cheating. Furthermore, all horses that test positive for Hyposensitivity undergo EADCMP testing and are subject to further sanctions should they test positive for any substance listed in the FEI prohibited substances list.

In response to the proposal to add a DSQ code for hyposensitivity, there already exists one which appears on the FEI IT Database when a horse is DSQ for a positive hyposensitivity test.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

As per original proposal.
### Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

**BUL NF**

| Article Number – Article Name | ENDURANCE RULES - CHAPTER VI INVITATION AND ENTRIES  
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#### Explanation for Proposed Change

The Endurance Championships and Games must be accessible for any Athlete and/or NF’s team, who received qualification. If there is no upper limit for Entry fee per horse, each Organizing committee can uncontrollably increase it and make it difficult for some Federations and/or Athletes to participate. For CEIOs and Championships, Maximum Entry Fee per horse – 600 € (which includes box fee and first bedding).

#### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

N/A. This proposed change was not included in the proposed changes circulated on 12 July 2021 (See 12 July 2021 memo).

#### Comments received by 30 August 2021

**IRL NF** feel that this proposal should be considered due to COVID and EHV. The OC need to spend extra on event expenses. IRL NF feel that the max fee should be set at €1000.

*Proposed Wording:*

For CEIOs and Championships, Maximum Entry Fee per horse – 1000 € (which includes box fee and first bedding).

#### FEI feedback

This will need to be done in the full rule revision, as it does not fall within any of the Rules Revision criteria.

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

N/A
Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

NED NF

Article Number – Article Name

833 CEI QUALIFICATIONS and 836 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Explanation for Proposed Change

Horse welfare: Article 833.3.3 states that Athletes with Elite status can ride any qualified horse in a 3* competition without having completed a 2* as a combination. Junior/Young Riders can obtain Elite status by participating at 2* level, without ever competing at 3* level. This means a Junior/Young Rider with Elite Status may participate in a 160 km (even when it´s their very first 160 km) with a horse they have never ridden before. We believe this doesn´t promote horse welfare. The option should only be available to Senior Elite Athletes.

Inconsistency: Article 836.1.2 Junior/Young Riders don´t receive any benefit from their Elite status when working towards championships, while Senior Elite Athletes do. Seniors don´t need a 2* completion as a combination, which enables them to qualify for championships faster. We propose to give Junior/Young Rider Elite Athletes the same benefit. In order to qualify for a 2* championship a Junior/Young Rider Elite Athlete would need 1 completion at 2* in combination. For non-Elite athletes the rule remains the same: 2 completions in combination.

Since Elite Junior/Young Riders have much experience at 2* level and still need at least 1 completion as a combination, so we believe it is safe for the horse. It provides Athletes with more options in the limited time they have as a Junior/Young Rider.

Wording proposed by NED NF

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 out of three consecutive CEI 2*, and (ii) one CEI 2* together as a Combination (except for Athletes with Senior 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).

834.2 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 Senior Elite Status are exempt from this Combination requirement).

836.1.2

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<td>2* Young Rider/Junior Championships</td>
<td>Two CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination, for Athletes with Junior/Young Rider Elite status: one in Combination</td>
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**FEI feedback (as per 12 July 2021 memo)**

Horse welfare point: The addition of the word ‘senior’ will make the junior elite status obsolete. This would need to be done as part of a full rule revision process.

Inconsistency point: this is a change to the current rule, which compliments the first change suggested in the ‘horse welfare’ point. Since adding the word ‘senior’ will make the elite J/YR status obsolete, this suggestion gives them the benefit. However, this would need to be done in the full rule revision, as it’s a rule change rather than a clarification/correction of inconsistency.

**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

**NED NF**: On June 28th in the Emergency Board resolution the qualification criteria for Elite Juniors and Young Riders for the Ermelo Championships has been temporary changed. The elite riders has been giving the opportunity to qualify for the Championships with one ride in combination instead of the original required two. Please consider this as a permanent change in the rules as of 2022 instead of as part of a full rule revision process.

**FEI feedback in response to comment received by 30 August 2021**

This will need to wait until the full rules revision as it does not fall within any of the criteria of the FEI Periodical Rules Revision Policy (https://inside.fei.org/fei/about-fei/governance/rules-revision). The change made was an emergency board resolution in response to hardships associated with covid-19.

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021**

N/A
Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

NED NF

Article Number – Article Name
803. STAR LEVEL OF EVENTS

Explanation for Proposed Change

A high amount of prize money may lead to faster riding and increased risk for horse welfare. Furthermore, under the current rules 120 km events with high amounts of prize money are CIMs, even though they are athletically challenging. This means prestigious events with many foreign participants can be held under national rules instead of FEI rules, thereby potentially evading the FEI rules for horse welfare.

To prevent this and to increase welfare at CEIs, we propose to give 120 km events with high prize money a 3* rating. (In Jumping and Dressage star levels are also defined according to prize money.)

This means events with high prize money would need more officials. Since they are sponsored, it should be no problem to bear the extra costs. The added officials will be able to safeguard horse welfare at higher-risk events.

Also, athletes and horses will require additional qualifications to enter these events, which again promotes welfare by preventing inexperienced horses from entering.

We notice that sponsored events offer "qualifier categories" next to their "prize money categories". Therefore, we don’t expect the number of competitions available to inexperienced horses or riders to decrease.

By turning 120 km events with high prize money into 3* level, it will no longer be possible to organise prestigious high-risk events with many foreign riders under national rules. Lower-risk national events of 120 km would still be open to foreign riders, which provides them with flexibility.

Wording proposed by NED NF:

03. STAR LEVEL OF EVENTS 803.1

CEIs, CEIOs and Championships are divided into three star levels (3* being the highest level):

803.1.1 1*: Competitions between 100-119 km in one day.
803.1.2 2*: Competitions between 120-139 km in one day, or between 70-89 km per day over two days, with prize money up to CHF 19’999
803.1.3 3*: Competitions between 120-139 km in one day, or between 70-89 km per day over two days, with prize money of or exceeding CHF 20’000 and 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.

As a consequence the following would change:

836 Championships: 3* Senior Championships Two CEI 3* 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, including one in Combination

FEI feedback in July 2021 Memo

This situation was addressed with the recent board decision to support the removal of CEI2* from CIMs.
Any change to link the *level to the amount of prize money offered would need to be proposed as part of a full rule revision as it does not fall within any of the Rules Revision criteria.

**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

In reference to General Regulations proposal by the FEI to remove the CEI2* from the CIM list, **KUW NF** recommends postponing this change during this time due to that it needs additional studies from different sides without disregarding the advice of other national NF’s and taking into consideration the financial and organizational capacity of each NF. We also propose the necessary to listen to the NF’s calling for the classification of Endurance events to be 5 levels similar to other FEI Disciplines as Endurance is part of the FEI Disciplines.

**NED NF** opposes against the FEI proposal in the General Regulations Appendix E to remove CEI2* as a CIM/minor event.

In most countries the speeds at CEI2* are low to moderate and therefore a 2* is a minor event from a sportive/technical perspective.

When stakes are higher because of price money, speed increases and the 2* can no longer be considered a minor event.

The problem with regarding all 2* events as a CI rather than a minor event is that it will be harder and more expensive to organize a 2*. This will unnecessarily hinder the development of endurance in countries where it is a small sport.

A much more elegant solution is to regard a CEI2* as a CI only when there is a substantial amount of prize money. We have entered a proposal for the endurance rules to attain this goal. We believe this proposal should be put forward this year instead of the FEI proposal to the General Regulations.

**YEM NF**

It is recommended that the CEI 2* from CIM to CI should be postponed at the moment as we feel it needs further study and the change should be done only after consultation with Endurance Technical Committee.

1. The approval for change or classification of the CIM to a higher-level event its purely technical matter and must come from the Endurance Technical Committee, as we have noted that the changes for Jumping, and eventing are after approval from the technical committees of the respective disciplines.

2. The change or classification of the CIM to a higher-level event will affect the whole support and will have negative impact as the requirements for the CIs are more difficult for the small NFs

3. According to FEI Periodical Rules Revision Policy, FEI Rules and Regulations should only be reviewed every 4 years. The last full Endurance rule & General regulations amendments were in 2019 and these rules can only be modified in cases of:

   - 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.
   - Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc
• New/recently introduced rule(s) that has(ve) proven to be problematic in its implementation.

4. This amendment must be addressed in FEI Sports Forum and have consultation of all NFs and concerns in order to have their feedback to promote the sport in the best interest for all concerns.

5. In endurance events, currently, as per FEI Endurance rules, events are classified as per star level, there being just three-star levels 1 star, 2 star and 3 star, (3 star being the highest level even for Championships), In 2017 at FEI Endurance Forum held in Barcelona it was discussed about ensuring and setting a different standard for Championship in order to have a better competition level with the best athlete and horse, by introducing new star system and to have CEIs classified into five different star levels. There was general agreement in that forum and support for the creation of a new 5 star level of competition after progressing from the 4 star to the 5 star. This was a good proposal to be in the same line with other FEI disciplines.

**FEI feedback to comments received in August 2021**

The proposed removal of the CEI2* from the list of CIMs is included as a change to the FEI General Regulations (rather than the FEI Endurance Rules), please refer to the General Regulations memo.

The proposal will be put forward for discussion at the Rules Session that will be held during the FEI General Assembly 2021 where all NFs will have the opportunity to provide their feedback.
| Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI) | NED NF |
| Article Number – Article Name | 843. INVITATIONS |
| Explanation for Proposed Change | Addition to point 843.2 entry fee for CEIOs and Championships. |

As there are no restrictions for the entry fee at championships we would like to see that rules will be implemented. (e.g. as in eventing).

We would like to bring to the attention the total amount of expenses OC’s charge for competing at CEIOs and Championships. The entry fee and expenses should be according to the FEI agreement with the Organizing Committee. There should be a maximum amount for the entry fee (including stable fee, EADCMP and such) (and a clear relation between entry fee and prize money). We understand the efforts and the associated costs for the OCs but it would be recommended if OCs succeed in reducing the entry fee to keep it affordable for the athletes.

NED NF’s proposed wording:

Art 843.2 (addition)

The entry fee and expenses to be offered for CEIOs and Championships will be according to FEI agreement with the Organising Committee.

FEI feedback as per 12 July 2021 memo

This will need to be done as part of the full rule revision process as it does not fall within any of the Rules Revision criteria.

Comments received by 30 August 2021

No further comments were received.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

N/A
Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
YEM and KUW NF

Article Number – Article Name
1045. Endurance (Veterinary Regulations)

Explanation for Proposed Change
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Comments received by 30 August 2021
12. A Horse Inspection will include an assessment of the Horse’s fitness to continue in the Competition based on its heart rate recovery, metabolic status, gait and general condition. Save where specified otherwise in the Endurance.

FEI feedback
As this rule change proposal is new/not related to a rule proposal that was part of the 12 July 2021 proposals, it cannot be considered at this stage.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021
N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
YEM and KUW NF

Article Number – Article Name
Article 849.3 Rotation of Officials

Explanation for Proposed Change
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Comments received by 30 August 2021
YEM NF
Article 849.3 Rotation of Officials
Art. 849.3 Where more than one Event is held each year at a particular venue, a person may serve as a specified 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.

KUW NF
Regarding the issue of officials, we suggest that it can be open not to limited specific number of events, especially officials from the same country, meaning national officials, vet, Ground Jury, stewards, and etc... But it can be for specific positions in the event, such as the president of Ground Jury, President of Veterinary Commission, Foreign Veterinary Delegate, Technical Delegate, President of Treating Vet, Chief Steward.

FEI feedback
As this rule change proposal is new/not related to a rule proposal that was part of the 12 July 2021 proposals, it cannot be considered at this stage.
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