

## PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF ENDURANCE RULES

### 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 next full revision of the Endurance Rules will take place in 2023 (to come into force in 2024) . For this year's revision process NFs and MOU stakeholders were invited to propose only modifications that fulfilled the following criteria:

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

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

In the following document you will find 1 section as follows:

#### **A. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI**



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**A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2020**

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>801. HORSE WELFARE - 801.2.4</b>
<b>Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria</b>
1. Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes;
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<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>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<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>

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS</b>
<b>Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria</b>
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**Proposed Wording**
**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
<b>WEG/World Championships</b> (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
<b>Regional Games/Continental Championships; Championships for Seniors, Juniors/Young Riders, or Young Horses</b> (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
<b>Regional Championships</b>	EOV 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval	Not required			EOV 2_PTV	2	OC, subject to FEI approval	1 per 20 entries
<b>CEI 3*</b> (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
<b>CEI 2*</b>	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
<b>CEI 1*</b>	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.

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Treating Commission:	Treating Veterinary Commission									
	President			Members				Veterinary Service Manager (see note 8)		
	Minimum Rate	Number	Appointment	Minimum Rate	Minimum number	Appointment	Extra Member	Minimum Rate	Minimum Number	Appointment
<b>WEG/World Championships</b> <b>(see note 6)</b>	EVT 4	1	FEI Headquarters	EVT 3-4	1	FEI Headquarters	1 per 20 entries	EVT 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
<b>Regional Games/Continental Championships; Championships for Seniors, Juniors/Young Riders, or Young Horses</b> (see note 6)	EVT 4	1	FEI Headquarters	EVT 3-4	1	FEI Headquarters	1 per 20 entries	EVT 3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
<b>Regional Championships</b> (see note 7)	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
<b>CEI 3*</b> (see note 7)	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
<b>CEI 2*</b> (see note 7)	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
<b>CEI 1*</b> (see note 7)	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

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

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- (7) 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.
- (8) The President or a Member of the Treating Veterinary Commission can be appointed as the VSM.