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ENDURANCE

SESSION 3 – Endurance Rules

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Endurance Technical Committee Meetings

6 In-Person meetings, 8 conference calls, 1 Stakeholder meeting, 1 Sports Forum

- 02 November 2018: Teleconference
- **12 December 2018: In-Person Meeting in Lausanne**
- **15 January 2019: In-Person Meeting in Lausanne**
- 30 January 2019: Teleconference
- 06 February 2019: Teleconference
- **21 February 2019: Stakeholders Meeting in Lausanne**
- **22 February 2019: In-Person Meeting in Lausanne**
- 05 March 2019: Teleconference
- 27 March 2019: Teleconference
- **14 & 15 April 2019 : In-Person Meeting in Lausanne**
- **16 April 2019 : FEI Sport Forum in Lausanne**
- **13 May 2019: In-Person Meeting in Lausanne**
- 11 June 2019: Teleconference
- 27 June 2019 : Teleconference
- **10 September 2019: In-Person Meeting in London**
- 08 October 2019 : Teleconference

Timeline in Rules process

- Stakeholder meeting represented by:
 - FEI Groups (EEF, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX)
 - World Horse Welfare
 - Alliance of Endurance Organisers
- First draft of Rules Issued – 08 July 2019
 - Response deadline – 31 August 2019, **with 38 NFs responding**
- Revised Rules issue date – 22 October 2019
- Various stakeholder surveys considered

Endurance back to its roots



B.1 – Criteria for Test Events

802.5 Test event for Championships:

802.5.1 To ensure the smooth running of a Championship, the FEI Endurance Technical Committee will require (for 3* Championships) and may require (for all other Championships) the organiser of a Championship to host a test event around 12 months prior to the Championship (to ensure the test event takes place around the same time of year and with similar weather conditions as the Championship), which test event must have:

- (a) the same (or similar) distance, course, and panel of Officials as the Championship; and
- (b) the same provider for timing, data handling, and heart rate monitoring.

B.2- Minimum Athlete weight

805.MINIMUM WEIGHTS

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

Event	Minimum weight
Young Rider/Junior	
Young Rider/Junior Competitions and Championships	60 kg
Senior	
CEI 1*	70 kg
CEI 2* and 3*	75 kg
CEIOs and Championships	75 kg

B.3- Maximum number of starters

807.2 Staggered starts may be used for single day CEI 1* if there are at least 50 starting Combinations, provided that the interval between the first and last Combination to start does not exceed one hour.

847 For each Event, there may be a maximum of 200 starters per Competition and a maximum of 400 starters per day, subject in each case to space at the venue and an appropriate ratio of Athletes to Officials (see Annex 6).

B.4- Increase sanctions for removing a Horse from the Field of Play

810. REMOVAL FROM COMPETITION

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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-authorised 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, imposition of a 60-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period for the Horse, and the penalty points set out in Article 864.

B.5- Minimum number of Loops

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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
100-119 km	Three
120-139 km	Four
140-160 km CEI 3*	Five
160 km Championship	Six

B.6– Heart rate parameters and presentation times

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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); and
- (b) **64** bpm within **20** minutes of crossing the finish line of the final Loop.

B.6- Heart rate parameters and presentation times

816.6.2

The presentation time limits in Article 816.6.1 start to count down from the time the Combination crosses the end line of a Loop and stops when the Horse crosses the line into the Vetting Area to be presented for its Horse Inspection (if the Horse is required to undergo a heart rate re-inspection, the presentation time limit will continue to count down from when the Horse fails the first heart rate inspection). If the Veterinarians responsible for the Horse Inspection are occupied with several other Horses when a Combination presents at the Vetting Area, then the presentation time will be stopped for that Combination while it waits for inspection.

816.6.5

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 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.7- Number of crew

813.2.2 Subject to Articles 816.4 (further restrictions for the Vetting Area) and 813.2.1, the maximum number of Crew Members allowed on the Field of Play is **four** per Horse.

B.8– Tack/Equipment & Horse Abuse

824. DYES AND SKIN CREAMS

Dyes (including henna) 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.9– The role of the Trainer

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To be registered with the FEI as the Trainer of a Horse, the Trainer must be 18 years old or older.

B.10– Targeted Mandatory Out Of Competition Periods (MOOCP)

839.2 Additional MOOCP

Incident	Additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period and other consequences
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	<p>a) 180-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period; and</p> <p>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>
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)
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)

B.11- Qualification from CEI1* to Championships

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 a minimum of two consecutive 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 a minimum of (i) two consecutive CEI 2*, and (ii) one CEI 2* together as a Combination, all within a two-year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two consecutive rides or may be a separate third ride).

B.11- Qualification for 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 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).

B.11- Qualification for Championships

Championship	Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements
1* Championships	Two 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
2* Senior Championships	Two Four CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination
3* Senior Championships	Two CEI 3*, including two in Combination

B.11- Qualifying for and competing in CEI Events

837. CONSEQUENCES FOR REPEATED FTQ AND/OR DSQ DESIGNATIONS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS EXCEEDING 20 KM/HOUR

837.1 If an Athlete or 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 Athlete or Horse 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 Athlete and Horse in question:

B.11- Qualifying for and competing in CEI Events

Number of FTQ and/or DSQ in a one-year rolling period with average speed >20 km/hour	Consequences	Conditions for speed restriction to be lifted
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.
Three	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.
Four	Demoted by one qualification level (all requirements to qualify for the next CEI star level must be completed anew) and speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.	Successful completion of two Competitions at the qualification level to which the Athlete/Horse is demoted within the speed restriction.
Five	Demoted to national level (all novice qualifications must be completed before progressing again through the CEI star qualification levels).	No conditions.

B.11- Qualifying for and competing in CEI Events

STAR LEVEL OF EVENTS and NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS

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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.

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.

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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-year period.

B.12.- Officials, Appointments

Annex 6 : OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS

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For CEIs with 20 entries or less, the FEI will consult with the OC to appoint Officials. For CEIs with more than 20 entries

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Q & A

THANK YOU !