

FEI 2016 WORLD ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS for Seniors

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA *(as per 08.04.2016)*

CH-M-E 160

September/October *(to be confirmed)* / **2016**

Please refer to the Qualification Rules available on the following link:

<http://www.fei.org/fei/regulations/endurance>

1. Qualification period (Ref. Art. 816.3.11 and 816.3.16)

Start: *September / October 2014 (to be confirmed)*

End: *July / August 2016 (to be confirmed)*

2. Qualification criteria

- 815.1 Any person from the year in which he/she reaches his/her 14th birthday and who is duly authorised by his/her National Federation is eligible to take part in all Endurance Rides (CEIs, CEIOs and Championships – Senior and Junior/Young Rider)
- 815.2.4 For 4-Stars, CEIOs and Championships (excluding Young Horse Championships where the minimum age must be 7years) Horses must be at least 8 years of age.
- 815.2.5 815.2.5 Mares obviously in advanced pregnancies, meaning over 120 days, or with foal at foot cannot be entered in any CEI event.
- 815.2.6 All ages are determined as of the date of the Event for which eligibility to participate is sought, and must be confirmed either through reliable registrations or written Veterinary opinion, which may be recorded within Passports. Horses are deemed to have their birthday on the 1st January.

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Horses:

- 816.3.9 Horses must have graduated through the qualifying processes outlined above for Novice and CEI-Star qualifying up to, and including, the distance of the event for which a Certificate of Capability is sought.
- 816.3.10 Horses must have successfully completed at least 3 CEI 2* events or higher.
- 816.3.11 Of these 3 CEI events, at least one must be at the minimum speed of 14 kph, and the same distance and time frame as the 4-Star Championship and achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated Athlete unless that Athlete is a Senior Elite Endurance Athlete. In such cases, the horse can be ridden by any other applicable Athlete.

Athletes:

- 816.3.12 To achieve Senior Elite Athlete status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI 3* 160km Events or higher. To maintain Senior Elite Athlete status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI3* 160 km within every successive 24 months.
- 816.3.13 Riders who receive any form of a suspension as defined under the FEI General Regulations (Penalties) or have committed an offense under the FEI Equine Anti Doping and Control Medication regulations, will automatically lose their Elite Status and will be required to re-qualify again by completing ten CEI3* events commencing either after the period of suspension or after the 'fast track' decision is finalised.
- 816.3.14 Athletes must have graduated through the qualifying processes outlined above for Novice and CEI-Star qualifying up to, and including, the distance of the event for which a Certificate of Capability is sought.
- 816.3.15 Athletes must have successfully completed at least 5 CEI 2* events or higher.
- 816.3.16 Of those 5 CEI events, one must be at the minimum speed of 14 kph and the same distance, weight and time frame as the 4* Championship, achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated horse unless that Athlete is a Senior Elite Endurance Athlete.

Recording and Proof of Qualification: Approved records must be provided for Rider/Horse results for eventual insertion into FEI Database/Passports as required. However, the ultimate responsibility for proof still remains with each NF.

Teams and Individuals

- 817.4.1 Teams: If an NF starts three or more combinations all results are available to establish their Team result and are also eligible for individual classification and placing/awards. Only the highest placed three members shall count for the Team classification. However other Athletes from that same Team who successfully complete the Competition will also receive a team medal.
Should any combination whose result was available to count towards Team Classification, subsequently fail an FEI sampling procedure which results in the loss of that individual's result(s) within the event, the classification of that entire team will become null and void.
Such loss of Team classification will not affect the individual classification of the other members of that team.
- 817.4.2 Individuals: If an NF starts fewer than 3 combinations they shall only be eligible for individual classification and placing/awards, but not as a Team.
- 817.4.3 With regard to the number of teams required for Championships, Art. 104 of the General Regulations applies.

REMINDER

REMINDER: All Riders & Horses participating in any International competition must be registered with the FEI.

See General Regulations, 23rd Edition Art. 113.3:

"Any Athlete and/or any Horse who is not registered with the FEI shall be automatically disqualified".

Nominated entries	<i>to be updated once the schedule is approved</i>
Definite entries	<i>to be updated once the schedule is approved</i>