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**2018 ENDURANCE RULES –proposed modifications**

**Introduction**

Please find below the Endurance Committee’s proposals for changes and clarifications to the Endurance Rules. Further to several meetings organized with the stakeholders the proposals were formulated and circulated in the first version- The below document includes the feedback received and the Committee detailed proposal for approval of the General Assembly.

*The rationale of the Endurance Committee for proposing the change is indicated in italics and purple.*

Summarized feed-back from NFs, are included under each proposal.

**Endurance Committee’s answers further to NFs feedbacks are at the bottom of the last comment – when applicable.**

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**2018 Endurance Rules Revision – Updated 9<sup>th</sup> Edition,  
Modifications suggested for implementation in January 2018**

*2018 Rule modification proposal*  
800 – General

3. For the purpose of this Codex, the “Trainer” is defined as the person who is in charge of the preparation of the Horse both physically and mentally for Competition. **The registered trainer must have the minimum age of 18 years old.**

***Endurance Committee: In order to avoid having minors registered as trainers, it is proposed that the minimum age of a registered trainer is 18 years old.***

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

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*2018 Rule modification proposal*

800.1 Endurance Riding is a Competition to test the Athlete’s ability to safely manage the stamina and fitness of the Horse over an endurance course in a Competition against the track, the distance, the climate, the terrain and the clock **without compromising the welfare of the horse.**

***Endurance Committee: Proposal from the ETC for better comprehension of the definition of Endurance riding in terms of Horse Welfare.***

**Endurance Committee II: proposal for GA approval**

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*2018 Rule modification proposal*

800.1.3 In an Endurance Competition any member of the Genus Equus counts as a “Horse”.  
**(refer to FEI General Regulations, Appendix A – Definitions).**

***Endurance Committee: General wording updated***

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

*2018 Rule modification proposal*

807.7.1 Being followed, preceded or accompanied on any part of the course by any bicycle, pedestrian, **motorized vehicle**, or an Athlete not in the **same distance Competition** under penalty of a Yellow Warning Card

**Endurance Committee: General wording updated and clarification about motorized vehicles.**

BRA	what about if you have a 1*, 2* and 3* running together they are not doing the same distance (category)
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**Endurance Committee II: Proposal remains for GA approval**

*2018 Rule modification proposal*

810.2 Whips (or the use of any other item as a whip) and Spurs are prohibited **at any stage during the competition in the Field of Play.**

**Endurance Committee: Clarification needed**

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

*2018 Rule modification proposal*

810.5 The **Horses'** ears should be free of any inserts or attachments. Ear of **Horses** should not be clogged. Ear plugs are forbidden. Blinkers may be allowed but must permit full forward vision, without modification, and must be removed during **the Horse Inspections, including the final inspection the vet-gates.** Definition of blinkers shall be provided in the Endurance Notes for Guidance.

**Endurance Committee: The clarifying text that was stated in the Endurance Notes for Guidance regarding the blinkers is now referred in the Endurance Rules. Blinkers must be removed in all horse inspections including the final inspection.**

BRN	We agree that the Ear Plugs must be removed during the Horse Inspections, including the final inspection. But we disagree for them not to be used at all during the commission of an FEI Endurance ride. Due to noise contamination in the loop, we recommend they be used. We hope that the Ear Plugs are treated the same as Blinkers.
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**Endurance Committee II: Proposal remains for GA approval**

2018 Rule proposal

- 812.1 At all senior ~~CEI4\*~~ Championship, the minimum riding weight for Athletes must be 75kg to include all riding equipment (Article 812.6).  
*At Young Rider and/or Junior Championship, the minimum riding weight for Athletes must be 60kg to include all riding equipment (Article 812.6).*
- 812.2 At senior CEI3\*, ~~CEI4\*~~ and CEI5\* the minimum riding weight is 75 kg - details to be clearly shown on the approved ride schedule.
- 812.3 *At senior CEI2\* the minimum riding weight is 75 kg - details to be clearly shown on the approved ride schedule.*  
At CEI 1\* ~~and 2\*~~ alternative weight divisions or gender divisions may be allowed, subject to prior approval by the FEI, and must be clearly specified in the *approved ride FEI-Schedule.*
- 812.4 *At CEIYJ1\** there shall be no minimum weight in Young Rider and/or Junior Competitions.  
*At CEIYJ2\* and above, the minimum riding weight is 60 kg in Young Rider and/or Junior Competitions.*

**Endurance Committee: In order to have the speeds reduced, and as proposed by National Federations, new weight conditions are set for athletes competing in CEI 2\* and CEIYJ 2\* competitions**

BEL	<p>Belgium totally disagrees with the issue of weight. Historically, the position of the FEI is quite paradoxical and illogical. Whereas almost 30 years ago, the regulations imposed 70k (CEI1*, CEI2*) and 75k (CEI3 *), the FEI deconstructed the system leaving the organizers free of the kilos imposed. Thus, in 2017, no more CEI1* imposed weight and more and more 2* neither. Today, the FEI wants to make a radical change by imposing 75 kilos on the 2*, 3*, 4 *, 5* and CH (and why not 1* !?!) whereas for 10 years the profile of the riders is constantly evolving and becomes much more sporting, young and feminine. If the imposition of weight remains at 75k, this will force many young riders and female riders to add a dead weight of 10, 12 or even 15 kilos ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- what goes against the well-being of the horse</li><li>- what will divert all light riders and female riders from our sport</li><li>- which will encourage those who remain to become obese</li><li>- which will amplify the multiplication of ladies races and transform the mixed equestrian into a male/female equestrian</li><li>- which will not solve the problem of excessive speeds that will remain the same in the Middle East with simply more accidents and horses in the clinic because the only remedy for this scourge is called "education", a medication that the FEI never tried for endurance abandoned this responsibility to the national federations</li></ul> <p>Thus, if Belgium's position is rather to eliminate the imposition of a minimum weight, in a reasonable, logical and diplomatic approach, BEL Fed proposes to impose 70 kilos on all the CEI from the 1* to the 5* (and CH) with the exception of CEIYRJ and CEI Ladies where the minimum weight should be removed or increased to a maximum of 60 kg.</p>
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BRA	At senior CEI3*, CEI4* and CEI5* the minimum riding weight is 75 kg - details to be clearly shown on the approved ride Schedule. <b>to include all riding equipment (Article 812.6).</b>
BRA	At senior CEI2* the minimum riding weight is 75 kg - details to be clearly shown on the approved ride Schedule. <b>to include all riding equipment (Article 812.6).</b>  <i>I think that as in lot of competitions as various categories are participating together we should keep the rules as clear and simple as possible and only allow different rules in the 1* easier to control the weight in an efficient way.</i>
GER	We consider a minimum weight of 70 kg to be a better weight for riders as most riders are lighter than 75 kg with equipment, this means that the riders have to carry a dead weight to make the 75 kg. This we consider is not fair, as regards animal welfare, as dead weight can shift during the course of a ride and cause health problems for the horse due to rubbing or uneven weight distribution. Most riders would have far less problems with dead weight if the weight barrier was 70 kg and not 75 kg. In Eventing, minimum weight requirements for riders have no longer been a requirement for a long time
ITA	It would be state what constitutes "Riding Equipment": are leg protections for horses included?
NED	The weight of athletes in a CEI2*, CEI3* and at championships must be returned to 70kg. The weight can actually impede a horse. The endurance sport is mainly practiced on Arabs, so small horses. A weight of 70kg is sufficient for these animals. In addition, asking more than 70kg is not fair to the female athlete. A woman in top sports condition will always have to take lead. In order to spare a horse, this lead is difficult to fasten, while the male athletes can ride with the smallest, non-annoying saddles. Referring CEI1*, Young Rider and Junior Championships: Entering a minimum weight is not necessary and not desirable, so remain the current rules.
UAE	Since the increasing number of Female and Young athletes with average body weight is between 40-55 kg, it is unreasonable for such athletes to carry saddles of 20 kg-35kg.
USA	It is recommended that these two articles to be combined as they both refer to the same concept and language. The U.S. proposes at senior CEI2*, CEI3*, CEI4*, and CEI5* the minimum riding weight is 75kg – details to be clearly shown on the approved ride Schedule. At CEI1* alternative weight divisions or gender divisions may be allowed, subject to approval by the FEI, and must be clearly specified in the approved ride Schedule.

**Endurance Committee II: As the NF's comments differ from each other and it seems to have some consensus having the weights, the Endurance Committee submits for approval the proposal as it was proposed.**

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*2018 Rule proposal*

814.1.4 These rides may be held in conjunction with wider national or FEI approved series or programs, with approval of the FEI, in consultation with the Technical Committee, which shall reserve the right to require the series or program be run under CEIO or ~~CEI-4-Star~~ **Championships** requirements, regardless of distances.

*Endurance Committee: Wording updated according to the new star rating proposal.*

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

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*2018 Rule proposal*

814.1.5 CEIs are defined in the FEI Calendar. CEIs are divided into ~~four~~ **five** different star levels as follows:

*Endurance Committee: Wording updated according to the new star rating proposal.*

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

*2018 Rule proposal*

814.1.5.1 **5 Star:** All rides of 160 km in one day. Prize Money, or in kind value, of more than 50'000CHF.

**General Requirements:**

- Needs to have FEI certified data and timing system;
- The stabling must be in agreement with the Veterinary Regulations;
- President of the Ground Jury, Foreign Judge, Technical Delegate, Chief Steward, President of the Vet Commission, Foreign Vet Delegate and Appeal Committee will be appointed by the FEI, in consultation with the OC;
- A pre-ride briefing conducted in English is mandatory for all officials, trainers and participants;
- For other requirements, please refer to Notes for Guidance.

**Technical requirements:**

- minimum of 5 different participating National Federations;
- a media, TV broadcast and Communication plan must be sent to the FEI along with the schedule;
- a layout of the venue insuring the correct implementation of the FEI rules must be approved;
- the OC must have successfully organized previously one CEI\*, one CEI 2\* and one CEI 3\* events;
- CEIs 5\* cannot clash with World Championships, Continental Championships and with other CEIs or CEIOs 5\*;
- The dates of all CEI5\* and CEIO5\* Events shall be approved by the FEI Secretary General two years prior to the year in which the Event is to take place.

814.1.5.2 **4 Star:** All rides of 160 km in one day, or 90-100 km per day over 2 days, or 70- 80 km per day over 3 days or more. Prize Money, or in kind value, up to 49'999CHF

**General requirements:**

- The stabling must be in agreement with to the Veterinary Regulations;
- President of the Ground Jury, Foreign Judge, Technical Delegate, Chief Steward, President of the Vet Commission, Foreign Vet Delegate and Appeal Committee can be appointed by the FEI, in consultation with the OC;
- For other requirements, please refer to Notes for Guidance.
- A pre-ride briefing is strongly advised for all Officials, trainers and participants.

The Pre-ride briefing can be conducted in the national language, with a mandatory translation to English if needed.

**Endurance Committee: A new star system for Endurance events will be introduced to have prime events and a higher standard of competition for horses and athletes. To access the higher star level, specific requirements are set for organizers as recommended by NFs at the FEI Endurance Forum to ensure compliance with the FEI rules and horse welfare;**

BEL	Belgium welcomes the appearance of a new categorization of stars system. Belgium does not understand the why of the maintenance of the CEI1* from 80k. Symbolically, the CEI should start at 100k, especially since the Qualifying Process already imposes 2 tests of 80k at the national level. That is to say that the young horses will make 3 times the distance of 80 before passing without transition to 120k. From our point of view such a gap of 40 kms is harmful. You have corrected it with the CEI3* (140k) which will make the connection between 120k and 160k. The same must be done on the lower floor. Just as it would be necessary to impose a 60 kms at the level of the Qualifying Process. In Belgium, our progression is as follows: 2xCEN40k, 2xCEN60k, 2xCEN80k, 1xCEI1*100k, 1xCEI2*120k, 1xCEI3*140k, 1xCEI4*160k, CEI5* or CH. Thus, the progression is each time of 20k. Nor do we give the organizers the opportunity to use other distances because in any case we know from experience that, like everywhere else in the world, they use the shortest.
BRN	we recommend a similar set of general requirements be made for CEI 1*, CEI 2* and CEI 3* events, if their total prize money in the FEI approved schedule shall exceed CHF. 50,000/- . The reason being, many countries do organize FEI events from 120 KM to 160 KM with a higher prize money that exceed CHF. 50,000/-
BRN	we recommend the period for approval of the dates of all CEI5* and CEIO5* Events by the FEI Secretary General to be reduced to one year instead of two years. Our reason being that time taken for planning and approval is too long
FRA	The minimum amount of prize money should be added in this article.
GER	As long as the CEI5* rides are announced 2 years prior to the year they take place in we have no problems, as the organisers can then see when they take place and arrange their rides accordingly.
NED	Technical requirements: - minimum of 8 different participating National Federations - set a maximum entry fee
NED	For a CEI a briefing in English must always be mandatory
UAE	By mentioning Prize money, or in kind value, upto 49,999CHF it means any amount less than 49,999CHF. Here in it is advised to mentioned an minimum amount. New 4* star criteria are purely based on prize money and not on sport factors and not justified. During the FEI Endurance Sport Forum, we discussed and agreed that we should consider all other factors other than the prize money such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide Horse transportation expense to owners to increase number of participants.</li> <li>• Provide Athlete transportation expense to increase number of participants.</li> <li>• Venues should have reputation of organizing good numbers of long distance events of 120 km and above.</li> <li>• Broadcasting the event</li> <li>• Infrastructure, logistics, stabling</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OCs must take all necessary measures to start with a good number of starters.</li> </ul>
USA	<p>Under General Requirements, it is proposed that a pre-ride briefing is strongly advised. The U.S. recommends that the pre-ride briefing be mandatory and in English (as well as the native language). The U.S. proposes a pre-ride briefing conducted in English is mandatory for all officials, trainers, athletes and participants.</p> <p>A clarification is needed on the definition of FEI certified data and timing system. Will the FEI supply a list of data and timing systems allowed for use by an OC? Will the OC need to have their data and timing system approved by the FEI as part of the bid process?</p>
UAE	<p>New 5* star criteria are purely based on prize money and not on sport factors and not justified.</p> <p>During the FEI Endurance Sport Forum, we discussed and agreed that we should consider all other factors other than the prize money such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide Horse transportation expense to owners to increase number of participants.</li> <li>• Provide Athlete transportation expense to increase number of participants.</li> <li>• Venues should have reputation of organizing good numbers of long distance events of 120 km and above.</li> <li>• Broadcasting the event</li> <li>• Infrastructure, logistics, stabling</li> <li>• OCs must take all necessary measures to start with a good number of starters</li> </ul>

**Endurance Committee II:**

**ETC decides to stay with 5 different participating National Federations and will wait 1 year to evaluate and amend the rule if necessary.**

**ETC also decides to set a minimum Prize Money for 4\* event of 10.000CHF and allow 3\* event to have a prize money up to 9.999CHF.**

**The FEI certified data and timing system will be detailed in the “Notes for Guidance”.**

**A Note was added to clarify eventual questions from OCs.**

**All the other changes remain as proposed by the ETC.**

**The final proposal by the ETC is set as below:**

#### 814.1.5.1

5 Star: All rides of 160 km in one day. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes. Prize Money, or in kind value, of more than 50'000CHF.

General Requirements:

- Needs to have FEI certified data and timing system;
- The stabling must be in agreement with the Veterinary Regulations;
- President of the Ground Jury, Foreign Judge, Technical Delegate, Chief Steward, President of the Vet Commission, Foreign Vet Delegate and Appeal Committee will be appointed by the FEI, in consultation with the OC;
- A pre-ride briefing conducted in English is mandatory for all officials, trainers and participants;
- For other requirements, please refer to Notes for Guidance.

Technical requirements:

- minimum of 5 different participating National Federations;
- a media, TV broadcast and Communication plan must be sent to the FEI along with the schedule;
- a layout of the venue insuring the correct implementation of the FEI rules must be approved;
- the OC must have successfully organized previously one CEI\*, one CEI 2\* and one CEI 3\* events;
- CEIs 5\* cannot clash with World Championships, Continental Championships and with other CEIs 5\* or CEIOs 5\*;
- The dates of all CEI5\* and CEIO5\* Events shall be approved by the FEI Secretary General two years prior to the year in which the Event is to take place.

**Note:** If one of the above General and Technical requirements is not fulfilled, the event will be downgraded to a 4 Star Level CEI.

#### 814.1.5.2

4 Star: All rides of 160 km in one day, or 90-100 km per day over 2 days, or 70- 80 km per day over 3 days or more. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes. Prize Money, or in kind value, up to 49'999CHF

General requirements:

- The stabling must be in agreement with to the Veterinary Regulations;
- President of the Ground Jury, Foreign Judge, Technical Delegate, Chief Steward, President of the Vet Commission, Foreign Vet Delegate and Appeal Committee can be appointed by the FEI, in consultation with the OC;
- For other requirements, please refer to Notes for Guidance.
- A pre-ride briefing is strongly advised for all Officials, trainers and participants.

**Note:** If one of the above General requirements is not fulfilled, the event will be downgraded to a 3 Star Level CEI. A 4 Star CEI of 90-100 km per day over 2 days, or 70- 80 km per day over 3 days or more, that has a Prize Money over 49.999CHF will remain as a CEI 4\*.

The Pre-ride briefing can be conducted in the national language, with a mandatory translation to English if needed.

#### 814.1.5.3

3 Star: All rides of 140 km – 160 km in one day, or 90-100 km per day over 2 days, or 70- 80 km per day over 3 days or more. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes. Prize Money, or in kind value, up to 9'999CHF.

2018 Rule proposal

814.2 **CEIOs**

814.2.1 CEIOs must comply with the requirements laid down in the FEI General Regulations and the Endurance Rules.

814.2.2 At a CEIO, there must be an individual and a team classification. Each nation may enter only one team. A minimum of three teams is necessary for the team Competition to be considered as an official team Competition. Each team must be composed of a minimum of three combinations. The three best results will be considered for the final classification. In the event that less than three members of a team are classified, such a team shall not be eligible to be placed as a classified Team, even if it leaves medal or award places vacant.

814.2.3 A CEIO event shall have the same star rating and requirements as defined for CEIs in Endurance Rules.  
CEIOs 3\*, 4\*, 5\* cannot clash with World Championships and Continental Championships if held in the same continent.

*Endurance Committee: FEI Championships should be protected on the calendar in order to optimize the sport participation to the Championships concerned, avoiding clashing.*

UAE

It may be noted that such championships can included a maximum of 4 or 5 riders maximum per country.  
This sort of restriction is not justified.

**Endurance Committee II: Proposal remains for GA approval.**



*2018 Rule proposal*

815.2.4 For ~~4-Star and 5-Star~~, CEIOs and Championships (excluding Young Horse Championships where the minimum age must be ~~7-years 8 years~~) Horses must be at least ~~8-years 9 years~~ of age.

*Endurance Committee: Welfare of the horse is in the basis for this proposal. As referred at the FEI Endurance Forum, 50% of the horses competing in the World Championships for Young Horses after two years are not competing anymore, they leave competition at the age of 9. The FEI Endurance Technical Committee wants to prevent this situation and prolong the horse's career.*

NED	We agree with the proposal to change the age of the horses for the senior championships into 9 and for the young horses championships into 8. The age of the horses for the young rider/junior championships has to remain at 8 (Horses of 8 years that can compete in young horses championships, even with weight, are very capable to compete, without weight, over a distance of 120km)
UAE	4* star horses at least 9 years of age has no relevance, only Seniors' World Championship should be restricted to 9 yrs and above
URU	According to the opinion received from the Uruguayan Endurance Association we hereby inform you that our Federation does not agree with the proposed change to the Article 815.2.4 to extend the age of the horses from 8 years to 9 years in order to be eligible to compete in 4* and 5* events, Championships and CEIOs.
BRA	Confusing the way it is written Why not write: <i>For 4-Star and 5-Star, CEIOs and Championships Horses must be at least 9 years of age In young Horse Championships the minimum age must be 8 years of age.</i>

**Endurance Committee II: Proposal remains for GA approval.**

*2018 Rule proposal*

815.3.1 After competing in a CEI or National Events, a Horse must be given a mandatory minimum rest period, as defined, before it is again eligible to participate in a National or FEI Competition:

Distance completed	0 – 46 km	5 days
	Over 46 – 86 km	12 days
	Over 86 – 126 km	19 days
	Over 126 km -146 km	26 days
	Over 146 Km	33 days

In addition to the above mandatory rest period, 7 extra days of rest will be added to horses that reach average speeds of 20 km/hr or higher at completion.

This rest period will also apply to horses which do not complete the competition whose average speed of completed phases is 20 km/hr or higher.

Extended rest periods will apply if a horse has Failed to Qualify following immediate Invasive treatment or for Irregular Gait reasons (see articles 815.3.2 and 815.3.3).

The total rest period commences at Midnight at the end of the day that the ride finishes (24.00 hours), as denoted by the maximum ride time allowed, and finishes at the same time on the last full day of the rest period. The published ride start time of the horse's next ride must fall after the expiry of the rest period.

***Endurance Committee: Based in the scientific presentations at the FEI Sports Forum last April and the FEI Endurance Forum last May, concerning the impact of speeds and fractures in competition, an additional rest period is proposed for horses having competed with a high average speed. This additional rest period aims to allow the horses bones to properly recover and ensure the horse welfare.***

BRA	Suggestion and 14 extra days to horses that reach average speeds of 25 km/hr or higher at completion.
ESP	We believe that instead of pushing for 7 extra days to the rest period to horses that reach 20km/hr speeds or higher, but instead 7 days of rest period should be added to all competitions above 80km. The current rules allow for a 160km ride to be done every 33 days, which defies all logic, and such logic is kept for all distances below. We also raise the question of how speed must be calculated, as several methods are used and some do not make sense (speed taking into account cooling time in certain loops but not others, makes no sense) as it should be the basis on how to make rules based on speed, but nowhere is it defined how speed should be calculated for the sport, leaving it up to each timekeeping system to calculate as they see fit.
NED	We agree with the proposal of the rest period but we are even in favor of a reduction to 19km/hr.

SUI	<p>In addition to the above mandatory rest period, <b>21 extra days</b> of rest will be added to horses that reach average speeds of 20 km/hr or higher at completion. This rest period will also apply to horses which do not complete the competition whose average speed of completed phases is 20 km/hr or higher.</p> <p>NF comments: 7 additional days are not enough to allow the horses bones to properly recover and ensure the horse welfare.  <a href="https://data.fei.org/Horse/Performance.aspx?p=68C411203061B77AA3474143AE3965D2">https://data.fei.org/Horse/Performance.aspx?p=68C411203061B77AA3474143AE3965D2</a>  <a href="https://data.fei.org/Horse/Performance.aspx?p=A39407BC5E0EDF5D14590466A2AD2788">https://data.fei.org/Horse/Performance.aspx?p=A39407BC5E0EDF5D14590466A2AD2788</a></p>
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**Endurance Committee II: Proposal remains for GA approval.**

*2018 Rule proposal*

815.3.4 If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait at any 4 consecutive CEI or National Events in a rolling year, it must be given a mandatory rest period of 6 months and pass a **specific** veterinary examination ~~4 weeks prior to~~ in the first competition before it is again eligible to participate in a CEI. ~~or National Events.~~  
**Protocol for this specific veterinary examination will be available in the Endurance Notes for Guidance.**  
 If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait reasons more than 4 consecutive CEI or National Events, the horse will be banned from future Endurance competition.

**Endurance Committee: A protocol must be set for the Veterinary examination and will be available in the “Endurance Notes for Guidance”.**

SUI	<p>If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait <b>and/or metabolic reasons</b> at any 4 consecutive CEI or National Events in a rolling year, it must be given a mandatory rest period of 6 months, and pass a specific veterinary examination in the first competition before it is again eligible to participate in a CEI, <b>starting with a CEI1*</b>. Protocol for this specific veterinary examination will be available in the Endurance Notes for Guidance.              If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait <b>and/or metabolic</b> reasons more than at any 4 consecutive CEI or National Events, the horse will be banned from future Endurance competition.</p> <p><i>NF comments: Either lame or metabolic – such a horse has some serious problems and shouldn’t be forced to continue in the sport.</i></p>
USA	<p>Clarification is needed on the specific veterinary exam protocol. It is difficult to comment when the protocol is not given.</p>

**Endurance Committee II: Proposal remains for GA approval.**

2018 Rule proposal

815.3.6

~~The FEI in consultation with the FEI Technical Committee and FEI Veterinary Department may decide to create a supplementary schedule.~~

Athlete Penalty Points will be awarded to each Athlete should their Horse be eliminated at an FEI Event due to Metabolic reasons and/or Catastrophic Injuries. Penalty points are accumulated from the first penalty rolling forward for a period of 12 months. Thereafter on the first anniversary of each point penalty such penalty is dropped from the running total.

100 penalty points will result in an automatic two month suspension period. After such suspension the points total is reduced to zero.

- Each Metabolic elimination results in 10 penalty points.
- If a Horse is eliminated for a **M**etabolic reason that requires immediate Invasive Treatment the Athlete concerned will receive 25 penalty points.
- If a Horse suffers a Catastrophic Injury during an FEI Competition the Athlete concerned will receive 80 penalty points.
- If a Horse is participating in a CEI or National Event during the mandatory minimum rest period (as set out in article 815.3.1 above), the Athlete will receive 100 penalty points (refer to Notes for Guidance).
- If a Horse is not brought to the Final **H**orse Inspection the Athlete will receive 100 penalty points.
- Contrary to Article 169.7.1 of the GRs incorrect behaviour towards (a) Event Officials or any other party connected with the Event (other Athlete, journalist, public etc.) and/or (b) Doping Control Officers, Testing Veterinarian, Chaperones and/or any other person involved in the collection of a doping control sample will entail a penalty of 100 points.

In addition to the sanctions listed above, other sanctions may also be applicable and violations of the relevant rules may be brought in front of the FEI Tribunal.

*Endurance Committee: Correction to be done on this article to be clearer.*

UAE	Athlete Penalty Points will be <b>imposed</b> on each Athlete...
USA	As the Trainer / Chef d'Equipe are responsible for knowing the FEI Endurance Rules it is important that they be included in any sanctioning if the horse is not presented for a horse inspection. The U.S. proposes that if a Horse is not brought to the Final Horse Inspection, the Athlete will receive 100 penalty points and the Trainer or Chef d'Equipe (CEIO/Championships) present at the competition may also receive a yellow warning card.

Endurance Committee II: Rule change accepted and wording proposal from UAE and USA NF are accepted to finalize the rule as below:

815.3.6

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In addition to the sanctions listed above, other sanctions may also be applicable and violations of the relevant rules may be brought in front of the FEI Tribunal.

*2018 Rule proposal*

- 816.1.4 ~~For 8 years old Horses and older, dispensation of art. 816.1.2 and 816.1.3 can be granted if athletes and Horses, not necessarily as a combination, have accumulated a minimum of 240km in a maximum of three National Events in a 36 months period.~~  
 For Horses 8 years old or older who have accumulated a minimum of 480km of 80km distance events or higher in a 36 months period, can be granted an exemption of art. 816.1.2.  
 For Athletes who have accumulated a minimum of 480km of 80km distance events or higher in a 36 months period, can be granted an exemption of art. 816.1.3.

*Endurance Committee: In order to have a more clearly understandable rule, allowing also experienced horses and athletes to become FEI registered horses without having to start a standard qualification process after competing several years in national events. At the same time ensures that the normal procedure for the novice qualification for horses and athletes is maintained and used in a correct way.*

BEL	The new proposal is excessive. We believe that the current rule is sufficient.
BRA	With this rule "the way it is written" we accept that in any 36 months period a horse that accumulates 480 km in a 36 months is qualified. So at least that should be 36 months prior to the FEI Event. But the way the rule it is written one also accepts that before 8 years the horse can cover these distance(s) without rest periods, without speed limits. Or in short they can do what they want. The result will be that a number NFs will not be keen to do the novice category anymore.
FRA	The accumulated distance should be decreased for horses of 8years old and above : 320 or 360 km
ITA	Do not agree, this would imply that a horse can ride 6 rides of 80 km at free speed in a short period
UAE	For Horses 8 years old and above who have accumulated a minimum of <b>320km</b> of 80km distance events or higher in a 36 months period, can be granted an exemption ( <b>it would be too much to ask for a mutured horse to compete in CEI1* distance 80+ km</b> )  For Athletes who have accumulated a minimum of 320km of 80km distance events or higher in a 36 months period, can be granted an exemption of art. 816.1.3 ( <b>it would be too much to ask for an experienced Athlete to compete in CEI1* distance 80+ km</b> )

**Endurance Committee II: Proposal remains for GA approval.**

*2018 Rule proposal*

816.2.2 Star System Qualification for Athletes to ~~3\*~~5\* level will be for up to five years and can be revalidated by successfully completing an FEI Competition applicable to the Athlete's existing status or equivalent National Event distance.

**Endurance Committee: Wording updated according to the new star rating proposal.**

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

*2018 Rule proposal*

816.2.3 Star System Qualification for Horses shall be valid for a period of 24 months. Should a Horse fail to complete an event at the next level for which it has qualified within that period it will need to re qualify for its existing level again before progressing further **under application of art. 816.2.1.**

**Endurance Committee: Update rule to make it clearer.**

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

**Brand new article**

*2018 Rule proposal*

816.2.4 Horses and Athletes, not necessary as a combination, must successfully complete two 2\* events and one 3\* event or two 3\* events, before moving to the new 4\* or 5\* Event.

**Endurance Committee: Access to the new star rating competitions (4\* and 5\*) will be done through a qualification proving the full experience of athletes and horses to guarantee a high standard of competition level.**

BRA	Not clear. Does that mean in case of two 3* event you don't need the two 2* events anymore? something is miswritten
BRN	we would like to add an additional option that Horses and Athletes, not necessary as a combination, must successfully complete 4 – CEI 2* rides, before moving to the new 4* or 5* Event. The reason being that in many regions, it is not easy to organize CEI 3* events

**Endurance Committee II: Proposal remains for GA approval.**

**Brand new article**

2018 Rule proposal

816.3 <sup>4\*</sup> Championships:

816.3.1 Distances and general requirements:

Senior Championships of a minimum of 160 km in one day, need to have FEI certified data and timing system and stabling according to Veterinary Regulations.

Young Horse Championships for 8 year olds – distance of 160km.

Junior and Young Rider Championships of a minimum of 120 km, maximum of 130km in one day.

Regional Championships where the OC can apply for a change of distance to take into account local climatic or other conditions.

Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes. Pre-ride briefing conducted in English is mandatory for all Officials, Chef d'Equipe (when applicable), Trainers, Vets and participants.

**Endurance Committee: New general requirements and test event rule are proposed**

BRN	we would like to recommend that the distance for the Young Horse Championships for 8 year olds should be reduced to 140 Km instead of 160km. The reason being that the 160 KM distance lays emphasis for higher level events
SUI	Young Horse Championships for 8 year olds – maximum distance of 130 km...  NF comments: See "NF Memo Endurance Rules 2018 - Age of horses: Welfare of the horse is in the basis for this proposal". The age of horses for Senior Championships (160 km) has been proposed to change from 8 to 9 years. For the welfare of the horse, the distance for the Young Horse Championships should be adapted accordingly.
SUI	Distances and general requirements: Senior <b>Individual</b> Championships – <b>maximum distance</b> of 160 km in one day, need to have FEI certified data and timing system and stabling according to Veterinary Regulations. Senior <b>Team</b> Championships of a minimum of 160 km in one day, need to have FEI certified data and timing system and stabling according to Veterinary Regulations. <i>NF comments: Two Championships, same place, consecutive days. -- Individual Championships, individual ranking only. 3 riders per nation, significant higher qualification standard (to be defined). -- Team Championships, no individual ranking, 4 riders per nation. There are still more "amateur" than professional nations in the sport. To separate the Championships in a very professional Individual Championship and a more "old fashioned" Team Championship ("to finish is to win") could satisfy the needs of both tendencies.</i>
UAE	Young Horse Championships for 8 year olds – distance of 160km. Distance of 160km is to much for Young Horses. Maximum should be between 130km to 140km The qualification for Young Horse Championships should be at least two CEI1*; one of them to be in combination with the nominated Athlete, or one CEI2* or higher in combination with the nominated Athlete.

**Endurance Committee II: Proposal remains for GA approval. ETC decides to keep the 160km distance and have the rule remain as presented and to review the comment from SUI NF during the 2018 in person meeting.**

**Brand new article**  
*2018 Rule proposal*

- 816.3.2 Test Event: The FEI Endurance Technical Committee can, if needed, request a test event that will have to match the following requirements, at least 6 months prior to the championship:
- The same distance as the Championship or as close as possible
  - The same course as the Championship or as close as possible
  - The same panel of Officials as the Championship or as close as possible
  - The same provider for timing, data handling and hearth rate monitoring

**Endurance Committee: For Championships, new general requirements and test event rule are proposed**

USA	This Article should be removed as the requirement should form part of the Host Agreement. For example, if introduced as written, the WEG 2018 Test Event would seem to contravene the proposed Article.
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**Endurance Committee II: Proposal remains for GA approval, but the ETC agrees to add the following text below:**

- Test Event: The FEI Endurance Technical Committee can, if needed, request a test event that will have to match the following requirements, **if not stated in the Host Agreement**, at least 6 months prior to the championship:
- The same distance as the Championship or as close as possible
  - The same course as the Championship or as close as possible
  - The same panel of Officials as the Championship or as close as possible
  - The same provider for timing, data handling and hearth rate monitoring

*2018 Rule Proposal*

- 816.3.5 Of these 2 CEI, at least one must be no less than 14 kph, and the same, or higher 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 J/YR Elite Endurance Athlete. In such cases the Horse can be ridden by any other applicable J/YR Athlete.
- 816.3.10 Of those 3 CEI, one must be at the minimum speed no less than 14 kph, and the same, or higher distance and time frame as the **4\*** 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 Horse unless that Athlete is a J/YR 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.
- 816.3.13 Of these 3 CEI, 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.
- 816.3.14 To achieve Senior Elite Athlete status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI 3\*, **4\* or 5\*** 160km Events or higher. To maintain Senior Elite Athlete status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI3\*, **4\* or 5\*** 160 km within every successive 24 months.
- 816.3.15 Athletes 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\*, **CEI4\* or 5\*** commencing either after the period of suspension or after the ‘fast track’ decision is finalised.
- 816.3.18 Of those 5 CEI, 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 Athlete/Horse results for eventual insertion into FEI Database/Passports as required. However, the ultimate responsibility for proof still remains with each NF.

**Endurance Committee: Wording updated according to the new star rating proposal.**

ITA	There is no place indicate in the passport to record the results
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**Endurance Committee II: Proposal remains for GA approval. ETC agrees on the feedback from ITA NF, withdraw “passports” from the rule as below:**

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

**Brand new article**  
*2018 Rule proposal*

816.3.19 Qualification criteria for Regional Championships with a distance equivalent to CEI1\*

**Horses:**

816.3.20 Horses must have graduated through the qualifying processes outlined for Novice.

816.3.21 Horses must be at least 8 years old.

816.3.22 Horses must have successfully completed at least 1 CEI 1\*.

816.3.23 The CEI1\* must be achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, and no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first.

**Athletes:**

816.3.24 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.

816.3.25 Athletes must have successfully completed at least 1 CEI 1\*.

816.3.26 The CEI1\* must be achieved as a combination no earlier than 24 months prior to, and no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first.

816.3.27 The minimum riding weight for Regional Championships is 75 kg - details to be clearly shown on the approved ride schedule.

**Endurance Committee: A new set of rule is created for qualifications of horses and athletes to Regional Championships.**

BRA	Suggestion for horses (art.816.3.22) = 2 x CEI1* Suggestion for Athletes (art. 816.3.25) = 2 x CEI1*
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**Endurance Committee II: ETC agrees with the BRA NF comments and update his rule as below:**

**Horses:**

816.3.20 Horses must have graduated through the qualifying processes outlined for Novice.

816.3.21 Horses must be at least 8 years old.

816.3.22 Horses must have successfully completed at least **two** CEI 1\*.

816.3.23 The CEI1\* must be achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, and no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first.

**Athletes:**

816.3.24 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.

816.3.25 Athletes must have successfully completed at least **two** CEI 1\*.

816.3.26 The CEI1\* must be achieved as a combination no earlier than 24 months prior to, and no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first.

816.3.27 The minimum riding weight for Regional Championships is 75 kg - details to be clearly shown on the approved ride schedule.

*2018 Rule proposal*

817.2 CEIOs, Championships  
Five Athletes and seven Horses, a non-riding Chef d'Equipe and a ~~Veterinary Surgeon~~  
~~Permitted Treating Veterinarian~~ as Team Veterinarian must be included in the official invitation to the National Federation(s) concerned.

*Endurance Committee: Wording updated from the FEI Vet Department*

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

*2018 Rule proposal*

817.2.1 World Equestrian Games  
Four athletes and four horses, plus a reserve combination, a non-riding Chef d'Equipe and a ~~Veterinary Surgeon~~  
~~Permitted Treating Veterinarian~~ as Team Veterinarian must be included in the official invitation to the National Federation(s) concerned.

*Endurance Committee: Wording updated from the FEI Vet Department*

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

*2018 Rule proposal*

819.3.2 Substitutions in Case of Accident or Illness: in case of an accident or illness of an Athlete or a Horse, occurring between the declaration of starters and the start of the Competition, where such accident or illness makes it impossible for that Athlete or Horse to take part in the Competition; substitutions can be made up to 2 hours before the start of the Competition. The following conditions must be met; 1) a certificate of the condition from an officially recognised physician for the Athlete, and from an ~~Endurance Treating Veterinarian~~  
~~a Veterinary surgeon~~/Team Veterinarian for the Horse, and 2) permission of the President of the Ground Jury.

*Endurance Committee: Wording updated from the FEI Vet Department*

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

*2018 Rule proposal*

**821.6** Horses in competition that have free flowing blood from an injury or from a orifice will be examined by a panel of 3 veterinarians who will report their findings to the President of the Ground Jury. Such horses will Fail to Qualify and will be eliminated from the Competition.

**Endurance Committee: Blood rule is a new rule which is compulsory to have in each FEI Sport discipline rule. It comes from the FEI Secretary General office.**

NED	<p>We believe that, despite of the discipline specific differences the 'bleeding rules' should be equal for all disciplines and therefore needs to be placed in the General Regulations.</p> <p>Additional practical issues than can be placed in the rules of the specific discipline.</p> <p>To ensure that veterinarians, stewards and judges are able to make comprehensible and consistent decisions we recommend to involve a FEI veterinarian in the procedure when checking the horses.</p>
USA	<p>The U.S. wishes for a definition of free flowing blood to be added to the Notes for Guidance as we understand that this rule is being proposed as part of a review of the "blood rules" across all disciplines but does not affect endurance. Additionally, <b>the U.S. proposes that the word "will" is changed to "may" to ensure each horse receives a fair veterinary inspection.</b> The U.S. proposes that horses in competition that have free flowing blood from an injury or from an orifice will be examined by a panel of 3 veterinarians who will report their findings to the President of the Ground Jury. Such horses may Fail to Qualify and may be eliminated from the Competition.</p>

**Endurance Committee II: The proposal will remain with a new wording more in line with the other disciplines as shown below:**

**821.6** Horses that have visible blood at any time anywhere on the field of play may be examined by a panel of up to 3 veterinarians who will report their findings to the President of the Ground Jury. Such horses may Fail to Qualify and may be eliminated from the Competition.

*2018 Rule proposal*

Article 824 - DUTIES OF OFFICIALS

The FEI reserves the right to appoint the President of Ground Jury, the Foreign Judge, the President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate at all 3\*, 4\* and 5\* Events and all CEIO Competitions. For CEI 1\*, 2\*, in special circumstances, the FEI has the right to consult with OCs, in a timely manner, to ask for a different balance of experience and expertise within the team of Officials proposed in the Schedule of the Event.

At all CEI 1\*, 2\*, 3\* and 4\* 3\* Events, the FEI may grant a dispensation in accordance with the FEI General Regulations Article 149.10 subject to a request being received from the National Federation concerned and in compliance with the conditions as detailed in the FEI Endurance Notes for Guidance.

**Endurance Committee: Wording updated according to the new star rating proposal.**

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

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*2018 Rule proposal*

824.2.1. The Technical Delegate must, in coordination with the FEI approved Course Designer (if appointed) check and approve, in advance, the layout of the course and ride conditions to protect the welfare of the horse and safety of the athlete based on the classification of tracks; the degree of difficulty and the complicating weather conditions.. For 1\*, 2\*, 3\* and 4\* 3\* Events the Technical Delegate may also act as the Course Designer. For 4\* 5\* and Championships the FEI will appoint an FEI approved Course Designer in association with the OC who must participate in the course design with the OC.

**Endurance Committee: Wording updated according to the new star rating proposal.**

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

*2018 Rule proposal*

824.2.6. At 3 Star or lower star rated Events, the Technical Delegate, if suitably qualified, may also serve on the Ground Jury. **For lower level events (1\* and 2\* ) of 30 horses or less, if suitably qualified, the Technical Delegate may also serve as President of the Ground Jury, with the agreement of the FEI.**

**Endurance Committee: New requirements for Official appointments are considered depending on number of entries.**

GBR	As 1&2 star endurance events are now considered "low level events" can we now negate the need for a Foreign Vet Delegate. We do not have a requirement for a Foreign Judge at these events. Most 1&2 star events are low budget events and the necessity for a FVD sometimes makes the cost of staging these events prohibitive.
USA	The U.S. applauds the addition of the language, "At 3 Star or lower star rated Events, the Technical Delegate, if suitably qualified, may also serve on the Ground Jury. For lower level events (1* and 2* ) of 30 horses or less, if suitably qualified, the Technical Delegate may also serve as President of the Ground Jury, with the agreement of the FEI," as this will allow OCs to better manage expense. The U.S. encourages the FEI to consider adding similar language to Articles 825.4.1 and 825.4.7.

**Endurance Committee II: Proposal remains for GA approval. Proposal from GBR NF will be discussed by the ETC in the 2018 in person meeting.**

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*2018 Rule proposal*

824.2.7. At 4 **and 5 Star and Championships** Events, the Technical Delegate must be foreign.

**Endurance Committee: Wording updated according to the new star rating proposal.**

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

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*2018 Rule proposal*

825.2.3 ~~At CEI 4 Star Events~~, the Endurance Veterinary Treating Officials at the venue must be FEI approved Treatment Veterinarians appointed by the FEI in consultation with the FEI Endurance Committee and the FEI Veterinary Committee. There must be a minimum of 1 Endurance Veterinarian Treatment Official per 20 competing Horses. At least 50% of the Endurance Veterinarian Treatment Officials must be experienced in CEI Competition at the Championship level.

*Endurance Committee: Wording of rule updated due to the new star rating*

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

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*2018 Rule proposal*

825.3 CEI 3 **and** 4 Star Endurance Events

*Endurance Committee: Wording of rule updated due to the new star rating*

**Endurance Committee II: No comments from NF, Rule change accepted**

## 2018 Rule Proposal

### Annex 1: Rated Officials required for Competitions

1*	<b>Ground Jury</b>	President	2* or above
	<b>Technical Delegate</b>		2* or above
	<b>Vet. Commission</b>	President	3* or above
	Treatment Veterinarian	2 Members President	2*
	Chief Steward		2*
2*	<b>Ground Jury</b>	President	3* or above
	<b>Technical Delegate</b>		3* or above
	<b>Vet. Commission</b>	President	3* or above
	Treatment Veterinarian	2 Members (including 1 FVD) President	2* or above 3*
	Chief Steward		2*
3*, 4*	<b>Ground Jury</b>	President Foreign Judge	4* 3* or above
	<b>Technical Delegate</b>		4* or above
	<b>Vet. Commission</b>	President <del>and or FVD</del> 2 Members <b>(including 1 FVD)</b>	4* 3* or above
	Treatment Veterinarian	President	4*
	Chief Steward		2*
	<b>4* 5* and Championships</b>	<b>Ground Jury</b>	President Foreign Judge Members
	<b>Foreign Technical Delegate</b>		4*
	<b>Vet. Commission</b>	President and FVD Panel	4* 4*
	Treatment Veterinarian	President	4*
	Chief Steward		3*

**Endurance Committee: Wording of rule updated due to the new star rating**

USA	The U.S. wishes for the FEI to consider allowing 1* Stewards to officiate at 1* events or competitions as the Chief Steward. Currently, 2* Stewards are allowed to officiate at 1*-4* events. However, there is no mechanism in place for an individual to gain experience as a Chief Steward at 1* CIM
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**Endurance Committee II: Proposal remains for GA approval.**



## Annex 2: Endurance Standard Novice Qualification Form

### Article 816 - QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE & CERTIFICATES OF CAPABILITY

**816.1** Novice Qualifying: To be administered by each NF.

816.1.1 Horses and Athletes must, though not necessarily as a combination:

816.1.1.1 Successfully complete 2 rides of distances between 40-79 km and 2 rides of between 80-90 km at speeds of 16 kph or under.

816.1.1 From their first novice qualification ride, horses must complete the requirements of the qualification phase within 24 months. Horses are eligible to compete in a CEI 1\* event 12 months from the completion of the first novice ride provided they have completed all the novice qualifications including respecting speed and rest period restrictions. Once the novice qualifications are fully completed, horses are eligible to compete in a CEI1\* event for a 24 months period.

816.1.2 From their first novice qualification ride, athletes must complete the requirements of this qualifying phase within 24 months. Once novice qualifications are fully completed, athletes are eligible to compete in a CEI1\* event 6 months from the completion of the first novice event. After having completed the novice qualification, should an athlete fail to complete in a CEI1\* during the next 24 months period, the athlete will need to refresh their novice qualification before progressing further.

816.1.4 For Horses 8 years old or older who have accumulated a minimum of 480km in a 36 months period, can be granted an exemption of art. 816.1.2.  
For Athletes who have accumulated a minimum of 480km in a 36 months period, can be granted an exemption of art. 816.1.3.

**Novice qualifications are to be entered via the FEI online IT platform.**

**HORSE Name**..... **FEI Registration No** .....

Minimum Eligibility Requirements as specified under the Endurance Rules Art 816 (see above)

Type of Event	Country	Name of Event	Date	Distance	Speed	Result
<del>CEN</del>						
<del>CEN</del>						
<del>CEN</del>						
<del>CEN</del>						

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/20\_\_\_

NF:

*Endurance Committee: This table was created in between the use of FEI Online IT platform and the old system. As today all the NFs are using the FEI online IT platform, its use is obsolete.*

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

## Annex 4: FEI WORLD ENDURANCE RANKINGS 2018

Please find below the scale of points for the calculation of Rankings for Endurance:

### Scale of points

For each ranking list, a rider obtains points depending on the place he obtained in the different competitions as described in the following table:

Place	CEI4* CH-M / WEG / WEC	CEI 4* and CEI 5* Regional Games/Continental Championships G/CH (Cont.)	CEI3*	CEI2*	CEI1*
1	200	160	120	80	40
2	195	156	117	78	39
3	190	152	114	76	38
4	185	148	111	74	37
5	180	144	108	72	36
6	175	140	105	70	35
7	170	136	102	68	34
8	165	132	99	66	33
9	160	128	96	64	32
10	155	124	93	62	31
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until	5	4	3	2	1

### Calculating the rankings (Refer to Notes for Guidance)

The ranking is established by taking into account all the results of an Athlete, Athlete/Horse combination or Horse (depending on the ranking). Rankings are defined for a period of time that spans from 1 January until 31 December of the calendar year.

**A minimum of 5 Athletes must start the relevant CEI in order for the CEI to deliver 100% of the available ranking points; if the CEI has less than 5 Athletes competing, the competing Athletes shall only be eligible to earn 50% of the otherwise available ranking points.**

**Dead heat: In the case of a Dead Heat being the decision of the GJ. Ranking points should be added together as if they had finished First Second and or Third and divided by the number of competitors in the dead heat.**

**For example First 100 Points  
Second 80 Points.  
Third (if applicable) 60 points**

**Making a total of 240 points divided by the number of horses in the Dead Heat in this instance 3 equals 80 points to each competitor in the Dead Heat.**

**At the end of the calendar year, Athletes that have incurred no EADCMR violation or no Penalty Points or no Yellow Warning Card, during the relevant calendar year will be awarded additional bonus ranking points, as follows:**

**\*No EADCMR violation: 250 points**  
**No Penalty Points: 200 points**  
**No Yellow Warning Card: 150 points**

\* For the avoidance of doubt, where an EADCMR violation occurs during a particular calendar year but the decision confirming the EADCMR violation is not issued until the following calendar year (or in the case of the Administrative Procedure, the PR does not accept the applicable sanctions until the following calendar year), the Athlete shall only be ineligible to receive the "No EADCMR violation" bonus points in the calendar year that the decision is issued (or in the case of the Administrative Procedure the calendar year that the PR accepts the sanction). For example, an Athlete commits an EADCMR violation in November 2016 but the FEI Tribunal does not issue its final decision confirming the violation until March 2017, the Athlete shall be eligible for the "NO EADCMR violation" bonus points in the 2016 calendar year but not in the 2017 calendar year.

### **Prizes and Awards for the Athletes for the following rankings**

#### **Open Riders World Endurance Ranking**

#### **Young Riders World Endurance Ranking**

**Prize Money (if existing) to be apportioned as follows:**

**1st place: 50% - 2nd place: 30% - 3rd place: 20%**

**Awards:**

#### **1st place:**

**FEI Medal or Trophy and certificate**

**Ambassador of «FEI Endurance Future»**

**Elite Status rider**

**Automatically Qualified for the FEI World Endurance Championships (provided**

**(i) the Athlete is not ineligible at the time of such championships and (ii) - the Athlete is selected and entered by his/her NF)**

#### **2nd place:**

**FEI Medal or Trophy and certificate**

**Elite Status**

**Automatically Qualified for the FEI World Endurance Championships (provided**

**(i) the Athlete is not ineligible at the time of such championships and (ii) - the Athlete is selected and entered by his/her NF)**

#### **3rd place:**

**FEI Medal or Trophy and certificate**

**Automatically Qualified for the FEI World Endurance Championships (provided (i) the Athlete is not ineligible at the time of such championships and (ii) the Athlete is selected and entered by his/her NF)**

**Prizes and Awards for the Horse for the following rankings:**

**Open Horse World Endurance Ranking**  
**Young Riders Horse World Endurance Ranking**

**Trophy and certificate "FEI Endurance Horse of the Year"**

**Prizes and Awards for the Combination for the following rankings:**

**Open Combination World Endurance Ranking**  
**Young Riders Combination World Endurance Ranking**

**Trophy and certificate "FEI Endurance Combination of the Year"**

**Qualification for FEI World Endurance Championships (provided (i) the combination is not ineligible at the time of such championships and (ii) the combination is selected and entered by the NF)**

**Notes:**

- 1- "Ambassador of Endurance Future", "Elite Status", and "Qualifications for FEI Championships" are just for the consecutive year, from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.**
- 2- The awarded points work on a cumulative basis, the Athlete can earn up to 600 bonus ranking points.**

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*Endurance Committee: Updated for the 5 CEI levels, additional wording to be in line with the actual published ranking on our website.*

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

## Brand new Annex

### Annex 5

*A wider review was conducted especially in Veterinary matters, including harmonization of the terminology with the Veterinary Regulations and an annex was added to the Endurance Rules, Annex 5, where articles 820, 821 and 823 are now available.*

*The reason for this new annex is to ease in the future the update of the Veterinary matters in the Endurance Rules.*

*Please refer to the 2018 draft of the rules in tracking version to acknowledge these changes.*

***Endurance Committee: This new annex is to ease in the future the update of the Veterinary matters in the Endurance Rules.***

**Endurance Committee II: No comment from NF, proposal remains for GA approval**

## OTHER ENDURANCE GENERAL MATTERS – National Federations other proposals

Please find here below the other general National Federations proposal that will be discussed in 2018 for consideration:

ARTICLE(s)	Concerns	NF	Comments from NFs
817.0	Championships Participation	BEL	The reserve horse rule for championships is unclear. BEL Fed proposes for CH and CEIO: "5 combinations + 2 reserve horses or 2 reserve combinations", and for WEG: "4 combinations + 1 reserve horse or 1 reserve combination". It being understood that any reserve combination or reserve horse pays an entry fee like the 4 or 5 main combinations.
820.9	Invasive Treatment and Vet Cards	USA	Please clarify if all Veterinary Cards are to be sent to the FEI or only those for horses which received invasive treatment. Also, Veterinary for those horses that have received immediate invasive treatment must be sent to the FEI by the Event Foreign Veterinary Delegate together with details of such treatment provided.
822.0	Best Condition Award	BRA	<p>The Best Condition Award is in decline. If the BC award is considered beneficial for the welfare of the horse, we should perhaps have a FEI BC Ranking for the horse/rider combination or for the FEI ranking a placing with BC would give bonus points, that could be something which might benefit the horse's welfare in the future.</p> <p>I think that we should have a much more difficult qualifying system for the WCH senior. The proposal in Barcelona of completion percentage would have been very beneficial. I think that for a WCH we should only have the best of the best and reduce the number of participants.</p> <p>This way the Continental and Regional Championships would gain importance. Also I think that the Elite system for a WCH senior might not be any more in the best interest of the sport and also not for the image of Endurance.</p>
817.2.1	Invitations	NED	As a trainer is formally mentioned in the FEI Rules a team trainer should be included in the official invitation. In the information of the WEG 2018 is mentioned that 4 combinations and 1 reserve horse will be invited. Or this information or Art 817.2.1 has to be changed.

814.1.5.5	Maximum HR Pulse	BRA	<p>Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes.</p> <p>Suggestion 60 bpm in 20 min</p>
813.4.3	Retirement of horse	USA	<p>It is believed that the language of the rule is confusing. A clarification is needed to better understand the intent. Also, the U.S. would like to see language added to the rule to specify that a horse is to be retired within the period of the hold time.</p>
800.2.6	Phases in stage competitions	ESP	<p>We believe that this article should be changed to a minimum of two phrases instead of three as it is usually done in some qualifying competitions all over the world (40km, for example which are divided in two phases of 20km) and in multi-day events, where a CEI 2* over two days may be compromised of two loops of 35km each day.</p>
Art 813.2 / Art 814.2.2	Team Classification	NED	<p>Teams: the winning team is the team with the best time after adding the final classification of the three highest placed Combinations in the team. In the case of a tie, the winning team will be the one whose third Combination has the best time. In the event there are fewer than 3 members of a team who are classified, <del>such teams are not eligible for team placing</del> <b>change in: these teams are placed after adding the final classification of the two placed Combinations in the team.</b></p> <p>Therefore change also Art 817.4.2:  <b>Individuals: if an NF finishes with 1 Combination, this athlete is only be eligible for individual classification and placing/awards, but not as a Team.</b></p>