

PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF VETERINARY REGULATIONS

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>) 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 Reining Committee have a number of proposals put forward based also on the above mentioned criteria.

In the following document you will find 2 sections as follows:

- A. [Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2020](#).** In this section you will find each of the Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders addressed by the FEI with the relevant feedback from the Reining Committee; and
- B. [Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI](#)**



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

The FEI confirms that there were no rules proposals received from NFs/MOU stakeholders.

B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

Article No. 1004 – Prohibited Methods

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Urgent repair for equine welfare

Explanation for Proposed Change

The Veterinary Committee believes that the horse's sensory hairs must not be trimmed or removed as it reduces the horse's sensory ability. The change will align with legislation in a number of NFs where trimming or removal of sensory hairs is forbidden and in some cases carries a heavy sanction.

Proposed Wording

1. Horses are not permitted to compete in FEI Events:
 - a) with hyposensitive or hypersensitive areas of the body;
 - b) with a tracheotomy/tracheostomy (i.e. an existing surgical opening through the skin into the trachea);
 - c) following gene doping (i.e. the non-therapeutic use of cells, genes, genetic elements or the modulation of gene expression having the capacity to improve performance);
 - d) following any form of genetic modification;
 - e) following blood doping, or similar methods (e.g. ozone haemotherapy),
 - f) with any object that punctures the skin with the exception of wound closure materials;
 - g) wearing contact lenses unless permission has been granted from the FEI Veterinary Department;
 - h) if the hair on their limbs has been clipped and/or shaven at any point during the Period of the Event. Permission must be granted from the VC/VD by the PTV for clipping and/or shaving required for veterinary purposes, prior to any investigation or treatment taking place. Horses' limbs may be clipped up to 3 days before the Period of the Event using a blade that cuts the hairs no shorter than 2mm; and
 - i) if the Horse's sensory hairs have been clipped and/or shaven or in any other way removed unless individual sensory hairs have been removed by a veterinarian to prevent pain or discomfort for the Horse. Areas of hair that must be clipped, shaven or removed to allow veterinary treatment are exempt from this rule. As of 1 July 2021, Sanction 39 in Annex VI will be applicable.

Article No. 1008 – Stables

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Urgent repair for equine welfare.

Explanation for Proposed Change

A clarification of the intention of the rule is required. Treatment boxes are a required facility to support the welfare of the horse and should be available free of charge.

Proposed Wording

3. A minimum of two clean stables of at least 3x3m, labelled as 'Treatment Boxes'. They must be provided in an easily accessible location and separated with a solid partition from individual stables or be located in a veterinary treatment centre. The number of Treatment Boxes must be determined by the VD and VSM, based on the number of entries and the Discipline in question. Additional Treatment Boxes may be requested by FEI Veterinary Department. Treatment Boxes must be easy to clean, available at all times when the stables are open and must not be used for EADCM sampling. OCs must have a minimum of two Treatment Boxes available free of charge but may charge a fee for access to more advanced/equipped veterinary facilities e.g. stocks, radiography room.

Article No. 1011 – Horse Inspection Area

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Urgent repair for welfare reasons

Explanation for Proposed Change

The length of the Horse Inspection track has been revised and clarified for indoor events. It is difficult for the veterinarian to properly evaluate the horse's fitness to compete on a very short Horse Inspection track.

Proposed Wording

2. OCs, with the Technical Delegate and VSM, must provide a Horse Inspection area that includes:
 - a) a minimum of 30 metres of surface on which Horses will be inspected at walk and trot. Under exceptional circumstances, where the Horse inspection is held indoors, the Horse Inspection surface may be shortened to no less than 20-25m. A shorter distance may be acceptable for indoor Horse Inspections—subject to prior VC/ VD, GJ and TD (where present) approval;
 - b) the surface must be maintained as firm, level, clean and non-slippery for the entire period of the Horse Inspection to provide a consistent evaluation of the Horses' fitness to compete;
 - c) a barrier must be placed between the Horse Inspection area and the public;
 - d) the collecting area should be located at a safe distance from the inspection site and of sufficient size for the type of competition and the number of Horses presenting;
 - e) the Holding Box area must be a separate fenced off area, located close to the Horse Inspection area and where possible out of sight of the main Horse Inspection area; the Holding Box surface must be similar to the surface of the main inspection track;
 - f) effort must be made to ensure spectator, Athlete and Horse safety, ensuring a safe distance between all spectators and Horses; and

- g) strict stewarding is required during the Horse Inspections, especially in the collecting area, to ensure the safety of all participants. The area must be stewarded so that Horses are ready for inspection at the scheduled time and quickly led away afterwards.

Article No. 1020 – Stables Area

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction of inconsistency

Explanation for Proposed Change

The proposed change is required to clarify that accreditation can only be checked where stable security is required and is not applicable to stables where security is not required.

Proposed Wording

1. At each entrance to the stables area where stable security is required, the accreditation of persons entering and leaving must be checked.

Article No. 1035 – Horse Inspection Timings

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction of inconsistency

Explanation for Proposed Change

The changes to text are being made to align with terminology used in the Endurance and Eventing rules and a clarification being made to the Eventing rules.

Proposed Wording

<u>DISCIPLINE</u>	<u>FIRST HORSE INSPECTION</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL</u>
i. Dressage and Para-	Within 24 hours of the start of the first competition	Second Horse Inspection: takes place at Championships and

	Equestrian Dressage		Games, within 24 hours of the start of the last competition
ii.	Driving	Within 24 hours of the start of first competition	<p>In Harness Horse Inspection: within the 10 minute rest period prior to the start of section B in the marathon.</p> <p>In Harness Examination: at the finish of Section B of Marathon.</p> <p>In Harness inspection before Cones: before the Cones (only when Cones follow Marathon).</p>
iii.	Endurance	For CEI1* and CEI2* Events: Within 24 hours before the competition starts. <u>of the first loop</u> For CEI3* Events and above, including Championships: no less than 12 hours before and no longer than 24hrs before the Competition starts <u>of the first loop</u>	<p>Vet Gate Inspection: at the end of each phase</p> <p>Final Horse Inspection: at the end of the competition.</p>
iv.	Eventing (CCI-L)	Within 24 hours of the start of first competition	<p>Veterinary examination: after Cross country</p> <p>Second Horse Inspection: <u>takes place on the same day as the Jumping Test,</u> before the start of the Jumping Test</p>
v.	Eventing (CCI-S)	The First Horse Inspection is optional however where organised, takes place within 24 hours of the first competition	Second Horse Inspection: must take place where the Jumping Test is the last test, <u>on the same day as the Jumping Test, before the start of the Jumping Test.</u>
vi.	Jumping	Within 24 hours of the start of first competition	Second Horse Inspection: before the start of the final Competition at FEI World Cup™ Finals, World, Continental Championships and Olympic Games.
vii.	Reining	Within 24 hours of the start of first competition	None
viii.	Vaulting	Within 24 hours of the start of first competition or	None

	official training, whichever is the earliest	
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Article No. 1038 – Horse Inspection Procedure

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Urgent repair for equine welfare

Explanation for Proposed Change

With reference to the addition to Article 1004.1(i) regarding the prohibition of trimming or removing the horse’s sensory hairs, the FEI proposes that the Veterinary Delegate is to check the sensory hairs during the Horse Inspection.

Proposed Wording

3. Handlers must stand the Horse in front of the Inspection Panel facing the end of the inspection track. The VD must walk around the Horse and make a brief visual inspection and ensure the Horse’s sensory hairs have not been clipped/shaven or removed according to Article 1004.1(i). Any other examinations (e.g. palpation or limb flexion) may not be performed.

Article No. 1044 – Eventing

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction of an error

Explanation for Proposed Change

A correction to the text has been made to align with the Eventing Rules.

Proposed Wording

3. An Athlete who has retired, been eliminated or stopped during the Cross Country Test ~~is~~ must ensure his Horse has been checked by the VD or an appointed TV before leaving the venue. Any Athlete who leaves the venue without presenting his Horse to this veterinary check will automatically be issued with an Eventing Recorded Warning a Yellow Warning Card for incorrect behaviour, via his or her National Federation.

Article No. 1045 – Endurance

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction of error

Explanation for Proposed Change

Paragraph 2: A correction has been made to the text in to align with the Endurance Rules

Paragraph 14: A modification has been made to align with the proposed change to the Endurance Rules

Paragraph 15: A correction has been made to the text in to align with the Endurance Rules

Paragraph 16: A correction has been made to address an inconsistency in the text

Proposed Wording

2. At CEI 1* ~~and Regional Championships~~, the President of the Veterinary Commission will also be responsible for the duties normally undertaken by a Foreign Veterinary Delegate.

14. To safeguard the welfare of the Horses and the safety of the Athletes, the President of the Ground Jury (in consultation with and based on advice from the President of the Veterinary Commission, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, Ground Jury members and the Technical Delegate) may prior to or during an Event:

- a) ~~reduce~~ modify the maximum heart rate parameters;
- b) ~~shorten~~ modify the presentation times at Vet Gates; and/or
- c) ~~increase~~ modify the Hold Times.

Modifications to the above parameters must be announced to all Athletes and/or Chefs d'Equipe before the start of the Loop concerned

Throughout the Competition, the President of the Ground Jury, the Veterinary Commission, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, the Ground Jury members and the Technical Delegate must monitor the ride conditions (including any extreme weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances) and the number of Horses that Fail to Qualify at each inspection. It is their responsibility to make changes to the inspection parameters to protect the Horses.

If parameters are reduced/shortened as set out above, then references to higher maximum parameters under these Veterinary Rules will be replaced accordingly.

15. To ensure that Horses have adequate rest between travel and Competition, and to ensure adequate veterinary supervision before and after a ride, at all CEI 2*, CEI 3*, and Championships, subject to the discretion of the Veterinary Commission, all competing Horses must remain in the stable area at the Event under veterinary supervision (by the President of the Veterinary Commission, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, a member of the Veterinary Commission, and/or a Treating Veterinarian) for (i) a minimum of eight hours before the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection (subject to published closing times for the stables), and (ii) a minimum of eight hours after the Horse scheduled ~~finishes for~~ the Competition.

If a Horse has not completed all Phases of the Competition, the President of the Veterinary Commission, Foreign Veterinary Delegate and President of the Ground Jury may authorise the release of a Horse at an earlier time.

16. The President of the Veterinary Commission or Foreign Veterinary Delegate are required to ensure that the designated Veterinary Services Manager has provided for appropriate aftercare and veterinary services as described in Article 1007. For Championships, triage and emergency treatment facilities must be provided on site, and arrangements must also be made with a designated referral centre to refer Horses for further assessment and treatment if necessary. Such arrangements must be clearly written in the Competition Schedule and approved by the Technical Delegate in collaboration with the President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate prior to the Examination on Arrival.

Article No. 1062 – Treatments with Non-Oral Medication and Therapies not included on the EPSL

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction of inconsistency

Explanation for Proposed Change

The term 'start of the ride' could be misunderstood leading to incorrect interpretation of the rule. A change to the text is proposed to align with terminology used in the Endurance rules.

Proposed Wording

4. A minimum of 10 litres of rehydration fluids may be requested for intravenous (IV) use. The VC/VD must assess the climatic conditions and/or the Horse's clinical condition prior to authorisation.
- For Eventing, intravenous (IV) and naso-gastric fluids must not be administered within 12 hours before the start of the cross-country phase; and
 - for Endurance, intravenous (IV) and naso-gastric fluids must not be administered within ~~128~~ hours of the First Horse Inspection before the start of the endurance ride and not between the First Horse Inspection and the start of the first loop of the Competition, or between any phases of the competition.

Article No. 1063 – Prohibited Treatments

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Urgent repair for equine welfare

Explanation for Proposed Change

A prohibited treatment has been added to the article to maximise the welfare of horses competing in FEI events. A definition of blistering has been added to the glossary to support the addition.

Proposed Wording

1. The use of Banned Substances is always strictly prohibited.
2. The intra-articular administration of any medication is prohibited during FEI Events.
3. The use of per rectum treatments is prohibited during FEI Events.

4. The use of oxygen therapy is prohibited during FEI Events.

4.5. Recent blistering and/or firing resulting in evidence of inflammation or hypersensitivity is prohibited.

5.6. Horses are not permitted to compete after having undergone prohibited methods as described in Article 1004.

Article No. 1068 – Sampling

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Addition of a rule to align with WADA rules

Explanation for Proposed Change

The addition is being made to align with WADA rules.

Proposed Wording

1. The EADCMP is administered by the FEI Veterinary Department who selects the FEI Events at which sampling will take place, appoints the Testing Veterinarians and decides the number of Horses to be tested.
2. Targeted sampling may take place at other FEI Events, when necessary.
3. Sampling may take place at any FEI Event.
4. Sampling is carried out by the appointed Testing Veterinarian, or VD in the absence of a Testing Veterinarian, who may be assisted by a Testing Technician(s). The Testing Veterinarian or VD is ultimately held responsible for sampling at FEI Events.
5. Sampling must be carried out in the designated Testing Box, however the Testing Veterinarian or VD may approve to have Horses tested in their own stable in exceptional circumstances.

6. The PR is responsible for the Horse at all times.

7. Evading, refusing or failing to submit to sample collection is a violation of the EADCMRs Article 2.3.

7.8. Photographs and films must not be taken during sample collection, unless authorised by the Veterinary Department.

Article No. 1069 – Selection of Horses

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Urgent repair

Explanation for Proposed Change

The addition has been made to support the investigation of a rider fatality. Its inclusion has been requested the FEI Veterinary Committee and the Risk Management Steering Group.

Proposed Wording

1. Three methods for the selection of Horses may be used:

a) **Obligatory sampling:**

During Olympic Games and World Equestrian Games, Horses must be sampled as follows:

- i. in all Final Competitions for Individuals, the first 3 placed Horses; and
- ii. in all Team Competitions, 1 Horse from each of the first 3 placed Teams.

b) **Targeted sampling:**

When a specific reason or circumstances warrants that a particular Horse be selected for sampling. The reason for sampling the Horse must be listed in the online Veterinary Report or Testing Veterinarians Report. Targeted sampling must take place in the event of a rider fatality.

c) **Random sampling:**

Horses may be randomly selected for sampling at any time, as agreed by the GJ, VC/VD and Testing Veterinarian in accordance with the FEI Testing Manual.

Article No. 1078 – Infectious Disease

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation

Explanation for Proposed Change

The term 'relevant' has been added to the paragraph 2 of this article to ensure that unnecessary diagnostic tests are not carried out, given that the tests are carried out at the expense of the PR.

Proposed Wording

2. Horse(s) developing clinical signs of infectious disease must immediately be sent to the isolation stables and strict biosecurity measures must be implemented. Any relevant diagnostic test(s) required to establish the cause of the disease, as recommended by the VSM or PTV and agreed with the VD must be carried out at the expense of the PR. Details of the test(s) carried out and result must be reported to the VD and FEI Veterinary Department.

Article No. 1082 – Regulatory Height

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Rectification of an error and improvement of a problematic rule introduced in 2020

Explanation for Proposed Change

Text regarding the height of ponies has been moved from paragraph 3 to paragraph 1 to make a correction to the Veterinary Regulations.

A paragraph has been added to the article regarding driving ponies. This is repetition of the text from the Driving Rules and has been added for clarity and completeness.

Proposed Wording

1. Ponies' regulatory height at the withers must not exceed:
 - ~~148.0cm~~ without shoes (any measurement between 148.1cm and 148.9cm will be rounded down to 148.0cm); and
 - ~~149cm~~ with shoes (any measurement between 149.1cm and 149.9cm will be rounded down to 149.0cm).
- ~~1-2.~~ Driving Ponies in Pairs and Four-in-Hands may not be less than 108 cm without shoes, or 109 cm with shoes. Single Ponies must not be less than 120cms without shoes, 121cms with shoes
3. During the Transition Period (1 January 2020 – 31 December 2022), Ponies being measured at FEI Events, in accordance with the provisions of Annex IX, are given a height allowance; their height at the withers must not exceed 150.0cm without shoes or 151.0cm with shoes. Ponies must be presented for measuring in good training condition as they would compete and, if shod, in competition shoeing. ~~The maximum height at the withers must not exceed:~~
 - ~~148.0cm~~ without shoes (any measurement between 148.1cm and 148.9cm will be rounded down to 148.0cm); and

~~—149.0cm with shoes (any measurement between 149.1cm and 149.9cm will be rounded down to 149.0cm).~~

The measuring veterinarians will put a remark in the passport: with shoes /without shoes, on the identification page.

Article No. 1083 – Pony measuring at FEI Measuring Sessions

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Improvement to a problematic rule introduced in 2020 and the support of new technology.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Paragraph 8: will be removed to reduce the costs associated with Measuring Sessions. Many of the Measuring Veterinarians are also Testing Veterinarians and will be able to carry out both functions at Measuring Sessions.

Paragraph 12: a facility to take radiographs at the Measuring Session will support the logistics of the overall measuring process

Paragraph 13: A new FEI app has been created and is used to record the ponies' details during the Measuring Sessions. The use of the app reduces the requirement for paper records and adds efficiency to the process.

Paragraph 15: the addition to paragraph 15 supports paragraph 12.

Proposed Wording

8. ~~An FEI Testing Veterinarian may be appointed to take EADCM samples.~~

12. NFs are responsible for providing a Measuring Station that meets the following requirements. The Measuring Station must have :

- a. a place to walk the ponies in hand;
- b. boxes available for ponies to urinate after the travel;
- c. testing boxes for EADCMP testing, 1 box for every 15 ponies;
- d. a hard surface trot up area; ~~and~~
- e. a suitable area for lungeing and riding before the Measurement; and
- e-f. a facility to take radiographs.

13. NFs must ensure that suitable conditions for Pony Measurement are provided. The Measuring Area must have:

- a) a total area of at least 3m by 3m;
- b) a measuring "pad" of at least 3m by 3m that is flat , even and level which must be certified by laser measurement within 12 months of the measuring session. The floor must be non-slippery (a concrete slab or other paved surface is most desirable; plywood, dirt, gravel or other uneven surfaces are not permitted);
- c) freedom from unnecessary disturbances and distractions;
- d) adequate lighting to facilitate the process;
- e) ideally a separate entrance and exit to allow safe movement of Ponies into and out of the area; ~~and~~
- f) must be sheltered; and
- g) Ideally wifi connection

15. NFs must provide at least 3 stewards that are present for the entire Measuring Session- and a licensed veterinarian on site or on call (but able to be on site during the measuring session) in case radiographs must be taken.

Article No. 1085 – Pony Measuring Procedure

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Improvement to a problematic rule introduced in 2020

Explanation for Proposed Change

Text has been added to paragraph 3 to document the process required for cases of doubt regarding the shape of withers.

Proposed Wording

3. The Measuring Veterinarians assess the appearance of the withers for abnormalities. Ponies with abnormal withers will not be accepted for measuring. If the Measuring Veterinarians have a doubt about the shape of the withers:

- a) The pony will be measured;
- b) A steward and/or a Measuring Veterinarian will accompany the pony in order to have its withers radiographed on site during the measuring session;
- c) The Measuring Veterinarian will state "Refusal to measure" in the pony's passport;
- d) The radiographs will be sent to a panel of expert veterinarians appointed by the FEI;
- e) In case the panel concludes that the withers shape is normal and the pony had measured in during the measuring session, a measuring certificate will be stuck on top of the statement "Refusal to measure";
- f) In case the panel concludes that the withers shape is abnormal, the pony will be definitely changed to "horse" in the FEI database and not allowed to represent to a measuring session.

Article No. 1086 – Refusal to Measure

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Improvement to a problematic rule introduced in 2020

Explanation for Proposed Change

A clarification has been made to explain that Measuring Veterinarians must refuse to measure a Pony where they are unable to obtain radiographs.

Proposed Wording

2. The Measuring Veterinarians must refuse to measure a Pony in the event of any of the following:

- a) there is doubt or evidence that the Pony’s withers, or any part in that anatomical region, may have been interfered with so as to artificially lower the Pony’s height and there is no possibility to take radiographs on site during the measuring session; or
- b) the Pony is sweating or breathing abnormally due to too intense exercise; or
- c) the Pony has sore feet; or
- d) the Pony is lame; or
- e) the Pony is in poor condition; or
- f) the Pony shows signs of being sedated, in such cases the pony should always be sampled for EADCM.

Article No. 1100 – FEI Veterinarians

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction to the Veterinary Regulations

Explanation for Proposed Change

Official Veterinarians must conduct themselves in accordance with the Officials Code of Conduct which replaced the Official Veterinarian Codex.

Proposed Wording

5. FEI Veterinarians must sign and conduct themselves in accordance with the appropriate Codex or Code of Conduct.

Article No. 1101 – Permitted Treating Veterinarians

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: implementation of new educational system

Explanation for Proposed Change

Under the new educational system, Veterinary Services Managers (VSMs) will be considered as Officials rather than PTVs. VSMs are instrumental in supporting the OC to prepare veterinary related matters at FEI events such as biosecurity, stable security and safety. It is therefore critical that VSMs are properly educated and their status maintained. The Veterinary Department is developing an online course for VSMs which will provide extensive information on event-related veterinary matters and serve as a first step in the FEI Veterinary Officials' career. A change to the text is proposed regarding their reclassification.

Proposed Wording

1. Permitted Treating Veterinarians may assume the following roles:

- ~~Veterinary Services Manager (VSM);~~
- Veterinary Control Officer;
- Treating Veterinarian (TV);
- Team Veterinarian;
- Athlete's Private Veterinarian (APV); and
- Holding Box Veterinarian.

Article No. 1102 – Official Veterinarians

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: implementation of new educational system
Correction to the Veterinary Regulations

Explanation for Proposed Change

Paragraph 2: in support of the reclassification of VSMs from PTVs to OVs there role has been added as an OV.

Paragraph 3: The text is no longer required in view of VSMs being considered as OVs.

Paragraph 4: EVT's and EOVS are already considered as Officials who can treat horses at FEI events. Under the new educational system, this will also be applicable to VSMs.

Paragraph 5: The inclusion has been added for clarification since the Officials' insurance policy does not provide cover for the treatment of horses at events.

Proposed Wording

1. Only OVs can act as FEI veterinary officials at FEI Events.

2. The following groups of veterinarians must be Official Veterinarians :

- National Head Veterinarian (NHV);
- ~~Veterinary Services Manager (VSM);~~
- Veterinary Delegate/Foreign Veterinary Delegate (VD/FVD);
- Additional Veterinary Delegate (AVD);
- Endurance Official Veterinarian (EOV);
- Endurance Veterinary Treating Official (EVT);
- Testing Veterinarian;
- Measuring Veterinarian; and
- Examining Veterinarian.

3. OVs may act in either the capacity of an OV or of a PTV, but never in both capacities during the same Event or Events taking place at the same venue at the same time.
~~EVTs may be assigned as the VSM at Endurance Events.~~
 4. OVs are not allowed to compete in any Event where they are officiating as an OV. This includes any national class that may be running at the same Event. ~~OVs~~ VDs, AVDs, Testing Veterinarians, Measuring Veterinarians and Examining Veterinarians must not treat any Horses at the Event, including in national classes, unless in an absolute emergency.
- 4.5. EVT must have adequate professional indemnity insurance.

Article No. 1103 –Veterinary Services Managers

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: implementation of new educational system and clarification

Explanation for Proposed Change

Paragraph 2: an inclusion has been made to determine the VSMs' obligation to fulfil the new educational requirements.

Paragraph 8: an inclusion has been added for clarification since the Officials' insurance policy does not provide cover for the treatment of horses at events.

Proposed Wording

1. VSMs are responsible for assisting the OC in:
 - a) organising the veterinary infrastructure, including ensuring that the appropriate equipment and measures are in place as described in Articles 1007 and 1010-1014;
 - b) ensuring the Event complies with all aspects of these VRs before the first Horse enters the venue; and
 - c) ensuring the veterinary workforce for the Event are appropriately qualified and trained.
2. VSMs must fulfil the requirements for the appropriate OV Level, as set forth in Annex X and the Education System for FEI Veterinarians.
3. VSMs are responsible for providing:
 - a. the Veterinary Services operations plan, which must include the general procedures for management of veterinary emergencies, including rehearsals before the Event begins. The VSM must review the operations plan with the VD well in advance of the Event; and
 - b. a microchip reader (transponder) compatible with the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 11785 for use during the Event.
4. VSMs must ensure that:
 - a. the Examination on Arrival is carried out, where appointed to do so by the VD, according to Article 1031;
 - b. emergency protocols are immediately implemented when required; and

- c. Horses showing clinical signs of infectious disease are immediately isolated. VSMs must recommend and carry out diagnostic testing with agreement of the VD.
- 5. VSMs must assist the FVD/ VD and other PTVs in their awareness of applicable relevant local and national legislations.
- 6. VSMs must:
 - a. appoint, lead and maintain contact with the TV(s) and Course Veterinarians and ensure they work in accordance with the VRs;
 - b. appoint and liaise with Veterinary Control officers where necessary
 - c. ensure that a sufficient number of TVs are present near the Field of Play during all competitions and at least one on-duty TV is available 24 hours a day during the period of the Event; and
 - d. maintain contact with the VC/ VD at all times and liaise closely with them.
- 7. VSMs are not allowed to compete at any Event where they are working as the OC appointed VSM. This includes any national classes that may be running at the same Event.
- 8. VSMs may be permitted to act as a Treating Veterinarian at the same Event but must have adequate professional indemnity insurance.

Article No. 1104 – Veterinary Control Officers

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: implementation of new educational system and clarification

Explanation for Proposed Change

An addition has been made to the article to clarify the educational requirement of Veterinary Control Officers at FEI events.

Proposed Wording

- 1. VSMs may appoint a Veterinary Control Officer(s) for Events that involve veterinary supervision over extensive areas (e.g. Cross Country Test in Eventing, Marathon in Driving, Endurance Rides).
- 1.2. Veterinary Control Officers must fulfil the requirements for PTVs, as set forth in the Education System for FEI Veterinarians.
- 2.3. Veterinary Control Officers should liaise with the VSM and VD to ensure adequate veterinary emergency response during the competition.
- 3.4. Veterinary Control Officers must be in contact with all veterinarians on the course and must transmit information regarding any injured or exhausted Horse to the Ground Jury and/or VD immediately.

Article No. 1105 – Treating Veterinarians

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: implementation of new educational system and clarification

Explanation for Proposed Change

An addition has been made to the article to clarify the educational requirement of Treating Veterinarians at FEI events.

Proposed Wording

1. TVs work under the guidance of the VSM. They provide emergency care at Events and may be required to carry out the Examination on Arrival or act as a Holding Box Veterinarian.

~~1.2.~~ TVs must fulfil the requirements for PTVs.

~~2.3.~~ TVs must maintain contact with the VC/ VD at all times and liaise closely with them.

~~3.4.~~ TVs must ensure that the relevant Veterinary Forms are completed, submitted and approved by the VC/ VD before administering treatments.

~~4.5.~~ Treatments must be performed within the designated Treatment Boxes, unless exceptionally authorised by the VC/VD (e.g. fluid therapy or in an emergency situation).

~~5.6.~~ TVs are responsible for the proper disposal of any treatment material they have used.

7. TVs are not allowed to compete at any Event where they are working as an OC appointed TV. This includes any national class that may be running at the same Event.

Article No. 1107 – Athlete's Private Veterinarians

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction to rectify inconsistent wording

Explanation for Proposed Change

A correction has been made to paragraph 2 of the article to ensure consistency of wording.

Proposed Wording

2. APVs must fulfil the requirements for ~~be~~ PTVs.

Article No. 1108 – Veterinary Delegates

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: clarification

Explanation for Proposed Change

A new paragraph has been added to this article to determine that VDs must fulfil the requirements of the new educational system.

Proposed Wording

1. VCs/VDs are responsible for ensuring that the Veterinary Regulations and any relevant Discipline regulations, are maintained during Events and must work in association with the GJ. VDs must be knowledgeable and experienced in the Discipline and the specific rules.
 2. VDs must fulfil the requirements for the appropriate OV Level, as set forth in Annex X and the Education System for FEI Veterinarians.
 - ~~1.3.~~ VCs/ VDs must be satisfied that the OC and VSM, have provided all facilities, including Pony Measuring facilities where applicable, to an adequate standard before the arrival of the Horses and throughout the Event. The VD must also reviewed with the VSM their emergency plan for the venue incidents.
- ...

Article No. 1109 – Additional Veterinary Delegates

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: clarification

Explanation for Proposed Change

A new paragraph has been added to this article to determine that VDs must fulfil the requirements of the new educational system.

Proposed Wording

1. Additional Veterinary Delegates (AVDs) are Veterinary Delegates who assist the VD in performing the duties described in Article 1108.
2. AVDs must fulfil the requirements for the appropriate OV Level, as set forth in Annex X and the Education System for FEI Veterinarians.
- ~~3.~~ AVDs work under the guidance and lead of the VD.

Article No. 1111 – Holding Box Veterinarians

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: clarification

Explanation for Proposed Change

An addition has been made to the article to clarify the registration requirement of Holding Box veterinarians at FEI events.

Proposed Wording

1. Holding Box Veterinarians must be members of a VC or AVD where present, otherwise the role can be carried out by a TV approved by the VD.
- ~~2.~~ Holding Box Veterinarians must fulfil the requirements for PTVs.
- ~~3.~~ Holding Box Veterinarians examine Horses that have been referred to the Holding Box in accordance with Article 1039. They must provide clear clinical information to the Inspection Panel however must not provide their opinion on the Horse's fitness to compete.

Article No. 1112 – Endurance Veterinary ~~Treating~~ Officials

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: implementation of new educational system and clarification

Explanation for Proposed Change

An amendment to the title of the article has been made to ensure that the articles are unchanged in the remainder of the regulations.

Additions have been made to the article to clarify the roles of the EOV and EVT and their requirement to fulfil the new educational requirements.

Proposed Wording

1. Endurance Official Veterinarians (EOVs) act as Members or Presidents of the Veterinary Commission or Foreign Veterinary Delegates at Endurance Events.

2. EOVs must fulfil the requirements for the appropriate EOV Level, as set forth in Annex X and the Education System for FEI Veterinarians.

3. Endurance Veterinary Treating Officials (EVTs) are EOVs who act as Treating Veterinarians at Endurance Events.

The Treating Veterinarian/ Treating Veterinary Commission is responsible for undertaking and ensuring the veterinary care and stabilization of horses eliminated from competition, and should liaise with the VSM to ensure that adequate supplies and equipment are available. The Treating Veterinarian/ President of the Treating Veterinary Commission, along with the PVC and FVD, is responsible for identifying any horses to be designated as Serious Injury-ME, Serious Injury-Musculoskeletal, or Minor Injury.

1-4. EVT's must fulfil the requirements for the appropriate EVT Level as set forth in Annex X and the Education System for FEI Veterinarians

2-5. EVT's are responsible for the proper disposal of any treatment material they have used.

Article No. 1114 – Examining Veterinarians

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: implementation of new educational system

Explanation for Proposed Change

A paragraph has been added to the article to clarify the educational requirements of Examining Veterinarians at FEI events.

Proposed Wording

1. Examining Veterinarians are appointed by the FEI Veterinary Department to carry out the Examination of Horses for abnormal limb sensitivity.

2. Examining Veterinarians must fulfil the requirements as determined by the Education System for FEI Veterinarians.

Article No. 1115 – Testing Veterinarians

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: implementation of new educational system and clarification

Explanation for Proposed Change

Two paragraphs have been added to this article. It is necessary to clarify that when appointed as a Testing Veterinarian by the Veterinary Department, is separate from the role of the Veterinary Delegate at FEI events. In addition, the obligation of Testing Veterinarians to fulfil the new educational requirements has been highlighted.

Proposed Wording

1. Testing Veterinarians must always work in close liaison with the VC/ VD and the GJ.
2. Testing Veterinarians are responsible for:
 - a) ensuring the facilities provided by the OC and VSM comply with the VRs and are suitable for sampling;
 - b) providing a suitable number of FEI approved sampling kits;
 - c) advising the President of the GJ on the selection of Horses for sampling in association with the VC/ VD;
 - d) carrying out sampling of Horses, as described in Chapter VII;
 - e) dispatching the samples to an FEI laboratory for analysis.
3. Testing Veterinarians must not officiate as the Primary VD at an event at which they have been appointed as Testing Veterinarian.
4. Testing Veterinarians must fulfil the requirements as determined by the Education System for FEI Veterinarians.

Article No. 1117 – Organising Committee Appointments

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: implementation of new educational system
Correction to Veterinary Regulations

Explanation for Proposed Change

A change has been proposed to paragraph 1 where a new annex explains the requirement and number of OV's required for events, based on the new educational system.

A correction has been made to paragraph 9 to update old terminology.

Proposed Wording

1. The OC of International Competitions (CIs) and National Competitions which include FEI Events must appoint:
 - ~~a) at least one Veterinary Delegate (VD) from the Official Veterinarian (OV) List;~~
 - ~~a) at least one Veterinary Services Manager (VSM) from the PTV or OV List; and~~
 - a) the number of veterinary officials as set forth in Annex X
 - b) a suitable number of Treating Veterinarians (TVs) from the PTV or OV List.
- ...
9. The VSM in conjunction with the VD may appoint a TV as the Holding Box Veterinarian at Events where there is no Veterinary Commission or ~~Assistant~~Additional Veterinary Delegate.
- ...

Article No. 1118 – FEI Appointed Officials

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: implementation of new educational system

Explanation for Proposed Change

Changes have been made to this article to reflect the new annex in the veterinary Regulations which determines the number of OV's and the level required for the various categories of FEI events.

Proposed Wording

1. The FEI Veterinary Department appoints the following OV's to Events:
 - a) Testing Veterinarians in conjunction with their NHV;
 - b) Foreign Veterinary Delegates (FVDs) in accordance with the GRs and in consultation with the Veterinary Committee ~~for certain Events as specified in Annex X;~~
 - c) Presidents and Members of the Veterinary Commission in consultation with the Endurance Department as specified in Annex X;
 - b)d) Presidents and Members of the Treating Veterinary Commission in consultation with the Endurance Department as specified in Annex X;
 - e)e) Examining Veterinarians; and
 - d)f) Measuring Veterinarians.

Article No. 1120 – Appointments at Major Events

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: implementation of new educational system and clarity

Explanation for Proposed Change

A change has been made to paragraph 1 to reflect the new annex in the veterinary Regulations which determines the number of OV's and the level required for the various categories of FEI events. Clarification has been made regarding the appointment of FVDs for CIOs.

Proposed Wording

1. At Official International Events (CIOs), World Cup Finals with the exception of Vaulting where only 1 FVD is appointed, Championships and Games, including the Olympic and Paralympic Games, a Veterinary Commission (VC) must be formed of at least 3 OV's ~~in accordance with the relevant requirements as set forth in Annex X~~ FVDs are appointed by the FEI for CIOs.

Article No. Annex VI – Sanctions in case of FEI Veterinary Regulation Violations

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Urgent repair for equine welfare reasons

Explanation for Proposed Change

A sanction has been added to support the proposed rule addition to Article 1004.1 regarding the prohibition of trimming or removing sensory hairs.

Proposed Wording

<u>39</u>	<u>1004</u>	<u>Clipping, shaving and/or removing sensory hairs</u>	<u>Disqualification of the Horse from the Event</u>
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Article No. Annex VIII – Hyposensitivity Control System

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Improvement to a problematic rule introduced in 2020 and alignment with Endurance rules

Explanation for Proposed Change

Changes have been proposed to four paragraphs of the Annex and a new paragraph added.

Paragraph 3: the addition of a liaison judge has been added to ensure that a case of hyposensitivity can be managed immediately to avoid disruption of the Veterinary Commission’s work in the Vet Gate.

Paragraph 5: the results measured during the FEI Event testing period showed that there could be tired horses with normal sensitivity but lacking the alertness to show a clear reaction on applied forces that were close to 18 Newtons. 20 Newtons proved to be a safer value.

Paragraph 8: the change incorporates alternative terminology to align with the Endurance rules.

Paragraph 19: The FEI proposes removing this paragraph it requires the horse to have passed a hyposensitivity test and there may not be trained veterinarians available or specialised equipment to carry out the control. In order to have a deterrent effect, horses that have tested positive will instead be prioritised for target testing and also fall under the provisions of Annex VII of the FEI Endurance Rules.

A new paragraph will be inserted between the paragraphs currently labelled 25 and 26 to support the removal of Paragraph 19.

Proposed Wording

3. Any Examination will be carried out by the Hyposensitivity Control System teams (which shall consist of two FEI Examining Veterinarians and one liaison judge) and where possible in the presence of at least one member of the GJ.
5. The Examination will be carried out using a Hyposensitivity Control System Examination device, as approved and certified by the FEI. The Horse may be tested up to 3 times in each limb. If the Horse has an evasive reaction below ~~1820~~ Newtons, it is considered to be negative. No reaction, or a reaction to ~~1820~~ Newtons or above is considered as positive and the Horse has failed to pass the Hyposensitivity Control examination.
8. During the Ride Examination: The Examination will take place after the Vet ~~Inspection Gate and before the Rest Area, after a Vet Gate Inspection as~~ when the Horse leaves the ~~Vetting Gate Area, before entering the Rest Area.~~
- ~~19. Any Horse Disqualified under this Annex must successfully pass a Hyposensitivity Control System Examination prior to be entitled to compete again at National and International Events.~~
25. If a Horse has a third (or subsequent) positive result in a Hyposensitivity Control Examination in a rolling twelve (12) month period, the Horse must :
 - (i) undergo a 180-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period (as defined in the FEI Endurance Rules); and
 - (ii) undergo a specific examination protocol as set out in Annex VIII of the FEI Endurance Rules before being eligible to compete in any FEI Events or National Events.

Article No. Annex X – Veterinary Officials required for FEI Events

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: implementation of new educational system

Explanation for Proposed Change

The addition of a new Annex is proposed in view of the educational requirements for OVs officiating at FEI events. The changes to the system are to ensure that Officials are appointed with the appropriate training and experience necessary for the different categories of competition.

Proposed Wording

ANNEX X VETERINARY OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR FEI EVENTS

<u>Disciplines: Jumping, Dressage & Para-Dressage, Eventing, Driving & Para-Driving, Reining, Vaulting</u>				
<u>FEI Events</u>	<u>Veterinary Officials</u>	<u>Minimum Level</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
<u>CIMs</u> <u>(See Appendix E of the FEI General Regulations)</u>	<u>Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 2 OV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Additional Veterinary Delegates</u>	<u>Level 2 OV</u>	<u>(See Note 1)</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 1 OV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
<u>CIs</u> <u>Children's Classics</u> <u>Challenge Finals</u> <u>Regional Championships</u>	<u>Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 3 OV</u>	<u>1</u> <u>(See Note 2)</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Additional Veterinary Delegates</u>	<u>Level 2 OV</u>	<u>(See Note 1)</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 1 OV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
<u>CIOs</u> <u>(See Note 3)</u>	<u>Foreign Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 3 OV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Additional Veterinary Delegates</u>	<u>Level 3 OV</u>	<u>Minimum 2</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 1 OV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
<u>FEI World Cup™ Finals</u> <u>World Championships</u> <u>Continental Championships</u> <u>Continental Games</u> <u>Regional Games</u>	<u>Foreign Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 4 OV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Additional Veterinary Delegates</u>	<u>Level 3 OV</u>	<u>Minimum 2</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 1 OV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>

(1) AVDs may be appointed at Events with high numbers of participating horses. The FEI Veterinary Department reserves the right to request AVDs.

(2) More than one VD may be appointed at Events where competitions of different disciplines take place on different Fields of Play simultaneously.

(3) Refer to discipline rules regarding Eventing Nations Cup requirements.

Disciplines: Jumping, Dressage & Para-Dressage, Eventing, Driving & Para-Driving, Reining, Vaulting

<u>FEI Events</u>	<u>Veterinary Officials</u>	<u>Minimum Level</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
<u>World Equestrian Games</u>	<u>Foreign Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 4 OV</u>	<u>1 per Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>President Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 4 OV</u>	<u>1 per Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Members Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 OV</u>	<u>(See Note 4)</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 1 OV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
<u>Olympic & Paralympic Games</u>	<u>Foreign Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 4 OV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>President Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 4 OV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Members Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 OV</u>	<u>Minimum 1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 1 OV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>

(4) The number of Members of the Veterinary Commissions is set for each edition of the World Equestrian Games.

Discipline: Endurance

<u>FEI Events</u>	<u>Veterinary Officials</u>	<u>Minimum Level</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
<u>CEI1*</u> <u>Regional Championships</u> <u>(see Notes 5, 6 & 8)</u>	<u>President Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EO</u> <u>V</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Members Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 2 EO</u> <u>V</u>	<u>Minimum 2</u> <u>+ 1 per 20 entries</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>President Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 E</u> <u>V</u> <u>T</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Members Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>PTV</u>	<u>1 per 50 entries</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 2 E</u> <u>V</u> <u>T</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
<u>CEI2*</u> <u>(see Notes 5, 6 & 8)</u>	<u>Foreign Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 3 EO</u> <u>V</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>President Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EO</u> <u>V</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Members Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 2 EO</u> <u>V</u>	<u>Minimum 1</u> <u>+ 1 per 20 entries</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>President Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 E</u> <u>V</u> <u>T</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Members Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>PTV</u>	<u>1 per 50 entries</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 2 E</u> <u>V</u> <u>T</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>

<u>Discipline: Endurance</u>				
<u>FEI Event</u>	<u>Veterinary Officials</u>	<u>Minimum Level</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
<u>CEI3*</u> <u>(see Notes 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9)</u>	<u>Foreign Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 3 EO</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u> <u>(if more than 20 entries)</u>
	<u>President Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EO</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u> <u>(if more than 20 entries)</u>
	<u>Members Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 2 EO</u>	<u>Minimum 1</u> <u>+ 1 per 20 entries</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>President Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u> <u>(if more than 20 entries)</u>
	<u>Members Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>PTV</u>	<u>1 per 30 entries</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 2 EV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
<u>Regional Games</u> <u>Continental Championships</u> <u>Championships for Seniors,</u> <u>Juniors, Young Riders or</u> <u>Young Horses</u> <u>(see Notes 6, 7 & 10)</u>	<u>Foreign Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 4 EO</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>President Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 4 EO</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Members Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EO</u>	<u>Minimum 3</u> <u>+ 1 per 15 entries</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>President Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 4 EV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Members Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EV</u>	<u>Minimum 1</u> <u>+ 1 per 20 entries</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 3 EV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>

<u>Discipline: Endurance</u>				
<u>FEI Events</u>	<u>Veterinary Officials</u>	<u>Minimum Level</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
<u>World Equestrian Games World Championships (see Notes 6, 7 & 10)</u>	<u>Foreign Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 4 EO</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>President Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 4 EO</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Members Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EO</u>	<u>Minimum 3 + 1 per 15 entries</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>President Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 4 EV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Members Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EV</u>	<u>Minimum 1 + 1 per 20 entries</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 3 EV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>

(5) PTVs can be appointed as members of the Treating Veterinary Commission in regions/countries with an insufficient number of licensed EVTs, otherwise preference should be given to Level 2 EVTs.

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

(7) At least half of the Veterinary Commission (including the President and Foreign Veterinary Delegate) must be 'Foreign', in accordance with Article **Error! Reference source not found.** of the Endurance Rules.

(8) 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.

(9) At least half of the members of the Veterinary Commission must be Level 3 EOVs or higher.

(10) At least half of the members of the Veterinary Commission must be Level 4 EOVs and half of the members of the Treating Veterinary Commission must be Level 4 EVTs.

Article No. Annex XI - Glossary

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Other reason for change: support proposed rule additions and changes

Explanation for Proposed Change

Entries to the glossary have been added regarding the definition of blistering and sensory hairs to support additions to Articles 1004 and 1063.

Veterinary Services Manager has been added to the list of Official Veterinarians and removed from the list of PTVs to reflect the proposed change of the role's classification.

Proposed Wording

Blistering

Application of an irritant to the Horse's skin resulting in inflammation.

Official Veterinarian

FEI Official Veterinarians are veterinary *Officials*; they are a group of *FEI Veterinarians* and include the following categories of veterinarians:

- National Head FEI Veterinarian (NHV) (formally Contact Veterinarian)
- Veterinary Delegate/ Foreign Veterinary Delegate (VD/ FVD)
- Assistant Veterinary Delegate (AVD)
- Endurance Veterinary Treating Officials (EVTs)
- Testing Veterinarian
- Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)
- Holding Box Veterinarian (previously Examining Veterinarians) – except at an Event where there is only one VD, when the Holding Box Veterinarian might be a PTV
- Measuring Veterinarian
- Examining Veterinarian (Limb Sensitivity)

Permitted Treating Veterinarian (PTV)

PTVs agree to abide by the FEI Regulations, are registered with the FEI and are allowed to treat *Horses* during an *Event*, within the provisions of the VRs. This group of *FEI Veterinarians* includes the following categories of veterinarians:

- ~~Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)~~
- Veterinary Control Officer
- Treating Veterinarian (TV)
- Team Veterinarian
- Athlete's Private Veterinarian (APV)
- Holding Box Veterinarian when the Event only has one VD

Sensory Hairs

Hard hairs located on the Horse's muzzle and around its eyes, also known as 'whiskers' that are used for sensation.