

**PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF  
ENDURANCE RULES 2023**

24 October 2023

Dear National Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the Endurance Rules together with the corresponding explanations, the comments received as well as the reasoning for accepting or not accepting each proposal.

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

- A. [Proposed Rules changes to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023;](#)  
and
- B. [Proposed Rules changes that have been rejected or deferred to a future Rules revision.](#)

***IMPORTANT:*** Memo updated on 14 November 2023 to include an addition and a correction to the Executive Summary on page 5 as well as clarifications on pages 55, 89 and 91. All clarifications are highlighted in **green**.

Sincerely,



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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****Rules changes to be voted on:**

1. Introduction of two different CEI2\* categories (CEI2\* and CEI2\* CIM), based on certain criteria set out in Article 803.1.2.
2. Introduction of team classification in the Young Horses Championships. Please see changes in Articles 802.4.1, 843.2 and 845.2.
3. Introduction of a 1 kg margin to accommodate Athletes natural loss of body weight during Competitions (Article 805.3.5).
4. Introduction of a new requirement for 6-year-old Horses entering their first CEI1\* with a capped speed of 16km/h (Article 833.3.1.1). Please see page 44 on Transitional Provision for more details on how this applies.
5. Extension of qualification period and qualification validity (Articles 832, 833 and 835) from 24 to 36 months.
6. Allowing Athletes to qualify for the CEI3\* with a CEI1\* ride in Combination (Article 833.3.3).
7. Removal of the requirement for consecutive rides for the 1\* Championships and the addition of exemptions for Elite Athletes for 2\* Young Rider/Junior and 2\* Senior Championships (Article 836).
8. Correction of speed trigger in Article 837 from 20km/h to 21km/h and the update of consequences and conditions for lifting speed restrictions.
9. Review of Annex 7 procedure for Horses wanting to go back to the CENs after their 180-day MOOCP (Article 839.2 and Annex 7).
10. Changes to the Rotation of Officials rule and clarification that rotation applies to each specific key official function, and all Officials will be reset to zero rides counting towards their rotation as of 1 January 2024 (Article 849).
11. Allowing the ~~President of Ground Jury~~ Technical Delegate to also act as Technical Delegate President of the Ground Jury or Chief Steward in CEI1\*, CEI2\* or CEI3\* events considering there are fewer than 30 Horses and with the approval of the FEI (Article 852.7).
12. Inclusion of a provision allowing the President of the Ground Jury to remove a Combination at any time during the Competition for Horse welfare reasons, as per the EEWB commission's recommendation (Article 853.5).
13. Introduction of new Elite Athlete Statuses in Article 861 to recognize Athlete achievements on all levels.

14. Introduction of a new system where successful completions are rewarded with the deduction of 5 penalty points. Introduction of penalty points for Disqualification for Late Presentation (Article 864).
15. Removal of Incorrect Behaviour Card (Article 865.2) and going back to the use of Yellow Warning Cards for incorrect behaviour.
16. Introducing the possibility for a Treating Vet to assist in conducting veterinary inspections on the line when there is a high number of Horses arriving together, provided there are no Horses in treatment and considering that this Vet has not already treated a Horse (Annex 5, point 9.2.1).
17. Changes and clarifications in Annex 6 which include:
  - a. Differentiation between the CEI2\* and CEI2\*CIM in regards to the requirement of Officials.
  - b. Removal of the requirement for the Technical Delegate to be foreign.
  - c. Removal of the requirement to appoint a Foreign Judge and a Foreign Veterinary Delegate in CEI2\* CIM events.
  - d. Clarifications of number of Officials required for Events.
18. Introduction of new Endurance Awards to reward a wider range of positive achievements of Athletes and Horses (Combinations Award, Consecutive Completions Award, Best Condition Award) (Annex 9).
19. Introduction of a new Endurance Ranking system which will be provided to NFs and Stakeholders alongside the Final Draft of Endurance Rules changes. *Please note, that in line with the other disciplines, this will be a standalone document which is approved by the FEI Board.*

**Rule changes that have been deferred due to ongoing scientific research:**

1. Article 805 Minimum weights: no change to the rule has been done this year, pending findings of commissioned study in relation to Athlete/ Horse weight ratio and other variables.
2. Article 839 Mandatory Out of Competition Periods: no rule change has been proposed this year pending further research on this item.

**Rule change proposals by the FEI that have been withdrawn and therefore will NOT be voted on:**

1. Withdrawal of the FEI's proposal to increase minimum distance of last loop for Championships.
2. Withdrawal of the FEI's proposal to change the heart rate parameters and presentation times for Championships.
3. Withdrawal of the FEI's proposal to eliminate the confirmation procedure for Championships.

**A. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES TO BE VOTED AT THE FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023**

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
801. HORSE WELFARE
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
For purposes of clarification, we propose the additional below wording.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
801.1 Horse welfare is the first priority in Endurance: everything possible must be done to protect Horse health, safety, and welfare at all times. This guiding principle is the most important responsibility of all persons participating in Events, including Athletes, Trainers, Owners, Crew Members, Support Personnel, teams, Chefs d'Equipe, and Officials. Anyone participating in any capacity in any Event is required to comply strictly with both the letter and spirit of Article 801 and the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse, <b>including without limitation in preparation for the Event (by implementing good training practices), during the Event (by exercising good horsemanship and safely managing the Horse over the course), and following the Event (by ensuring the Horse receives appropriate rest from Competition in accordance with these Endurance Rules), and by at all times ensuring proper care for the Horse.</b> (...) 801.2.2 The Athlete is responsible for <b>exercising good horsemanship and</b> safely managing the condition of their Horse over the course, taking account of the climate, <b>terrain, ground surfaces,</b> and other conditions <b>of the course,</b> without compromising the welfare of their Horse. (...) 801.2.4 By entering the Competition, the Owner of the Horse consents to veterinary treatment that, in the opinion of the Treating Veterinarian(s), is required to ensure the welfare of the Horse, and to the transport of the Horse to the designated referral facility for further assessment, care, or monitoring, should that be deemed necessary. <b>If the Horse then leaves the venue without agreement of the President of the Veterinary Commission, President of the Treating Veterinary Commission, and Foreign Veterinary Delegate removal of Competition consequences will apply (Articles 801.3.2 and 810.1).</b>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>GBR NF</b> welcomes additional clarification on the priority attaching to horse welfare. <b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
As above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
802. CATEGORIES OF FEI ENDURANCE EVENTS 802.4 Championships and Games
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
In order to encourage more entries and to create team placings in Young Horses Championships.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
802.4.1 Championships (and Games) have an official individual classification and an official team classification ( <del>except for Young Horse Championships, where there is only an official individual classification</del> ). Article 802.3.2 also applies to Official Team Competitions at Championships (and Games).
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> recommends that the present rule be maintained.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
After inquiring with the UAE NF about why they wanted the present rule maintained, they explained that with the current wording it would limit the entries to the Young Horses Championship, which currently has unlimited invitations for individuals per NF. That was not our intention, in fact we intended the opposite. Below <b>are additions</b> to Articles 843.2 and 845.52 to clarify that a YH Championship must allow for a team of seven Athletes and seven Horses (which includes up to two reserve Horses/Combinations) as well as to allow for individual Athletes, depending on OC capacity. As usual, the OC would indicate number of invitations in the Schedule.
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
<p><b>843.2 CEIOs and Championships:</b> The Competition Schedule and the official invitation sent to each National Federation participating in the Event must allow for each team to have <b>five seven</b> Athletes and seven Horses (which includes up to two reserve Horses/<b>Combinations</b>), a non-riding Chef d’Equipe, and an FEI-registered Veterinarian as Team Veterinarian. Further details on teams are set out in the FEI General Regulations. <b>For the avoidance of doubt, a National Federation may enter less than seven Athletes that are qualified with more than one Horse as a Combination.</b> <b>An OC of a Young Horses Championship may allow individual Athletes in addition to the team, subject to FEI approval.</b></p>
<p><b>845. DECLARATION OF STARTERS</b></p> <p>845.2 At CEIOs and Championships, <b>when there are multiple possibilities</b>, the Chefs d’Equipe must declare in writing to the Secretariat of the OCs (i) the names of the Athletes definitely starting, and (ii) the names of the Horses partnered with those Athletes, chosen from the names included on the official entry forms. <b>In the event that more than five Combinations are starting from a National Federation in a Young Horses Championship, the composition of the team (minimum three, maximum five), and an indication of the individuals must be made at the latest at the declaration of starters.</b> Declaration of starters by the Chef d’Equipe or their representative will take place within one to three hours after the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection of the Horses, at the discretion of the President of the Ground Jury.</p>



<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
802. CATEGORIES OF FEI ENDURANCE EVENTS 802.5 Test event for Championships
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Correction of English.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
802.5.2 The FEI Endurance Technical Committee will decide whether or not the test event meets the above criteria. There shall be no appeal <del>from</del> <b>against</b> that decision.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>IRL NF:</b> Is it equitable that a member of the Technical Committee is an Official at a Test Event and then Votes on the decision to ratify the Test Event?
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Kindly note that we are correcting the English, not proposing any changes to the existing rule.
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
As above

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

ARG NF, BRA NF, EEF, FRA NF, ESP NF, ITA NF, NAM NF, NED NF, NOR NF, SWE NF, URU NF, FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

803. STAR LEVEL OF EVENTS

FEI General Regulations

APPENDIX E – CIMs

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**ARG NF:** We share the idea that the smaller nations running CEI 1\* and CEI 2\* are desperately trying to support and grow FEI endurance sport in their countries. To be successful and sustainable, these events must minimize costs to the OC, NF, and Rider. The endurance riding market is now very competitive and passport costs have caused many riders to opt out of the FEI discipline and opt for cheaper national options. Riders from smaller nations isolated from major endurance events also see little to no added value from purchasing the passport. Particularly where the horse is more unlikely to ever compete in international events in foreign countries due to the high cost of travel.

**BRA NF:** The rule of the 2\* becoming a Major event and requiring FEI passports, made a great number of riders lose interest to participate at FEI competitions and prefer CENs instead. Which will eventually result in less qualified horses and consequently less 3\* competitions and from that point on in a spiral going downwards.

**EEF & FRA NF:** There is a strong willingness from endurance stakeholders to bring back CEI2\* within the "CIMs" in regards to the extra costs involved and the cuts it made in terms of growth. Of course, we are aware of the purpose for the change which has been made. We don't see the financial reason as the one for the FEI to have promoted this change few years ago.

Based on these elements we suggest to find a regulatory way to do not impose the extra costs on riders/owners shoulders when it comes to participate in CEI2\* in their home country. It would also have a positive impact on number of entries on 2\* events.

By doing so and keeping all other requirements from CIs we consider it would be a positive step forward and sign addressed to the community, especially for the stakeholders who constitute the base of the international discipline in every country.

**ESP NF:** CEI 2\* are most commonly not high-level events as they are often run as qualification competitions with few registrations that do not break-even the cost of the events. It is very rare to have prize money in these. Even when run as national championships, the competitors at these competitions motivations to run as CI instead of CN is to keep qualifying themselves and their horses.

**ITA NF:** With the recent rule change of the CEI 2\* becoming a Major event and requiring FEI passports the tendency is to lose a lot of participants because of the extra cost. The riders now prefer to participate at CENs instead. This will result in less qualified horses and consequently less 3\* competitions.

**NAM NF:** Smaller Nations running CEI 1\* and CEI 2\* are desperately trying to support and grow the FEI Endurance sport in their countries. To be successful and sustainable these events need to minimize costs to the OC, NF, and Rider. The market for Endurance riding is very competitive and passport costs have seen many riders opt out of the FEI Discipline and into nationally based cheaper options. Riders in smaller nations isolated from the main Endurance events also see little or no value added by the purchase of the passport. Particularly where the horse is most unlikely to ever compete at international events in foreign countries due to cost of travel. Suggestion is to revisit the \* rating of each event to encourage growth in the smaller Nations giving all a fair platform to grow and compete. If the CEI 2\* can be a lower-level event again, the FEI passport is not needed in our Country. That will encourage the riders to participate at CEI2\* events.

**NED NF:** We would like to see that the CEI2\* is reintroduced as a CIM in the General Regulations Appendix E. In most countries the speeds at CEI2\* are low to moderate and therefore a 2\* is a minor event from a sportive/technical perspective. When stakes are higher because of prize money, speed increases and the 2\* can no longer be considered a minor event. The problem with regarding all 2\* events as a CI rather than a minor event is that it will be harder and more expensive to organize a 2\*. This will unnecessarily hinder the development of endurance in countries where it is a small sport. A much more elegant solution is to regard a CEI2\* as a CI only when there is a substantial amount of prize money. Furthermore, we suggest to add that when there is a substantial amount of prize money, the rider has to be classified to ride a CEI3\*.

**NOR NF:** The goals for the change proposed by the FEI at the last GA have not been reached. The drifts have not been counter. The side effects were for all worldwide stakeholders to endorse the costs (complexity, finance) of it. As there are no positive results of the change, we believe it is important to review this problematic implementation.

**SWE NF:** There is a strong willingness from endurance stakeholders to bring back CEI2\* within the "CIMs" in regards to the extra costs involved and the cuts it made in terms of growth of the sport.

Based on these elements we suggest to find a way not to impose the extra costs on riders/owners when it comes to participate in CEI2\* in their home country. If CEI 2\* Events sorts under "CIMs" We believe that it would have a positive impact on number of entries at CEI 2\* events if they sort under CIMs.

By doing so and keeping all other requirements from CIs we consider it would be a positive step forward and a tool to develop Endurance among NFs where the Endurance Sport is small.

**URU NF:** CEI 2 \* is now considered a MAJOR event, this means a recognition card or FEI passport is needed, raising the total cost by a large amount of money which we see reflected in the decrease in the number of participants in this category.

By the way we have seen that CEI 1\* events around the world are now organized with the maximum distance of 119 km, a way to evade this new rule.

In our country we have compared the number of participants before and after this new article and we see:

CEI 2\* 120 km year 2021---- 125 participants

CEI 2\* 120 km year 2022---- 49 Participants

**FEI:** In order to address the hardships that some National Federations have reported as a result of removing the CEI2\* from the CIM category, we propose to re-instate the CEI2\* as a CIM provided that it comes within certain criteria that will be set out in the FEI Endurance Rules (subject to approval at the FEI General Assembly 2023). We expect that the majority of current CEI2\* will meet the criteria to be considered as a CIM.

#### Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

(...)

**803.1.2 2\*:** Competitions between 120-139 km in one day, or between 70- 89 km per day over two days.

(...)

#### Concept for Proposed change:

##### 803.1.2

A CEI2\* will be categorised as a CIM provided that it meets all of the following criteria:

- The distance is between 120 – 126km;
- The prize money is less than CHF 20,000 (including the value of prizes in kind);
- The number of entries is below 100.

Penalties can be imposed where an OC/NF runs an Event as a CIM if it later emerges that the above referenced criteria were not complied with (for example if the prize money limit was exceeded).

2\* Championships are not considered as CIMs regardless of the distance or the prize money.

2\* Competitions can be held in one day, or between 70-89 km per day over two days with a minimum of three loops per day.

#### **Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

**NED NF:** We agree with the proposal of the CEI2\* addition as CIM with the following criteria

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We would like to add that this is also for CEI1\*.

**UAE NF:** There must be some uniformity in terms of event categories.

#### **FEI Feedback**

**NED NF:** The CEI1\* is already a CIM.

#### **Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

As above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
In order to accommodate Athletes losing body weight during competition, we propose allowing a margin of up to 1kg. If an Athlete is weighed and is found to have lost up to 1kg and is therefore below the minimum weight allowed, the Officials will inform the Athlete to put on the weight lost. If the Athlete is weighed again and found to still be below the allowed minimum weight, the Athlete will be Disqualified. This proposal aims to give one chance to Athletes who are losing water weight during rides.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
805.3.4 <b>Subject to Article 803.5 below, If</b> an Athlete fails to comply with the minimum weight requirements or to submit to a weight control, the Athlete will be Disqualified <b>for Underweight.</b>
805.3.5 <b>If an Athlete is weighed during a Competition and is under the minimum weight by less than 1kg, the Athlete will be permitted to continue. If during the same Competition the Athlete is weighed again and is under the minimum weight (by any amount), the Combination will be Disqualified.</b>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>EEF:</b> We mostly see the principle of tolerance as something which create more rules and issues than cleared concerns in straight forward, not questionable manner.
<b>FRA NF:</b> We do not see why there should be a tolerance as implementing tolerance is mostly questionable and source of unnecessary extra rules which can mislead. If the regulatory weight would be an accurate fixed number than it would be different, but the current rule allows riders to anticipate potential weight loss by not playing too much on the edge so we don't see a need for a tolerance.
<b>IRL NF:</b> The FEI proposal will open the flood gates. If a rider can be within 1 Kg of the minimum weight, then why not the minimum weight? A definitive minimum weight is essential, any deviation will result in riders trying to further test the resolve of Officials. Why re-invent the wheel. What if they are under by 1 Kg at the finish. In flat racing 1 lb in weight is considered equal to 1 length over a mile up the Curragh.
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<b>FRA NF</b> and <b>IRL NF:</b> As mentioned in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Draft submitted on 28 June, this proposal aims to give one chance to Athletes who are losing water weight during rides. Also, as discussed during the FEI Sports Forum, currently, Officials around the world are not applying this rule consistently, some are more relaxed and will allow a 0.25kg – 0.5kg weight loss due to high temperatures and obvious water weight loss, while others are disqualifying immediately. We believe this is a fair approach which aims to unify the application of this rule worldwide.
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
As above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
807. METHOD OF STARTING
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
For the purpose of clarification, we have added the below wording.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
807.5 The start time of any Combination that does not present on time for the start <b>of the Competition</b> is recorded as if it had started on time. No Combination may start later than 15 minutes after the official start time <b>of each Phase</b> . Failure to comply with this provision will result in Disqualification.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<p><b>AUS NF:</b> Disagree with FEI’s proposed rule change of: No combination may start later than 15 minutes after the official start time <b>of each Phase</b>. Failure to comply with this provision will result in disqualification.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> Sometimes for horse welfare that horse may need longer than 15 minutes - surely extra time in hold is good for horse welfare which is what is meant to be promoted.</p> <p>Or if a horse loses a shoe and the farrier is running behind getting to the check point and they miss the 15-minute start time for the next phase etc. A lot of replacement shoeing does not happen during the loop, but during the hold time. A shoe problem might only be picked up at the hold. If the horse still has time to finish within the time, then it is up to the rider to manage their horse accordingly.</p> <p><b>IRL NF:</b> Are we again creating a welfare issue? What if a horse needs a shoe replacement? What if the horse was the subject of a re-inspection, which resulted in a delay? What if the rider was sick or needed to go to the toilet before going back out? The focus and intent of the proposal is understood and if it is to be imposed it should be 30 minutes. A horse going out late will not be a podium or team horse, so it will not be subjected to the same pressure to perform on the track / loop.</p> <p><b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.</p> <p><b>USA NF:</b> We believe that the requirement to start no later than 15 minutes after the official start time of each Phase is unnecessary. If rider wants the horse to rest longer or eat, they shouldn’t be penalized for staying later in the hold.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p><b>AUS NF &amp; USA NF:</b> It can also be argued that horses that need more time to rest might not be physically sound to continue, and that there may be an underlying veterinary reason they are taking so long to recover. Bearing in mind this time accounts for the mandatory hold + 15 minutes.</p> <p><b>IRL NF:</b> A shoe replacement takes approximately 2 to 15 minutes. This article refers to start time of each Phase, which means this is after the mandatory Hold time where Athletes and their Crews are tending to their Horses. Similar to the response above to AUS, it could be a welfare issue to ignore that Horses needed extra time to recover may not be able to continue on another Loop.</p>
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
As above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
809. CLASSIFICATION 809.3 Team classification
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
For the purpose of clarification and alignment with the approach for all the other disciplines, we have added the below wording.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
809.3.4 If any Combination whose result counted towards team classification is subsequently Disqualified, <del>the classification of that entire team will become null and void that Combination's result will be removed from the team result and replaced with the result of the next applicable team member (if any)</del> . This will not affect the individual classification of the other Combinations in that team.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>ARG NF:</b> We do not agree since a dopped horse can be a race strategy as a team in a championship and thus leave the other competitors at a disadvantage... or force a competition at high race speeds.  <b>AUS NF:</b> Strongly disagree with the FEI Proposed rule change – it should stay as it is in the current FEI Endurance Rules effective of 1st of January 2023. <u>Rationale:</u> If one horse tests positive to a banned substance, it's unlikely the whole team's horse would be tested for banned substances and the next rider might still allow for that Team to place and take a medal. We believe that if one of the team's horses tests positive for a banned substance the rule should stay as it currently is in the FEI Endurance rules effective 1 st of January 2023 and it should result in the entire team being eliminated. As it is also a horse welfare issue if the entire team of horses are not being tested for banned substances.  <b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<b>ARG NF:</b> The current wording means that if any Combination within a team is DSQ, then the entire team loses the classification. What we are proposing is that losing a Combination due to DSQ, if the team still have 3 combinations, then their result will still count. <b>AUS NF:</b> The current rule is not in line with other disciplines. Not all DSQ due to EADCMP are malicious cases.
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809. CLASSIFICATION 809.4 Dead Heat
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
In order to avoid any confusion about how to determine the winner at a close finish and to clarify if the winning Horse is judged by its nose, foot, or any other part of the body crossing the finish line, we propose the following clarification to this Article.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
809.4 <b>Dead heat:</b> When two or more Combinations start the Competition at the same time and finish with the same total elapsed riding time, the Ground Jury (assisted by the Stewards) must determine which Combination crossed the finish line first (whether based on plain sight or photo/video evidence) and that Combination will be classified ahead of the other Combination. <b>Such determination must be based on the tip of the nose of the Horse that crosses the finish line first.</b> There may not be any ties.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
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809. CLASSIFICATION 809.5 Failure to Qualify, Disqualification, withdrawal and retirement
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
In order to clarify that in between Phases, a Horse is only allowed to retire within the permitted departure time which is its Hold time plus (+) 15 minutes as per the clarification made to Article 807.5.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
809.5.4 <b>Retirement</b> occurs when an Athlete decides (without otherwise being removed from the Competition) not to continue in the Competition after their Horse passes the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, provided that this happens (i) before the Combination crosses the start line, or (ii) at the end of a Phase provided that the Combination has successfully completed that and any previous Phases and passes all Horse Inspections after each of those Phases, including any compulsory re-inspection or vet-requested re-inspection (the Horse must be considered fit to continue in the Competition at each of those inspections). <del>Should an Athlete wish to retire their Horse at the end of a Phase, the Horse must be presented to the Vetting Area and pass all required Inspections. The maximum time a Horse has for Retirement after completing a Phase is its hold time plus 15 minutes as per Article 807.5.</del>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>ARG NF:</b> It is not clear if an Athlete decides to withdraw a Horse at the end of a phase, if it is necessary to pass all the required inspections again. ARG NF proposes to cross out the following sentence: <del>Should an Athlete wish to retire their Horse at the end of a Phase, the Horse must be presented to the Vetting Area and pass all required Inspections.</del>
<b>IRL NF:</b> Retirement and continuing are two very different decisions. They should not be linked together by time. The decision to retire is usually made in advance of the Vet Inspection. It is therefore proposed that the link to Rule 807.5 is removed.
<b>USA NF:</b> If the horse must be presented to the Vetting Area and pass all required Inspections for the Retirement to be accepted, then an Athlete may decide not to present the horse to avoid an elimination and may prefer to continue the ride, putting their horse at risk. Correct wording to clarify that in-between Phases, a Horse is only allowed to retire within the permitted departure time which is its Hold time plus (+) 15 minutes, should be stated as follows: <del>Should an Athlete wish to retire their Horse at the end of a Phase, the Horse must be presented to the Vetting Area and pass all required Inspections. The maximum time a Horse has for Retirement after completing a Phase is its hold time plus 15 minutes as per Article 807.5.</del> The maximum time a Horse has for Retirement after completing a Phase is its hold time plus 15 minutes as per Article 807.5.
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<b>ARG NF:</b> Yes indeed, the Horse must be presented to the Vets if Athlete wishes to retire after the Phase. We do not agree with crossing out the mentioned sentence. Presenting a Horse to the vets before withdrawing it from a Competition is already an existing rule.
<b>IRL NF:</b> The reason for tying it to Article 807.5 is to clarify restart times between Phases. Sometimes Horses are retired after their hold times when Athletes decide their Horse is not recovering as expected.
<b>USA NF:</b> Our wording is simply reiterating the fact that after completing a loop, a Horse goes through the vetting. Then, this Horse has a mandatory hold time. We want to clarify all scenarios including deciding to retire between Phases after the hold time (where again the Horse must be presented to the Vetting Area (again) to be designated RET).

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810. REMOVAL FROM COMPETITION
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We are adding 'reasons' for disqualifications which will be displayed on the FEI Database. This proposal is to create <i>DSQ – Horse not presented</i> .
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
810.1 All Horses removed (voluntarily or otherwise) from Competition must be presented for Horse Inspection either to the FEI Veterinary Commission or the FEI Treatment Veterinary Panel immediately after removal, unless the President of the Veterinary Commission, President of the Treating Veterinary Commission, and Foreign Veterinary Delegate permit the Horse's immediate transfer from the Field of Play to a pre-authorized treatment centre and the Horse's veterinary records are updated accordingly. Failure to comply with this Article will result in the issue of an <del>an Endurance</del> -Yellow Warning Card to the Athlete and Trainer, Disqualification of the Combination <del>with</del> <b>for</b> Horse Not Presented, imposition of a 60-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period for the Horse, and the penalty points set out in Article 864.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
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813. FIELD OF PLAY
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Correction of English.  Addition of Team Farriers as people who must be clearly identified at Championships.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
813.1.1 <b>Course</b> ( <del>split</del> divided into Loops and Phases, as detailed in the Competition Schedule and the plan of the course, see Articles 814, 815, and 817-820); (...) 813.3.3 At Championships, Chefs d'Equipe, <b>and</b> Team Veterinarians <b>and Team Farriers</b> must be clearly identified by the OC (e.g., with a bib). The Chefs d'Equipe and Team Veterinarians must wear the official identification at all times on the Field of Play. (...) 813.5 Horses must remain in clear view: At all times on the Field of Play, Horses must be capable of being clearly observed by FEI Veterinary Officials, Ground Jury and/or Stewards. No screens, equipment or barrier of any kind (including a human barrier) may be used to obscure any part of the Horse and/or prevent such observation. Horses may not be put in lorries or trailers <del>to prevent observation while they are competing</del> . Failure to comply with this Article may result in Disqualification and/or an <del>Endurance</del> Yellow Warning Card.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
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JPN NF
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813. FIELD OF PLAY
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>In 822.4/822.5, there should be more clarification on the term “crew point” and what each crew are allowed to do there.</p> <p>In Endurance, Athlete is solely responsible on controlling horse’s condition. This includes the control of the speed and the making decisions and skills on cooling the horse. We occasionally see on SNS that crew handing water to Athlete whilst mounted on a galloping horse. In those cases, can we say the Athlete is taking the control of horse’s condition? Due to that, the horse cannot slow down at the crew point, which may result in harming the welfare of the horse.</p> <p>Also, when a crew interfere with other rider’s horse, whether intentionally or not, there is no penalty imposed to the crew. We wonder if FEI could set penalty(penalties) to crew. If yes, we believe that the penalty must be able to rescue the “victim(s).”</p>
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
813.1.2 <b>Crew points</b> (the designated areas with a marked ‘start’ and ‘end’ point on the course where the Crew Members may assist their Combination, as specified in the Competition Schedule, see Article 822.4.1);
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<p><b>ESP NF:</b> We believe this is unnecessary for a majority of events and an extra burden on those OCs. We suggest doing this for Championships.</p> <p><b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<b>ESP NF:</b> Marking could be as simple as a green mark for start and red for end, chalk on the ground, or ribbons on the trees. It is intended as a simple guidance for Athletes and Officials. Please find below modifications.
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
813.1.2 <b>Crew points</b> (the designated areas with an marked identifiable ‘start’ and ‘end’ point on the course where the Crew Members may assist their Combination, as specified in the Competition Schedule, see Article 822.4.1);

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813. FIELD OF PLAY 813.1.4 Training tracks/loops
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Proposal to add training tracks/loops as part of Field of Play.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
813.1.4 <b>Training tracks/loops</b> (the area where Horses train before the start of the Competition which must be prepared to eliminate any dangerous obstacles, must be well marked and must be monitored by the OC or Stewards).
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
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814. LOOPS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Currently, the OC determines the number and length of the Loops and it is submitted through their NF to the FEI to approve. It is only later that the PGJ, the PVC and the FVD learn about the number and length of the Loops through the approved and published Schedule.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
<del>814.4.1 Subject to this Article 814.4 and Article 818.3, the OC will determine the length of each Loop of the Competition, and must advise the President of the Ground Jury, President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate of the number of Loops and the length of each Loop.</del>
814.4.1 Subject to this Article 814.4 and Article 818.3, the OC will determine the length of each Loop and the number of Loops of the Competition and must include this information in the Official Schedule.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
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814. LOOPS 814.4 Requirements for Loops
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We propose to lower the requirement for the number of Loops for a 2* multiday Competition so that it can be run over two Loops. Given that longer distances discourage speed and are therefore safer for Horses and Athletes.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
814.4.3 A Competition may be spread over one or more days, but each day of a multiday Competition must be divided into at least <del>three</del> two Loops for a 2* multiday and three Loops for a 3* multiday Competition.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
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814. LOOPS 818. COURSE DESIGN, TERRAIN, AND SAFETY 852. TECHNICAL DELEGATE / COURSE DESIGNER
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The Course Designers are no longer part of the FEI Officials and we have decided to not refer to this function in the rules.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
814.4.5 Loops must not be specially designed or constructed for speeds that increase the risk of injury for the Horses. The <del>Course Designer or</del> Technical Delegate will make the final decision on this issue. *** 818.1 The OC <del>and the Course Designer (if appointed)</del> , in consultation with the Technical Delegate, should assist in creating a technically challenging course across country (within the limits of the terrain and weather conditions) that will test the stamina and riding skills of the Combinations, without compromising the welfare of the Horses. *** 852. TECHNICAL DELEGATE/ <del>COURSE DESIGNER</del> 852.3 The Technical Delegate must check and approve, in advance of the Event, <del>in coordination with the Course Designer (if appointed by the OC)</del> , the layout of the course and ride conditions to protect the welfare of Horses and safety of Athletes based on the level of the Competition(s), the degree of difficulty of the course, and the complicating weather conditions. <del>The Course Designer is under the supervision of the Technical Delegate. For CEIs, the Technical Delegate may also act as the Course Designer.</del>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
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<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
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816. VET GATES 816.4 Access to the Vetting Area
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
It is encouraged that the Athlete presents their Horse at the Vet Gate in case any information exchange between the Athlete and the lane Vet is needed. Added a clarification is added to only allow Team Vets and Chefs in the Vet Gate when a Horse from their country is being presented.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
816.4 <b>Access to the Vetting Area:</b> Subject to any further restrictions set out in the Competition Schedule or specified by the Ground Jury, no more than two people (of which one is preferably the Athlete) may accompany a Horse in the Vetting Area. In addition, at Championships and CEIOs, the Team Veterinarian and/or Chef d'Equipe may access the Vetting Area during the Competition provided that they report their presence to the President of the Ground Jury and only if a Horse of their country is being presented. Any persons entering the Vetting Area must be properly identified in accordance with Article 813.3.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
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816. VET GATES 816.6 Heart rate assessment
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
For the purpose of clarification.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
816.6.4 Subject to Article 816.6.6, if the Horse's heart rate is higher than the maximum heart rate parameters, the Horse may <b>leave the Vetting Area and</b> be presented a second time for a heart rate re-inspection within the permitted presentation time. If a Horse does not pass the second presentation, it will be designated as Failed to Qualify (subject to the confirmation procedure in paragraph 9.3(f)(i) of Annex 5). A third presentation is not permitted.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
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<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
816. VET GATES 816.6 Heart rate assessment (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
68 BPM in VET GATE Based on the rules, considering it may lead to confusion, we propose to establish this BPM criteria during the whole competition increasing the number of metabolic controls of the horses during the whole event.  The FEI agreed with the proposal's goal and proposed the below changes to the Article.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
<del>816.6.5 At the first Vet Gate after the halfway point on the course or at the third Vet Gate (whichever comes first), and at each subsequent Vet Gate, Horses that present at the Vetting Area with a heart rate greater than 68 bpm at the first presentation must pass a heart rate re-inspection and a compulsory re-inspection before being permitted to start the next Loop.</del>  (...) 816.6.5 At the first Vet Gate and onwards, except for the Final Inspection, all Horses entering with more than 10 minutes recovery time must pass a compulsory re-inspection.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>ARG NF:</b> We do not agree since any member of the Veterinary Commission may ask for a mandatory recheck if he deems it is necessary as specified in article 816.5.3: Horses may also be required to undergo a re-inspection before leaving the Vet Gate for the next Loop (see paragraph 8 of Annex 5).  <b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<b>ARG NF:</b> We aim to strengthen Horse welfare parameters in a way that takes the pressure away from the vets as it applies to all horses.
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816. VET GATES 816.6 Heart rate assessment
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Adding a disqualification reason to be reflected on the FEI Database when the results are displayed as 'DSQ- Late Presentation'. We are also proposing to add 10 penalty points for this disqualification to deter Athletes from withholding their Horses from receiving the veterinary care they need.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
816.6.7 Failure to comply with the time limits for presentation of the Horse to the Vetting Area will result in Disqualification for Late Presentation. In such circumstances, the Horse must still be submitted to a Horse Inspection, and so an additional designation for Failure to Qualify for veterinary (or other) reasons may also apply in addition to the Disqualification.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
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816. VET GATES 816.8 Hold Time (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We recommend having minimum hold time at least 30 minutes because we have seen many events schedules with 20 minutes hold time, this is not good it does not give enough time for the horse to rest as the current rule allows to have minimum hold time of 20 minutes if the loop distance is 20 km.</p> <p>In cases where veterinarian request for re-inspection or there is hyposensitivity test in this loop, which means the horse will not have enough time to rest.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
816.8.1 There must be a Hold Time for the Horse at each Vet Gate (except the final Vet Gate after the finish) of at least <b>thirty minutes for distances of 20km to 29km loops, and one minute per 1 km <del>of the Loop just</del> completed for 30km loops and above.</b> (For example, following a 35 km Loop, there must be a minimum Hold Time of at least 35 minutes, <b>following a 21km loop, there must be a minimum Hold Time of at least 30 minutes</b> ).
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
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817. PLAN OF THE COURSE
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
For the purpose of clarification.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
817.2 Plans, maps <del>and GPS</del> : Once the course is finalised, and no later than the pre-ride briefing, each Athlete must be given access to: (...) 817.2.2 a map in a scale of at least 1:50'000 <del>or GPS equipment</del> . <del>or a digital alternative that performs the function of mapping, tracking and navigation.</del>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>IRL NF:</b> This proposal presumes on the availability and quality of Internet Connectivity not only on the Venue, but also out on course. It also presumes on the continued functionality of a smart phone for the rider. It is therefore proposed that the requirement for a Map remains.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree with IRL NF.
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
817.2 <b>Plans, maps and GPS:</b> Once the course is finalised, and no later than the pre-ride briefing, each Athlete must be given access to: (...) 817.2.2 a map in a scale of at least 1:50'000 <b>or and</b> GPS equipment <b>or a digital alternative that performs the function of mapping, tracking and navigation if available.</b>

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819. MARKING THE COURSE
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
To expand on the need for clear course markings on a course.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
819.1 The course markings must be clearly, distinctly and consistently marked to indicate the correct direction and easy to see so that there is no doubt as to how to proceed on the course. In particular, a distance marker must be placed every 10 km, and the start and end of each Loop must be clearly and distinctly marked. The markings may be flags, ribbons, signs, lime, paint, etc.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
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FRA NF
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822. ASSISTANCE ON COURSE & FAIR PLAY
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We would like FEI to emphasise on the Athletes' safety in the case of accident happening on the track. Help to improve the solidarity amongst them when an accident happens by giving a frame with potential time adjustment to be fair with the one who stops and care the other Rider.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
822.4.2 (b) A Combination may be assisted at any time if an Athlete falls or is otherwise separated from their Horse, or if the Horse loses a shoe. The Athlete must remount and/or continue in the Loop from the point at which the Athlete dismounted, left the course or required intervention. <b>An Athlete that provides assistance to a fellow Athlete who has fallen or has been otherwise separated from their Horse will not Fail to Qualify for being Out of Time (FTQ-OT), should they pass their permitted time due to providing such assistance, provided that the President of the Ground Jury is satisfied that the sole reason for the Athlete exceeding the allocated time is due to the assistance given to another Athlete pursuant to this Article.</b>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
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822. ASSISTANCE ON COURSE & FAIR PLAY
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>A clarification to stress the importance of biosecurity measures at Events, especially for common water troughs which must NOT be shared.</p> <p>When a Horse arrives to a Water point, or to the Recovery area, it is advised that the OC strategically places these large water troughs in a way that allows the Athlete/Crew Members sufficient opportunity to retrieve water using personal buckets before the Horse makes its way to the body of water.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
<p>822.4.3 There are also separate <del>designated</del> areas on the course at least every 10 km where drinking water <del>will be provided</del> <b>must be available</b> for Horses (see Article 814.4.7), <b>subject to Article 1026 of the FEI Veterinary Rules.</b></p> <p><b>It is advised that, if possible, large water troughs are strategically placed so that the Athlete has the opportunity to gather water using a personal bucket.</b></p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
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BRA NF
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823. DRESS CODE
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
In warmer places it's very uncomfortable to use long pants during hot days. In tropical regions the use of Bermuda shorts is a common way to dress. Even during the last Olympic Games in Japan, the use of Bermuda shorts was allowed and caused no harm to the image of the other equestrian disciplines.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
823.2.4 Shorts are not permitted in the Vetting Area or during opening and closing ceremonies, the Best Condition Award, and/or prize-giving ceremonies. For safety reasons sandals are not permitted anywhere on the Field of Play. <b>Depending on weather conditions and at the discretion of the OC and Officials, knee-length dress shorts may be allowed.</b>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
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825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT

825.2 Permitted tack

825.2.5 Shanks

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**BRA NF, EEF, FRA NF, GBR NF, SWE NF, URU NF** proposed to increase length of lever arm from 8 cm to 10 cm.

**UAE NF** proposed to increase length of lever arm from 8 cm to 12 cm.

**ARG NF, ESP NF, EST NF, ITA NF** – proposed to completely eliminate the rule.

**NOR NF** proposed to clarify how lever arm should be measured.

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**ARG NF:** The restriction of any stem (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 8 cm does not ensure welfare for the horse or protect it from injuries and nevertheless also compromises the safety of the rider. The good treatment in the horse's mouth depends, among other things, on the rider's ability to not exert force and even on the thickness of the bit. Faced with so many bit options, as far as we concerned, the best way is to reinforce the task of stewards and veterinarians to control at every opportunity that the horse does not bear any suffering in its mouth.

**BRA NF:** The 8 cm shank has caused a lot of problems as especially in 1\* and 2\* competition these bits are used on young horses, why is in Dressage permitted to have 10/12 cm?

**EEF & FRA NF:** Even if the purpose of the change implemented after the last full revision process was fair and that we are in favour of fixing a maximum length, we do believe that 8 cm shanks rules is too restrictive. In addition to the fact that when a maximum measurement is defined in the FEI rules of other disciplines it is "10 cm", we would emphasise on some of endurance specificities give extras reasons to the proposed change: allow more control which improve safety of horses and riders who start into big group, light youth riders, riding skills and way of handling contact can be more problematic than the bit itself. Judges and stewards have to take decisions when abnormal situations are observed. Below wording corresponds to eventing regulations.

**ESP NF:** The possible damage caused by a bit has more to do with the handling of the bit than its possible length. A very abusive bit with a short shank may do more damage to the mouth than a very long shank, in the end it depends on the management of the rider. Trying to specify through rules how this should be handled requires a lot of expertise and updates as happens in Jumping or Dressage. We propose instead, as we have a lot of veterinary controls and inspections through the competition unlike those disciplines, that the FEI Endurance and Veterinary Committees specify rules regarding the detection of injuries in the mouth during any veterinary inspection.

**EST NF:** We offer to remove Article 825.2.5 since this requirement is not safe and discredits horses who have an insensitive mouth. This rule did not exist before 2020.

**GBR NF:** The specified length of the shank [lever arm] on any bit has been discussed by a large number of judges at many endurance events with these discussions themed around

judges actual understanding of where the measurement should be taken and also the safety concerns around the carrying out of the measuring process.

**ITA NF:** This rules change didn't improve the behaviour of the horses.

**IRL NF:** The IRL NF note that the length of the shank has no effect on the force that can be applied. It is the height of the fulcrum above the bit that decides the force that can be applied, by the amount of lift it facilitates. This rule was brought in to avoid abuse of the horse with excessively strong bits.

**NOR NF:** A shank is easily measured for compliance with the relevant rule. The big difficulty with this rule is its application to three ring, pelham and other similar bits. Riders claim that they only use the first ring? The leverage of a bit is established not only by the shank below the bit, but the ring or shank above the bit. The rule needs to be clarified to stop subjective measuring and interpretation by different officials. This would eliminate all ambiguity and subjectivity, resulting in clarity.

**SWE NF:** Even if the purpose of the change implemented after the last full revision process was fair and that we are in favour of fixing a maximum length, we do believe that 8 cm shanks rules is too restrictive. Below wording corresponds to eventing regulations.

**UAE NF:** There is no scientific reason signifying what is the optimum shank length and the sizes differ in various FEI disciplines. The use of shank is to protect the welfare of the horse and the athlete. Each horse has to have a bit that fits well and is suitable to the horse and not endanger the safety of the horse and the athlete.

**URU NF:** We consider that extending the permitted size in length of the lever arm of any bit in 2 cm will include more type of bits and this extension will not harm the horse or even act as control implement.

#### **Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023**

825.2.5 Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed **8 10** cm. Any evidence of soreness, lacerations and/or wounds in the mouth, must be recorded on the Vet Card. If participation or continuing in the Competition is likely to aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds or in any way endangers (or risks endangering) the welfare of the Horse, the Horse will not be allowed to continue and will be designated 'Failed to Qualify - Minor Injury' (FTQ-MI) (see Annex 5, 9.8).

#### **Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

**GBR NF:** We welcome support for amending the rule so that 'Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 10cm' (rather than 8cm) and welcome the FEI explaining 'the correct way to measure a shank in the FEI TackApp'.

**NED NF:** We agree with changing the maximum length of the lever arm from 8 to 10 cm. The method of measuring this length is very unclear. The Endurance Steward Manual of FEI (Endurance Stewards Manual Annex 2021 clean version\_Updated03.08.2022.pdf) shows unclear pictures of how to measure. The different pictures do not show the same way of measuring. The FEI Tack app is not (yet) showing anything on this subject

**UAE NF** agrees and supports this proposal.

#### **FEI Feedback**

The explanation on how to measure the shank is now available on the FEI TackApp under 'Related Tech Articles' in all relevant bit-related items (for example, under item 'Waterford Pessoa' <https://tack.fei.org/equipment/606284bc-bf3b-49f4-bb64-de4e9f5d59b9>).

#### **Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

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<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT 825.2 Permitted tack 825.2.6 Nosebands
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
Please refer to the memo on the Proposed Changes to the FEI General Regulations for the explanation of the proposed new rule in relation to Nosebands.  If you have comments on the proposal in relation to nosebands, please include them as part of your NF's feedback on the General Regulations.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>GBR NF</b> has submitted comments in the General Regulations section.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Please refer to the General Regulations Memo.
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
Please refer to the General Regulations Memo.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT 825.2 Permitted tack 825.2.11 Head collars
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
For the purpose of clarification.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
825.2.11 Head collars are permitted only in the Vetting Area and if the Horse can be adequately controlled and does not pose any safety risk to any person or other Horse. Otherwise (and in most cases) a bridle must be used.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>AUS NF:</b> <i>slight wording change suggestion: Only headcollars are permitted in the vetting area and if the horse can be adequately controlled and does not pose any safety risk to any person or other horse. Other (and in most cases) a bridle must be used. (Rationale: better grammar).</i>
<b>IRL NF:</b> <i>As written this proposal means that Head Collars cannot be used anywhere else except the Vet Gate, which is not the intention of the proposal. 825.2.11 Head collars are permitted <del>only</del> in the Vetting Area and only if the Horse can be adequately controlled and does not pose any safety risk to any person or other Horse. Otherwise (and in most cases) a bridle must be used. Horses produced in a headcollar and cannot be adequately controlled will be sent out of the Vetting Area and must come back with wearing a Bridle. This will be treated as a Panel Trot.</i>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We agree that the wording we proposed can be misinterpreted. Our intention is to clarify that head collars are permitted in the Vetting Area if the Horse can be adequately controlled. We do not aim to limit the use of head collars anywhere else in the Vet Gate.
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
825.2.11 Head collars are permitted in the Vetting Area only if the Horse can be adequately controlled and does not pose any safety risk to any person or other Horse. Otherwise (and in most cases) a bridle must be used.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
IRL NF, NOR NF
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT 825.2 Permitted tack 825.2.12 Curb chains
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>IRL NF</b> proposes a New Article 825.3.8 to forbid the use of curb chains. This is simply because of the standard of riding is, in general, what you would expect of a rider using such equipment. It is very easy to abuse a horse when in the wrong hands.  <b>NOR NF:</b> Sadly, the standard of riding in endurance is not always as good as it should be. There is no definition in the rules as to what constitutes a proper fitting bridle, in particular a Curb Chain or Strap. Any regulation on what constitutes a proper fitting Curb Chain or Strap will be subjective in its application and any inspection will only be valid at the time of inspection.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
825.2.12 A curb chain may never be so tightly fixed that it risks causing (or causes) irritation to the skin. It must be observed to have laxity when the reigns are loose.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>IRL NF:</b> There are two points to be made here. The first is that a Hackamore is a Bitless bridle, so the proposal to ban Curb Chains / Straps does not apply to it. The second is that to allow the continued use of a curb chain / strap is a welfare issue. It must be remembered that the FEI proposal for the measurement of lever arms / shanks to be increased to 10 cm's increases the potential for damage. A loose curb when the reins are relaxed is no guarantee of avoiding pain in the horse. The proposed wording is ineffective in its application.  <b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<b>IRL NF:</b> Some hackamores also known as 'mechanical hackamore / hackamore bit / English hackamore / modern bitless bridle' where reins attach to shanks that are attached between a noseband and a curb chain. We maintain our initial proposal.  <b>NOR NF:</b> Having this in the rules empowers Officials to act on site, as they are often challenged when it comes to controlling tack and equipment. We believe this is a positive start.
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
As above



<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT 825.3 Prohibited tack/equipment
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
For the purpose of clarification.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
825.3 <b>Prohibited tack/equipment:</b> Use of the following is prohibited at all times on the Field of Play and in training areas <b>and, subject to Article 825.6, in the event of a breach of this Article, the Combination will be Disqualified:</b>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
As above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
NOR NF
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
825. TACK AND EQUIPMENT 825.6 Failure to comply
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
At virtually all rides, the first-time officials get to see tack up close is on the morning of the ride, the day after the First (Pre-Ride Inspection). If a horse is found at the start to have a tack violation, then that horse should be automatically disqualified. That the current rule be amended to reflect the reality on the ground.  The FEI replied that the reality on the ground is that the officials check the tack on the morning of the ride and sometimes minutes before the start and proposed the below wording.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
825.6 <b>Failure to comply:</b> An Official may inspect a Combination's tack/equipment on the Field of Play at any time. If an Official determines at or prior to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection <b>or prior to or at the start of the Competition</b> that a Combination's tack/equipment is in breach of Article 825.2 (permitted tack) and/or 825.3 (prohibited tack), the Official may request that such tack/equipment be altered or removed. Failure to comply with the Official's instructions will result in Disqualification. <del>If the determination is made after the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, the Combination will be Disqualified.</del>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
As above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
GBR NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
827. MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSES
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>GBR NF:</b> With the increase in distance of the CEI1* events to a minimum of 100km, it is in the best interests of the horse that the age is increased.</p> <p><b>Response to GBR NF:</b> Following feedback received at the 2023 Sports Forum regarding this rule change proposal, we agree <b>not</b> to change the required minimum age for Horses competing at a CEI1*. However, in order to protect the younger Horses starting their FEI career, we propose to include a cap speed for their first CEI1* of 18km/hr, as it was also suggested during the Sports Forum by some National Federations.</p> <p><b>GER NF:</b> 827.1 The minimum age requirements for Horses are set out below:</p> <p>Level of Event / Required minimum age:</p> <p>Novice: 5 years old  CEI1*: 6 years old  CEI2**: 7 years old  CEI3***: 8 years old</p> <p>Welfare for the Horse -&gt; Do not lower the age groups any further!</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>833.3.1 <b>CEI 1*:</b> Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 1* level once they have successfully completed all the novice qualifications, but no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) after the successful completion of their first novice ride. Athletes and Horses must successfully complete a CEI 1* within <del>two</del> <b>three</b> years of qualifying for the CEI 1* level. If they fail to do so, they will lose their CEI 1* qualification and must update their novice qualifications to re-qualify for the CEI 1* level.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>833.3.1.1 All 6-year-old Horses entering in their first CEI1* must complete it with a speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour (calculated in accordance with Article 838.2). This Horse will be restricted at 18km/hour until it has successfully completed a CEI1* or until the Horse is older than 6 years old.</b></p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<p><b>ARG NF:</b> We propose that the last 80 km novice qualification, the horse is at least 6 years old.</p> <p><b>EEF:</b> We do appreciate to have a maximum speed for the first CEI1* of 6 yo. We believe 16 km/h instead of 18 km/h would even better corresponds to the capacities and needs at this stage of their career.</p> <p><b>FRA NF:</b> We do prefer a maximum speed of 16km/h (instead of 18 km/h) for the first CEI1* of 6yo horses. It would better correspond to the capacities and needs at this stage of their career.</p> <p><b>GBR NF:</b> We had proposed that with the increase in distance of the CEI1* events to a minimum of 100km, it is the best interests of the horse that the age is increased to a minimum of 7 years. We accept the FEI’s proposal of leaving the age unchanged but introducing a speed restriction for 6-year-old horses of 18km/hour.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p><b>ARG NF:</b> This is a new proposal that was not introduced at the Sports Forum. We accept the proposal from EEF and FRA to reduce the maximum speed from 18km/h to 16km/h for the 6-year-old Horses on their first CEI1*.</p>

We accept the proposal from ESP NF and NED NF to allow a five-day margin for Athletes and Horses going from novice to the first CEI1\* ride.

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*Please find below proposed wording which includes the above-mentioned corrections highlighted in yellow and the transitional provision:*

833.3.1 **CEI 1\***: Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 1\* level once they have successfully completed all the novice qualifications, but no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) **with a margin of five days** after the successful completion of their first novice ride. Athletes and Horses must successfully complete a CEI 1\* within ~~two~~ **three** years of qualifying for the CEI 1\* level. If they fail to do so, they will lose their CEI 1\* qualification and must update their novice qualifications to re-qualify for the CEI 1\* level.

833.3.1.1 All 6-year-old Horses entering in their first CEI1\* must complete it with a speed restricted to no more than ~~18~~ **16** km/hour (calculated in accordance with Article 838.2). This Horse will be restricted at ~~18~~ **16** km/hour until it has successfully completed a CEI1\* or until the Horse is older than 6 years old.

Transitional Provision – 833.3.1.1

Article 833.3.1.1 does not apply retroactively. All 6-year-old Horses who have already qualified at the CEI1\* level without a restricted speed will retain their qualification.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EST NF
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
828. REGISTRATION
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>EST NF:</b> We offer to remove the requirement of suspending the Horse for 30 days after the change of trainer. This makes it impossible for the horse to compete if something happens to the trainer (for example, passed away or resigned) through no fault of the rider. Each case must be considered individually depending on the reason for the change of trainer. <b>FEI response to EST NF:</b> The FEI did not agree with this proposal and have proposed to reduce the period from 30 to 14 days.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
828.3 Any change in the Trainer of the Horse must be notified to the FEI without delay. If the registered Trainer of a Horse changes, the Horse may not participate in any Competition for a period of <del>30</del> 14 days from the date of notification of the change to the FEI.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>IRL NF:</b> It is believed the existing rule is working well. It is not possible to get the degree of knowledge on a horse in 14 days prior to a race. Several of these days will be gone in the days before the race and in the settling in period. It is on this basis it is recommended that the current rule remains unchanged.
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<b>IRL NF:</b> The existing rule is causing some issues specifically when admin errors take place at NFs. We extracted the date to tell us when these changes are made and found that 14 days is a good period of time to allow NFs to make registrations.
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
<i>Please find below proposed final wording which includes the transitional provision:</i>
828.3 Any change in the Trainer of the Horse must be notified to the FEI without delay. If the registered Trainer of a Horse changes, the Horse may not participate in any Competition for a period of <del>30</del> 14 days from the date of notification of the change to the FEI.
<b>Transitional Provision – 828.3</b>
Any change in the Trainer of the Horse as of 1 January 2024 will result in the Horse not being able to participate in any Competition for a period of 14 days as per these Endurance Rules. For the avoidance of doubt, all Trainer changes that happen prior to 01 January 2024 will result in the Horse not being able to participate in any Competition for a period of 30 days as per the 2023 FEI Endurance Rules.

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

EEF, ESP NF, FRA NF, NAM NF, NED NF, NOR NF, NZL NF, UAE NF, FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

832. NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS

833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS

835. VALIDITY OF CEI STAR LEVEL QUALIFICATION

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**EEF & FRA NF:** We support the combination ride qualification but consider that achieving it on a CEI1\* should also be permitted, enough. By achieving a CEI1\* together the in-competition relationship between the rider and the horse is already existing. This corresponds to the purpose of the rule. It would positively contribute to the dynamic of the discipline.

**ESP NF:** Give Elite Riders specific benefits to qualification. Allow Elite Status Riders to ride horses at 2\* and 3\* with only one completed ride by the horse at the previous level (1\* and 2\*). Remove the Combination rides requirements. Allow combination rides at lower levels also account for the combination ride throughout the career of a Horse and Athlete.

**ESP NF:** Allow for 3–5-day margin on novice qualifications fulfilment: Endurance competitions are held over the weekend in most parts of the world, and the same competition held on a Saturday one year, may appear earlier or later next year even if the same weekend (first Saturday of June may be the 3rd one year but the 5th next year). This causes riders and horses who debuted at a competition to not be able to ride in it one year after because the rule does not allow for any margins. A margin into the minimum and maximum time would let Horses and Athletes to participate in what is logically the same or similar weekend after a long period has elapsed.

**NAM NF:** The riders do not understand that the novice phase must be done as in the rule: “no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) after successful completion of their first novice ride”. According to them this is ONLY if you want to participate at a CEI 1\* level. With only Namibia hosting FEI events in Southern Africa (and not more than 1 or 2 event a year) it took the riders at least 2 years to finish the 2 x CEI 1\* event to qualify for CEI 2\* level. CEI 3\*: For smaller countries like Namibia, it is very difficult to qualify for a CEI 3\*, because we do not have a lot of CEI events. This ruling has disadvantaged the riders from this part of the world to be able to compete at World Championships, taking into account the exorbitant travel, accommodation and leasing fee of a horse to try and qualify for a CEI 3\*. **FEI response to NAM NF:** We do not agree that further clarification is needed to the wording of these articles. We would like propose that once qualified at a level, Horses maintain their qualification for 3 years instead of 2. Last year’s removal of the need to have consecutive rides has simplified the qualification procedure.

**NED NF:** Allow for 3–5-day margin on (novice) qualifications fulfilment: Endurance competitions are held over the weekend in most parts of the world, and the same competition held on a Saturday one year, may appear earlier or later next year even if it is in the same weekend (first Saturday of June may be the 3rd one year but the 5th next year). This causes riders and horses who debuted at a competition to not be able to ride in it one year after because the rule does not allow for any margins. A margin into the minimum and maximum time would let Horses and Athletes participate in what is logically the same or similar weekend after a long period has elapsed.

**NOR NF:** While the Endurance Rules make provision for the requalification of a Horse that does not retain it’s CEI status, there is no rule for a Horse that was CEI 1\* qualified, that fails to meet the retention of CEI status. **FEI response to NOR NF:** The proposed wording is quite unclear. Currently, if a Horse that finished its novice qualification was not able to successfully complete a CEI1\* then it remains at the novice level. As long as it has the

required number of rides within the set out period, it will be able to try again at the 1\* level. Please see below changes to the qualification periods and their validity which will ease qualifications.

**NZL NF:** To assist riders to qualify the proposal is to have to complete one CEI2\* and one CEI 3\* with the combination requirement removed. **FEI response to NZL NF:** We do not agree with these proposals. The Combination ride required is essential for Horse welfare. We have proposed certain changes that will alleviate some of the struggles you mention such as:

1. Novice qualification window is 3 years instead of 2.
2. The combination ride to reach the CEI3\* level can be done on a CEI1\* as well.
3. Horses will be qualified for a period of 3 years instead of 2.

**UAE NF:** The combination ride could be CEI1\* or CEI2\*.

## Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

### 832. NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS

**832.3 Novice qualification procedure:** Horses and Athletes must have successfully completed (not necessarily as a Combination) two novice rides of 40-79 km (in one day) and two novice rides of 80-100 km each restricted to a speed of no more than 16 km/hour (calculated in accordance with Article 838.2). The required 80-100 km rides may be completed either as (i) two single-day events, or (ii) one single-day event and one multi-day event (for the multi-day event, 40-50km must be completed per day for two consecutive days at the same Competition). All qualifying novice rides must be completed within a ~~two~~ three-year period.

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### 833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS

**833.3.2 CEI 2\*:** Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 2\* level once they have successfully completed two CEI 1\* within a ~~two~~ three-year period.

**833.3.3 CEI 3\*:** Athletes and Horses may only compete at the CEI 3\* level if they are qualified as a Combination. To so qualify, they must have successfully completed (i) two CEI 2\*, and (ii) ~~one CEI 1\* or~~ one CEI 2\* together as a Combination (except for Athletes with Elite Status ~~who are exempt from the Combination ride requirement~~, see Article 861), all within a ~~two~~ three-year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).

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### 835. VALIDITY OF CEI STAR LEVEL QUALIFICATION

835.1 Each CEI star level qualification achieved will be valid:

835.1.1 for Athletes, for five years; and

835.1.2 for Horses, for ~~two~~ three years.

## Comments Received by 16 August 2023

**ESP NF:** We do not understand the FEI's feedback regarding an urgency requirement about this measure, as we understand it is the year to propose the 4-year revision to the rules. Many competitions are generally tied to a festivity or event in towns or locales that host Endurance events. As these events repeat themselves from year to year, a horse that may have debuted their novice in that race in 2023, as it is required to debut in FEI at least 12

months after their debut, may not be able to debut in FEI the following year because the calendar has shifted one or two days. We have seen several cases like this over the years and is a repeated request from riders to allow them to participate in those rides because their horses debuted there and it is logical for them. In some rare cases, we have seen some OCs move their dates to Sundays or Mondays/Thursdays to accommodate these calendar shifts, which isn't ideal to host competitions during the working week for non-professionals. We hope you can reconsider this proposal.

**IRL NF:** the FEI comment does not match up with reality in its application of the rule. It is proposed that the same principle for regrading in CEI qualifications is also applied to requalifying from Novice to CEI qualified i.e., 1 x 80km. Currently the expression "update" is interpreted as the complete NOVICE program. We represent our initial proposal in light of these comments.

**UAE NF** agrees and supports these proposals.

## FEI Feedback

**ESP NF:** We have reconsidered your and NED NF's proposal regarding the 5-day margin. Please see final wording below with related change highlighted in **yellow**.

**IRL NF:** The current wording of 833.3.1 is: (...) *and must update their novice qualifications to re-qualify for the CEI 1\* level.*

As you can see, it says 'must update their novice qualifications' and not re-do. We do not encounter issues with this rule and we are always available to NFs and Athletes for any questions.

## Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

### 832. NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS

832.3 **Novice qualification procedure:** Horses and Athletes must have successfully completed (not necessarily as a Combination) two novice rides of 40-79 km (in one day) and two novice rides of 80-100 km each restricted to a speed of no more than 16 km/hour (calculated in accordance with Article 838.2). The required 80-100 km rides may be completed either as (i) two single-day events, or (ii) one single-day event and one multi-day event (for the multi-day event, 40-50km must be completed per day for two consecutive days at the same Competition). All qualifying novice rides must be completed within a ~~two~~ **three**-year period.

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### 833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS

833.3.1 **CEI 1\*:** Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 1\* level once they have successfully completed all the novice qualifications, but no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) **with a margin of five days** after the successful completion of their first novice ride. Athletes and Horses must successfully complete a CEI 1\* within ~~two~~ **three** years of qualifying for the CEI 1\* level. If they fail to do so, they will lose their CEI 1\* qualification and must update their novice qualifications to re-qualify for the CEI 1\* level. (...)

833.3.2 **CEI 2\*:** Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 2\* level once they have successfully completed two CEI 1\* within a ~~two~~ **three**-year period.

833.3.3 **CEI 3\*:** Athletes and Horses may only compete at the CEI 3\* level if they are qualified as a Combination. To so qualify, they must have successfully completed (i) two CEI 2\*, and (ii) **one CEI 1\* or one CEI 2\*** together as a Combination (except for Athletes with Elite Status **who are exempt from the Combination ride requirement**, see Article 861), all within a ~~two~~ **three**-year period. (The



Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).

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**835. VALIDITY OF CEI STAR LEVEL QUALIFICATION**

835.1 Each CEI star level qualification achieved will be valid:

835.1.1 for Athletes, for five years; and

835.1.2 for Horses, for ~~two~~ three years.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
834. COMPETING AT CEI EVENTS ONCE QUALIFIED
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
For the purpose of clarification, and to ease the requirements to qualify at the CEI3* as a combination without compromising the intention of this rule.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
834.1 Once qualified for the CEI 1* and CEI 2* levels, there are no further requirements to compete at those levels <b>within the given validity period (Article 835-2)</b> .
834.2 If the Athlete and Horse are both individually qualified for the CEI 3* level, but in other Combinations (i.e., with other partners), they have to successfully complete one <b>CEI 1* or CEI 2*</b> as a Combination to compete together in a CEI 3*. (Further to Article 833.3.3, Athletes with Elite Status are exempt from this Combination requirement).
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
As above ( <i>Please note correction highlighted above</i> )

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

ARG NF, BRA NF, ECU NF, EEF NF, ESP NF, FRA NF, GBR NF, ITA NF, NAM NF, NED NF, UAE NF, URU NF

**Article Number – Article Name**

836. CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**ARG NF:** This qualification procedure has become too restrictive and directly affects not only the development of the sport but even its subsistence.

**BRA NF:** Elite riders, both Adult and YR elite Riders should be able to qualify for CHs with one competition as a combination instead of two. There should be an advantage of being experienced and elite and the rule was there to enable riders from countries who have not the possibility to travel with their horses to participate in CHs.

**ECU NF:** Change Article 836.1.2 include that and Elite Athlete can take part of championship without the ride at the same star level as a combination with the horse the rider will ride in the championship. Also change the requirement of 2 rides at the same level of the championship to just one ride.

**EEF & FRA NF:** We support to redefined the 2\* FEI Championships qualification by implementing in the future the provisional measures which have been taken due to Covid impact on qualification period. Specifically on youth riders, due to their sport career not yet long, requiring 2 combination rides is a limiting factor that we consider disproportionate. Even if the qualification has been decreased from 2 to 1 CEI2\* or higher, there had not been negative issues occurring consecutively. With this change the remaining qualification event corresponds to a combination ride. We support that this change could be applied on any FEI 2\* Championships. It would positively contribute to the dynamic of the discipline.

**ESP NF:** Junior Elite Status should grant a benefit to participation on Championships with 1 combination ride. While Senior Elite riders are allowed to fulfil their championship qualifications with one ride in combination instead of two, Juniors are required to do two. In 2021 the board allowed to restraint this rule and put it in line with the Seniors. This should be made permanent. Make Junior Elite Status allow participation in Championship with ONE instead of TWO combination rides for their qualification.

**GBR NF:** The current requirement adds a huge number of additional kilometres put on to the horses, this is detrimental to the competing life of the horse and negatively impacts horses and riders competing in nations where there is minimal access to FEI competition. The new suggestion limits horse required kilometres, whilst maintaining the need for combination qualifications AND rider lifetime experience.

**ITA NF:** We think that one race in combination is sufficient in order to participate at 2\* Championship, both for Junior that for Senior. We think also that Elite Riders, Junior and Senior, should be exempted from this rule application.

**NAM NF:** For Namibian riders it is impossible to compete at a Championship on our own horses, due to logistics and costs. It should be a goal that is attainable to all, giving the capable rider a fair chance to achieve.

**NED NF:** 834.2 Athlete with elite status don't need a combination ride in the CEI2\* to compete in the CEI3\*. We would like to see an advantage for a young rider / junior athlete with an elite status that they only need 1 combination ride in the CEI2\* for the championship instead of two rides in the CEI2\*.

**UAE NF:** The UAE NF proposed modifications to the table in Article 836 which you can find in the previous memo, however, they did not provide an explanation for their proposed change.

**URU NF:** We have seen that after acquiring the elite status, a rider has nearly no benefits considering that this condition is only reached by experienced riders with positive results.

**Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023**

836.1.2 (b)

Championship	Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements
1* Championships	Two <del>out of three consecutive</del> CEI 1* or higher, including one in Combination
2* Young Horse Championships	One CEI 2* in Combination
2* Young Rider/Junior Championships	Two CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination, <b>only one in Combination for 2* Bronze Elite Junior/Young Riders or higher</b>
2* Senior Championships	Two CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination, <b>only one in Combination for 2* Bronze Elite Senior Riders or higher</b>
3* Senior Championships	Two CEI 3*, including one in Combination

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

**GBR NF:** We understand the FEI felt our proposal was too complicated but the FEI's recommendation of lower number of required rides for championships providing the relaxation of one (1) ride in combination, instead of two (2), for Elite Young and Senior riders is an acceptable compromise.

**UAE NF** agrees and supports this proposal, and also proposes to add this sentence "**including only one in Combination for 3\* Bronze Elite Senior Riders or higher**" to the 3\* Senior Championships qualification in order to achieve uniformity with this article.

**FEI Feedback**

**UAE NF:** The current rule is 'one in Combination' already for all Athletes, including non-elite.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

As above

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

ARG NF, FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

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

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**ARG NF:** This procedure has become too restrictive and directly affects not only the development of the sport but even its subsistence. With this system of penalties, it is more difficult to maintain an FEI system of competition and encourage participation. At the same time, it generates a large administrative burden to register, communicate and control its effective application. Its instrumentation generates more rejection in athletes than effective awareness.

**FEI:** The average speed referred to in this article was derived from research which was done before the previous Endurance full rule revision (2019). It was calculated based on the **phase speed** and not **loop speed**. However, when applying this rule, it is applied to the Combination's average **loop speed**.

**Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023**

**837. CONSEQUENCES FOR REPEATED FTQ AND/OR DSQ DESIGNATIONS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS EXCEEDING ~~20~~ 21 KM/HOUR**

837.1 If an Athlete or Horse (in any Combination) is designated as Failed to Qualify (**FTQ**) or Disqualified (**DSQ**) at a number of Competitions within a one-year rolling period, and the average speed of the Athlete or Horse over the course at each of those Competitions exceeded ~~20~~ 21 km/hour, the consequences (and conditions for lifting the speed restriction) set out in the table below will apply to the Athlete and Horse in question. *It is the responsibility of the Athlete to know if a speed restriction applies to them:*

<b>Number of FTQ and/or DSQ in a one-year rolling period with average speed &gt; <del>20</del> 21 km/hour</b>	<b>Consequences</b>	<b>Conditions for speed restriction to be lifted</b>
<b>Two (but only if at consecutive Competitions)</b>	Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.	Successful completion of one Competition (at any CEI star level) within the speed restriction.
<b>Three</b>	Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.	Successful completion of two Competitions (at any CEI star level) within the speed restriction.
<b>Four</b>	<del>Demoted by one qualification level (all requirements to qualify for the next CEI star level must be completed anew) and speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.</del>	Successful completion of <del>two</del> four Competitions (at any CEI star level) at the qualification level to which the Athlete/Horse is demoted within the speed restriction.

	Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.	
<b>Five</b>	<p><del>Demoted to national level (all novice qualifications must be completed before progressing again through the CEI star qualification levels).</del></p> <p>Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.</p>	<p><del>No conditions.</del></p> <p>Successful completion of <del>two</del> five Competitions (at any CEI star level) at the qualification level to which the <del>Athlete/Horse</del> is demoted within the speed restriction.</p>

### Comments Received by 16 August 2023

**IRL NF:** Given the other proposals to improve welfare by the FEI it is deemed inappropriate to increase the speed. The current speed works well.

**UAE NF** agrees and supports this proposal.

### FEI Feedback

**IRL NF:** The average speed referred to in this Article was derived from research which was done before the previous Endurance full rule revision (2019). It was calculated based on the **phase speed** and not **loop speed**. However, when applying this rule, it is applied to the Combination's average **loop speed**. Therefore, in order to correct this inconsistency, we propose to increase the average loop speed trigger from 20km/h to 21km/h.

### Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

*Correction of error highlighted in yellow and green below. Please note, we are maintaining original proposal from 28 June 2023 and adding the transitional provision for clarity.*

## **837. CONSEQUENCES FOR REPEATED FTQ AND/OR DSQ DESIGNATIONS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS EXCEEDING ~~20~~ 21 KM/HOUR**

837.1 If an Athlete or Horse (in any Combination) is designated as Failed to Qualify (**FTQ**) or Disqualified (**DSQ**) at a number of Competitions within a one-year rolling period, and the average speed of the Athlete or Horse over the course at each of those Competitions exceeded ~~20~~ 21 km/hour, the consequences (and conditions for lifting the speed restriction) set out in the table below will apply to the Athlete and Horse in question. **It is the responsibility of the Athlete to know if a speed restriction applies to them:**

Number of FTQ and/or DSQ in a one-year rolling period with average speed > <del>20</del> 21 km/hour	Consequences	Conditions for speed restriction to be lifted
<b>Two (but only if at consecutive Competitions)</b>	Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.	Successful completion of one Competition (at any CEI star level) within the speed restriction.
<b>Three</b>	Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.	Successful completion of two Competitions (at any

		CEI star level) within the speed restriction.
<b>Four</b>	<p><del>Demoted by one qualification level (all requirements to qualify for the next CEI star level must be completed anew) and speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.</del></p> <p>Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.</p>	Successful completion of two four Competitions (at any CEI star level) at the qualification level to which the Athlete/Horse is demoted within the speed restriction.
<b>Five</b>	<p><del>Demoted to national level (all novice qualifications must be completed before progressing again through the CEI star qualification levels).</del></p> <p>Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.</p>	<p><del>No conditions.</del></p> <p>Successful completion of five Competitions (at any CEI star level) within the speed restriction.</p>

(...)

837.3 If the Athlete or Horse satisfies the relevant conditions for lifting the speed restriction or is demoted to national level following five FTQ/DSQ as set out in the table above, then their/its number of FTQ/DSQ designations will be reset to zero for the purposes of this Article 837.

#### Transitional Provision – 837

If as of 1 January 2024 an Athlete or a Horse has an existing speed restriction (due to repeated FTQ and/or DSQ with an average speed exceeding 20km/hour), the Athlete must complete the required rides as set out in Article 837.1 in order to lift the speed restriction. The consequences under Article 837 will apply for repeated FTQ and/or DSQ with average speeds exceeding 21km/hour, and will be imposed based only on results obtained from 1 January 2024 onwards.

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

839. MANDATORY OUT OF COMPETITION PERIODS

839.2 Additional MOOCP

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

In order to facilitate the application of Annex 7 around the world, and to not block Horses that do not wish to continue their career in FEI rides, we propose the below change as well as proposal on pages 58-61 of this document.

**Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023**

Incident	Additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period and other consequences
Horses that exceed an average of 20 km/hour over completed Loops of a course (calculated in accordance with Article 838)	7 days
Second FTQ-ME (Failure to Qualify – metabolic) in a rolling year	14 days
Third (or subsequent) FTQ-ME (Failure to Qualify – metabolic) in a rolling year	60 days (subject to extension under Article 839.2.3)
Third (or subsequent) FTQ-GA (Failure to Qualify – irregular gait) in a rolling year	a) 180-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period; and b) Horse must undergo a specific examination protocol before being eligible to compete in any FEI Events <del>or National Events</del> (the protocol for this examination is set out in Annex 7).
Serious Injury (musculoskeletal)	180 days (subject to extension under Article 839.2.3)
Serious Injury (metabolic)	60 days (subject to extension under Article 839.2.3)
Disqualification for Hyposensitivity	4 weeks (28 days)
Failure by the Person Responsible to provide a copy of the veterinary report from a designated/approved referral centre to the FEI Veterinary Department in accordance with Article 840	180 days (and Horse will not be permitted to compete until the veterinary report is provided)

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

**GBR NF:** We are pleased the FEI have confirmed that they do not wish to block horses that may discontinue their career in FEI rides. The rule still provides for a 180-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period. After the 180 days MOOCP has been completed, the



horse may enter a CEN ride subject to the usual veterinary controls. Should this horse wish to participate again in CEI rides, the athlete or trainer, must notify the FEI Endurance Department of the horse's next competition at least 4 weeks prior to the horse's next competition (following the examination procedure). We are delighted that the change has been accepted by the FEI.

**FEI Feedback**

N/A

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

As above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
BRA NF, EEF, ESP NF, GBR NF, ITA NF, NED NF, SWE NF, UAE NF, URU NF
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>BRA NF:</b> In countries with only a few FEI events, the horse must sometimes travel very far to have this examination at a CEI.</p> <p><b>EEF:</b> The current regulation for the return to competition of horses who have been suspended could be improved especially from the perspective of countries without enough CEI corresponding to requalification opportunities.</p> <p><b>ESP NF:</b> For Horses requiring to travel to FEI events to do the examination, sometimes horses have to travel far without even an intent to participate in the event. Horses should be allowed to participate in CEN events after the Out of competition period in the meanwhile, which allows the horse to be tested at smaller distances before trying to commit again to a FEI competition. Horses should be entered into the competition like any other and appear on the Master List so that the Ground Jury and Organizing Committee can properly track the horse and their athlete with the FEI entry system. Four weeks is not very practical, everything should be tied to the entry system so that it is more automatic and automatic notifications to the Ground Jury, Veterinary Commission and OC/timekeeper through the entry system exports.</p> <p><b>GBR NF:</b> The current procedure is not equitable in as much as countries which organise a small number of FEI rides or where these rides are geographically spread over a wide area, offer a reduced number of opportunities for horses to be re-examined. The proposal is to add an additional route to facilitate this examination.</p> <p><b>ITA NF:</b> The current regulation for the return to competition of horses who have been suspended could be improved especially from the perspective of countries without enough CEI corresponding to requalification opportunities.</p> <p><b>NED NF:</b> When a horse after third (or subsequent) FTQ-GA (Failure to Qualify – irregular gait) in a rolling year should have the option after 24 months to renew his novice registration instead of examination period according Annex 7.</p> <p><b>SWE NF:</b> The current regulation for the return to competition of horses who have been suspended could be improved especially from the perspective of countries without enough CEI corresponding to requalification opportunities. Suggestion: After the MOOCP period give the horse reasonable time in “quarantine” (6-month, 1 year?) before it can start again at national competitions on a lower level (maximum 79 km). We also suggest that the horse must undergo a specific health exam at a Veterinary Clinic in its home country before the first start on national level.</p> <p><b>UAE NF:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It should be limited to FEI events and not be coupled with national events. National events should be under the jurisdiction of respective NFs’</li> <li>2. There are possibilities that during this additional MOOCP period the qualification of the horse also drops down and there is no provision for the horse to lift and fulfil the consequences of three or more FTQ’s if it is not allowed to participate in any national event.</li> <li>3. In cases where the horse has had three or more Failures to Qualify (FTQs) in a national competition for irregular gait in a year, how will the horse lift the consequence in such cases</li> <li>4. Horses participating only in national competitions should have the provision of examination at a national event follow national examination protocol</li> </ol>

Examination can be done by a panel of FEI vets in a national competition. The FEI Ground Jury will update the FEI/NF whether the horse is fit to continue in a national competition, and it is the best solution when there are many competitions being held and not much opportunity to enter a CEI event.

**URU NF:** In many countries the number of CEI annual competitions is very low, together with long traveling distances to reach the venue.

## Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

### ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA

For Horses that wish to participate in National rides, or Horses that have lost their CEI qualification:

- After the 180 days MOOCP has been completed, the Horse may enter a CEN ride subject to the usual national veterinary controls.
- Should this Horse wish to participate again in CEI rides, the Athlete (or the Trainer) must notify the FEI Endurance Department of the Horse's next Competition at least four weeks prior to the Horse's next Competition (and the below examination procedure will apply).

Further to the table at Article 839.2.1, after a Horse Fails to Qualify for irregular gait (FTQGA) for a third (or subsequent) time in a rolling year, the following procedure must be applied before the Horse may return to Competition to ensure that the Horse has properly recovered before competing again.

..... (...)

#### 2. Examination procedure:

2.1 Before the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, a panel of three Veterinarians (including the President of the Veterinary Commission, Foreign Veterinary Delegate, and a member of the Veterinary Commission) must carry out a detailed examination to determine if the Horse is fit to compete.

In CEI1\* events the examination procedure must be done by the President of the Vet Commission and two members of the vet commission. Examination must be done at CEI events.

2.2 The examination must consist of, but is not limited to:

- (a) Walk and trot on a straight line;
- (b) Walk and trot both ways in a circle; and
- (c) Palpation of relevant tissues.

2.3 The panel of Veterinarians must notify the Ground Jury of the results of the examination (in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations). ~~The Ground Jury must decide whether or not the Horse is fit to continue to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection.~~

2.4 If the Horse passes the Annex 7 Examination, and with the approval of the Ground Jury, the Horse can continue to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection and participate in the Event. If the Horse successfully completes the ride, the block will be removed from the Horse's profile when the results of the Event are validated.

2.5 During the Competition, the Veterinary Commission must closely monitor the Horse.

~~2.5 If the Horse passes the Final Horse Inspection, the FEI Endurance Department will remove the flag from the Horse's profile on the FEI database.~~

## Comments Received by 16 August 2023

**GBR NF:** We are pleased the FEI have confirmed that they do not wish to block horses that may discontinue their career in FEI rides. The rule still provides for a 180-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period. After the 180 days MOOCP has been completed, the horse may enter a CEN ride subject to the usual veterinary controls. Should this horse wish to participate again in CEI rides, the athlete or trainer, must notify the FEI Endurance Department of the horse's next competition at least 4 weeks prior to the horse's next competition (following the examination procedure). We are delighted that the change has been accepted by the FEI.

**SWE NF:** We welcome the proposal that a horse could come back to national competitions after 180 days MOOCP period and the wording proposed by the FEI. **SWE NF** would like the text to be clear of what happens if the horse is not OK to start after the examination made by panel of veterinarians 2.3, or after having been allowed to go to (Pre-Ride) inspection and dose not complete the competition.

**UAE NF** agrees and supports this proposal. Also, we suggest granting the National Federation the right to include the registration of a horse under Annex 7 in FEI entry system, subject to approval from the Veterinary & Endurance department. This process would follow the procedures outlined in the aforementioned article and utilise the same mechanism employed by the FEI for horses with speed restrictions. The horse's Annex 7 status would be indicated on the event master list. This protocol enables the NF/FEI, PGJ, FVD, and PVC to monitor the horse during the event, and update the horse's results directly in FEI database through the timing system, thereby mitigating the need for extensive correspondence and time consumption.

### FEI Feedback

**SWE NF:** If the Ground Jury decides that the Horse is not fit to continue to the First Pre-Ride Inspection and to start the ride, then another Annex 7 Inspection needs to be requested for the Horse. There is no limit in the time that the Horse needs to wait until the following Annex 7 Inspection is requested.

**UAE NF:** Horses that are going to undergo an Annex 7 Inspection at an Event will be indicated on the Master List as of next year.

### Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

*Highlighted in yellow is a modification due to typo, original proposal from June is maintained.*

## ANNEX 7: EXAMINATION AFTER THIRD (OR SUBSEQUENT) FTQ-GA

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- After the 180 days MOOCP has been completed, the Horse may enter a CEN ride subject to the usual national veterinary controls.
- Should this Horse wish to participate again in CEI rides, the Athlete's/Trainer's National Federation must notify the FEI Endurance Department of the Horse's next Competition at least four weeks prior to the Horse's next Competition (and the below examination procedure will apply).

Further to the table at Article 839.2.1, after a Horse Fails to Qualify for irregular gait (FTQGA) for a third (or subsequent) time in a rolling year, the following procedure must be applied before the Horse may return to Competition to ensure that the Horse has properly recovered before competing again.

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2.1 Before the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, a panel of three Veterinarians (including the President of the Veterinary Commission, Foreign Veterinary Delegate, and a member of

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In CEI1\* events the examination procedure must be done by the President of the Vet Commission and two members of the vet commission. Examination must be done at CEI events.

2.2 The examination must consist of, but is not limited to:

- (a) Walk and trot on a straight line;
- (b) Walk and trot both ways in a circle; and
- (c) Palpation of relevant tissues.

2.3 The panel of Veterinarians must notify the Ground Jury of the results of the examination (in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations). ~~The Ground Jury must decide whether or not the Horse is fit to continue to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection.~~

~~2.4 If the Horse passes the Annex 7 Examination, and with the approval of the Ground Jury, the Horse can continue to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection and participate in the Event. If the Horse successfully completes the ride, the block will be removed from the Horse's profile when the results of the Event are validated.~~

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~~2.5 If the Horse passes the Final Horse Inspection, the FEI Endurance Department will remove the flag from the Horse's profile on the FEI database.~~

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
842. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
These Transitional Provisions are no longer relevant.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
<p><del><b>842. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS</b></del></p> <p><del><b>842.1 Qualifications:</b></del></p> <p><del>842.1.1 As of 1 July 2020, Athletes and Horses retain any star level qualification and successful completions that they had achieved as at 30 June 2020. They will be deemed to have completed the qualification requirements for their star level under these Endurance Rules.</del></p> <p><del>842.1.2 The qualification requirements for Championships set out in Article 836 will not apply to any Championships being held in 2020, and so will apply only to Championships held from 1 January 2021 onwards. The qualification procedure for Championships set out in the 2019 edition of the endurance rules (see article 816.3) will apply to Championships held in 2020 (the FEI will issue a guidance document to assist in explaining the qualification criteria for the remaining 2020 Championships).</del></p> <p><del>842.1.3 Athletes and Horses who have successfully completed a CEI 2* or CEI 3* together in combination since 30 June 2018 will be deemed to have qualified to compete as a Combination at the CEI 3* level for a period of two years from 1 July 2020.</del></p> <p><del><b>842.2 Consequences under Article 837:</b> The consequences under Article 837 (for repeated FTQ and/or DSQ designations with average speeds exceeding 20 km/hour) will be imposed based only on results obtained from 1 July 2020 onwards.</del></p> <p><del><b>842.3 Mandatory Out of Competition Periods:</b></del></p> <p><del>842.3.1 — Any mandatory rest periods incurred prior to 1 July 2020 under previous editions of these Endurance Rules must be complied with and will not be affected by the new Mandatory Out of Competition Periods set out in these Endurance Rules.</del></p> <p><del>842.3.2 — Any incidents listed in the table in Article 839.2 that occur at a Competition on or after 1 July 2020 will give rise to the additional Mandatory Out of Competition Periods specified in that provision, subject to the below:</del></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><del>(a) For the incidents under Article 839.2 that have cumulative requirements (e.g. two or more FTQ-ME or three or more FTQ-GA in a rolling year), the additional Mandatory Out of Competition Periods will apply even if one or more of the FTQ within a rolling year occurred prior to 1 July 2020, except as set out in paragraph (b) below.</del></p> <p><del>If a Horse was designated FTQ-ME or FTQ-GA a number of times within a year prior to 1 July 2020 and no extended mandatory rest period was incurred under the previous Endurance Rules (e.g. because the FTQ were not consecutive or there was no immediate invasive treatment), but that number of FTQ would result in an additional MOOCP under these Endurance Rules (e.g. because the consecutive/immediate invasive treatment conditions no longer apply), the additional MOOCP under these Endurance Rules will not apply to those prior FTQ unless the Horse incurs a further FTQ on or after 1 July 2020. (For example, if a Horse was designated FTQ-GA three non-consecutive times within a year of</del></p>

~~1 July 2020, the additional MOOCP under these Endurance Rules for three FTQ-GA will not apply. However, if the Horse is designated FTQ-GA again on or after 1 July 2020, and the new FTQ-GA falls into the same rolling year as two or more of the FTQ-GA incurred prior to 1 July 2020, then the additional MOOCP under these Endurance Rules for three or more FTQ-GA will apply).~~

## 842. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS (“INTENTIONALLY OMITTED”)

### Comments Received by 16 August 2023

N/A

### FEI Feedback

N/A

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EEF, FRA NF, ESP NF, ITA NF
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
843. INVITATIONS (...) 843.2 CEIOs and Championships (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>EEF &amp; FRA NF:</b> Instead of the 2 reserve horses we would suggest applying 1 reserve combination concept. This proposal also fits with the purpose of the 843.3.1 World Equestrian Games article. This should not prevent a team to have only 1 horse as a reserve but then this horse remains for the rider(s) with whom combination qualification has been achieved. Applying the reserve combination process would clarify the processes compared to nowadays when it comes to late substitutions... The reason for 1 (reserve combination) instead of 2 (reserve horses) is because we like to encourage rules which provide a better level playing field amongst participating teams. Promoting through the rules 2 reserves can be seen as a sign of high risk disciplines, no other discipline can travel up to championships event/venue with 2 reserves. It also gives a disproportionate advantage to the teams which can afford to have many qualified horses and pay for travel and entries at championships/CEIOs beyond the core team. This change would not interfere with the nominated entries principles allowing to have a long list of combinations, define the definite list out of it but still with the possibility to change a combination before entering the championship/CEIOs venue as far as this new combination was properly entered on the nominated entries list. From a practical perspective, same rights, accreditations ... must apply to the reserve combination compared to the five first combinations.</p> <p><b>ESP NF:</b> Allow team flexibility and recognize the efforts of reserve athletes and their Chefs by giving teams up to 7 Athletes and Horses to trot at the Pre-Ride. The case at Pisa 2021 was big enough but not excluded, as in the past 10 years substitutions are a very common occurrence due to how the discipline works and the many months of training and work that it takes to reach a single day. As such, it is common for teams to travel with at least one reserve athlete and horse who are not even accredited or recognized at the events. We believe these Athletes should have the same rights as the definite 5 who will run. Allow teams to travel with up to 7 official athletes and up to 7 horses in any combination that the Chefs decide (3 Athlete with 7 Horses or 6 Athletes with 7 Horses). Grant medals to all of the team if on the podium, including both Chefs and not qualified athletes (unless DSQ for rule violations) as it happens in other team sports. Make it easier for NFs and Chefs to prepare for a competition and take their best to the finish line, as only the best 5 of their country are allowed to finally compete.</p> <p><b>ITA NF:</b> The reserve horses have to become reserve combinations, and they both have to be fully accredited at stables and venue like the others, and in case of medal they can go on the stage with the team.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
<p><b>843.2 CEIOs and Championships:</b> The Competition Schedule and the official invitation sent to each National Federation participating in the Event must allow for each team to have <b>five seven</b> Athletes and seven Horses (which includes up to two reserve Horses/<b>Combinations</b>), a non-riding Chef d'Equipe, and an FEI-registered Veterinarian as Team Veterinarian. Further details on teams are set out in the FEI General Regulations. <b>For the avoidance of doubt, a National Federation may enter less than seven Athletes that are qualified with more than one Horse as a Combination.</b></p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We maintain the proposal we submitted on 28 June 2023, and add the below highlighted part in <b>yellow</b> to clarify an item for Young Horses Championships.
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**843.2 CEIOs and Championships:**

The Competition Schedule and the official invitation sent to each National Federation participating in the Event must allow for each team to have ~~five~~ **seven** Athletes and seven Horses (which includes up to two reserve Horses/**Combinations**), a non-riding Chef d'Equipe, and an FEI-registered Veterinarian as Team Veterinarian. Further details on teams are set out in the FEI General Regulations.

**For the avoidance of doubt, a National Federation may enter less than seven Athletes that are qualified with more than one Horse as a Combination.**

**An OC of a Young Horses Championship may allow individual Athletes in addition to the team, subject to FEI approval.**

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
844. ENTRIES 844.5 Reserve Horses
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
For the purpose of clarification.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
844.5.1 For CEIs, each Athlete may bring one reserve Horse to the Competition, subject to the ability of the OC to accommodate the Horse (this must be clearly indicated on the Competition Schedule). These reserve Horses must be duly entered in the Competition under the Athlete’s name, <b>identification number</b> and a second entry fee, to be determined by the OC, must be paid by the Athlete. The Athlete may trot up both of their Horses at the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection (provided that the Horses are duly entered in their name). If a Horse is entered by more than one Athlete for a Competition, it will only be required to undergo the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection once.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
As above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
845. DECLARATION OF STARTERS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
For the purpose of clarification.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
845.2 At CEIOs and Championships, <b>when there are multiple possibilities</b> , the Chefs d’Equipe must declare in writing to the Secretariat of the OCs (i) the names of the Athletes definitely starting, and (ii) the names of the Horses partnered with those Athletes, chosen from the names included on the official entry forms. Declaration of starters by the Chef d’Equipe or their representative will take place within one to three hours after the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection of the Horses, at the discretion of the President of the Ground Jury.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We are adding the highlighted part in <b>yellow</b> to clarify entries for Young Horses Championships (please see page 8).
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
<b>845. DECLARATION OF STARTERS</b>
845.2 At CEIOs and Championships, <b>when there are multiple possibilities</b> , the Chefs d’Equipe must declare in writing to the Secretariat of the OCs (i) the names of the Athletes definitely starting, and (ii) the names of the Horses partnered with those Athletes, chosen from the names included on the official entry forms. <b>In the event that more than five Combinations are starting from a National Federation in a Young Horses Championship, the composition of the team (minimum three, maximum five), and an indication of the individuals must be made at the latest at the declaration of starters.</b> Declaration of starters by the Chef d’Equipe or their representative will take place within one to three hours after the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection of the Horses, at the discretion of the President of the Ground Jury.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
847. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STARTERS-ENTRIES
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The issue faced is at an Event where more than 200 entries are entered, and should all Horses pass the first Pre-Ride Inspection, there would have been an issue with abiding by the maximum of 200 starters. Therefore, we propose a maximum of 200 entries per Competition.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
For each Event, there may be a maximum of 200 <b>starters entries</b> per Competition and a maximum of 400 <b>starters entries</b> per day, subject in each case to space at the venue and an appropriate ratio of Athletes to Officials (see Annex 6).
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
As above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
BRA NF, NZL NF, USA NF
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
848. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>BRA NF:</b> The change of this article is supposed to enable huge countries to organise FEI events without bearing the costs of long trips of foreign officials, but some countries (like for instance Brazil) have a much more latitudinal territory (as opposed to longitudinal one, such as the USA), so the whole country lives in the same time zone. In those countries each province/state is equivalent in area and population to one country in other areas (such as Europe).</p> <p><b>NZL NF &amp; USA NF:</b> There are several countries in the FEI that are long narrow and fall within one time zone. Hence the assistance offered under rule 848.4 is not available. This assistance needs to be available to all NFs and not just those NF where the geography of the country covers several time zones. This rule needs to be changed to offer an additional option. Such an option could be that the Officials who live greater than 300km or across a physical barrier such as a mountain range or strait need to be considered as Foreign.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
848.4 Where a Foreign Official is required for an Event, such Foreign Official may not be a national or resident of the country where the Event is staged, unless that person is resident in a different time zone to the time zone of the Event location <b>or in a different province/state that is at least 500 kms/12 hrs by road from the location where the Event will take place.</b>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<p><b>CAN NF:</b> Equestrian Canada supports the submission by NF NZL to adjust the distance to 300 km from the proposed 500 km / 12 hours.</p> <p><b>IRL NF:</b> The proposal will effectively wipe out the Foreign Judge function as we know it. The FJ has a vital role to play in 160Km rides, ensuring fair play for visiting athletes and an independent report on the ride. 500km in most countries is approx. 5 hours, which bypasses the 12-hour rule proposal.</p> <p><b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p><b>IRL NF:</b> We do not believe that it will wipe out the FJ function, but also need to take into account NFs that are on entire continents.</p> <p>We have revisited the hours needed to drive based on an average speed.</p>
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
848.4 Where a Foreign Official is required for an Event, such Foreign Official may not be a national or resident of the country where the Event is staged, unless that person is resident in a different time zone to the time zone of the Event location <b>or in a different province/state that is at least 500 kms/8 hrs by road from the location where the Event will take place.</b>

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

ARG NF, BRA NF, EST NF, NOR NF, URU NF

**Article Number – Article Name**

849. ROTATION OF OFFICIALS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**ARG NF:** The number of Officials required by each event, compared to the number of active Officials makes it difficult to comply with this rule. Taking into account that the events are held every 3 months, the repetition does not affect the quality of the organization.

**BRA NF:** Rotation even with Key officials in countries with only a few officials and repeated venues will result in having no officials left at all after two years.

**EST NF:** Due to the lack of events in 2020 because of Covid, many Officials discontinue or lost their status. The limits set out in Article 849 seem to be impracticable for many small countries with a low number of key Officials with the required level. The invitation of Officials from other countries can dramatically increase the budget for the organisers which could lead to increasing the entry fees which could lead to reducing the number of participants. Currently, there is a very small number of Promotion and Maintenance FEI Courses for the Officials, and we propose that the FEI will support the national Officials to gain FEI status by arranging additional FEI Courses free of charge.

**NOR NF:** Remove this rule as it has proven very problematic in implementation. There are not enough officials in the world to support it and was seen as targeted at a particular region, but its effects are devastating there and everywhere else. This rule has not worked and causes trouble, especially for the smallest countries.

**URU NF:** We have noticed that in our country less athletes are competing in each event. There has been a significant increase in the costs of participating and organizing an event that means we have to use the minimum number of officials in each one. In the other hand, in our country and surely in many others, we have been investing in the Creation of permanent venues that cover all necessary requirements for the best outcome of a high standard competition. These permanent venues have as a priority the welfare of the horse (permanent secure boxes, A big reservoir of fluent clean water, green resting areas, well diagrammed vet check, etc. All these situations make it very difficult organizing events with our officials trying not to exceed the times they can work in a same venue during a period of 5 years.

**Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023**

**ARG NF, BRA NF, EST NF & NOR NF** proposed to eliminate the Rotation of Officials rule.

**URU NF** proposed to remove part (b) of 849.3.

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

**ARG NF:** Rotation even with Key officials in countries with only a few officials and repeated venues will result in having no officials left at all after two years. The limits set out in Article 849 seem to be impracticable for many countries with a low number of key Officials with the required level. The invitation of Officials from other countries can dramatically increase the budget for the organisers which could lead to increasing the entry fees which could lead to reducing the number of participants. We would like to know what are the many positive changes since it was applied.

**USA NF:** We disagree with the FEI position to not eliminate this provision since many countries are struggling with maintaining officials. Some rides are already avoiding the rule by simply using a different address in a different town/city that the facility covers to use the same officials repeatedly.

**FEI Feedback**

**ARG NF:** Together with the Technical Committee, we have proposed further relaxations to the rule by specifying 'the same function'. This allows for more appointments per Official. As for the other changes that affect Officials and aim to ease this situation:

- Rides counting towards the rotation will be reset to ZERO for all Officials as of 1 January 2024 (Transitional Provision – 849.2 and 849.3);
- TD will be able to be PGJ or CS in CEI1\*, CEI2\* and CEI3\* with less than 30 entries (Article 852.7);
- Foreign Veterinary Delegate Function will not be required anymore at CEI2\* CIM (Annex 6).

**USA NF:** We need the rotation rule to work systematically to ensure that we are getting a rotation of Officials in the venues. The relaxations proposed should address the issues, please see above response to ARG NF.

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849.2 Where only one Event is held each year at a particular venue, a person may serve as a key Official **in the same function** at that Event no more than three times in any five-year rolling period.

849.3 Where more than one Event is held each year at a particular venue, a person may serve as a key Official **in the same function** at that venue ~~(a)~~ for no more than three Events per year; ~~and (b) for no more than nine Events in total in any five-year rolling period.~~

**Transitional Provision – 849.2 and 849.3**

**As of 1 January 2024, all Officials will be reset to zero rides counting towards their rotation.**

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
850. DUTIES OF OFFICIALS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Addition of duties of Officials for clarification purposes.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
850.2 All FEI Endurance appointed Officials must be present and reachable throughout the Period of the Jurisdiction.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>IRL NF:</b> While the period of Jurisdiction for the Ground Jury is clearly defined, it is not clear for the CS? Is it when the GJ finish or is it when the Official Stables are closed? This of course also involves the Treatment Vets and a fit to travel examination. It must be remembered that there is a mandatory observation period for CEI 3*** horses. It is proposed that this needs further clarification.
<b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<b>IRL NF:</b> We agree and therefore propose the below wording.
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
850.2 All FEI Endurance appointed Officials must be present and reachable throughout the Event according to their duties.



<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
852. TECHNICAL DELEGATE
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Rule proposal that will help reduce costs for OCs that have events with smaller number of entries and that do not have many active Officials in their countries.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
852.6 At any CEI, the Technical Delegate, if suitably qualified, may also serve on the Ground Jury. <del>At CEI 1* and 2*, provided there are 30 or fewer Horses entered in the Event, the Technical Delegate may also (if suitably qualified) serve as President of the Ground Jury, subject to the approval of the FEI.</del>
852.7 At CEI 1*, 2* and 3*, provided there are 30 or fewer Horses entered in the Event, the Technical Delegate may also (if suitably qualified) serve as President of the Ground Jury or Chief Steward, subject to the approval of the FEI.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> and <b>GBR NF</b> agree and support this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
As above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
853. GROUND JURY
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
EEWB recommendation to put a provision in the Rules that will allow Officials to stop a Combination at any time during the Competition if they see any dangerous riding or if it is against Horse welfare.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
853.5 The President of the Ground Jury may, in their sole discretion, eliminate a Combination at any point during the Competition if they decide that this would be in the best interest of the wellbeing and/or safety of the Horse and/or Athlete.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<p><b>ARG NF:</b> We believe that with the application of the Yellow Warning Card, it is not necessary to put a provision in the Rules that will allow Officials to stop a Combination at any time during the Competition if they see any dangerous riding or if it is against Horse Welfare.</p> <p><b>AUS NF:</b> Disagree with Proposed Rule Change. <u>Rationale:</u> Do not believe it should fall down to only 1 person making the decision. <b>ADD in;</b> may in consultation with other members of the ground jury and strike out in their sole discretion.</p> <p><b>EEF &amp; FRA NF:</b> We don't think that a single person should eliminate a combination at its discretion, it would be better that he works together with another official, even better if it is a Vet. This would remain efficient enough based on number of vets present onsite when it comes to CEI.</p> <p><b>ITA NF:</b> We don't think that a single person should eliminate a combination at its discretion, it would be better that he works together with another official, even better if it is a Vet.</p> <p><b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p><b>ARG NF:</b> A Yellow Warning Card is issued for offences relating to Horse Abuse, failure to wear headgear requirements, and incorrect behaviour. The EEWB recommended that a provision be put in place to stop a Combination for dangerous riding and Horse welfare reasons. We maintain this proposal.</p> <p><b>AUS NF, EEF, FRA NF, ITA NF:</b> The Veterinarians, Stewards and Judges will naturally report any safety concerns or evidence of Horse welfare shortcomings to the PGJ who has the decision-making power to eliminate a Combination. The proposed wording also aligns with the corresponding article in the Jumping and Driving Rules and the FEI Board decided that there should be consistency in the wording of this rule across the various disciplines.</p>
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As above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
854. VETERINARY COMMISSION
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We propose the below wording in order to alleviate costs for OCs and without compromising officiating quality at Events.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
854.3 At CEI 1* and CEI2* CIM, the President of the Veterinary Commission will also be responsible for the duties normally undertaken by a Foreign Veterinary Delegate.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> and <b>GBR NF</b> agree and support this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
As above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
856. INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE ADVISOR
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Reduce the term of an IGA, and allow more flexibility for their appointments.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
856.2.4 Independent Governance Advisors will be appointed for a term of <del>two</del> one years, and may be re-appointed without term limits.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> and <b>GBR NF</b> agree and support this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
As above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EEF, FRA NF, ESP NF
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
856. INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE ADVISOR
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>EEF</b> and <b>FRA NF</b> : The IGA is a very valuable role nevertheless we see the current IGA framework too restrictive. Consequently, we would recommend the following changes to allow more very knowledgeable FEI Officials to be part of the IGA list without forcing them to fully stop them from officiating. The proposed concept would also be seen positively by their host NF as it would allow those top officials to still officiate in their home country CEI only, despite them giving to the FEI their priority by becoming IGA. It would also allow the IGAs to remain in the dynamic of officiating which is valuable for their IGA time and facilitate the transition when they will end up as IGA and will restart their "normal" FEI Officials career.
<b>ESP NF</b> : IGA should be allowed to officiate during their time appointed as IGAs, at least in their own country.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
856.2.5 During any period in which a person acts as an Independent Governance Advisor, this person may not accept any other FEI Official positions <b>except for in their country of residence and with the approval of the FEI Endurance Department.</b>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>UAE NF</b> and <b>GBR NF</b> agree and support this proposal.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
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As above

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

ARG NF, EEF, FRA NF, SWE NF, FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

861. ELITE ATHLETE STATUS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**ARG NF:** Considering the magnitude and great relevance that achieving this recognition means for the Elite Senior athlete himself, for the sport and for his peers, it is important to keep it for a lifetime. However, it could be differentiated between Elite Active and Inactive.

**EEF & FRA NF & SWE NF:** An FEI rider become an Elite rider after successfully completed ten CEI3\*. The maintenance of this status/achievement (to complete a CEI3\* every successive 2 years) is from our perspective sometimes too demanding due to the difficulty for riders to have constantly horses ready for such distance. The below proposal increases the period of validation of the CEI3\* but add a successful ride on CEI2\*.

**FEI:** In order to expand on the current Elite Athlete system, and to recognize the achievements of Senior Athletes competing at the 1\* and 2\* level, we propose the following system, which no longer connects the age of the Athlete to their status. Athletes of any age can achieve the below Bronze, Silver and Gold Elite Status levels.

**Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023**

861.1 Athletes who meet the criteria below will receive the recognition of Elite Athlete Status. Elite Athlete Status will not result in automatic qualification for any Championships. ~~The Elite Athlete level refers to the achievements of the Athlete and not necessarily their current qualification level.~~

861.2 **Juniors and Young Riders:** To achieve Junior/Young Rider Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI 1\*, CEI 2\* or CEI 3\* higher. ~~To maintain Junior/Young Rider Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI 2\* or higher within every successive two years.~~

861.3 **Seniors:** To achieve Senior Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI1\*, CEI2\* or CEI 3\* 160km. ~~To maintain Senior Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI 3\* 160 km within every successive two years.~~

861.4 Athletes can hold multiple Elite Athlete Statuses at the same time (for example, an Athlete could be a 2\* Gold Elite Athlete as well as a 3\* Bronze Elite Athlete simultaneously).

Star Level	Bronze	Silver	Gold
1*	10 successful completions of CEI1*	20 successful completions of CEI1*	30 successful completions of CEI1*
2*	10 successful completions of CEI2*	20 successful completions of CEI2*	30 successful completions of CEI2*
3*	10 successful completions of CEI3*	20 successful completions of CEI3*	30 successful completions of CEI3*

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

**ARG NF:** We do not see the need to be an Elite Rider in the category of CEI1\* and CEI3\* for the Junior/Young Rider and in the category of CEI1\* and CEI2\* for the Senior Rider, since it does not carry any benefit. We do not see the need to create new Elite Athletes

**EEF & FRA NF:** It is not yet clear for us of the added value/benefits from the different levels. We would like to get more background information.

**ITA NF:** Just a clarification, not a change.

- It is clear that it is a recognition towards the achievements of an athlete, but how will this be recognised by fellow stakeholders, Endurance World, Equestrian World etc.?
- Is the idea for the FEI to publish these achievements?
- Are there any benefits attached to this status?
- What will be the difference between the different status?

**UAE NF** agrees and supports this proposal.

**USA NF:** We believe that the elite level should be derived from the below rides: Juniors and Young Riders: CEI 1\*, CEI 2\*, or CEI 3\* and Senior Riders: CEI 2\* or CEI 3\*.

### FEI Feedback

**ARG NF:** We see it as an opportunity to reward Young Athletes successful completions and recognizing achievements. We maintain our proposal. Under the current system, Seniors who have over 10 successful CEI2\* are not recognized for their achievements. We also introduce the CEI1\* Elite as these Athletes have demonstrated a long successful career at this level.

**EEF & FRA NF:** We are expanding on the recognition of Elite Athletes. It also ties into Article 836 for Championship qualifications where Elite Young Riders qualify with one Combination ride (on top of regular qualifications) instead of two for non-elite. Same applies for Senior 2\* Championship for Elite Seniors (see pages 51-52) Finally, we have removed the concept that the Elite Status 'expires' as we see it as a lifetime achievement. To summarize, we are focusing on recognizing achievements in the community.

**ITA NF:** It also ties into Article 836 for Championship qualifications where Elite Young Riders qualify with one Combination ride (on top of regular qualifications) instead of two for non-elite. Same applies for Senior 2\* Championship for Elite Seniors (see pages 51-52). We will publish these achievements on FEI Platforms.

**USA NF:** We maintain our proposal which was based on several data extractions.

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*Please note that we have maintained the original proposal, but have rearranged it due to an error in numbering, the only change highlighted in yellow is to allow all CEI3\* to count towards Elite Status. We have also added the transitional provision for clarification, please note that is not a new parameter.*

861.1 Athletes who meet the criteria below will receive the recognition of Elite Athlete Status. Elite Athlete Status will not result in automatic qualification for any Championships. **The Elite Athlete level refers to the achievements of the Athlete and not necessarily their current qualification level.**

**861.1.1 Athletes can hold multiple Elite Athlete Statuses at the same time (for example, an Athlete could be a 2\* Gold Elite Athlete as well as a 3\* Bronze Elite Athlete simultaneously).**

Star Level	Bronze	Silver	Gold
1*	10 successful completions of CEI1*	20 successful completions of CEI1*	30 successful completions of CEI1*
2*	10 successful completions of CEI2*	20 successful completions of CEI2*	30 successful completions of CEI2*
3*	10 successful completions of CEI3*	20 successful completions of CEI3*	30 successful completions of CEI3*

861.2 **Juniors and Young Riders:** To achieve Junior/Young Rider Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI 1\*, CEI 2\* or CEI 3\* higher. ~~To maintain Junior/Young Rider Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI 2\* or higher within every successive two years.~~

861.3 **Seniors:** To achieve Senior Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI1\*, CEI2\* or CEI 3\* **160km**. ~~To maintain Senior Elite Athlete Status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI 3\* 160 km within every successive two years.~~

*The below article (861.4) is added to correct a typo. There is no change to the article except for the reference to 'ten' rides which is no longer relevant in relation to our new proposal for different elite status levels (10,20 and 30 rides).*

**861.4 Consequences of EADCMR and suspensions of Elite Athlete Status:**

Athletes who receive any form of a suspension as defined under the FEI General Regulations or commit an offence 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 all ten required CEIs starting (as applicable) either from the date the period of final suspension is imposed or the 'fast track' decision is finalised.

If an Athlete who has not yet achieved Elite Status (but who is in the process of qualifying for Elite Status) receives any form of a suspension as defined under the FEI General Regulations or commit an offence 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 all ~~ten~~ required CEIs starting (as applicable) either from the date the period of suspension is imposed or the 'fast track' decision is finalised.

**Transitional Provision – 861**

In order to calculate the new statuses of Athletes in Article 861 under these Endurance Rules, due to the availability of historical data and based on the Notes for Guidance from 2013 and 2014, the rides that count towards Elite Status are as of 2002.

All CEI3\* rides count towards the Elite Status regardless of their distance and whether or not the ride was held as a multi-day Competition.

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

BRA NF, UAE NF, FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

864. ATHLETE AND TRAINER PENALTY POINTS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**BRA NF:** Athletes and trainers should have a separate number of penalty points if the athlete is not the trainer. In some cases, trainers at training centres train several horses.

**FEI response to BRA NF:** We agree, and we propose two separate 'counters' for Athletes and Trainers in the FEI Database.

**UAE NF:** The Article states that the trainer and rider will receive 100 penalty points which will result in a two-month suspension. This rule is not practical and does not support the sport in many countries, especially those countries that have many horses, riders and trainers and professional sport. In countries like UAE, France, Spain. etc. the minimum number of horses supervised by a trainer is between 10 and 15 horses, not as countries where one trainer has only one horse, and it is not justified if these horses are disqualified according to the points in the current rule. 1. Increasing the penalty points to 300 instead of 100 for the trainer only because the trainers have many horses participating in the same event. 2. There should be a ratio between the number of horses under trainer and the total penalty points. If the trainer has 5 horses or less the total penalty point will be 100 whereas if it more than 5 horses the total penalty point will be more. 3. If the horse is eliminated because of higher pulse only and not a serious metabolic, the 10 penalty points should not be applied as it does not compromise the horse welfare. Some horses can still be nervous with higher heart rate which does not indicate a metabolic problem. **FEI response to UAE NF:** We believe that the introduction of two counters for the penalty points which separate points received by Athlete, and by Trainer will alleviate this. 300 penalty points means that a Trainer can have 3 catastrophic injuries before getting suspended which defeats the purpose of the rule which aims to encourage safe riding. We also propose to introduce a system where a successful completion for an Athlete/Trainer will result in the deduction of 5 penalty points. This aims to balance out the points for those who manage a large number of Horses.

**UAE NF:** If the horse is eliminated because of higher pulse only and not a serious metabolic, the 10 penalty points should not be applied as it does not compromise the horse welfare. Some horses can still be nervous with higher heart rate which does not indicate a metabolic problem. **FEI response to UAE NF:** A Horse becoming metabolic is a consequence of how the Athlete is managing the Horse during competition. We would like to leave these penalty points in order to encourage safe riding.

**FEI:** We believe that a CI should incur a maximum penalty point so that the Athlete has an out of competition period to psychologically recover from the loss. Additional clarification has been added to this Article to explain the rationale for the rule. Also, a new provision has been added which gives the possibility for the Athlete/Trainer to appeal against the imposition of penalty points for FTQ-SI- MUSCU and FTQ-CI only where exceptional circumstances exist and where they can establish that they bore no fault or negligence.

**Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023**

864.1 Subject to Article 864.3, in order to (i) protect Horse welfare and deter any failure to comply strictly with Article 801,<sup>1</sup> and (ii) deter any conduct that could constitute Incorrect Behaviour, an Athlete and Trainer will each automatically receive the following number of penalty points for each incident set out below. It is the responsibility of an Athlete and Trainer to know their status of penalty points:



Incident	Penalty points
Disqualification for Late Presentation	10
Failure to Qualify – metabolic (FTQ-ME)	10
Failure to Qualify – Serious Injury (metabolic)	25
Failure to Qualify – Serious Injury (musculoskeletal) <del>and/or a Catastrophic Injury</del>	80
Failure to Qualify – Catastrophic Injury	100 (the additional penalties set out in Article 866.1 will also apply)
Horse participating in an FEI Event or National Event during the applicable Mandatory Out of Competition Period	100 (the additional penalties set out in Articles 839.3.3 and 866.1 will also apply)
Horse is not presented for Horse Inspection before leaving the Field of Play, <del>except if Horse is immediately transported for emergency medical treatment</del>	100 (the additional penalties set out in Articles 810 and 866.1 will also apply)
<del>Incorrect Behaviour (as defined in the FEI General Regulations)</del>	<del>100 (with an Incorrect Behaviour Card pursuant to Article 865.2; Incorrect Behaviour may also be sanctioned under the FEI General Regulations)</del>
Failure by the Person Responsible to provide a copy of the veterinary report from a designated/approved referral centre to the FEI in accordance with Article 840	80

864.2 Athletes and Trainers accumulate penalty points over a rolling period of one year. Penalty points will be removed from the running total one year from the date on which they were incurred. ~~The successful completion of a ride will result in the deduction of five penalty points from the Athlete’s and Trainer’s total of penalty points. Where the Athlete is also the Trainer of the Horse, the deduction will be applied to the Athlete’s penalty points total. In the case where the Athlete and the Trainer of the Horse are not the same person, the deduction will apply to both their penalty points totals individually. For the avoidance of doubt, the number of penalty points can never be reduced below zero.~~

864.2.1 In exceptional circumstances, Athletes and/or Trainers may appeal the penalty points imposed on them for a Failure to Qualify (Serious Injury (musculoskeletal) and Failure to Qualify (Catastrophic Injury) designations (only) pursuant to Article 864.1 on the sole ground that they bear No Fault or Negligence for the incident in respect of which the penalty points were imposed. The appeal shall

be filed with the FEI Tribunal in accordance with Article 162.5 and 162.6 of the FEI General Regulations.

864.2.2 In the context of this Article 864.3, 'No Fault or Negligence' means that the Athlete and/or Trainer could not have taken any steps, even with the exercise of good training practices and horsemanship, to prevent the incident in question.<sup>2</sup>

864.2.3 The Athlete or Trainer challenging the imposition of the penalty points bears the burden of proving (on the balance of probabilities) that they bear No Fault or Negligence for the incident.

864.2.4 If the Ground Jury considers that an Athlete and/or Trainer has demonstrated (on the balance of probabilities) that they bear No Fault or Negligence for the relevant incident, it may rescind the imposition of the penalty points on that party.

864.2.5 Except as specifically provided for in Article 864.3 above, Athletes and Trainers may not Protest, appeal or otherwise challenge the imposition of penalty points under Article 864.1.

**Footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup> Including, without limitation, to deter poor training practices, poor horsemanship, failure to safely manage the Horse over the course, and prioritising competitive or commercial influences over Horse welfare.

<sup>2</sup> For example, if a Horse suffers an aneurysm on a course and consequently sustains a Catastrophic Injury, provided that the Athlete and Trainer can provide veterinary records to establish that the Horse did indeed suffer an aneurysm and that the aneurysm caused the Catastrophic Injury, the Athlete and Trainer will not receive penalty points for the FTQ-Catastrophic Injury because they could not have known about or prevented an aneurysm, even applying good training practices and horsemanship.

No Fault or Negligence may not be established where the Athlete fails to safely manage the Horse over the course (including where they fail to avoid any natural elements that may pose a risk to the horse especially when travelling at speed, such as visible animal holes and burrows, uneven surfaces, large stones, tree roots, etc).

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

**UAE NF** agrees and supports this proposal. But also thinks that the penalty point should be based only on veterinary parameters; the delay in presenting the horse for inspection might be due to several of reasons, including those unrelated to veterinary care or compromising the horse welfare, such as shoeing the horse, etc..., In many situations, the horse appeared after the presentation time was over, yet the horse was metabolically and clinically sound.

**FEI Feedback**

**UAE NF:** With the introduction of the deduction system of penalty points (-5 for each successful completion), we maintain this proposal. The reason being to deter the late presentation of Horses who are in a bad condition.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

*Please note that we have maintained the original proposal, and have added the transitional provisions for clarification.*

864.1 Subject to Article 864.3, in order to (i) protect Horse welfare and deter any failure to comply strictly with Article 801,<sup>1</sup> and (ii) deter any conduct that could constitute Incorrect Behaviour, an Athlete and Trainer will each automatically receive the following number of penalty points for each incident set out below. It is the responsibility of an Athlete and Trainer to know their status of penalty points:

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864.2 Athletes and Trainers accumulate penalty points over a rolling period of one year. Penalty points will be removed from the running total one year from the date on which they were incurred. ~~The successful completion of a ride will result in the deduction of five penalty points from the Athlete's and Trainer's total of penalty points. Where the Athlete is also the Trainer of the Horse, the deduction will be applied to the Athlete's penalty points total. In the case where the Athlete and the Trainer of the Horse are not the same person, the deduction will apply to both their penalty points totals individually. For the avoidance of doubt, the number of penalty points can never be reduced below zero. Should a Combination be subsequently disqualified, the deduction of the five penalty points will be reversed.~~

864.3 ~~In exceptional circumstances, Athletes and/or Trainers may appeal the penalty points imposed on them for a Failure to Qualify (Serious Injury (musculoskeletal) and Failure to Qualify (Catastrophic Injury) designations (only) pursuant to Article 864.1 on the sole ground that they bear 'No Fault or Negligence' for the incident in respect of which the penalty points were imposed. The appeal shall be filed with the~~

FEI Tribunal in accordance with Article 162.5 and 162.6 of the FEI General Regulations.

864.3.1 In the context of this Article 864.3, 'No Fault or Negligence' means that the Athlete and/or Trainer could not have taken any steps, even with the exercise of good training practices and horsemanship, to prevent the incident in question.<sup>2</sup>

864.3.2 The Athlete or Trainer challenging the imposition of the penalty points bears the burden of proving (on the balance of probabilities) that they bear 'No Fault or Negligence' for the incident.

864.3.3 If the **Ground Jury FEI Tribunal** considers that an Athlete and/or Trainer has demonstrated (on the balance of probabilities) that they bear 'No Fault or Negligence' for the relevant incident, it may rescind the imposition of the penalty points on that party.

864.3.4 Except as specifically provided for in Article 864.3 above, Athletes and Trainers may not Protest, appeal or otherwise challenge the imposition of penalty points under Article 864.1.

#### Transitional Provisions – 864

As of 1 January 2024, Athlete and Trainer penalty points will be separated into two distinct counters (Athlete and Trainer) based on which role the points were incurred under. For the avoidance of doubt, if penalty points are incurred at an Event where the Athlete is also the Trainer of the Horse, the points will go into their 'Athlete counter' only. For penalty points carried over from 2023, should an Athlete also have been the Trainer of the Horse at the Event where the penalty points were incurred, the penalty points will go into their 'Athlete counter' as of 1 January 2024.

The deduction of five penalty points is applied at the time of the successful completion of the ride once the results are processed and published.

Article 864.3, which gives the possibility for the Athlete/Trainer to appeal against the imposition of penalty points for FTQ-SI-MUSCU and FTQ-CI only where exceptional circumstances exist and where they can establish that they bore 'No fault or Negligence', is not applicable retroactively and only applies as of 1 January 2024.

#### Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> Including, without limitation, to deter poor training practices, poor horsemanship, failure to safely manage the Horse over the course, and prioritising competitive or commercial influences over Horse welfare.

<sup>2</sup> For example, if a Horse suffers an aneurysm on a course and consequently sustains a Catastrophic Injury, provided that the Athlete and Trainer can provide veterinary records to establish that the Horse did indeed suffer an aneurysm and that the aneurysm caused the Catastrophic Injury, the Athlete and Trainer **will not receive** penalty points for the FTQ-Catastrophic Injury **will be rescinded** because they could not have known about or prevented an aneurysm, even applying good training practices and horsemanship.

'No Fault or Negligence' may not be established where the Athlete fails to safely manage the Horse over the course (including where they fail to avoid any natural elements that may pose a risk to the horse especially when travelling at speed, such as visible animal holes and burrows, uneven surfaces, large stones, tree roots, etc).

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ESP NF, FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
865. WARNING CARDS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>ESP NF:</b> Allow yellow cards to be used instead of Incorrect Behaviour card for minor offenses at the discretion of the PGJ/TD/CS, keep IB card for major offenses. Also allow IB card for Horse Abuse that warrants it. Instead of helping curb offenses, the introduction of the Incorrect Behaviour card changes the system in those minor offenses which do not warrant the full IB punishment are left completely unpunished or at most a verbal warning. The yellow card allowed for offenses that required a "don't do this again" punishment and this many times calmed the person receiving it enough to change their behaviour, whereas now we have to fully sanction. Likewise, Horse Abuse that is grave should also receive an IB card. Let the officials choose which punishment should be awarded for these type of offenses, IB or Yellow Card. They could work in tandem, one being yellow for minor offenses and giving a second chance, whereas the IB would be a "soccer" red card for really bad offenses. <b>FEI response to ESP NF:</b> We propose to go back to the previous system and re-align with other disciplines by eliminating the Incorrect Behaviour Card and using the Yellow Warning Card system for incorrect behaviour again. The previous system being that if a Person Responsible (PR) receives two Yellow Warning Cards, this results in a two-month suspension.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<del>865.2 Incorrect Behaviour Cards: The President of the Ground Jury, the Chief Steward or the Technical Delegate may issue an Incorrect Behaviour Card to an Athlete or Trainer for Incorrect Behaviour under Article 864.1. An Incorrect Behaviour Card will result in 100 penalty points, Disqualification, and a suspension of two months.—“Intentionally Omitted”</del>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
As above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
865. WARNING CARDS 865.2 Incorrect Behaviour Card
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
As a consequence of our proposal to remove the Incorrect Behaviour Card, the following Articles will be affected.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>801.3.2 Any act or omission at an Event that amounts, in the opinion of the Ground Jury, to cruelty towards or Abuse of a Horse shall result in <b>an Endurance</b> Yellow Warning Card and Disqualification and may also be subject to the additional sanctions set out in the FEI General Regulations.</p> <p>***</p> <p>810.1 (...) Failure to comply with this Article will result in the issue of <b>an Endurance</b> Yellow Warning Card to the Athlete and Trainer, Disqualification of the Combination <b>for Horse Not Presented</b>, imposition of a 60-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period for the Horse, and the penalty points set out in Article 864.</p> <p>***</p> <p>813.5 (...) Horses may not be put in lorries or trailers <del>to prevent observation while they are competing</del>. Failure to comply with this Article may result in Disqualification and/or <b>an Endurance</b> Yellow Warning Card.</p> <p>***</p> <p>822.5 <b>Prohibited assistance:</b> An Athlete or Trainer who receives or provides the following assistance will receive <b>an Endurance</b> Yellow Warning Card, and in the event of a breach of Articles 822.5.5, 822.5.6 and/or 822.5.7 will also be Disqualified:</p> <p>***</p> <p>865.1 <b>Endurance Yellow Warning Card:</b> The President of the Ground Jury, the Chief Steward or the Technical Delegate may issue <b>an Endurance</b> Yellow Warning Card to a Person Responsible for offences relating to Horse Abuse, <b>Incorrect Behaviour</b>, failure to comply with the protective headgear requirements, or otherwise where specified in these Endurance Rules. <del>For Incorrect Behaviour, only the Incorrect Behaviour Card may be used. The consequences that apply if the same person receives one or more Endurance Yellow Warning Card(s) are set out in the FEI General Regulations.</del></p> <p>***</p> <p>865.3 <b>Notification:</b> The person receiving a warning card must be notified during the period of the Event that this person will receive <b>an Endurance</b> Yellow Warning Card <del>or Incorrect Behaviour Card</del>, which will be delivered either by hand or by any other suitable means. If after reasonable efforts the person cannot be notified during the period of the Event, the person must be notified in writing within 14 days of the Event. <b>An Endurance</b> Yellow Warning Card <del>or Incorrect Behaviour Card</del> may be issued in addition to any other sanction(s) issued in accordance with these Endurance Rules, FEI General Regulations, or other applicable Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>***</p>

## ANNEX 1: DEFINITIONS

~~**Incorrect Behaviour Card:** as described in Article 865.2.~~

**Endurance Yellow Warning Card:** as described in Article 865.1.

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Annex 4: FEI World Endurance Rankings

(...)

At the end of the calendar year, Athletes who have not incurred any EADCMR violation, Penalty Points, **and/or Endurance a** Yellow Warning Card ~~and/or Incorrect Behaviour Card~~ during the relevant calendar year will be awarded bonus ranking points, as follows:

(...)

No **Endurance** Yellow Warning Card: 150 points

~~No **Incorrect Behaviour Card:** 150 points~~

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Annex 5: Horse Inspections, Examinations, Control Of Medication

10.5 Horses presented for vetting must proceed, as instructed, directly from the Vetting Area entrance to the designated Veterinarian in the vet lane (as instructed by the Officials) showing constant forward motion. No action may be taken to hold back the Horse or to prevent the constant forward motion of the Horse. The Horse may not enter the vet lane until its heart rate has been assessed, and may not be trotted until so instructed by the relevant Veterinarian. In the event of breach of this provision, the Athlete will be given a fixed time penalty of five minutes and/or **an Endurance** Yellow Warning Card.

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

N/A

**FEI Feedback**

N/A

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

As above (*Please note correction of grammar highlighted above*)

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
ANNEX 3: ELIMINATION CODES
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We have removed the sentence under 'WD' as if the Combination does not show up at an Event, it is not on the Master List and therefore, not on the results.</p> <p>Under 'DSQ', we have added reasons for Disqualification to be displayed on the FEI Database.</p> <p>The table with FTQ code combinations was redone for purposes of clarity.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
<p><b>WD:</b> Withdrawn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>— The Combination does not show up at the Event.</del></li> <li>- The Combination decides not to participate in the Competition at or prior to the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection in accordance with Article 809.5.3.</li> </ul> <p><b>RET:</b> Retired</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Combination decides not to continue in the Competition in accordance with Article 809.5.4.</li> </ul> <p><b>DSQ:</b> Disqualified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Combination is Disqualified in accordance with Article 809.5.2.</li> <li><del>— A reason for Disqualification must be communicated to the FEI via the official results and reports. The reason for Disqualification will be verified with the Officials concerned.</del></li> <li>- A Horse may be Disqualified and also designated as Failed to Qualify for a veterinary or other reason (see list under FTQ below).</li> <li>- In addition to other reasons for Disqualification <b>outlined in these rules</b>, the following reasons may also apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Underweight (UW)</li> <li>o Late Presentation (LP)</li> <li>o Hyposensitivity (HYPO)</li> <li>o Horse Abuse (HA)</li> <li>o Horse Not Presented (HNP)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>FNR:</b> Finished Not Ranked</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FNR means that the Combination has (or is deemed to have) completed a Competition (including all Horse Inspections) but is not ranked in the final classification (see e.g., Article 820.2 regarding an error on course).</li> <li>- A Combination may be designated FNR with the approval of the President of the Ground Jury and/or the Technical Delegate. The Officials must provide reasons for the FNR designation.</li> <li>- If in addition to the FNR designation the Combination receives a certificate of completion from the Officials at the Event, the Competition will count as a 'successful completion' for qualification purposes.</li> </ul> <p><b>FTQ:</b> Failed to Qualify</p> <p>The FTQ designation must be accompanied by one or more of the additional codes below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>SP:</b> Speed (not respecting any applicable speed restriction)</li> <li>- <b>GA:</b> Irregular gait</li> </ul>



- **ME:** Metabolic
- **MI:** Minor Injury (e.g., slight soreness, wound, etc.)
- **SI-MUSCU:** Serious Injury (musculoskeletal injury)
- **SI-META:** Serious Injury (metabolic injury)
- **CI:** Catastrophic Injury
- **OT:** Out of Time (failure to complete a Loop within the allocated time, but passes the Horse Inspection after that Loop)
- **FTC:** Failed to Complete (non-completion of a Loop, but passes the Horse Inspection after that Loop). The Officials must provide reasons for the FTC designation, and an explanation of what happened to the Combination.

The above FTQ codes may be cumulative, as shown in the table below:

Code #1		Code #2		Code #3
SP				
GA ME GA + ME MI CI SI-MUSCU SI-META OT FTC	+	SP		
GA ME GA + ME MI CI SI-MUSCU SI-META FTC	+	OT	+	SP
SI-MUSCU	+	ME	+	SP
SI-META	+	GA	+	SP

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

**UAE NF** agrees and supports this proposal.

**FEI Feedback**

N/A

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

As above (*Please note correction highlighted above. Please note additions for clarification purposes highlighted in green above.*)

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

BRA NF, ESP NF, FRA NF, URU NF

**Article Number – Article Name**

ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION

Part B: horse Inspections and Examinations

9. Assessments during Horse Inspections

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**BRA NF:** In order to reduce the cost of CEIs the treatment vet at a CEIs if also qualified as a line vet should be able to work in the vet check until he starts his work as treatment vet. Given the fact that most horses in the 1st and 2nd vet gate arrive together and at that point normally these vets are not yet giving treatment.

**ESP NF:** Allow Treatment Veterinarians to act as Heart Rate EOVs as long as they have not treated any horse. The costs of running an Endurance competition are very high and having enough personnel to cover all horses arriving at the first vet-gates without losing time is very difficult even on Championships, much less at lower-level competitions. Meanwhile, we have trained professionals that could help alleviate the situation that are set to stand aside and wait until the end of the competition to start their work. Should Treating Vets be allowed to assess horses until they start treating horses, if at all necessary, gives at the very least one extra pair of hands (and sometimes more) to help check horses faster at the same cost, running more fair play friendly competitions. There does not seem to be a con to this proposal. Treating vets should be able to work as line veterinarians as long as they have not had to treat horses with products that may be positive for Anti-Doping (which is already a rare enough occurrence)

**FRA NF:** Improve the flow of horses at the arrival of the 1st loop. Improvement of fairness and optimising cost saving from OC side.

**URU NF:** Treating Veterinarians: Analysing the development of the competition we see that in the first phase is where the vet check gets saturated with horses for the first inspection and no horses need veterinary treatment.

**Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023**

Annex 5: Horse Inspections, Examinations, Control of Medication

Part B: horse Inspections and Examinations

9. Assessments during Horse Inspections

**9.2 Assessments for all Horse Inspections:** The Veterinarian conducting the Horse Inspection will assess the Horse’s general condition and its metabolic status, while taking into account the Horse’s recovery time (see Article 816.2). The assessments will include heart rate, mucous membrane characteristics, capillary refill time, intestinal activity (gut sounds), estimated hydration status, and demeanour. The Veterinarian will also evaluate the Horse’s gait and assess any soreness on palpation of the back and girth, the texture and any sensitivity of the muscles, and any minor injuries including in the mouth or around the saddle and girth area. These assessments and any other observations regarding the Horse’s condition must be recorded on the Vet Card.

**9.2.1 A Treating Veterinarian who has been appointed on the approved Event Schedule, may assist in conducting the veterinary inspections on the vet lanes when there is a high number of Horses arriving together, provided this Treating Veterinarian has the required level (EOV) to perform this function, and provided there are no Horses that need treatment. As soon as this Treating Veterinarian is needed to treat a Horse, they may no longer be part of the Veterinary Commission on the vet lane. Priority must always be given to Horses in need of treatment.**

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

**GBR NF:** We welcome the change which will allow the Treatment Vet to assist in conducting veterinary inspections on the vet lanes when there is a high number of horses

arriving together provided there are no horses that need treatment-where priority must always be given.

**SWE NF:** We fully support the proposal from the ESP NF and the below wording from the FEI that Treating veterinarian can assist in conducting the veterinary inspections on the vet lanes when there is a high number of Horses arriving.

**UAE NF** recommends that the present rule be maintained because the veterinarian administering treatment to horses is responsible for dispensing medications to them. Due to the nature of horse examinations, which involve the veterinarian inspecting the horse's mouth and touching its skin, there is a potential for the veterinarian's hands to become contaminated with these drugs. Consequently, there is a risk of transferring these drugs to the horse's body during the examination process. This could lead to a violation of Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations as well as legal implications.

### FEI Feedback

**UAE NF:** We agree and want to avoid accidental contamination which is why we write 'provided there are no Horses that need treatment'. We elaborate on that further below in the highlighted addition to stress that the Veterinarian that has already administered medication to a Horse *cannot* go on the line. Please note an addition for clarification purposes highlighted in green below.

### Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

Annex 5: Horse Inspections, Examinations, Control of Medication

Part B: horse Inspections and Examinations

9. Assessments during Horse Inspections

(...)

9.2.1 Subject to the prior approval of the President of the Ground Jury, a Treating Veterinarian who has been appointed on the approved Event Schedule, may assist in conducting the veterinary inspections on the vet lanes when there is a high number of Horses arriving together, provided this Treating Veterinarian has the required level (EOV) to perform this function, and provided there are no Horses that need treatment, and that this Veterinarian has not already treated a Horse. As soon as this Treating Veterinarian is needed to treat a Horse, they may no longer be part of the Veterinary Commission on the vet lane. Priority must always be given to Horses in need of treatment.

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UAE NF
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION 9.3 Heart rate assessment procedure
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
This rule is creating confusion while implementing it for all the officials and this rule is important for fair play to maintain the same standard in judging everywhere, hence going back to the old rule is more feasible. Instead of sufficient time it has to be re-worded as no-time.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
<b>9.3 Heart rate assessment procedure</b>
(iv) If the heart rate is greater than the maximum heart parameter after the 60-second assessment:
(A) Except for the Final Horse Inspection (where only one presentation is permitted), if there is <del>sufficient</del> <b>no presentation</b> time remaining for a second presentation (see Article 816.6), the Horse may be presented a second time for a heart rate re-inspection. The same procedures under paragraphs (a)-(f) above will apply to the second presentation.
(B) If there is no <b>presentation</b> time remaining for a heart rate re-inspection or the Horse fails to meet the maximum heart rate parameters at the heart rate re-inspection or at the Final Horse Inspection (where only one presentation is permitted), then a confirmation procedure must be completed to confirm the failed assessment. For the confirmation procedure, the Horse must be presented to a second Veterinarian immediately after the failed assessment. If an electronic heart rate monitor was used for the failed assessment, then a second electronic heart rate monitor (or, if not available, a stethoscope) must be used. The Veterinarian will assess the Horse's heart rate for 15 seconds only. If the Horse is to be designated as 'Failed to Qualify', then the Horse's heart rate during the confirmation procedure must either be made available on a public electronic display or notified to a member of the Ground Jury. If the Horse's heart rate is greater than the maximum heart rate parameter during the confirmation procedure, the Horse will be designated as 'Failed to Qualify – metabolic' (FTQ-ME).
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>IRL NF:</b> This proposal needs rewording. If there is <b>no presentation time remaining</b> , then the inspection is over. The 15 minutes has elapsed. For example? what happens if the inspection time is at 14minutes 30seconds. The there is 30 seconds remaining, but it is insufficient to go out and come in again. The word "NO" has a very specific meaning in the English language, it is not open to interpretation.
The proposed new wording is self-contradictory.
(A) Except for the Final Horse Inspection (where only one presentation is permitted), if there is <b>no presentation time</b> remaining for a second presentation (see Article 816.6), <u>the Horse may be presented a second time for a heart rate re-inspection.</u> The same procedures under paragraphs (a)-(f) above will apply to the second presentation.
If there is no time remaining there cannot be a second presentation. That is why the word sufficient was used. As currently proposed, this is unfair to the horse with a late presentation. The rule must be fair to all.
<b>NED NF:</b> The proposed wording in (A) contains the text 'no presentation time' which should be 'presentation time'.
<b>UAE NF:</b> By the current procedure which is applied does not give a clear picture of the rules to be applied uniformly and GJ using their individual discretion to apply this rule.

**USA NF:** It is important to maintain an image of total transparency and fairness. Therefore, a second Heart Rate machine should still be required when available, as well as the inspection by a second veterinarian. This rule should be applied at CEIs as well as Championships. In particular when Heart Rate inspection is done with a stethoscope with no public electronic display, the inspection by two veterinarians is necessary to guarantee the fairness in case of elimination.

**FEI Feedback**

We agree and propose the below correction and clarification.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

*Correction of an error highlighted in yellow below.*

**9.3 Heart rate assessment procedure**

(iv) If the heart rate is greater than the maximum heart parameter after the 60-second assessment:

(A) Except for the Final Horse Inspection (where only one presentation is permitted), if there is no presentation time remaining for a second presentation (see Article 816.6), the Horse may leave the Vetting Area and be presented a second time for a heart rate re-inspection. The same procedures under paragraphs (a)-(f) above will apply to the second presentation.

(B) If there is no presentation time remaining for a heart rate re-inspection or the Horse fails to meet the maximum heart rate parameters at the heart rate re-inspection or at the Final Horse Inspection (where only one presentation is permitted), then a confirmation procedure must be completed to confirm the failed assessment. For the confirmation procedure, the Horse must be presented to a second Veterinarian immediately after the failed assessment. If an electronic heart rate monitor was used for the failed assessment, then a second electronic heart rate monitor (or, if not available, a stethoscope) must be used. The Veterinarian will assess the Horse's heart rate for 15 seconds only. If the Horse is to be designated as 'Failed to Qualify', then the Horse's heart rate during the confirmation procedure must either be made available on a public electronic display or notified to a member of the Ground Jury. If the Horse's heart rate is greater than the maximum heart rate parameter during the confirmation procedure, the Horse will be designated as 'Failed to Qualify - metabolic' (FTQ-ME).

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FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION Part B: Horse Inspections And Examinations 9. Assessments during Horse Inspections 9.7 Irregular gait
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We propose to add a clarification to the correct way to trot a Horse during the gait inspection in the Vet Gate. We will be working on an illustration to be inserted in the final version of the Endurance Rules to clearly demonstrate that the person trotting the Horse must lead the Horse from its left-hand side and be beside the Horse's shoulder and not in front nor behind the Horse.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
<b>9.7 Irregular gait:</b> During any inspection during the course, a Horse with an irregular gait that is observable through evaluation by trotting the Horse on a loose lead in hand straight out and back, without prior flexion or deep palpation, which is observed to cause pain, or threaten the immediate ability of the Horse to continue safely the Competition, will be removed from Competition and will be designated as Failed to Qualify – irregular gait (FTQ-GA). To assess irregular gait:  (a) The inspection must be carried out on a flat firm surface. <b>The person trotting the Horse must lead the Horse from the Horse's left-hand side on a loose reign beside the Horse and not in front or behind the Horse (see Annex 8).</b>  (...)
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>ARG NF:</b> Trotting only next to the horse limits its performance and only makes the task more difficult. At the same time does not affect the welfare of the animal.  <b>AUS NF:</b> Spelling error in word: <b>reign</b> .  <b>EEF:</b> Typo: reign = rein There could be cases where a horse has to be trotted from the right-hand side, for example a horse which is blind on the left. The purpose of the inspection is the fitness of the horse so we do not think the side play a role which would need special rule.  <b>FRA NF &amp; ITA NF:</b> There could be cases where a horse has to be trotted from the right-hand side, for example a horse which is blind on the left. Typo: reign = rein  <b>UAE NF</b> agrees and supports this proposal.  <b>USA NF</b> proposes to allow the horse to be trotted from either side of the horse.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
To clarify, this is not a new rule, this is already part of the Veterinary Rules (Article 1036.3). The intention of adding this rule is a reminder of the existing procedure.
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
<i>Correction of a spelling mistake highlighted in yellow below.</i>
<b>9.7 Irregular gait:</b> During any inspection during the course, a Horse with an irregular gait that is observable through evaluation by trotting the Horse on a loose lead in hand straight out and back, without prior flexion or deep palpation, which is observed to cause pain, or threaten the immediate ability of the Horse to continue safely the Competition, will be removed from Competition and will be designated as Failed to Qualify – irregular gait (FTQ-GA). To assess irregular gait:

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FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We have added the below clarification that the highest star level of Event’s Officials requirements must be met when a Show has combined star levels. We deleted the last sentence given that we were working off historical data since we can only know the entries 4 days in advance.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
<p>The tables below set out the requirements for the appointment of Officials at Events, including (i) the minimum number of Officials required (and any additional Officials required based on the ratio of Officials to entries), (ii) the required qualification level of those Officials (i.e., 'minimum rate'), and (iii) which body is responsible for appointing those Officials. If FEI Headquarters is responsible for appointing any Official, it may consult as necessary with the FEI Endurance Technical Committee and/or the OC. For the purposes of this Annex 6, and save where stated otherwise, CEIOs must comply with the requirements applicable to CEIs of the same star level. <b>For Shows with multiple star level of Events, the requirements of the highest star level must be adhered to as set out below.</b></p> <p><b>The OC must enlist the assistance of an appropriate number of other Officials, Stewards and Veterinarians, depending on the number of entries.</b></p> <p><del>For CEIs with 20 entries or less, the FEI will consult with the OC to appoint Officials. For CEIs with more than 20 entries, Officials will be appointed in accordance with the tables below:</del></p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<p><b>AUS NF</b> disagrees with the Proposed FEI rule change, as makes it very expensive for countries like all of those in Oceania region that don't have many horses eligible to compete in 3* events. This can be confirmed by looking at their databases. Suggest slightly modify the first sentence of last paragraph as potential entries can reasonably be predicted by looking at eligible horses as stated on the FEI database: <b><i>For CEI’s with 20 entries or less, the FEI will consult with the OC to appoint an appropriate number of Officials.</i></b></p> <p><b>CAN NF:</b> Annex 6 currently defines the required officials for events with 20 entries or more. This amendment will set appropriate levels of officials for events with less than 20 entries. <b><i>For CEIs with 20 entries or less, the Event will require a TD, a PGJ (also acting as FJ if required), a GJ member, a Veterinary Commission President (also acting as FVD if required) and two OV as per the following table. There is no Chief Steward required and this role will be added to the role of the TD or PGJ, who will also oversee the Assistant Steward/s as per Annex 6. There is no requirement for a Treating Veterinary Commission, and this role will be added to the duties of one of the VC members. <del>the FEI will consult with the OC to appoint Officials.</del> For CEIs with more than 20 entries, Officials will be appointed in accordance with the tables below:</i></b></p> <p><b>IRL NF:</b> There is a complete underestimation of the number of officials required for competitions. Simply put the functional requirements under the rules do not reduce with the number of horses. 10 horses or 100 horses the functions remain the same.</p> <p><b>UAE NF</b> recommends that the present rule be maintained as in many of the developing federations, which will be giving the opportunity and not to be restricted and hindering the sport growth.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>



**AUS NF:** We have not proposed changes, the application of the rule remains the same, we have simply added a clarification. There are several other relaxations introduced in this memo to assist OCs with costs related to Officials.

**CAN NF:** The same Official cannot act as PGJ and FJ, nor as PVC and FVD. There are distinct roles which cannot be combined. The suggestion to remove the Treating Veterinarians, and give the responsibility of Treatment to the Veterinary Commission does not work. We have added a relaxation in Annex 5 (point 9.2.1) that would allow a Member of Treatment to be on the line if needed, and if they have not already treated a Horse, please see pages 90-91. We have also added a relaxation to Article 852.6 to allow PGJ to also act as CS, please see page 73.

**IRL NF:** Thank you for your comment, we agree.

**UAE NF:** We are not adding to the requirement of Officials at Events, we have made proposals in other sections of this memo to lessen the burden on the OC.

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As above

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ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS

## Explanation for Proposed Change

We believe that having a local Technical Delegate for Championships makes following the development of CH venues more accessible. A TD may also need to liaise closely with the OC and their staff who will be local and therefore having the language to do so is beneficial.

## Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

Technical Delegates:	Technical Delegate		
	Minimum level	Number	Appointment
WEG/World Championships	4	1 <i>(see-note 1)</i>	FEI Headquarters
Regional Games/Continental Championships; Championships for Seniors, Juniors/Young Riders, or Young Horses	4	1 <i>(see-note 1)</i>	FEI Headquarters
Regional Championships	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
CEI 3* / <u>CEI 2*</u>	3	1	FEI Headquarters
CEI 2* <u>CIM</u>	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
CEI 1*	3	1	OC, subject to FEI approval

*(1) The Technical Delegate must be 'Foreign', in accordance with Article 848.4.*

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**IRL NF:** With the proposal to allow the TD to belong to the host country for Championships it weakens the position of TD, who with the best will in the World will be biased towards their own country.

## FEI Feedback

**IRL NF:** The work of a TD is ongoing. Having someone from the country, speaking the language, being able to do sufficient visits is a bonus. In any case, the PGJ must approve the work when they take over jurisdiction.

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## Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification on the number of Officials required per number of entries to avoid confusion.

## Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

Ground Jury:

	Ground Jury									
	President (see note 21)			Foreign Judge (see note 21)			Members			
	Minimum level	Number	Appointment	Minimum level	Number	Appointment	Minimum level	Minimum number / entries	Appointment	Extra member Additional member per entries
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(21) The FEI reserves the right to appoint the President of Ground Jury and the Foreign Judge at all CEIOs (regardless of star level).

## Comments Received by 16 August 2023

N/A

## FEI Feedback

N/A

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As above (Please note correction of an error highlighted above. Kindly note, we are not changing the current rule but aiming to clarify how it is applied. There is no change as you can see in the last column in pink 'Additional member per entries'.)

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## Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

## Article Number – Article Name

ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS

## Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification on the number of Officials required per number of entries to avoid confusion.

## Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

### Treating Veterinarians:

	Treating Veterinary Commission									
	President (see note 4)			Members				Veterinary Service Manager		
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(43) Permitted Treating Veterinarians can be appointed as members of the Treating Veterinary Commission in regions/countries with an insufficient number of licensed Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials, otherwise preference should be given to Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials.

(54) The President or a Member of the Treating Veterinary Commission (if suitably qualified as per the requirement outlined in the table above, by being level EVT2 minimum) can be appointed as the VSM.

## Comments Received by 16 August 2023

**CAN NF:** Equestrian Canada supports the submission by NF NZL the requirements for small shows. This proposal would enable Suitably qualified FEI vets in the Vet commission to oversee the work of National vets. The National vet with suitable veterinary qualification and equine experience would provide the clinical diagnosis and treatment. The FEI requirement would be overseen and approved to meet FEI requirements by an OV also on site. With the proposal to allow the TD to belong to the host country for Championships it

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weakens the position of TD, who with the best will in the World will be biased towards their own country. Annex 6 OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS

*Treating Veterinary Commission*

*CEI 2\* (see note 4 and 6)*

*CEI 1\* (see note 4 and 6)*

*(6) For events with less than 20 horses the Treating Veterinary Commission may be comprised of National Vets, provided a Member of the Veterinary Commission is prepared to oversee the Treatments and ensure FEI requirements are met.*

## **FEI Feedback**

**CAN NF:** Currently, National Officials are present at FEI events for training purposes, however the jurisdiction lies solely with the FEI appointed Officials appearing on the published schedule. We cannot accept your proposal based on the fact that the National Vets have still not gone through the FEI education system.

As for your comment on the TD belonging to the host country, we believe it is beneficial since ongoing work on the venue will require constant follow up and the ability to converse with the local population and be in close proximity. Furthermore, the FEI works in close proximity to the OCs and TDs of Games and Championships which allows us to monitor the planning and progress of the venue.

## **Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

As above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ANNEX 9: THE ENDURANCE AWARDS
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
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<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
In order to reward a wider range of positive achievements of Horses and Athletes, we would like to introduce 'The Endurance Awards.'
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
<p>The <i>Combinations Award</i> will be awarded as follows to Combinations who successfully complete Competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Gold status for eight successful completions;</li> <li>b) Silver status for six successful completions;</li> <li>c) Bronze status for four successful completions.</li> </ul> <p>The <i>Consecutive Completions Award</i> will be awarded as follows to Athletes who successfully consecutively complete Competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Gold status for fifteen consecutive successful completions;</li> <li>b) Silver status for ten consecutive successful completions;</li> <li>c) Bronze status for five consecutive successful completions.</li> </ul> <p>The <i>Best Condition Award</i> will be awarded as follows to Athletes and Horses who receive multiple Best Condition awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Gold status for six Best Condition awards received;</li> <li>b) Silver status for four Best Condition awards received;</li> <li>c) Bronze status for two Best Condition awards received.</li> </ul> <p><b>Prize Money (if applicable) will be apportioned as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Gold Combinations Award: 1/3</li> <li>o Gold Consecutive Completions Award: 1/3</li> <li>o Gold Best Condition Award: 1/3</li> </ul>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023</b>
As above



**B. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED OR DEFERRED TO A FUTURE RULES REVISION**

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
AUS NF, EST NF, GER NF,
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
803. STAR LEVEL OF EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>ARG NF:</b> Seeking to prevent a horse that has just finished its Novice stage passing from 80 km to 119 km directly. With the same criteria for greater distances.</p> <p><b>EST NF:</b> We offer to return the distance for CEI1* events back to 80 km. In Endurance, there was the traditional ladder of distances increased by 40 km. Novice qualification is usually being made at CEN 40 and CEN 80, while CEI events have been made at 80 km, 120 km, and 160 km. Such distances originated from distances in the USA where the modern Endurance sport was born. In the USA, distances are 25 miles (40 km), 50 miles (80 km), 75 miles (120 km) and 100 miles (160 km). The distance of 100 km is out of this ladder and makes too little difference between 1* and 2*.</p> <p><b>GER NF:</b> 803.1 CEIs, CEIOs and Championships are divided into three-star levels (3* being the highest level):              803.1.1 1*: Competitions between 100-119 km in one day.              803.1.2 2*: Competitions between 120-139 km in one day, or between 70-89 km per day over two days.              803.1.3 3*: Competitions between 140-160 km in one day, or 90-100 km per day over two days, or 70-80 km per day over three days or more</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>ARG NF</b> proposed to change the range for CEI1* distances from 100-119 km to 100-105 km.</p> <p><b>EST NF &amp; GER NF</b> proposed to decrease the starting distance of a CEI1*.</p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<p><b>AUS NF:</b> In agreeance with EST NF of changing 1* to: Competitions between 80-119km in one day. <u>Rationale:</u> Allows Event Organisers good flexibility with planning their rides.</p> <p><b>EEF:</b> We mostly do appreciate the current 100km distance at 1* level especially in term of legitimacy and progressivity in the whole scale of competitions.</p> <p><b>ESP NF:</b> We agree with the proposal of EST NF to bring back the distance of CEI 1* to 80km to 119km. We are seeing an increase in speeds at 100kms and the jump has become too high. Organising them as CEN90kms as suggest by the FEI does not work because then both 1* levels would be competing instead of complementing each other as Athletes would not get a classification from doing CEN1* 90kms whereas they would in a CEI1*.</p> <p><b>FRA NF:</b> We fully support the 100km distance as it contributes to the crucial progressive and coherent pathway in between the different distances, level of difficulties.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We do not see the logic behind lower the CEI1* distance as a way to limit the speed at these events. We are already introducing a speed limit for 6-year-old Horses on their first CEI1* ride. With the qualifications relaxed, we believe more Athletes will be inclined to view the CEI1* as a qualifying ride again as they have a higher chance of reaching top levels and Championships.</p>

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

BRA NF, ESP NF, GER NF, ITA NF, UAE NF, URU NF, ARG NF, NAM NF, NZL NF, GBR NF, JPN NF

**Article No.–Article Name**

805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**BRA NF:** Lowering the minimum weight does not necessarily protect horses or increases the welfare of the horse, since by lowering the minimum weight the speed increases, making it on the contrary more dangerous for the horses. Riders vary on their bodyweight and most of them already weigh 70kg or more without equipment. In a gender friendly discipline where male and female riders have been able to compete under almost equal conditions, now with the lowering of the minimum weight for de 1\* and 2\* will make male adults not so keen anymore to compete. Another point riders complain about is the difficulty to plan and adapt their ride equipment. The main problem with weight is dead weight.

**ESP NF:** Lowering the minimum weight does not necessarily protect horses or increases the welfare of the horse, since by lowering the minimum weight the speed increases, making it on the contrary more dangerous for the horses. Riders vary on their bodyweight and most of them already weigh 70kg or more without equipment. In a gender friendly discipline where male and female riders have been able to compete under almost equal conditions, now with the lowering of the minimum weight for de 1\* and 2\* will make male adults not so keen anymore to compete. Another point riders complain about is the difficulty to plan and adapt their ride equipment.

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**GER NF:** Last year, the Swiss NF, together with the member associations and the Swiss Animal Welfare STS, published a brochure on the subject of rider weight. It recommends a rule of thumb for maximum horse weight loads. In endurance riding, breeds such as Arabian thoroughbreds are often used. According to the 15 percent rule, they carry too much weight on CEI rides.

**ITA NF:** For the behaviour of horses, we think that it should be better to reduce a bit the maximum weights. A lot of riders are women that difficulty reaches 50/55 kgs of body weight. It means that a horse has to carry a died extra weight of 20/25 kgs, too much.

**UAE NF:** -

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**URU NF:** We believe that a weight of 70 kg stimulates higher average speeds and the participation of riders of very low weight, excluding many other riders of more standard weight who do it with great passion and who are left out because they are not competitive.

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**ARG NF:** Many Juniors at lower levels compete either on their own or supported by family members who also ride. So, crew support for most Junior riders is negligible. In addition, the body weight for many Juniors will be 40 to 50 kgs. Under the current rule these Juniors will require 10 to 20 kgs each of added weight. Frankly a 40kg Junior will struggle to lift a 20kg saddle with weight belts.

**NAM NF:** Juniors are new to the sport and are the future of our sport. Most of our Juniors weigh in around 40-50 kg, and with the current rule must load 10-20 kg dead weight to weigh in at 60 kg. We have lost a lot of Junior/Young riders to FEI participation due to this ruling.

**NZL NF:** In the interests of growth and sustainability the Endurance Sport needs to be seen as not just horse-friendly but rider-friendly. Young Riders/Juniors are often new to the sport and are the future of the sport. We need to encourage and grow the numbers of Young Riders/Juniors. Many Young Riders/Juniors at lower levels compete either on their

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**GBR NF:** The carrying of weights has a detrimental effect on horse welfare; athlete mental health. No other FEI discipline competes with weights. Please see attached supporting comment/rationale paper.

**JPN NF:** MINIMUM WEIGHTS rule creates an unfair competition for athletes. This rule might be considered that FEI has a negative view of each athlete's gender and their unique physique. This goes against current international trends and prevents the sport from gaining worldwide popularity. As stated in the preamble, "Horsemanship and Horse welfare are the core of endurance riding. Endurance is a test of the Athlete's ability to manage the Horse safely over an Endurance course. It is designed to test the stamina and fitness of the Athlete and Horse against the track, distance, terrain, climate, and clock, without compromising the welfare of the Horse."

"Endurance is a test of the Athlete's ability to manage the Horse safely over an Endurance course." We are concerned that the idea of MINIMUM WEIGHTS does not comply with the preamble. Therefore, Japan strongly believes that this rule should be removed.

#### Proposed Wording

**BRA NF & ESP NF** proposed '70 - 75 kg, as defined in the Schedule' for CEI 1\* and CEI 2\* / CEIO 1\* and CEIO 2\*.

**GER NF, ITA NF & UAE NF** proposed to decrease the weights.

**URU NF** proposed to increase the minimum weight for CEI 1\* and CEI 2\* / CEIO 1\* and CEIO 2\*.

**ARG NF, NAM NF & NZL NF** proposed to remove the minimum weight requirement for Young Rider/Junior Competitions and Championships.

**GBR NF & JPN NF** proposed to remove the minimum weight requirement in its entirety.

#### Comments Received by 16 August 2023

**GBR NF:** A number of other National Federations have made proposals to at least reduce the minimum weight particularly for Young Riders whose body weight will tend to be 40-50kg and under the current rule they will require 10-20kg each of added weight. A 40kg junior will likely struggle to lift a 20kg saddle with weight belt.

We note that the FEI have rejected the suggestions made by National Federations until further studies on minimum weight in relation to Horse welfare has been conducted. We welcome further clarity as to the nature of research to be undertaken and the associated timeframes We also note that we would not wish to wait until the next full endurance rule review in four years for implementation.

**EEF:** We mostly support the current the FEI feedback and appreciate to see more scientific research done in any area which might protect/affect Horse welfare to improve regulations, behaviours...

**FRA NF:** We do support the current the FEI feedback.

**IRL NF:** No Change. 1. It is illogical and dangerous to increase both weight and distance at the same time. It could be considered a welfare issue. 2. A free weight for Young Riders is dangerous based on the previous experience of National Federations. At a meeting of EEF it was agreed that a weight was necessary to prevent unhealthy habits in riders losing too much weight.

**NED NF:** We would like to suggest that a study will be performed concerning the minimum weight. As at competition the weight of the riders is measured, these data should be recorded for a longer period for data analysis. For example, to check which percentage of the riders need more than 10kgs of weight (including saddle etc.) to reach the minimum weight mentioned in the rules. This can be done as of 1-1-2024 to study the effectiveness of the rule changes in the past, and to propose new rules based on thorough analysis.

#### **FEI Feedback**

**GBR NF:** When the research is concluded we will be able to propose a change to NFs in any periodical rule revision year since this item will fall under 'Horse welfare'. We will reach out with clearer time frames in due time, however, please note that the committee that was assembled to look into several Horse welfare related items in Endurance is already active and has been meeting and outlining these studies.

**IRL NF:** The FEI is not proposing to increase weight nor distance at this point. We will be looking into this topic further.

**NED NF:** Your suggestion is well noted.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The IRL NF believe this rule is open to interpretation. As currently written, it is not necessary to weigh a rider at the finish. This could have a major influence on medal positions.</p> <p>It was originally intended that those riders whose bodyweight was higher than the minimum weight for the ride, on weighing out, did not need to weigh-in. It was never intended to be an excuse for not weighing in. As happened at a recent Championships.</p> <p>It is illogical to weight out at a competition and not weigh in. It is in conflict with Article 809.2</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Article 805.3.3</p> <p>Weight control must be carried out before the start of the Competition and <del>(if so requested by an FEI Official)</del> after the finish. Weight control inspections may also take place at random at any time during the Competition on request by an FEI Official.</p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The current system of weight control is working well and we believe that adding this requirement may be difficult to apply on the ground.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
811. PRE-RIDE BRIEFING
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The IRL NF believe that while this is declared as a mandatory attendance, there is no mandatory punishment for non-compliance.</p> <p>Additionally, Trainers are not always in attendance at a ride, hence the deletion. Unless a punishment exists, riders will continue with non-attendance at briefs.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Article 811.1</p> <p>For all CEIs, a pre-ride briefing must be conducted. Attendance is mandatory for all Athletes, <del>Trainers</del>, Chefs d’Equipe (if applicable), Officials, and Veterinarians. <b>Non-attendance will result in yellow card sanction.</b> Attendance is recommended but not required for Crew Members.</p> <p>Article 811.2</p> <p>For Championships (and test events for those Championships), the pre-ride briefing must be conducted in English. There are no mandatory language requirements for the pre-ride briefing at CEIs. <b>Attendance shall be mandatory in accordance with Article 811.1</b></p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>IRL NF:</b> There is no point in making a Pre-Ride briefing MANDATORY in the rules, if there are no consequences for non-attendance.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
It has been discussed with different Officials who manage different levels of events and we find it difficult and complicated to introduce a sanction. Attendance is mandatory as essential information is communicated and as much as possible, Officials try to have a log of attendance. We do not want to introduce a sanction.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
811. PRE-RIDE <i>BRIEFING</i>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The IRL NF propose a New Rule 811.3 as there is no set protocol for the scheduling of the Pre-Ride Briefing.</p> <p>The practice has been to conduct the Pre-Ride Brief after the Pre-Ride Vet Inspection. This Vet Inspection can be spread over a few hours. Logically the Pre-Ride Brief should be the starting point for a ride, where the ground rules and ride, specific instructions are given including the conduct of the Pre-Ride Vet Inspection. It is unreasonable to expect riders to hang around for 3 or 4 hours after they have completed the Pre-Ride Vet Inspection with an early start the following day.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>New Article 811.3</p> <p>The Pre-Ride Brief shall be held before the commencement of the Pre-Ride Veterinary Inspection.</p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We believe that the OC should not be restricted by this rule proposition, the way it is currently organised works well.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EEF, FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
812. VETERINARY CONTROL AND TREATMENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We do believe that on FEI 3* Championships the requirements of veterinary control and treatment deserve to be strengthened. On 3* championships only as on other FEI events the framework does not permit proper implementation and control.</p> <p>On 3* Championships all horses are on site sufficiently in advance, they can recover well from transport and get essential vet assistance prior to the 24 hours before the start of the course.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
On FEI 3* Championships intravenous and nasogastric fluids should not be administered within 24h of the start of the course.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The current rule in the Veterinary Regulations (Article 1060.4 (b)) states: for Endurance, intravenous (IV) and naso-gastric fluids must not be administered within 8 hours before the First Horse Inspection and not between the First Horse Inspection and the start of the first loop of the Competition, or between any phases of the Competition.</p> <p>Usually, the Pre-Ride Inspection takes place the afternoon on the day before the Ride. Therefore, in accordance to the above-mentioned Article, fluids cannot be administered past the morning before the Ride, which comes to 24 hours before the start of the Ride, as suggested above.</p> <p>FEI will commission a scientific study on fluid therapy for Horses in 2023. The outcomes of the study will be used to consider new rules and guidelines for fluid therapy. Changing the current rule ahead of the study results would be suboptimal.</p>



<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EEF, FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
813. FIELD OF PLAY (...) 813.1.2 Crew points (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Part of the learnings from Covid period restrictions is that 2 crew members per horse is the right and efficient rule to apply: care of the horse ensured, quietness for the horses, efficient control, fairness amongst competitors, image of the sport...
Only 2 with the horse at the same time, with the possibilities to have 2 persons at vet area and 2 different persons crewing on the race. For Championships and CEIO extra accesses should be given to team staff.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
A maximum of 2 persons per horse are allowed to crew a horse at the same time. For Championships and CEIO up to 2 extra accesses without crewing functions are provided to the national team staff: vet, chef d'équipe, farrier.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Currently, the OC's are indicating on the Draft Schedule the number of Crew Members allowed at the venue, and this is working very well. We do not feel the need to introduce such a rule at this point.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
BRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
813. FIELD OF PLAY
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
It is very difficult in regular CEIs for training centres when they have ten horses competing to change the bib numbers all the time if they have only 10 grooms to take care of all ten horses. It is very expensive also for the OCs to provide these bips.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
At all times on the Field of Play, at Championships the Athlete and Horse in a Combination, and the Crew Members assisting that Combination, must be identified with the same number which must be clearly visible from a distance.
At regular CEIs the OC should provide bips with f.e. groom written on it and when the combination FTQ the bip of the rider and 4 Groom bips should be given back to the OC.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
This is the organisational matter and the current rule stipulates the need to be able to identify people in the Field of Play and those entering the Vetting Area. We do not agree with this proposed change.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
814. LOOPS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
In order to encourage safe and smart riding, we proposed to lengthen the final loop at Championships in order to deter a full gallop at the finish.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
814.4.2 The length of each Loop may vary (i.e., Loops do not have to be of an equal length). Each Loop must be a minimum of 20 km and a maximum of 40 km in length. <b>For Championships, the final Loop must be a minimum of 25 km and a maximum of 40 km in length.</b>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<p><b>ARG NF:</b> We believe that doing a last loop of more than 25 km in a Championship is very demanding for the horses and goes against the welfare of the horse.</p> <p><b>AUS NF:</b> Disagree with the FEI Proposed rule change - that <b>For Championships the final Loop must be a minimum of 25km and a maximum of 40km in length</b> – Why change for last loop, it should stay as it is in the current FEI Endurance rules effective 1st of January 2023.</p> <p><b>IRL NF:</b> It is proposed that the introduction of a 25Km minimum final loop, will only delay the final gallop by 5Km it will not stop it. The only effective way to reduce a flat-out gallop at the finish is to reduce the presentation time and if really serious about it reduce the HR to 60BPM. This is proposed for Championships only in the FEI suggested 816.6.1 amendment.</p> <p><b>NED NF:</b> Changing the minimum loop length for the last loop of a championship from 20 to 25 km does not bring any advantage in the case of a senior championship. With 6 loops the average loop length is 26,7 km. Having only 2 loops of 38 kms which is quite common if the Championship is in a natural environment, with a last loop of 25 km's the three remaining loops will be 20 kms which will increase the speed. Checking the FEI database reveals that, regardless the length of the last loop, the riders will choose for higher speed in order to win the competition. In this regard it would be beneficial to leave the minimum length of the last loop at 20 km. Furthermore, this is an extra handicap for organisations to manage the loops. Is there any data available to support this proposed change?</p> <p><b>UAE NF</b> recommends that the present rule be maintained because increasing the final loop will compromise the welfare of horses.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We withdraw our proposal to increase minimum distance of last Loop for Championships.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
GER NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
814. LOOPS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
814.4.4 Subject to Article 814.4.3, each Competition must have the following minimum number of Loops, depending on the total length of the course for that competition: Length of course / Minimum number of Loops 100-119km / Three 120-139km / Four 140-160km CEI 3* / Five 160km 3* Championship / Six
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Length of course / Minimum number of Loops <del>90</del> -119 km / Three 120-139km / Four 140-160km CEI 3* / <del>Six</del> ! → Exception 140km Five Loops! (In exceptional cases with justification) 160km 3* Championship / Six
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Currently, the wording of the article states 'minimum number of loops' which means that you can already organise a CEI3* on 6 Loops. A clear explanation to justify this change was not presented. We do not agree with this proposal.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ARG NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
816. VET GATES 816.5 Horse Inspections (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Regarding the OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS those who operate the hearts rate monitors could be national veterinarians, advanced students or experienced stewards, all of them previously qualified by the NF and under the supervision of the president of the veterinary jury. This point facilitates the organization added to lower costs and does not affect the quality of the control and management of the horse.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
816.5.2 The Organising Committee must indicate in the Draft Schedule that is submitted to the FEI whether a one or two-phase veterinary inspection will be performed at the Competition, determining in that document the Officials who will be in charge of the heart rate monitors, being able to choose between national vets, advanced students or experienced stewards.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal, as we feel that it would be complicated to control and could be problematic in cases where Athletes object that the Heart Rate procedure was not executed properly.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
816. VET GATES 816.5 Horse Inspections (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Very costly to the OC to install two heart rate machine & set up at both stages.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
For the final inspection, the Horse must proceed to the <b>Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarian</b> and then proceed to the designated veterinarian for other assessments to the vet lane.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
To clarify, we do not require that the OC needs to install the Heart Rate (HR) monitor screens at both stages. Finishing Horses must go directly to the Veterinarian on the line because if the HR parameter is higher than the allowed maximum, the confirmation needs to be done immediately. We do not agree with this proposal.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
816. VET GATES 816.6 Heart rate assessment
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We propose that for Championships the maximum recovery time of each loop is 10 minutes (except for the last loop), in order to eliminate Horses that are having a hard time recovering and therefore strengthening the welfare parameters.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
816.6.1 For all Events (regardless of star level), Horses must be presented for a heart rate assessment with a heart rate of no more than:  (a) 64 beats per minute (bpm) within 15 minutes of crossing the end line of each Loop (except the final Loop), <b>except for Championships, 60 bpm within 10 minutes of crossing the end line of each Loop (except the final Loop)</b> ; and  (b) 64 bpm within 20 minutes of crossing the finish line of the final Loop, <b>except for Championships, 60 bpm within 12 minutes of crossing the finish line of the final Loop</b> .
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>ARG NF:</b> We believe that the rules with which a Combination qualifies to go to a Championship should be maintained. It is necessary to take into account the horses that must change the continent, the climate, carry out quarantine, etc. to compete in a Championship. It seems unfair to us to continue complicating things for Athletes who do things the right way.
<b>AUS NF:</b> Disagree with the FEI Proposed rule change. <u>Rationale:</u> it is too confusing - it should stay as it is in the current FEI Endurance Rules effective 1st of January 2023.
<b>EEF:</b> Despite the purpose behind the proposal is fair we do see those changes as a too drastic evolutions and the real problems. We also like to say that the current rules have already been strengthened over the years. Welfare of the horses who receive "special unauthorized medication" or benefit from "defaulting controls" to succeed the assessment, is much more at stake than the welfare of any other who fairly pass the assessment with the current condition. Above all, we strongly encourage FEI to boost solutions which would directly tackle the main problems when it comes to the correlation between horses overridden and hearth rate consequence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Antidoping efficiency: quality and quantity of controls</li> <li>- Hearth rate device reliability</li> <li>- Officials' ethic</li> <li>- Disciplinary sanctions taking into account important specificities of the endurance discipline</li> </ul>
<b>FRA NF:</b> We do not support the current proposal and encourage to keep the current rules. The current rules, when strictly implemented, already avoid having horses going through if they have hard time due to inappropriate speed compared to his capacities. The ones who have hard time when it comes to horse welfare are the ones who receive "special unauthorized medication" or benefit from defaulting hearth rate control, which lower drastically the heart rate and easily pass through the current assessment and would do the same with the proposed one. The current proposal is not addressing those ones but do affect the current horses fairly cared and ridden with the required horsemanship. Strengthening disciplinary sanctions in case of doping, strengthening doping controls in terms of quality and quantity, implementing rules to avoid hearth rate control devices fixing, implementing rules to decrease possibility of cheating from officials... would be more efficient.

**ITA NF:** We believe that a good compromise could be 15 minutes for (b).

**KSA NF & KUW NF** suggest maintaining the current regulation.

**NED NF:** We don't agree with the addition for championships to lower the bpm to 60 within 10 minutes of crossing the line of each loop (except the final loop). We have looked at data of several competitions and our conclusion is that these rules for championships will have a very limited effect, most probably it will lead to a slightly higher average presentation time, but it will not lower the speeds during the loops. The proposed rules will give more advantage to horse owners/riders of horses with a genetically good heart; The competition result will be less dependent on the training capacities of the riders. The Championship in Vic 2022 was a good example of how the inspection of the horses should be during the competition. Good instructions for vets how to act.

**UAE NF** recommends that the present rule be maintained for the following reasons:

- The amendment was not brought up or discussed at the FEI Sport Forum 2023, so stakeholders were not able to provide feedback.
- UAE NF is committed to the welfare of horses and riders, and it believes that the best way to ensure the safety of the sport is to carefully consider all of the research before making any rule changes to avoid negative consequences for the sport of endurance.

**USA NF:** This proposal is too demanding and exclusive as it would probably exclude Horses with a normal recovery, well trained and fit to continue but stressed by the championship environment. Such low pulse and short recovery times would not necessarily strengthen Horse welfare but would for sure cause the elimination of the ones who, by their physiology and metabolism, don't have exceptional recovery times although being in perfect conditions to continue. Additionally, it is complicated to impose at Championships rules which have not been applied during qualification rides as it may be difficult for the Athletes to predict the recovery under new rules, the knowledge of the Horse being a key aspect of the Endurance. The below concerns are specifically regarding the first Vet Gate check:

1. Horses are excited and have heavy adrenalin flow, often taking longer than normal to recover.
2. First vet checks are often very crowded as there is not enough distance to spread out arrivals.
3. Not every rider has a crew to assist in removing tack and cooling horses especially if the horses are excited and more attention is needed to control them as opposed to cooling etc.
4. How will this affect the organizing committee? How many more vets will be required to accommodate rechecks, especially in the early parts of the event which seem to be the most chaotic and crowded.

**IRL NF:** This relates to 814.4.2 above and is an attempt to improve overall welfare which is applauded. The proposal is agreed with and to provide continuity and commonality of ride rules it is suggested that the new parameters should be applied to all rides.

#### **FEI Feedback**

We withdraw our proposal to change the heart rate parameters and presentation times for Championships.



<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
NED NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
818. COURSE DESIGN, TERRAIN, AND SAFETY
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We should assist in creating a technically challenging course across country (within the limits of the terrain and weather conditions) that will test the stamina and riding skills of the Combinations, without compromising the welfare of the Horses. Less flat courses to reduce the speed in the competition. Championships should be held as a technical course.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
The course of a championship may not be held on flat course, but should be a technical course.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>NED NF:</b> We insist on creating a technically challenging course across country (within the limits of the terrain and weather conditions) that will test the stamina and riding skills of the combinations, without compromising the welfare of the horses. Technical courses to reduce the speed in the competition. Championships should be held as a technical course.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<b>NED NF:</b> We reiterate our response to your first proposal and maintain our position that some courses could be flat with no altitude change, but remain technically challenging due to turns and varied terrain.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
822. ASSISTANCE ON COURSE & FAIR PLAY (...) 822.5 Prohibited assistance (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Eco responsibility We would like FEI to avoid waste of water “manufactured within new bottles” for human consumption and plastic. As a concrete example of what is currently observable: (10 bottles / horse / crewing point) x 6 loops x 4 crewing points/loop = 240 bottles / 1 horse
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
822.5.8 Using mineral-spring water bottles in new bottles to cool horses is prohibited.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We believe that OCs can make such restrictions in their events through the published Schedule in order to adhere with local water restrictions, etc. There is also a reference to the sustainability handbook for event organisers in our Draft Schedules to encourage sustainability at events.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ARG NF, URU NF, NED NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
823. DRESS CODE
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>ARG NF:</b> Include t-shirts since there are currently numerous designs with the elegance according to the event and not just a polo shirt with a collar.</p> <p><b>URU NF:</b> Due to the different countries with very different climates, some with very hot weather, we consider athletes can wear an appropriate T Shirt making it comfortable to ride.</p> <p><b>NED NF:</b> In article 823.1 is mentioned that every athlete must wear appropriate team or individual riding attire (including a shirt or polo shirt with a collar) while on the Field of Play and during the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, opening and closing ceremonies, Best Condition Award, and prize-giving ceremonies. Not every official is looking at this in the same way. This should be treated the same way at every event by every official.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>ARG NF &amp; URU NF:</b> 823.2.1 Athletes must wear appropriate team or individual riding attire (including a shirt, polo shirt with a collar <b>or t-shirt</b>) while on the Field of Play and during the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, opening and closing ceremonies, Best Condition Award, and prize-giving ceremonies.</p> <p><b>NED NF:</b> 823.2.1 Athletes must wear appropriate team or individual riding attire (including a shirt or polo shirt with a collar with or without turn-up) while on the Field of Play and during the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection, opening and closing ceremonies, Best Condition Award, and prize-giving ceremonies.</p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We believe that its best left to Officials on the ground to determine the appropriateness of the dress codes in relation to weather condition. The current rule allows for polo shirts with short sleeves.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
824. DYES AND SKIN CREAMS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Henna is a natural material extracted from plants used to keep horses' limbs from salty soil and the high humidity which can cause big damage to the skin. thus, the use of henna is to protect the health and safety of horses.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Dyes ( <b>excluding henna</b> ) may not be used on the Horse at any time on the Field of Play as it may obstruct the veterinary inspection and identification of the Horse. Barrier cream or other topical skin cream may be used on the Horse, provided that it is removed before presentation for Horse Inspections or at the request of any Veterinarian or Official anywhere on the Field of Play. Failure to comply with this provision will result in Disqualification.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal for the reasons already mentioned in the rule itself 'obstruacts the veterinary inspection and identification of the Horse.'

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
BRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
826. MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETES AND TRAINERS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Endurance is a family sport, where parents and children participate together from a very early age on.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Art.826.1 A person may participate as an Athlete in an Endurance Event from 1 January in the year when this person reaches the age of 12.  The BRA NF would welcome the Children’s category 12 to 14 years also for Endurance as described in the General Rules for other disciplines.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>NED NF:</b> The junior period is quite short, a junior rider having only one horse is not able to enter a championship at 14 years given the current qualification criteria. In order to be able to join regional or world championships with their own horse, it would be a good idea to start the junior career at 12 years. Up to 14 years old they have to be guided during competitions by an adult rider.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<b>NED NF:</b> We maintain our position that the NF may start Athletes at age of 12. In the year the Athlete turns 14, they can start their novice career. With recent relaxations to qualifications criteria, Athletes should be able to maintain these goals. The Young Rider/Junior category is multi-disciplinary, this would require a change in the GRs.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
831. SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The IRL NF note that this rule is at variance with previous rules and needs a small clarification.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Article 831. SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION  A 'successful completion' of a Competition means that the Combination finished all of the Phases of the course in accordance with the applicable course requirements (maximum allotted time, correct order without short cuts, no prohibited assistance, etc), passed all of the Horse Inspections, complied with minimum weight requirements <b>on weighing out, during the competition and at the finish</b> and any applicable speed restrictions, did not withdraw or retire, was not designated as 'Failed to Qualify', was not Disqualified during or after the Competition, and complied with any applicable Mandatory Out of Competition Period(s).
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>IRL NF:</b> Rules 805.3.3 and 831 contradict each other. It is illogical to weigh people out and not weight them in. If it is accepted that it is impossible for an OC to weigh in riders after a ride, then we are effectively into a free weight competition. The, "if requested" in 805.3.3 was to allow for those riders whose body weight without tack exceeded the minimum body weight for the ride.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<b>IRL NF:</b> We do not agree that they are contradictory. For an Athlete that is well above the minimum weight in body weight alone (no tack), Officials may not feel the need to 'weigh him out'. We maintain our position that the current rules and wording is working well and sufficient.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
832. NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The IRL NF note that this rule is to ensure that riders and horses gain some experience before entering a CEI 1* competition. As currently written, a horse and rider can do these qualifiers at 1KPH (technically) which makes a mockery of the intentions / purpose of the Qualifying process.</p> <p>It is illogical to qualify a horse for CEI 1* 100km by using a multiday ride over shorter distances. Equally it is illogical to qualify a horse over a shorter distance at a lower speed than it will experience in a CEI 1*.</p> <p>Most OCs will have a minimum speed of 12KPH in the ride schedule. The old adage is do not increase Distance and Speed at the same time.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Article 832.3 Novice qualification procedure:</p> <p>Horses and Athletes must have successfully completed (not necessarily as a Combination) two novice rides of 40-79 km (in one day) and two novice rides of 80-100 km each restricted to a speed of <b>not less than 12 km/hour and</b> no more than 16 km/hour (calculated in accordance with Article 838.2). The required 80-100 km rides <del>may</del><b>must</b> be completed <del>either as (i) two single-day events, or (ii) one single-day event and one multi-day event (for the multi-day event, 40-50km must be completed per day for two consecutive days at the same Competition).</del> All qualifying novice rides must be completed within a two-year period.</p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We do not agree with this proposal, as we do not see the benefit of the minimum speed restriction for a qualifying ride especially for Young Horses as we are already proposing to limit the first CEI1* for 6-year-olds. Furthermore, there is no minimum speed set out in CEI rides.</p> <p>Should you feel the need to add such a restriction, you can do so in your national rides as they are governed by the national rules.</p>

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
NOR NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
832. NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>On completion of its Novice Qualifications a Horse may compete in a CEI 1*. This represents an increase of 25% in distance from 80 Km to 100 Km. It must also carry 70 Kg in a CEI 1*. For many horses these are big challenges.</p> <p>In the Novice Qualifications there is an upper speed limit. However, there is no minimum speed limit, so a horse could qualify at 6KPH which is a little over normal walking speed. The minimum speed that a CEI 1* will be run at is 10 KPH.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
That the second 80 Km of the Novice Qualification is run at a minimum speed of 10 KPH over one day. To allow a horse to increase distance and speed at the same time could be considered a welfare issue.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal, however we do propose to limit the speed for 6-year-olds on their first CEI1* to 16km/hr. National Federations should be able to identify Horses that are not fit to qualify into the CEI rides, and have the responsibility to observe that.



<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
832. NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS (...) 832.4 Exemptions from novice qualification requirements (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We offer to return the wording existed before 2020.</p> <p>In Endurance Rules 2019 there was an Article 816.1.4: <i>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.</i></p> <p>In Endurance Rules effective 1 January 2020 there was an Article 832.1.4: <i>For 8 years old Horses and older, dispensation of art. 832.1.2 and 832.1.3 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.</i></p> <p>In Endurance Rules effective 1 July 2020, the required distance of 240 km was suddenly changed to 480 km in Article 832.4.</p> <p>We believe that this requirement to double the distance from 240 km to 480 km is <b>not reasonable</b>, because it means that an athlete or a horse is required to complete <b>6 competitions</b> of 80 km, while an athlete or a horse can complete the regular novice requirement of just <b>4 competitions</b> (2 x 40 km + 2 x 80 km = 240 km in total) which is much easier.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>832.4.2 The Horse will be granted an exemption from the novice qualifications if (i) it is eight years or older at the time of the request, and (ii) in the three years prior to the request it has successfully completed a cumulative minimum of <b>240</b> km in Competitions <del>over distances</del> of 80 km <b>or more</b>, including at least one competition of 80 km or more at the age of eight or older.</p> <p>832.4.3 The Athlete will be granted an exemption from the novice qualifications if the Athlete has successfully completed a cumulative minimum of <b>240</b> km in Competitions <del>over</del> 80 km or more in the three years prior to the request.</p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We do not agree with this suggestion. Since we are proposing that the qualification window is extended from 24 months to 36 months, it will facilitate the process of obtaining novice qualifications in countries where there are less events held. A 240km distance is equal to the current minimum required distance for novice (40+40+80+80km).</p>

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ARG NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
This qualification procedure has become too restrictive and directly affects not only the development of the sport but even its subsistence. To assist these riders to qualify the proposal is to have to complete one CEI2* and one CEI 3* with the combination requirement removed.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Article 833 CEI QUALIFICATIONS Article 833.3 The qualification procedure for CEI star level is set out below: 833.3.1 No Change 833.3.2 CEI 2*: Athletes and horses are qualified to compete at the 2* level once they have successfully completed one CEI1* within a two-year period of the 2* start. 833.3.3 CEI 3*: Athletes and horses may only compete at the CEI 3* level if they are qualified. To so qualify, they must have successfully completed one CEI 2*. (except for Athletes with Elite status, see Article 861). All within a two-year period.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal. There has already been a relaxation approved in last year's rule revision by removing the requirement for consecutive successful rides.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ECU NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Change Article 833.3.2 modify the section where a rider needs to do 2 CEI1 * in order to ride in a CEI2* to just one CEI1* as a requirement.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal. There has already been a relaxation approved in last year's rule revision by removing the requirement for consecutive successful rides.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ECU NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Change Article 833.3.3 the section where it's a requirement to do at least one (1) CEI 2* in the horse you will participate on a CEI3*.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal. There has already been a relaxation approved in last year's rule revision by removing the requirement for consecutive successful rides.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Allow difficult rides such as Mountain rides to be qualify with a lower distance.</p> <p>Mountain and difficult rides are slowly dying and being removed from Endurance as they pose a greater challenge to Athlete and Horses with more resting time required due to higher efforts on both, while awarding the same as flat rides. They are also the rides that best protect horses by reducing drastically the speed at which they can go. As such, we think it would be very positive for these rides to be given an advantage to return them to the centre stage, by lowering the number of kilometres needed for their completion depending on their altitude differentials and difficulty (i.e., a 1* of 90km instead of 100km)</p> <p>Difficult rides protect Horse Welfare and are at the roots of Endurance. We must make sure they do not keep disappearing and we recognize the effort of finishing them is in line with flat rides.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We find several difficulties in implementing this. While we agree that mountain rides are important for the discipline and encourage their continuance, in order to apply such a rule, other types of challenging terrain must be taken into account. Linking the difficulty of terrain to the qualification level changes the current classification which is linked to distances. We do not agree with this proposal.</p>

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We believe that the requirement to repeat the novice qualification if Athletes and Horses did not complete the CEI1* level within two years is not reasonable.</p> <p>Athletes and Horses have already completed 4 competitions in Novice qualification, which means that they already know how to ride properly. There can be a lot of reasons why athletes and horses do not compete for a few years, and such a requirement to make the novice qualification again will increase the costs of sport for riders.</p> <p>Also, we believe that the requirement to wait one year for horses after the successful completion of their first novice ride is not reasonable. Provided that the age of a horse is 6 years or above, such a horse should be allowed to compete for CEI1* right after completing full novice qualification and after the required mandatory rest period.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>833.3.1 CEI 1*: Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 1* level once they have successfully completed all the novice qualifications, <del>but no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) after the successful completion of their first novice ride. Athletes and Horses must successfully complete a CEI 1* within two years of qualifying for the CEI 1* level. If they fail to do so, they will lose their CEI 1* qualification and must update their novice qualifications to re-qualify for the CEI 1* level.</del></p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>We do not agree with this proposal. The time limit starts from the first successful ride. The current time frame is not unreasonable considering the training and rest periods that these young Horses require.</p>

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The IRL NF note that the current interpretation of this rule by the is not in line with the standard used for CEI Horses and Riders.</p> <p>Currently a rider or horse that does not achieve CEI 1* status within the two- year period, has to do the full Novice Qualification again (all four qualifying rides). While a CEI horse has to do one at a lower level. See 835.5 below</p> <p>835.5 If an Athlete or Horse fails to revalidate a qualification within the period set out in Article 835.1 (and so drops down a level), to regain the expired qualification the Athlete or Horse must successfully complete one Competition at the lower level.</p> <p>The proposed amendment is in line with the standard applied to CEI horses and is much fairer to those who are unlucky enough not to have achieved CEI 1* status in the prescribed period.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Article 833.3.1</p> <p><b>CEI 1*:</b> Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 1* level once they have successfully completed all the novice qualifications, but no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) after the successful completion of their first novice ride. Athletes and Horses must successfully complete a CEI 1* within two years of qualifying for the CEI 1* level. If they fail to do so, they will lose their CEI 1* qualification and must update their novice qualifications, <b>successfully completing one 80-100km ride in accordance with Article 832.3</b> to re-qualify for the CEI 1* level.</p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The Athlete/Horse as per the current rules, do not need to re-do their entire novice qualifying rides, but only those that had dropped out of the qualification window (currently two years). The current wording says 'must update their novice qualifications' which is sufficient. Therefore, we do not propose new wording.</p>

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ITA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We think that it sufficient one ride to pass the next level, even also because the difference of kms it's very small, only 20 kms from CEI 1* to 2*.</p> <p>Instead for the 3 * we propose that the first 3* event have to be at capped speed, not more than 18 km/h (APPLICABLE ONLY FOR HORSES).</p> <p>No need to qualify as combination. (In this way the only result is that a lot of horses have to do more and more races in order to qualify with different riders)</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>833.3.2 <b>CEI 2*</b>: Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 2* level once they have successfully completed <del>two</del><b>one</b> CEI 1* within a two-year period.</p> <p>833.3.3 <b>CEI 3*</b>: Athletes and Horses <del>may only are qualified to compete at the CEI 3* level if they are qualified as a Combination. To so qualify, they must have successfully completed (i) two CEI 2*, and (ii) one CEI 2* together as a Combination (except for Athletes with Elite Status, see Article 861), all within a two-year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).</del> are qualified to compete at the CEI 3* level once they have successfully completes one CEI 2* within a of two-year period.</p> <p>The horse first 3* event have to be race at no more than 18 kmh</p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal. There has already been a relaxation approved in last year's rule revision by removing the requirement for consecutive successful rides.



<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ARG NF, ITA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
834. COMPETING AT CEI EVENTS ONCE QUALIFIED
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
ARG NF & ITA NF proposed to remove Article 834.2 in order to make the qualification criteria easier.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<del>834.2 If the Athlete and Horse are both individually qualified for the CEI 3* level, but in other Combinations (i.e., with other partners), they have to successfully complete one CEI 2* as a Combination to compete together in a CEI 3*. (Further to Article 833.3.3, Athletes with Elite Status are exempt from this Combination requirement).</del>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with the proposal of eliminating the Article.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
836. CHAMPIONSHIPS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The IRL NF note that most riders are lucky to have 1 x 3*** horse, so do not have access to a second horse for qualifying purposes.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Article 836.1.2 (b)  that ride <del>(or one of those two rides)</del> must have (i) been a single-day event over the same distance as the Championship <del>(or greater distance)</del> , and (ii) taken place prior to, but no more than two years prior to, the deadline for Nominated Entries for the Championship or 60 days prior to the Championship (whichever comes first).
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not see the need to cross out the above.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
BRA NF, URU NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
837. CONSEQUENCES FOR REPEATED FTQ AND/OR DSQ DESIGNATIONS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS EXCEEDING 20 KM/HOUR
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>BRA NF:</b> After two consecutive eliminations with average speed over 20km/h a horse may need a rest and a lower speed competition to physically recover, but this does not apply to necessarily to the rider. With the tendency of faster and flatter trails, being eliminated with a speed of over 20km/h does not necessarily mean that there is something wrong with the rider (he might just try to be competitive).</p> <p><b>URU NF:</b> We agree and understand the spirit or feeling of this article but we do not think that it is correct to take 20 km/ h for every situation, not considering the different sceneries and or geographical conditions. It is very hard to reach 20 km/n in highlands or rough stony terrains but in lowlands and smooth grounds, reaching this speed does not mean that the horse will be ended exhausted. In the other hand in relation with riders’ penalties, we find competitors who do not exceed the average speed, do not qualify in many competitions and do not get a restriction speed penalty and those who achieve excellent results and only fail to qualify in a few competitions at high speed and are penalized.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>If an <del>Athlete or</del> a Horse (<del>in any Combination</del>) is designated as Failed to Qualify (FTQ) or Disqualified (DSQ) at a number of Competitions within a one-year rolling period, and the average speed of the <del>Athlete or</del> Horse over the course at each of those Competitions exceeded 20 km/hour, the consequences (and conditions for lifting the speed restriction) set out in the table below will apply to the <del>Athlete and</del> Horse in question:</p> <p>OR</p> <p>If an <del>Athlete or</del> a Horse (<del>in any Combination</del>) is designated as Failed to Qualify (FTQ) or Disqualified (DSQ) at a number of Competitions within a one-year rolling period, and the average speed of the Athlete or Horse over the course at each of those Competitions exceeded 22 km/hour, the consequences (and conditions for lifting the speed restriction) set out in the table below will apply to the Athlete and Horse in question:</p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal, as it is the Athlete who determines the speed of the horse. Successive DSQ and FTQ for the horse at a higher speed should alert the Athlete that they must take it slow.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>	
GER NF	
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>	
839. MANDATORY OUT OF COMPETITION PERIODS (...) 839.2 Additional MOOCP:	
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>	
839.2.1 In addition to the period set out in Article 839.1, the following Mandatory Out of Competition Periods and other consequences will apply where the following circumstances occur at an FEI Event or National Event (where more than one of the circumstances below apply, the additional Mandatory Out of Competition Periods will be cumulative):	
<b>Incident</b>	<b>Additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period and other consequences</b>
Third (or subsequent) FTQ-GA (Failure to Qualify – irregular gait) in a rolling year	a) 180-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period; and b) Horse must undergo a specific examination protocol before being eligible to compete in any FEI Events or National Events (the protocol for this examination is set out in Annex 7).
Disqualification for Hyposensitivity	4 weeks (28 days)
<b>Proposed Wording</b>	
Incident: Disqualification for Hyposensitivity Additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period and other consequences: <b>8 weeks (56 days)</b>	
<b>Incident: Third subsequent FTQ-GA (Failure to Qualify – irregular gait) in a rolling year</b>	
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>	
N/A	
<b>FEI Feedback</b>	
We are looking for further scientific data in relation to current MOOCPs, so no changes will be done at this stage.	

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EEF, FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
843. INVITATIONS (...) 843.5 Expenses & privileges (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
We would highlight that entry fees on CEIs and Championships are sometimes significantly raised. Even if a proportionate system between entry fees and prize money would be interesting to work on, we would at least recommend to emphasise in the rules on the need to fixe “reasonable” amounts of entry fees. With this addition in the rules, FEI Endurance department could also have more rules support to mitigate with OCs. The below wording proposal corresponds to a recent change in FEI Driving rules.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
The Organising Committee may charge each Athlete/Horse or Team a reasonable fee for entry into the Championship(s) provided that any such fee is included in the schedule.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The current wording as presented is problematic as there must be a clear way of determining what a reasonable entry fee is. However, the FEI actively discusses this with potential OCs with the aim of keeping Championships accessible.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ITA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
844. ENTRIES (...) 844.3 Deadlines for Nominated and Definite Entries (...)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Horses is a particular Championships at which the participation is kind of “open” as NFs participate just with individuals and not with an Official Team.</p> <p>Horses should be authorized to compete at the Championship with the one and only requirement of the proper qualification/eligibility.</p> <p>Besides, since the invitation is generally open (the number of NFs is unlimited and there’s not a limited number of horses per NF) the conditions established by the FEI GRs art. 116.2 regarding the requirements for the nominate entries seem unapplicable to this event and thus restrictive and penalising.</p> <p>Last but not least it is in the interest of the Discipline that any young horse fulfilling the eligibility requirement/qualification can be entered by the NFs at any time before the definite entries’ deadline.</p> <p>Please note that in Dressage and Jumping there is “studbook” concept of participation rather than NF’s – the Jumping schedule besides read the definite entries only as the only one for entries.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>844.3 Deadlines for Nominated and Definite Entries:</b></p> <p>844.3.1 For Championships and World Equestrians Games:</p> <p>(a) Nominated Entries and Definite Entries must be made in accordance with the FEI General Regulations. All reserve Horses must be on the Nominated Entries list.</p> <p><b>b) the Nominated entries requirements/deadline do not apply to Ch - M – YH, event for which only the FEI Qualification Criteria and the Definite entries conditions will apply.</b></p> <p>(b) Where a National Federation has made a Nominated Entry of a team and finds that it will be unable to send a team, it must immediately inform the OC.</p> <p>(c) After the Definite Entries have been sent in, substitutions of Horses and/or Athletes may only be made in exceptional circumstances and with the express permission of the OC (see Article 846). Substitutions can only be made with duly entered Athlete/Horses from the Nominated Entries list.</p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The Nominated Entries concept is contained in the FEI GRs (Article 116.2) so this proposed change would require a change to the GRs.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EEF, FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
848. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>EEF &amp; FRA NF:</b> In order to better cost control, we would suggest to leave to FEI HQ the full designation of Foreign Judge and Foreign Vet Delegate but to apply the “Proposal by OC, subject to FEI approval” for all other designation. FEI HQ would still have the power to oppose an OC proposal for any reason including addressing a specific negative report on the OC or the specific Official, but for the big majority of shows it would simplify the process of composition of ground jury and avoid unnecessary raise of travel costs.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Appointment by FEI HQ at CEI3*: Foreign Judge and Foreign Vet Delegate, only.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal. The current rule is working well. We liaise closely with OCs and NFs when selecting panels. This gives us the flexibility to change Officials in key positions at venues that have been problematic.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
862. BEST CONDITION AWARD ANNEX 2: FEI GUIDELINES FOR BEST CONDITION AWARD
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The guidelines of this award are never totally observed. Only minimal straight out and back is performed, when a figure eight is engaged we too often see a horse not totally fit which does not produce good pictures. When performed on the last day, or the day after this award hinders from complete recovery manoeuvres and may compromise the welfare of the horse. When performed on the day of the competition just after the final horse inspection, it helps to improve the fairness of the best condition award inspection.</p> <p>The current system does not prevent that a PR likes to participate to this award with an unfit horse. On recent championships and 3* events the PGJ were obliged to make a draw to nominate best condition examining vets. The whole team being reluctant. We propose a one place, one time one panel award.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>The 10 first horses or the horses arrived in the first hour are inspected and voted by a panel for metabolic, scored Pass/fail and scored A/B/C aside. A is very good, B passable, and C insufficient. They are inspected for gate and scored Pass/Fail and A/B/C on the same way. These scores are secret and communicated to a member of Ground Jury. The first placed Horse scored AA, if any, is the winner of the best condition award.</p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We understand the vision behind the proposal, however feel that the OC should have some flexibility in organising the Best Condition award.



<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EST NF, UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 3: ELIMINATION CODES
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>EST NF:</b> We offer to introduce additional Elimination Codes to exactly describe the metabolic reasons for elimination. For example, FTQ-ME-Pulse for Heart Rate above 64 bpm and FTQ-ME-Sound for bad Gut Sounds, etc.</p> <p><b>UAE NF:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Add a disqualification code for hyposensitivity control system examination in ELIMINATION CODES in Endurance rule, so it will be easy to reflect such disqualification cases automatically in the results and the consequences once it's received from the timing system. This will enable all concerned to keep track of disqualifications as the additional rest period for hyposensitivity is 28 days (refer FEI rules Art. 839.2.1).</li> <li>2. Add Disqualification code for a horse who is not appearing to be physically fit, basically Poor physical condition, even though the vital &amp; metabolic signs are good.</li> </ol>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>1. DSQ-Hypo</b> A Combination is Disqualified in accordance with Article 839.2.1</p> <p><b>2. FTQ – Poor Bad Condition</b></p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<p><b>NED NF:</b> The proposal of NF EST to show more detailed elimination codes describing the metabolic reason for elimination would be beneficial for showing transparency in our discipline, and could promote the way horse welfare is applied by the very strict veterinary inspections. Showing that Metabolic elimination for example can mean that the horse is taken out of the competition for a heartrate that is e.g., 1 pulse above the maximum (FTQ-ME-Pulse) gives another idea than just 'FTQ-ME'.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p><b>NED NF:</b> With the current codes that we have, we still have many difficulties with Officials and timing providers applying them correctly. The data is stored with timing providers and displayed on the vet cards which gives more details into the elimination.</p>

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EEF, FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION PART A: VETERINARY CONTROL
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>EEF &amp; FRA NF:</b> To improve the set-up of some venues in regards to efficiency, security and misused of pictures without proper context details we would recommend to define more clearly the requirements of treatment stables’ location and access management.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Treatment stables must be away from the public area, but close to the veterinary inspection area. The access has to be regulated.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal as some venues may not be able to do this, but could still find a set up that is appropriate for Horses and Officials.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ITA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION 9.3 <b>Heart rate assessment procedure</b> (f) Determining whether the Horse's heart rate complies with the maximum heart rate parameters
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The protocol dramatically raises the quantity of 1-minute measurements during vet-checks, creating long queues and damaging competitiveness, since horses with high heart rates can enter the vet-gate and wait in line for their measurement. This is also detrimental to Horse welfare because those who waited to be measured will have less time to rest after the exam. This rule no helps the behaviour of horses, for example: a horse stays at 62 bpm for 28 seconds and after goes to 65 bpm until 60 seconds. in this way it fails the inspection. Better to insert Compulsory Re-inspection with a +8 or higher CRI
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
(i) The Horse's heart rate will be measured for a minimum of 15 seconds and a maximum of 60 seconds <del>at 15-second intervals.</del>
(ii) If at any <del>of these 15-second intervals</del> <del>moment after the first 15 seconds</del> , the heart rate reading complies with the maximum heart rate parameter, then the reading may be recorded and the inspection completed. <del>15 (or less) beats within the first 15 seconds, which would be the equivalent of 60bpm (or less) at 60 seconds, 32 beats (or less) within 30 seconds or 48 beats (or less) within 45 seconds, or 64 beats (or less) within 60 seconds).</del>
<del>(iii) If the heart rate reading at the above mentioned intervals are greater than their corresponding values of the maximum heart rate parameter, the heart rate assessment must continue for another 15 seconds until it reaches the 60 second mark.</del>
If a horse has a CRI of +8 bpm or higher it has to go to Compulsory Re-inspection
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION <b>9.10 Specific additional procedures for the Final Horse Inspection</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The purpose of the Final Horse Inspection is to determine whether the Horse is still fit to continue after a normal rest period for another full Loop.</p> <p>Therefore, we offer that Final Horse Inspection must be conducted twice:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) after the arrival from the last loop,</li> <li>2) after the specified Final Hold Time (50-60 minutes) in the same way as the Compulsory Re-Inspection.</li> </ol> <p>We can call it the Final Compulsory Re-Inspection (Final CRI).</p> <p>The result of the horse will be considered as successful completion only after passing the Final CRI</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>(a) The purpose of the Final Horse Inspection is to determine whether the Horse is still fit to continue after a normal rest period for another full Loop.</p> <p><b>After the Final Horse Inspection, there is a designated Final Hold Time after which the Final Compulsory Re-Inspection must be conducted.</b></p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
While in principle we agree with this proposal, it could prove quite difficult to implement on the ground. We propose to study it further.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We do not understand why there is a difference between the 15 seconds 60 heart beats requirement and the rest of the heart rate assessment nor did we find any studies to cover this aspect. The parameter should be 64 bpm at every 15 seconds interval including the first, which was working well for many years.</p> <p>We would also like for the second machine assessment to be a whole minute, like the first machine, to avoid any possible errors in the readings as we do not have an established system to calculate the heart beats that every manufacturer has to follow.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with the proposal and do not see the need to change the current wording. The reason for 60 bpm after 15 seconds is because the heart rate is not completely stable.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
NED NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION Veterinary Rules ANNEX VIII HYPOSENSITIVITY CONTROL SYSTEM EXAMINATION
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
During 2022 hyposensitivity has been done, but we have missed them at bigger events. During the Young Riders and Junior Championship in Vic the first finished athletes were not checked. We would like to see that at Championships the first 10 horses at the finish line will be checked at hyposensitivity.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
During Championships the first 10 horses crossing the finish line will be checked at hypersensitivity.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Almost all Horses are checked at the first inspection and then further testing is carried out during the Competition. The current system is working well as the HSC team has a strategy for testing.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Since the introduction of the current Heart Rate Assessment protocol in 2020, we have seen a big rise of competing horses being eliminated at the latter stages of the competition by poorly understood calculations from HR monitors which do not count as a human would. These provokes cases where a Horse is eliminated at 65 or 66 BPM when for the most of the minute, they had shown to be at 63-64 on the machine.</p> <p>Define the way machines must calculate the BPM more precisely so that averages account for the entire duration of the assessment and horses are not unfairly disqualified to do a lack of precision in the rules.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>9.3.e.iii When an electronic heart rate monitor is used and a Horse may be subject to elimination for Heart Rate, the electronic system must be able to display upon request by the Ground Jury the average beats of the heart based on how long the assessment has taken in the same manner as a stethoscope would have counted for an entire minute (counting all beats for the initial 60 seconds instead of small fractions).</p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<p><b>NED NF:</b> Electronic heart rate monitoring should be giving the same result as a manual method. The result of the electronic measurement must always be auditable, the underlying measurements and calculations must be stored, connected to rider/horse combination and accessible. The electronic heart rate machines should have an internal check if the machine is working correctly, to prevent that a heart rate is missed during the measurement. A clear protocol describing the measuring and calculating procedure for electronic heart rate measuring systems should be made available by the FEI. Electronic heart rate measuring systems should be approved by FEI just like the timing systems.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p><b>NED NF:</b> We have an ongoing project which aims at certifying Heart Rate monitoring devices which will be launched in the near future. That being said, we have tested the devices of several providers.</p>

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
ANNEX 5: HORSE INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION Part B: Horse Inspections And Examinations 9. Assessments during Horse Inspections
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Following feedback received after the FEI World CH in Butheeb, we propose that amend the confirmation procedure so that no second Heart Rate machine is required to confirm the first reading.
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
9.3 Heart rate assessment procedure: (...) (f) (iv) (B) If there is no time remaining for a heart rate re-inspection or the Horse fails to meet the maximum heart rate parameters at the heart rate re-inspection or at the Final Horse Inspection (where only one presentation is permitted), then a confirmation procedure must be completed to confirm the failed assessment. For the confirmation procedure, <del>the Horse must be presented to a second the same</del> Veterinarian <del>will reassess the Horse's heart rate for 15 seconds</del> immediately after the failed assessment. If an electronic heart rate monitor was used for the failed assessment, then a second electronic heart rate monitor (or, if not available, a stethoscope) must be used, <del>except for Championships, where there will be no confirmation procedure. The Veterinarian will assess the Horse's heart rate for 15 seconds only.</del> If the Horse is to be designated as 'Failed to Qualify', then the Horse's heart rate during the confirmation procedure must either be made available on a public electronic display or notified to a member of the Ground Jury. If the Horse's heart rate is greater than the maximum heart rate parameter during the confirmation procedure, the Horse will be designated as 'Failed to Qualify – metabolic' (FTQ-ME).
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<b>ARG NF:</b> We believe that the rules with which a Combination qualifies to go to a Championship should be maintained. There is no point in classifying with one rule and competing in championships with others
<b>AUS NF:</b> Disagree with proposed rule change. <u>Rationale:</u> What if the horse's heart rate is taken incorrectly the first time. We believe that there should be a confirmation procedure and ideally for 60 seconds. Electronic HR monitors would be checked before the ride, being electronic there is no guarantee that there might not be a flaw over the course of the day. 15 secs is negligible compared with say 60 seconds. A stressed horse is not going to suddenly pulse down between 15 and 60 seconds.
<b>ESP NF:</b> If an electronic heart rate monitor was used for the failed assessment, then a second electronic heart rate monitor (or, if not available, a stethoscope) must be used <del>except for Championships, where there will be no confirmation procedure.</del>
We do not agree with this wording and the rules should be as close as possible for normal competitions as they are to Championships, especially when it isn't cost related. This makes it so that Athletes understand and know how to compete without having to prepare a different ruleset for Championships that they cannot train for anywhere. While it is true that everyone should read and learn the rules as they are written, most of the time most stake-holders learn them more easily by repetition and experience when competing. Having the same rules makes it easier not only for Athletes, but also for the Officials.
Furthermore, no feedback was attached to this change in the proposals so we do not know what is the intention for the change nor its ultimate objective, and how this change would achieve it. Heart rate machines remain machines and while a lot more accurate than a stethoscope are not without failure and a second machine assessment maintains fairness



in the process. We still believe the FEI should introduce it's own Heart Rate system with its own personnel for this task at Championships to minimize the perception of conflicts of interest.

**EEF & FRA NF:**

**IRL NF:** This proposal is heavily weighted against the horse, particularly for Championships. In order to maintain the integrity of the process of veterinary inspections it is proposed that the use of a second vet for the confirmation is used, and that the confirmation procedure is retained at all rides. It is suspected that the feedback from Butheeb was received from vets and not from Owners / Trainers / Riders.

**KSA NF & KUW NF** suggest maintaining the current regulation.

**FEI Feedback**

We withdraw our proposal to eliminate the confirmation procedure for Championships.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ARG NF, NZL NF, USA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>ARG NF:</b> Focusing on allowing suitably qualified FEI veterinarians in the veterinary commission to oversee the work of the national veterinarians. The national veterinarian with the appropriate veterinary qualification and equine experience would provide clinical diagnosis and treatment. Regarding the OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS those who operate the hearts rate monitors could be national veterinarians, advanced students or experienced stewards, all of them previously qualified by the NF and under the supervision of the president of the veterinary jury. This point facilitates the organization added to lower costs and does not affect the quality of the control and management of the horse (See art 816.5.2). Related to the courses for veterinarians, the need to provide the courses in the local language is noteworthy. With this you can add more and better professionals. About THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT, this point generates the loss of valuable veterinary professionals who could work locally in their country and in neighbouring countries with the same language and where they do not need to speak or write English until reach level 4*.</p> <p><b>NZL NF:</b> This proposal would enable Suitably qualified FEI vets in the Vet commission to oversee the work of National vets. The National vet with suitable veterinary qualification and equine experience would provide the clinical diagnosis and treatment. The FEI requirement would be overseen and approved to meet FEI requirements by an OV also on site.</p> <p><b>USA NF:</b> This proposal would enable Suitably qualified FEI vets in the Vet commission to oversee the work of National vets. The National vet with suitable veterinary qualification and equine experience would provide the clinical diagnosis and treatment. The FEI requirement would be overseen and approved to meet FEI requirements by a OV also on site.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>ARG NF:</b> A National vet with suitable veterinary qualification and equine experience would provide the clinical diagnosis and treatment. Who operate the Heart Rate Monitors could be national veterinarians, advanced students or experienced stewards, all of them previously qualified by the NF and under the supervision of the President of the Veterinary Jury. The English language requirement is only for 4*.</p> <p><b>NZL NF:</b>  <b>Annex 6 OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS</b>          Treating Veterinary Commission  <b>CEI 2*(see note 4 and 6)</b>  <b>CEI 1*(see note 4 and 6)</b>  <u>(6) For Events with less than 20 horses the Treating Veterinary Commission may comprise of National Vets, providing a Member of the Veterinary Commission is prepared to oversee the Treatments and ensure FEI requirements are met.</u></p> <p><b>USA NF:</b> Annex 6 Treating Veterinarians Table amended to <b>show CEI2* (see note 7 and 9) CEI 1* (see note 7 and 9)</b>          Add New Footnote: <b>(9) For events with less than 20 horses the Treating Veterinary Commission may comprise of National Vets, providing a member of the Veterinary Commission is prepared to oversee the Treatments and ensure FEI requirements are met.</b></p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>

**ARG NF:** We do not agree with these proposals. The English requirement is essential for good communication during events, and for learning the FEI rules. We foresee possible issues with athletes complaining that the HR measurement was not conducted professionally.

**NZL NF:** We do not agree with this proposal. National vets can always get experience from FEI vets during national events.

**USA NF:** We do not agree with this proposal. It is essential that treatment vets go through the FEI education system to understand the way that the rules must be applied.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
UAE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Allow the officials Level 2 Judges/vets and Stewards to become president of at CEI 1* competitions.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
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<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal due to the way our current Education system is designed. Furthermore, CEI1* have the largest number of entries as well as a large number of novice Athletes and Horses which makes it a challenging Event.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EEF, FRA NF, SWE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>EEF, FRA NF &amp; SWE NF:</b></p> <p>The requirement to have Level 3 stewards in CEI1* and 2* for OCs in several countries is very challenging. We believe that the rule could remain efficient by allowing Level 2.</p> <p>This would also give more experience to Level 2 stewards and reinforce their experience before becoming Level 3.</p> <p>Having a different rule for CEI2* as follow might be already a compromise very appreciated by OCs having lower number of entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CEI2* with less than 20 entries: CS Level 2 minimum</li> <li>- CEI2* with 20 or more entries: CS Level 3 minimum</li> </ul>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
CEI1*, CEI2* Minimum level of Chief Steward: level 2
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal and have proposed several relaxations to the promotion system which should alleviate these concerns.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ESP NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Lower costs for organising competitions.</p> <p>Promote Endurance by reducing the costs required to organise competitions and ease of access into the sport. The Officials, calendar and Anti-Doping costs required for these events should be minimised (without risking the competition) allowing to hold small competitions with few starters.</p> <p>Where Level 4, or Level 3 Officials with over 10 years’ experience at that level are appointed, reduce the requirements for Stewards and Ground Jury by one.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
N/A
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>Costs relating to Calendar fees and Anti-Doping fees are not governed by the Endurance Rules. These fees are set out in the FEI Financial Charges document (<a href="#">accessible here</a>) which is approved at each year’s General Assembly. Regarding the per diem, as per Article 851.1.1 per diems at FEI Endurance Events are not mandatory.</p> <p>The experience of an Official does not compensate for needing people at an Event, as the need for additional Officials is related to the number of entries.</p>

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
ESP NF, EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>ESP NF:</b> FEI to only select FGJ and FVD at 3* competitions. The current rule for the FEI to appoint 7 officials at all 3* with more than 20 entries must be revisited so that Organizing Committees get to decide who will manage their competitions (Presidents) without limiting the FEI's capacity to get good reporting and actions on all competitions. It makes sense that the FEI gets to appoint the foreign officials required for competitions that they believe warrant such an action. Also paying for their travel costs so that the OC is not limited by this action would be very beneficial. Make the FEI appoint relevant foreign officials where it is needed and without causing aggravation on the OCs which are the pillars of the discipline.</p> <p><b>EST NF:</b> For CEI3* events with more than 20 entries, the FEI should appoint only Foreign Judge and Foreign Vet Delegate. In case the FEI appoints any Officials, the OC will pay up to 300 CHF for the travel expenses for appointed Officials, and all the rest travel expenses for appointed Officials will be covered by the FEI.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Modify the tables for the FEI to appoint only the FVD and FJ at 3* events with more than 20 entries.
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p><b>ESP NF:</b> In practice OCs often propose the key Officials in the Schedule and the FEI approves them. This has been working well between FEI HQ and the OCs. In some cases, where a venue is problematic or is in need of certain improvements the current rule allows us to appoint experienced Officials to elevate the level of the organisation. The aim is always to improve and assist. We do our best to make sure that the logistics work and that the costs are kept at a minimum.</p> <p><b>EST NF:</b> We do not agree with this proposal.</p>

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
NAM NF, NZL NF, USA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
ANNEX 6: OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>NAM NF:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To encourage FEI events in our region the hosting of an FEI Event pulls at the most about 5 entries (26-27.05.2022)</li> <li>Currently we only have only 5 officials in a radius of 600 km between the North and the central parts.</li> <li>The costs to host an FEI event is exuberant to cover the travelling, Per Diem and accommodation.</li> </ul> <p>If we can appoint <b>only</b> a PGJ, TD and CS at an even, it will make it a feasible goal to host an FEI event.</p> <p><b>NZL NF &amp; USA NF:</b></p> <p>Annex 6 currently defines the required officials for events with 20 entries or more. This amendment will set appropriate levels of officials for events with less than 20 entries.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>NAM NF:</b></p> <p>PARA 2</p> <p>For CEI’s with 20 entries or less, the event will require a TD, GJ PRESIDENT (also acting as FJ if required) and a CS.</p> <p><b>NZL NF:</b></p> <p>Annex 6: Officials Required for Events</p> <p>Paragraph 2:</p> <p>For CEIs with 20 entries or less, <del>the Event will require a TD, a PGJ (also acting as FJ if required), a GJ member, a Veterinary Commission President (also acting as FVD if required) and two OV as per the following table. There is no Chief Steward required and this role will be added to the role of the TD or PGJ, who will also oversee the Assistant Steward/s as per Annex 6. There is no requirement for a Treating Veterinary Commission, and this role will be added to the duties of one of the VC members. the FEI will consult with the OC to appoint Officials.</del> For CEIs with more than 20 entries, Officials will be appointed in accordance with the tables below:</p> <p><b>USA NF:</b></p> <p>Annex 6: Officials Required for Events.</p> <p>Paragraph 2:</p> <p>For CEIs with 20 entries or less, <del>the FEI will consult with the OC to appoint Officials.</del> <b>event will require a TD, a GJ President (also acting as Foreign Judge if required), a GJ member, A Vet Commission President (also acting as Foreign Vet if required) and 2 OV as per the following table. There is no CS required and this role will be taken over by the TD or PGJ. There is no TV, and this role will be taken over by one of the OV’s.</b></p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>



**NAM NF:** We do not agree with this proposal but have introduced some relaxations to help with these issues. Please refer to the executive summary and part A of this memo.

**NZL NF & USA NF:** We have introduced some relaxations. Please refer to the executive summary and part A of this memo.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EEF, FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS BIDDING PROCESS, ALLOCATION, TEST EVENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>EEF &amp; FRA NF:</b> We would support FEI by implementing a clearer framework to apply for 3* Championships. This would bring more transparency/understanding, help NFs and OCs to better anticipate their potential bids, give more visibility to athletes. Above all it would give a stronger chance to have successful championships. Of course, there might have been very successful counter examples but due to the threat the current process must be reinforced. FEI HQ will also get more elements to act when an OC does not fulfil its engagement.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Requirements to host FEI 3* championship:          To be eligible to bid for an FEI 3* championships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 CEI3* must have been organised on the concerned venue</li> <li>- commit to run a pre ride competition. This test event must respect the following criteria: organised at the same period of the championship the year before, on the championship distance, with the same number of loops.</li> </ul> <p>If the test event is not organised, or not corresponding to the expected level of quality the FEI has the full right to cancel its agreement with the concerned OC and restart a fast-track bidding process. In this case the above criteria still apply with the exception of the period of the test event if this is not implementable due to too short timeframe.</p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The FEI does not propose to introduce the criteria suggested above into the rules. The FEI Endurance World Championships for Seniors and the FEI Endurance European Championships for Seniors are the only 3* Championships. Detailed bid guides are issued for both of these Championships setting out the technical requirements which allows for more flexibility rather than relying on strict regulatory criteria. A venue that has successfully hosted a CEI2* can be capable of holding a 3* Championship (e.g., Butheeb) provided the organisation/planning is well managed and subject to a test event.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>	
EST NF	
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>	
NEW - FEI ENDURANCE WORLD CUP	
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>	
To promote the Endurance discipline, we offer to create a new type of events. Because not every World/European Championship in Endurance has prize money, we suggest establishing the <b>FEI ENDURANCE WORLD CUP</b> like in Jumping and Dressage. It will be a highest-level <b>CEI5*-W</b> event with a compulsory prize money.	
<b>Proposed Wording</b>	
TBC	
	
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>	
N/A	
<b>FEI Feedback</b>	
This is an interesting proposal that will be studied.	

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
NEW - FEI ENDURANCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR ELITE RIDERS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
To promote the Endurance discipline, we offer to create a new category for World Championships – the <b>FEI ENDURANCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR ELITE RIDERS</b> . Only riders with Elite Athlete status can participate in these championships. Currently, Elite Athlete status has not had much value, and establishing this Championship will encourage riders to achieve this status.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
TBC
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
At this point we are not creating new Endurance Championships as the costs associated with creating new CH are quite high. However, this is a good idea which we will keep for the future.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
NEW – FUNDING OF PRIZE MONEY FOR CH-M-E
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>To promote the Endurance discipline, we offer to introduce a compulsory annual fee for funding the prize money pool for every World Cup and/or World Championships.</p> <p>Like EADCMP fee, amount of 50 CHF per year will be charged from every registered athlete. For 2022, there are 2432 athletes in Endurance Open Riders World Ranking. Therefore, they can collect <math>2432 \times 50 = 121,600</math> CHF of prize money that can be used proportionally between World Championships held in the current year.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
TBC
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
We do not agree with this proposal.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
NEW – CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR OC
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>To improve the image of Endurance discipline, we offer to implement a <b>classification system for all organisers of Endurance events</b>. Every venue/organiser will be classified with a Star Level depending on its existing infrastructure and the experience of the OC. The FEI will evaluate every venue based on reports from TD/FJ, and then assign the Star Level according to the checklist of requirements.</p> <p>There will be a Star Rating system where a 5* Level will be assigned to the world-class venues with permanent infrastructure and permanent vet gate, and where the OC has at least 5 years of experience in organising the 160 km CEIs; while a 1* Level will be assigned to new venues without any permanent infrastructure at all, and where the OC has no or little experience in organising CEI events.</p> <p><b>The right to organise CEI events will be granted in line with the level of the venue.</b> So, a 1* venue can organise only CEI1* events; a 2* venue can organise CEI2* events; a 3* venue can organise CEI3* events; a 4* venue can organise World/Continental Championships (which are CEI4* events); and only 5* venue can organise FEI Endurance World Cup (which will be CEI5* event as we proposed above).</p> <p>By implementing this Rule, we can avoid situations when the high-level event is organised at a venue that is not equipped with the required infrastructure.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
TBC
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>While this is a very interesting idea, it will take a few years to roll out. It will also be limiting for countries that cannot afford a permanent venue meaning their Athletes/Horses will not be able to progress through the FEI levels. While a permanent venue is a bonus, it is not a requirement of the Endurance discipline since some venues have a moving Vet Gate, and in some countries, they will choose the tracks depending on the weather (rain, sand, etc).</p>

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
NEW - FEI PROGRAM FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISERS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We offer to establish the FEI PROGRAM FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISERS in order to provide the experience exchange.</p> <p>The OCs that have bid for future Championships must visit all current Championships and get accreditation to watch the work of the OC of the current Championship and gain experience.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
TBC
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>There is currently a provision that allows OC's of future championships to be accredited at CH to visit the venue and gain insight and ideas for organisation. To make it a requirement might not be feasible as travel costs are quite high, and information exchange can happen online which is something the Endurance department already offers.</p>

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EST NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
NEW – CREATION OF INDEPENDENT VETERINARY COMMISSION FOR CH-M-E
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>For World Championships we offer to create a special Independent Veterinary Commission consisting of 3 Veterinarians whose names are not disclosed.</p> <p>This Commission will arrive at the Vet Gate only for the Final Vet Inspection, and this Commission will conduct the Heart Rate Inspection for the first 3 riders in the presence of a representative of the FEI, using only manual stethoscope.</p> <p>This procedure will allow avoiding any possibility of illegal influence and interference in the work of the veterinary commission during the Final Vet Inspection.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
TBC
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The Officials are carefully selected for Championships and the presence of FEI staff and the Independent Governance Advisor is working well. This is also an additional cost for three extra officials that will only work at the final Vet Gate.



<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
URU NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI GENERAL REGULATIONS ARTICLE 118 - PERSON RESPONSIBLE
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The high standards and professionalism of the athletes, their participation in different countries, and competing for different owners, gets tackled with the PR regulations. Riders are considered the PR where in the majority of situations they are not involved in the treatments applied to the horse.</p> <p>There are situations where the rider handles the horse to the trainer or groom during the event and has no authority over what happens with the horse, the rider should be exonerated of responsibility if he or she is not the owner, trainer of the horse, (when owner or trainer of the horse then you can consider him or her the PR).</p> <p>The same situation occurs when the rider’s horse tests positive to a banned or controlled drug, he or she should not be considered PR if he or she is not owner or trainer of the horse.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>In our opinion the horse and the trainer should be penalized (longer resting periods for the horse and penalty points for the trainer) in situations where they do not comply with the endurance rules and riders should have no responsibility over the case.</p> <p>Riders should only be penalized when seen by stewards applying not permitted treatments to the horse during an event or being by the horse when this happens, or any other direct action that can be penalized.</p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Please refer to the FEI General Regulations Rule Memo. It is not proposed to deviate from the current Person Responsible system.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
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<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI GENERAL REGULATIONS ARTICLE 164 - SANCTIONS 164.8 Removal of an Official from an Event
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>There is no consolidated instrument for specific use that allows the issuance of reports from CO's or Endurance Departments of each National Federation to inform about the performance of Officials in the different events.</p> <p>Therefore, it is requested to implement a Report Model in this regard.</p> <p>This would contribute to greater control over the performance of the Officials and would even act as a record of actions.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
To be determined by FEI
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
N/A
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The FEI can look into how information regarding Officials is shared with the relevant National Federation. However, this would not be a matter to be regulated under the rules. Currently, in principle whenever disciplinary action is initiated by the FEI in relation to an FEI Official, the Official's National Federation is copied on the notification letter/decision.