

06 July 2017

Re: FEI Endurance Rules – Modifications to be implemented 1st January 2018

Dear National Federations,

We have the pleasure of enclosing the proposed modifications to the Endurance Rules for 2018.

The modifications result from proposals made by the FEI Endurance Technical Committee, the FEI HQ and from feedback received from our stakeholders of the Endurance discipline, namely during the FEI Endurance Sport Forum in VIC (ESP) held last 23/24.05.2017.

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

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

Two articles were removed, Art. 8014.3.1 and Art. 804.3.2, as they were repeated in the rules in Art. 804.2.1 and Art. 804.2.2.

You will find the proposed changes highlighted in the Endurance Rules in annex, of which the main areas of amendments are summarised hereafter:

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| Trainers: | In order to avoid having minors registered as trainers, it is proposed that the minimum age of a registered trainer is 18 years old. |
| Weight for athletes: | In order to have the speeds reduced, and as proposed by National Federations, new weight conditions are set for athletes competing in CEI 2* and CEIYJ 2* competitions; |
| Equipment: | The clarifying text that was stated in the Endurance Notes for Guidance regarding the blinkers is now referred in the Endurance Rules. Blinkers must be removed in all horse inspections including the final inspection; |

New star rating for CEIs:	A new star system for Endurance events will be introduced to have prime events and a higher standard of competition for horses and athletes. To access the higher star level, specific requirements are set for organizers as recommended by NFs at the FEI Endurance Forum to ensure compliance with the FEI rules and horse welfare;
Age of horses:	Welfare of the horse is in the basis for this proposal. As referred at the FEI Endurance Forum, 50% of the horses competing in the World Championships for Young Horses after two years are not competing anymore, they leave competition at the age of 9. The FEI Endurance Technical Committee wants to prevent this situation and prolong the horse's career;
Rest Periods:	Based in the scientific presentations at the FEI Sports Forum last April and the FEI Endurance Forum last May, concerning the impact of speeds and fractures in competition, an additional rest period is proposed for horses having competed with a high average speed. This additional rest period aims to allow the horses bones to properly recover and ensure the horse welfare;
Qualification in CEI:	Access to the new star rating competitions (4* and 5*) will be done through a qualification proving the full experience of athletes and horses to guarantee a high standard of competition level;
Novice Qualifying:	In order to have a more clearly understandable rule, allowing also experienced horses and athletes to become FEI registered horses without having to start a standard qualification process after competing several years in national events. At the same time ensures that the normal procedure for the novice qualification for horses and athletes is maintained and used in a correct way.
Championships:	New general requirements and test event rule are proposed.
Championships Qualification:	A new set of rule is created for qualifications of horses and athletes to Regional Championships.
Rankings:	Updated for the 5 CEI levels, additional wording to be in line with the actual published ranking on our website.

We would appreciate any comments you may have on these proposed rule changes prior to 23:59 (CEST) on the **18th September 2017**.

Thank you for reporting back to manuel.mello@fei.org directly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Bandeira de Mello', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

Manuel Bandeira de Mello
FEI Director Endurance

2017 Rule
800 – General

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2018 Rule modification proposal
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2017 Rule
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2018 Rule modification proposal
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(refer to FEI General Regulations, Appendix A – Definitions).

2017 Rule
807.7.1 Being followed, preceded or accompanied on any part of the course by any bicycle, pedestrian or an Athlete not in the Competition under penalty of a Yellow Warning Card.

2018 Rule modification proposal
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2017 Rule
810.2 Whips (or the use of any other item as a whip) and Spurs are prohibited.

2018 Rule modification proposal
810.2 Whips (or the use of any other item as a whip) and Spurs are prohibited **at any stage during the competition in the Field of Play.**

2017 Rule

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

2018 Rule modification proposal

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2017 Rule

812.1 At all senior CEI4* Championship, the minimum riding weight for Athletes must be 75kg to include all riding equipment (Article812.6).

2018 Rule proposal

812.1 At all senior **CEI4*** Championship, the minimum riding weight for Athletes must be 75kg to include all riding equipment (Article 812.6).
At Young Rider and/or Junior Championship, the minimum riding weight for Athletes must be 60kg to include all riding equipment (Article 812.6).

2017 Rule

812.2 At senior CEI3* the minimum riding weight **is** 75 kg - details to be clearly shown on the approved ride schedule.

2018 Rule proposal

812.2 At senior CEI3*, **CEI4* and CEI5*** the minimum riding weight is 75 kg - details to be clearly shown on the approved ride schedule.

2017 Rule

812.3 At CEI 1* and 2* alternative weight divisions or gender divisions may be allowed, subject to prior approval by the FEI, and must be clearly specified in the FEI schedule

2018 Rule proposal

812.3 **At senior CEI2* the minimum riding weight is 75 kg - details to be clearly shown on the approved ride schedule.**
At CEI 1* **and 2*** alternative weight divisions or gender divisions may be allowed, subject to prior approval by the FEI, and must be clearly specified in the **approved ride FEI-Schedule**.

2017 Rule

812.4 There shall be no minimum weight in Young Rider and/or Junior Competitions.

2018 Rule proposal

812.4 At CEIYJ1* there shall be no minimum weight in Young Rider and/or Junior Competitions.

At CEIYJ2* and above, the minimum riding weight is 60 kg in Young Rider and/or Junior Competitions.

2017 Rule

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

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2017 Rule

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

2018 Rule proposal

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

2017 Rule

814.1.5.1 **4 Star:** Senior Championships of a minimum of 160 km in one day, Young Horse Championships for 7 year olds – maximum distance 130kms, Junior and Young Rider Championships of a minimum of 120 km, maximum of 130km in one day. Regional Championships where the OC can apply for a change of distance to take into account local climatic or other conditions. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes.

2018 Rule proposal

814.1.5.1 **5 Star:** All rides of 160 km in one day. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes. Prize Money, or in kind value, of more than 50'000CHF.

General Requirements:

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

Technical requirements:

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

814.1.5.2 **4 Star:** All rides of 160 km in one day, or 90-100 km per day over 2 days, or 70- 80 km per day over 3 days or more. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes. Prize Money, or in kind value, up to 49'999CHF

General requirements:

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

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

2017 Rule

814.2 **CEIOs**

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

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

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

2017 Rule

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

2018 Rule proposal

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

2017 Rule

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

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

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

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

2018 Rule proposal

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

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

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2017 Rule

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

2018 Rule proposal

- 815.3.4 If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait at any 4 consecutives CEI or National Events in a rolling year, it must be given a mandatory rest period of 6 months and pass a **specific** veterinary examination ~~4 weeks prior to~~ in the first competition before it is again eligible to participate in a CEI. ~~or National Events.~~
Protocol for this specific veterinary examination will be available in the Endurance Notes for Guidance.
If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait reasons more than 4 consecutive CEI or National Events, the horse will be banned from future Endurance competition.
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2017 Rule

- 816.1.4 For 8 years old Horses and older, dispensation of art. 816.1.2 and 816.1.3 can be granted if athletes and Horses, not necessarily as a combination, have accumulated a minimum of 240km in a maximum of three National Events in a 36 months period.

2018 Rule proposal

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~~For Horses 8 years old and above who have accumulated a minimum of 480km of 80km distance events or higher in a 36 months period, can be granted an exemption of art. 816.1.2.~~
~~For Athletes who have accumulated a minimum of 480km of 80km distance events or higher in a 36 months period, can be granted an exemption of art. 816.1.3.~~
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2017 Rule

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

2018 Rule proposal

- 816.2.2 Star System Qualification for Athletes to **3*5*** level will be for up to five years and can be revalidated by successfully completing an FEI Competition applicable to the Athlete's existing status or equivalent National Event distance.
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2017 Rule

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

2018 Rule proposal

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

Brand new article

2018 Rule proposal

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

Brand new article

2018 Rule proposal

816.3 **4*** Championships:

816.3.1 Distances and general requirements:
Senior Championships of a minimum of 160 km in one day, need to have FEI certified data and timing system and stabling according to Veterinary Regulations.
Young Horse Championships for 8 year olds – distance of 160km.
Junior and Young Rider Championships of a minimum of 120 km, maximum of 130km in one day.
Regional Championships where the OC can apply for a change of distance to take into account local climatic or other conditions.
Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes. Pre-ride briefing conducted in English is mandatory for all Officials, Chef d'Equipe (when applicable), Trainers, Vets and participants.

816.3.2 Test Event: The FEI Endurance Technical Committee can, if needed, request a test event that will have to match the following requirements, at least 6 months prior to the championship:

- The same distance as the Championship or as close as possible
- The same course as the Championship or as close as possible
- The same panel of Officials as the Championship or as close as possible
- The same provider for timing, data handling and hearth rate monitoring

2017 Rule

- 816.3.5 Of these 2 CEI, at least one must be no less than 14 kph, and the same, or higher distance and time frame as the Championship and achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated Athlete unless that Athlete is a J/YR Elite Endurance Athlete. In such cases the Horse can be ridden by any other applicable J/YR Athlete.
- 816.3.8 Of those 3 CEI, one must be at the minimum speed no less than 14 kph, and the same, or higher distance and time frame as the 4* Championship and achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated Horse unless that Athlete is a J/YR Elite Endurance Athlete.
Recording and Proof of Qualification: approved records must be provided for Rider/Horse results for eventual insertion into FEI Database/Passports as required. However, the ultimate responsibility for proof still remains with each NF.
- 816.3.11 Of these 3 CEI, at least one must be at the, minimum speed of 14 kph, and the same distance and time frame as the 4-Star Championship and achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated Athlete unless that Athlete is a Senior Elite Endurance Athlete. In such cases, the Horse can be ridden by any other applicable Athlete.
- 816.3.12 To achieve Senior Elite Athlete status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI 3* 160km Events or higher. To maintain Senior Elite Athlete status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI3* 160 km within every successive 24 months.
- 816.3.13 Athletes who receive any form of a suspension as defined under the FEI General Regulations (Penalties) or have committed an offense under the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Control Medication regulations, will automatically lose their Elite Status and will be required to re-qualify again by completing ten CEI3* commencing either after the period of suspension or after the 'fast track' decision is finalised.
- 816.3.16 Of those 5 CEI, one must be at the minimum speed of 14 kph and the same distance, weight and time frame as the 4* Championship, achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated Horse unless that Athlete is a Senior Elite Endurance Athlete.
Recording and Proof of Qualification: Approved records must be provided for Athlete/Horse results for eventual insertion into FEI Database/Passports as required. However, the ultimate responsibility for proof still remains with each NF.

2018 Rule Proposal

- 816.3.5 Of these 2 CEI, at least one must be no less than 14 kph, and the same, or higher distance and time frame as the **4-Star** Championship and achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated Athlete unless that Athlete is a J/YR Elite Endurance Athlete. In such cases the Horse can be ridden by any other applicable J/YR Athlete.
- 816.3.10 Of those 3 CEI, one must be at the minimum speed no less than 14 kph, and the same, or higher distance and time frame as the **4*** Championship and achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated Horse unless that Athlete is a J/YR Elite Endurance Athlete.
Recording and Proof of Qualification: approved records must be provided for Rider/Horse results for eventual insertion into FEI Database/Passports as required. However, the ultimate responsibility for proof still remains with each NF.
- 816.3.13 Of these 3 CEI, at least one must be at the, minimum speed of 14 kph, and the same distance and time frame as the **4-Star** Championship and achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated Athlete unless that Athlete is a Senior Elite Endurance Athlete. In such cases, the Horse can be ridden by any other applicable Athlete.
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- 816.3.15 Athletes who receive any form of a suspension as defined under the FEI General Regulations (Penalties) or have committed an offense under the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Control Medication regulations, will automatically lose their Elite Status and will be required to re-qualify again by completing ten CEI3*, **CEI4* or 5*** commencing either after the period of suspension or after the 'fast track' decision is finalised.
- 816.3.18 Of those 5 CEI, one must be at the minimum speed of 14 kph and the same distance, weight and time frame as the **4*** Championship, achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated Horse unless that Athlete is a Senior Elite Endurance Athlete.
Recording and Proof of Qualification: Approved records must be provided for Athlete/Horse results for eventual insertion into FEI Database/Passports as required. However, the ultimate responsibility for proof still remains with each NF.

Brand new article

2018 Rule proposal

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

Horses:

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

816.3.21 Horses must be at least 8 years old.

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

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

Athletes:

816.3.24 Athletes must have graduated through the qualifying processes outlined above for Novice and CEI-Star qualifying up to, and including, the distance of the event for which a Certificate of Capability is sought.

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

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

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

2017 Rule

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

2018 Rule proposal

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

2017 Rule

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

2018 Rule proposal

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2017 Rule

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

2018 Rule proposal

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2017 Rule

Article 824 - DUTIES OF OFFICIALS

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

At all CEI 1*, 2* and 3* Events, the FEI may grant a dispensation in accordance with the FEI General Regulations Article149.10 subject to a request being received from the National Federation concerned and in compliance with the conditions as detailed in the FEI Endurance Notes for Guidance.

2018 Rule proposal

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2017 Rule

824.2.1.

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

2018 Rule proposal

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2017 Rule

824.2.6. At 3 Star or lower star rated Events, the Technical Delegate, if suitably qualified, may also serve on the Ground Jury.

2018 Rule proposal

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

2017 Rule

824.2.7. At 4 Star Events, the Technical Delegate must be foreign.

2018 Rule proposal

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

2017 Rule

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

2018 Rule proposal

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2017 Rule

825.3 CEI 3 Star Endurance Events

2018 Rule proposal

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

2017 Rule

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

Annex 2: Endurance Standard Novice Qualification Form

Article 816 - QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE & CERTIFICATES OF CAPABILITY

816.1 Novice Qualifying: To be administered by each NF.

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

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

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

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

816.1.4 For 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.

HORSE Name..... FEI Registration No

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

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Type of Event	Country	Name of Event	Date	Distance	Speed	Result
CEN						
CEN						
CEN						
CEN						

Date: / /20__

NF:

Annex 4: FEI WORLD ENDURANCE RANKINGS 2017

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

Scale of points

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

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

Calculating the rankings (Refer to Notes for Guidance)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prizes and Awards for the Athletes

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

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

Awards:

1st place:

FEI Medal or Trophy and certificate

Ambassador of «FEI Endurance Future»

Elite Status rider

Automatically Qualified for the FEI World Endurance Championships

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

2nd place:

FEI Medal or Trophy and certificate

Elite Status

Automatically Qualified for the FEI World Endurance Championships

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

3rd place:

FEI Medal or Trophy and certificate

Automatically Qualified for the FEI World Endurance Championships

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

Prizes and Awards for the Horse

Trophy and certificate "FEI Endurance Horse of the Year"

Prizes and Awards for the Combination

Trophy and certificate "FEI Endurance Combination of the Year"

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

Notes:

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2- The awarded points work on a cumulative basis, the Athlete can earn up to 600 bonus ranking points.

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

~~HORSE Name..... FEI Registration No~~
~~Minimum Eligibility Requirements as specified under the Endurance Rules Art 816 (see above)~~

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CEN						
CEN						
CEN						

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Prizes and Awards for the Athletes for the following rankings

Open Riders World Endurance Ranking

Young Riders World Endurance Ranking

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Awards:

1st place:

FEI Medal or Trophy and certificate

Ambassador of «FEI Endurance Future»

Elite Status rider

Automatically Qualified for the FEI World Endurance Championships (provided

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

2nd place:

FEI Medal or Trophy and certificate

Elite Status

Automatically Qualified for the FEI World Endurance Championships (provided

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

3rd place:

FEI Medal or Trophy and certificate

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

Prizes and Awards for the Horse for the following rankings:

Open Horse World Endurance Ranking
Young Riders Horse World Endurance Ranking

Trophy and certificate "FEI Endurance Horse of the Year"

Prizes and Awards for the Combination for the following rankings:

Open Combination World Endurance Ranking
Young Riders Combination World Endurance Ranking

Trophy and certificate "FEI Endurance Combination of the Year"

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

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Brand new Annex

Annex 5

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

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

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