



ENDURANCE RULE CHANGES 2017





- Art. 805.4 : addition of the staggered and mass start option for multi day events;
- Art. 815.3.1: distances updated for the mandatory rest period for Horses, and removal for the “retirement only” option;
- Art. 815.3.5: **new** article, preventing the nationals results to break the consecutiveness of irregular gaits or metabolic reasons;
- Art. 815.3.6: **new** addition of a 100 penalty points to the athlete if his horse is not brought to the final Veterinary Inspection, and 100 penalty points for incorrect behavior upon art. 169.7.1 of the General Regulations;



- Art. 816.1.2: wording updated for a new interpretation of the novice qualifications for Horses;
- Art. 816.1.3: wording updated for a new interpretation of the novice qualifications for Athletes;
- Art. 816.1.4: **new** article, giving the possibility for experienced Horses to not follow the normal novice qualifications requirements. It is a fast track qualifications with new conditions;
- Art. 818.5 (and same applies for 818.5.1/818.6/819.3.1/819.3.4): to follow the changes from the General Regulations, art. 818.5 and following has been amended to respect the same guidance as the other disciplines. Regulations for entries are now governed by the General Regulations and not specified by each discipline sport rule;

- Art 820.14: for welfare of the Horse, the Veterinary Commission, in relation with the Technical Delegate and the Ground Jury can change the maximum heart rate, shorten the presentation time and increase the hold time;
- Art. 824.2.1: Technical Delegate can amend the ride conditions depending on the classification of the tracks, difficulty and weather conditions;
(note: classification of the tracks will be defined in the Notes for Guidance and included in the TD report)
- Chapter VI: **new** chapter introduced in Endurance in order to be in line with the other disciplines. It refers to award to athletes having successfully completed one, two, or three world championships.

805.4 A mass start or staggered start may be used on following day(s) in multi-day events. When the staggered start is used, ~~A mass start may not be used on following day(s) in multi-day Events.~~ combinations should start the following day with the same time interval difference as noted at finishing the day before. This will continue for a period of time i.e. one hour, to be set at the discretion of the President of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate in consultation with the OC. Thereafter those remaining will start together.



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:

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| Distance completed | start 0 – 40 46 km | 5 days (retirement only) |
| | start 46 – 80 86 km | 12 days |
| | Over 80 86 – 120 126 km | 19 days |
| | Over 120 126 km - 140 146 km | 26 days |
| | Over 140 146 Km | 33 days |



NEW

815.3.5 National results cannot interfere with extended rest periods applied to FEI Horses who have failed to qualify due to irregular gaits or metabolic reasons at consecutive CEI or National Events.

NEW ADDITION in Article 815.3.6 (Penalty Points)

- If a Horse is not brought to the Final Veterinary Inspection the Athlete will receive 100 penalty points.
- Contrary to Article 169.7.1 of the GRs incorrect behavior towards (a) Event Officials or any other party connected with the Event (other Athlete, journalist, public etc.) and/or (b) Doping Control Officers, Testing Veterinarian, Chaperones and/or any other person involved in the collection of a doping control sample will entail a penalty of 100 points.



~~816.1.2 Horses must complete the requirements of this qualifying phase all within the 24 month period and no shorter than 12 months, prior to taking part in a CEI. Please refer to Notes for guidance if clarification is needed.~~ 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 ~~Athletes must complete the requirements of this qualifying phase all within the 24 month period and no shorter than 6 months, immediately prior to taking part in an CEI Event.~~ 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.

NEW

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.



818.5 Entries for FEI Championships and World Equestrians Games must be made following the compulsory three phases outlined under paragraph 818.5.1, 818.5.2 and 818.5.3 below according to Art. 116.2 of the FEI General Regulations.

818.5.1 **Entries for CEIs:** Definite entries must reach the OC at the latest four days preceding the beginning of the Event. ~~These represent the final selection of Athletes and Horses that will travel to the Event. The Definite Entries may not exceed the number listed and must be chosen from the list of names on the Nominated Entries.~~ After the Definite Entries have been sent in, substitutions of Horses and/or Athletes may only be made with the express permission of the OC.

818.6 Entries for Athletes and Horses must include their name, FEI registration number (FEI ID) and, where appropriate, qualifications. ~~Entry forms for Horses must include the name/names, breed, sex, age, color, country of birth, present nationality and passport number and, where appropriate, qualifications.~~



820.14 The Technical Delegate or the Ground Jury together with the Veterinary Commission can decide to modify the length of timed holds according to extreme weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances. Modifications must be announced to all Athletes and/or Chefs d'Equipe before the start of the phase concerned. To safeguard the welfare of the horse and the safety of the athlete, the Veterinary Commission, in discussion with the Technical Delegate and the Ground Jury, will assess the welfare implications of the ride conditions (Rule 800.4.1) and advise the Ground Jury of appropriate changes to the presentation and heart rate parameters.

- Reduce the maximum heart rate
- Shorten presentation time and
- Increase the hold time that affect the welfare of the horse

Throughout the competition the President of the Veterinary Commission, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury must monitor the ride conditions in combination with the number of horses that fail to qualify at each inspection. It is their responsibility to make changes to the inspection parameters to protect the horse.

824.2 Technical Delegate/Course Designer

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.

NEW

CHAPTER VI Badges of honour

Article 828

Badges of Honour will be awarded to Athletes who complete World Championships to the following scale:

- a) A Gold Badge for three completions.
- b) A Silver Badge for two completions.
- c) A Bronze Badge for one completion.



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