



2017 AUTHORIZATION TO COMPETE- SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Eligibility Rules for Competing in an FEI Ride

816.1 Novice Qualifying: To be administered by each NF.

The Novice Qualification eligibility form (Annex 2 of the Endurance Rules) needs to be filled in on the FEI online platform prior to the relevant NF making the first entry for the Athlete/Horse.

- 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 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.
- 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, ENDURANCE RULES CHAPTER II DEFINITION OF ENDURANCE EVENTS 23 have accumulated a minimum of 240km in a maximum of three National Events in a 36 months period.

816.2 CEI Star Qualifying: To be determined according to FEI records and database, and attested to by each NF.

- 816.2.1 All horses and Athletes must have successfully completed Novice Qualifying to be eligible for CEI Star Qualifying.
- 816.2.2 Horses and Athletes, not necessarily as a combination must successfully complete FEI competitions to progress through the Star system, beginning with a successful completion at the 1-Star level, thereby qualifying to move up through each Star category as defined in Art 814.
- 816.2.3 Star System Qualification for Athletes to 3* level will be for life.
- 816.2.4 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.

Horses Age

All ages are determined as of the date of the event for which eligibility to participate is sought, and must be confirmed either through reliable registration or written opinion. The horse must be:

6 years old to compete in a 1* 2* event 7 years old to compete in a 3* event 8 years old to compete in a 4* event

Record of the event:

- 820.8 After each FEI Endurance event detail of a horse's, completed distance to the nearest vet gate, grounds for non classification (metabolic, lameness or both), treatments at the venue, referral for hospitalization,



mandatory rest periods and any other comments necessary to protect the horse's future competition safety and welfare deemed necessary by the veterinary commission must be recorded either in the horse's passport or National Federation Log Book. Only the Veterinary Delegate, President of the Ground Jury and Appeal Committee can make entries in the official record.

815.3 Mandatory Rest for Horses (refer to Notes for Guidance):

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:

- 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.

815.3.2 Extended Rest Periods for Invasive Treatment:

Any treatment of a horse which involves the puncture or incision of the skin or insertion of any instrument or foreign material into the body is considered Invasive Treatment. (Exceptions to the rule would be the administration of oral electrolytes or acupuncture.) Any metabolic condition diagnosed in a horse which has Failed to Qualify that left untreated would compromise or threaten the welfare of the Horse would be considered a condition requiring Invasive Treatment. It is the responsibility of the FVD and the Treatment Veterinarian to review, on a case by case basis, the treated Horses at the end of an event and classify each case that is immediate Invasive Treatment, incurring mandatory rest, or Authorised Treatment not incurring mandatory rest.

If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for metabolic reasons which require immediate invasive treatment at any CEI or National Event in a rolling year, it must be given a mandatory rest period as below before it is again eligible to participate in a FEI or National competition.

- Invasive Treatment 1st Incident 60 days in total
- Invasive Treatment 2nd Incident 90 days in total

The extended rest period for a 2nd incident comes into effect if the horse has Failed to Qualify for metabolic reasons which require immediate invasive treatment at any 2 consecutive CEI or National Events or twice within any 3 month period.

815.3.3 Extended Rest Periods for Irregular gait



If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for Irregular gait reasons at any CEI or National Event in a rolling year, it must be given, in addition to the rest period defined under article 815.3.1, an additional mandatory rest period as set out below before it is again eligible to participate in another FEI or National competition.

- Irregular gait 1st Incident 14 days in addition
- Irregular gait 2nd Incident 21 days in addition

The additional extended rest period for a 2nd incident comes into effect if the horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait reasons at any 2 consecutive CEI or National Events.

Failure to Qualify for irregular gait reasons at a 3rd consecutive CEI or National Event will incur a mandatory rest period of:

- Irregular gait 3rd Incident 90 days in addition

815.3.4 If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait at any 4 consecutive CEI or National Events in a rolling year, it must be given a mandatory rest period of 6 months and pass a 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.

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.

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

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

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

- Each metabolic elimination results in 10 penalty points.
- If a Horse is eliminated for a metabolic reason that requires immediate invasive treatment the Athlete concerned will receive 25 penalty points.
- If a Horse suffers a Catastrophic Injury during an FEI Competition the Athlete concerned will receive 80 penalty points.
- If a Horse is participating in a CEI or National Event during the mandatory minimum rest period (as set out in article 815.3.1 above), the Athlete will receive 100 penalty points (refer to Notes for Guidance).
- If a horse is not brought to the Final 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.

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

815.3.7 If a Horse ridden by an Athlete suffers a Catastrophic Injury within 12 months of a Catastrophic Injury occurring to any previous Horse ridden by that same Athlete that Athlete, will be automatically suspended for six months.

Catastrophic injury is defined as an injury which, in the opinion of the Veterinary Commission, requires immediate euthanasia or contributes to the death of a Horse in Competition howsoever caused.

All riders and horses competing in FEI-sanctioned competitions must be registered with the FEI prior to the competition otherwise scores earned at the competition will not be recognized by the FEI.

An FEI passport is required for all events except a 1* and 2* held in the horse's home country where a horse may use an FEI Recognized National Passport.