

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	2/1/2024	10/23/2023	Approved 1/14/2024

Extraordinary Change Reason

Currently the rule is restricting crewing details on race day to how crewing information is listed in the Prize List, which is created and released well in advance of the start of competition. This hinderance is causing a hardship for both management and athletes when the crewing details cannot be updated to match the race day’s circumstances. Between when the Prize List is released and when the race starts, there may be unforeseen circumstances that occur which require crewing changes to be made. This new language will allow those changes to be made while still ensuring all athletes are aware of said changes.

Rule Change Intent

The ESC is requesting changes to update EN105.4a with the proper vernacular used in the Endurance community and to provide management with flexibility regarding crewing details which may need to be adjusted after the Prize List has been released due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2023

SUBCHAPTER EN-1 ATHLETE
EN105 Competition and Fair Play

4. Permitted Assistance During Competition or On Course:

- a. The prize list and **the pre-ride** meeting must detail what assistance (crewing) may be given to combinations during a competition and where such assistance is allowed on the course and within **any** Veterinary Checkpoint. ***In the instance of inclement weather or course restrictions, crew check points may be adjusted by the Competition Management. Adjustments must be announced and posted in a conspicuous location in a timely manner to ensure all athletes and crew members are aware of the changes.***

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Extraordinary Change Reason

Not all Endurance courses in the US have the space for a finish line as described in the current rule. This is causing a hardship on competition management when looking for new locations for rides to increase the US Endurance calendar. This change will allow more courses to be used for competition so long as competition management is ensuring that fair-play and horse welfare are being upheld when they plan the finish line.

Rule Change Intent

The ESC is requesting changes EN110.2 which would allow amendments to the course's finish line based on horse welfare or fair-play concerns.

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Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2023 **Draft 1:** The Council disapproved with the comment to amend the language by adding "if possible" after the first comma in the first sentence and remove the current proposed language. The Council feels this will better uphold the necessity of safety if the finish line is adjusted.

Human and Equine, Safety & Welfare

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2023 **Draft 1:** Would approve if competition management had to coordinate with competition veterinarian and licensed officials.

SUBCHAPTER EN-2 COMPETITION
EN110 The Course

2. The finish must be long and wide enough to enable several horses to finish at speed without interfering with each other, and must provide sufficient run-out to allow competitors to safely come to a stop after crossing the finishing line in a potential sprint or gallop. ***If a finish line as described above is not possible, the Steward must approve Competition Management's alternative finish line which must uphold fair-play, safety and horse welfare.*** It must be situated as close to the Vet Gate as possible.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	2/1/2024	10/23/2023	Approved 1/14/2024

Rule Change Intent

The ESC is requesting a change to EN117.3c to clarify that Rider Option is the same as Retirement and that the two are used interchangeably within the Endurance community. Rider Option is a commonly used term within the Endurance community and should be included in the rules.

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SUBCHAPTER EN-2 COMPETITION
EN117 Classification

3. Disqualification, Retirement, or Failure to Qualify:

- a. Disqualification: Occurs when a rider is penalized by the Steward in consultation with the Competition Management and removed from further competition for a violation of these Rules.
- b. Failure to Qualify for the next Loop or for final classification: results when a combination is removed from competition for failure to successfully pass a horse inspection, to complete the full course as required, or to meet all time requirements for presentation or completion.
- c. Retirement (**Rider Option**): occurs when a rider decides (without otherwise being removed from the competition) not to continue in the competition after their horse successfully passes the First Horse Inspection, or until the rider makes a request to the Veterinary Panel to retire their horse:
 - i. before the combination crosses the start line; or
 - ii. after the combination successfully completes one or more Loops up to the point of retirement and passes all horse inspections after each of those Loops) including any mandatory re-inspection if vet-requested reinspection).
- d. Withdrawal: occurs when a rider withdraws from the competition (without otherwise being removed from the competition) prior to the First Horse Inspection.