

2024 FEI Endurance Rules

Description of changes to the rules as of January 1, 2024

This document is not an exhaustive list of changes, please see [here](#) for a marked version of the 2024 FEI Endurance Rules along with the changes made.

Rule	Change Description
801.1 Horse Welfare	Addition of the below language when outlining when the FEI Code of Conduct is applicable for horse welfare: 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, <i>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.</i>
801.2.4	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).
803.1 Star Level of Events	The categorization of a CIM is now available for a CEI2* when certain requirements are met. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 2* Championships are not considered as CIMs regardless of the distance or the prize money. *See here for an FEI document which aids in the explaining the transition and differences between a CEI2* CIM and CEI2*.
805.3.5 Minimum Weights	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.
809.3 Team Classification	If any Combination whose result counted towards team classification is subsequently Disqualified, the classification of that entire team will become null and void <i>that Combination's result will be removed from the team result and replaced with the result of the next applicable team member (if any).</i> This will not affect the individual classification of the other Combinations in that team.
809.4 Classification – Dead Heat	The winner of a Dead Heat must be determined by the tip of the nose of the Horse that crosses the finish line first.

809.5.4 Classification - Retirement	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.
813.1.4 Field of Play	Training Tracks/loops were added to the Field of Play designation and includes the following language: <i>(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).</i>
813.3.3	At championships, the Team Farrier(s) must be clearly identified by the OC.
814.4.3 Loops	The number of required loops per day for a multiday 2* ride has been reduced from 3 to 2. 3 loops/day are required for a multi-day 3*.
816.6.5 Heart rate assessment	Under Heart Rate Assessment, 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.
816.8.1 Hold Time	Required hold times have been adjusted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least thirty minutes for distances of 20km to 29km loops, and one minute per 1 km completed for 30km Loops and above.
822.4.2 Permitted Assistance	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.
825.2.5 Permitted tack	Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 10 cm, this has been increased from 8cm.
825.2.12 Permitted Tack	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 reins are loose.
828.3 Registration	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.
833 CEI Qualifications	Changes within the CEI Qualifications rules. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowing a margin of 5 days to the timeframe, a horse or athlete can compete in their first CEI1* after successful completion of their first novice ride. Change from 2 years to 3 years for how long an athlete or horse have to compete in their first CEI1* after qualifying for the 1* level. Speed restriction added for all 6-year-old horses entering in their first CEI1*. Change from 2 years to 3 years for how long an athlete or horse has to compete and complete in two 1* to achieve the 2* level. Change for how 3* qualifications are met, can be achieved for a combination if they successfully completed (i) two CEI 2*, and (ii) <i>one CEI1*</i> <i>or</i> one CEI 2* together as a Combination. A second change is these completions can be met within a 3-year period rather than a 2-year period.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a 3* athlete or horse looking to compete but have not yet qualified as a combination, they will need to successfully complete one <i>CEI1* or CEI 2*</i> as a Combination to compete together in a CEI 3*.
835 Validity of CEI Star Level Qualification	For horses, the validity timeframe has been increased from 2 years to 3 years.
836 Championships	<p>Changes to the championship requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1* Championship: Two out of three consecutive CEI 1* or higher, including one in Combination 2* Young Rider/Junior Championships: Two CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination, <i>only one in Combination for 2* Bronze Elite Junior/Young Riders or higher</i> 2* Senior Championships: Two CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination, <i>only one in Combination for 2* Bronze Elite Senior Riders or higher</i>
837 Consequences for repeated FTQ and/or DSQ	<p>The average speed limit has been increased from 20km/hour to 21km/hour and language has been added to place on the athlete the responsibility of knowing if a speed restriction applies or not.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See chart under 837.1 for changes, this chart outlines speed violations and the conditions for how a restriction is lifted.
848.4 Appointment of Officials	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 <i>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.</i>
849.2-3 Rotation of Officials	<p>Where only one Event is held each year at a particular venue, a person may serve as a key Official <i>in the same function</i> at that Event no more than three times in any five-year rolling period.</p> <p>Where more than one Event is held each year at a particular venue, a person may serve as a key Official <i>in the same function</i> at that venue (a) for no more than three Events per year.</p> <p>As of 1 January 2024, all Officials will be reset to zero rides counting towards their rotation.</p>
852 Technical Delegate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Designer duties and language have been removed from this section. 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.
853 Ground Jury	<p>Changes to who provides the FEI with an event report at an event dependent on event level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President of the Ground Jury: CEI1*, and CEI2* <i>CIM</i> and Regional Championships/Games Foreign Judge: <i>CEI2*</i>, CEI3* and Championships <p>Also, <i>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.</i></p>

854 Veterinary Commission	At CEI1* <i>and CEI2* CIM</i> , the President of the Veterinary Commission will also be responsible for the duties normally undertaken by a Foreign Veterinary Delegate.
856.2.5 Independent Governance Advisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term length has changed from two years to one year; re-appointments are still permitted. • During any period in which a person acts as an Independent Governance Advisor, this person may not accept any other FEI Official positions <i>except for in their country of residence and with the approval of the FEI Endurance Department</i>
861 Elite Athlete Status	The Elite Status program has changed to now include three levels (Bronze, Silver, and Gold) within each of the Star Levels. Bronze has 10 successful completions, Silver is 20, and Gold is 30. Please see 861 for more information.
864 Athlete and Trainer Penalty Points	Changes within the Disciplinary rules. See 864 for changes.
865 Warning Cards	The incorrect behavior card has been removed and now a yellow warning card may be given for incorrect behavior.
Annex 3 Elimination Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The combination not showing up to an event no longer incurs an elimination code. • Disqualification reasons have been expanded to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Underweight (UW) ○ Late Presentation (LP) ○ Hyposensitivity (HYPO) ○ Horse Abuse (HA) ○ Horse Not Presented (HNP) • Updates to the FTQ Code chart
Annex 5 9.2.1 Horse Inspections	<i>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.</i>
Annex 5 9.7 Heart Rate Assessment Procedure	The person trotting the Horse must lead the Horse from the Horse's left-hand side on a loose rein beside the Horse and not in front or behind the Horse.
Annex 6	Changes within the Officials Required for Events rules. See Annex 6 for the changes.
Annex 7 Participation of horses that have lost CEI quals	For Horses that wish to participate in National rides, or Horses that have lost their CEI qualification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the 180 days MOOCP has been completed, the Horse may enter a CEN ride subject to the usual national veterinary controls.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should this Horse wish to participate again in CEI rides, the Athlete's (or the 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.
Annex 7 2.4 Examination After Third (or Subsequent) FTQ-GA	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.
Annex 9 Endurance Awards	Explanation of Endurance Award system. See Annex 9 for full description.

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