

ENDURANCE

RULES GOVERNING NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ENDURANCE : 2019

Article 301

CATEGORIES

The following categories will be applicable for Endurance of REL, NEC, CEN, CEI and CEIO events:-

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| 1. | <u>PRE NOVICE</u> | - | All rides of 40 to 59 kms in one day with maximum speed limit of 16 KPH. |
| 2. | <u>NOVICE</u> | - | All rides of 60 to 79 km in one day with maximum speed limit of 16 KPH. |
| 3. | <u>INTERMEDIATE</u> | - | All rides of 80 to 100 km in one day with maximum speed limit of 16 KPH. |
| 4. | <u>ONE STAR ENDURANCE</u> | - | All rides of 80 km to 119 km in one day. |
| 5. | <u>TWO STAR ENDURANCE</u> | - | All rides of 120 km to 139 km in one day or of 70 km to 89 km per day over two days. |
| 6. | <u>THREE STAR ENDURANCE</u> | - | All rides of 140 km to 160 km in one day, or 90 to 100 km per day over 2 days, or 70 to 80 km per day over 3 days or more. |
| 7. | <u>FOUR STAR ENDURANCE</u> | - | 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. |

Article 302

ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS

1. Any person from the year in which he/she reaches his/her 14th birthday and who is duly registered as rider with EFI is eligible to take part in all Endurance rides held under aegis of EFI and when registered with FEI can take part in all CEIs and CEIOs.
2. A trainer must have minimum age of 18 years and must be registered with EFI and FEI.
3. For One star and above events as per Article 815.2 of FEI Endurance rules.

Article 303

ELIGIBILITY OF HORSES

1. Horses participating in National Endurance Championships cannot participate in any other discipline, in the same championship.
2. Horses must be at least 5 years old to participate in Endurance Pre-Novices, Novice and Intermediate level.
3. For One star and above events as per Article 815.2 of FEI Endurance rules.

4. The Horse and Horse owner/Trainer (if Athlete and Trainer/Horse owner is not same person) must be registered and allotted EFI IDs before entering for any NEC/CEN/REL event and FEI IDs before entering his name for any CEI/CEIO event. The Athlete or the Horse owner to fill Novice Qualification eligibility form (Annex 2 of the FEI Endurance Rules) and submit to EFI through mail, which will further be filled in on the FEI online platform by EFI prior to the making the first entry for the Athlete/Horse in any CEI event.

5. **FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse**:- At all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount.

Note:-

1. In an endurance competition any member of Genus Equus counts as a "Horse".
2. Horse Log Book for all endurance must be maintained. The Log Book can be obtained from EFI.

Article 304

GRADES OF HORSES:- As per the EFI grading list.

Article 305

UPGRADING PROCEDURES:- All horses and athletes as combination or separately must achieve under mentioned qualifications for upgradation:-

1. **Pre- Novice** All Athletes and horses meeting MER as mentioned at Art 302 and 303 are eligible to participate.
2. **Novice** All horses and Athletes must, though not necessarily as a combination once qualified at EFI recognized Pre-Novice event within last 24 months are eligible to participate.
3. **Intermediate** All horses and Athletes must, though not necessarily as a combination once qualified at EFI recognized Novice event within last 24 months are eligible to participate.
4. **One Star and above events** As per Article 816 of FEI Endurance rules.

Note:-

1. No horse or Athlete is ever eligible to participate in events above their grade achieved through above mentioned qualifications.
2. A horse and athlete is eligible for individual National Medal of upto intermediate category only once in lifetime when they participate and qualify as a combination or separately.

Example

1. Horse and rider both participating in a category first time- eligible for medal
2. Rider has participated and qualified in a category earlier but horse is participating first time- Eligible.
3. Horse has participated and qualified in a category earlier but Rider is participating first time- Eligible.
4. Horse and rider both as combination or separately has participated and qualified in a category earlier- Not eligible.

5. There is no such restriction for award of team medal. Medals for star categories will be governed as per Article 813 of FEI Endurance rules.

Article 306

DOWNGRADING PROCEDURES

Downgrading of Athletes and horses will be as per Article 816 of FEI Endurance rules, however there is no restriction for horses and athletes to participate in events below their grade without effecting their actual grade. Rules for award of medals are as mentioned at notes of Article 305 above applies.

Article 307

SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT

1. In principle, there is no restriction on saddlery however it must be in safe condition and fit the horse. (refer also to FEI Veterinary Regulations):- Any type of rein that may unduly restrict the free movement of the head of the horse, including, but not limited to Draw (Running) Reins/French Reins are forbidden.
2. Specific safety equipment, such as reflective items or otherwise, may be required as indicated in the schedule of the competition.
3. Whips (or the use of any other item as a whip) and Spurs are prohibited.
4. The use of mobile phones and GPS devices are permitted. All other forms of communication devices must be approved by the Ground Jury prior to competition.
5. The horses ears should be free of any inserts or attachments. Ears 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'.

Article 308

DRESS

1. Protective headgear, of a recognized equestrian/endurance standard and securely fastened, is compulsory for all persons at all Endurance events whilst mounted.
2. Safe riding footwear with heels of 12 mm or more, or alternatively caged/boxed stirrups/equestrian safety stirrups are compulsory for all persons at all Endurance events whilst mounted.
3. Dress, that is appropriate and not detrimental to the image of Endurance Riding is required.
4. **Athlete**:- Smart Pressed Team or Individual Riding uniforms.
5. Team Officials, Grooms, Crews: Smart Pressed Team or Individual uniforms.
6. **FEI Officials**:- Smart Clothing to include jacket and tie where applicable, Shorts or sandals are unacceptable standards of dress and will not be allowed.
7. **During the actual ride**:-
 - (a) **Athlete**:- Appropriate riding attire, shirt/polo shirt to include a collar.

(b) Team Officials, Grooms, Crews: Smart Team or Individual attire. No shorts within the Vet Inspection area, or sandals allowed within the 'Field of Play' (safety).

(c) **Officials**:- Smart working attire, no shorts or sandals.

Article 309

TECHNICAL CONDUCT AND VETERINARY REGULATIONS:- As per FEI Rules.

Article 310

MINIMUM GUIDING STANDARDS FOR NATIONAL MEDAL

1. In order to debar presentation of medals to undeserving participants, average minimum speed required to be achieved for National Medal will be 13 km/h for all categories, however average minimum speed for qualification will be as recommended by Technical Delegate and approved by EFI, depending on terrain, weather, Gradient and other relevant factors.

2. For rides having maximum speed restriction, horses stopping/circling or moving backward within last two km distance from each vet gate or finish line to avoid finishing before time will be disqualified. In such rides all horses finishing within 08 seconds of first horse crossing final finish line will be taken as finished together. Medal will be awarded on the following basis:-

(a) The horse reports first to vet gate for final veterinary inspection and qualifies all parameters.

(b) If more than one horse reports to vet gate within 4 seconds of first horse reporting, amongst above mentioned horses, the horse with lesser heartbeat will be the winner. This will be decided by a panel consisting of two judges as detailed by President Ground Jury (other than himself) and two members of veterinary commission as detailed by President Veterinary Commission (other than himself). In case of further ambiguity such riders will be awarded equal positions.

Article 311

CRUELTY

1. Any act or series of actions which, in the opinion of the Ground Jury can clearly be defined as cruelty or abuse shall be penalised by disqualification and as otherwise allowed under the GRs, and the individual concerned shall be reported to the EFI.

2. Reports of such actions must be accompanied whenever possible by the signatures and addresses of witnesses of the actions. The reports must be given to the Ground Jury or the Secretary of the Organizing Committee as soon as possible.

Article 312

WEIGHTS:- As per FEI Rules.

Article 313

Mandatory Rest for Horses:- As per Articles 815.3 of FEI Endurance rules.

Article 314

Inspection Decorum

1. Horses which are presented for vetting **must proceed**, as instructed, **directly** from the 'timed in gate' to the veterinary examination area (vet lane) **showing constant forward motion**.
2. **No action** must be taken **to hold back the horse** or to **prevent this constant forward motion** (this to include **deviation from course**, encouragement either by sound or by command to stop).
3. Whistling within the vet gate to encourage a horse to urinate is not allowed and considered as a failure to observe this article and may attract disqualification or other disciplinary action.
4. The following can be enforced should the above regulations not be followed at all times:-
 - (a) Should a horse be **presented** at the vet gate **with tack** then that horse will be **considered to have failed the first inspection**. The **time in** will be **cancelled** and the horse will be required to exit the vet gate and present for a second (final) presentation.
 - (b) Should a horse fail to proceed directly to the lane veterinarian, as instructed by an official, the Rider (Person Responsible) will be in breach of Art. 821.2.3 and may be given either **affixed time penalty of 5 minutes** and/or be given **a yellow warning card**. (Note: two yellow warning cards results in immediate disqualification from the event and a two month suspension from all FEI competitions).
 - (c) Should a horse be walked so slowly that it stops then it is considered to be in breach of 'constant forward motion' and may be subject to either **a fixed time penalty of 5 minutes** and/or be given **a yellow warning card**. (Note: two yellow warning cards results in immediate disqualification from the event and a two month suspension from all FEI /EFI competitions).
 - (d) The horse will not be allowed to enter the vet lane itself until the heart rate has been taken and instruction given by the lane Veterinarian to trot.

Article 315

Classification, Disqualification, Retirement or failure to Qualify for the next phase :- As per Article 813 of FEI Endurance rules.

Article 316

Duties of Endurance officials:- As per Article 824 of FEI Endurance rules.

Article 317

ENDURANCE RIDERS POINTS:-

Events	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Intermediate	10	8	6	4	2	1
CEI*	12	10	8	6	4	2
CEI**	16	14	12	10	8	6
CEI***	20	18	16	14	12	10

Note: -

1. Riders not achieving FEI MER, even if they get placed in first 6 posn, will not be awarded any rider points.
2. Points will be valid for 12 months only.

Article 318

NATIONAL CHAMPION

The gold medalist of a highest category conducted in the National Equestrian Championships will be declared as the national champion in Endurance.

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