

National Endurance Rules Amendment 1-1-2024

The **validity period** of novice qualification and national level for horses has been extended from two to **three years**.

If an Athlete fails to comply with the **minimum weight requirements** or to submit to a weight control, the Athlete will be Disqualified **for Underweight**.

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 **except for the final loop**. If during the same Competition the Athlete is weighed again and is under the minimum weight (by any amount), the Combination will be Disqualified.

The **start time** of any Combination that does not present on time for the start **of the Competition** is recorded as if it had started on time. No Combination may start later than 15 minutes after the official start time **of each Phase**. Failure to comply with this provision will result in Disqualification.

Dead heat: When two or more Combinations start the Competition at the same time and finish with the same total elapsed riding time, the Ground Jury (assisted by the Stewards) must determine which Combination crossed the finish line first (whether based on plain sight or photo/video evidence) and that Combination will be classified ahead of the other Combination. **Such determination must be based on the tip of the nose of the Horse that crosses the finish line first.** There may not be any ties.

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**.

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**.

Failure to comply with the time limits for presentation of the Horse to the Vetting Area will result in Disqualification **for Late Presentation**. In such circumstances, the Horse must still be submitted to a Horse Inspection, and so an additional designation for Failure to Qualify for veterinary (or other) reasons may also apply in addition to the Disqualification.

All Horses removed (voluntarily or otherwise) from Competition must be presented for **Horse Inspection** either to the FEI Veterinary Commission or the FEI Treatment Veterinary Panel immediately after removal, unless the President of the Veterinary Commission, President of the Treating Veterinary Commission, and Foreign Veterinary Delegate permit the Horse's immediate transfer from the Field of Play to a pre-authorized treatment centre and the Horse's veterinary records are updated accordingly. Failure to comply with this Article will result in the issue of a Yellow Warning Card to the Athlete and Trainer, Disqualification of the Combination **for Horse Not Presented**, imposition of a 60-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period for the Horse, and 100 penalty points for athlete & trainer

By entering the Competition, the Owner of the Horse consents to veterinary treatment that, in the opinion of the Treating Veterinarian(s), is required to ensure the welfare of the Horse, and to the transport of the Horse to the designated referral facility for further assessment, care, or monitoring, should that be deemed necessary. **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:**

1. Disqualification
2. Yellow Warning Card for Athlete and Trainer
3. 60-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period for the Horse
4. 100 Penalty points for Athlete and Trainer

Any **shank (lever arm)** on any bit may not exceed **10 cm**.

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.

NEW reasons for Disqualification,

- Underweight (UW)
- Late Presentation (LP)
- horse Abuse (HA)
- Horse Not Presented (HNP)

As per article No. 7.4 **Additional Mandatory Out of Competition Periods**, if the horse failed to Qualify- irregular gait in a rolling year, the horse will have an additional rest period of 180 days.

Upon completion of this rest period, if the Horse is wished to participate in National rides after the 180 days MOOCP has been completed, the horse must pass the veterinary examination protocol (Annex 7 Protocol) **in National rides.**