

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE :

FEI Rules for Endurance Events, 7th Edition, effective January 2009

1. Art 804.2.4 – Exceptional Circumstances

- Such circumstances would normally relate to outside influences that may cause a temporary interruption to the smooth running of the event.
- Short term weather conditions (torrential rain with resultant short term flooding, electrical atmospheric disturbances, the need to re route one or more phases of the competition).
- Loss of access to a phase or phases of the course which result in a delay in order to re organise.

2. Art 804.3.4 – Catastrophic Occurrences or Circumstances

- Such circumstances would normally relate to outside influences that cause permanent interruption to the smooth running of the event.
- Long term weather conditions (torrential rain with resultant wide-ranging flooding preventing access to either the venue or endurance course).
- Security considerations related to the safety of those taking part, e.g. riot/civil commotion etc.

3. Art 806.1, 2, 5 – Time and Record Keeping

- Where non electronic (computerized) time keeping systems are used, timing should be to the nearest second or part thereof, a back up master copy should be maintained and updated from time to time.
- All time pieces should be accurate and synchronized prior to the start of competition.
- Where computerized time keeping systems are used an individual time record should be made available at vet gates to each rider or person responsible. Further computerized and/or hard copy back up records must be maintained throughout the event.
- All those operating the time keeping systems should be fully briefed prior to competition and be familiar with the system to be used
- Accurate timing must be in place to record the rider/horse's passage across the phase/finish line, the time of presentation(s) at the vet gate and the start time of the next phase where applicable.

4. Art 807.6.4 – Permitted Assistance

- Assistance that is detailed within the FEI approved schedule.
- Assistance provided by the OC in respect of road crossings.
- Assistance provided by the OC in respect of crewing of horses when rider's crews are not allowed access to specific areas.
- Assistance provided by the OC in respect of electronic tracking devices.

5. Art 808.2 – Schedule of Competition

- Detail should be provided in respect of all charges that will be made to a rider or team in respect of additional expenses that might be incurred e.g. Veterinary treatment, Farriery services etc.
- Detail should also be provided in respect of import/export conditions together with any related costs.
- Detail should also be provided in respect of any tax liabilities that may apply to any rider who might receive prize monies at an event.

6. Art 816 – Qualification Procedure

- All Riders and Horses who have not competed at FEI competitions prior to the 1st January 2009 must fully meet the requirements as defined within Article 816 in respect of Novice Qualification and CEI Star Qualifying.
- Riders who have competed at FEI competitions prior to 1st January 2009 can continue under the new rules commencing at the next 2009 *Event level above their highest successful completion distance. It is the distance successfully completed prior to 1st January 2009 and not the *Rating of that competition that must be used.
- Horses who have competed at FEI competitions prior to 1st January 2009 can continue under the new rules commencing at the next 2009 *Event level above their highest successful completion distance achieved during the previous 24 months. It is the distance successfully completed prior to 1st January 2009 and not the *Rating of that competition that must be used.

Art 816.2.1 Star System Qualification for Horses shall be valid for a period of 24 months. Should a horse fail to compete 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.

The way to consider this is that a horse initially qualifies at a level and by doing so achieves that level status and is then qualified to then compete at the next level to achieve that next level's status and so on.

So that a horse that has successfully completed...

National Qualification	achieves	NATIONAL STATUS	QUALIFIED to compete at CEI1*
1* Event	achieves	1* STATUS	QUALIFIED to compete at CEI2*
2* Event	achieves	2* STATUS	QUALIFIED to compete at CEI3*

It is the success at lower level that allows the horse/rider to compete at the next level event, the success at that next level qualifies to compete at the next level and so on.

If a 2* Horse does not compete in the next level up (3*) within 24 months, per art 816.2.1, he must 're qualify' at his existing level (status). His existing level is 2*. To qualify for existing 2* Status he must successfully complete a 2* ride.

Therefore, so long as he successfully completes a 2* ride every 24 months his existing level will remain at 2* i.e. you can maintain status by being successful at you present level.

If he does not successfully complete a 2* ride within 24 months he will drop to his previous existing level (status), 1*. If he does not successfully complete a 1* ride in the next 24 months he must drop to his next existing level - national

7. Art 821.2.3 – Inspection Decorum

- 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.
- 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).
- 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.

8. Art 822.6 – Best Condition Award Procedure

- Where possible the 'Best Condition' award should be assessed on the day of main competition.
- Whilst it is not compulsory, the FEI recommended 'Best Condition' assessment form should be used.
- Such form is available either as a Word Document or as an Excel Spread Sheet both available for download from the FEI web site.
- Detail of the criteria to be used to establish the winner of the 'Best Condition', if not that recommended by the FEI, should be clearly announced prior to the start of assessment to all that propose to enter.