

802.4.2 Championships include:

- (a) 1* Championships of a minimum of 100 km and a maximum of 119km in one day.
- (b) 2* Young Horse Championships with a minimum of 120 km and a maximum of 130 km in one day;
- (c) 2* Junior and Young Rider Championships of a minimum of 120 km and maximum of 130 km in one day;
- (d) 2* Senior Championships of a minimum of 120 km and maximum of 139 km in one day; and
- (e) 3* Senior Championships of 160 km in one day.

802.6 Combined National and FEI events:

802.6.1 At the request of the National Federation concerned, the **FEI may approve an FEI Event being combined with a National Event**. If approved, CEI Combinations must be given priority over nationallevel Combinations for entries to such combined events.

802.6.2 The national and FEI Competitions may start at the same time where so requested by the OC, subject to the approval of the Technical Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury, subjekt to the maximum number of starters permitted under Article 847, and provided that the welfare of the Horses and the safety of the Athletes will not be compromised.

802.6.3 At any combined National and FEI event, national-level Combinations may not provide any form of assistance (in terms of pacing or otherwise) to FEI-level combinations that might provide the FEI-level Combination with any unfair advantage. Breach of this Article will result in Disqualification of both Combinations.

803. STAR LEVEL OF EVENTS

803.1 CEIs, CEIOs and Championships are divided into three star levels (3* being the highest level):

803.1.1 1*: Competitions between 100-119 km in one day.

803.1.2 2*: Competitions between 120-139 km in one day, or between 70-89 km per day over two days.

803.1.3 3*: Competitions between 140-160 km in one day, or 90-100 km per day over two days, or 70-80 km per day over three days or more.

805. MINIMUM WEIGHTS

805.1 Athletes must comply with the following minimum weight requirements, which include all riding equipment except for the bridle:

Event Minimum weight

Young Rider/Junior

Young Rider/Junior Competitions and Championships 60 kg

Senior

CEI 1* and CEI 2* 70 kg

CEI 3* 75 kg

CEIOs and Championships 75 kg

805.2 If Juniors or Young Riders participate in Competitions for Seniors, they must comply with the minimum weight requirements applicable to Seniors for such competitions.

814.4.4 Subject to Article 814.4.3, each Competition must have the following minimum number of Loops, depending on the total length of the course for that Competition:

Length of course Minimum number of Loops

100-119 km	Three
120-139 km	Four
140-160 km CEI 3*	Five
160 km 3* Championship	Six

816. VET GATES

816.6 Heart rate assessment: The first assessment to be performed as part of a Horse Inspection is the heart rate assessment. Further detail on the procedure for heart rate assessments is set out in paragraph 9.3 of Annex 5.

816.6.1 For all Events (regardless of star level), Horses must be presented for a heart rate assessment with a heart rate of no more than:

- (a) 64 beats per minute (bpm) within 15 minutes of crossing the end line of each Loop (except the final Loop); and
- (b) 64 bpm within 20 minutes of crossing the finish line of the final Loop.

816.6.5 At the first Vet Gate after the halfway point on the course or at the third Vet Gate (whichever comes first), and at each subsequent Vet Gate, Horses that present at the Vetting Area with a heart rate greater than 68 bpm at the first presentation must pass a heart rate re-inspection and a compulsory re-inspection before being permitted to start the next Loop.

824. DYES AND SKIN CREAMS

Dyes (including henna) may not be used on the Horse at any time on the Field of Play as it may obstruct the veterinary inspection and identification of the Horse. Barrier cream or other topical skin cream may be used on the Horse, provided that it is removed before presentation for Horse Inspections or at the request of any Veterinarian or Official anywhere on the Field of Play. Failure to comply with this provision will result in Disqualification.

827. MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSES

827.1 The minimum age requirements for Horses are set out below:

Level of Event Required minimum age

Novice	5 years old
CEI 1*	6 years old
CEI 2*	7 years old
CEI 3*	8 years old

CEIOs and Championships (other than Young Horse Championships, see Article 827.2) Horse must be at least one year older than the minimum age requirement that applies to a CEI of the same star level as the Championship. (For example, to participate in a 2* Championship, the Horse must be 8 years old or older)

827.2 Horses must be eight years old to participate in the Young Horse Championships. (For the avoidance of doubt, eight years is a required age, not a minimum age).

827.3 A Horse is deemed to have its birthday on 1 January in the year that it was born.

832. NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS

832.1 Subject to Article 832.4, all Horses and Athletes must have successfully completed their novice qualifications to be eligible to advance through the CEI star level qualification process.

832.2 Novice qualifications must be administered by each National Federation. The novice qualification eligibility form must be filled in on the FEI online platform prior to the relevant National Federation making the first FEI entry for the Athlete or Horse.

832.3 Novice qualification procedure: Horses and Athletes must have successfully completed (not necessarily as a Combination) two novice rides of 40-79 km (in one day) and two novice rides of 80-100 km each restricted to a speed of no more than 16 km/hour (calculated in accordance with Article 838.2). The required 80-100 km rides may be completed either as (i) two single-day events, or (ii) one single-day event and one multi-day event (for the multi-day event, 40-50km must be completed per day for two consecutive days at the same Competition). All qualifying novice rides must be completed within a two-year period.

832.4 Exemptions from novice qualification requirements:

832.4.1 A National Federation may ask the FEI to exempt an Athlete or Horse from the novice qualifications if they meet the conditions in Articles 832.4.2 (Horse) or 832.4.3 (Athlete).

832.4.2 The Horse will be granted an exemption from the novice qualifications if (i) it is eight years or older at the time of the request, and (ii) in the three years prior to the request it has successfully completed a cumulative minimum of 480 km in Competitions over distances of 80 km, including at least one competition of 80km or more at the age of eight or older.

832.4.3 The Athlete will be granted an exemption from the novice qualifications if he has successfully completed a cumulative minimum of 480 km in Competitions

833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS

833.1 CEI star qualifying: to be determined according to FEI records and database, and attested to by each NF.

833.1.1 All Horses and Athletes must have successfully completed Novice Qualifying to be eligible for CEI star qualifying.

833.1.2 Horses and Athletes, not necessarily as a combination must successfully complete FEI Competitions to progress through the star system, beginning with a successful completion at the 1-star level, thereby qualifying to move up through each star category as defined in Art 803.

835.1 Star system qualification for Athletes to 3* level will be for up to five years and can be revalidated by successfully completing an FEI Competition applicable to the Athlete's existing status or equivalent National Event distance.

835.2 Star system qualification for Horses shall be valid for a period of 24 months. Should a Horse fail to complete an event 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.

839. MANDATORY OUT OF COMPETITION PERIODS

839.1 Mandatory Rest Period for Horses:

839.1.1 After competing in a CEI or National Events, a Horse must be given a mandatory minimum rest period, as defined, before it is again eligible to participate in a National or FEI Competition:

Distance completed 0 – 46 km 5days

Over 46 – 86 km 12 days

Over 86 – 126 km 19 days

Over 126 km -146 km 26 days

Over 146 Km 33 days

Extended rest periods will apply if a horse has Failed to Qualify following immediate invasive treatment or for irregular gait reasons (see articles 839.1.2 and 839.1.3).

The total rest period commences at Midnight at the end of the day that the ride finishes (24.00 hours), as denoted by the maximum ride time allowed, and finishes at the same time on the last full day of the rest period. The published ride start time of the horse's next ride must fall after the expiry of the rest period.

839.1.2 Extended Mandatory Rest Periods for invasive treatment:

Any treatment of a horse which involves the puncture or incision of the skin or insertion of any instrument or foreign material into the body is considered 'Invasive Treatment'.

(Exceptions to the rule would be the administration of oral electrolytes or acupuncture.).

Any metabolic condition diagnosed in a horse which has Failed to Qualify that left untreated would compromise or threaten the welfare of the Horse would be considered a condition requiring invasive treatment. It is the responsibility of the FVD Foreign Veterinary Delegate and the Treatment Veterinarian to review, on a case by case basis, the treated Horses at the end of an event and classify each case that is immediate Invasive Treatment, incurring mandatory rest, or Authorised treatment not incurring mandatory rest.

If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for metabolic reasons which require immediate invasive treatment at any CEI or National Event in a rolling year, it must be given a Mandatory Rest Period as below before it is again eligible to participate in a FEI or National competition.

Invasive treatment 1st Incident 60 days in total

Invasive treatment 2nd incident 90 days in total

The extended rest period for a 2nd incident comes into effect if the horse has Failed to Qualify for metabolic reasons which require immediate invasive treatment at any 2 consecutive CEI or National Events or twice within any 3 month period.

839.1.3 Extended Mandatory Rest Periods for irregular gait

If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait reasons at any CEI or National Event in a rolling year, it must be given, in addition to the rest period defined under article 839.1.1, an additional Mandatory Rest Period as set out below before it is again eligible to participate in another FEI or National competition.

Irregular gait 1st incident 14 days in addition

Irregular gait 2nd incident 21 days in addition

The additional extended rest period for a 2nd incident comes into effect if the horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait reasons at any 2 consecutive CEI or National Events.

Failure to Qualify for irregular gait reasons at a 3rd consecutive CEI or National Event will incur a Mandatory Rest Period of:

Irregular gait 3rd Incident 90 days in addition

839.1.4 If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait at any 4 consecutive CEI or National Events in a rolling year, it must be given a Mandatory Rest Period of 6 months and pass a veterinary examination 4 weeks prior to first competition before it is again eligible to participate in a CEI or National Events.

If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait reasons more than 4 consecutive CEI or National Events, the Horse will be banned from future Endurance competition.

839.1.5 National results cannot interfere with extended rest periods applied to FEI Horses who have failed to qualify due to irregular gaits or metabolic reasons at consecutive CEI or National Events.

839.1.6 (Intentionally omitted because Article 815.3.6 of the 2019 Endurance Rules is covered under Chapter IX of these Endurance Rules).

839.1.7 If a Horse ridden by an Athlete suffers a Severe Injury and/or a Catastrophic Injury within 12 months of a Severe Injury and/or a Catastrophic Injury occurring to any previous Horse ridden by that same Athlete, that Athlete, will be automatically suspended for six months.

1. Catastrophic injury is defined as an injury which, in the opinion of the Veterinary Commission, requires immediate euthanasia or contributes to the death of a Horse in Competition howsoever caused.

2. Severe Injury is defined as:

I) A musculoskeletal (fracture, serious tendon, ligament, or muscle) injury or;

II) Metabolic injury (serious colic, acute kidney injury, myopathy that fails to respond to treatment) or;

III) Other condition that, in the opinion of the Treating Veterinarian, Foreign Veterinary Delegate, and President of the Veterinary Commission, requires further assessment and continued appropriate veterinary care beyond the period of Competition.

CHAPTER IX: DISCIPLINARY

VALID AFTER 1ST JULY 2020

CHAPTER V: QUALIFYING FOR AND COMPETING IN FEI EVENTS

833. CEI QUALIFICATIONS

833.1 The CEI star qualification level of an Athlete or Horse must be determined according to the FEI's records and database, and attested to by each National Federation.

833.2 Once an Athlete or Horse has qualified for a CEI star level, he/it may be referred to as an Athlete or Horse (as applicable) of that star level.

833.3 The qualification procedure for CEI star levels is set out below:

833.3.1 **CEI 1***: Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 1* level once they have successfully completed all the novice qualifications, but no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) after the successful completion of their first novice ride. Athletes and Horses must successfully complete a CEI 1* within two years of qualifying for the CEI 1* level. If they fail to do so, they will lose their CEI 1* qualification and must update their novice qualifications to re-qualify for the CEI 1* level.

833.3.2 **CEI 2***: Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 2* level once they have successfully completed two out of three consecutive CEI 1* within a two-year period.

833.3.3 **CEI 3***: Athletes and Horses may only compete at the CEI 3* level if they are qualified as a Combination. To so qualify, they must have successfully completed (i) two out of three consecutive CEI 2*, and (ii) one CEI 2* together as a Combination (except for Athletes with Elite Status, see Article 861), all within a two-year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).

834. COMPETING AT CEI EVENTS ONCE QUALIFIED

834.1 Once qualified for the CEI 1* and CEI 2* levels, there are no further requirements to compete at those levels.

834.2 If the Athlete and Horse are both individually qualified for the CEI 3* level, but in other Combinations (i.e. with other partners), they have to successfully complete one CEI 2* as a Combination to compete together in a CEI 3*. (Further to Article 833.3.3, Athletes with Elite Status are exempt from this Combination requirement).

836. CHAMPIONSHIPS

836.1 To qualify for Championships, Horses and Athletes must have:

836.1.1 graduated through the qualifying processes for novice and CEI star qualifications, up to and including the star level of the Championship (for example, for a 2* Championship, the Athlete and Horse must each be qualified for the CEI 2* level); and

836.1.2 successfully completed the relevant additional number of CEIs (or CEIOs of the same star level) specified in the table below. Of those additional rides:

(a) one or two (as specified in the table) must have been undertaken by the relevant Athlete and Horse as a Combination; and

(b) that ride (or one of those two rides) must have (i) been a single-day event over the same distance as the Championship (or greater distance), and (ii) taken place prior to, but no more than two years prior to, the deadline

for Nominated Entries for the Championship or 60 days prior to the Championship (whichever comes first).

Championship	Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements
1* Championships	Two out of three consecutive CEI 1* or higher, including one in Combination
2* Young Horse Championships	One CEI 2* in Combination
2* Young Rider/Junior Championships	Two CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination
2* Senior Championships	Two CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination
3* Senior Championships	Two CEI 3*, including one in Combination

837. CONSEQUENCES FOR REPEATED FTQ AND/OR DSQ DESIGNATIONS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS EXCEEDING 20 KM/HOUR

837.1 If an Athlete or Horse (in any Combination) is designated as Failed to Qualify (FTQ) or Disqualified (DSQ) at a number of Competitions within a one-year rolling period, and the average speed of the Athlete or Horse over the course at each of those Competitions exceeded 20 km/hour, the consequences (and conditions for lifting the speed restriction) set out in the table below will apply to the Athlete and Horse in question:

Number of FTQ and/or DSQ in a one-year rolling period with average speed > 20 km/hour	Consequences	Conditions for speed restriction to be lifted
Two (but only if at consecutive Competitions)	Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.	Successful completion of one Competition (at any CEI star level) within the speed restriction.
Three	Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.	Successful completion of two Competitions (at any CEI star level) within the speed restriction.
Four	Demoted by one qualification level (all requirements to qualify for the next CEI star level must be completed anew) and speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.	Successful completion of two Competitions at the qualification level to which the Athlete/Horse is demoted within the speed restriction.
Five	Demoted to national level (all novice qualifications must be completed before progressing again through the CEI star qualification levels).	No conditions.

837.2 Average speed over a course and speed restrictions are calculated as set out in Article 838.

837.3 If the Athlete or Horse satisfies the relevant conditions for lifting the speed restriction or is demoted to national level following five FTQ/DSQ as set out in the table above, then his/its number of FTQ/DSQ designations will be reset to zero for the purposes of this Article 837.

838. CALCULATING AVERAGE SPEED AND SPEED RESTRICTIONS

838.1 The average speed of a Combination over a course (including for the purposes of determining if 20 km/hour has been exceeded, further to Articles 837.1 and 839.2.1) is the average speed over all completed Loops (including any Loop that ends in a 'Failed to Qualify' designation). If a Loop is not completed, then the speed of that partial Loop does not count towards the average. If a Horse fails to complete the first Loop, no average speed will be recorded.

838.2 To comply with the speed restriction of 16 km/hour (in Article 832.3) or of 18 km/hour (in Article 837.1), the average speed of a Combination in each Loop must be no more than the applicable speed restriction. It is not enough for the Combination to keep its average speed over all of the Loops combined under the speed restriction. If the average speed of a Combination exceeds the applicable speed restriction on any Loop, the Combination will be classified as Failed to Qualify-Speed (FTQ-SP). If the Horse fails a Horse Inspection after such Loop, the Combination will also be classified according to any other elimination codes (see Annex 3) that apply for veterinary reasons.

839. MANDATORY OUT OF COMPETITION PERIODS

839.1 Standard MOOCP:

After competing in a National Event or FEI Event, a Horse may not compete in any National Event(s) or FEI Event(s) for the following Mandatory Out of Competition Period:

Distance completed	Mandatory Out of Competition P
From crossing the start line up to 54 km	5 days
Over 54 km to 106 km	12 days
Over 106 km to 126 km	19 days
Over 126 km to 146 km	26 days
Over 146 km	33 days

839.2 Additional MOOCP:

839.2.1 In addition to the period set out in Article 839.1, the following Mandatory Out of Competition Periods and other consequences will apply where the following circumstances occur at an FEI Event or National Event (where more than one of the circumstances below apply, the additional Mandatory Out of Competition Periods will be cumulative):

Incident	Additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period and other consequences
Horses that exceed an average of 20 km/hour over completed Loops of a course (calculated in accordance with Article 838)	7 days

Second FTQ-ME (Failure to Qualify – metabolic) in a rolling year	14 days
Third (or subsequent) FTQ-ME (Failure to Qualify – metabolic) in a rolling year	60 days (subject to extension under Article 839.2.3)
Third (or subsequent) FTQ-GA (Failure to Qualify – irregular gait) in a rolling year	a) 180-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period; and b) Horse must undergo a specific examination protocol before being eligible to compete in any FEI Events or National Events (the protocol for this examination is set out in Annex 7).
Serious Injury (musculoskeletal)	180 days (subject to extension under Article 839.2.3)
Serious Injury (metabolic)	60 days (subject to extension under Article 839.2.3)
Failure by the Person Responsible to provide a copy of the veterinary report from a designated/approved referral centre to the FEI Veterinary Department in accordance with Article 840	180 days (and Horse will not be permitted to compete until the veterinary report is provided)

839.2.2 It is the responsibility of the President of the Veterinary Commission, President of the Treating Veterinary Commission, and Foreign Veterinary Delegate to review the treated Horses at the end of the Competition on a case by case basis, and to specify if those Horses must (i) have an additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period under Article 839.2.1, or (ii) receive authorised treatment, without requiring such additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period.

839.2.3 The Mandatory Out of Competition Period for Serious Injuries or repeated FTQ-ME may be extended further at the discretion of the FEI Veterinary Department based on a diagnosis by a designated referral centre or other approved clinic (see Article 840).

839.3 Consequences during MOOCP:

839.3.1 For Article 839.1, the standard Mandatory Out of Competition Period starts to run from 00:01 GMT the day after the relevant ride finishes (the end of the ride is determined by the maximum ride time allowed), and finishes at midnight GMT on the last day of the Mandatory Out of Competition Period. For Article 839.2, any additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period starts to run from 00:01 GMT the day after the standard Mandatory Out of Competition Period expires, and finishes at midnight GMT on the last day of the additional Mandatory Out of Competition Period. In any case, the published ride start time of the Horse's next competition (national or international) must fall after the expiry of the applicable Mandatory Out of Competition Period.

839.3.2 FEI-registered Horses may not compete in any National Events or FEI Events during any Mandatory Out of Competition Period. Failure to comply with this provision will result in the penalties set out in Article 864.

839.3.3 If a Horse participates in a National Event or FEI Event during any Mandatory Out of Competition Period, the Athlete who rode the Horse (and the Trainer of the Horse,

if applicable) will receive an official notification from FEI Headquarters. The penalty points and suspension set out in Article 864 will take effect as of the date of the FEI notification. The results obtained by that Horse (and by any Athlete riding that Horse) in the National Event or FEI Event concerned (and in any subsequent National Events/FEI Events up to the date of notification) will be Disqualified.

842. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

842.1 Qualifications:

842.1.1 As of 1 July 2020, Athletes and Horses retain any star level qualification and successful completions that they had achieved as at 30 June 2020. They will be deemed to have completed the qualification requirements for their star level under these Endurance Rules.

842.1.2 The qualification requirements for Championships set out in Article 836 will not apply to any Championships being held in 2020, and so will apply only to Championships held from 1 January 2021 onwards. The qualification procedure for Championships set out in the 2019 edition of the endurance rules (see article 816.3) will apply to Championships held in 2020 (the FEI will issue a guidance document to assist in explaining the qualification criteria for the remaining 2020 Championships).

842.1.3 Athletes and Horses who have successfully completed a CEI 2* or CEI 3* together in combination since 30 June 2018 will be deemed to have qualified to compete as a Combination at the CEI 3* level for a period of two years from 1 July 2020.

842.2 Consequences under Article 837: The consequences under Article 837 (for repeated FTQ and/or DSQ designations with average speeds exceeding 20 km/hour) will be imposed based only on results obtained from 1 July 2020 onwards.

842.3 Mandatory Out of Competition Periods:

842.3.1 Any mandatory rest periods incurred prior to 1 July 2020 under previous editions of these Endurance Rules must be complied with and will not be affected by the new Mandatory Out of Competition Periods set out in these Endurance Rules.

842.3.2 Any incidents listed in the table in Article 839.2 that occur at a Competition on or after 1 July 2020 will give rise to the additional Mandatory Out of Competition Periods specified in that provision, subject to the below.

(a) For the incidents under Article 839.2 that have cumulative requirements (e.g. two or more FTQ-ME or three or more FTQ-GA in a rolling year), the additional Mandatory Out of Competition Periods will apply even if one or more of the FTQ within a rolling year occurred prior to 1 July 2020, except as set out in paragraph (b) below.

(b) If a Horse was designated FTQ-ME or FTQ-GA a number of times within a year prior to 1 July 2020 and no extended mandatory rest period was incurred under the previous Endurance Rules (e.g. because the FTQ were not consecutive or there was no immediate invasive treatment), but that number of FTQ would result in an additional MOOCP under these Endurance Rules (e.g. because the consecutive/immediate invasive treatment conditions no longer apply), the additional MOOCP under these Endurance Rules will not apply to those prior FTQ unless the Horse incurs a further FTQ on or after 1 July 2020. (For example, if a Horse was designated FTQ-GA three non-consecutive times within a year of 1 July 2020, the additional MOOCP under these Endurance Rules for three FTQ-GA will not apply. However, if the Horse is designated FTQ-GA again on or after 1 July 2020, and the new FTQ-GA falls into the same rolling year as two or more of the FTQ-GA incurred prior to 1 July 2020, then the additional MOOCP under these Endurance Rules for three or more FTQ-GA will apply).