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MEMORANDUM

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As most of you know the FEI's criteria for exemptions to qualifications has become increasingly more stringent. The 7 points listed below describe their latest requirements. Please note that requests must be submitted to the FEI by at least 10 days before the start of the event. **Before we can submit any exemption requests to the FEI, the Credentials Committee must approve all such requests which means they must be sent to Athlete Services no later than 15 days before the start date of the competition in question.**

Also, exemptions for the 1 star level will not be granted by the Credentials Committee since the Members feel that riders/horses should meet all qualifications at this level.

1. Exemptions will only be granted to horses, riders must be qualified.
 2. Reason of request must be stated by the NF and exemptions will only be granted for Championship selection purposes and on events that allow qualification for the level of the specific Championship in the same year in which the championship will be held.
 3. Reason for exemptions: lack of events in region further to cancellations etc. NF will be requested to provide details on reasons.
 4. Requests have to be submitted to the FEI at least 10 days before the beginning of the event to be processed. Late requests will not be accepted.
 5. Request must be accompanied by a detailed summary of both the rider and horse's performance record, including all the horse's competitions at national and international CICs and CCIs during the current and previous year.
 6. NFs must be informed that grant of exemptions is a system for exceptional circumstances and not to be used as a parallel qualifying system.
 7. The Organising Committee of the event in question must agree.
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