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Rule Change Intent

The Endurance Sport Committee is requesting to refer directly to the FEI Novice Qualifications rules within the FEI Rules to avoid any conflicts between the two sets of rules. There are some additional requirements USEF has set for athletes and horses seeking Novice Qualifications, those will continue to be included.

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SUBCHAPTER EN-1 ATHLETE

EN106 FEI Novice Qualifications

- ~~1. Horses and riders must each successfully complete (not necessarily as a combination) two novice rides of 40-79 km (in one day) and two novice rides of 80-100 km. Of the four (4) required rides, at least two (2) must be completed at Federation Licensed Competitions and no more than two (2) of the required rides may be completed at non-Federation Licensed Competitions authorized by the Federation. The required 80-100 km rides may be completed either as:
 - a. two single day events, or
 - b. 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 qualifications must be met no later than the definite entry deadline for the horse's and/or rider's first CEI 1* as published in the FEI Definite Schedule for that Event, including the Mandatory Out of Competition Period. All FEI registration and/or passport requirements must be completed prior to the submission of the novice qualifications.~~
- ~~2. Horses must meet the FEI age requirements. For competition purposes, any horse is considered to be one year old on the first day of January following the actual date of foaling.~~
- ~~3. A rider may participate in any FEI Endurance Event (subject to applicable qualification criteria) from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 14.~~
- ~~4. Results for novice qualifications must include a Loop or interval time, final ride time, and placing.~~
- ~~5. Exemptions from novice qualification requirements: the Federation will request the FEI to exempt a rider or horse from the novice qualifications under the following circumstances:
 - a. The horse may be granted the exemption if:
 1. it is eight (8) years or older at the time of the request;
 2. in the three (3) years prior to the request it has successfully completed a 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 (8) or older;
 3. The FEI Mandatory Out of Competition Period is completed, if applicable.
 - b. The rider will be granted the exemption only if they have successfully completed a minimum of 480 km in competitions over 80 km or more in the three years prior to the request.
 - c. Results used for an exemption must include a final ride time and placing.~~
- ~~6. When submitting results from rides at non-Federation Licensed Competitions authorized by the Federation, riders must provide the Federation with a completed Reporting Form or copy of Logbook.~~

The FEI Novice Qualifications process must be completed in accordance with the FEI Endurance Rules with the below additions.

- 1. Of the four (4) required rides, at least two (2) must be completed at Federation Licensed Competitions and no more than two (2) of the required rides may be completed at non-Federation Licensed Competitions authorized by the Federation.***
- 2. All qualifications must be met no later than the definite entry deadline for the horse's and/or rider's first CEI 1* as published in the FEI Definite Schedule for that Event, including the Mandatory Out of Competition Period.***
- 3. All FEI registration and/or passport requirements must be completed prior to the submission of the novice qualifications.***
- 4. When submitting results from rides at non-Federation Licensed Competitions authorized by the Federation, riders must provide the Federation with a completed Reporting Form or copy of Logbook.***