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Extraordinary Change Reason

To have the means and structure to implement the 5 Part Plan that the Board of Directors had approved in June 2021 for Endurance.

Rule Change Intent

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Committee Actions
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Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 06/13/2022

Draft 1: The LOC had various concerns regarding the licensed official requirements in EN107, including: - If two veterinarians are on the panel, what occurs if a vote is required? With an even number, there could be the possibility of an even vote. Perhaps the panel should be three vets (ideal), or only one vet shall conduct soundness/fitness to compete evaluations, and their decision would be final. - It is not reasonable to expect all veterinarians to be prepared to treat a horse. For example, some veterinarians may not travel with their fully-equipped rig to every competition, and may in fact fly to a competition. In addition, as written, all veterinarians must be prepared to treat, but any veterinarian that provides treatment must be licensed in the state. Therefore, this rule would restrict all panel and treatment veterinarians to be licensed in the state where the competition is occurring and in turn would significantly decrease veterinarian options for organizers. - The committee also cautioned that if a treatment veterinarian is only recommended to be on the grounds, and an emergency occurs, the time it takes for the treatment veterinarian to arrive can be dangerously long to adequately treat a horse in a life-threatening situation. If horses are on course, a treatment vet must be on the grounds. - If a treating veterinarian can also be a panel member, concerns were raised about the potential of cross-contamination between when the vet treats a horse and then conducts an evaluation on competing horses afterward. Once the treatment vet has started treatments, they should only conduct treatment responsibilities. Regarding EN116: the committee was also concerned that horses not meeting vaccination standards would be allowed to compete. In order to protect the safety and welfare of all horses, vaccination standards should not be compromised.

Veterinary	
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 06/28/2022	Draft 2: The Veterinary Committee approves of the changes made in Draft #2.

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CHAPTER EN ENDURANCE RIDING DIVISION

SUBCHAPTER EN-1 GENERAL RULES

EN101 General

~~1. GENERAL~~

- ~~a. USEF Endurance National Competitions may vary in distance from 40km to a maximum distance of 483km. Competition Management must comply with current Federation competition licensing requirements and must apply directly to the Federation for competition recognition and licensing.~~
- ~~b. Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Steward and Veterinary Panel, in coordination with Competition Management, to make a decision in a sporting spirit and approaching as nearly as possible to the intention of these Rules. Officials shall give the competing horses' wellbeing the highest priority when making decisions during a competition.~~
- ~~c. Notification of any and all changes to the competition schedule shall be posted in the competition office and communicated during the ride meeting or prior to the start of the loop concerned.~~

Horsemanship and horse welfare are the core of Endurance riding. Endurance is a test of the rider's ability and skills at managing their horse safely over a course designed to test the stamina and fitness of the horse and rider combination. A well-designed Endurance course will contain elements that permit a rider to demonstrate their skills against the track, distance, terrain, climate, and clock, without compromising the welfare of the horse. Successful completion of an Endurance course includes not only completion of each Loop of the course, but also successful completion at all mandatory veterinary inspections, highlighting a well-trained and conditioned horse, while observing standards of horse welfare.

As the primary focus of Endurance riding, horse welfare and safety is the guiding principle to all participants in Endurance competition. All riders, trainers, owners, crew members, support personnel, and officials are tasked with prioritizing horse welfare above all else.

SUBCHAPTER EN-1 ATHLETE

EN101 Eligibility

1. **Eligibility to Compete in Age Restricted Divisions at Federation Licensed Competitions:**
 - a. **JUNIOR (JR).** Individuals are eligible to compete in Junior Rider divisions until the end of the competition year in which they reach the age of 18.
 - b. **YOUNG RIDERS (YR).** Individuals are eligible to compete in as Young Riders divisions from the beginning of the competition year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar competition year in which they reach the age of 21.
 - c. **SENIORS (SR).** Individuals are eligible to compete in as Seniors divisions from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 22.
 - d. **For FEI competitions, FEI age requirements will apply.**
2. Riders under the age of 16 must be entered and accompanied by a **Federation** Senior Active Member in good standing with the Federation, **who is 21** (18 years old or older), also entered in the competition **In accordance with the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies, written consent from the minor's parent/legal guardian must be provided to the Competition Manager, who will provide to the Federation Director of Endurance.** Individuals between the ages of 14 and 15 may ride un-accompanied if they have **verification has been provided to the Competition Manager by the parent/legal guardian confirming the rider has** completed 805 800km kilometers or more, **at rides of at least 80km in distance**, prior to the start of the competition.
3. Foreign Competitors – please refer to GR828.4
4. Horse Recording
 - a. Horses must have a Life or Annual Recording with the Federation **in order to be eligible to earn Horse of the Year (HOTY) awards, submission of application for selection, and Championship events.**
 - b. Horses must have a valid Federation Logbook, Federation National Passport, or FEI Passport in order to compete.
 - c. Horses entered in **competitions with one-day** distances between 40km and 56km must be a minimum of 4 years old; Horses entered in distances between 57km and 159km must be a minimum of 5 years old; Horses entered in **distances of** 160km competitions must be a minimum of 8 6 years old. A horse is deemed to have its birthday on January 1 in the year it was born.
 - d. Horses being competed for novice qualifications must meet the FEI age requirements.
5. **Mares may not compete when more than four months pregnant or with foal at foot.** Mandatory Out of Competition Periods (MOOCP): After competing in a Federation Licensed Competition, a horse may not compete national event for the following Mandatory Out of Competition Period:

Distance Completed	Distance completed in miles	MOOCP
From crossing the start line up to 54km	34 miles	5 days
Over 54km – 106km	34.1 miles to 66 miles	12 days
Over 106km – 126km	66.1 miles to 78 miles	19 days
Over 126km – 146km	78.1 miles to 91 miles	26 days
Over 146km	Over 91.1 miles	33 days

FEI-registered horses are required to follow all Federation and FEI MOOCPs after competing in a Federation Licensed Competition or FEI Event. Please see the FEI Endurance Rules for more information.

- a. For purposes of **this rule** EN102.7, the standard MOOCP shall begin at 12:01 AM ET the day after the relevant ride finishes (the end of the ride is determined by the maximum ride time allowed), and end at 11:59PM ET on the last day of the MOOCP.
- b. Horses may not compete in any Federation Licensed Competition or FEI Event during any MOOCP. Failure to comply with this provision will may result in the rider, trainer, and/or owner being subject to disciplinary action under Federation Bylaws Part VII Complaints and Grievances and General Rules, Chapter 7.

EN102 Dress Code

1. **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR.**
 - a. It is compulsory for all persons at **entered in** Federation Licensed competitions when mounted to wear properly fastened headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safe Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SFI tag

It must be properly fitted with harness secured **under the chin**.

- b. The Federation makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.
2. Safe riding footwear **is required, and may include** with smooth heels of 12 mm (1/2 inch) or more, or alternatively caged/boxed or equestrian safety stirrups.
3. Sandals are not permitted ~~within the Vet Gate area, and for safety reasons are not permitted~~ within the Field of Play.

EN103 Saddlery and Equipment

- ~~1. Specific safety equipment, such as reflective items, may be required as indicated in the prize list or at the ride meeting.~~
- ~~2. The use of mobile phones and GPS devices is permitted.~~
- ~~3. The Federation may issue further detailed rules regarding permitted or prohibited tack.~~
4. The Steward or Veterinary Panel may inspect a combination's tack/equipment on the Field of Play at any time. Any suspected violation of the above, shall be reported to the Federation in the Steward's Report.
5. Tack condition: Horse tack must be in a safe condition and correctly fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury to the horse. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that their tack is safe and fits correctly. Officials may require any ill-fitting tack/equipment to be removed or altered. The use of any ill-fitting equipment that risks causing (or causes) pain or injury to the horse may be considered as horse abuse (see also GR838).
 - a. The tack shall be appropriate to ensure the horse is under control at all times with the use of reins.
 - b. ~~Riding in draw reins, German Martingale or a similar schooling aid is not permitted.~~ **Any type of tack that unduly restricts the free movement of the horse's head or may cause pain is prohibited, i.e. draw reins, etc.**
 - c. Blinkers are permitted but any method of restricting the forward vision of a horse is prohibited.
 - d. Specific safety equipment, such as reflective items, may be required as indicated in the prize list ~~or at the ride meeting.~~
 - e. The use of mobile phones and GPS devices **are** is permitted.
 - f. From time to time, the Federation may issue further detailed rules regarding permitted or prohibited tack.

EN104 Entries

1. RESPONSIBILITY. It is the responsibility of the rider **and the owner** to enter a horse at the level that corresponds to its abilities. If the rider is a minor, his/her parent/**legal guardian** or trainer **authorized agent** signing the entry blank on the minor's behalf accepts this responsibility. It is the responsibility of the rider to know and comply with the local, state, and interstate (where appropriate) health requirements for the shipment of horses.
2. ENTRY FORMS. ~~All entries are required to~~ **An entry must** be completed prior to the ~~that horse's~~ the start of the First Horse Inspection. No horse shall be allowed to participate in the First Horse Inspection without a completed **and accepted** entry.
- ~~3. OPENING DATE. The opening date~~ **is the date that the prize list for the competition is available.** ~~must be published in the prize list for the competition.~~
- ~~4. CLOSING DATE. The closing date~~ **and time** for entries will be, at a minimum, of four days prior to the start of the First Horse Inspection. This date must be published in the prize list of the competition **and may be extended at the discretion of the Competition Management.** In the case of insufficient entries, Competition Management may accept post-entries. If this is done, Competition Management may charge an additional fee for the entries made after the closing date, not to exceed an amount equal to the original entry fee.

EN105 Competition and Fair Play

1. On the course, no other person may ride the horse once the rider has started **the competition or they will be penalized by** under penalty of disqualification.
- ~~2. Willful obstruction of an overtaking competitor by a slower rider may be penalized by disqualification.~~
3. A rider who fails to qualify for the next loop **Loop** of competition or disqualified for any reason must leave the course and has no right to continue in the competition.
4. The use of motorized vehicles on the Field of Play is prohibited, except for official use by Competition Management, Veterinary Panel, Treatment Veterinarian(s) and Stewards, **or emergency vehicles/personnel.**
5. Permitted Assistance During Competition or On Course:
 - a. The prize list and ride meeting must detail what assistance (crewing) may be given to combinations during a competition and in particular where such assistance is allowed on the course and within **Veterinary Checkpoint Gates.**
 - b. ~~Combinations must have access to water on course between 8km and 15 km.~~
 - c. After a fall or if the rider is separated from their horse, or in the case of loose or a lost horseshoe(s) **or hoof protection, or other tack malfunction or breakage,** a rider may be assisted. The rider must remount and/or

- continue in the loop **Loop** from the point at which he dismounted, left the course, or required intervention.
6. ~~Prohibited Assistance: a rider, crewmember, owner, or trainer who receives or provides the following assistance will receive a yellow warning card or disqualification:~~
- a. ~~Accepting any intervention by a person not authorized to assist the combination, whether solicited or not, with the objective of advantaging the rider or his horse.~~

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 horses and riders must have successfully completed their novice qualification at USEF National Competitions to be eligible to advance through the FEI star level qualification process. Novice qualifications must be submitted to the FEI by USEF. 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**. ~~be a minimum of 5 years old.~~ 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. ~~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. 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).~~
5. ~~All qualifying novice rides must be completed within a two-year period.~~
6. Results for novice qualifications must include a **Loop or interval time**, final ride time, and placing.
7. Exemptions from novice qualification requirements: USEF **the Federation will** may 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 he has 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.
8. **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.**

SUBCHAPTER EN-2 COMPETITION

EN107 Competition Officials

1. A Federation Licensed Endurance Competition must obtain **provide** the following officials:
 - a. Steward: At least one Federation licensed Endurance Steward is required.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e. Farrier
 1. A qualified farrier is recommended to be present on the grounds from the First Horse Inspection through awards.

- T. Competition manager and Secretary
 1. The Competition Manager is responsible for knowledge of and compliance with all GR and EN rules, **including but not limited to completion to all on-line training by the Federation**. Eligibility is determined by GR1202. The Competition Manager is responsible for conducting the competition in accordance with Federation rules.
 2. Assistant Managers have the same requirements and responsibilities as listed in this rule. Managers and Assistant Managers must be listed in Federation competition records and in the prize list.
 3. The Competition Secretary is responsible for knowledge of and compliance with all GR and EN rules. Eligibility is determined by GR1203. The Competition Secretary is responsible for performing assigned duties in accordance with Federation rules. Assistant Secretaries have the same requirements and responsibilities as listed in this rule. Secretaries and Assistant secretaries must be listed in Federation competition records and in the prize list.
 4. A Competition Manager or Secretary may not serve as Steward or other licensed official at his **their** own competition. However, **he they** may compete if **he they** designate an assistant in charge while **he is they are** competing. This does not absolve the manager's or secretary's duties and responsibilities.

EN108 Categories of Endurance Competitions and Pulse Criteria

1. **A competition is an event or ride licensed by the Federation.**
2. **A competition may include one or more separate categories including Limited Distance, OPEN 1, OPEN 2, OPEN 3, and OPEN 4.**
3. **Junior, Young Rider, and/or Senior divisions may be offered in the following competition categories at Federation Licensed Endurance Competitions:** National competitions or divisions are divided into different levels as follows:
 - a. ~~Introduction — all divisions below 40km in one day. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64bpm within 20 minutes.~~
Limited Distance – all divisions below 80km held over one (1) day. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gate: 64bpm within 30 minutes and 60bpm at the finish within 30 minutes of arrival time.
 - b. ~~Novice — all divisions between 40km and 79km in one day or 80-100 km either as one day or as two single day events at speeds of 16kph or under.~~ **OPEN 1 – all divisions between 80km and 119km held over one (1) day. Maximum Pulse Vet Gates: 64bpm within 30 minutes.**
 - c. ~~Level 1: all divisions between 40km and 60km in one day. Maximum Pulse Vet Gates: 64bpm within 20 minutes.~~ **OPEN 2 – Multi-Day. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gate: 64bpm within 30 minutes.**
 1. **80km – 100km/day: Over two (2) days with a minimum distance of 80km each day; or**
 2. **64km/89km/day: Over three (3) or more days with a minimum distance of 64km each day.**
 - d. ~~Level 2: all divisions between 65km and 119km in one day. Maximum Pulse Vet Gates: 64bpm within 20 minutes.~~ **OPEN 3 – all divisions between 120km and 139km held over one day. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gate: 64bpm within 30 minutes.**
 - e. ~~Level 3: all divisions between 120km and 160km in one day, or 80-100km over two days with a minimum distance of 80km each day, or 64-89km over 3 days or more with a minimum distance of 64km each day. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64bpm within 20 minutes.~~ **OPEN 4 – all divisions between 140km and 160km held over one day. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gate: 64bpm within 30 minutes.**
4. ~~At Final Exams, the maximum pulse shall be 64 bpm within 30 minutes.~~
5. The pulse criteria may be reduced during the ride if, in the opinion of the Veterinary Panel and Steward, they believe there is a risk to the safety **and welfare** of **the** horses.

EN109 Prize List

1. The prize list constitutes the ride schedule for Federation licensed endurance competitions. **Notification of any and all changes to the competition schedule must be posted in the competition office and communicated during the ride meeting or prior to the start of the Loop concerned.**
2. The prize list must include at a minimum, **in addition to the requirements enumerated in GR901:**
 - a. The distance(s) of the competition **category(ies)** or divisions,
 - b. Opening and Closing date for entries,
 - c. Competition Management's policy on late fees, cancellations, refunds, withdrawals, and substitutions,
 - d. Entry fees,
 - e. Names of **the competition's Licensee, Competition Manager, and trail/course manager or course designer, or person responsible for the trail/course**, all Licensed Officials, Veterinary Panel members, and Treatment Veterinarian(s),
 - f. ~~The total length of the course, and the length and number of loops~~ **Loops** on the course, and proposed hold times,
 - g. General description of the course including location of vet-gates **Vet Gates (e.g. in camp or out on the course)**,
 - h. Number and location of crewing points, **if applicable**,
 - i. Speed caps, **if applicable**,
 - j. Time limits and cut-off times (in total and for each loop **Loop**, as applicable),

- k. Place and time of the start **for each competition category and/or division**,
- l. Prizes,
- m. Tentative time and date of Ride Meeting,
- n. Notification of specific changes to the competition will be posted in the competition office, and communicated during the ride meeting, or prior to the start of the loop **Loop** concerned, **and**
- o. **A link to the Federation's website, along with the Federation's logo, headquarters' address, telephone number, and contact information for the Director of Endurance.**
- p. **If established, cut-off times must be published in the prize list and are prohibited from establishing an overall course speed exceeding 12.5km/hour. See FEI qualifications.**

EN110 The Course

1. Competition Management is responsible for providing an accurately measured and well-marked course.
2. The finish must be long and wide enough to enable several horses to finish at speed without interfering with each other, and must provide sufficient run-out to allow competitors to safely come to a stop after crossing the finishing line in a potential sprint or gallop. It must be situated as close to the Vet Gate as possible.
3. The total length of the course must be divided into a number of **several** sections called loops **Loops**. Loop time is calculated from the time the combination crosses the start line of a Loop until it reaches the end line of that loop **Loop**. However, except for the finish, time on course does not stop until the horse has recovered to the requisite recovery pulse at the **Vet Gate**. Thus, speed on all but the final loop **Loop** will be the length of the loop **Loop** divided by pulse time less the release time (i.e., when the combination **was released to** started on the loop **Loop**). On the final loop **Loop**, depending on the finishing criteria (finish line or pulse), the loop **Loop** time may either be as stated above, or the length of the loop **Loop** divided by the time at the finish line less the time the combination started on the loop **Loop**.
4. The Competition Management will determine the length of each loop **Loop** of the section. Competition Management, in consultation with the Veterinary Panel, will determine the length of the holds at each **Veterinary Checkpoint**.
5. No loop **Loop** shall exceed 40km, **without express written consent from the Federation**.
6. Combinations must have access to water on course **at least every 10km, subject to terrain and access limitations. Riders must adjust their pacing accordingly.** between 8km and 15 km.
7. Competitions shall be organized to allow competitors to establish their own pace to compete against the clock.
8. ~~Competition Management may establish a maximum time for a section of the course or a loop of competition and/or the closing times for one or more Vet Gates.~~
9. **Cut-off Times. Competition Management is permitted to establish cut-off times to complete the course. See EN109.**
10. **Crew Points. Competition Management may designate areas on the course where a rider's crew may assist the rider and/or horse. While stopped in crew points, a rider's time on course continues to run. Crew member, athletes, and horses are prohibited from blocking the course or obstructing another rider's access to the crew point or course while in the crew point.**

EN111 Marking of the Course

1. The marking of the course must be done in such a manner that there is no doubt on how to proceed along the course. ~~The markings can be flags, ribbons, indicators, lime, paint, etc.~~ **The course may be marked colorfully using signs, lath, marked plates, directional arrows, flags, ribbons, indicators, lime, paint, lights, chemical lights, lanterns, electronic markings, including GPS instructions if reliable cellular and internet access is available on the entire course, or other trail marking methods.**
2. **Confidence markers are encouraged; especially after turns, divergences, splits, prolonged sections of trail or trail options.**
3. Prior to the start of the competition, a map and plan showing the track of the course and the location of any mandatory vet-gates **Veterinary Checkpoints may** shall be made available to the riders. **Prior to the start of the competition, Competition Management must have the Course Designer, or appropriate designee, available to discuss the course and answer riders' questions and explain the location of any mandatory Veterinary Checkpoints.**

EN112 Modification to the Course and Rescheduling/Delay or Abandonment Cancellation of Competitions Events

1. Course Modification: After the course has been officially established, no alteration shall be made without the approval of the Competition Management and the Steward.
2. ~~Rescheduling/Delay of Competition or Cancellation of Competition Event: In exceptional circumstances, a~~

2. ~~Rescheduling/Delay of Competition or Category or Competition Event.~~ In exceptional circumstances, a **competition** ~~an event~~ **or category** may be rescheduled or delayed in start, **or held until the competition may be safely resumed** by the Competition Management in consultation with the Steward.
3. **Cancellation of Competitions** ~~Catastrophic Occurrences:~~ When catastrophic occurrences or circumstances arise **beyond the reasonable control of Competition Management** at or during **a competition** ~~an event~~, **which affect rider safety or horse welfare, or prevents the competition from continuing, a competition** ~~an event~~ may be abandoned **cancelled** by the Competition Management in consultation with the Steward.
4. Notifications: In any case noted above, the riders should be officially notified as soon as reasonably possible of the decision, certainly before the start or before the loop **Loop** concerned **or when they complete the preceding Loop**.
5. Accident Preparedness Plan: Please refer to GR845.

EN113 Method of Starting

1. ~~Riders must be mounted when crossing the start line and at the end of the final loop Loop. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.~~
2. **1.** Combinations must not cross the starting line before the signal is given. If a combination makes a start, which is in any way false, under penalty of disqualification, the combination must return and re-cross the start line. However, their starting time will be recorded as if they had started when originally given the signal.
3. **2.** Riders must check in within 15 minutes prior to the start of the competition.
4. **3.** No combination may start later than 15 minutes after their starting time under penalty of disqualification unless **the** rider receives permission from the Steward, in consultation with the Competition Management **prior to the official start of the competition**.

EN114 Time and Record Keeping

1. As timing plays such an important part in the competition, Competition Management must ensure that each combination's start and finish time for each timed loop **Loop** is accurately noted and recorded by properly qualified persons ~~using synchronized timekeeping methods~~.
2. Times important to a competition:
 - a. **Event Time: Begins at the check-in or at 00:01(12:01 a.m.) local time on the first day of the First Horse Inspection (whichever is earlier), not to exceed 120 hours before the first Start Time, at which point riders and horses on-site come under the jurisdiction of these Rules; and conclude when Competition Management closes its on-site record-keeping or monitoring.**
 - b. Start Time: when the competition officially starts **on course**.
 - c. Hold Time: at designated points along a course, combinations are required to be allowed set times for rest and recovery. These may vary at the various designated points.
 - d. Arrival Time: when a combination arrives to a designated point.
 - e. Pulse Time **or Vet Gate**: when a combination comes to the pulse taker with a pulse that is **at or below** ~~down to~~ the parameter designated by the Veterinary Panel.
 - f. Recovery Time: the difference between the pulse time and arrival at a designated point.
 - g. ~~Out Time: the pulse time plus the hold time.~~
 - h. Release Time **or Out Time**: when the combination **is released** returns to the course **Release Time or Out Time is calculated by adding Pulse Time and Hold Time**.
3. Each combination will be issued a **veterinary** card that will have the veterinary information and timing information. This **veterinary** card will be available at each designated point in the competition.
4. Finishing criteria may be either time when a combination crosses the theoretical finish line or when a combination reaches final pulse criteria. Finishing criteria must be published in the prize list and announced at the ride meeting.
5. Total Time is counted from the instant the signal is given to start until the instant when a combination finishes. Riding Time is the Total Time less the sum of the mandatory hold periods.
6. At the discretion of the Steward and Veterinary Panel, in consultation with Competition Management, ~~a veterinary gate system Vet Gates Veterinary Checkpoints~~ at mandatory halts shall **may** be used. Modification to the ~~veterinary gate system Vet Gates Veterinary Checkpoints~~ made **may** be allowed as applicable.
7. At **Veterinary Checkpoints** ~~Vet Gates~~ **vet gates**, the timing of the combinations must be performed in such a manner to avoid any delay to a combination's timing caused by the arrival of several horses simultaneously for inspection.

EN115 Veterinary Control

1. The Veterinary Panel and Steward, in consultation with the Competition Management, have absolute control on all matters concerning horse safety **and welfare**.
2. Equine Fatalities. Please refer to **See GR850.9 GR849.9**

3. Only riders whose horses have passed all the inspections and examinations are eligible to be ranked in the final results.
4. All the relevant information required at the inspections and examinations must be recorded on an individual veterinary **card** record ~~or Federation Logbook~~ for each combination and must be available at all subsequent inspections and examinations. Riders are entitled to see and copy the record **of the veterinary card Federation Logbook** referring to their horses immediately after the inspection or examination.
5. The arrival time into the Vet Gate **Veterinary Checkpoint** must be recorded and the horse must be presented to the Veterinary Panel for inspection within recovery time.
6. **The following types of Veterinary Checkpoints may be used:**
 - a. **Gate Into Hold.** *Gate into Hold should be held in all divisions at Federation Licensed Endurance*
 - i. *Riders will be timed in on arrival to the Veterinary Checkpoint (arrival time).*
 - ii. *Riders must proceed to a designated recovery area, where the horse will have up to 30 minutes to recover sufficiently to be timed into horse inspection upon being presented with a heart rate at or below the maximum heart rate parameters.*
 - iii. *Prior to being timed into the Vet Gate, a rider's time on course continues to run.*
 - iv. *Once a horse/rider combination has successfully completed the horse inspection, the mandatory hold period will begin from the successful Pulse Time and the rider's time on course will be stopped. If a rider is required to re-present their horse because they did not meet the pulse parameter, the Pulse Time will be recorded when the horse is at or below the pulse parameter and then proceed to the Horse Inspection.*
 - v. *Upon completing the mandatory hold period, the rider/horse combination may present to the out-timer and continue on course.*
 - vi. *Upon presenting to the out-timer, the rider's time on course will resume from their assigned out-time. Any additional time spent in the hold area, outside of the mandatory hold period, will be added to a rider's time on course.*
 - b. ~~**Mandatory Hold.** *In all divisions up to 80km in distance, Mandatory Holds are permitted to be used with prior approval from the Federation.*~~
 - i. ~~*Mandatory Hold periods must be between 30 and 60 minutes.*~~
 - ii. ~~*The Mandatory Hold period includes the time it takes for the rider to successfully present their horse and pass the horse inspection, which must be within the first 30 minutes of arrival within the Veterinary Checkpoint.*~~
 - iii. ~~*If the horse's heart rate is above the heart rate parameters, the horse may be presented a second time within the first 30 minutes of arrival within the Veterinary Checkpoint.*~~
 - iv. ~~*Failure to successfully present the horse and pass the horse inspection within 30 minutes of arrival within the Veterinary Checkpoint will result in the disqualification of the horse. See Annex C.*~~
 - v. ~~*Upon successfully presenting the horse and passing the horse inspection, the rider may be timed back onto the course, following the conclusion of the Mandatory Hold period.*~~
 - c. **Stop and Go.**
 - i. *At a Stop & Go Checkpoint, each rider will be timed into the Veterinary Checkpoint.*
 - ii. *After being timed into the Veterinary Checkpoint, the rider may present their horse multiple up to 2 times, as determined by Competition Management within the stated recovery period to present the horse and pass the Horse Examination.*
 - iii. *A failure to pass the Horse Examination within the stated recovery period will result in Elimination.*
 - iv. *The horse may be presented under tack, but the rider may be asked for the tack to be removed by the Veterinarian(s).*
 - v. *The rider's presentation time will be recorded, but the rider's Ride Time continues to run throughout the Stop & Go.*
 - vi. *The Veterinary Panel may establish a straight departure lane for mounted horses of approximately 30-40 meters, preferably stationing a veterinarian at each end to assess each horse's gait and soundness on departure at the trot. The assessment lane should allow riders to continue onto the course unless stopped due to a veterinary determination that further assessment is warranted.*
 - vii. ~~*The recovery time is the length of time (usually 30 minutes) as defined in the prize list or at the ride meeting, which is the maximum allowable time from each horse's arrival time to the time crossing into (the pulse area of) the veterinary inspection area **Veterinary Checkpoint**. The recovery time stops when the horse enters the Vet Gate with a heart rate within the maximum heart rate parameters. If the horse's heart rate is above the heart rate parameters, the initial time recorded is discarded. When the horse is presented a second time and meets the heart rate parameters, the recovery time is recorded.*~~
 - viii. ~~*If the horse successfully meets the maximum heart rate parameters as stated in the prize list or ride meeting as prescribed by the Veterinary Panel upon the rider's successful presentation within the rider's hold time that is recorded as the recovery time.*~~
 - d. **Mandatory Stop for a Designated Time Period.**

- i. **At a Mandatory Stop on Trail Checkpoint, each rider will be timed into the Veterinary Checkpoint.**
 - ii. **The combination must remain at this checkpoint for the required time before it is released.**
 - iii. **Typically, upon release, a veterinarian will assess each horse's gait and soundness on departure at the trot. The assessment lane should allow riders to continue onto the course unless stopped due to a veterinary determination that further assessment is warranted.**
7. ~~Riders must be notified of any modifications during the ride meeting or prior to the start of the loop **Loop** concerned. **Failure to achieve a heart rate below the maximum heart rate parameters within the recovery time will result in the horse/rider combination being disqualified. See Annex C.**~~
 8. ~~The mandatory holds are operated by establishing a vet gate with an inspection area that the competitors/grooms enter with the horse when they decide that the horse is ready to pass the veterinary inspection.~~
 9. ~~Once a horse has successfully passed the pulse control, its timed hold starts.~~
 10. ~~The Veterinary Panel in consultation with the Steward and Competition Management can decide to modify the length of timed holds according to extreme weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances.~~
 11. ~~Riders must be informed of any modifications prior to the start of the loop concerned.~~
 12. ~~Notification of any and all changes to the competition schedule shall be posted in the competition office and communicated during the ride meeting or prior to the start of the loop concerned.~~

EN116 Veterinary Horse Inspections and Examinations of Horses

1. ~~The Veterinary Panel and Steward, in consultation with the Competition Management, have absolute control over all matters concerning horse welfare.~~
2. The Veterinarians' responsibilities to evaluate a horse are the same for all Horse Inspections. Notification of specific changes to the Horse Inspections will be posted in the competition office and communicated during the ride meeting or prior to the start of the loop **Loop** concerned.
 - a. Assessments will be made of the horse's general condition, its metabolic status and may include, gait; heart rate; respiratory rate and body temperature; mucous membrane characteristics; capillary refill time; metabolic condition and gut sounds; soreness, abrasions, rubs or galls on the withers, back, loins, ribs, girth, chest, shoulders and mouth; and leg injuries, hoof conditions and lower leg dermatitis or bruises, cuts or abnormalities. These assessments and any other observations regarding the horse's condition must be recorded on the Vet Card.
 - b. The inspection should be run on a flat firm surface at a minimum of **approximately 38 meters (124 feet)**. All Horse Inspections during the competition will follow the same format.
 - c. First Inspection: It shall take place preceding the start of the competition as stated in the prize list and is performed by the Veterinary Panel. It will be conducted according to the standards for all inspections, as outlined below, to include Heart Rate, Respiratory System, General Condition, Gait Evaluation, Soreness, Lacerations, and Wounds, Range of Motion and other matters and items that from time to time may be added to the Veterinary Card. **See EN 116.4 for details.**
 - d. Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI) is recorded at each inspection and involves the examination and recording of the heart rate as part of the metabolic assessment of the horse. Once the heart rate has been recorded the stopwatch is restarted and the horse has one minute to trot **approximately 76 meters (250 feet.)** allowing for a gait assessment. At the end of the minute, a second heart rate is recorded. The difference between the first and second heart rate is the CRI.
 - e. General condition and metabolic status: horses in a generally poor condition or with an abnormally high temperature will be reassessed by the Veterinary Panel.
 - f. Re-Inspections or Exit Exams: The Veterinary Panel, in consultation with the Steward and Competition Management, will establish prior to the ride meeting any Vet Gates they will require horses to be presented **for an a re-inspection or exit exam**. The horse must pass the **examination** reinspection before returning to competition.
 - g. ~~Requested Recovery~~ **Re-Inspections:** The examining veterinarian may ask a rider to present their horse for re-inspection prior to its scheduled departure if after passing the horse; the veterinarian retains concerns about the horse's continuing stability **and fitness to continue**.
 - h. Failure to represent within the hold time for that horse will result in failure to qualify for the next loop **Loop**.
 - i. Metabolic status: the metabolic status will be assessed by the examination and recording of those parameters that indicate the Horse's fitness to continue including mucous membranes, capillary refill time, hydration, intestinal activity (gut sounds), demeanor and **CRI Cardiac Recovery Index**.
 - j. Failure to Qualify due to metabolic status, musculoskeletal injuries or other reasons will require a review by the Veterinary Panel.
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 - m. Vet Gate Inspection (Pulse gate): The first mandatory inspection of the horse at the end of each loop **Loop when the horse is at a pulse that is at or below the parameter designated by the Veterinary Panel.**
 - n. ~~Vet Gate Re-Inspection (Pulse Re-tries): If during the Vet Gate Inspection the horse's heart rate is higher than the parameters defined for that Inspection, the horse may be represented during the presentation time (recovery time).~~

- l. Final Inspection: The final inspection, which takes place after the horse crosses the finish line of the competition **or has successfully met the maximum heart rate parameters in Limited Distance**, must be within the time allowed as defined.
- o. Heart Rates: Horses with abnormally high pulse rates, or pulse rates higher than the parameters defined upon recommendation from the Veterinary Panel, will not be allowed to continue in the competition and will be deemed to have failed to qualify for the next loop **Loop**. Any abnormal heart sounds must be recorded.
- m. Respiratory System: Abnormalities in rate or character of the breathing deemed by the Veterinary Panel to be of such a nature as to endanger the safety of the horse will be cause for failure to qualify for the next loop **Loop**.
- p. General Condition: Temperatures may be recorded and mucous membrane may be examined. Horses in a generally poor condition or with an abnormally high temperature will fail to qualify for the next loop **Loop**.
- q. Irregular gait: During any horse inspection, a horse with an irregular gait that is observable through evaluation by trotting the horse on a loose lead in hand straight out and back, will be removed from competition and will Fail to Qualify for the next loop **Loop**.
 1. **To assess irregular gait:**
 - a. ***If after having once trotted the horse, the observing Veterinarian questions the horse's fitness to continue, the horse will be re-trotted before the Veterinary Panel who will by secret individual vote opt for a pass or fail and communicate their vote directly to the Steward.***
 - b. ***The Veterinary Panel may call for a single additional trot up prior to voting, giving the horse and rider the benefit of the doubt, and will communicate that request to the Steward who will request the horse be trotted again. The additional trot may take place immediately or may take place at a later requested re-inspection. The decision made by the Veterinary Panel will be final. The number of potential re-trots must be announced at the ride meeting and in the prize list.***
 2. Any unusual feature about a horse's gait must be noted on the horse's Vet Card, whether it is deemed grounds for elimination or not.
 3. If the Veterinary Panel is still unable to conclude that the horse is fit to continue, whether it is because of a presentation failure, including the inability of the horse to trot the full distance, the inability of the horse to trot soundly, or based on veterinary assessment criteria, the horse will be designated as Failed to Qualify irregular gait (FTQGA).
 4. Any unusual feature about a horse's gait must be noted on the horse's Vet Card, whether it is deemed grounds for elimination or not.
 5. ~~To assess irregular gait:~~
 - a. ~~If after having once trotted the horse, the observing Veterinarian questions the horse's fitness to continue, the horse will be re-trotted before the Veterinary Panel who will by secret individual vote opt for a pass or fail and communicate their vote directly to the Steward.~~
 - b. ~~The Veterinary Panel may call for a single additional trot up prior to voting if he so wishes, giving the horse and rider the benefit of the doubt, and will communicate that request to the Steward who will request the horse be trotted again. The decision made by the Veterinary Panel will be final.~~
 - c. ~~If, after having once trotted the horse, the observing Veterinarian questions the horse's fitness to continue, the horse will be re-trotted.~~
 - d. ~~Any unusual feature about a horse's gait must be noted on the veterinary card of the horse, whether it is deemed grounds for failure to qualify for the next loop **Loop** or not.~~
- r. Soreness, Laceration and Wounds: Any evidence of soreness, lacerations or wounds in the mouth, on the limbs or on the body, including girth and saddle galls, must be recorded. If participation in or continuation of the competition is bound to seriously aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds, the horse will not be allowed to qualify for the next loop **Loop**.
- s. Heart rate assessment procedure: The heart rate of the horse is measured using either a stethoscope or electronic heart rate monitor. The maximum heart rate parameters are set out in **EN108EN105**. ***Heart rate of the horse may be assessed by either the veterinarians or a qualified layperson, approved and appointed by the veterinarians. If laypersons are used in the assessment of horses' heart rates, and a heart rate above the maximum heart rate parameters is observed, the Veterinarians are required to confirm the heart rate is above the maximum heart rate parameter prior to holding or disqualifying the horse in accordance with these rules.***
 1. Heart rate is the first parameter to be examined and recorded during the Horse Inspection. It is an essential criterion to accurately assess the horse's recovery and fitness to continue.
 2. Every effort should be taken to accurately record the heart rate. If the heart rate cannot be safely determined, the horse will fail the inspection. If the rider or crewmember deliberately disrupts the horse inspection, the horse will fail the inspection.
 3. Horses with heart rates higher than maximum heart rate parameters will not be allowed to continue in the competition and will be designated as 'Failed to Qualify –metabolic' (FTQ – ME). ~~Any abnormal heart sounds must be recorded on the Vet Card.~~
 4. ~~Starting and timing the assessment: a stethoscope or electronic heart rate monitor may be used to monitor~~

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7. Determining whether the Horse's heart rate complies with the maximum heart rate parameters:

- a. If ~~after 60 seconds~~ the horse's heart rate is equal to or less than the maximum heart rate parameter **in the preferred time**, then the reading will be recorded, and the inspection completed.
- b. If a pulse is above the maximum parameters, the horse may be reevaluated up until they have reached their maximum recover time. Competition Management must state the number of presentations allowed in the prize list. Modifications may be allowed in consultation with the Steward and Veterinary Panel and riders must be notified during the Ride Meeting or prior to the start of the loop **Loop** concerned.

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~~t. Metabolic status: the metabolic status will be assessed by the examination and recording of those parameters that indicate the Horse's fitness to continue including mucous membranes, capillary refill time, hydration, intestinal activity (gut sounds), demeanor and Cardiac Recovery Index. Failure to Qualify due to metabolic status, musculoskeletal injuries or other reasons will require a review by the Veterinary Panel.~~

4. ~~Individual Veterinary Cards and Horse Records: The individual Vet Card must be issued before the First Horse Inspection and be completed during each inspection. All the relevant information required at the Horse Inspections must be recorded on the Vet Card for each combination and must be available at all subsequent inspections and examinations.~~

~~a. Riders are entitled to see and copy the record referring to their horses immediately after the Horse Inspection or Veterinary Examination.~~

5. After each competition:

1. Details of a horse's completed distance to the nearest Vet Gate, reasons for elimination (metabolic, irregular gait or both), treatments at the venue, and any other comments necessary to protect the horse's future safety and welfare deemed necessary by the Veterinary Panel must be recorded on the Vet Card.
2. Vet Cards must be electronically transmitted to the Federation within seven (7) days following a Federation Licensed Competition.
3. The Veterinary Report for the competition must be submitted within 14 days after the last licensed day of the competition.

Only the Veterinary Panel may make entries in a horse's logbook, National Passport, or FEI Passport.

4. First Horse Inspections shall take place preceding the start of each category the competition as stated in the prize list and is performed by the Veterinary Panel.

a. During the First Horse Inspections and/or Examinations, a member of the Veterinary Panel must:

- i. Verify the identity of the horse from its **Horse ID**, USEF **Federation** logbook, National Passport or FEI passport, using the diagram, description, and (if applicable) the microchip number;
- ii. Check that the horse meets the Equine Vaccination Rule, GR844
- iii.
- iv.
- v.
- vi. Ensure that the horse does not have any clinical signs of infectious disease. This includes a clinical examination to assess the heart rate, respiratory rate, body temperature and the checking of any other clinical parameters; and
- vii. Assess the horse's general condition which may include gait; heart rate; respiratory rate and body temperature; mucous membrane characteristics; capillary refill time; metabolic condition and gut sounds; soreness, abrasions, rubs or galls on the withers, back, loins, ribs, girth, chest, shoulders and mouth; and leg injuries, hoof conditions and lower leg dermatitis or bruises, cuts or abnormalities. These assessments and any other observations regarding the horse's condition must be recorded on the Vet Card.

b. At the discretion of Competition Management a veterinary examination may be scheduled prior to the First Horse Inspection as stated in the prize list. Following any veterinary examination, any horse considered not fit to compete must be reported to the Steward before completing the First Horse Inspection. The rider or owner may withdraw the horse before the First Horse Inspection in consultation with the Veterinary Panel.

c. Horses not vaccinated as required under Federation rules or whose vaccination status cannot be confirmed (e.g. failure to produce **acceptable records** a logbook or passport) must **may** be refused permission to compete and **moved to** stabled in the isolation **area** stables.

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e. Horses must be stabled **kept** in the isolation **area** stables if they show any clinical signs of infectious disease, or have been in contact with other horses that show clinical signs of infectious disease. These horses must be **kept stabled in the** isolation **area** stables pending recovery, or until alternative arrangements have been made.

6. Final Horse Inspection:

a. The horse must be presented to the Veterinary Panel for a full Horse Inspection.

- b. The assessments will be performed in the same manner, and applying the same criteria, as previous Horse Inspections.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e. To qualify for presentation to the Veterinary Panel at the final inspection, the horse's heart rate must have attained 64 bpm or less within 30 min of crossing the finish line **or arrival time for horses in the Limited Distance category**. Horses that do not meet these criteria will **be eliminated but not be ranked** and must still be presented to the Veterinary Panel for inspection at 30 minutes after crossing the finish line.
 - f. The Final Inspection is to determine whether the horse is still fit to continue.
7. Other Inspections: Other inspections may be carried out by any member of the Veterinary Panel on all or any horses selected at random at any time during the course of the competition.
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8. Veterinary Treatment
- a. After the First Horse Inspection, the Veterinary Panel in consultation with the Treatment Veterinarian, Steward and Competition Management may recommend changes in the treatment arrangements including the placement of members of the Veterinary Panel, or scheduling of their availability, for help in the treatment area.
 - b. While a rider may refuse veterinary treatment for a horse, the rider **may be disqualified (See Annex C) and** will be reported to the Federation in the Steward's Report and Veterinary Report.
9. Mandatory Reporting and Cooperation of Horse/Pony Collapse, Equine Fatality, and Mandatory Necropsy
- a. Mandatory Reporting and Cooperation of Horse/Pony Collapse: See GR850. **GR849**
 - b. Equine Fatality: See GR850. **GR849.9**
 - c. Mandatory Necropsy: See GR843. **GR842.**

EN117 Classification

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2. Individuals: In an endurance competition, the winner is the combination with the shortest elapsed riding time who successfully passes or complies with all protocols and requirements, including but not limited to the final veterinary examination.
3. Dead Heat or Ties: When two or more combinations, who start the competition **category**, have the same time and finish with the same total elapsed riding time, they are classified according to their respective passage across the finish line whether based on plain sight or photo/video evidence. Dead Heats (Ties) between Individuals may be permitted as stated in the prize list per the Competition Management.
4. Disqualification, Retirement, or Failure to Qualify:
 - a. Disqualification: Occurs when a rider is penalized by the Steward in consultation with the Competition Management and removed from further competition for a violation of these Rules.
 - b.
 - c. Failure to Qualify for the next loop **Loop** or for final classification: results when a combination is removed from competition for failure to successfully pass a **veterinary horse** inspection, to complete the full course as required, or to meet all time requirements for presentation or completion.
 - d.
 - e. Retirement: occurs when a rider decides (without otherwise being removed from the competition) not to continue in the competition after his horse successfully passes the First Horse Inspection, or until the rider makes a request to the Veterinary Panel to retire his horse:
 - i.
 - ii.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g. Withdrawal: occurs when a rider withdraws from the competition (without otherwise being removed from the competition) prior to the First Horse Inspection.
3. All horses removed from competition, voluntarily or otherwise and at any point within the event, must be presented for **veterinary the horse** inspection within 30 minutes of removal or as the time stated in the prize list and the horse's veterinary records updated accordingly. If removal occurs on course the horse must be inspected by a member of the Veterinary Panel as soon as it is returned to the ride base and the horse's veterinary records updated accordingly.

EN118 Best Condition

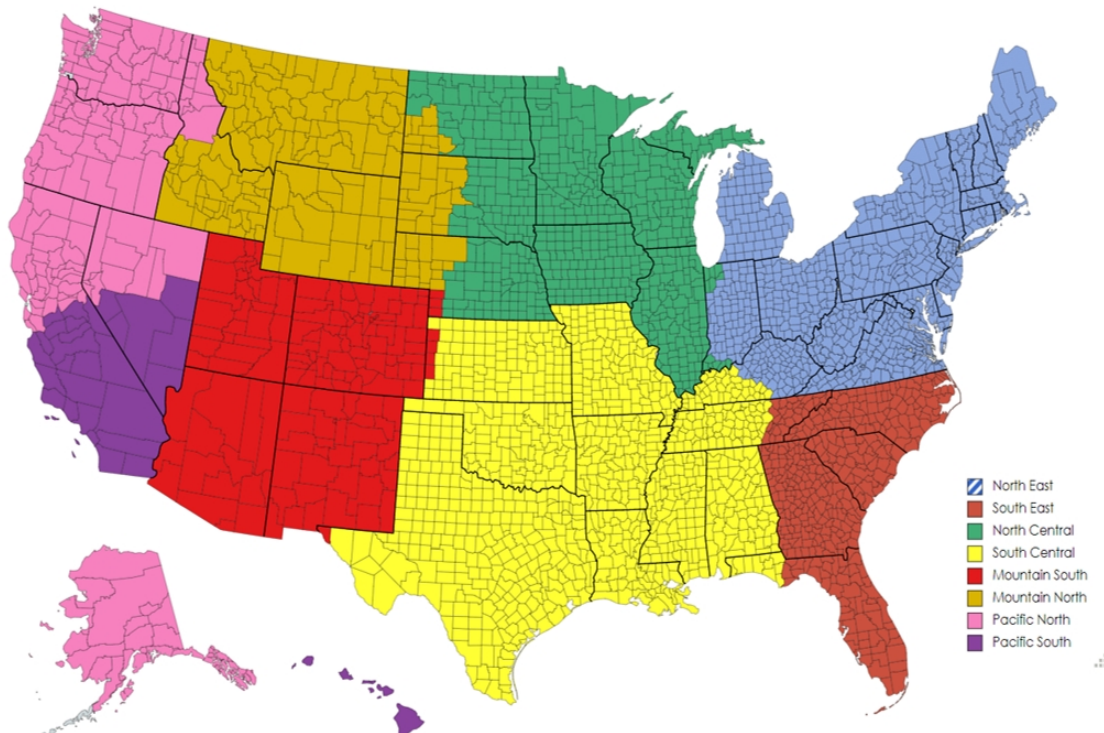
Competition Management may organize a Best Condition Award ~~at any~~ **for all** competitions as stated in the prize list

Competition management may organize a Best Condition Award ~~yearly for all~~ competitions as stated in the prize list. Horses, **All horses that completed the competition are eligible to participate in** which enter the Best Condition Award, are considered to be still in the competition. Riders are not required to participate in the Best Condition Award. It is at the discretion of the Veterinary Panel in consultation with the Steward on whether to award Best Condition. Guidelines for determining the Best Condition Award are set out in Annex B.

SUBCHAPTER EN-3 FEDERATION ZONES, CHAMPIONSHIPS, RANKING LISTS, AND AWARDS

EN119 Endurance Zones

1. *The Zone of a rider qualifying to participate in Zone restricted rides or on a Zone Endurance team will be determined by the rider's domicile state. That address is locked on December 1 of the competition year or the first day of the rider's membership activation, whichever comes first. However, a Life member's address is always locked on December 1 of the competition year. The address given on the membership application must be the state where the rider is domiciled at the time of membership activation or renewal. A rider may have only one domicile which is where the rider has their permanent home and where, whenever he is absent, intends to return. If a rider is found not in compliance with this rule, the rider may be subject to disqualification from representing a Zone Endurance Team and/or competing in events restricted to Zones. A person may apply to the Federation for permission to change their domicile state.*
2. *The following Endurance Zones have been established by the Federation. See Annex D for a complete list of states for each Zone:*
 - a. **Pacific North**
 - b. **Pacific South**
 - c. **Mountain North**
 - d. **Mountain South**
 - e. **North Central**
 - f. **South Central**
 - g. **North East**
 - h. **South East**



EN120 Endurance National Ranking List

The specifications for the Federation's Endurance National Ranking List, along with the Endurance National Ranking List, can be found on the [Federation's website](#).

EN 121 Zone/National Endurance Championships

1. *The rules and qualification criteria for Endurance Zone and National Championship program qualifying and*

1. ~~The rules and qualification criteria for Endurance Zone and National Championship program qualifying and championship classes are listed in the Selection Procedures for each program. These can be found on the Federation website.~~
2. **The following Endurance Zone and National Championship programs have been established by the Federation:**
 - a. **Annual Zone Championships**
 - b. **Annual National Endurance Championship**
 - c. **Biennial Zone Team Challenge**

EN122 Awards

An award must be given to all riders who successfully complete their division. ~~There is no minimum value for awards.~~

ANNEX A: DEFINITIONS

Authorized Event: *An event that is not licensed by the Federation but designated as authorized for specific purposes.*

Catastrophic Injury: an injury that, in the opinion of the Veterinarian Panel and the ~~Treating~~ **Treatment** Veterinarian(s) requires immediate euthanasia or contributes to the death of a horse in competition or as a result of injuries sustained **or illness that arises** during a competition, howsoever caused. (For the procedures in the event of a horse fatality, see GR850.9 GR849.9).

Category: *Classification of the competition, e.g., Limited Distance, OPEN 1, OPEN 2, OPEN 3, or OPEN 4.*

Combination: a horse and rider pair competing in a competition.

Competition: *An event in which horses and riders are entered and are placed in order of finish based upon the shortest elapsed time to complete the course and who successfully passes or complies with all protocols and requirements, including but not limited to the final veterinary examination.*

Completion: If a combination makes an error on the course, the Steward may (if he considers it appropriate to do so) allow the Combination to correct the error by returning to the place where the error started. If the combination fails to do so, they will be disqualified. If the Steward, in consultation with Competition Management, considers that correcting an error on course is not appropriate and/or in the best interests of the horse, he may determine an alternative that will require the combination to complete an equivalent distance over the same type of terrain so that the combination still passes through each Vet Gate in the correct order and within the relevant time limits. In such cases, the combination will receive a completion and designated as 'Finished Not Ranked' **and awarded last place finish in the category**. The combination may not be considered for the Best Condition Award, and may not count for individual or team awards.

Crewmember: a person assisting a combination on the Field of Play.

Division: *Age group permitted to compete in the competition. The three divisions are Junior, Young Rider, and Senior.*

Field of Play: The Field of Play includes the defined course, the defined crewing points on the course, the recovery area before the Vet Gate, the Vet Gate, and/or the hold area after the Vet Gate. Certain restrictions apply to the Field of Play as set out in the Federation Rules, the Prize List and the Ride Meeting. A horse should not be removed from the Field of Play without following the proper procedures, the rider may be subject to disciplinary action under Federation General Rules.

Final Horse Inspection: The purpose of the Final Horse Inspection is to determine whether the horse is still fit to continue after a normal rest period for another full Loop. **The horse must be fit to continue at the final horse inspection in order to receive a completion and placing.**

First Horse Inspection: the mandatory horse inspection that takes place prior to the start of the competition and determines whether a combination may compete.

Hold Time: There must be a rest period for the horse (Hold Time) at each Vet Gate (except the final Vet Gate after the finish) as established by the Veterinary Panel and Competition Management. Riders must be notified of the hold times in the prize list and notified of any modifications to the hold times during the ride meeting or prior to the start of the loop.

in the prize list and notified of any modifications to the hold times during the ride meeting or prior to the start of the loop **Loop** concerned.

Horse Inspection: Following any recovery time in the recovery area, the rider or crewmembers must enter the Vet Gate with the horse for the Horse Inspection. The Horse Inspection will include an assessment of the horse's fitness to continue in the competition based on its heart rate recovery, metabolic status, gait and general condition. The horse may be inspected more than once if the Veterinarian examining the horse so decides. See EN117**116**.

Loops: The total length of the course is divided into a minimum number of sections or loops **Loops**.

Mandatory Re-Inspections Exit Exams: The Veterinary Panel, in consultation with the Steward and Competition Management, may require all horses in a particular division or distance to be presented for a mandatory reinspection **Exit Exam** at specified Vet Gates. Mandatory re-inspections **These examinations** will take place within the last 15 minutes of a combination's Hold Time at the relevant Vet Gate. **The horse must pass the Exit Exam to continue in the competition or retire.**

Requested Re-inspections: Any member of Veterinary Panel may ask a rider or crewmember to present his horse for re-inspection at any Vet Gate if he has any concerns about the horse. Vet-requested re-inspections will take place in the last 15 minutes of a combination's hold time at the relevant Vet Gate. **The horse must pass the Re-inspection to continue in the competition or retire.**

Vet Gate: at the end of each Loop, horses must undergo a horse inspection and any other required Veterinary Examinations within a safe and restricted area used exclusively for this purpose (Vet Gate). **To move into the Vet Gate, the horse must pulse at or below the parameter designated by the Veterinary Panel.**

ANNEX B: GUIDELINES FOR BEST CONDITION AWARD

The purpose of the Best Condition Award is to judge the horse's soundness, its ability to move willingly, and post-metabolic conditions following the successful completion of a competition. The Best Condition Award may not be recognized if no horse participating in the judging is considered 'fit to continue.' Horses may participate in the Best Condition Award based upon the timeframe and specifications stated in the prize list, ride meeting, or announced at the start of the last loop concerned. Competition Management may decide to allow horses to participate which successfully completed the competition within the Top Ten finishers, within the 10% of the winning time, and within one hour of the winning time. A rider may choose not to participate in the Best Condition Award and shall notify the Steward immediately upon deciding not to present. The procedure for judging the horses for Best Condition Award will be as follows:

1. A member(s) of the Veterinary Panel will judge the Best Condition Award.
2. The American Association of Equine Practitioners Lameness Scale is used to assess a horse's soundness. Horses considered Grade 3 or greater are eliminated.
 - a. Lameness: Lameness shall be awarded a maximum of twenty (20) points where 20 points represents a sound horse after being observed trotting in a straight line (38m out and back) and a circle in each direction.
 - b. The maximum of ten (10) points shall represent a horse observed sound when trotting in a straight line (38m out and back) but consistently showing lameness when trotting in a circle.
3. Quality of Gait Score: A maximum of ten (10) points may be awarded for the assessment of the horse's willingness to move forward with impulsion when asked by the rider or crewmember. Shortening of stride due to fatigue or soreness are also assessed.
4. Recovery Score: A maximum of 25 points may be earned for recovery.
 - a. Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI): The CRI, taken at the final inspection or at the discretion of the veterinarian 10 to 15 minutes after the horse's finishing time, shall be utilized. A maximum of 15 points may be awarded.
 - b. A maximum of ten (10) points may be awarded for skin tenting, capillary refill time, jugular refill time, mucous membranes, and gut sounds.
5. Lesions Score: The Veterinarian will consider whether a lesion(s) is causing discomfort or pain. The maximum points awarded is five (5) points.
6. Total Vet Score: Gait Score + Recovery Score + Lesion Score = Total Vet Score x 10.
 - a. Total Vet Score shall be multiplied by 10 to represent the Vet Score portion of the Best Condition judging. An award or a recognition may be awarded as "High Vet Score".

7. ~~Total Weight Score: The weight of the rider, which includes all riding equipment except for the bridle, is scored for Best Condition judging.~~
 - a. ~~The competition management must provide a reliable scale at the competition.~~
 - b. ~~Points are awarded by subtracting the weight of the rider from the weight of the heaviest rider. The difference is divided by two (2) determines the weight score up to a maximum of 100 points.~~
8. ~~Total Time Score: Calculated as the difference of rider's final ride time from the winning time. The difference, up a maximum of 200 points, determines the time portion of the Best Condition judging.~~
9. ~~Best Condition Award = Total Vet Score + Total Weight Score + Total Time Score~~

A. Veterinary Score Sheet

Maximum Score 500 Points

Standing Evaluation

Recovery:

Based upon the ability to demonstrate recovery using the Cardiac Recovery Index. It is recommended to use the CRI taken 10- or 15-minutes post-finish time. Base the respiratory aspects on quality of respiration as determined visually and by auscultation.

Hydration Factors:

Use all the metabolic parameters that indicate the state of hydrations: skin tenting, mucous membranes, capillary refill time, jugular refill time and gut sounds.

Lesions Producing Pain and Discomfort:

Major concerns are back pain and pain/swelling in joints, tendons and ligaments that may be indicative of potentially serious pathology. Also consider girth, saddle, and other tack-induced lesions and all wounds. Note: Do all but cursory palpations after the movement phase.

Movement Evaluation

Soundness:

Note: Not eligible for consideration for Best Condition if there is a pathological gait aberration greater than grade II. Consider: Regularity of gait and movement.

Quality of Movement:

Consider: Attitude, coordination, and impulsion (deterioration exhibited as a reluctance or refusal to trot, stumbling, leg weariness, muscle fatigue and stiffness.

Parts B & C to be completed by the Ride Management ONLY (to be done after veterinary completion of Part A)

B. Time Factor

Maximum 200 Points (Awarded to Fastest Rider)

Riding time of THIS Rider	_____	(Value one point per minute)	
Riding time of Winner	_____	Maximum	200
Difference:	_____	Less Difference	(-) _____
(Calculate time in minutes – exclude hold time)		Total Time Score	

C. Weight

Maximum 100 Points (Awarded to the Heaviest Rider)

Weight of Heaviest	_____	(Value on-half point per pound)	
Weight of THIS rider	_____	Maximum	100
Difference	_____	Less Difference /2	_____
Difference /2	_____	Total Weight Score	_____

Total Score = A + B + C = Score _____

**The rider's finishing weight is determined at the conclusion of the ride with tack and the same clothes worn during the ride.

This score sheet must accompany USEF ride results. Please include when submitting these.

ANNEX C: ELIMINATION CODES

WD: Withdrawn

- The combination does not show up to the competition.
- The combination decides upon arrival to the competition not to participate or prior to the First Horse Inspection in accordance with EN112.3

RET: Retired

- The combination decides not to continue in the competition after successfully completing the First Horse Inspection, after crossing the start line, or at the end of a loop **Loop** providing that the combination has successfully completed that and any previous loops **Loops** and passes all horse inspections after each of these loops **Loops**, including any mandatory re-inspection **Exit Exams** or vet requested re-inspection **exams**. The horse must be considered fit to continue in the competition at each of these inspections.

DSQ: Disqualified

- A combination is disqualified in accordance with the Endurance Rules.
- A reason for disqualification must be communicated to the Federation via the official results and reports.
- A horse may be disqualified and also designated as Failed to Qualify for a veterinary or other reason (see list under FTQ below).

FNR: Finished Not Ranked

- FNR means that the combination completed a competition (including all Horse Inspections) but is not ranked in the final awards due to an error on course.
- If in addition to the FNR designation the combination receives a completion, the competition will not count for novice qualification purposes.

FTQ: Failed to Qualify

- The FTQ designation must be accompanied by one or more of the additional codes below and may be applied when a combination fails to successfully complete a competition:
 - **SP: Speed (not respecting any applicable speed restriction)**
 - **GA: Irregular gait**
 - **ME: Metabolic**
 - **MI: Minor Injury (e.g. slight soreness, wound, etc.)**
 - **SI-MUSCU: Serious Injury (musculoskeletal injury)**
 - **SI-META: Serious Injury (metabolic injury)**
 - **O: Other (e.g. soreness, wound, etc.)**
 - **CI: Catastrophic Injury**
 - **OT: Overtime-Out of Time (failure to complete a Loop within the allocated time, but passes the Horse Inspection after that Loop)**
 - **FTC: Failure to complete (non-completion of a Loop, but passes the Horse Inspection after that Loop) the division or distance within the allocated time as stated in the prize list, ride meeting, or prior to the start of the loop **Loop** concerned.**
- Or when a combination is overtime for a particular loop **Loop** when a designated time is established in the prize list, rider meeting, or prior to the start of the loop **Loop** concerned.

FTC: Failed to Complete. The Officials must provide reasons for the FTC designation, and an explanation of what happened to the combination.

~~Failed to Complete (non-completion of a Loop, but successfully passes the Horse Inspection after that Loop). The reasons for the FTC designation must be stated in the final results.~~

The above FTQ codes may be cumulative.

Annex D

By State	
State	Zone
AK	Pacific North

By Zone	
State	Zone
ID MST	Mountain North

AK	Pacific North
AL	South Central
AR	South Central
AZ	Mountain South
CA NORTH	Pacific North
CA SOUTH	Pacific South
CO	Mountain South
CT	North East
DE	North East
FL CST	South Central
FL EST	South East
GA	South East
HI	Pacific South
IA	North Central
ID MST	Mountain North
ID PST	Pacific North
IL	North Central
IN CST	North Central
IN EST	North East
KS CST	South Central
KS MST	Mountain South
KY CST	South Central
KY EST	North East
LA	South Central
MA	North East
MD	North East
ME	North East
MI	North East
MN	North Central
MN UP	North Central
MO	South Central
MS	South Central
MT	Mountain North
NC	South East
ND CST	North Central
ND MST	Mountain North
NE CST	North Central
NE MST	Mountain North
NH	North East
NJ	North East
NM	Mountain South
NV NORTH	Pacific North
NV SOUTH	Pacific South
NY	North East
OH	North East
OK	South Central
OR	Pacific North
PA	North East
RI	North East
SC	South East

ID MST	Mountain North
MT	Mountain North
ND MST	Mountain North
NE MST	Mountain North
SD MST	Mountain North
WY	Mountain North
AZ	Mountain South
CO	Mountain South
KS MST	Mountain South
NM	Mountain South
TX El Paso	Mountain South
UT	Mountain South
IA	North Central
IL	North Central
IN CST	North Central
MN	North Central
MN UP	North Central
ND CST	North Central
NE CST	North Central
SD CST	North Central
WI	North Central
CT	North East
DE	North East
IN EST	North East
KY EST	North East
MA	North East
MD	North East
ME	North East
MI	North East
NH	North East
NJ	North East
NY	North East
OH	North East
PA	North East
RI	North East
VA	North East
VT	North East
WV	North East
AK	Pacific North
CA NORTH	Pacific North
ID PST	Pacific North
NV NORTH	Pacific North
OR	Pacific North
WA	Pacific North
CA SOUTH	Pacific South
HI	Pacific South
NV SOUTH	Pacific South
AL	South Central
AR	South Central
FL CST	South Central

SD CST	North Central
SD MST	Mountain North
TN CST	South Central
TN EST	South East
TX	South Central
TX El Paso	Mountain South
UT	Mountain South
VA	North East
VT	North East
WA	Pacific North
WI	North Central
WV	North East
WY	Mountain North

KS CST	South Central
KY CST	South Central
LA	South Central
MO	South Central
MS	South Central
OK	South Central
TN CST	South Central
TX	South Central
FL EST	South East
GA	South East
NC	South East
SC	South East
TN EST	South East

Proposed Changes to General Rules

GR801 Dress

5. See DC928 for protective headgear requirement in Combined Driving.

6. See DR120 for protective headgear requirement in Dressage.

7. See EN102 for protective headgear requirement in Endurance.

GR1123 ENDURANCE RIDING DIVISION

1. Award Categories. National awards will be awarded in the following categories:

- a. Career Horse Mileage Recognition**
- b. Career Rider Mileage Recognition**
- c. Career Horse/Rider Combination Mileage Recognition**
- d. Top Ten National-Ranked Senior Riders**
- e. Top Ten National-Ranked Young Riders**
- f. Top Ten National-Ranked Junior Riders**
- g. Endurance Horse of the Year Award**
- h. Endurance Rider of the Year Award**
- i. Endurance Best Condition Season Award**