

Summary of the most common Rules and Regs in question at International Endurance events:

We advise you to print these and familiarize yourselves with the current rules...

Know the rules of the sport in which you compete!

Website: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/regulations/endurance>

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Who is the Person Responsible at an event:

Gen Regs Art 118: The Person Responsible shall be the **ATHLETE** who rides the horse during an Event, but also Owner, Support Personnel, grooms and veterinarians.

If a horse connection disbehave, the Yellow warning card will be issued to the Person responsible, who will be **the RIDER!**

Article805.2 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.

Art 805.3 The starting time of any Athlete who does not present himself/herself on time for start is recorded as if they had started on time. No Competitor may start later than **15 minutes** after the official starting time under penalty of disqualification.

Art 807.3 On the course, **no other person may lead** or ride the Horse once the combination has started under penalty of disqualification.

Art 801.8.3 All Horses must remain at all times to be capable of being clearly observed by FEI Veterinary Officials and/or, Ground Jury and/or Stewards. **No screens, no equipment or barrier of any kind** may be used to prevent such observation under penalty of disqualification and a Yellow Card Warning.

Art 801.8.2 The maximum number of grooms allowed within the Vet Gates will be 5 per Horse

The Maximum number of people allowed within the Vet Inspection area will be 3 but may be further limited by the Ground Jury...

Art 800.2.10 Compulsory re-inspections: ...for such re-inspections Horses are required to present **no earlier than 15 minutes** prior to their departure time.

Art 802.2 Order of Course: the Competitor must complete the entire course in the correct order and direction as marked (so it does matter if you complete a phase in the opposite direction than what the OC intended)

Art 802.3 Errors on Course: any error of course must be corrected from the place where the error has started under penalty of disqualification.

Art 807.7.5 Forbidden assistance eg. A third party encouraging a Horse during the trot in a Vet Gate under penalty of a Yellow Warning Card.

Article 809 – DRESS CODE 809.1 Protective headgear, of a recognised equestrian/endurance standard and securely fastened, is compulsory for all persons at all Endurance Events whilst mounted.

Art 809.2 Safe riding footwear with heels of 12 mm or more, or alternatively caged/boxed stirrups/equestrian safety stirrups are compulsory for all persons at all Endurance events whilst mounted.

Art 809.3.2 During the actual ride: • Athlete: Appropriate riding attire, shirt/polo shirt to include a collar.

• Team Officials, Grooms, Crews: Smart Team or Individual attire. No shorts within the Vet Inspection area, or sandals allowed within the 'Field of Play' (safety).

Remember, Jeans are allowed in the vet inspection area, as long as its trousers and not shorts. You may wear shorts anywhere else whilst you groom etc. but once you pass the VET-IN Line you're legs have to be covered – down to the ankle.

Art 810.2 Whips (or the use of any other item as a whip and Spurs are prohibited. (Disqualification)

Art 810.3 The use of mobile phones and GPS devices are permitted. All other forms of communication devices must be approved by the Ground Jury prior to Competition.

Art 810.5 The horses' ears should be free of any inserts or attachments. Ear of horses should not be clogged. Ear plugs are forbidden. (Disqualification)

Art 812.6The Athlete must maintain the minimum riding weight at all times during the riding phases under penalty of disqualification.

Art 813.4.3 Retirement: results when an Athlete voluntarily withdraws from Competition, but may only be considered voluntary and a Retirement when: the combination has correctly finished all phases to that point; the combination has completed its most recent phase by passing all required Veterinary inspections following that phase, including compulsory re-inspection or Veterinary requested reinspection;

Art 813.5 All Horses removed from active Competition, voluntarily or otherwise and at any point within the event, must be presented for Veterinary inspection either by the FEI Veterinary Commission or the FEI Treatment Veterinary Panel within 30 minutes of removal..... Failure to

comply will result in the issuing of a Yellow Warning Card to the Athlete or Registered Trainer and the imposition of a mandatory rest period for the Horse of sixty days.

Art 819.1.1 Athletes may trot up **both Horses who are duly entered** under their name at the First Inspection.

Art 819.1.3 Each **Athlete** is responsible to ensure the proper supervision, care and feeding of any spare unused Horse during the course of the Athlete's absence on Event day.

Art 819.3.2 Substitutions in Case of Accident or Illness: in case of an accident or illness of an Athlete or a Horse, occurring between the declaration of starters and the start of the Competition, where such accident or illness makes it impossible for that Athlete or Horse to take part in the Competition; substitutions can be made up to **2 hours before the start of the Competition** (to be approved by President of the Ground jury)

Art 820.4 The decision of the Ground Jury taken on the direct advice of the Official Veterinarians **is final and there can be no appeal against** them. However, the Ground Jury is obliged in all cases to provide the reasons for the elimination of any Horses.

Art 821.2.5 Inspection Decorum: the inspection areas should remain **politely quiet** in respect to Athletes and Horses under the stresses of intense Competition, and the Ground Jury and Stewards are responsible to enforce that decorum.

Art 821.2.13.2 If, after having once trotted the Horse, the observing Veterinarian questions the Horse's fitness to continue, the Horse will **be re-trotted by a three-Vet panel**. The Vet panel review must be carried out under the observation of three Veterinarians who will by **secret individual vote** opt for a pass or fail and communicate their vote directly to a member of the Ground Jury. Art 821.2.13.3 Any of the three Veterinarians can **call for a further trot up prior to voting** if they so wish, giving the Horse and Athlete the benefit of the doubt, and will communicate that request to the member of the Ground Jury present who will request the Horse be trotted again. The ultimate decision based upon the majority vote from the three Veterinarians, independent and without discussion, will then be final. **(MAX 3 chances to present in total!, other wise FAIL TO PRESENT and cannot continue)**

Art 821.4.4 At all Endurance Competitions of 160 km in one day or of an average of 100 km on 2 or more days, all competing Horses must remain in the stable area of the Ride to stay under Veterinary supervision for a period of hours after the finishing time as established by the Veterinary Commission.

Art 821.5 Other Inspections Other inspections may be carried out by the Ground Jury or the official Veterinarians on all or any Horses selected at random at any time during the course of the Competition.

Vet RULES 2. During events, the administration of treatments and supportive therapies **must be authorised** by the VC/VD **before** administration, using the appropriate Veterinary Form.

VETERINARY REGULATIONS

III- Stable security 11. All Horses participating in an Event that requires stable security must be stabled within a completely restricted stables area, consisting of the following minimum requirements: a) 24 hour security system; b) a system to check the entry and exit of all Horses and the accreditation required by all personnel entering the stables; and c) a system using a suitable "sign in" sheet to record the entry and exit of persons into the stables outside of stated working hours (e.g. overnight).

15. Athletes and/or NFs are permitted to install and use their own camera monitoring systems within the Event stables area for the sole purpose of monitoring their horse(s), provided that they have submitted their request to the FEI for approval. Any such use of camera monitoring systems must comply with the FEI's protocol.

16. Failure of the OC to provide adequate stable security shall not be a defence to any violation brought under the EADCMRs.

Article 1037 Presentation of Horses

8. Horses are not permitted to wear bandages or blankets/rugs or equivalent when presented.

Article 1054 Departure of Horses from the Event Venue 1. Horses may not leave the Event venue during the Period of the Event, unless exceptionally authorised by the VC/ VD. (Yellow warning card/Disqualification and subject to Dope testing)

6. Treatments may only be administered by a Permitted Treatment Vet with the exception of non-prohibited substances administered orally or by nebulisation.

Article 1062

4bb) for Endurance, intravenous (IV) and naso-gastric fluids must not be administered **within 12 hours before the start of the endurance race**, or between any phases of the competition. (The FVD will have the absolute call on this).

You have 30 min after the results have been signed of by the PGJ and published, to give your detailed appeal in writing to the GJ together with 150 Swiss Frank.

No gamesmanship will be tolerated in terms **of delaying or interfering with a fair presentation under threat of disqualification or other disciplinary action.**

- Notes for Guidance: Art 821.2.5 Whistling or any other behavior within the vet gate to encourage a horse to urinate is not allowed and considered as a failure to observe this article (Art 821.2.5)

When Athletes/grooms have entered the inspection area,

**They must proceed
with the Horse
directly to the nominated Vet
at a reasonable pace**

showing constant forward motion.
Under penalty of YWC/Time penalty