

Article 815 - ELIGIBILITY

815.1 Any person from the year in which he/she reaches his/her 14th birthday and who is duly authorised by his/her National Federation is eligible to take part in all Endurance Rides (CEIs, CEIOs and Championships), either as an individual or as a member of a team. .

815.2 Horses:

815.2.1 Horses must be at least 5 years old to qualify as Novices.

815.2.2 For CEIs 1-Star through 2-Star horses must be at least 6 years old to participate.

815.2.3 For 3-Stars horses must be at least 7 years old to participate.

815.2.4 For 4-Stars, CEIOs and Championships horses must be at least 8 years of age.

815.2.5 Mares obviously in advanced pregnancies, meaning over 120 days, or with foal at foot cannot be entered in any CEI or higher event.

815.2.6 All ages are determined as of the date of the event for which eligibility to participate is sought, and must be confirmed either through reliable registrations or written veterinary opinion, which may be recorded within Passports. Northern Hemisphere horses are deemed to have their birthday on the 1st January and Southern Hemisphere horses on the 1st August.

815.3 Mandatory Rest for Horses:

815.3.1 After competing in a CEI events, a horse must be given a mandatory minimum rest period, as defined, before it is again eligible to participate in a FEI competition:

Distance completed 0 – 80 km 13 days rest

81 and above 20 days rest

815.3.2 If a horse is eliminated for metabolic reasons which require immediate invasive treatment at any CEI event, it must be given a mandatory minimum rest of 60 days before it is again eligible to participate in a CEI event.

815.3.3 If a horse is eliminated for metabolic reasons which require immediate invasive treatment at any 2 consecutive CEI events or twice within any 3 month period, it must be given a mandatory rest period of 90 days before it is again eligible to participate in a CEI event.

815.3.4 The FEI Technical Committee may decide to create a supplementary schedule for additional rest requirements for horses who suffer consistent metabolic elimination problems over time in consultation with the FEI Veterinary Committee.

Article 816 - QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE & CERTIFICATES OF CAPABILITY (Please refer to Endurance Notes for Guidance for Transitional Arrangements)

816.1 Novice Qualifying: To be administered by each NF.

816.1.1 Horses and riders must, though not necessarily as a combination:

816.1.1.1 Successfully complete 2 rides of distances of between 40-79 km and 2 rides of between 80-90 km at speeds of 16 kph or under; or alternatively,

816.1.1.2 Successfully complete 3 rides of distances of 80-90 km at speeds of 16 kph or under.

816.1.2 Riders and Horses must complete the requirements of this qualifying phase within a 24 month period to qualify to take part in FEI competitions.

816.2 CEI Star Qualifying: To be determined according to FEI records and database, and attested to by each NF.

816.2.1 All horses and riders must have successfully completed Novice Qualifying to be eligible for CEI Star Qualifying.

816.2.2 Horses and riders, not necessarily as a combination must successfully

complete FEI competitions to progress through the Star system, beginning with a successful completion at the 1-Star level, thereby qualifying to move up through each Star category as defined in Art 814.

816.2.3 Star System Qualification for Riders will be for life.

816.2.4 Star System Qualification for Horses shall be valid for a period of 24 months. Should a horse fail to compete at the next level for which it has qualified within that period it will need to re qualify for its existing level again before progressing further.