

Competition Rules for the Equestrian Discipline of



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Using These Rules

These “Competition Rules for the Equestrian Discipline of ENDURANCE in NZ” and known as the “Discipline Rules” must be read in conjunction with the following rules current at the time;

- **FEI Rules for Endurance Events**
- **FEI General & Veterinary Regulations**
- **ESNZ General & Veterinary Regulations**
- **ESNZ Constitution**
- **EnNZ By Laws**

Notwithstanding that these Discipline Rules are legally subordinate to the above rules, regulations, constitutions and by-laws, it is necessary for competitors and judges to first consult these Discipline Rules when considering any matter involved with CEN endurance events in NZ. If the matter is not found within these Discipline Rules or a specific reference is not provided to an FEI Rule or other such regulation then the FEI Rules prevail.

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in the rules. In unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate and the Veterinarians to make a decision, in a sporting spirit and approaching as nearly as possible to the intention of the rules listed above.

Where an FEI Rule for Endurance Events is quoted or displayed in these Discipline Rules it will be written in Italics and refers to the FEI rules for Endurance Events.

Where an FEI Rule exists but a special exemption has been granted to EnNZ then it will be noted in the Discipline Rules or Appendix current at the time.

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In all aspects of Endurance in NZ the FEI Code of Conduct is paramount.

THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.

2. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.

3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.

4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.

5. The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

Endurance NZ requires all its members to abide by this Code of Conduct

A full copy of this Code can be obtained from the Fédération Equestre Internationale, Avenue Mon-Repos 24, CH-1000, Lausanne 5, Switzerland. Telephone: +41 21 310 47 47.

The Code is available in English & French. The Code is also available on the FEI's website: www.horsesport.org.

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Definitions

Affiliated Club:	is a club entitled to run events approved by EnNZ.
Board:	means the Board Members of EnNZ.
Bpm:	is Heart Beats per Minute.
CEI:	is an International Endurance Ride.
CEN:	is all National Endurance Rides (non CEI rides)
Championship Events	are the North Island, South Island & National Championships
Class:	is each division within a ride.
Day Membership:	is membership of ESNZ for one day only. (DM)
Day Vet Card:	is the Card given to unregistered horses at Events. (DVC)
EnNZ:	refers to Endurance New Zealand.
ESNZ:	refers to Equestrian Sports New Zealand Incorporated.
Event:	is a complete meeting.
FEI:	refers to Federation Equestre Internationale.
Mandatory Rest Report:	a horse eliminated for metabolic reasons that require immediate invasive treatment
OC:	is the Organising Committee of an Event.
Ride:	is a set distance within an event.

Section One – ENDURANCE RIDES

Article 800.1 - Endurance Riding is a competition to test of the competitor’s ability to safely manage the stamina and fitness of the horse over an endurance course in a speed competition against the track, the distance, the climate, the terrain and the clock. Therefore, the most important responsibility of the Technical Delegate, the Ground Jury, the Stewards, the Veterinary Commission, the Chef D’Equipe, the Team Veterinarian, the Grooms and ultimately the rider is to ensure the health and welfare of the horse by diligent application of their skill together with a caring, knowledgeable attitude by the rider. To be successful, the competitor must have knowledge of pace and efficient and safe use of the horse across country. In an Endurance Ride any member of the Genus Equus counts as a “horse”.

1.1 Classes of Rides

Class	FEI Classification	Distances	EnNZ Rule	FEI Rule
Intro	CEN	0-39km speed restriction 16kph, not eligible for placings or Best Condition Awards	1.16.b	
Novice	CEN	40 – 90km speed restriction 16kph, not eligible for placings or Best Condition Awards	1.16.b	816.1
Open	CEN	40 – 79km no speed restriction	1.2.b	
	CEN	80-119km no speed restriction	1.3.a	
	CEN	120-139km no speed restriction	1.3.a	
	CEN	140-160km no speed restriction	1.3.a	
Graded 1*	CEI 1*	80 – 119km		814.1.5.4
Graded 2*	CEI 2*	120 – 139km		814.1.5.3
Graded 3*	CEI 3*	140 – 160km		814.1.5.2
NOTE: Distances for CEI rides refer to rides in one day.				

1.2 Horses and Riders

- a) Both horses and riders are classed according to which level of the ride they have successfully completed starting out at Novice and thereafter complying with the qualifying requirements of Article 816 before proceeding to the next level of class.
- b) Horses and riders which have successfully completed 200km of Novice rides may enter Open rides up to 79km. Novice horses and riders must have done 200km of rides within the 24 month period prior to the date of the ride they are entering otherwise they revert back to doing Novice rides.
- c) Where a horse and rider combination is of different grades they are restricted to enter the class that the lowest level of the combination allows.
- d) **Novice** Horses and Riders that have not yet completed the Novice Qualifying Procedure. *Article 816.1* Only Novice rides within 24 month of the current date count towards novice qualifying procedure.
- Open** Horses and Riders that have successfully completed the Novice Qualifying Procedure. *Article 816.1*
- Graded 1*** Horses and Riders that have successfully completed a 1* ride
- Graded 2*** Horses and Riders that have successfully completed a 2* ride.
- Graded 3*** Horses and Riders that have successfully completed a 3* ride.

- e) At all CEN rides junior and senior divisions may be held in each class.
 Senior - Any rider from the season in which they reach the age of 18.
 Junior - Any rider until the end of the season in which they reach the age of 18.
 - While under the age of 18 must have permission of a parent or guardian to enter any event.
 - Juniors from the year in which they reach their 14th birthday may apply to EnNZ to compete in any CEI ride. *Refer Article 815.*
- f) It is at the discretion of the club or OC as to whether or not they hold any particular class at an event.

1.3 CEN Rides 120km & over

- a) To qualify for CEN rides 120km and over horses and riders must:
 Qualify in at least one ride 80-119km before entering a CEN ride 120-139km
 Qualify in at least one ride 120-139km before entering a CEN ride 140km or over
 These qualifying rides for horses are only valid for 24 months from the date of each ride
- b) Qualification in CEN rides of 80km and over does not contribute to the requirements of the CEI star qualifying procedure (*Article 816 Qualification procedure and Certificates of Capability*)

1.4 Rides 40km and less

Rides of 40km or less may be run in one phase.

1.5 Special Events - moved to Supplementary Rules for Clubs and Members

1.6 Riding Season

The riding season starts on the 1st August and finishes on the 31st July.

1.7 Veterinarians at Events - moved to Supplementary Rules for Clubs and Members

1.8 Heart Rates

At all rides horses shall have a;

- a) Maximum pulse at all Vet Gates of 64bpm within 20 minutes
- b) Maximum pulse at Final Vetting of 64bpm within 30 minutes.

1.9 Dress Code & Equipment

- a) *Articles 809.1 & 809.2 Dress Code and Article 810 Saddlery and Equipment* applies to all rides in NZ.

1.10 Water at Venues - moved to Supplementary Rules for Clubs and Members

1.11 Events Calendar - moved to Supplementary Rules for Clubs and Members

1.12 Levies, Results, Mandatory Rest Reports - moved to Supplementary Rules for Clubs and Members

1.13 Mini Schedules - moved to Supplementary Rules for Clubs and Members

1.14 FEI Schedules - moved to Supplementary Rules for Clubs and Members

1.15 First Aid - moved to Supplementary Rules for Clubs and Members

1.16 Riding Times

- a) The maximum time allowed to complete a ride must not be set at a pace slower than 8km per hour for Open, and Graded combinations, (7min 30sec per km) e.g. 40km ride = 5 hours. 100km ride = 12 hours 30 mins. For variations refer *Article 800.4*
- b) Novice combinations are restricted to running no faster than 16km per hour, e.g.40km at 16km per hour = 2 ½ hours. 80km at 16 km per hour = 5hours.

Four year old horses are restricted to a maximum speed of 12kph. e.g 10km at 12kph = 50 minutes. 40km at 12kph = 3 hrs 20 mins

- c) The maximum riding time to complete a Novice ride should be set at least 15-20 minutes per 20km of distance over and above the allocated maximum riding time for the Open ride on the day.
- d) All ride times must be set prior to the start of the ride and announced at the pre-ride briefing.
- e) All ride times must be recorded in hours, minutes and seconds on the results sheets and in the Vetbook.

1.17 15 Minute Rule

- a) *Article 805.3 The starting time of any competitor 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 their starting time under penalty of disqualification.*
- b) Clarification of Article 805.3 - Competitors may commence the second and subsequent loops any time from their Official Depart Time onwards without penalty.

1.18 Weights at CEN rides

- a) At all Open rides 80km and over the minimum riding weight for riders must be 70kg.
- b) There shall be no minimum weight for Junior or Novice classes.
- c) When a minimum weight is required, weight control must be carried out before the start and, after the finish, and may take place at random during the event as deemed appropriate by the OC or Ground Jury.
- d) When weighing riders must not include the horses bridle.

Refer *Article 812* for minimum weights for CEI rides.

1.19 Checkpoints - moved to Supplementary Rules for Clubs and Members

1.20 CEI Rides - moved to Supplementary Rules for Clubs and Members

1.21 Lead Rein Class

Open to junior riders up to the end of the season in which they reach the age of 8.

Maximum class distance is 15km.

Maximum time allowed to complete the ride must not be set faster than 4kph

i.e. 2hrs 30mins per 10km., 3hrs 45mins per 15km

Minimum time allowed to complete the ride must not be set faster than 8kph

i.e. 1hr 15mins per 10km, 1hr 52mins 30secs per 15km.

Riders must be lead by a senior competitor.

Lead Rein classes must start after all other classes on the same day have commenced.

Where possible the start time to be arranged so competitors in other classes will not be passing those in the Lead Rein class..

Lead Rein classes must not to be held at Championship or FEI events.

Lifetime kilometres only count for the senior rider and the horse they are riding, not for the junior horse and rider that are being led.

Section Two – REGISTRATION

2.1 Horse Registration

Upon registration Horses will be graded by ESNZ as follows:

Novice	=	Training
Open	=	Training
Graded	=	Graded

Registration entitles a horse to:

- Be credited with kilometres
- Be eligible for National Awards & Roll of honour
- Receive a Vet book upon registration
- Enter any ride at the level of which it is classified.

- Unregistered horses or horses without proof of current registration and grade status at an event may only enter Novice rides up to a maximum distance of 60km on a Day Vet Card (DVC).
- Kilometres can be claimed under Three Ride Rule upon registration with ESNZ.

2.2 Rider Registration

Riders must be financial members of ESNZ and an Affiliated Club to:

- Be credited with kilometres
- Be eligible for National Awards

Riders will be graded by ESNZ as follows:

Graded	=	Senior Competitor
Open and Novice	=	Senior Training Competitor
Juniors at all levels	=	Junior Competitor

- Registered riders without their current ESNZ membership card or without proof of current membership and grade status at an event may only enter Novice rides and must compete on a Day Membership Card. Foreign Riders must refer to Rule 4.2.
- Unregistered riders must purchase a Non-Graded Day Membership Card and can **only** enter a Novice ride up to a maximum distance of 60km.
- A Day Membership is paid per day of competition.
- Kilometres can be claimed under Three Ride Rule upon registration with ESNZ.

2.3 Claiming Kilometres - Three Ride Rule

A maximum of 3 rides can be claimed retrospectively. These rides must have been done within the previous 24 months of the date of registration with ESNZ. Day Vet Cards must be sent to EnNZ at time of registration.

Section Three – HORSE RULES

3.1 Age of Horses

Horses 4 years of age may enter CEN Novice rides up to and including 45km – refer Rule 1.16.b for maximum speed for 4 year olds

For CEN Open rides 40-90km and all CEN rides 46-90km horses must be at least 5 years old

For CEN rides 91km – 139km horses must be at least 6 years old.

For CEN rides 140km – 160km horses must be at least 7 years old.

Refer *Article 815* for horse ages for CEI rides

Article 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.

Article 815.2.5 also applies to all CEN rides.

Article 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.

3.2 24 Month Rule

When an Open or Graded horse has not qualified in an Endurance Ride in the preceding 24 months then that horse must re qualify as per *Article 816.1* before it may enter in a Open or CEI ride at any event.

3.3 Foreign Owned & Imported Horses

Foreign owned and imported horses will be classified as Novice until proof of overseas ride qualification or classification eligibility is received by EnNZ.

3.4 Stallions

At all times, at all events stallions must:

- a) Wear a minimum of two ESNZ approved Stallion tags – one on each side of halter or bridle. Tags are available from ESNZ.
- b) Wear a Blue Ribbon, clearly visible from behind.
- c) Not be tied up unattended unless in an approved solid yards.
- d) When unattended be contained in an approved solid yard – not electric fence tape.
- e) Have a “STALLION” sign on the yard. The sign must also display the name and contact details (including cell phone number) for the rider or person responsible for the stallion during the event
- f) Stallions when led must be controlled by a bit attached to a lead, or chain over the nose attached to a lead. An attendant must have suitable experience in handling stallions.
- g) Riders and handlers of stallions must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- h) Before arriving at an event the rider/owner of a stallion must advise the OC they are bringing a stallion, and if they don't have their own suitable yard, ascertain that suitable facilities are available.

3.5 Control of Horses

At all times at all events horses shall:

- a) Be under the control of the person responsible.

- b) Not be allowed to roam free.

3.6 Yarding

3.6.1 At all events, if camping overnight, the minimum standard of yarding must be:

- a. Four rigid corners (examples of, but not limited to -. waratahs - these MUST have safety caps -, side of truck, fence already standing).
 - Rigid corners must be firmly in the ground.
 - Safety caps on waratahs must be firmly attached
- b. Two strands of electric fence tape, not string.
 - Tape must be tight at all times regardless of whether the horse in is the yard or not.
- c. Electrified while horses are inside yard. Minimum voltage going through the tape is to be 2000v.
- d. Minimum height of top tape /rail =1 metre.
- e. Approximate minimum distance between the two tapes = 400mm
- f. Stallions must have an approved solid yard displaying a STALLION sign. All stallion yards are to be a minimum height of 1.2 metres.
- g. If electric fence tape is used each yard must be a separate yard, not joined to any other yard.
- h. Only one horse is permitted per electric fence tape yard
- i. All horses must be identified by an ID tag while in their pen overnight. This tag will have the rider's back number on it. ID tag shall be attached to the halter or front strap of the cover.

3.6.2 It is mandatory for all horses to have halters on while they are in their yards.

3.6.3 Electric Fence Standards of any type are not classed as rigid corners.

3.7 After the Ride

- a) Refer *Article 821.4.4* for all Endurance rides of 160 km in one day or of an average of 100 km in 2 or more days
- b) After all other rides 40km or longer horses must remain on the ride base for two hours after they have finished the ride unless permission is obtained from the Vet Commission to remove the horse. Failure to abide by this rule may result in elimination from the ride.

3.8 Vet Fees

All fees for veterinary attention to individual horses while at an event are to be paid for by the person responsible for the horse.

Section Four - RIDER RULES

4.1 Rider Identification

Designated Rider Bib Number shall;

- a) Be worn by the rider during the ride
- b) Be clearly visible from both front and back
- c) Accompany the horse to all vetting procedures

4.2 Foreign Riders in NZ

Foreign Riders at CEI Events in NZ must refer to Article 123 of both the FEI & ESNZ General Regulations and must;

- a) Be registered with FEI through their own National Federation
- b) Have written permission from their National Federation which must be lodged with ESNZ prior to riding i.e. LONO – (Letter of No Objection).

Foreign Riders at CEN Events in NZ must refer to Article 123 of ESNZ General Regulations and must

- a) Be a current financial member of ESNZ or purchase a Day Membership of the appropriate classification.
- b) Must qualify through either the Novice Qualifying Procedure *Article 816.1* or as per Rule 1.2.b depending on the level they wish to compete at.

OR

- c) Provide proof they are qualified to ride at the level of event they are entering. This **MUST** be forwarded to EnNZ with Membership application form prior to riding at an event.
- d) If riding on a Day Membership in a CEN ride, the Foreign Rider must present to the OC, an authorization received from EnNZ prior to the event.

Section Five - GENERAL

5.1 Mandatory Rest for Horses and Rider Suspensions

- a) *Article 815.3.2, 815.3.3 and 815.3.4 apply to all horses at all events.*

Article 815.3.2 Invasive treatment is defined as: Any treatment of a horse which involves the puncture or incision of the skin or insertion of any instrument or foreign material into the body is considered invasive. Exceptions to the rule would be the administration of oral electrolytes or acupuncture. Any metabolic condition diagnosed in a horse that has Failed to Qualify that left untreated would compromise or threaten the welfare of the horse would be considered a condition requiring invasive treatment.

Article 815.3.3 If a horse has Failed to Qualify for metabolic reasons which require immediate invasive treatment at any CEI events, it must be given a mandatory rest period of 60 days before it is again eligible to participate in a CEI event.

Article 815.3.4 If a horse has Failed to Qualify for metabolic reasons which require 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

- b) After competing in a CEN ride of 91km or longer a horse must be given a mandatory minimum rest, depending on the distance completed before participating in any other ride of 91km or longer. If a horse has competed in a CEI ride then the following also applies before it can participate in a CEN ride of 91km or longer.

Distance completed	0-40km	6 days (retirement only)
	0-90km	13 days
	91km and over	20 days

- c) A Mandatory Rest Report must be completed when a horse is eliminated for metabolic reasons which require immediate invasive treatment at any event.
- d) Any Rider who receives 2 Mandatory Rest Reports in any events within a 3 month period must successfully complete a Novice ride before entering any other rides.
- e) Any Rider who receives 3 Mandatory Rest Reports in any events within a 6 month period is automatically suspended from all competition for a period of 6 weeks and must then successfully complete a Novice ride before entering any other rides.
- f) The EnNZ Board may decide, in consultation with the National Veterinary Advisor, to create a supplementary schedule for additional rest requirements for horses who suffer consistent metabolic or heart rate elimination problems over time.
- g) Any Rider or Horse that receives 2 Mandatory Rest Reports within one season loses eligibility for any National Awards during that season.
- h) Clause (g) above does not apply to Lifetime Kilometre awards.

5.2 Lifetime Kilometre Awards - moved to Supplementary Rules for Clubs and Members

Section Six – NZ CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

6.1 Championship Classes

Senior

CEI ***	Refer FEI <i>Article 814.1.5.2</i>
CEI**	Refer FEI <i>Article 814.1.5.3</i>
CEI*	Refer FEI <i>Article 814.1.5.4</i>
CEN	Same distance as CEI ** class
CEN	40-79km

Junior and Junior/Young Rider

CEI J/YR**	Refer FEI <i>Article 814.1.5.3</i>
CEI J/YR *	Refer FEI <i>Article 814.1.5.4</i>
CEN Junior	80-139m
CEN Junior	40-79km

At Championship events no Non Championship classes can be held.

Section Seven – OFFICIALS - moved to Supplementary Rules for Clubs and Members

Appendix 1 – National Awards - moved to Supplementary Rules for Clubs and Members

Appendix II – Foreign Rider Procedure - moved to Supplementary Rules for Clubs and Members