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- **FEI Endurance Open Forum**

The FEI Open Forum will take place at the "Palais des Congrès" in Paris (FRA) 07 – 09 February 2003:

Friday, 07 February 2003      Open Forum including NF's presentation

Saturday, 08 February 2003    Technical Delegate Course

Sunday, 09 February            Veterinarians Seminar

The invitation has been sent by the FEI to all Endurance NF's with a list of hotels. The Participation form has to be sent by the NF's (dully filled in and signed) to the FEI until the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2003.

- **Open Meeting of the "Toulouse Group"**

The "Club des Responsables des Equipes Nationales d'Endurance" ("Toulouse Group") will meet on

**Thursday, 06 February, 14.00 h**

**Paris (porte Maillot), Palais des Congrès, salle 341, niveau 3**

We will send you a list of hotels soon.

▪ **FEI rules, statistical evaluation and questions concerning “Weights”**

**“FEI Rules for Endurance Riding, 5<sup>th</sup> edition effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000**

Article 820 **Weights**

- 1) *In championships, CEIOs and CEIs, the minimum weight for riders must be 70 kg.*
- 2) *Except in the case of exclusive Young Riders and/ or Juniors competitions, the schedule must specify the minimum weight required and clearly define the rules of the weighing. In the schedule of the competition, provision may be made for weight divisions and these must be clearly specified.*
- 3) *When a minimum weight is required, weight control must be carried out before the start and after the finish and at random during the course.*
- 4) *There shall be no minimum weight in Young Riders and/ or Juniors competition.”*

**Statistical evaluation concerning “Weights”:  
CEI\*\*\* Montcuq 2002, 2x100 km**

Weight: Overall with/ without saddle

Avg. weight of all riders without saddle	<b>67.30 kg</b>
Avg. weight of finishers without saddle	<b>68.04 kg</b>
Avg. weight of Top Ten finishers without saddle	<b>63.80 kg</b>
Avg. weight of all riders with saddle	<b>77.92 kg</b>
Avg. weight of finishers with saddle	<b>79.00 kg</b>
Avg. weight of Top Ten finishers with saddle	<b>76.50 kg</b>

Weight: Saddles

Avg. weight of all saddles	<b>12.04 kg</b>
Avg. weight of all saddles, finishers only	<b>11.89 kg</b>
Avg. weight of Top Ten finishers saddles	<b>12.70 kg</b>
Avg. weight of all “male” saddles	<b>10.28 kg</b>
Avg. weight of all “male” saddles, finishers	<b>10.90 kg</b>
Avg. weight of all “female” saddles	<b>13.13 kg</b>
Avg. weight of all “female” saddles, finishers	<b>12.80 kg</b>
Heaviest “male” saddle	<b>17.00 kg</b>
Lightest “male” saddle	<b>6.70 kg</b>
Heaviest “female” saddle	<b>22.50 kg</b>
Lightest “female” saddle	<b>8.10 kg</b>

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Weight: Men Riders with/ without saddle

Avg. weight of all men without saddle	<b>72.60 kg</b>
Avg. weight of male finishers without saddle	<b>72.10 kg</b>
Avg. weight of all men with saddle	<b>81.30 kg</b>
Avg. weight of male finishers with saddle	<b>81.80 kg</b>

Heaviest male rider without saddle	<b>89.50 kg</b>
Lightest male rider without saddle	<b>60.08 kg</b>

Heaviest finisher with saddle	<b>97.70 kg</b>
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Weight: Women Riders with/ without saddle

Avg. weight of all women without saddle	<b>63.10 kg</b>
Avg. weight of female finishers without saddle	<b>63.64 kg</b>
Avg. weight of all women with saddle	<b>63.60 kg</b>
Avg. weight of female finishers with saddle	<b>76.40 kg</b>

Heaviest female rider without saddle	<b>88.60 kg</b>
Lightest female rider without saddle	<b>49.70 kg</b>

**Some questions concerning “Weight Problems”:**

- At the CEI Montcuq 2002 the horses of three very light women riders had to carry saddles of more than 20 kg. Two of them were pulled, one finished with the last.  
Question: Does it make sense to ask for extra weight which totals 20 kg or more?
- Let's imagine a rider weights in with about 60 kg for him and 10.5 kg for the saddle which makes a total of 70.5 kg and is accepted by the Ground Jury. What happens if at the finish he has a total of 68.8 kg when the saddle has still the same weight but the rider has lost 1.2 kg (which should be perfectly acceptable from a medical point of view)?  
Question: Can this rider be disqualified?
- At some rides riders are weighted in separately with and without saddle at others only with equipment. Lets imagine a rider weights i.e. 68.5 kg at the finish line and is disqualified by the Ground Jury. If it would be allowed from a medical point of view that a rider can loose some weight during an effort (see question above) and the rider makes an appeal based on this point of view...  
Question: What would be the decision of the Appeal Committee and how could the Ground Jury prove where the weight loss came from?