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- **Message from the FEI: "Minimum weight rule"**

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- **Message from Mr Manoj Jalan, Indian NF**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for including India as part of Endurance world. We will continue to work together in promoting endurance world wide.

Regards

Manoj Jalan

Vice President Indian NF

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CC: Endurance Committee
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Re: Minimum weight rule

Dear Sirs,

The Endurance Committee has considered the present situation concerning the new minimum weight rule that came into force in January 2003.

As a result of a considerable number of approaches from various Federations concerning their difficulty in applying the new minimum weight of 75 kgs for the 2003 season, consideration will be given to allow Federations to choose either 70 kgs or 75 kgs for this season only (ie up to the close of your country's season in 2003).

However please be advised that the European Championships for 2003 will apply the minimum weight rule at 75 kgs.

If Federations wish to apply for dispensation they should advise the FEI as quickly as possible.

The reason for this opportunity to choose is that some Federations were half way through their season when the rule became applicable. Others had already published their schedules.

It is hoped that this transitional period will be of assistance to those Federations concerned.

Best regards,

Ian Williams
Endurance Department

▪ **Message from Pierre Cazes, FRA, to Dr. Jim Bryan, CAN** *(original French text below)*

Thinking about

- the interview of Jim Bryan (endurance veterinarian in the UAE) in “*Endurance World*” magazine
 - the interview of Jacques Rogge (Olympic International Committee’s President) in “*L’Equipe*”, French daily sport newspaper.
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Number of Vet Gates in the international Championships

(Example of WEG Jerez, 4 Vet Gates)

if all the couples had been qualified on the distance (160 K), the results would be:

- 75 couples starting
- 56 % of achievement
- no dead horse and no horse in the hospital: simply because they would not be on the starting line.

So, the discussion about the number of Vet Gates would have no reason; the job of the official would have been easier; the race would have finished earlier.

the experienced riders don’t need a vet evaluation every 20 kilometres.

4 Vet Gates (5 in certain cases) have been already used successfully everywhere in the world when the riders are experienced and duly qualified.

Endurance and Olympic games

The interview of the OIC’s President, Mr Jacques Rogge, is very clear concerning the judged sports (see the scandals about the artistic patinage at Salt Lake City...). So, let’s respect the equity: Endurance has not to become a veterinary medicine show where the judge has the main role, more important than the horse or the rider...

Endurance and emergent or not very ethic countries

At the opposite, I’m ready to agree that in some particular countries with no equestrian education or ethic base, a high number of Vet Gates insure the welfare of the horse and teach the riders.

Jim, I know your passion and dedication for a long time. You were already as official in Florac in 1983. These considerations are friendly, Pierre Cazes (*France Chef d’Equipe & trainer, Veterinary Doctor*)

*Réflexions sur l'interview de Jim Bryan (vétérinaire endurance aux E.A.U.) dans Endurance World
Et sur celui de Jacques Rogge (président du C.I.O.) dans L'équipe (quotidien du sport francophone)*

*Le nombre de Vet Gates sur les grands championnats
(exemple de Jerez WEG, 4 Vet-Gates)*

- *si tous les cavaliers avaient été qualifiés en couple sur la distance on aurait eu*
 - *56% de classés et 75 partants*
 - *pas de morts et beaucoup moins de chevaux soignés car ils n'auraient tout simplement pas pris le départ.*

Donc le débat sur le nombre de Vet-Gates n'aurait pas eu lieu et le travail des officiels, beaucoup plus facile, ne se serait pas terminé trop tard

- *les cavaliers confirmés n'ont pas besoin d'être évalué tous les 20 km par les vétérinaires*

4 Vet-Gates (voir 5 dans certains cas) ont fait la preuve que cela marchait sur tous les continents, lorsque les cavaliers étaient qualifiés

L'endurance et les J.O.

L'interview du président du C.I.O est très clair pour les disciplines jugées (voir les scandales de salt Lake City avec le patinage ...)

Donc respectons l'équilibre et ne transformons pas l'endurance en un show de médecine vétérinaire , ou le role des juges deviendrait prépondérant

L'endurance et les pays émergents ou très libéraux

Par contre je veux bien admettre que dans les pays ou il n'y a pas de formation préalable , en multipliant les controles on se rassure et on fait de la pédagogie

Amicalement Jim, je connais ta passion et ton enthousiasme depuis 1983 à Florac où tu officiais déjà.

Pierre Cazes