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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Madam and Sir,

We have been asked by a number of National federations to clarify the present situation concerning qualification criteria.

So please find herewith the Qualification procedure which applies for this year's FEI European Championship to be held in Punchestown (IRL).

For the sake of good order we also take this opportunity to attach the qualification procedures for the Pan American Endurance Championship and the World Championship for Juniors & Young Riders.

We thank you for your cooperation and please feel free to contact me if you need any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Williams

Head of Endurance Department

Qualification Procedure for European Championship Seniors 2003

In order for a rider/horse to be qualified to participate in a Senior Championship, both rider and horse (not necessarily as a combination) must have completed an FEI Three star CEI (140 – 160 km) in one day or over 2 days (80 km per day and over) at a minimum speed of 12 km/h or finished in the top 50 % of finishers at a FEI three star CEI of January 1st during the two years prior to the nominated entry date of the Championship.

However, in exceptional cases the Endurance Committee may accept different qualification standards.

Qualification Procedure for Pan American Championship Seniors 2003

In order for a rider/horse to be qualified to participate in a Senior Championship, both rider and horse (not necessarily as a combination) must have completed an FEI Three star CEI (140 – 160 km) in one day or over 2 days (80 km per day and over) at a minimum speed of 12 km/h or finished in the top 50 % of finishers or in the top 140 % of the winning time at a FEI three star CEI of January 1st during the two years prior to the nominated entry date of the Championship.

However, in exceptional cases the Endurance Committee may accept different qualification standards.

Qualification Procedure for World Championship for Young Riders and Juniors

For Juniors and Young Riders Championships, and all other Four Star rides the horse and rider not necessarily as a combination must have completed a ride of a similar distance as the Championship or Four star ride as of January 1st during the two years prior to the closing date for the nominated entries of the event.

However, in exceptional cases the Endurance Committee may accept different qualification standards.

How to increase the Completion Rate?

Have a look at the French way!

Since the beginning of 2003 the French Equestrian Federation is asking for stricter qualification criteria and has started to sanction Endurance riders and horses for eliminations.

Qualification Criteria for Rider & Horse

- Basic qualification (unchanged):
 - 1 x 20 or 30 km, limited speed (10 – 13 km/h)
 - 1 x 40 km, limited speed (12 – 15 km/h)
 - 1 x 60 km, limited speed, 12 – 15 km/h)
 - 2 x 90 km, free speed, pulse 56 (pre-national rides)
- Qualification for CEI** (new):
 - basic qualification needed for participation in France
 - basic qualification + 1 x CEI** in France needed for participation in other countries
- Qualification for CEI*** (new):
 - basic qualification + 1 x CEI** for participation in France
 - basic qualification + 1 x CEI** + one CEI*** in France needed for participation in other countries
- Qualification for CEI**** and French Championships (new):
 - basic qualification + 1 x CEI** + 1 CEI***

Remark: CEI** in France = from 120 km on upwards (mostly 130 km rides)

Sanctions for eliminations

Rider:

has to re-qualify (2 pre-national rides of 90 km each) in the following cases:

- two eliminations for metabolic reasons with blame of the veterinary commission
- three consecutive eliminations with the same horse
- five eliminations during one season

Horse:

- one elimination for metabolic reasons : 6 months of rest on demand of the veterinary commission
- two consecutive eliminations for metabolic reasons : 12 months out of competition
- three consecutive eliminations for any reason: 12 months of competition

Result:

Since the introduction of these rules, five CEI/ CEN rides have been organised in 2003 in France (comparison with 2002 to date)

Name of Ride	Completion Rate 2002	Completion Rate 2003
Bonifacio, 140 km	37,1 %	55,9 %
Huelgoat, 130 km	38,9 %	53,2 %
Tarbes, 130 km	43,5 %	----
Le Vigan, 160 km	---	68,4 %
Ribiers, 130 km	59,3 %	50,0 %
La Baule, 160 km *		50,0 %
Rambouillet, 130 km	---	65,5 %
Total	47,4 %	57,1 %
Starters/ Finishers	333 / 158	303/ 173

* At the CEIO La Baule 12 out of 13 French Riders (92,3%) completed the Race and took Team Gold and Individual Silver, where as from other nations just 4 out of 19 riders (21,1%) were placed. Individual Gold and Bronze were won by the UAE