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**ENDURANCE**

Endurance Rules modifications 2019

# 2019 Rules modifications

It was approved at the FEI General Assembly in Manama, Bahrain, to retain the 2018 rules to apply from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

Further to that, upon proposal of the Endurance Temporary Committee and in order to protect the welfare of the horse, the FEI Board unanimously approved during their Teleconference of 19 December 2018 a modification to Article 815.3 of the Endurance rules.

This change will become effective as of 1 February 2019.

# 815.3.7 Severe and Catastrophic Injuries

## Explanation for Proposed Change

At present, the FEI Endurance Rules define a Catastrophic Injury as one requiring euthanasia. Sanctions are applied on the basis of the owner agreeing to the horse being euthanised and can be avoided if euthanasia is refused with obvious serious welfare consequences for the horse.

The Endurance Temporary Committee discussed this serious issue during their meeting on the 12 December 2018 and has proposed that, in addition to catastrophic injury, the sanction would also apply when there is a “Severe Injury” of the horse.

## 815.3.7

If a Horse ridden by an Athlete suffers a **Severe Injury and/or a Catastrophic Injury** within 12 months of a **Severe Injury and/or a Catastrophic Injury** occurring to any previous Horse ridden by that same Athlete that Athlete, will be automatically suspended for six months.

1. Catastrophic injury is defined as an injury which, in the opinion of the Veterinary Commission, requires immediate euthanasia or contributes to the death of a Horse in Competition howsoever caused.

## 815.3.7

2- Severe Injury is defined as:

I) A Musculoskeletal (fracture, serious tendon, ligament, or muscle) Injury or;

II) Metabolic Injury (serious colic, acute kidney injury, myopathy that fails to respond to treatment) or;

III) Other condition that, in the opinion of the Treating Veterinarian, Foreign Veterinary Delegate, and President of the Veterinary Commission, requires further assessment and continued appropriate veterinary care beyond the period of competition.

## 815.3.6 Athletes Penalty Points

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If a Horse suffers a **Severe Injury and/or a Catastrophic Injury** during an FEI Competition the Athlete concerned will receive 80 penalty points.

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# ANNEX 3: CLARIFICATION OF ELIMINATION CODES

FTQ: Failed to Qualify - must be accompanied by one of the following:

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- **SI: Severe Injury (see art. 815.3.7)**

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# Ending note

- The 2019 rules can be found at [WWW.FEI.ORG](http://WWW.FEI.ORG) in the Endurance section <https://inside.fei.org/fei/regulations/endurance>
- The FEI Endurance Department wishes you a fantastic season and do not hesitate to contact us if needed. We are here for you.
- Don't forget to take a look at the Horsemanship portal on FEI Campus as new top knowledge courses are being published regularly <https://campus.fei.org/>
- Do not forget that horse welfare is always first.





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Thank you