



Endurance : The international context

In the current context of Endurance discipline in the world, the French Equestrian Federation carries proposals, especially on a strict application of the FEI rules and respect for the horse's health.

A strict application of Rules

A strict application of FEI rules must already provide a greater rigor and transparency in the results.

Compliance with all of the jury and the strict application of the rules should significantly improve the endurance ethics.

Conflicts of interest between riders, owners and members of the jury must be taken into account by the jury chairman. The only rule of nationality is not sufficient to make fair decisions, must also take into account employer / employee appearance.

The Jury chairman must ensure that the Foreign Judge and the foreign veterinary establish detailed reports to the FEI without failure to report all irregularities taking place all around the race. This report must be sent by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt to the FEI. Specific recommendations of organizers on FEI schedules about safety, conduct tests, horses welfare must be considered as official FEI rules considering the schedule has been approved by the FEI.

We need better training and better monitoring of all officials.

Every year it is imperative to provide a rotating of teams of officials, for the same event, in order to avoid conflicts of interest.

Control and sanction will help during the race.

Developments of international Rules

- In addition to the specific dispositions included in events' schedule it's absolutely necessary to include in the specific rules of the discipline precisions about the organization of grooming areas and rest areas.

The grooming area:

- surface must be defined for each horse and place must be drawn individually or for country;
- Each horse must be accompanied by a maximum of 4 people wearing a distinctive sign (chasuble) which is removed when the horse is eliminated (planned in 2014 Rules but with 5 grooms, may be modified by TD)
- must be controlled by a steward at the entrance to check the flow in the grooming area;
- Increased monitoring of this area is important.
- Close the grooming area to control more easily the entrance.

The area vet gate:

- the entrance must be controlled and the computer system must be able to neutralize the time between entering the vet gate area and cardiac monitoring ;
- Cardiac control must be visible to all (display ultimately) .

The rest area:



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- Surface must be defined for each horse and place must be drawn individually or for country;
- These spaces must be accessible at all times by the stewards and the horses visible at all times entirety (tents closed only on one side, stewards present continuously on the rest area , control and limit the number of owners who can enter the rest area.)

Control on the track at strategic points to check that riders do not cross.

Define and control who can access the stables, the control has to be done very strictly.

Control by a "supervisor" on the most important events.

Horse's health respect

Beyond the classic anti doping controls, compliance with the health of the horse can go through significant changes in these controls.

Longitudinal control, as well as the athletes registered on high level sport lists could be used to follow changes about certain physiological parameters of the horse. This booklet is controlled during the veterinary inspection before the race world championships, continental and JEM.

Developments in horses' control

Anti- doping controls should be done on training center as well. Training center data base should be constituted thanks to Nf support when they entry horses on events' nominative lists. These anti- doping controls have to lead sanctions if a prohibited substance is present without prescription.

In an accident causing death of a horse, a post mortem inspection is mandatory commissioned which must be defined on the subject of exact protocol and penalties.

Scientific research leading to a protocol detection of chemical cutting nerves must be engaged quickly.

Regular and random controls of electronic chips on the horse the day of the race.

On Championships, mandatory presence of horses in the stables at least 3 days before the event.

Proposals

Present the following items at the FEI General Assembly at the time of exchange about endurance.

Application of official statistics on accidents and metabolic elimination observed in the FEI World races and the distribution of accidents for each FEI Group Nations.