

# 2025 FEI Rules Changes

Description of changes to the rules as of January 1, 2025

*This document is not an exhaustive list of changes, please see [here](#) for the 2025 FEI Rules & Regulations, including both clean and marked versions.*

## Endurance Rules

Rule	Change Description
816.8.2 Hold Times	In <b>CEI 2*</b> , CEI 3* and Championships, there must be at least one Hold Time of a minimum of 50 minutes. In all other Events, there must be at least one Hold Time of a minimum of 40 minutes.
825.2.6 Permitted Tack	Leather or plastic nosebands are permitted. A noseband may never be so tightly fixed that it risks causing (or causes) irritation to the skin. It must be adjusted to allow at least two fingers under the noseband on the front of the nose. <b>Article 1044.8 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations applies in relation to the permitted tightness of the noseband.</b>  Special note: The implementation of the FEI Measuring Device in FEI Events, initially planned for 1 January 2025, has been postponed to 1 May 2025
861.4.3 Consequences of EADCMR and suspensions of Elite Athlete Status	<b>Articles 861.4.1 and 864.2 will not apply to an Athlete who is found by the relevant body to have “No Fault or Negligence” for an offence or where a provisional suspension was originally imposed on the Athlete for an alleged offence but where the case was subsequently dropped and/or the Athlete was found by the relevant body not to have committed the alleged offence. This Article 861.4.3 shall also apply retroactively to cases arising prior to 1 January 2025 but where the final decision is issued on/after 1 January 2025.</b>
861 Transitional Provision (Elite Status Calculation)	All CEI3* rides count towards the Elite Status regardless of their distance ( <b>140 km and above</b> ) and whether or not the ride was held as a multi-day Competition.

## Veterinary Rules

Rule	Change Description
1002.6-8 Vaccinations and Infectious Diseases	6. Vaccinations administered against Equine Influenza and other equine infectious diseases must be entered in the Horse’s Passport on the correct vaccination page. <b>Equine influenza vaccination details must also be recorded in the FEI HorseApp, as of 1 February 2025.</b>

	<p>7. The name and batch number of the vaccine and the date of administration must be recorded in the Passport <b>and in the FEI HorseApp, according to Article 1002.6.</b> These details can be recorded in the Horse's FEI Recognition Card when the vaccination pages are full in the Horse's Passport.</p> <p>8. Vaccination must be administered by a veterinarian who must sign and stamp the Passport against the relevant vaccination entry-, <b>and record the details in the FEI HorseApp, according to Article 1002.6.</b></p>
1003.2-3 Equine Influenza Vaccination Requirements	<p><b>2. Any Horse that has received a Primary Course before 1 January 2024 must be vaccinated as follows:</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> An initial Primary Course of two vaccinations must be given; the second vaccination must be administered within 21-92 days of the first vaccination.</p> <p><b>b) The first booster must be administered within 7 calendar months following the date of administration of the second vaccination of the Primary Course.</b></p> <p><del>2. The first booster must be administered within 7 calendar months following the date of administration of the second vaccination of the Primary Course.</del></p>
1004.1.i Prohibited Methods	<p>1. Horses are not permitted to compete in FEI Events:</p> <p>i) if the Horse's sensory hairs have been clipped and/or shaven or in any other way removed unless individual sensory hairs have been removed by a veterinarian to prevent pain or discomfort for the Horse- <b>and if the hair in the auricles of the Horse have been removed or shortened within the rims of the auricle.</b> Areas of hair that must be clipped, shaven or removed to allow veterinary treatment are exempt from this rule. As of 1 July 2021, Sanction 39 in Annex VI will be applicable; and</p>
1026.3 Prevention of Infectious Disease Transmission	<p><b>3. The FEI may impose pre-Event quarantine and/or require testing for infectious diseases on Horses:</b></p> <p><b>a) where the FEI, in coordination with the local health authorities, determines there may be an increased risk of an infectious disease being introduced into an Event venue; or</b></p> <p><b>b) that have been diagnosed with an infectious disease or have been in-contact with horse that has been diagnosed with an infectious disease.</b></p> <p><b>All results relating to infectious diseases testing under these circumstances must be made available to the FEI Veterinary Department on request.</b></p>
1031.8 Passport Irregularities	<p>8. The VD must report all Passport irregularities to the FEI via the online Veterinary Report. Copies of the Passport Identification page, the page on which the sanction is written and any additional pages that support the issue of fine which must be <del>sent by email/scan to the FEI Veterinary Department within 72 hours of the conclusion of the Event</del> <b>sent to the Veterinary Department as instructed within the online Veterinary Report.</b> Each copy of the passport pages must contain the Horse's name and FEI ID number.</p>
1035.6-7; 11 Presentation of Horses	<p><b>6. Horses that are competing without shoes (i.e. barefoot) must present at the Horse Inspection without shoes and are not permitted to present wearing hoof boots.</b></p>

	<p><b>7. Horses that are competing wearing hoof boots in Jumping, Eventing (Jumping test), Endurance and Vaulting and must present at the Horse Inspection wearing hoof boots. Hoof boots must be removed at the request of the Horse Inspection Panel to allow for evaluation of the Horse's hooves, where required.</b></p> <p>11. Horses are not permitted to wear bandages or blankets/rugs, <b>ear hoods</b> or equivalent</p>
1045.1 Examination of the Horses	1. <b>Any part of the</b> Horses' <del>legs</del> <b>body</b> , boots, bandages and/or other tack may be examined by Stewards and/or OVs at any time during the Period of the Event.
1054.1-2 Same-Day Treatment	<p>1. Horses must not be treated by injection or infusion with any substance not listed on the EPSL prior to the Competition on the day in which they compete. <del>An exception is granted for classes starting at 18.00hrs or later where Horses may be treated by injection or infusion until 10.00hrs on the day of competition.</del></p> <p><b>2. Non-emergency treatments must not be administered when the FEI Stables Area is closed.</b></p>
1060.6 Treatments with Non-Oral Medication and Therapies not Included on the EPSL Veterinary Form B	<p>6. A Veterinary Form B is not required for the treatment of Horses with the following substances:</p> <p>a) joint support: aminoglycans (e.g. Adequan), pentosan polysulphate (e.g. Pentosan), hyaluronic acid;</p> <p><del>b) injectable vitamins;</del></p> <p>c) amino acids; and</p> <p>d) injectable homeopathics.</p>
1061.7 Prohibited Treatments	<b>7. The injection or infusion of vitamins and/or minerals during the Period of the Event unless in the event of an emergency where their use is to be supported using a Veterinary Form A.</b>
1110.4 Members of President of the Endurance Veterinary Commission	<b>4. The President and all other Members of the Endurance Veterinary Commission must attend the pre-ride Veterinary Briefing</b>
1111.5 Members or Presidents of the Endurance Veterinary Treating Commission	<b>5. The President and all other Members of the Endurance Veterinary Treating Commission should attend the pre-ride Veterinary Briefing</b>
ANNEX VI SANCTIONS IN CASE OF FEI	<b>Failure to record equine influenza vaccination details in the FEI HorseApp (Applicable as of 1 January 2026 provided the vaccination module is universally available and functioning by 1 February 2025)</b>

VETERINARY REGULATION VIOLATIONS Sanction # 21	<b>Penalty: CHF100 each time the Horse is presented</b>
ANNEX VI SANCTIONS IN CASE OF FEI VETERINARY REGULATION VIOLATIONS Sanction # 32	Any Person administering a treatment with substances listed on the EPSL <b>or the injection or infusion of vitamins and/or minerals during the Period of the Event</b> , without prior authorization from the VC/VD with the exception of emergencies as stated in Art. 1059.  Penalty: Person administering the treatment fined CHF1000, the Horse is to be Disqualified and the incident reported to the FEI Veterinary Department
ANNEX VI SANCTIONS IN CASE OF FEI VETERINARY REGULATION VIOLATIONS Sanction # 37	Failure to comply with the Horse Inspection presentation requirements regarding the wearing of hoof boots.  Penalty: Horse not accepted to compete
ANNEX VII SANCTIONS APPLIED TO OFFICIATING VETERINARIANS IN CASE OF FEI VETERINARY REGULATION VIOLATIONS Sanction # 61	Failure to attend pre-ride Veterinary Briefing in the absence of extenuating circumstances  Penalty: Warning, Removal from the FEI Veterinarians' List or Suspension for up to 107 a period of 1 year depending on the circumstances

### Equine Anti-Doping Rules

Rule	Change Description
2.1 The Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers in a Horse's Sample	An Adverse Analytical Finding may be established by a positive blood <del>or</del> , urine, <b>or any biological or other material, including any tissue, body fluid, excreta, hair, skin scraping or swab</b> Sample.
2.3.3 Evading, Refusing or Failing to Submit to	<b>The Person Responsible must ensure that their Horse is made available for Sample collection upon FEI's request, including but not limited for Out-Of-Competition sampling.</b>

Sample Collection	
2.11 Horse Whereabouts Failures	<b>Any combination of three (3) missed Tests and/or filing failures within a twelve (12) month period for a Horse where the FEI requested its whereabouts information in accordance with Article 5.5.</b>
5.5 Horse Whereabouts Information	See <a href="#">here</a> for new rules
Article 7 RESULTS MANAGEMENT, RESPONSIBILITY, INITIAL REVIEW, NOTICE AND PROVISIONAL SUSPENSIONS	See <a href="#">here</a> for updates to the rules and new rules
10.3 Ineligibility for Other Rule Violations	<b>For violations of Article 2.11, the period of Suspension of the Horse shall be two (2) months, subject to reduction down to a minimum of a Warning, depending on the Registered Trainer, Owner of the Horse and/or Person Responsible's degree of Fault. The flexibility to reduce the Suspension of the Horse in this Article is not available to Registered Trainers, Owners of the Horse and/or Persons Responsible where a pattern of last-minute whereabouts changes or other conduct raises a serious suspicion that the Registered Trainer, Owner of the Horse and/or Person Responsible was trying to avoid their Horse(s) being available for Testing.</b>
10.14.1 Prohibition Against Participation during Ineligibility or Provisional Suspension	No Horse, Person Responsible and/or member of the Support Personnel and/or other Person who has been declared Ineligible or is subject to a Provisional Suspension may, during a period of Ineligibility or Provisional Suspension, participate in any capacity at an Event, or in a Competition or activity that is authorised or organised by the FEI or any National Federation or be present at an Event (other than as a spectator) that is authorised or organised by the FEI or any National Federation, or participate in any capacity at an Event or in a Competition authorised or organised by any international or national-level Event organisation or any elite or national-level sporting activity funded by a governmental agency. <b>If so specified in the relevant Notification or Decision, the Person may also be barred temporarily or for a specific period of time from attending as a spectator any Competition or Event and/or any activities related to any Competition or Event that is authorised or organised by the FEI or any National Federation.</b> In addition, for any EAD Rule violation, some or all of sport-related financial support or other sport-related benefits received by such Person Responsible <del>and</del> or Support Personnel and/or other Person may be withheld by the FEI and/or its National Federations. <b>A Horse subject to a period of Ineligibility or Provisionally Suspended shall remain subject to Testing. In addition, for any EAD Rule violation, some or all of sport-related financial support or other sport-related benefits received by such Person Responsible</b>

	<b>and/or Support Personnel and/or other Person may be withheld by the FEI and/or its National Federations.</b> A Horse subject to a period of Ineligibility shall remain subject to Testing.
15.2 Automatic Binding Effect of Provisional Suspensions of a Horse	<b>Any Provisional Suspension of a Horse imposed by the FEI shall, after the parties to the proceeding are notified, automatically be binding beyond the parties to the proceeding upon the National Federations. Unless the FEI Tribunal lifts the Provisional Suspension of a Horse, the Provisional Suspension of the Horse shall apply as of the date of the Notification until the end date as specified by the FEI. The Provisional Suspension of a Horse does not need to be embodied in an FEI Tribunal Decision.</b>

**Equine Controlled Medication Rules (same document as Anti-Doping Rules)**

<b>Rule</b>	<b>Change Description</b>
Article 7 RESULTS MANAGEMENT	See <a href="#">here</a> for updates to the rules and new rules
8.3 Administrative Procedure	For Adverse Analytical Findings involving Controlled Medication Substances, the Person Responsible ( <del>excluding</del> <b>including</b> the <del>registered</del> <b>Registered</b> Trainer in Endurance) and/or member of the Support Personnel (where applicable) may elect to have their case processed under the “Administrative Procedure” provided that:  <del>Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the discipline of Endurance, the registered Trainers cannot elect to have their case processed under the Administrative Procedure.</del>
8.4 Special Procedure for Minors	See <a href="#">here</a> for new rules
14.2 Automatic Binding Effect of Provisional Suspensions of a Horse	<b>Any Provisional Suspension of a Horse imposed by the FEI shall, after the parties to the proceeding are notified, automatically be binding beyond the parties to the proceeding upon the National Federations. Unless the FEI Tribunal lifts the Provisional Suspension of a Horse, the Provisional Suspension of the Horse shall apply as of the date of the Notification until the end date as specified by the FEI. The Provisional Suspension of a Horse does not need to be embodied in an FEI Tribunal Decision.</b>
Appendix 1 Definitions	<b>Aggravating Circumstances: Circumstances involving, or actions by, a Person Responsible or other Person which may justify the imposition of a period of Ineligibility and/or Suspension greater than the standard sanction. Such circumstances and actions shall include, but are not limited to: the Person Responsible or other Person Used or Possessed multiple Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods, Used or Possessed a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method on multiple occasions or committed multiple other EAD and/or ECM rule violations; the Person Responsible or other Persons’ Horse tested positive for multiple Prohibited Substances and/or Prohibited Methods; the Person Responsible or other Person has multiple Horses testing positive for Prohibited</b>

	<p><b>Substances and/or Prohibited Methods;; the Person Responsible or Person engaged in deceptive or obstructive conduct to avoid the detection or adjudication of an EAD and/or ECM rule violation; or the Person Responsible or other Person engaged in Tampering during Results Management. For the avoidance of doubt, the examples of circumstances and conduct described herein are not exclusive and other similar circumstances or conduct may also justify the imposition of a longer period of Ineligibility and/or Suspension.</b></p> <p><b>FEI Guidelines for Fines and Contributions towards Legal Costs. Refers to the document published at <a href="https://inside.fei.org/content/anti-doping-rules">https://inside.fei.org/content/anti-doping-rules</a>.</b></p> <p><b>Nominated Person: A person who shall be the primary point of contact for providing Whereabouts information and related Out-of-Competition matters. The Registered Trainer, Owner of the Horse and/or the Person Responsible are responsible for their choice of the Nominated Person.</b></p> <p><b>The Person Responsible for an AAF arising in connection with an Out-of-Competition Test or otherwise alleged to have occurred Out-of-Competition for the discipline of Endurance shall be the Registered Trainer.</b></p> <p><b>Registered Testing Pool: The pool of highest-priority Horses established separately at the international level by the FEI and at the national level by National Federations or National Anti-Doping Organisations, who are subject to focused In-Competition and Out-of Competition Testing as part of the FEI's or National Federations or National Anti-Doping Organisation's test distribution plan and therefore are required to provide whereabouts information as provided in Article 5.5.</b></p> <p><b>Registered Trainer: As defined in the Endurance Rules.</b></p> <p><b>Strict Liability: The rule which provides that under Article 2.1 and Article 2.2, it is not necessary that intent, Fault, Negligence, or knowing Use on the Person Responsible's part be demonstrated by the Anti-Doping Organisation in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation.</b></p> <p><b>Testing Pool: The tier below the Registered Testing Pool which includes Horses from whom some whereabouts information is required in order to locate and Test the Horse Out-of Competition.</b></p>
<p>Appendix 2 Out-Of-Competition Protocol</p>	<p>See <a href="#">here</a> for new rules</p>

## General Regulations

Rule	Change Description
106.1; 4-5 Application for and Allocation of FEI-Named Events	<p>1. Allocations shall be decided by the Board on the advice of the FEI and the relevant Technical Committee in accordance with this Article. <b>The Board shall be entitled to allocate FEI Named Events to the same Organiser on a multi-edition/year basis.</b></p> <p><del>4. No NFs shall be allocated more than one (1) FEI World or FEI Continental Championship for Seniors in the Olympic Disciplines in any one year, unless decided otherwise by the Board in the interests of equestrian sport.</del></p> <p><del>5. No NFs shall be allocated two (2) consecutive FEI World or FEI Continental Championships in the same Discipline for the same Category of Athletes, unless there are no other suitable applications.</del></p>
142.2 Abuse of Horses	<p>2. Any person witnessing an Abuse must report it <del>in the form of a Protest (Article 161)</del> without delay. If an Abuse is witnessed during or in direct connection with an Event, it should be reported as a Protest (Article 161) to an Official. If the Abuse is witnessed at any other time it should be reported <del>as a Protest (Article 161) to the Secretary General to the FEI through the FEI Horse Abuse Reporting Form available on inside.fei.org. who,</del> Following a review of the <del>Protest report,</del> <b>the FEI shall take a Decision as to whether or not to open disciplinary proceedings (either through the Administrative Disciplinary Procedure or by referring the matter to the FEI Tribunal).</b></p>
164.5 Disqualification	<p>(a) Disqualification is appropriate when <b>(i)</b> it is specified in the Statutes, GRs or Sport Rules, <b>(ii) fraudulent conduct has affected the results of a Competition or Event,</b> or <b>(iii)</b> if the circumstances <b>otherwise</b> require an immediate action. Disqualification from the Competition or Event may be retroactive.</p> <p>(b) Disqualification from a Competition means that the Athlete and/or Horse(s) concerned - even should they change ownership are removed from the list of starters and the classification and includes <b>all resulting consequences including</b> the forfeiture of <b>any</b> prize money, <b>ranking points, medals, or other prizes</b> won in that particular Competition.</p> <p>(c) Disqualification from an Event means that the Athlete and/or Horse(s) - even should they change ownership - may take no further part in that Event and it may include (in addition to what is mandated under paragraph 164.5(b) above.) the forfeiture of any prize money won in previous Competitions at that Event where provided for in the Statutes, GRs or Sport Rules, <b>with all resulting consequences including forfeiture of any prize money, ranking points, medals, or other prizes won in previous Competitions at that Event.</b></p>
164.11.d-h;n Offences	<p>(d) Fraud of any kind, <b>including (without limitation) offering or accepting a bribe to perform or fail to perform an act, falsifying documents, procuring false testimony from witnesses, or committing any other fraudulent act to affect the conduct or outcome of disciplinary proceedings or the conduct or results of any Competition/Event;</b></p> <p>(e) Violence;</p>

	<p>(f) Failure to cooperate <b>promptly, truthfully, completely, and in good faith</b> with an investigation undertaken by, or on behalf of, the FEI, <b>including failure to comply with any Demand; or otherwise obstructing, delaying, frustrating, or otherwise interfering with any such investigation;</b></p> <p>(g) Conduct that <b>is contrary to the integrity of equestrian sport or that risks bringing</b> brings the FEI and/or equestrian sport into disrepute <b>or that risks causing, i.e. conduct that causes</b> the public opinion of the FEI and/or equestrian sport to be diminished.</p> <p><b>(h) Witness intimidation or retaliation:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Any act that threatens or seeks to intimidate another person with the intent of discouraging the person from the good-faith reporting of information that relates to an alleged violation or non-compliance with the FEI Rules and Regulations to the FEI, any NF, hearing body, or any person/body conducting an investigation by or on behalf of the FEI.</b></p> <p><b>(ii) Retaliation against a person who, in good faith, has provided evidence or information that relates to an alleged violation or non-compliance with the FEI Rules and Regulations to the FEI, any NF, hearing body, or any person/body conducting an investigation by or on behalf of the FEI.</b></p> <p><b>(n) Breach of the FEI Social Media Policy</b></p>
<p>164.13 Sanction Chart</p>	<p>See sanction chart for adjustments made</p>
<p>APPENDIX A – Definitions Incorrect Behavior</p>	<p>Incorrect Behaviour: Any form of unsportsmanlike or improper conduct <b>by any Participant (including any Organiser) in connection with an Event or Competition or that otherwise (even if not in connection with an Event or Competition) may impact the reputation of the FEI or equestrian sport, including (without limitation)</b> towards (a) Officials or any other party connected with the Event (other Athletes, journalist, volunteers, OC staff, FEI representatives, members of the public etc.) and/or</p> <p>(b) Doping Control Officers, Testing Veterinarian, Chaperones and/or any other person involved in the collection of a doping control sample. Examples of Incorrect Behaviour include, but are not limited to, (i) shouting aggressively or using offensive <b>, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate</b> language (e.g., swearing, <b>derogatory language</b>); (ii) physical violence, <b>intimidation, or harassment</b> (iii) making <b>offensive, abusive, or otherwise</b> inappropriate gestures; (iv) issuing a threat <b>or acting in a threatening manner;</b> (v) <b>hostility, prejudice, or unlawful discrimination on grounds of race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, national or social origin, disability, or other protected status;</b>(vi) failure or refusal to comply with the reasonable instructions of an Official, the FEI or the OC; <b>(vii) disrupting the preparation of other Athletes for Competition or disrupting a prize giving ceremony or other official ceremony;</b> (viii) damaging the property of another person; (viix) inciting or encouraging others to engage in Incorrect Behaviour; (viiix) engaging in conduct that endangers others <del>s</del> persons, <del>or</del> Horses, <b>or animals;</b> <del>or</del> (ixi) assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, conspiring, covering up a rule violation (or attempted rule violation) by another person., <b>(xii) failing to promptly report to the FEI any incident, fact, or matter that may indicate a potential violation of the FEI Rules and Regulations, including failure to report horse abuse, (xiii) acting in a</b></p>

	<b>dishonest or deceptive manner or in bad faith, or (xiv) acting in a manner contrary to the principles of fair play or good sportsmanship</b>
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