



ENDURANCE 2014/15



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To build on the rapid growth of the sport of Endurance in recent years, 2014/15 will see the implementation of a number of far-reaching initiatives.

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“As someone who has been closely involved with Endurance riding for nearly 30 years, it is an honour to take over full responsibility for the entire Endurance discipline during Princess Haya’s term of office. We are all aware that the discipline has faced a number of challenges recently, however,



FEI 1st Vice President, John McEwen MBE

the new rules for Endurance are a great step forward for horse welfare and fair play,

and we strongly believe they address the key issues that the discipline has been facing.”



To find out more about the new Endurance rules visit:
www.fei.org/fei/dislendurance

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registered riders and over

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combined they travel over **2,000,000**
kilometres in FEI Endurance competitions each year.

Fastest growing of the FEI's 7 disciplines and 2nd biggest number of competitors and events.



An Endurance horse is examined by a panel of veterinarians no less than

10 times
in a 160km competition.



KEY INFORMATION

- The welfare of the horse is central to the work of the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI).
- The regulations imposed by the FEI for Endurance are amongst the most stringent in world sport. No other equine sport provides a greater level of veterinary attention and support to each individual horse than Endurance. Veterinary Officials, Judges and Stewards work together throughout the event to safeguard the welfare of the horse.
- The FEI's Clean Sport campaign has been a success globally, reducing positive tests in all FEI disciplines. Every equine and human sample taken at the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2010, the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the Longines FEI World Endurance Championships 2012 returned clean.
- Since 2004, the number of nations participating in Endurance has risen by 50% (from 37 to 53) and there has been a 300% increase in FEI events to over 900 per year.
- There are now more than 6,000 registered riders and over 10,000 registered horses; combined they travel over two million kilometres in FEI Endurance competitions each year. Over the last 20 years average winning speeds for 160km rides have increased from 15kph to around 25kph, reflecting the growth of competitiveness as well as participation.
- The FEI responded to the growth and evolution of Endurance by introducing rule changes to reflect the changing dynamic of the sport in 2005, 2009 and 2013.
- In 2013, the FEI also established the Endurance Strategic Planning Group (ESPG) to make recommendations to tackle the ongoing challenges and to map out a long-term plan for the future of the sport.
- Following on from the ESGP's findings, the FEI announced a series of far-reaching initiatives for implementation in 2014 and 2015.
- These widely supported measures are specifically designed to protect and promote horse welfare. They include increased dope testing, injury surveillance and reporting, athlete penalties for equine injuries, and extended rest periods. Other measures reinforce and extend the existing responsibility and accountability of riders, trainers and officials, as well as steps to address any conflicts of interest.



'Rest periods are mandatory for horses post Endurance competitions.'



'There is a shared responsibility and accountability for horse welfare, but none more so than the athlete.'



'There are strict rules and regulations directly related to the fitness to compete with checks carried out both before and during competition, including heart rate monitoring of horses.'



To find out more about the new Endurance rules visit:
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