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Endurance Rules & Qualification Guidebook 2011- 2012

To: All Endurance Stables, Horse Owners & Riders & Trainers

ENTRIES & QUALIFICATION FOR FEI ENDURANCE RIDES.

ENDURANCE SEASON 2011-2012

We are happy to present herewith a guidebook on the Endurance Rules & qualifications; we would like to inform you that BREEF has approved the Endurance Calendar for the 2011/2012 season. We take this opportunity to express our best wishes for all competitors towards a very successful season.

We would like to draw your attention that **beginning from our next event on the 4th November 2011 – The FEI/National Qualifier Ride,**

1. All Entry Forms must be duly completed with the FEI ID No.'s of Riders/Horses and their correct names for competing in FEI Endurance Events.
2. We will accept Entries By Hand, By Fax, and By Email only.
3. **We will not be accepting any entries over the phone.**
4. Please note that since all our endurance rides are scheduled to take place on the weekends, the last day or deadline for submission of entries will be on the previous Sunday @ 6pm, 5 days before the ride.
5. **We will not be accepting any late entries.**
6. The Deadline for Submission of Entries to BREEF was set by the Ministry of Municipalities & Urban Planning (Glanders Committee), as they are responsible for processing the horses and issuing permissions.
7. We highly recommend all the Southern Governorate Stables to finalize their permissions for movement with the Ministry of Municipalities & Urban Planning directly. BREEF shall only endorse their permits.

Kindly find attached the Qualification Requirements and the Entry Form, to be used to compete in FEI International events in the Kingdom.

BREEF seeks your cooperation to maintain the highest level of precision while submitting your entries. **Please note that the Riding Centre's/Clubs will be held responsible for any mismatch of their riders/horses qualifications for competing in FEI Endurance Events.** Hence, we advise you to visit the BREEF HQ and check your riders/horses qualifications, before submission of entries.

RIDERS SAFETY & HORSE WELFARE DURING ENDURANCE RIDES

Members & Riders & Owners & Trainers are kindly reminded that:

1. Proper riding shoes with heels must be worn unless riding safety stirrups or caged (boxed) stirrups are used. This is important because the horse could drag an unseated rider whose foot was stuck in the stirrup.
2. A proper riding helmet must be worn and the chin-strap must be attached while mounted during the ride or exercise.
3. Rider and crew in bare feet or sandals are not permitted inside the vet gate.
4. Draw (French) reins, running reins & unduly long reins are not permitted. The horse's head must have freedom of movement and reins should not be used to beat the horse.
5. Whips or the use of any item as whip & Spurs are forbidden at all times.
6. Crew cars must travel at a distance from the horses and remain outside the marked (flagged) trail. Giving water or any assistance from inside the car is dangerous.
7. In any circumstance the competitor shall have right of way and vehicles must either move away or stop immediately to let the horse pass. The instructions of the officials & police on duty must be followed.
8. Intimidation of any sort of a horse taking part in the ride is forbidden.
9. Please check carefully the safety of your tack & equipment and ensure that the correct weight is carried throughout the competition. Random weight inspections will be held. There is no minimum weight to be carried in competition for Junior & Young Riders and in the Qualifiers.
10. Please read carefully the instructions printed on the ride Technical Sheet and also the conditions stated in the programme.

With Good Wishes for a Happy, Safe, Successful Endurance Season.

**Endurance Committee
Bahrain Royal Equestrian &
Endurance Federation**

I. BREEF ENDURANCE CALENDAR 2011-2012

	EVENT	DATE	KM
1.	BREEF Qualifiers CEI 1*	4-11-2011	CEI 1* 80 KM
2.	H.H. Shaikh Khalid Bin Hamad Al Khalifa Endurance Ride Championship – Local Stables - CEN/CEI 1*	3-12-2011	CEN 100, CEI 1* 85 KM
3.	National Day Endurance Ride Championship, CEI 2*/CEI 1*	24-12-2011	CEI 2*/CEI 1* 85 KM
4.	BREEF Open Championship /Team Competition.	7-01-2012	CEI 2* 120 KM + CEI 1* 85 KM
5.	HM The King's Cup Endurance Ride Championship for Seniors & Juniors - CEI 2*/CEI JY 2*/CEI 1*	4-02-2012	CEI 2*/CEI JY 2* 120 + CEI 1* 85 KM
6.	H.H. Shaikh Nasser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa Endurance Ride Championship – Local Stables CEN/CEI 1*	18-02-2012	CEN 100, CEI 1* 85 KM
7.	BREEF Championship for Open/Junior Young Riders CEI 2*/CEI JY 2*/CEI 1*	03-03-2012	CEI 2*/CEI JY 2* 120 + CEI 1* 85 KM
8.	HRH The Crown Prince's Cup – Seniors & Juniors – CEI 2*/CEI JY 2*/CEI 1* - (Night Ride)	06-04-2012	CEI 2*/CEI JY 2* 120 + CEI 1* 85 KM
9.	End of Season – CEI 2*- (Night Ride)	04-05-2012	CEI 2* 120 KM

- All dates above are subject to change.
- The deadline for submission of your entries will be on the previous **Sunday at 6pm**, 5 days before the ride.

II. RULES FOR FEI ENDURANCE RIDES

(CEIs, CEIOs and Championships), either as an individual or as a member of a team.

ELIGIBILITY for FEI Endurance Rides:

Riders: Any person from the year in which he/she reaches his/her 14th birthday and who is duly authorized by his/her National Federation is eligible to take part in all Endurance Rides

Junior/Young Riders: may take part in FEI Competitions for Juniors & Young Riders from the beginning of the year they reach the age of fourteen (14) until the end of the year they reach the age of twenty one (21).

Horses:

Age of Horses	5 yr	6 yr	7 yr	8+ yr
NF Qualifiers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FEI 1&2 Stars	--	Yes	Yes	Yes
FEI 3 Stars	--	--	Yes	Yes
FEI 4 Stars- CEIO's & Championships	--	--	--	Yes

III. QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE – NATIONAL LEVEL

Novice Qualifying: To be administered by each NF.

Horses and riders must, though not necessarily as a combination:

- Successfully complete 2 rides of distances of between 40-79 km and 2 rides of between 80-90 km at speeds of 16 kph or under; or alternatively,
- Successfully complete 3 rides of distances of 80-90 km at speeds of 16 kph or under.
- Riders and Horses must complete the requirements of this qualifying phase within a 24 month period to qualify to take part in FEI competitions.

IV. QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE CEI STAR QUALIFYING LEVEL

- Horse Owners & Riders & Trainers are reminded that FEI Qualifications Regulations shall be strictly applied to all FEI Endurance Competitions. The qualifications regulation is outlined below :
- Entries will be accepted for a FEI 3- Star competition only if the Rider and Horse have successfully completed a FEI 2- Star ride and for a 2- Star event only if the Rider and Horse have successfully completed a FEI 1- Star ride under the new (2009) FEI Rules (or an equivalent distance competition under the old FEI Rules).
- Rider Qualification is valid for life.
- Horse Qualification is valid for 24 months only.

FEI Ride Categories

1. FEI 1- Star (80 km -119km in 1day)
2. FEI 2- Star (120 km -139 km in 1 day or 70km -89km in 2 days)
3. FEI 3- Star (140 km – 160 km in 1 day or 90km -100km in 2 days or 70km-80 km in 3 days)

V. IMPORTANT RULES

1. For rides of CEI2* (120-139km), CEI3* (140-160km) all horses must be presented for veterinary inspection with an original FEI passport /FEI Approved National Passport along with FEI Recognition Card with up to-date equine influenza record.
2. For rides of CEI1*(80-119km) FEI passport is not required if competing in their country of residence .Horses can be presented with official document stating identification and up –to-date Equine Influenza Vaccination. (Bahrain ministry of agriculture certificate).
3. Horses can be represented for all national rides competition rides & Federation Qualifications Rides with any document stating identification and up-to-date Equine Influenza Vaccination.
4. All horses must have received two primary vaccinations against equine influenza, given between 21 days and 92 days apart. Thereafter, a third dose (referred to as the first booster) given 7 months after the date of administration of the second primary dose,with at least annual boosters given subsequently (i.e., within one year of the last dose).

5. If the horse is scheduled to take part in an FEI competition, the last booster must have been given within 6 months +21 days of arrival at the FEI event. No vaccination shall be given within 7 days of the day of arrival at the FEI event.
6. No horse will be allowed to enter an endurance ride, **within 6 days** of having successfully completed or having been eliminated at the final gate or during the ride of any rides of distance 0-40 Km.
7. No horse will be allowed to enter an endurance ride **within 13 days** of having successfully completed or having been eliminated in a ride of a distance completed between 0 – 80 km.
8. No horse will be allowed to enter an endurance ride **within 20 days** of having successfully completed or having been eliminated in a ride of distance completed between 81 – 160 + km.
9. Horses picked up from the course by an ambulance or any horse transport has to be brought to the clinic or the vet gate in order to be checked. It is the Rider's or his/her designated person's responsibility to remain with the horse until it is released by the Veterinary Commission or the Chief Treatment Veterinarian.
10. If a horse has Failed to Qualify for metabolic reasons which require immediate invasive treatment, excluding authorised fluid therapy (Art.823 Endurance Rules),for stabilisation of medical emergency at any CEI events, it must be given a mandatory rest period of 60 days before it is again eligible to participate in a CEI event.
11. If a horse has Failed to Qualify for metabolic reasons which require invasive treatment, excluding authorised fluid therapy (Art.823 Endurance Rules), at any 2 consecutive CEI events or twice within any 3 month period, it must be given a mandatory rest period of 90 days before it is again eligible to participate in a CEI event.
12. A Veterinary Card will be created for each horse at the pre-ride inspection. This veterinary card is required to:
 - Number the horse
 - monitor the horse throughout the ride.
13. The Veterinary Commission will retain possession of the Vet Card and the same will be made available to the rider at every Vet Gate and at the Finish.The Vet Card has to be returned after completion of formalities at each vet gate including the Finish. No horse will be classified in the results of the ride if the vet card is not returned.
14. The final inspection will take place within the stipulated time after the completion of the ride. The final inspection, which is to determine whether the horse is still fit to be ridden after a normal rest period, will include the same controls as at all other inspections.
15. **Sampling for prohibited substances** will take place in accordance with FEI Veterinary Regulations Article 1017, which specifies that samples may be collected from any horse at any time while under FEI rules.
16. Every horse, which is eliminated, retired or withdrawn, for whatever reason, must be examined in the Vet gate or Veterinary Clinic, if advised by the Veterinary Commission. Owners/ Trainers must ensure that at least one attendant remains with the horse at all times during its stay in the clinic. Any horse, which requires further intensive treatment, may be transported to the Equine Hospital/Clinic for further observation or treatment.
17. It is highly recommended for trainers to provide a vehicle and horse trailer to shift their horse in the event of an emergency. It is the responsibility of the owner/trainer to remove their horse at the end of the ride.

VI. VET GATE

1. The purpose of the vet gate is three-fold:

- To have a veterinary inspection and condition assessment of each horse on a “fit to continue” basis.
- To enforce a rest or a hold period on horses and riders.
- To improve their position by efficient preparation and presentation of their horse to pass the heart rate parameters at the first attempt. It is advisable that riders bear in mind the necessity that the horses’ physical and metabolic (general) condition is satisfactory and that its heart rate is at, or below, the stipulated beats per minute as soon as possible following arrival at the vet gate.

2. The procedure at each vet gate will be as follows:

- Horse and rider approach the vet gate at a walk (this will assist in lowering the heart rate and is, therefore, in the best interest of the competitor). Their time will be taken on arrival.
- When the rider is satisfied (and not before) that the horse’s general condition is satisfactory and its heart rate meets the necessary criteria, he presents the horse (with its vet card) to a commission veterinarian who will examine the horse in the designated vet area. Only the rider and up to 2 other persons may be present at the examination.
- No action must be taken to hold back the horse or to prevent this constant forward motion.
- Should a horse fail to proceed directly to the line veterinarian, as instructed by an official, the Rider (Person Responsible) will be in breach of Art. 821.2.3 and may be given either **a fixed time penalty of 5 minutes** and/or be given a **yellow**

warning card. (Note: two yellow warning cards results in immediate disqualification from the event and a two month suspension from all FEI competitions).

- if the horse passes or does not pass the vet inspection, the horse must proceed till the end of the vet lane and return back towards the Grooming Area through the Vet Out Gate. The horse goes into the Hold area while the hold time commences from the time the horse enters the Vet-In Gate.
- If the horse fails to pass the vet inspection within the specified time after arrival, it will be eliminated. However, if a second presentation is permitted, such presentation will also have to be made within the specified time (Time to present). In this case the Hold Time will commence from the time the horse **re-enters** the Vet-In Gate for the re- inspection. (Time in re-inspection). For re-inspection due to too high a pulse at the first attempt, the horse has to go out of the vet gate and then re-enter when the pulse rate meets the necessary criteria. The horse will then be given a new in time and a new departure time.
- It is the responsibility of the rider to present the horse in a fit condition to pass the inspection. It is not the duty of the vet official to diagnose the cause of lameness, metabolic or other disorders which necessitate the decision not to pass the horse.
- A rider, who is eliminated, retires or withdraws on the course, for whatever reasons, **must remain with the horse until assistance arrives.** If necessary, a horse ambulance will collect the horse and transport it to vet gate or the veterinary clinic.
- Those horses retired/withdrawn by the rider must be presented for veterinary examination at the vet gate as specified in the Ride Technical Sheet in order to record the reason for the withdrawal.

VII. VETERINARY MEDICATION CONTROL

1. To be considered for classification in a ride, a horse cannot receive any prohibited substance and no fluids or other substances can be administered to the horse by nasogastric (stomach) tube or by any parenteral (intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, or intraperitoneal) route during the ride. **Medication Control shall remain in force from one hour before the first inspection until the horse has completed the final vetting.**
2. **No veterinary treatment may be administered to the horse without the written approval of the Veterinary Commission (In FEI competitions by filling ETUE Form 3).**
3. Medication as above cannot be administered after the horse has passed the final inspection and has been directed to present for sampling for prohibited substances. Any horse that has required treatment of any kind shall not be considered for the Best Conditioned Horse Award.

VIII. END OF RIDE CONTROL

1. In order to qualify for a classification in the result, the rider must present the horse with its vet card to a commission veterinarian within the stipulated time after the finish. The commission veterinarian must confirm that the horse's heart rate meets the necessary criteria and that it is physically and metabolically sound. Only then will the horse be considered to have passed the examination.
2. Sampling for prohibited substances will take place in accordance with FEI Veterinary Regulations Article 1017, which specifies that samples may be collected from any horse at any time while under FEI rules.

3. All other finishers will be examined by commission veterinarians to ascertain whether they meet the finishing criteria. Horses which are not presented with their vet card and which have not passed the examination within the time specified will not be classified in the result.
4. All participating horses must be examined by an official ride veterinarian before leaving the ride venue.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Riders and crew members are requested to return the number vest on completion of the ride.
2. When overnight stabling facilities are provided for competing horses, trainers should make their own arrangements to provide food, bedding material and grooms for their horse. Provision for the groom's food and sleeping facilities should also be made.

