

ENDURANCE

**PROVIDING THE HORSES WITH
GREATER PROTECTION**

**IMPROVING THE DISCIPLINE'S
IMAGE**

CURRENT PROBLEMS WITHIN ENDURANCE

- LACK OF RIDER QUALIFICATIONS
- EVENT FORMAT FAVOURING DISQUALIFICATIONS
- ABSENCE OF GENUINE SELECTION FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS
- DISCIPLINE'S POOR IMAGE

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO REGULATIONS

AIM

- **TO PROVIDE THE HORSES WITH GREATER PROTECTION**
- **TO IMPROVE THE DISCIPLINE'S IMAGE**
- **TO SELECT AN ELITE**



Sitting in a 3.8-metre sea
kayak and watching
a four-metre great
white approach you is
a fairly tense experience

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METHOD PROPOSALS

- **Review of events format**
- Proposal of new qualifications
- Modification of vet gates control

EVENTS FORMAT

proposals

- THE CURRENT EVENTS
- DISTANCE
- NUMBER OF LOOPS

REMINDER

THE CURRENT EVENTS

- **1-STAR:** 40 to 79 km

- **2-STARS:** 80 to 119 km AND 2 X 60 km
4 loops

- **3 and 4-STARS:** 120 to 160 km AND 2 X 80
KM
6 loops

- **CHAMPIONSHIPS:** 160 km
6 loops

THE DISTANCE: PROPOSALS (1)

■ 1-STAR:

- 90km to 100 km or 2 X 60 km
- Two qualifying events: the first 90 km event at limited speed, the second with speed unrestricted.
- N.B.: 2 X 60 km 2nd event at unrestricted speed.

THE DISTANCE: PROPOSALS (2)

■ 2-STAR:

- 125 km to 130 km or 2 X 80 km
- Qualifying event for access to 3-star
- Young riders' championship.

THE DISTANCE: PROPOSALS (3)

■ 3 AND 4-STAR:

- 155 km to 160 km and 2 X 100 km
- 160 km: qualifying event for the championships
(under certain conditions envisaged below)
- N.B.: the 2 X 100 km is not a championship qualifier

NUMBER AND LENGTH OF LOOPS: PROPOSALS

- Number of loops
 - 160 km : 5 loops
 - 130 km : 4 loops
- Length of loop
 - Between 25 km and 40 km maximum
 - Last loop between 25 and 30 km
- Advantages:
 - Reduction of the event's duration by roughly one hour
 - Reduction of the average speed at the event and therefore of the risks
 - Greater emphasis on riders' skill (management of loops)



METHOD PROPOSALS

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QUALIFICATIONS OF THE RIDERS AND HORSES

- AIM
- PROPOSALS
- WITHDRAWAL OF QUALIFICATION

QUALIFICATIONS: THE AIM

- To safeguard the horses
- To ensure the development of riders and horses in events with rising standards
- To officially control the development of riders and horses
- To produce an elite, only members of which will be able to take part in the national and international championships

QUALIFICATION PROPOSALS (1)

HORSES AND RIDERS

- Star-by-star progression starting from 1-star
- Control of qualifying events by F.E.I. representatives from overseas in the host country (from 2-star upwards)
- Validity of qualification: for 24 months after the event
- Establishment of an official progression booklet, signed at each event by an F.E.I. judge from another country

QUALIFICATION PROPOSALS (2)

HORSES AND RIDERS

FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Star-by-star progression compulsory (progression booklet and F.E.I. inspection).
- Qualification as a pairing within 18 months at the most and 3 months at the least.
- No separate horse/rider qualification



WITHDRAWAL OF QUALIFICATION FOR RIDERS

CAUSES OF DISQUALIFICATION

APPLICATION OF DISQUALIFICATION

DURATION AND EXTENT OF DISQUALIFICATION

REQUALIFICATION

WITHDRAWAL OF QUALIFICATION FOR RIDERS (1)

CAUSES

- An elimination for a metabolic cause with veterinary committee report co-signed by the jury chairman
- Three consecutive eliminations for metabolic reasons within a period of two calendar years
- For riders participating in two-star events for the first time: three consecutive eliminations for lameness or metabolic accidents within a period of two calendar years

WITHDRAWAL OF QUALIFICATION FOR RIDERS (2)

- APPLICATION OF DISQUALIFICATION:

- Disqualification effective two weeks after the last elimination which triggers the loss of qualification

WITHDRAWAL OF QUALIFICATION FOR RIDERS (3)

REQUALIFICATION

- **For a 2-star event**
 - Requalification in a 1-star event

- **For a 3-star event**
 - Requalification in a 1-star AND a 2-star event

WITHDRAWAL OF QUALIFICATION FOR HORSES

- CAUSES OF DISQUALIFICATION
- APPLICATION OF DISQUALIFICATION
- DURATION AND EXTENT OF DISQUALIFICATIONS
- REQUALIFICATION

WITHDRAWAL OF QUALIFICATION FOR HORSES (1)

CAUSES

- An elimination for a metabolic cause with veterinary committee report co-signed by the jury President
- Two consecutive eliminations for metabolic reasons within a period of two calendar years
- Three consecutive eliminations for lameness or metabolic reasons within a period of two calendar years

WITHDRAWAL OF QUALIFICATION FOR HORSES (2)

- APPLICATION OF DISQUALIFICATION:
 - Disqualification effective two weeks after the last elimination which triggers the loss of qualification
- DURATION AND EXTENT OF DISQUALIFICATION
6 months for all FEI events

WITHDRAWAL OF QUALIFICATION FOR HORSES (3)

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DEADLINES FOR PRESENTATION AT VET GATES

- AT THE INTERMEDIATE VET GATES
 - Presentation within 20 minutes
- AT THE FINISH
 - Presentation within 20 minutes

REST PERIODS AT VET GATES

- INTERMEDIATE VET GATES:
 - 40 minutes (30 minutes is insufficient)
- LAST VET GATE:
 - 40 minutes

THE TWO-HOUR RULE

- NO ELIMINATION IF TREATMENT DECIDED BY TREATING VET
- NO BEST CONDITION IF TREATED



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MEANS

- **SHORTENING OF DURATION OF EVENTS**
- ENSURING GOOD APPEARANCE OF HORSES AT FINISH
- QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION OF RIDERS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

SHORTENING DURATION OF EVENTS. PROPOSAL 1

CLOSURE OF LAST VET GATE +/- 1 HOUR AFTER THE FIRST RIDER FINISHES

- this necessitates good management of the riders and of the assistance provided during the entire race in order to avoid a final acceleration which would increase the risks of disqualification (interesting difficulty for a championship)

SHORTENING DURATION OF EVENTS. PROPOSAL 2

■ INCREASING THE EVENT'S MINIMUM SPEED

- Case no. 1: the circuit is known
 - The minimum speed is determined by the jury based on the history of the event.
- Case no. 2: the circuit is not known
 - The minimum speed is determined by the jury by using the 'preliminary ride' as a reference.



MEANS

- SHORTENING DURATION OF EVENTS
- **ENSURING GOOD APPEARANCE OF HORSES AT FINISH**

A scenic sunset over a rocky coastline. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright orange glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The foreground is dark and silhouetted, showing rocks and vegetation. The text "Thank you for your attention" is overlaid in a bold, orange font with a black outline.

**Thank you for
your attention**