

# ENDURANCE TOMORROW

A white horse is running on a sandy beach towards the right. The background shows the ocean with white waves. A decorative banner with vertical stripes in various shades of blue, black, and yellow is positioned below the title.

Considerations and proposals  
from Group 1

A white horse is captured in a full gallop on a sandy beach. The horse's mane and tail are blowing in the wind, and its legs are extended in mid-stride. In the background, the ocean waves are breaking onto the shore under a clear, light blue sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of power, freedom, and endurance.

# Foreword

- The following presentation illustrates some considerations, some questions, some doubts and some proposals for the future development of Endurance

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- It represents a common position of Group 1 and is an open platform for discussion and additional integrations



# Outline

## ■ Analysis

The role of Group I  
Growth  
Qualifications  
Format of rides  
Speed

## ■ Proposals

Three goals  
Four actions

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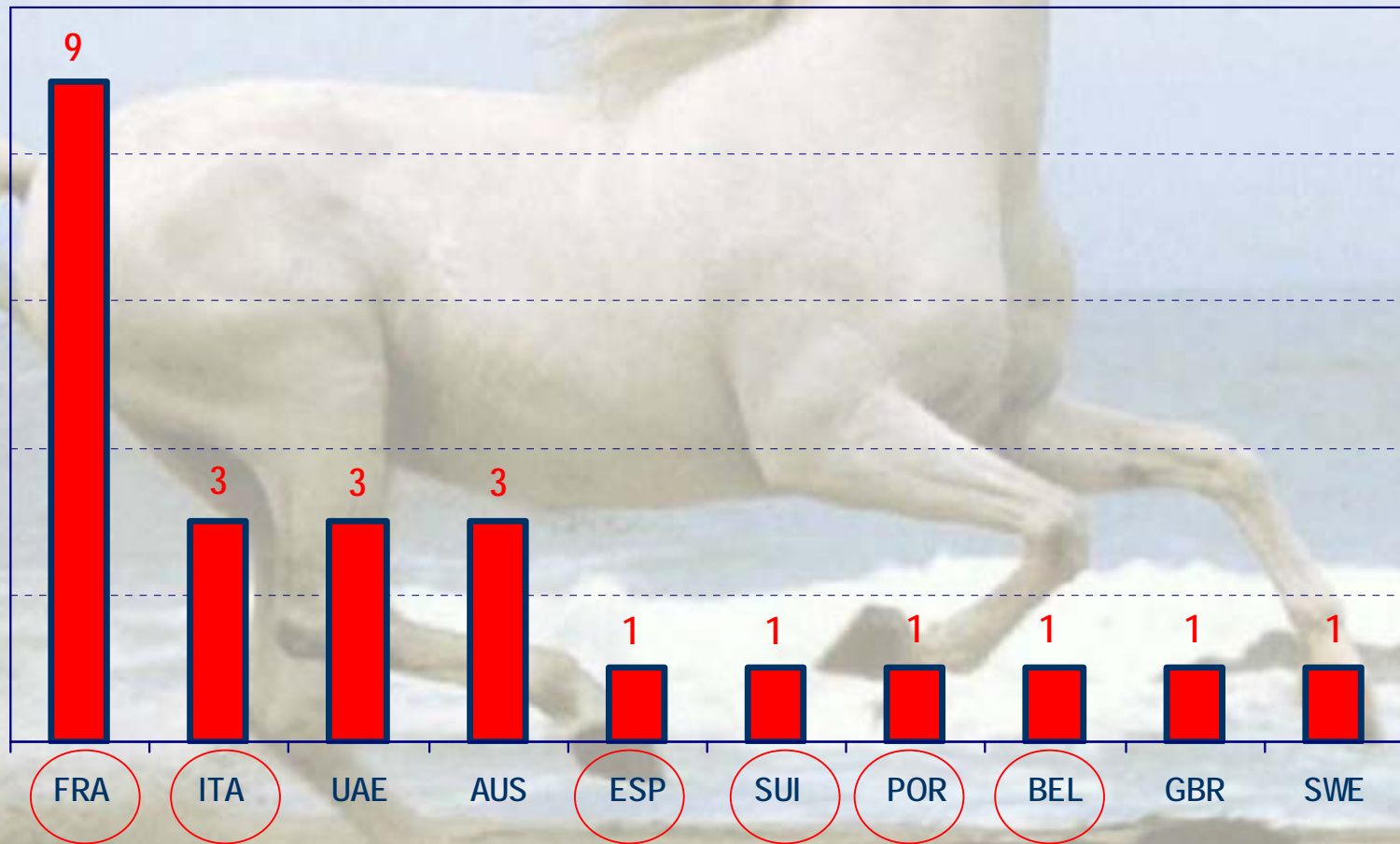
# The role of Group I

# Some data

- World Championships 2000 – 2006:  
– **Number of Medals**

# World Championships 2000 – 2006

## Number of Medals



A white horse is galloping across a sandy beach towards the right. The background shows the ocean with white-capped waves under a clear blue sky. The word "Growth" is written in a dark blue, serif font, centered over the horse's body.

# Growth



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# Some background

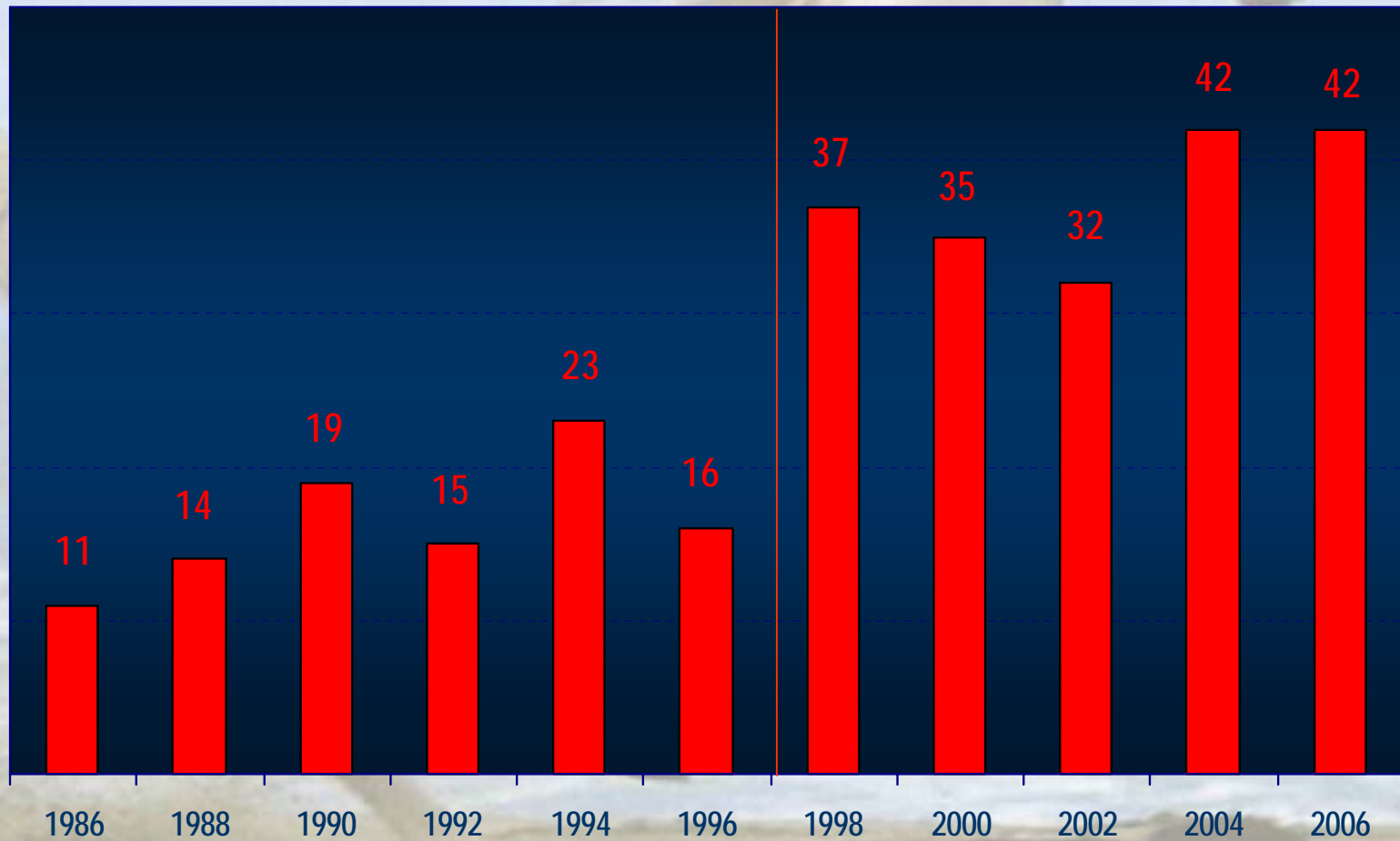
- International (FEI) strategy since 1998
  - Oecumenical =  
the greatest possible number of Nations

# Some data

- World Championships 1986 – 2006:  
– **Number of Nations**

# World Championships 1986 – 2006

## Number of Nations

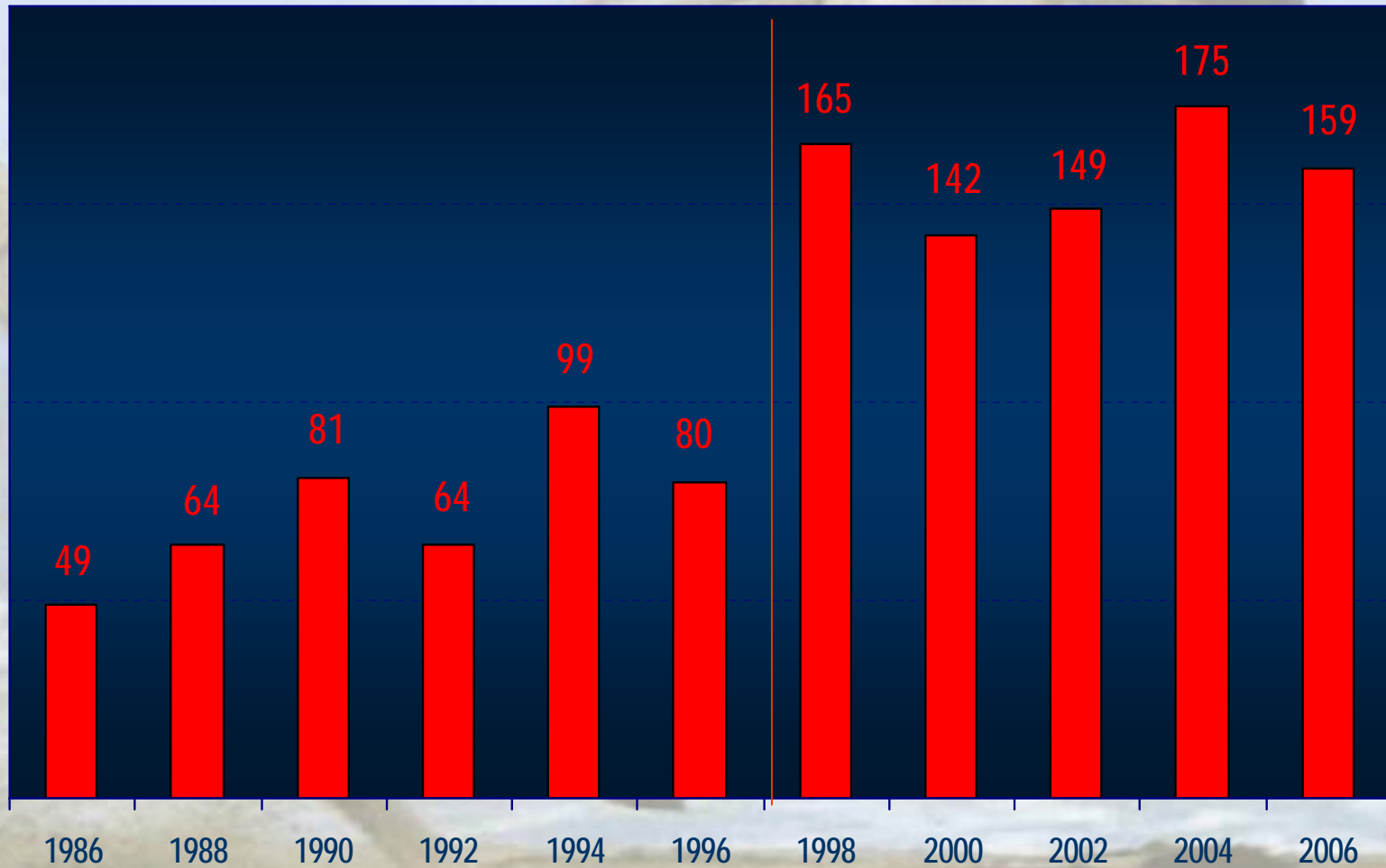


# Some data

- World Championships 1986 – 2006:  
– **Number of Starters**

# World Championships 1986 – 2006

## Number of Starters



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# Evidence

- Important increase of participating nations since 1998
- Important increase of number of starters since 1998

# Consequence

- Severe logistical problems at WEGs and World Championships

A white horse is galloping across a sandy beach. The horse's mane and tail are flowing in the wind. In the background, there are waves crashing onto the shore under a clear blue sky. The word "Qualifications" is written in a dark blue, serif font across the middle of the horse's body.

# Qualifications



A white horse is captured in mid-stride, running across a sandy beach. The background shows the ocean with white-capped waves under a clear blue sky. The horse's mane and tail are flowing, suggesting speed and motion.

# Some background

- Lack of an adequate qualification system for Championships:

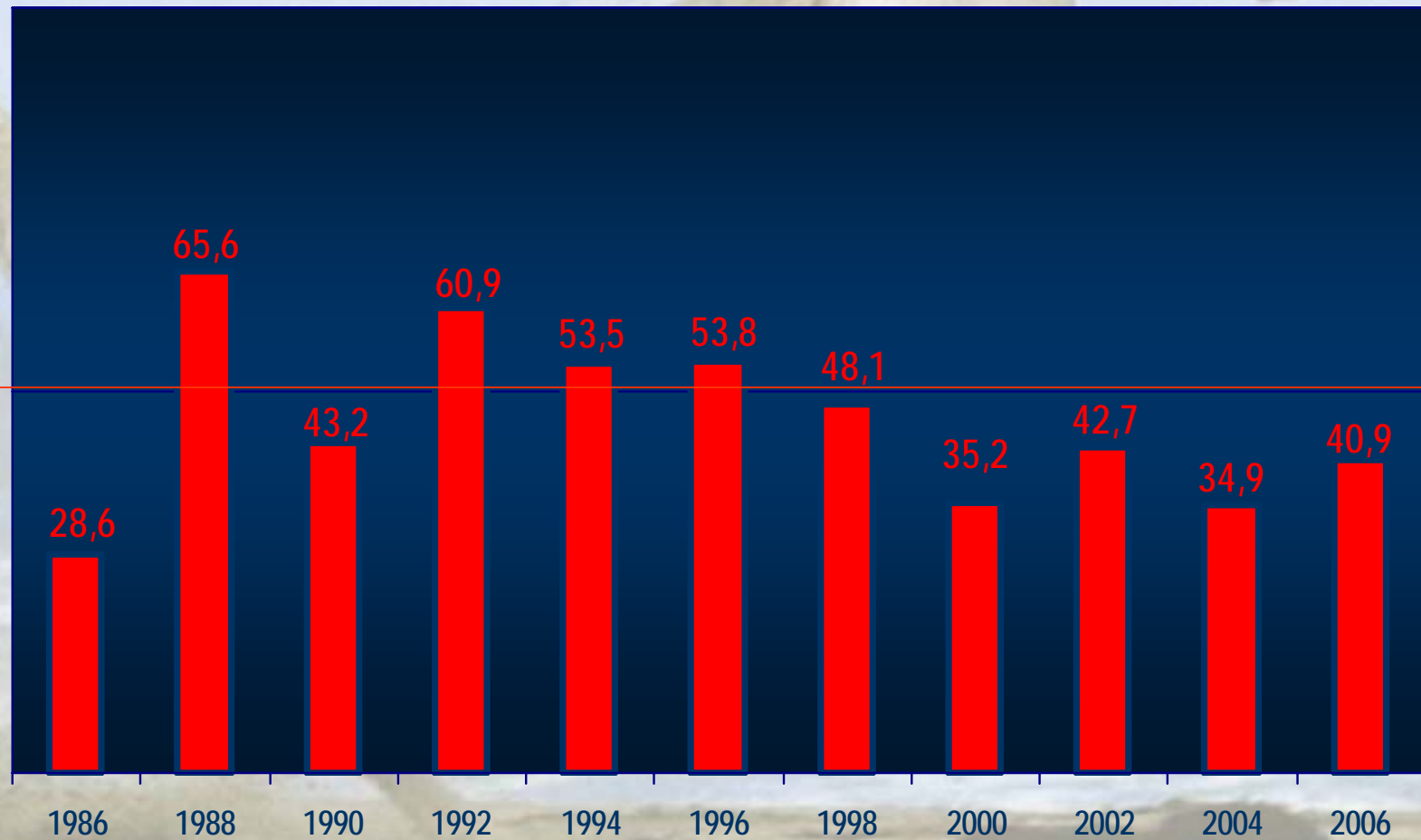
Participation possible with one completed 160 km/ 1 day CEI ride below required minimum speed

# Some data

- World Championships 1986 – 2006:  
– **Completion Rate in %**

# World Championships 1986 – 2006

Completion Rate in %

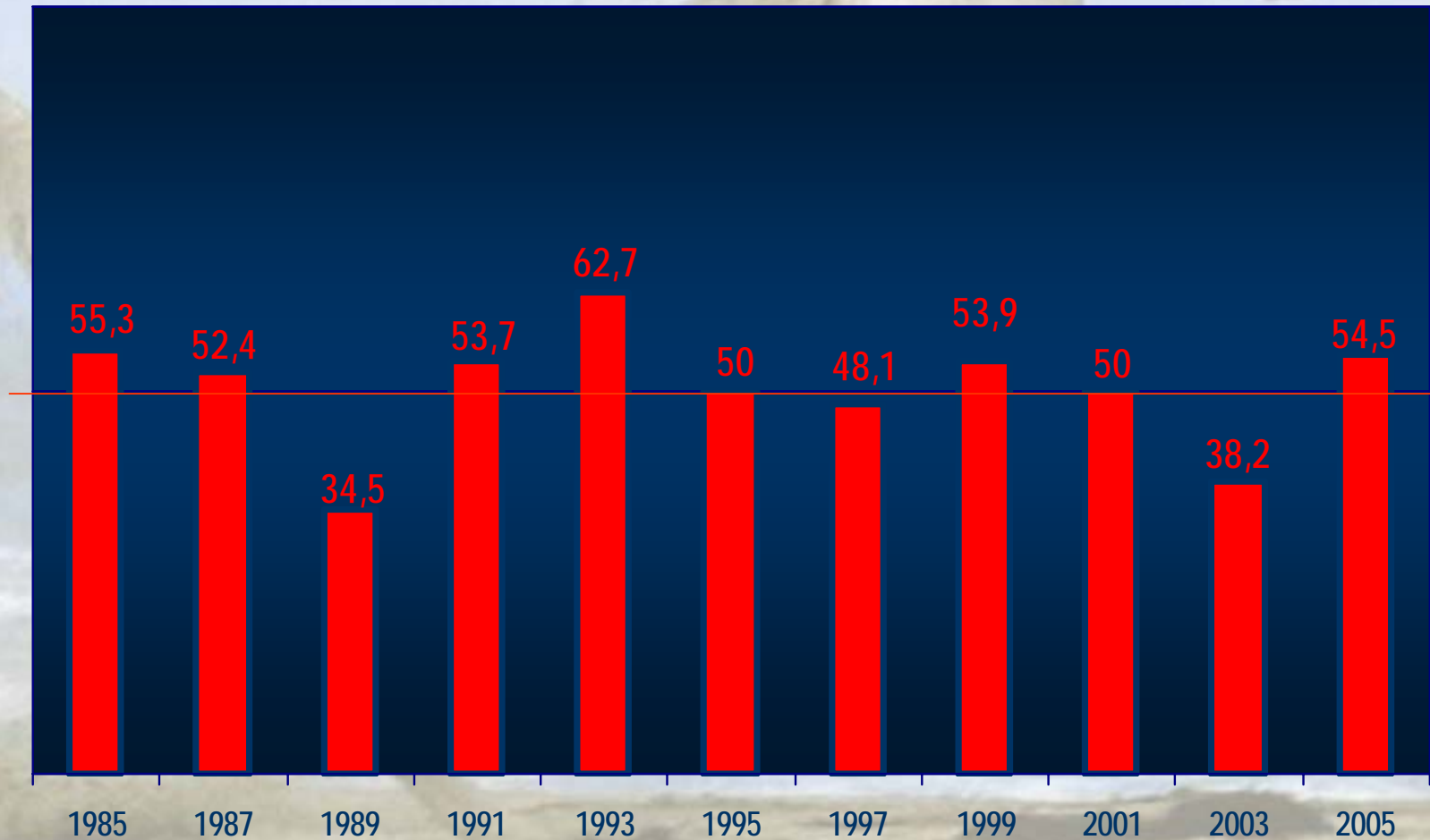


# Some data

- European Championships 1985 – 2005:  
– **Completion Rate in %**

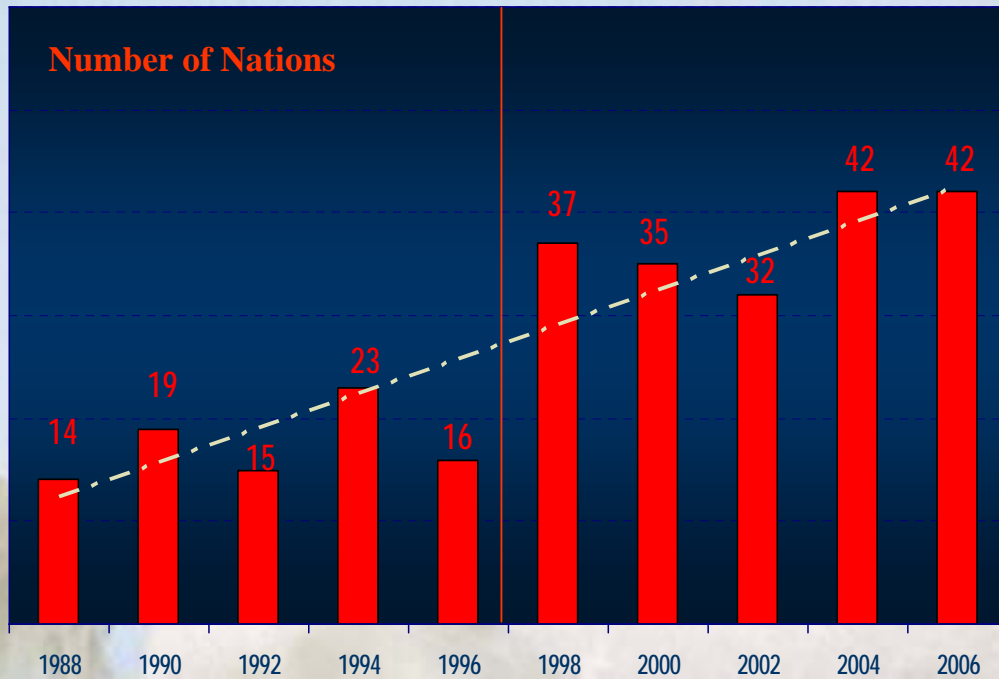
# Open European Championships 1985 – 2005

Completion Rate in %

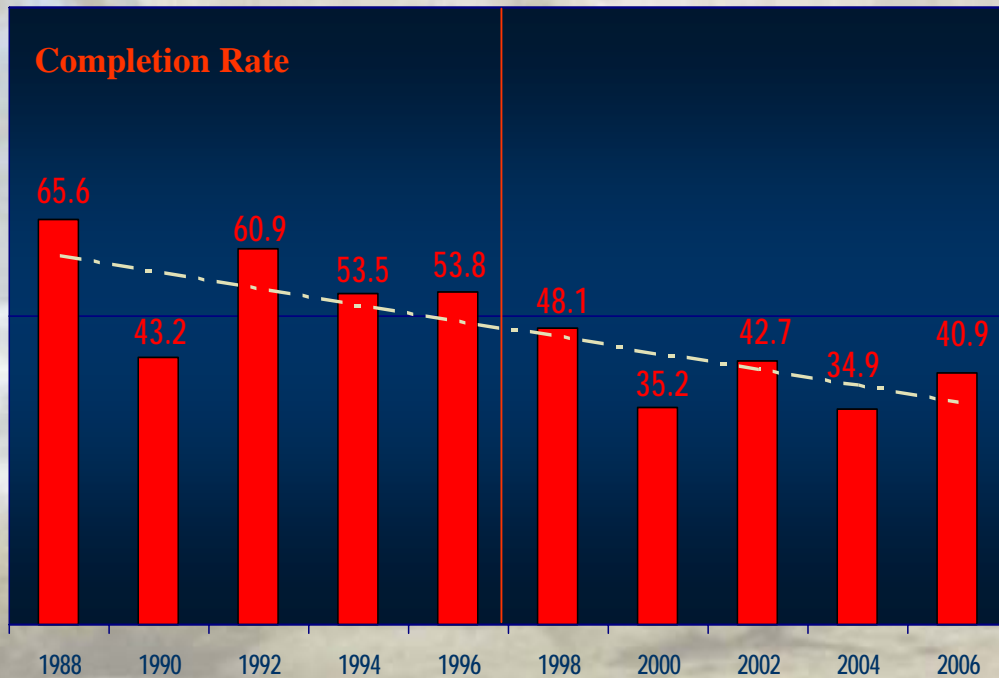


# Some data

- World Championships 1988 – 2006:
  - **Completion Rate in relation with the number of Nations**



## World Championships 1988 – 2006



## Completion Rate in relation with the number of Nations

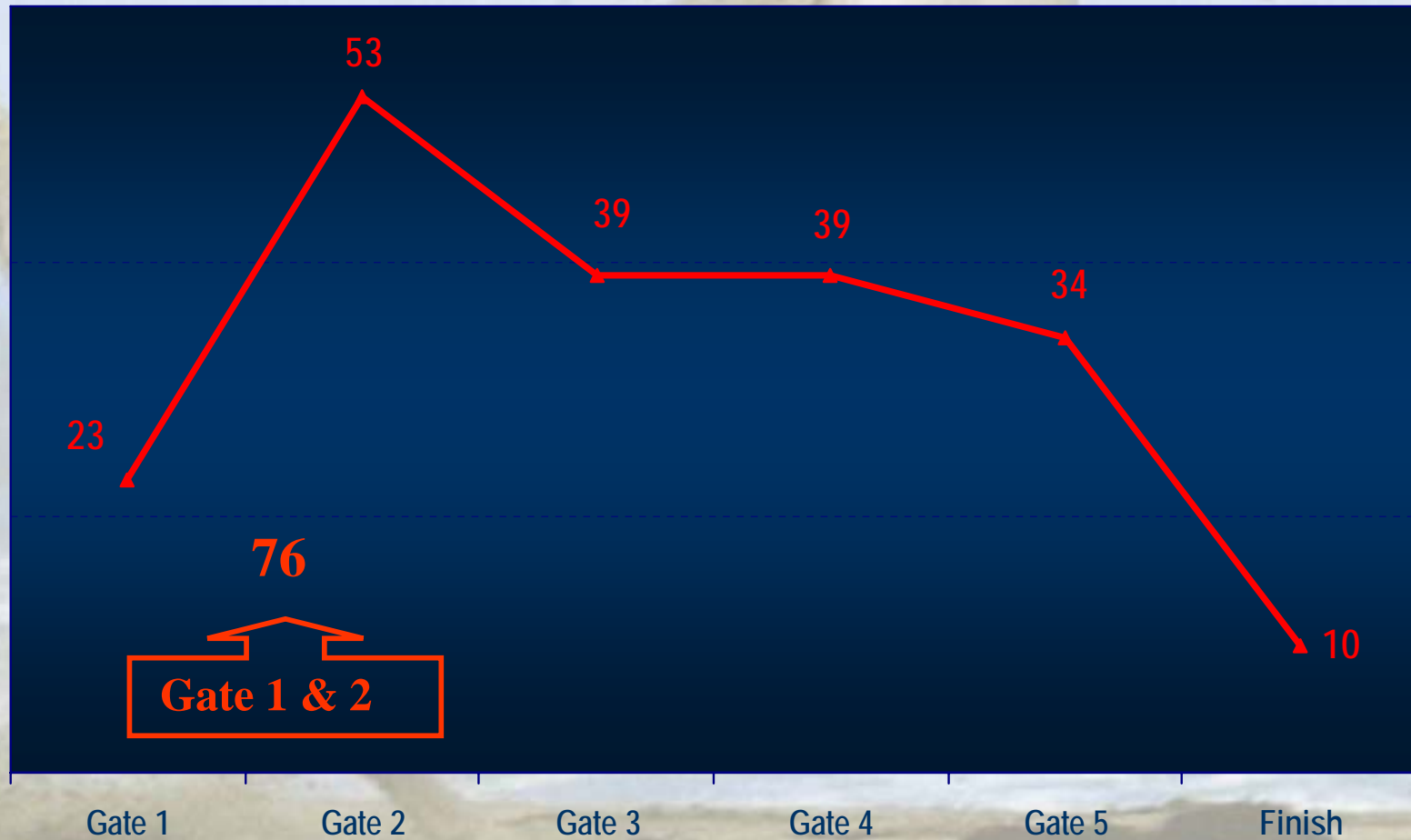
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- World Championships 2004 & 2006:
  - **Total Number of non Completions per Gate**



# World Championships 2004 & 2006

## Total Number of non Completions per Gate

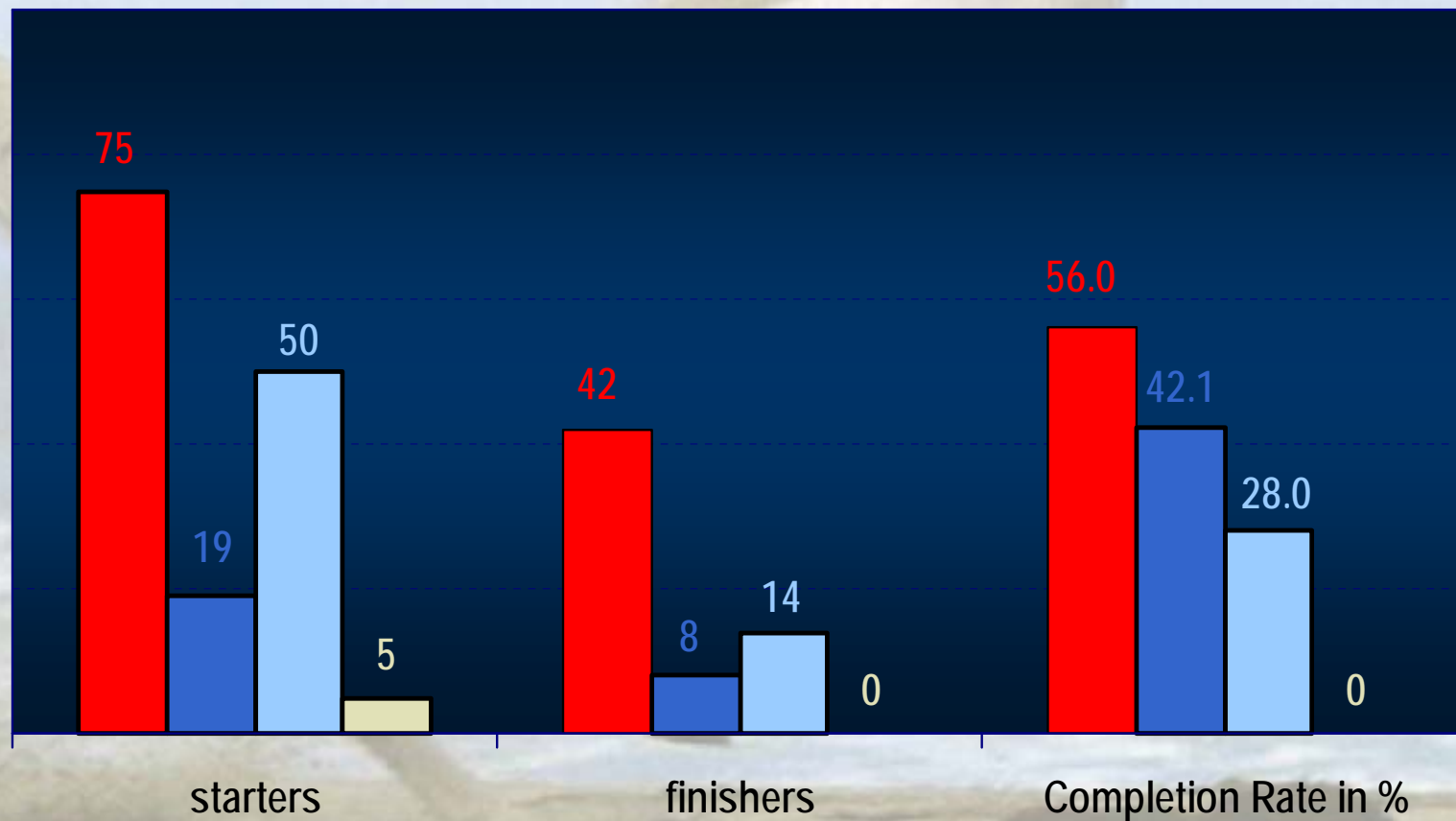


# Some data

- World Equestrian Games 2002:
  - **Completion Rate in relation with Rider Qualification**

# WEG, ESP-Jerez 2002

## Completion Rate in relation with Rider Qualification



# Evidence

- greater numbers of nations
- without an adequate qualification system
  - = lower overall quality
  - = decrease of completion rate
- N.B. Completion Rate at European Championships is more stable

# Consequence

- Increase of pathological problems for horses
- Severe image problems at WEGs and World Championships



# Format of Rides

A white horse is running on a sandy beach. The horse is in profile, facing right, and its mane and tail are blowing in the wind. The background shows the ocean with white-capped waves under a clear blue sky. On the left side of the slide, there is a vertical decorative bar with a series of horizontal stripes in various shades of blue, black, and yellow.

# Some background

- International (FEI) strategy since 2002
  - Change of Categories
  - Trend toward lower distances
  - Trend toward more loops

# Some data

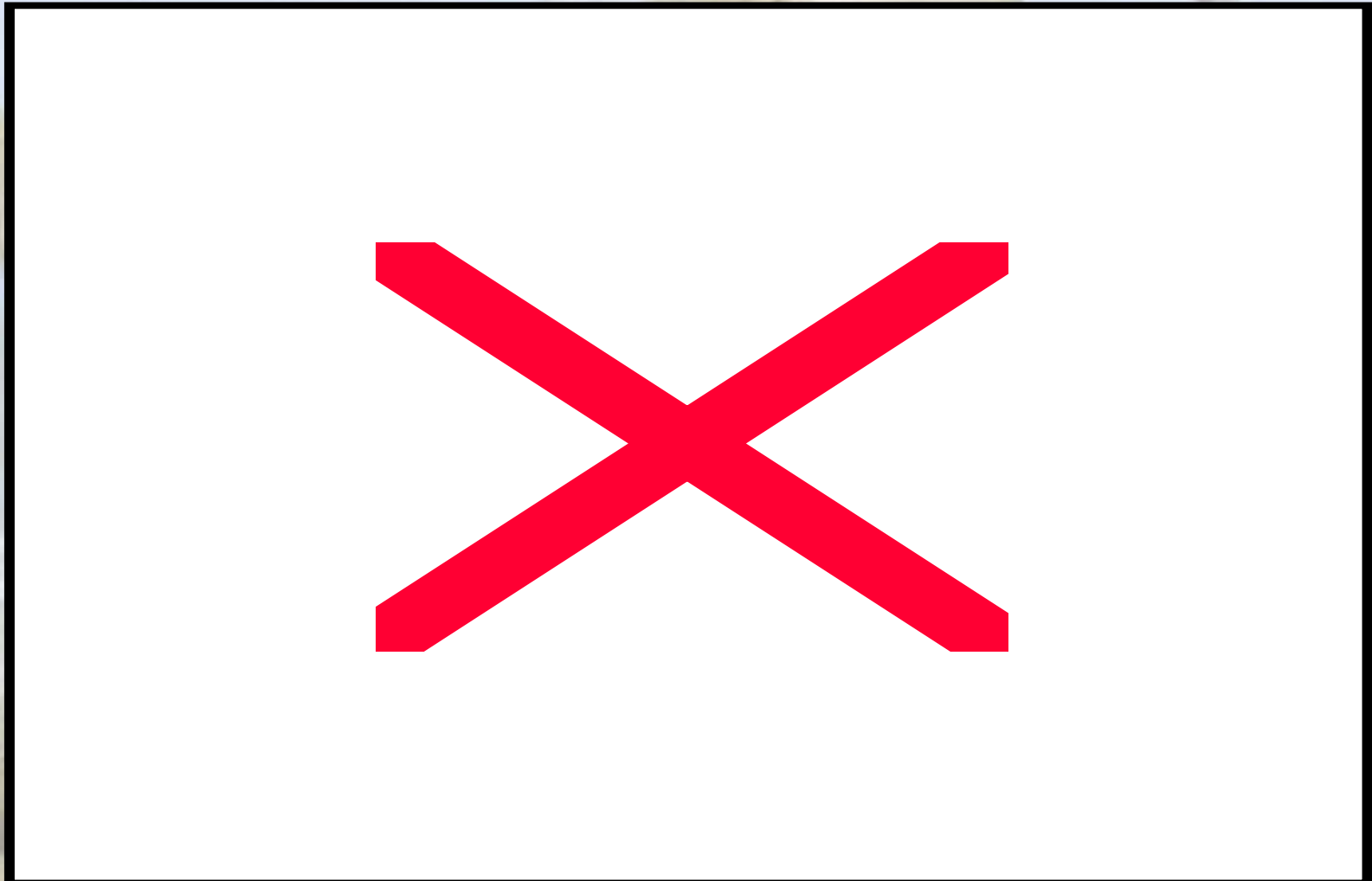
- CEI rides:

- **Minimum distance per category**



# Categories of Rides

Minimum distance per category

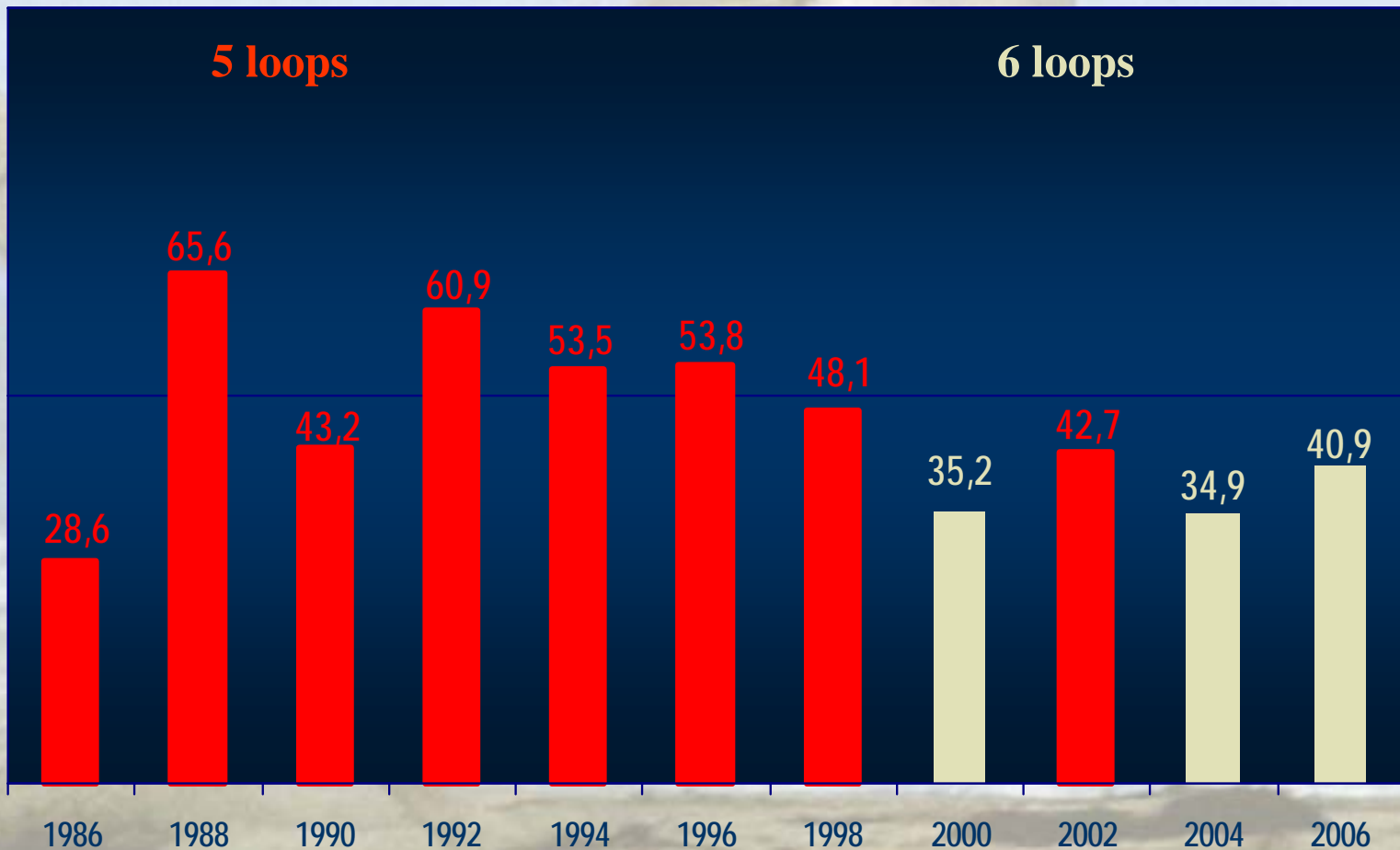


# Some data

- World Championships 1986 – 2006:
  - **Number of loops in relation with Completion**

# World Championships 1986 – 2006

Completion Rate in %:



# Some data

- FRA – CEI\*\* 119 km / CEI\*\*\* 160 km:  
– **Reasons for non Completions**



**FRA – 2005/ 2006 (3574 starters):**

- CEI\*\* (119 km), 34 rides, 2322 starters
- CEI\*\*\* (160 km, 24 rides, 1252 starters)

# FRA 2005/ 2006

## Reasons for non Completions in % (from total of non Completions)



# Some data

- ITA – Different categories of rides:
  - **Reasons for non Completions**



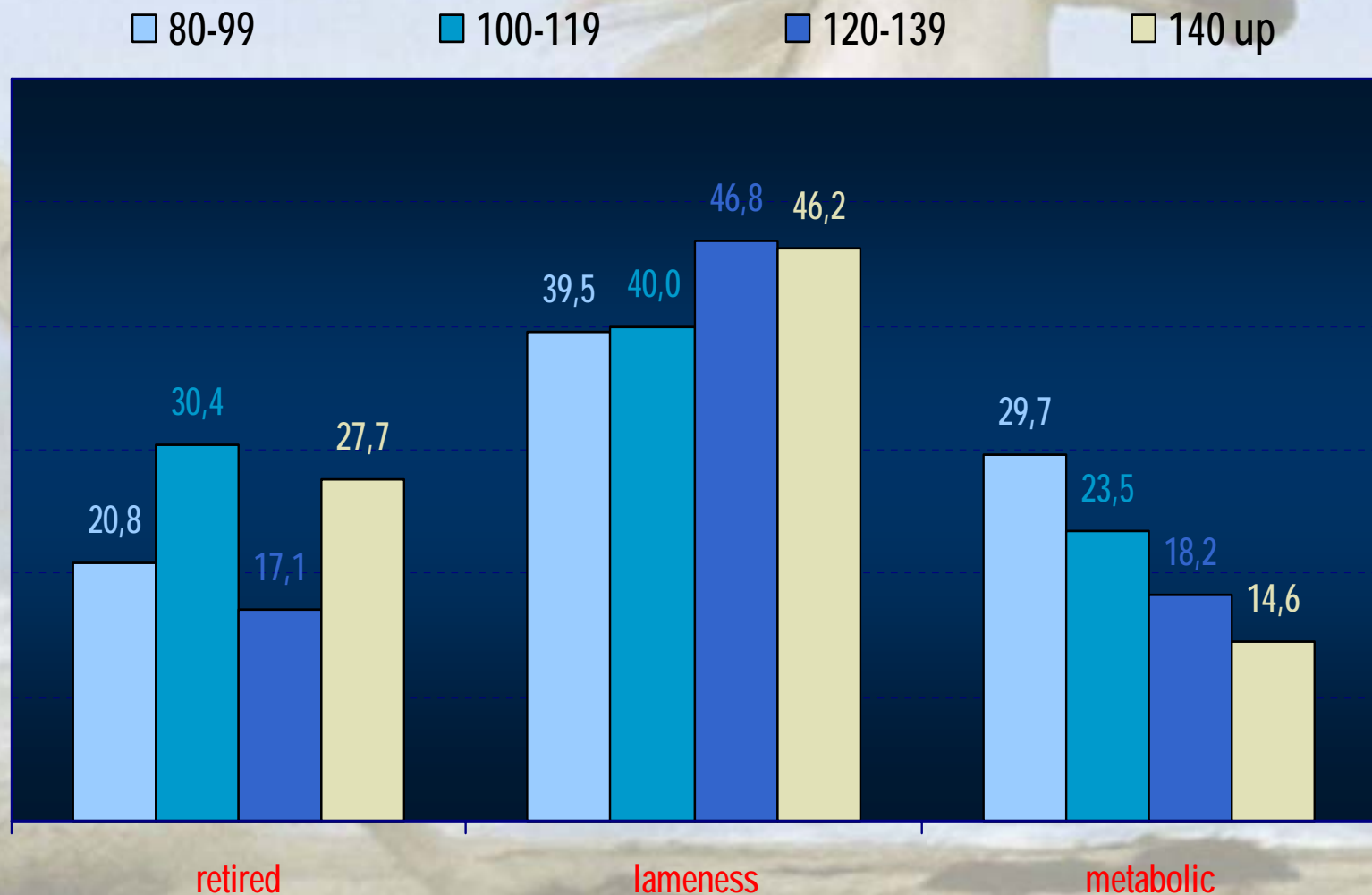
**ITA – 2004 – 2006 (3548 starters):**

- CEI/ CEN 80 -99 km, 2423 starters
- CEI/ CEN 100 – 119 km, 283 starters
- CEI/ CEN 120 – 139 km, 622 starters
- CEI/ CEN 140+ km, 220 starters



# ITA- CEN & CEI rides 2004 - 2006

## Reasons for non Completions in % (from total of non Completions)



# Evidence

- Longer rides are metabolically safer



# Speed

# Some data

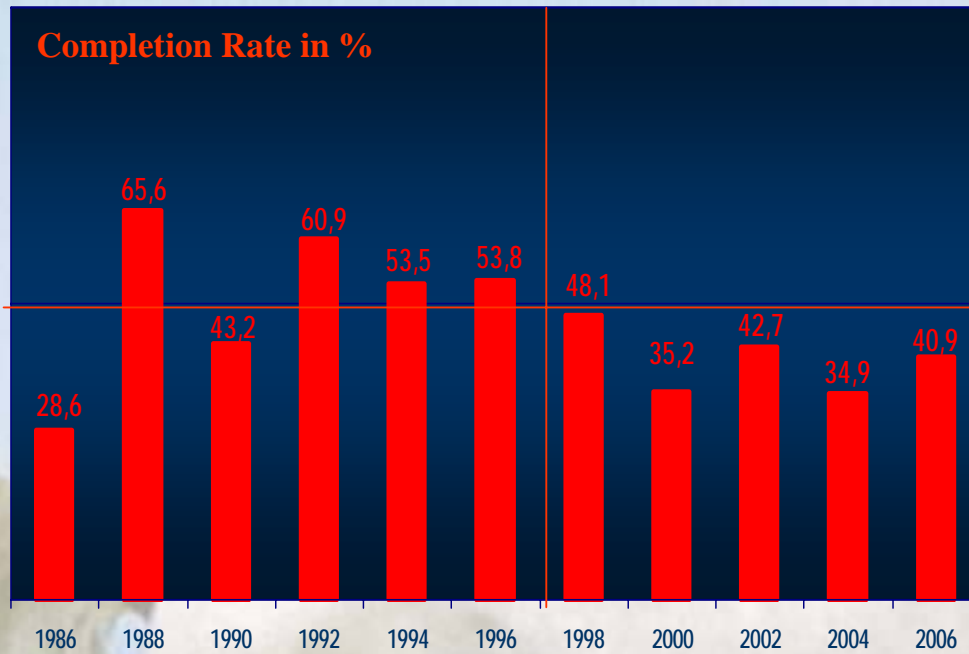
- World Championships 1986 – 2006:
  - **Speed Winner / Top Ten**
  - **Completion Rate in relation with speed**

# World Championships 1986 – 2006

Speed km/h: **Winner** / **Top Ten**

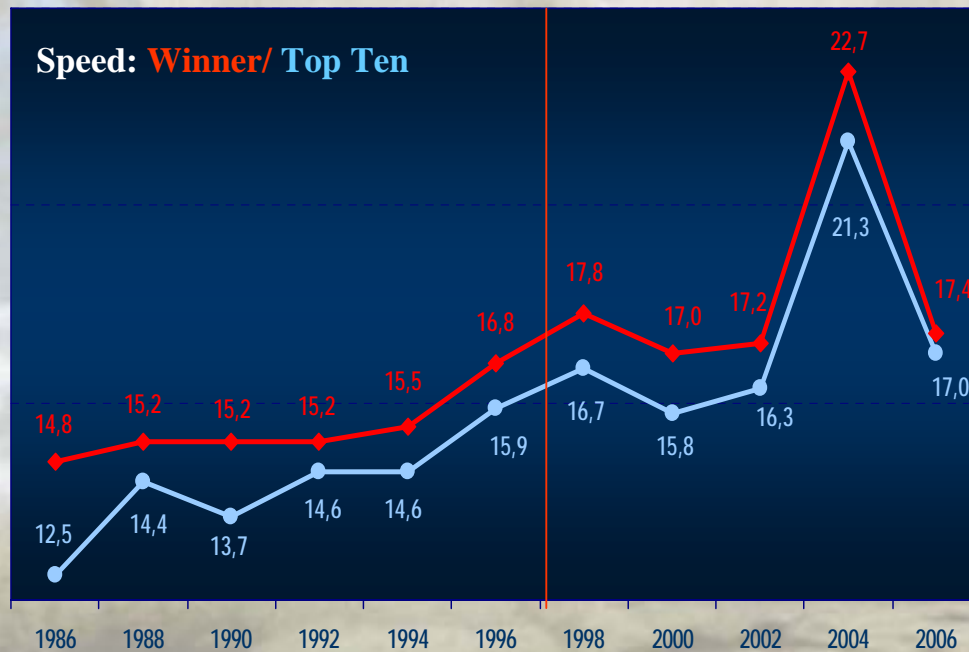


### Completion Rate in %



### World Championships 1986 – 2006

### Speed: Winner/ Top Ten



### Completion Rate in relation with speed

# Some data

- FRA – Compiègne 2005:

- **Average Speed Top Ten,  
Comparison 120 km / 160 km**

# FRA- Compiègne 2005

ECh Open 160 km / WCh Young Horses 120 km

## Comparison Top Ten's Average Speed (km/h):





# Some data

- CEI 120 km / CEI 160 km 2002 :
  - **Completion Rate in relation with speed**

# Speed and Completion Rate (%), 2002

CEI 120 km (32 rides, 1288 starters, 42,2%)



# Speed and Completion Rate (%), 2002

CEI 160 km (23 rides, 760 starters, 46,3%)



# Evidence

- Increase of speed  
= decrease of completion rate
- Shorter rides (as well as short loops)  
lead to dangerous speeds

# Conclusion

- greater numbers of nations
  - without an adequate qualification system
  - on shorter distances with more speed
- = a serious risk  
for the welfare of the horse

# Consequence

- Horses: Welfare not paramount
- Officials: Loss of trust in riders horsemanship
- Riders: The good ones pay for the bad one
- Endurance and Media: Severe image problems

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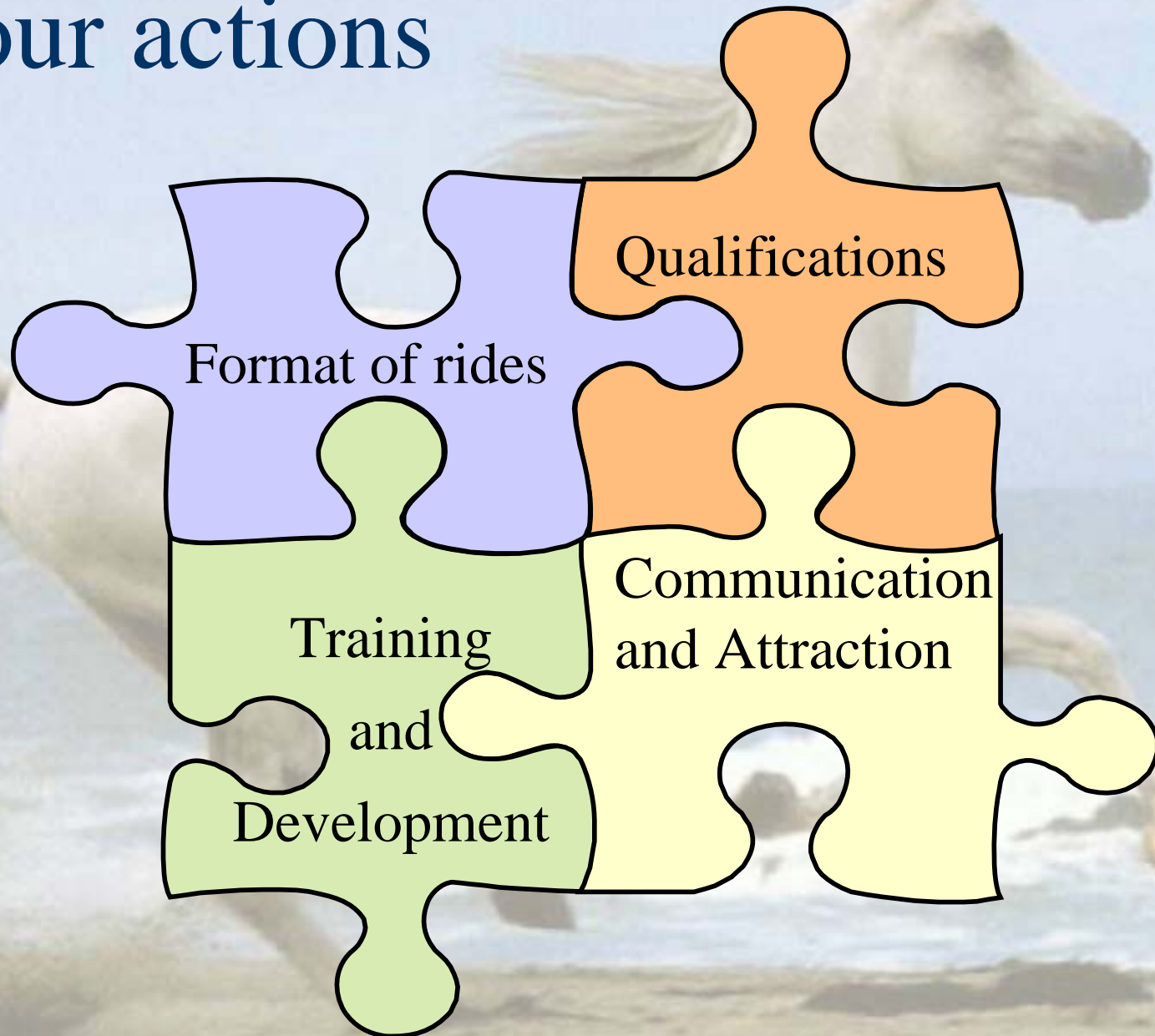
# Proposals

# Three goals

- Protect the horse
- Increase the level
- Modernise the sport



# Four actions



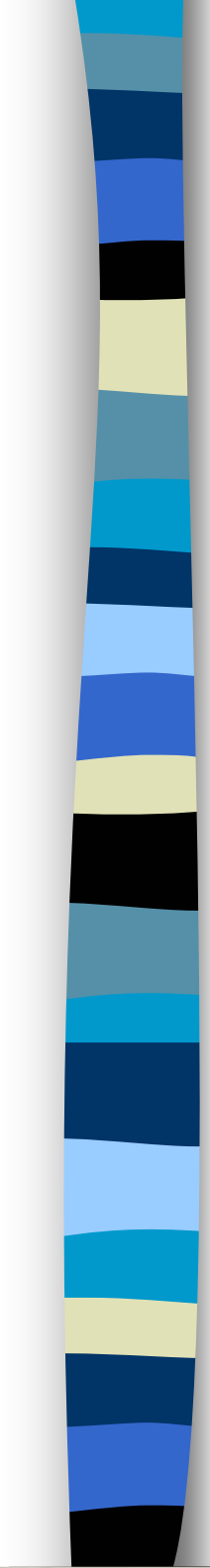
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# Training and Development

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- Harmonise National regulations and qualifications

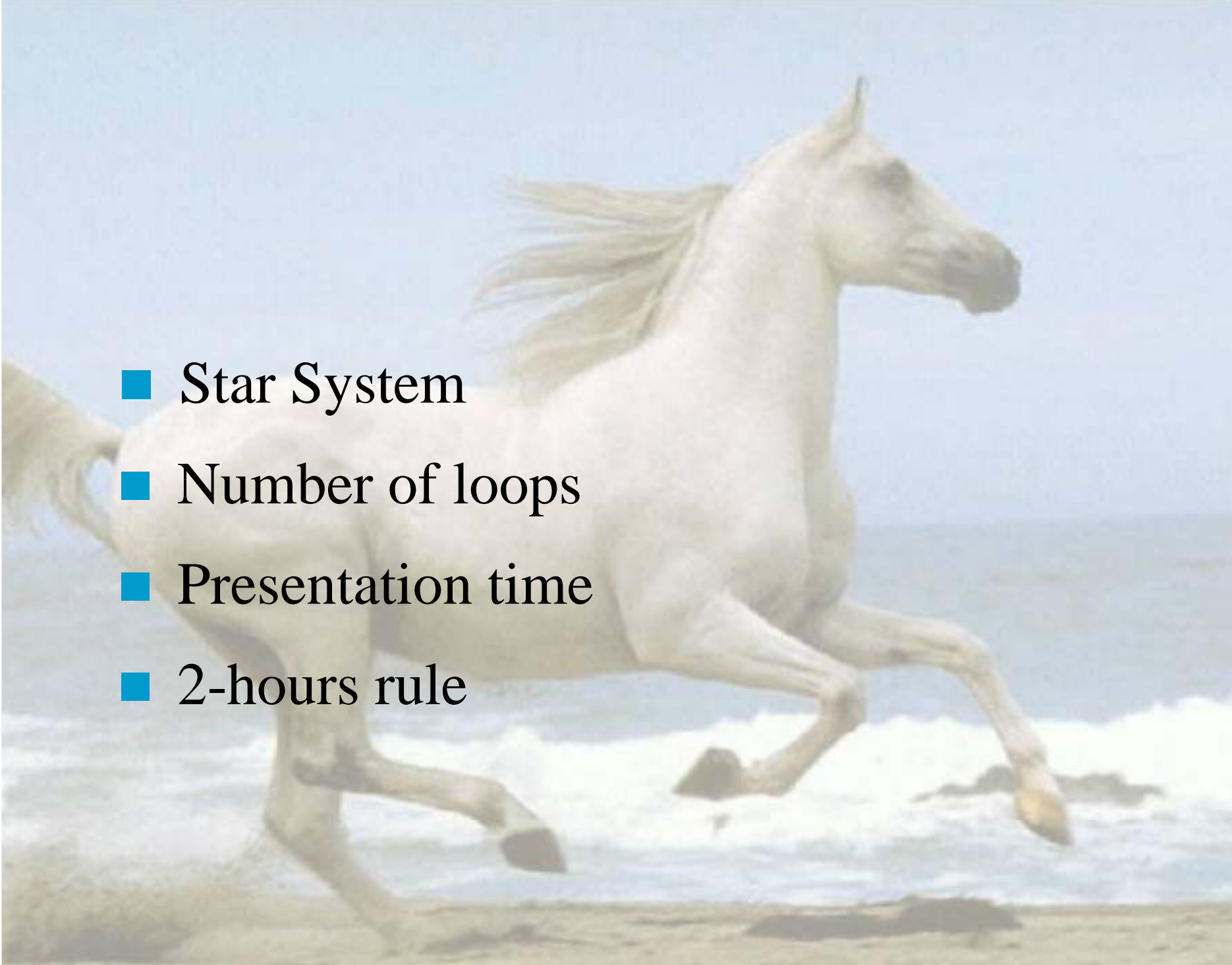
A white horse is captured in a full gallop on a sandy beach. The horse's mane and tail are blowing in the wind, and its legs are extended in a powerful stride. In the background, the ocean waves are breaking onto the shore under a clear blue sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of freedom and natural beauty.

# Communication and Attraction

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- Choose a competent speaker for major events
  - Choose a competent media responsible who leads the media through the event
  - Favour the creation of International Ride Circuits
  - **Eliminate the word "elimination"**

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# Format of rides

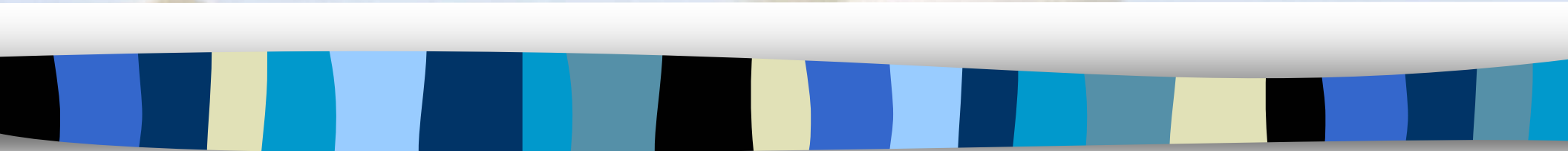
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- Star System
  - Number of loops
  - Presentation time
  - 2-hours rule

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# Qualifications



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- Qualifications in general
  - Qualifications for Championships
  - Introduction of a downgrading system



Thank you for your attention

