

FEI ENDURANCE FORUM

- GROUP EIGHT
- AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, MALAYSIA, KOREA, JAPAN



AUSTRALIA

- 2,500 members
- 120 training rides per year
- Over 120 x 80km rides per year
- 15 Championship, 160km rides per year



AUSTRALIA

- Tom Quilty National Championship 160k Ride 2006
- 307 competitors, completion rate 57.33%
- Winner – Abdullah Kharmis Ali Saeed (UAE) in 9hr 15mins



AUSTRALIA

- Gold medal winners in Compiegne 2000
- Silver in Dubai 2004/5
- Bronze in The Hague 1994, Dubai 1998 & Jerez 2002
- Young Riders WC Bahrain 2006 Gold medal winners



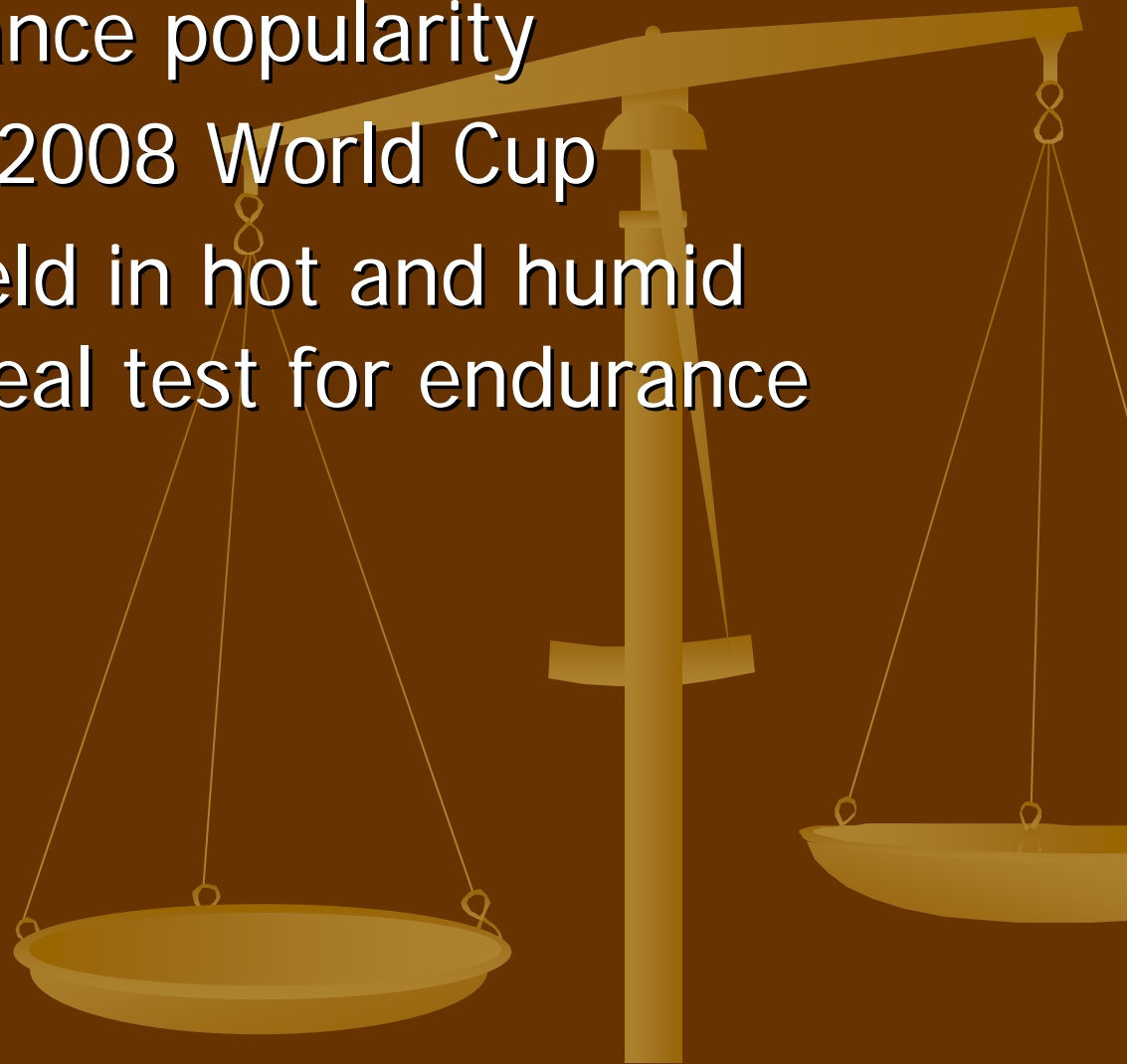
NEW ZEALAND

- Full NZEF discipline
- Very strong international competitors
- Gold medal winners in Dubai 1998
- All endurance events held under FEI rules



MALAYSIA

- Growing endurance popularity
- Host nation for 2008 World Cup
- Competitions held in hot and humid conditions – a real test for endurance



JAPAN

- Holding first FEI 160km ride in June
- Japanese riders competed successfully in Australia for approx 10 years
- Veterinarian on international panel at the Tom Quilty and Tevis Cup



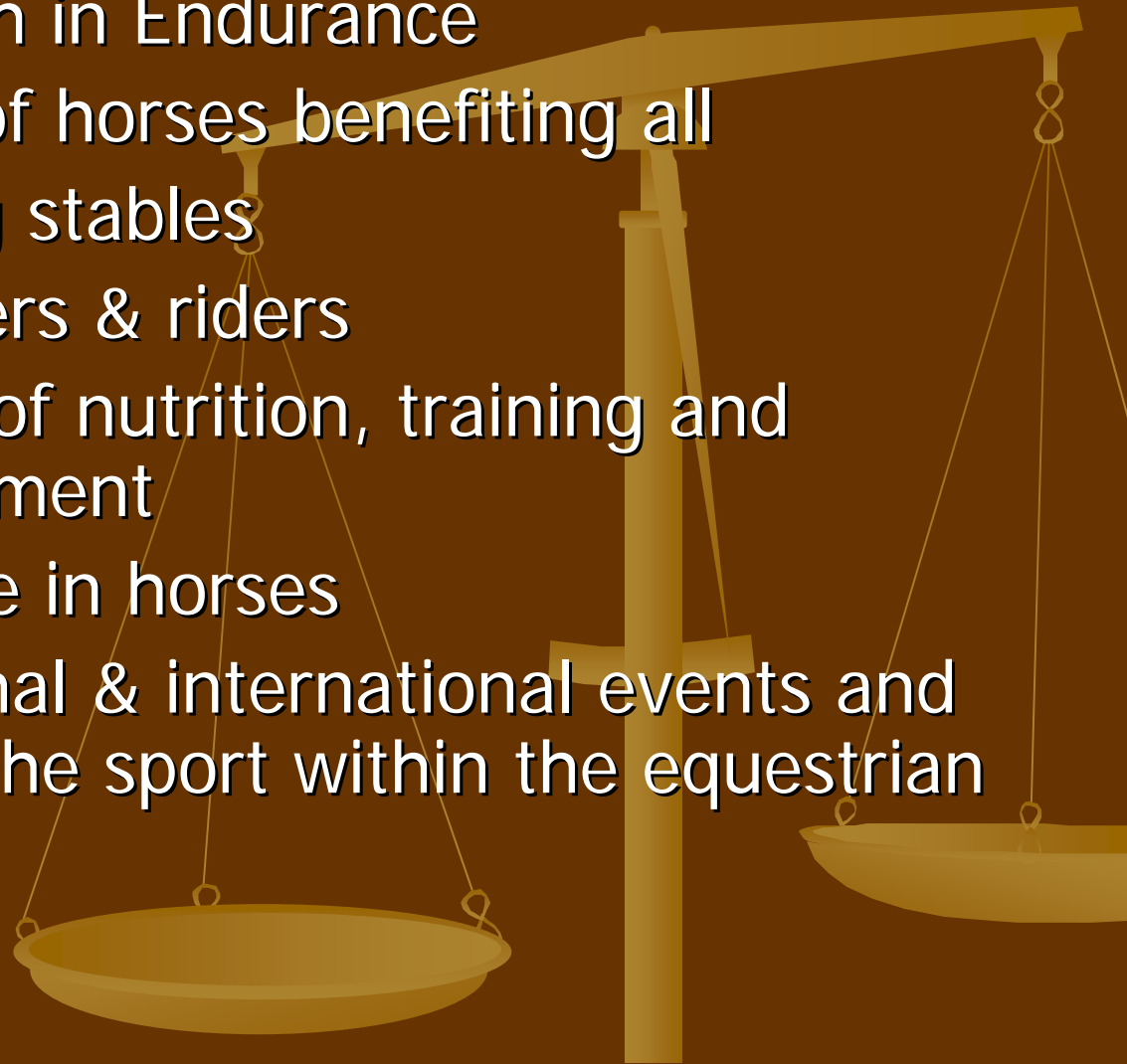
THE FUTURE – GROUP 8

- Biggest event is the 2008 World Endurance Championships
- Trans-Tasman series occurs annually between Australia and New Zealand
- A tri-nations series between Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia



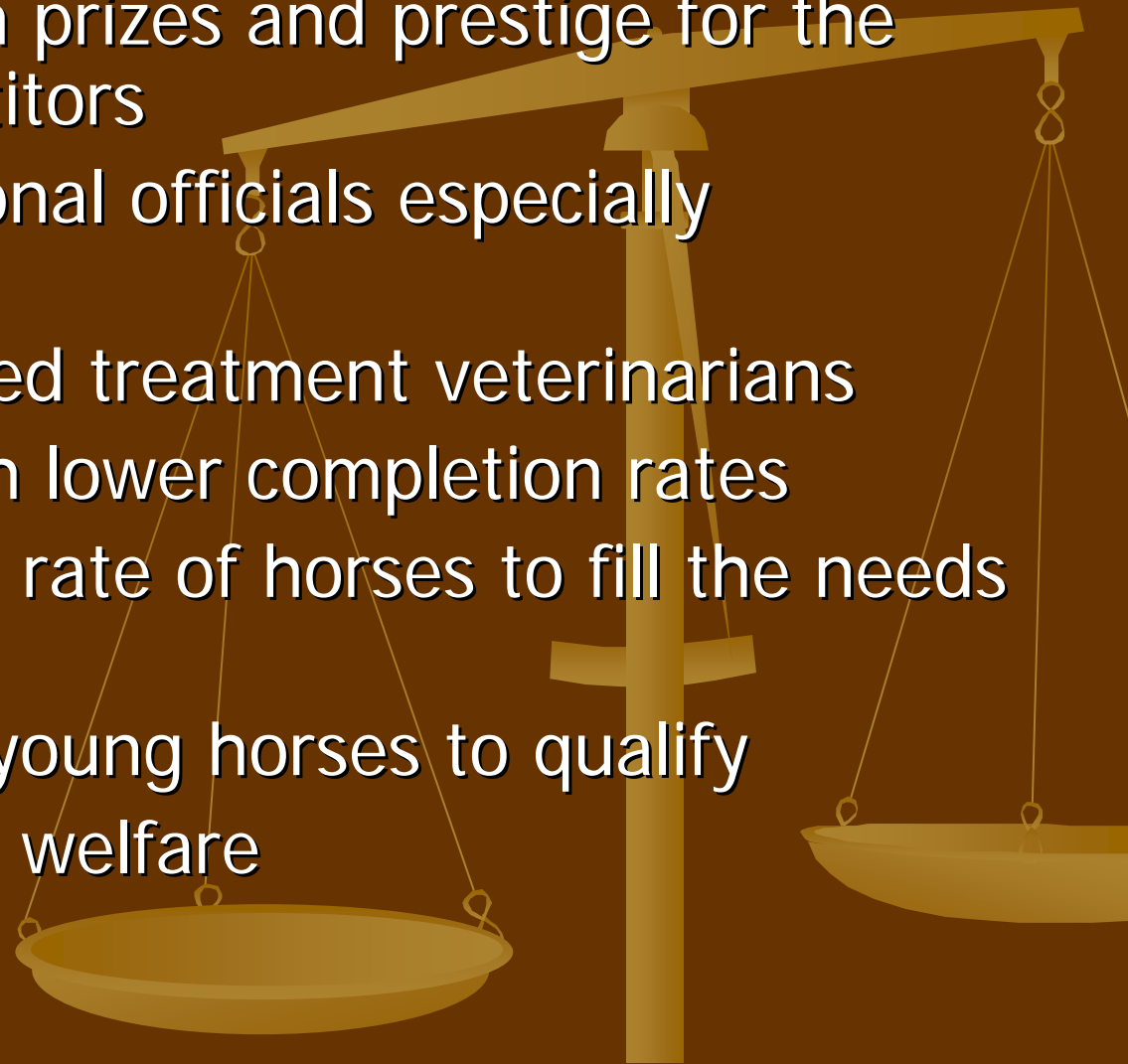
The Sport

- World wide growth in Endurance
- Increasing value of horses benefiting all
- Dedicated training stables
- Professional trainers & riders
- Higher standards of nutrition, training and veterinary involvement
- International trade in horses
- High profile national & international events and a high profile for the sport within the equestrian sports



The Sport

- Faster events with prizes and prestige for the successful competitors
- Need for professional officials especially veterinarians
- Need for specialized treatment veterinarians
- Faster speeds with lower completion rates
- High consumption rate of horses to fill the needs of the sport
- High demand for young horses to qualify
- Pressure on horse welfare



The Competition

- 160k ride must remain the gold standard for championship events
- Held in weather conditions and on a suitable track that is conducive to the welfare of the horse and good competition
- Team competition must remain an essential part of endurance championships



The Competition

- Qualifications for championships need to be reviewed

It is time for nations to qualify for WC as in other disciplines on a fair and equitable basis

Best riders on the best horses competing

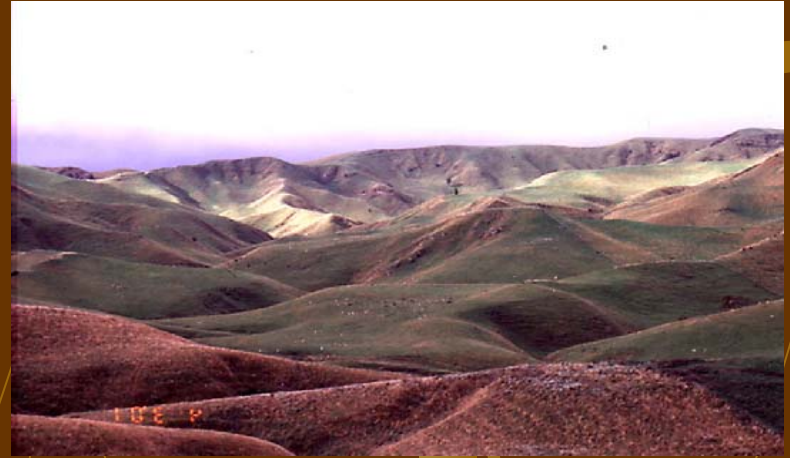
Raising the standard of the event and image of sport

Promoting horse welfare

Financially viable for host nations



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- Need to rate courses according to level of technical difficulty, taking into account terrain, weather conditions.
- Set track standards
- Appropriate training for course designers.



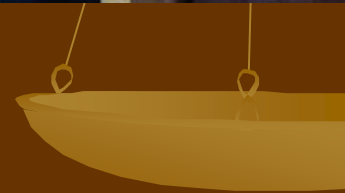
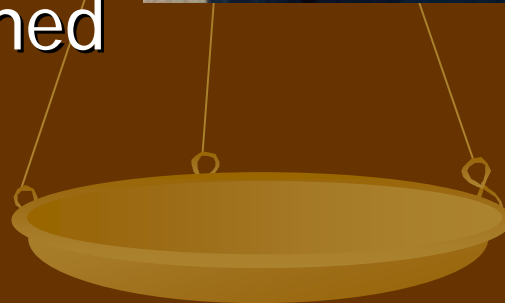
Officials

- Training of veterinarians should be ongoing, monitored by National Federations and better training aids (video etc)
- Develop a process for loss of veterinary /Official accreditation
- Conflict of interests clearly defined wrt clients and patients



Officials-Veterinarians

- 3 veterinarians required to vote on every elimination at 3 & 4 star events – i.e. metabolic, lameness, injury
- Final veterinary examination at rides needs be streamlined



Officials

- Two hour invasive tmt rule hard to police without an examination
- CRI has different interpretations in different countries and needs to be re-examined
- Foreign veterinary delegate report needs to be reviewed for relevancy



Officials- TD & Ground Jury

- Recommend a training programme for ride organisers
- Standard of performance of officials varies from country to country
- Integrity of the custody of veterinarians' voting slips not guaranteed
- Conflict of interest issues have to be clarified i.e. family and horses competing



Officials

- TD report to be reviewed to reflect the role of the TD
- Rules are interpreted differently in different countries
- Guideline for the supervision of endurance events for all officials be published and be the basis of for training
- Decisions making process transparent and with integrity



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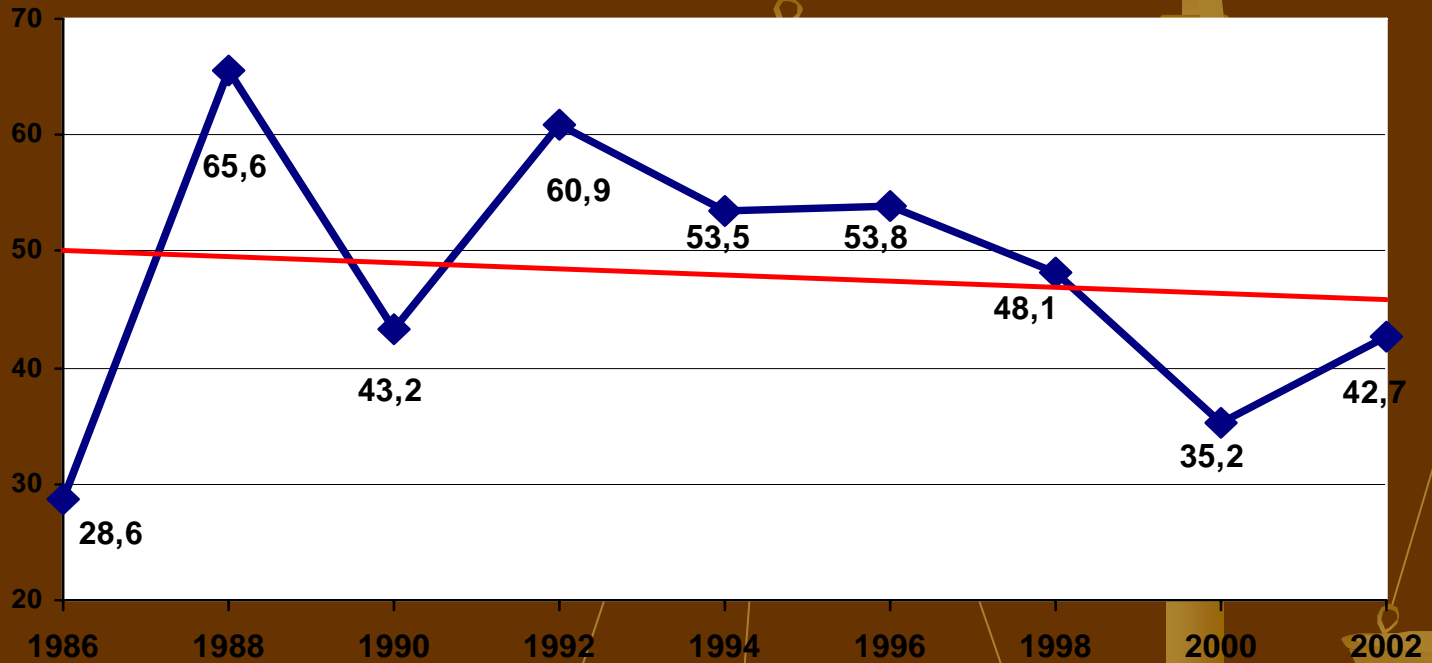


The Horse

- What is happening with welfare?
 - Faster speeds
 - Low completion rates
 - High invasive treatment rates

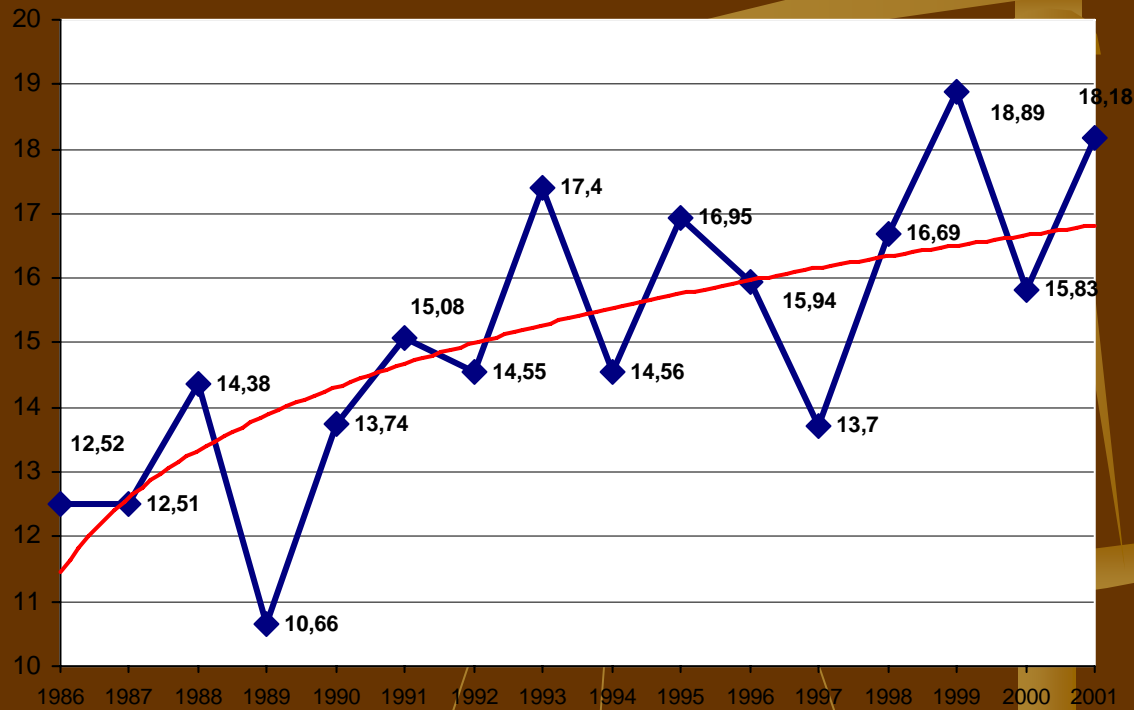


The Horse Completion Rates WC 1986-2002

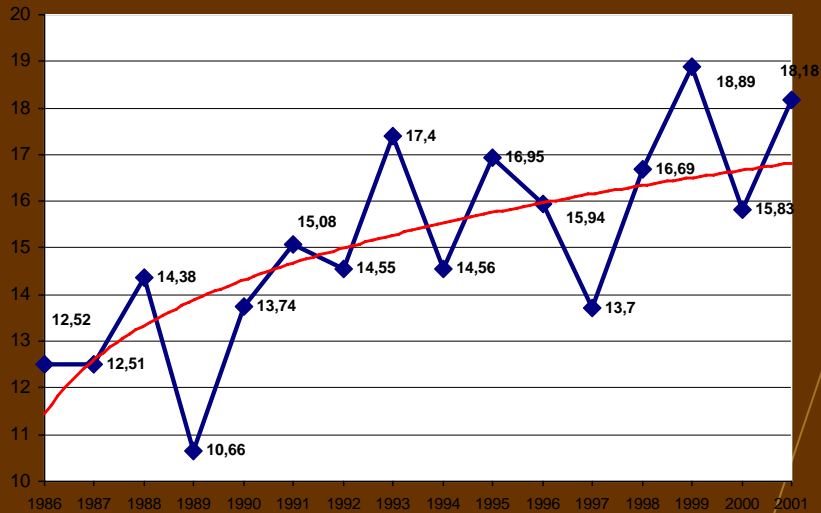


The Horse

Top Ten Average Speed WC

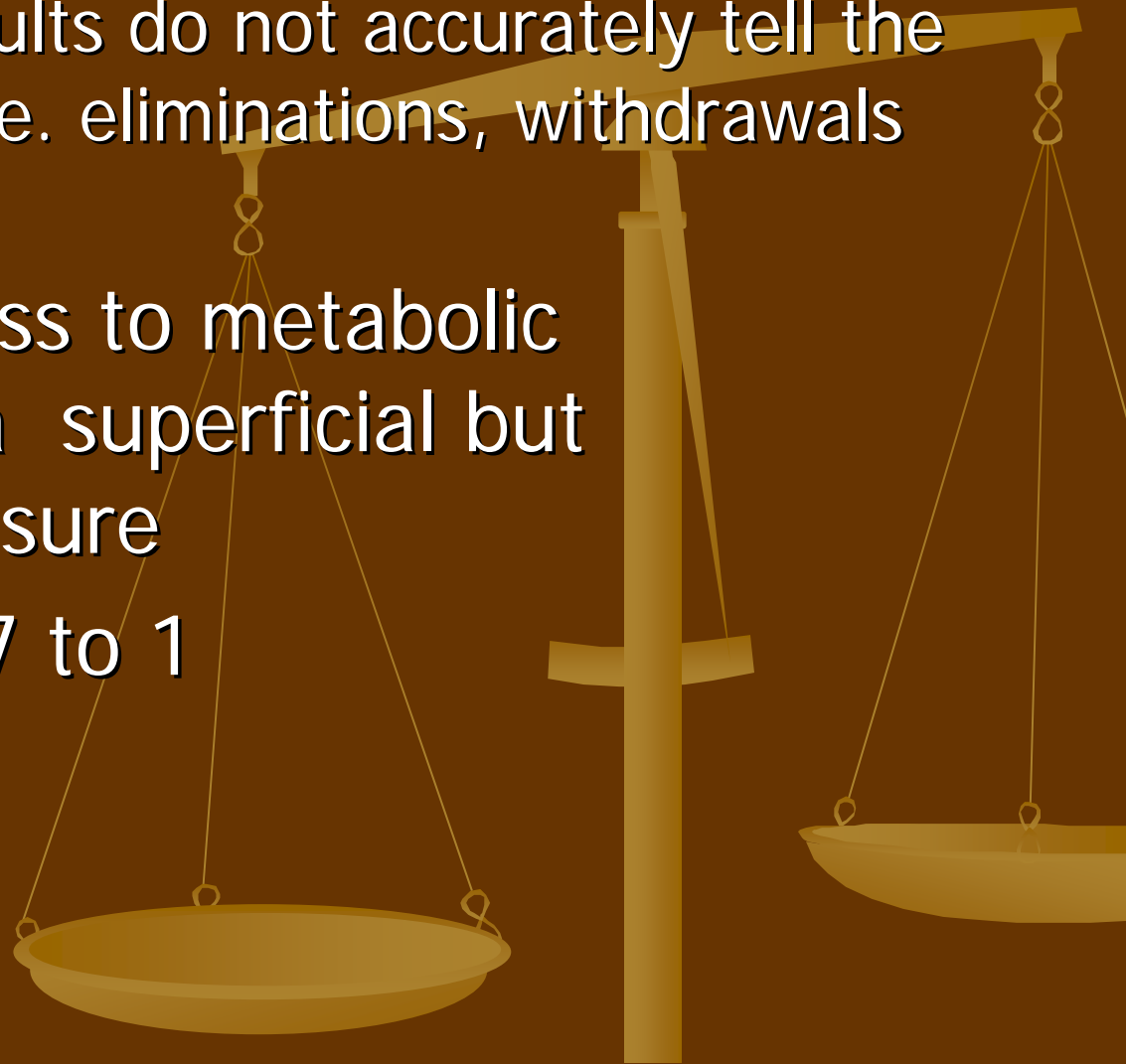


Completion Rates



The Horse

- Published ride results do not accurately tell the story of the ride i.e. eliminations, withdrawals and treatments
- Ratio of lameness to metabolic eliminations is a superficial but reasonable measure
- Australia Ratio 7 to 1



The Horse

Tom Quilty Completion Data

Year	Total Entry	Comple't'n Rate(%)	Vet Out Metabolics (Inc pulse& metabolics as % total Vet Out)	Vet Out Lameness (as % total Vet Out)	Withdrawn (as % total Vet Out)	Fastest Time
1994(Qld)	286	57	10	79	11	10hrs39min
1997(NSW)	255	56	37	51	12	10hrs28min
1998(SA)	202	53	10	63	27	12hrs8mins
1999(Tas)	118	59	12	75	13	11hrs11min
2001(WA)	129	63	18	63	19	11hrs
2002(Vic)	191	69	16	70	14	10hrs30min

The Horse

Table 2
Summary FEI Endurance Rides 2002

Ride and Distance	Total No. Entries	Completion Rate(%)	Vet Out (metabolics as % Vet Out)	Vet Out (lameness as % Vet Out)	Withdrawn (as % of Vet Out)	Fastest Time
2001 State Champ'ship (160km) FEI Regulations	33	57	7	57	36	9hrs10mins
2001 State Champ'ship (160km) AERA Regulations	51	53	8	79	13	10hrs39mins
Kilkeven 160km FEI Regulations	44	36	11	78	11	12hrs17mins
Pachendale 120km FEI Regulations	65	64	4	91	5	6hrs59mins
2002 State Champ'ship 160km AERA Regs	66	51	15	70	15	10hrs37mins

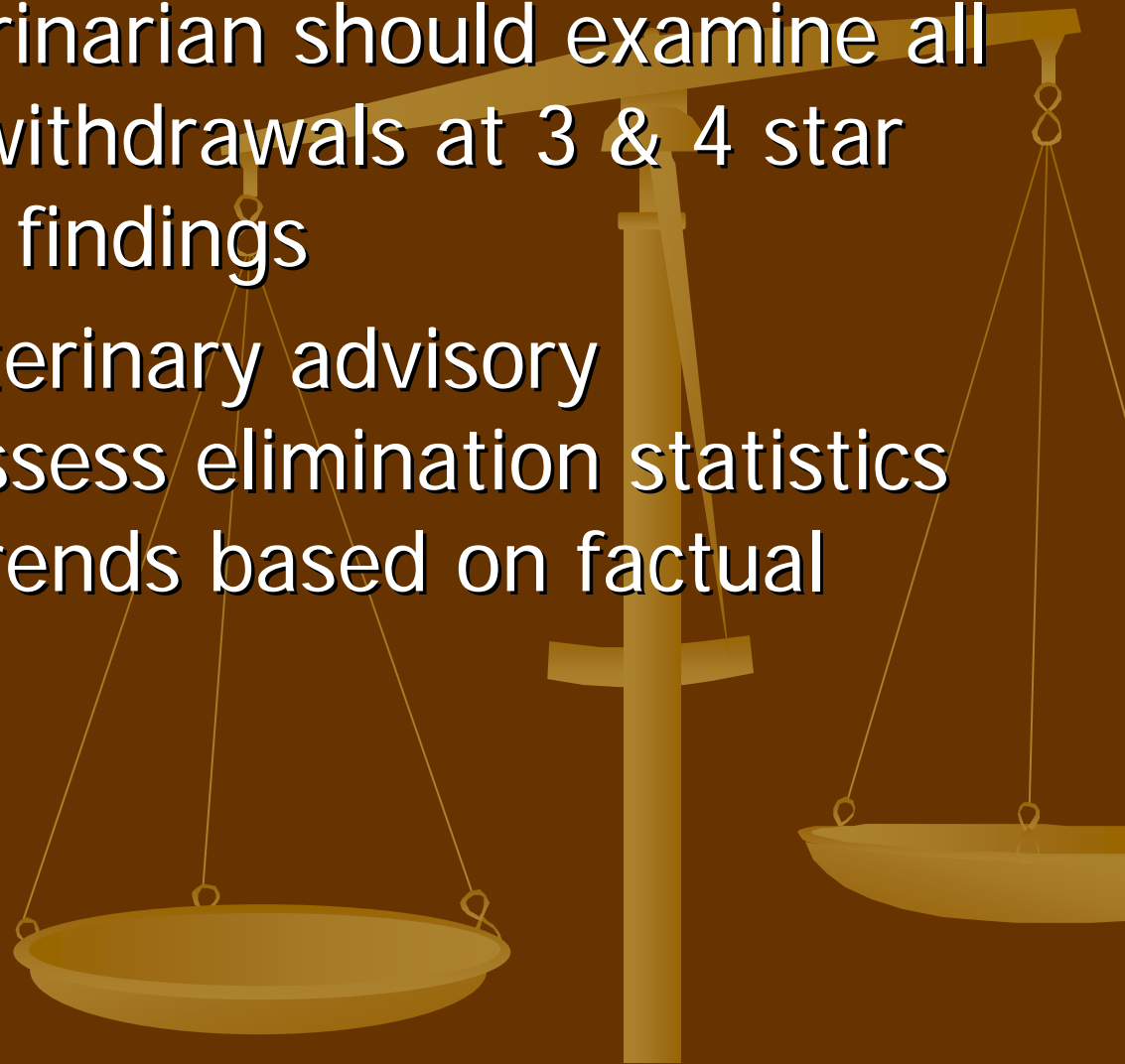
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- What data is being collected?
- Who is monitoring the trends ?
- Are we confident that low completion rates are acceptable?



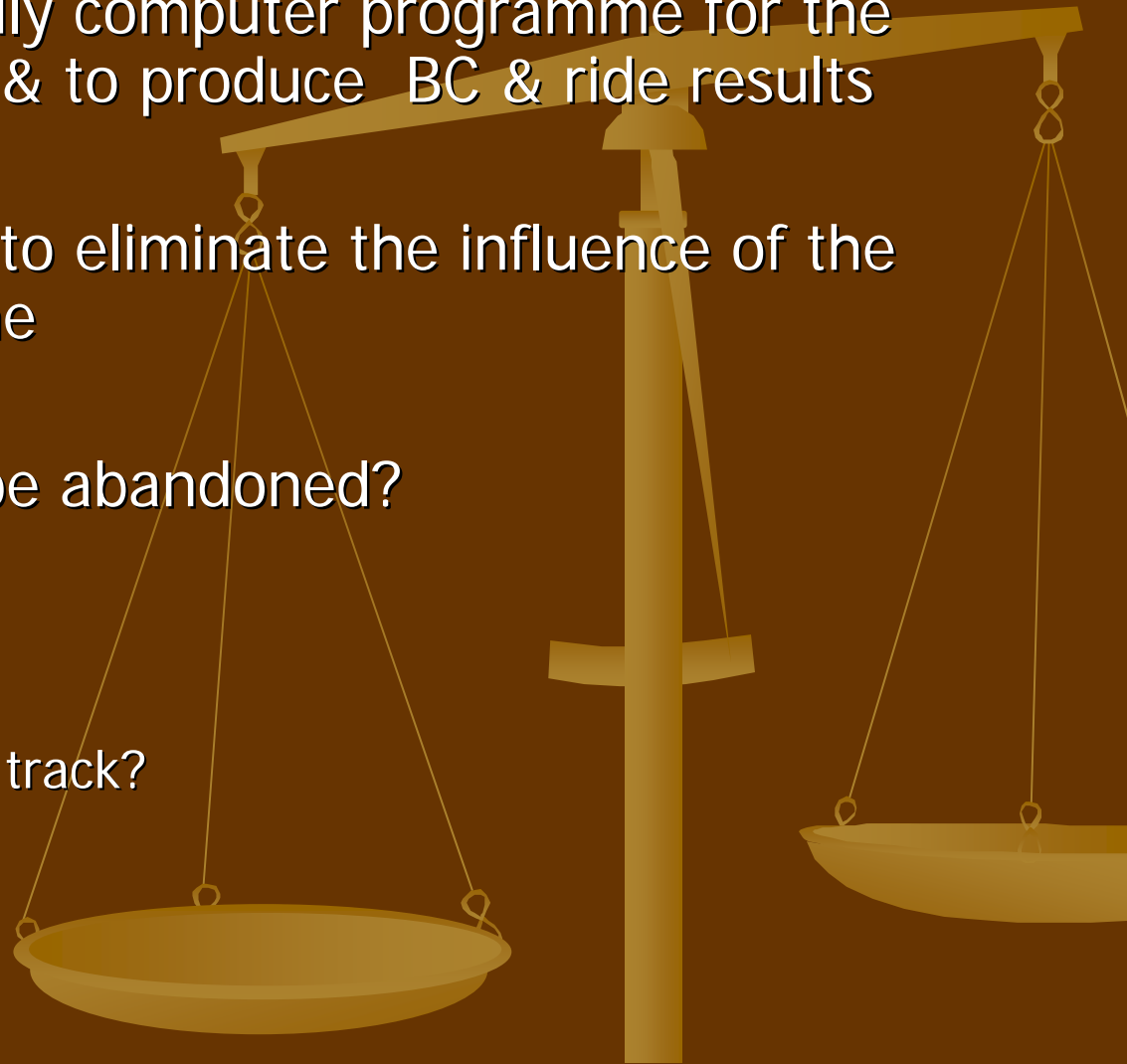
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- Treatment veterinarian should examine all eliminations & withdrawals at 3 & 4 star events & report findings
- Re-establish veterinary advisory committee to assess elimination statistics and report on trends based on factual data



The Horse

- Develop a user friendly computer programme for the running of the event & to produce BC & ride results
- BC form be changed to eliminate the influence of the final presentation time
- When should a ride be abandoned?
 - Fatalities
 - Hospital overflowing
 - Weather conditions
 - Alternative Plan with track?
 - Indefinite hold?



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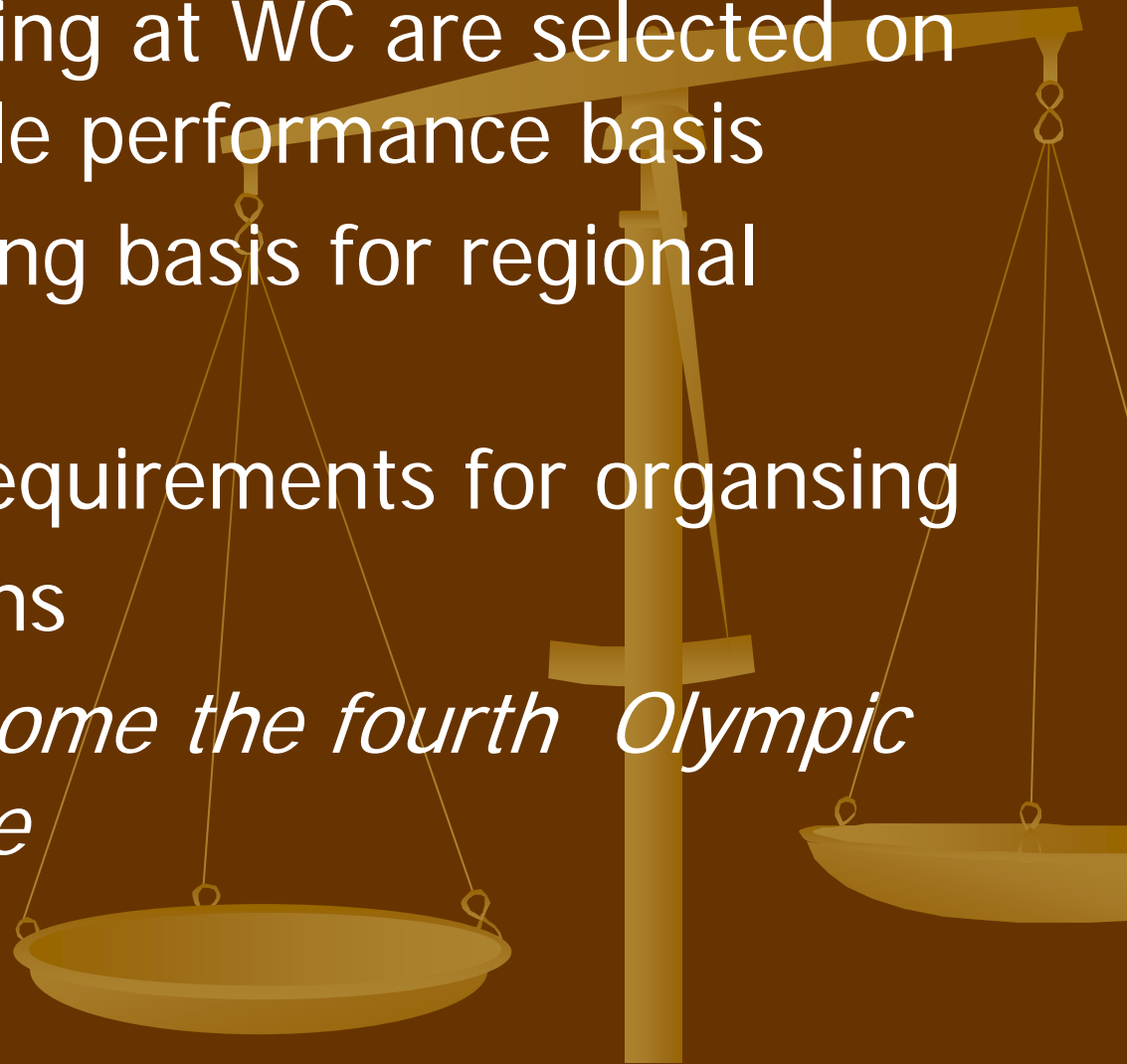
- Course for Endurance Treatment Veterinarians
- Very specialised area of expertise
- Be part of FEI course for Veterinarians



The Future

- Nations competing at WC are selected on a fair & equitable performance basis
- Develop a funding basis for regional championships
- Review of fee requirements for organising FEI competitions

Endurance to become the fourth Olympic equine discipline



The Future

- Trends to continue for greater athletic performance
- Endurance Research Foundation needs to be established funded by the sport
- Horse Welfare to remain paramount

