

Qualification Criteria for the 2009 CH-Pan-Am-E Costa Azul (URU)

1. To be qualified to participate in any Championship or any other CEI 4* ride, a rider/horse as a combination has to have successfully completed a CEI 3* "2007/2008" (or above) ride or a CEI 2* "2009" (or above) ride, the combination, in doing so, meeting the parameters and conditions as defined in Art 4 below. This minimum qualification must be achieved within 24 months prior to the closing date of nominated entry.
2. If the rider/horse has not qualified as a combination per Art 1 above, to be qualified to participate in any Championship or any other CEI 4* ride, a horse has to have successfully completed a CEI 3* "2007/2008" (or above) ride or a CEI 2* "2009" (or above) ride, the horse, in doing so, meeting the parameters and conditions as defined in Art 4 below. This minimum qualification must be achieved within 24 months prior to the closing date for nominated entry.

If the rider/horse has not qualified as a combination per Art 1 above, to be qualified to participate in any Championship or any other CEI 4* ride, the rider has to have successfully completed 3 endurance rides (at least one of them a CEI 3* "2007/2008" (or above) ride and/or a CEI 2* "2009" (or above) ride, the rider, in doing so, meeting the parameters and conditions as defined in Art 4 below. This minimum qualification must be achieved within 24 months prior to the closing date for nominated entry.

3. For national events to be considered as qualifiers, at least one International FEI Judge must be on the Ground Jury. NFs wishing to use national events as qualifiers must, prior to the event, advise the FEI of the International Judge which the NF wishes to appoint.

The International FEI Judge at national events, which are used as qualifiers for Championships, must be foreign and approved prior to the event by the FEI.

4. The rider/horse must:
 1. Successfully complete the ride(s) (as defined above) equal to, or greater than, the published Championship or CEI 4* distance (5kms tolerance allowed).
 2. Successfully complete the ride(s) (as defined above) in a ride time equal to, or less than, 10 hours per 120 kms distance.
 3. Successfully complete the ride(s) (as defined above) in the same *time frame* as the published Championship or CEI 4*.

Time Frame:

- One Day: A ride which has no single hold time in excess of 120 minutes and has a total of all hold times not exceeding 300 minutes.
- Multiple Day: A ride which has one or more single hold times in excess of 480 minutes.

Note: The Qualification requirements above have been extracted from the Rules for Endurance Events, 6th edition, Art. 825.