

29th September 2016

Re: World Endurance Championships 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

The Australian Federation has been following the results from the World Endurance Championships 2016 very closely and would like to offer some suggestions for ways in which the completion rates for Championship events could be increased and the level of horse welfare improved. These suggestions include:

1. Include compulsory walk in/walk out water points on each leg to allow horses the opportunity to slow down and regain their breath for a short while.
2. Where courses are going to be flatter institute the lower heart rate and shorter recovery time parameters, for example, HR of 56 must be achieved within 20 minutes.
3. Encourage the selection of more technical courses for Championship events where the terrain requires more thoughtful and considered riding

The Australian Federation fully supports the FEI in its efforts to improve horse welfare within the endurance discipline and would like to commend the FEI for its continuing efforts in this area.

Kind Regards,

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