

I - GENERAL INFORMATIONS

CCI * without Steeple-Chase and CIC****

19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd May 2011

SAUMUR - Maine et Loire

Verrie Race-Course, ground belonging to "Ecole Nationale d'Equitation".

Organiser :

Comité Equestre de Saumur

25 quai Mayaud - 49400 SAUMUR - FRANCE

Phone : 00 33 241 673 637 - Fax : 00 33 241 676 491

Email. comite@saumur.org – Site Internet : www.saumur.org

Affiliation :

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Event President :

Jacques MARTIN

Event Director :

François SAINT-ANDRE

Event Prize Money :

About 47 000 €

II - GENERAL CONDITIONS

∞ **The event will be run in accordance with :**

- FEI General Regulations, 23rd edition, 1st January 2009, updated effective 1st January 2011
- FEI Statutes, 22nd edition, effective 15 April 2007, updated effective 1st January 2011
- FEI Veterinary Regulations, 12th edition effective 5th April 2010, updated effective 1st January 2011
- FEI Rules for Eventing, 23rd Edition, 1st January 2009, updated 1st January 2011
- 2011 FEI World Cup Eventing Rules (if applicable)
- Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations (EADCMR), 1st Edition, effective 5 April 2010, updates effective 1st January 2011
- FEI Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes (ADRHA), 2nd edition, effective on 1st January 2009
- FEI Rules for Eventing, 23rd edition, effective 1st January 2009, updated 1st January 2010
- All subsequent corrections and modifications as published by the FEI with its provisions taking precedence

An arbitration procedure is provided for in the FEI Statutes and General Regulations referred to above. In accordance with this procedure, any appeal against a decision rendered by the FEI or its official body is to be settled exclusively by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland).

∞ **Non provided for cases will be solved as follows :**

- Technical cases : by the Ground Jury, if necessary, by the Appeal Jury,
- Non-technical cases : by the organising committee.

III – OFFICIELS

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∞ **Ground Jury :**

President

Alain JAMES (FRA)

Luciano CANTINI (IRL)

Members :

Sandy PHILIPS (GBR)

Catherine AGAESSE (FRA)

Martin PLEWA (GER)

Jumping Judge

Yves LAURENT (FRA)

∞ **Technical Delegate :**

Gaston BILEITCZUK (FRA)

∞ **Course designer :**

Pierre MICHELET (FRA)

∞ **Assistant course designer :** Mathieu GRASSET (FRA)

∞ **Course designer :**

Thierry TOUZAIN (FRA)

Jumping Course designer

Pierre MICHELET (FRA)

∞ **Chief Steward:**

Patrick MICHAUD (FRA)

Members :

Philippe LANGLOIS (FRA)

Philippe JUVIN (FRA)

Thierry CASTELLE (FRA)

∞ **Veterinary Delegate :**

Dr Olivier GEFFROY (FRA)

∞ **Associate Member :**

Dr Jérôme BOUVIER (FRA)

∞ **Ground Veterinaries :**

Dr Aurélie VAULTIER (FRA)

Dr Isabelle BURGAUD (FRA)

Dr Emmanuelle DRUOTON (FRA)

Clinique Vétérinaire de l'Ecole Nationale d'Equitation (FRA)

IV - PROVISIONAL TIME-TABLE

∞ **TUESDAY, 17th MAY 2011**

2:30 pm

- Inspection of the ground by the Ground Jury

∞ **WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY 2011**

9:00 am

- Briefing of competitors and draw for starting order

10:00 am

- Inspection of the Cross Country courses

from 2:00 pm

- 1st horses inspection

from 5:30 pm - Chefs d'Equipe's meeting

∞ **THURSDAY, 19th MAY 2011**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Dressage Tests

∞ **FRIDAY, 20th MAY 2011**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Dressage Tests

6:00 pm - Rider's meeting

∞ **SATURDAY, 21st MAY 2011**

9:00 am - 6:00 pm - Cross Country Tests

∞ **SUNDAY, 22nd MAY 2011**

8:00 am - 2nd horses inspection

10:00 am and 2:30 pm - Jumping Tests

5:00 pm - Prizes Giving Ceremony

V - TECHNICAL AND SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

1. OUTSIDE EVENT

∞ **Competition arena**

Dressage : 60 m x 20 m : grass

Jumping : 100 m x 70 m : grass

∞ **Exercise arena**

Dressage : 60 m x 20 m : grass

Jumping : 60 m x 30 m : grass

2. DRESSAGE

CCI*: 2009-A Official Test (3 stars) of the FEI / CIC**: 2009-A Official Test (2stars) of the FEI**

to be accomplished from memory on the surface of a rectangle (60 m x 20 m)

3. CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

∞ **CCI***** : Course distance : about 5 400m
Speed : 570m/mn – Time : about 10mn – Number of efforts : 38 maximum

∞ **CIC****: Course distante : about 3 400m
Speed : 550m/mn – Time : about 6mn – Number of efforts : 30 maximum

Kind of ground: in forest, hilly, soft soil, sand and soil.

4. JUMPING TEST

- ∞ **CCI***** : Length of the course : from 450 to 550 meters
Speed : 375 m/mn - Maximum height of the obstacles : 1,25 meters
Number of obstacles : 11 to 12 - Number of strains : maximum 15

- ∞ **CIC****: Length of the course : from 400 to 500 meters
Speed : 350 m/mn - Maximum height of the obstacles : 1,20 meters
Number of obstacles : 10 to 11 - Number of strains : maximum 14

Kind of ground : grass

VI – REGISTRATION OF RIDERS

All athletes & horses participating in any International Eventing competition must be registered with the FEI (See GR Art. 113, Art. 511.1 & 511.2).

VI – QUALIFICATION OF COMPETITORS & HORSES (Art.506)

Each NF must certify the minimum eligibility requirements of each horse and athlete and list the competitions which enabled horse and athlete to qualify, according to the qualification procedure established for each star level as laid out in Art. 506. Relevant level and criteria must be included in the schedule.

Principles

In order to compete at an international event, an athlete and horse must have obtained the minimum eligibility requirements at a number of events at a lower level.

The requirements are laid out below. With the approval of the FEI and their own NF, OCs may impose additional qualifications for horses and/or athletes, which must be published in the schedule.

1.2. Minimum eligibility requirements

The minimum eligibility requirements are achieved by completing a competition within minimum parameters of all round performance. As follows:

- Dressage Test: not more than 75 penalty points;
- Cross-Country Test:
 - From 2009 onwards, the results at obstacles at International events need to include, where applicable, a clear round (0 penalties) at obstacles for CICs events and maximum 20 penalties at a CCI.
 - Not more than 90 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross. At 4* events, the maximum time by which the optimum time may be exceeded is 120 seconds; and
- **Jumping Test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.**

1.3. Certification of Qualification for Events

1.3.1. All NFs, including the host nation, are responsible to certify that athletes and horses entered by them in international events are correctly qualified in accordance with all the requirements of the Rules.

1.3.2. All qualifying events must be identified, and any national events must be certified as of at least the equivalent standard of difficulty as the relevant international star level of competition.

1.3.3. The Technical Delegate or his nominee shall check that all horses and athletes starting at all International events are properly certified as qualified by their NF or duly exempted in accordance with this article.

1.4. Qualifying Period and Deadline

1.4.1 Minimum eligibility requirements for CIOs, CCIs and CICs must be obtained in the calendar year in question or the 2 preceding calendar years.

1.4.2 The Minimum Eligibility Requirement at a CCI must be obtained at least 24 days before the Cross Country test of the event for which it is needed; a Minimum Eligibility Requirement at a CIC must be obtained at least 10 days before the event for which it is needed.

1.4.3 Minimum eligibility requirements may be achieved as a combination or separately by athlete and horse.

1.4.4 Where a Minimum Eligibility Requirement at a CIC is specified, one Minimum Eligibility Requirement at a CCI of the same level is equally acceptable.

1.5. Required minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) for CCIO/CCI/CIC/CICO

CCI / CCIO 3* - Minimum 3 MER required	CIC / CICO 2* - Minimum 1 MER required:
1x CCI 2* <u>plus</u> 1x CIC 3* <u>plus</u> 1x CIC 3* or CNC 3*	1x CIC 1* or 1x CNC 2*

VII - CLASSIFICATION AND PRIZES (Art. 128, 129 and 130)

INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION (1 prize for 4 starters) - AMOUNT : about 35 000 €

CCI* (in Euro)**

- 1st : 9757
- 2nd : 6860
- 3rd : 4726
- 4th : 3049
- 5th : 2439
- 6th : 1982

- 7th : 1524
- 8th : 1220
- 9th : 1067
- 10th : 945
- 11th : 457
- from 12th : 300
- Further prizes of 250€ in the ratio of one for every four starters over 49

INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION (1 prize for 4 starters) - AMOUNT : about 12 000 €

CIC (in Euro)**

- 1st : 3000
- 2nd : 2400
- 3rd : 1600
- 4th : 1080
- 5th : 840
- 6th : 600

- 7th : 500
- 8th : 420
- 9th : 360
- 10th : 310
- 11th : 150
- from 12th : 120
- Further prizes of 100€ in the ratio of one for every four starters over 49

AWARD :

About €47 000

PAYMENT OF PRIZES AND INDEMNITIES

The payment of sums due by the Organising Committee to the competitors will be done according to the Art. 130.2. Prizes will be given at the latest, at the end of the last competition of the event. The Art. 30.II of the "Laws of Finances" for 1990, which modifies the Art.182.B of the General Code of Taxes, submit the wages given, from the first of January 1990, to people living outside France and who attended artistic or sport competitions supplied or used in France to retain 15% from the specific amount with all proper reserves of International Conventions.

TROPHIES

Cups and presents will be offered to the ranked competitors.

VIII – INVITATIONS (Art. 107,108,120,507)

Each nation is allowed to enter competitors with 4 horses/1 groom per competitor.

σ **However, the organising committee reserves the right of limit the number of competitors for each nation, after receipt of the final entries.**

Invited nations: Germany, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Netherlands Antilles, Belgium, Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Great-Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mauritius, Norway, New-Zealand, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, USA.

1. GRANTED FACILITIES

∞ **Riders and Grooms**

Cocktail offered on the ground, on Wednesday 18th May evening.

Party on the site on Saturday 21st May evening, offered to the riders and grooms.

Accommodation: the reservation for rooms in the hotels, at competitors and grooms' charge, should be made at the :

Office de Tourisme de Saumur - Place de la Bilange - BP 241 - 49415 SAUMUR CEDEX
Phone : 00 33 241 402 060 Fax : 00 33 241 402 069 – Web Site : www.ot-saumur.fr

∞ **Horses**

The horses belonging to the foreign and French riders will be **freely** accommodated in boxes (3x3m), near the competition arena. The first bedding and one bale of straw per horse and per day, are furnished from the second day.

Attention: any other kind of bedding (shavings...) will be provided if requested with the final entries (at the latest the 4th May) and paid 50 €/per box, to the O.C.

. Boxes used as saddle and harness rooms will be at the rider's disposal, **according to the vacant places.**

. The boarding expenses of the accompanying people will be at their own charge.

2. RECEPTION

First possible day for arrival is Monday, May 16th 2011 from 10:00 am.

Take into account from Wednesday 18th May morning, until Monday morning, the 23th May included.

Days and hours for arrival should be indicated in time, to the organising committee to facilitate the organisation of the reception

3. ADMISSION AUTHORIZATIONS

In order to give them all the necessary tickets and badges for the event, the owners (whose name has been given with the final entry of their horse - 2 maximum per horse), the riders and their grooms will have to let us know definitely their surnames, first names and position at the organising committee.

Veterinary Regulations : Art. 1005.2

Limited admission to the area during the event. The only personnel authorised by the Organising Committee to enter the stable area are : Technical Delegate, members of the Ground Jury and Appeal Committee, stewards, Veterinary Commission/Delegate, Treating Veterinarians, Official farrier and team farriers, individual competitor's private farrier, persons responsible for horses, not more than two owners per horse, Chefs d'Equipes, Trainers, Grooms, Forwarding agents.

In addition, and with the approval of the President of the O.C., Presidents and Secretary General of NFs, and accredited journalists accompanied by an official appointed by the O.C., may also visit the stable area.

4. TRAFFIC

No unauthorised motor vehicles are on the Verrie Site, apart from access to car parks, and on tarred roads.

No local transportation from hotels to showground provided. No pick up by the OC.

5. ADVERTISING ON HORSES

Competitors can wear their team's or sponsor's logo on their saddle cloth or stable rugs (Art.136.1&2, amendments Bulletin 1/98). No advertisement or publicity other than logos defined in paragraph 1 .above may be displayed on any competitor, official horse while present in any competition arena. However, OC may display the name and/or logo of the competition's sponsor on members of the arena party and on the numbers worn by competitors at CO, CA, CV et CE. The size of the logo shall not exceed 100 cm².

IX – ENTRIES (Art. 121 & 510)

Athletes are entered by the OC through their NF (Art. 121.1 will apply).

The entries of foreign competitors should be sent to

- the "Comité Equestre de Saumur" by mail: comite@saumur.org (fax: **00 33 241 676 491**).
- with copy to the French Equestrian Federation : activites.inter@ffe.com (fax: **00 33 158 175 883**).

ENTRY FEES :

CCI*** : 350 € per horse payable to the "Comite Equestre de Saumur"
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CIC : 300 € per horse payable to the “Comite Equestre de Saumur”**

This amount includes Sfrs 12,50 as share of the FEI Medication Control Program.

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Please note that, for the CCI* and CIC**, 100 €(so 30 % of the total amount of the entry fee) must be sent with the definitive entry.**

This amount is not refundable. The difference will be paid on arrival in Saumur, in Euros only.

Entries received without payment will not be processed.

Method of Payment

Bank transfer (*payable in Euro only*)

- **holder** : Concours Complet International de Saumur
- **Bank account n°**00060388231
- **name & address of Bank** : Crédit Agricole de l'Anjou et du Maine
- **IBAN Code** FR76 1790 6000 3200 0603 8823 157
- **SWIFT Code** : AGRIFRPP879

CLOSING DATES

- ∞ **Principle Entries**----- 7th March 2011
- ∞ **Nominated Entries**----- 12th April 2011
- ∞ **Definite Entries** ----- 3th May 2011

X - CUSTOM FORMALITIES

1- Any horse entering on the French Territory, whatever its country of origin outside EEC, must have a temporary Import Authorisation granted by : **U.N.I.C., 104 rue Réaumur, 75002 PARIS, Tel : 00 33 145 08 88 03.**

2 - On entering the French territory, horses will be covered by a temporary admission permit, on production of the above mentioned permit and of the requested temporary import documents, they shall be exempted from having to pay a deposit. **Horses coming from countries out of EEC. will be travelling under ATA.**

Horse Custom Fees will have to be settled at frontier at the expense of competitors.

XI - SANITARY CONDITIONS

Competitors will hold a valid veterinary certificate, good for their country of origin, and certifying that international transit veterinarian rules have been respected.

XII - VETERINARY MATTERS (Art. 1004.2,1005, 1011, 1022.1 et 519)

1. COMPETITION VETERINARY :

Clinique Vétérinaire de l'Ecole Nationale d'Equitation

Ecole Nationale d'Equitation

BP 207- 49411 SAUMUR CEDEX

Tél. 00 33 241 535 069– 0033 241 676 308

2. VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS, HORSE INSPECTIONS & PASSPORT CONTROLS

This visit shall be carried out in **May, 18th 2011 from 2.00p.m onwards** in accordance with the Veterinary Regulation (Art. 1011) and the Rules for Eventing (Art. 518.1 for the CCIs & 518.2 for CICs).

Art. 511.2.2

Every horse entered at CCNs, CICs**/* and CCIs**/* in a foreign country, and all horses entered for CICs***, CCIs****/****, CCIOs, Championships, Regional and Olympic Games, whether at home or in foreign countries, must have an official FEI Passport, or a National Passport approved by the FEI, as a means of identification and to establish ownership.

Art. 511.2.3

Horses taking part in CCNs, CICs**/* and CCIs**/* in the country in which they are resident are not required to have such a passport as mentioned in Paragraph 2.2 above. All such horses must be properly registered with their NF and identifiable and, unless there is no national requirement for vaccination in the host country and in the country of origin, all horses must have a valid vaccination certificate.

3. EQUINE INFLUENZA VACCINATION, VET. REGS. ANNEX VI (Updated 1st September)

Introduction

Equine Influenza (EI) is a viral respiratory disease which is highly contagious to susceptible horses. Outbreaks of the disease are occurring with increased frequency worldwide despite the widespread use of vaccines. The highly contagious nature of equine influenza means that it has the potential to seriously compromise international movement of horses. For a number of years the FEI rules have required an annual booster vaccination, but recent research indicates that, for many vaccines, protection declines after a few months. This means that towards the end of the vaccination year horses may become increasingly susceptible to infection again, but may not show clinical signs of disease. These cases are particularly dangerous as they can spread virus and could initiate outbreaks of disease.

The requirements for EI vaccination will be reviewed annually by the FEI Veterinary Committee and can be altered if the vaccination or disease situation changes.

Rule

From 1 January 2005 onwards, influenza vaccination for all horses competing in FEI competitions requires a vaccination within six months + 21 days of the competition. Horses competing regularly consequently require twice yearly boosters. The specific details to accomplish this are provided below:

1. All horses that intend to compete in FEI competition must have received at least an initial primary course of two vaccinations, the second dose of which must have been given between 21 and 92 days after the date of administration of the first dose. Thereafter, a third dose (referred to as the first booster) must be given within 6 months +21 days after the date of administration of the second primary dose, with at least annual boosters given subsequently (i.e. within 365 days of the last dose).

2. If the horse is scheduled to take part in an FEI competition, the last booster must have been given within 6 calendar months + 21 days of the day of competition or of entry to the FEI stables, whichever is the sooner. (The 21-day window has been provided to enable vaccination requirements to fit in with the competition schedule). Horses competing regularly consequently require twice yearly boosters.

3. It is also important that no vaccination should have been given within 7 days of the day of competition or of entry to the FEI stables, whichever is the sooner.

4. All horses that were certified as correctly vaccinated under the previous FEI equine influenza vaccination rule prior to 1st January 2005, should not need to start a primary course again provided that they have complied with the previous rule of primary course and annual re-vaccinations and the new rule of a booster vaccination within 6 calendar months + 21 days of the day of competition or entry to the FEI stables, whichever is the sooner.

Vaccines, Administration and Certification

- All proprietary equine influenza vaccines are acceptable to the FEI irrespective of the route of administration.
- All vaccines must be administered by a Veterinarian.
- The vaccination should be administered according to the manufacturer's instructions (i.e. intramuscular injection or intranasal). The FEI will accept intranasal vaccines for both primary and booster doses. However, it is not possible to change the route of administration between the first and second vaccination of the primary course.
- The details of the vaccine, serial/batch number, the date and route of administration must be recorded in the FEI passport.
- Where vaccination details are to be entered into new FEI passports/recognition cards or duplicates, if the vaccination history of the horse is very long, the Veterinarian who completes the descriptive page of the passport/recognition card may use a specific statement to certify that the vaccinations have been administered in accordance with FEI regulations (for the extract of the wording see Veterinary Regulations, Annex XIV.I.11).

Sanctions

As from 1 January 2006 a system of fines is being imposed by the Appeal Committee/Ground Jury for failure to comply with 6-month booster vaccinations.

- Less than one week after the 3-week vaccination window: **CHF 200.-**
- Less than two weeks after the 3-week vaccination window: **CHF 300.-**
- Less than four weeks after the 3-week vaccination window: **CHF 400.-**
- More than four weeks after the 3-week vaccination window: **CHF 500.-**

and cancellation of the horse's participation in the event.

Fines for other infringements relating to influenza vaccination will be as follows:

a) If no evidence of any current vaccination in passport: a maximum penalty of CHF 500.-. The horse should not be allowed to compete. It must be put in isolation and sent away from the event as soon as possible.

b) Any infringements of vaccination dates should be noted in the passport so that it is not reported again at a future event. Please write in CAPITAL letters; remember that others will be dependent on the information that you have written in the passport.

c) No information available on the primary vaccination course need not lead to a penalty, and a repeat primary course is not required, provided the current passport contains a statement that the vaccination history of the horse has been checked and found to be correct (for exact wording see VR, Annex XIV.I.11).

4. SAMPLING PROCEDURE FOR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

("Veterinary Regulations", Chapter V & VI and Annex IV)

Regular sampling is carried out in CCI***/****, CCIOs, World Cup Qualifiers and Finals, Championships and Games, whereas at other CCIs sampling is recommended. In CCIs****/***, the number of horses tested is at the discretion of the Testing Veterinarian/Veterinary Delegate; however, a minimum of three is recommended (Vet. Regs. Art. 1016)

Special guidelines are applicable for events covered by the FEI Medication Control Programme (Groups I & II only).

5. MEDICATION CONTROL PROGRAM (only in groups I et II).

Competitors at FEI events within Groups I & II must pay the equivalent of Sfr 12,50 per horse per event to the O.C. towards the costs of the above program.

6. APPROVED LABORATORY

Details of FEI Approved Laboratory appointed to carry out analyses on samples collected at this event ("Veterinary Regulations", Art. 1021 & Annex X).

HFL Sport Science – Quotient Bioresearch Limited
Newmarket Road, Fordham, Cambridgeshire CB7 5WW, UK

MCP CENTRAL LABORATORY - APPLICABLE ONLY TO GROUPS I & II

Under the Medication Control Programme (MCP) in **Groups I and II**, all samples collected in accordance with Vet. Regs. Art. 1016 will be analysed by the **HFL Sport Science, Quotient Bioresearch Limited, Newmarket Road, Fordham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5WW, UK**. For events other than those listed in Vet. Regs. Art. 1016 or for events other than in Groups I and II, samples may be analysed at an alternative FEI listed laboratory (Vet. Regs. Art. 1021).

XIII - MISCELLANEOUS

1. COMPLAINTS

To be valid, all complaints must be recorded in writing and be accompanied by a 150 SFr deposit (FEI rules).

2. DOCTOR, VETERINARIAN, FARRIER

Medical and veterinary assistance, as well as farrier services will be paid by the owners, riders, or concerned persons. The Organising Committee will not intervene in those settlements.

3. MEDICAL CARD (ANNEX 7 OF THE "RULES FOR EVENTING")

The OC draws the attention of all competitors that they must carry readily accessible on themselves a medical card (see Annex I of this Check List) for the Cross-Country Test. Armbands will be checked by the OC upon arrival to the competition by the riders and checked by the Official Doctor and the Technical Delegate for accurate information.

4. INSURANCES

All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad, and to keep the policy up to date.

Would a competitor's insurance fail to provide proper compensation the organiser's civil liability insurance should in no case be applied.

Further competitor's horses and personal equipment is their own responsibility throughout the event. They must also cover the repatriation costs in case of accident.

Consequently, participants waive all claims they could enact against the organiser.

LIABILITY : the Organising Committee and its representatives can not be held responsible for damage, material, physical or incurred by accident caused by other competitors, their horses, or assistants. Carriage, harness, stable equipment and others' damage (including theft or loss) stewards' responsibility.

In cases not properly covered, no claims could be made against the Organising Committee liability insurance.

5. EVENT'S ORGANISATION

The Organising Committee reserves the right to apply any correction to this Schedule made necessary by inexact interpretation or omission or unpredictable circumstances (Art. 114, 115 of the G.R., in agreement with the F.E.I.).

XIV - CODE OF CONDUCT

THE FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
2. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.
5. The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

A full copy of this Code can be obtained from the Fédération Equestre Internationale, Avenue Mon-Repos 24, CH-1000, Lausanne 5, Switzerland. Telephone: +41 21 310 47 47. The Code is available in English, French, Spanish, German and Arabic. The Code is also available on the FEI's website: www.horsesport.org.

Approved by the FEI on the 27th January 2011