

Lausanne, 08 January 2019

Object: Heart Rate and Presentation Time in Endurance Events

To the attention of:

Organizing Committee of Endurance events (CEI) held from 01 February 2019 to 01 April 2019.

Dear Endurance Organizing Committee,

As you know, the Endurance Temporary Committee met at end of year 2018 to discuss and review the Endurance rules in order to address the issues currently affecting the discipline, please read the official communication here.

One of the topics discussed was to update the maximum heart rate and presentation time as follow, as this is considered to have a direct link to horse welfare:

- Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm in the first vet gate and 60 bpm for the others within 20 minutes.
- At the Final Inspection, the Maximum Pulse shall be 60 bpm within 20 minutes.

It's the intention of the Committee to have a clear study on this matter before taking any steps further, the FEI Endurance Temporary Committee wishes to have a trial to the referred changes from the $1^{\rm st}$ February till the $1^{\rm st}$ of April and this is the reason why we are contacting you, as your organization will host Endurance events during the trial period.

We kindly request you to support this study by updating your schedule and amend it accordingly to the changes proposed above, so we can make a valid study on the proposal and present it at the FEI Sport Forum in April.

We are very thankful that you accept to cooperate with us on this matter.

If you still want to keep the actual disposal of article concerned (814.1.5.1 / 814.1.5.2 / 814.1.5.3 / 814.1.5.4 / 814.1.5.5), please let us know.

Once more, we thank you for your support and collaboration.

Kind regards,

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Cc: National Federation of CEI events held from 01.02.2019 to 01.04.2019