



## **QUALIFICATION FOR WEG 2010**

### **Endurance**

1. **Qualification period:** Start: 26 September 2008      End: 27 July 2010
2. **Minimum qualification criteria** (see Endurance Rules 7th Edition, Art. 815 & 816): To be eligible to compete either as a member of a team or as an individual at the 2010 FEI World Endurance Championships, athletes and horses must achieve the following criteria during the qualification period:

815.1 Any person from the year in which he/she reaches his/her 14th birthday and who is duly authorised by his/her National Federation is eligible to take part in all Endurance Rides (CEIs, CEIOs and Championships), either as an individual or as a member of a team.

815.2.4 For 4-Stars, CEIOs and Championships horses must be at least 8 years of age.

815.2.5 Mares obviously in advanced pregnancies, meaning over 120 days, or with foal at foot cannot be entered in any CEI or higher event.

815.2.6 All ages are determined as of the date of the event for which eligibility to participate is sought, and must be confirmed either through reliable registrations or written veterinary opinion, which may be recorded within Passports. Northern Hemisphere horses are deemed to have their birthday on the 1st January and Southern Hemisphere horses on the 1st August.

**The above Articles from the Endurance Rules outline the eligibility requirements to compete at a 4\* CEIO**

816.3.8 Horses must have graduated through the qualifying processes outlined in Art. 816 for Novice and CEI-Star qualifying up to, and including, the distance of the event for which a Certificate of Capability is sought.

816.3.9 Horses must have successfully completed at least 3 CEI 2\* events or higher.

**These Articles outline the qualification process for a horse to graduate through the Star System and the number of CEI 2\* events or higher the horse must have successfully completed during its career to compete at a 4\* CEIO.**

816.3.10 Of these 3 CEI events, at least one must be at the same distance, minimum speed (**13kph**) and time frame as the 4-Star Championship and achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the event, whichever is the longest and must be in combination with the nominated athlete.

**This Article states that of the 3 CEI events (required above) at least one must be at the same distance (160km for WEG), minimum speed (13kph for WEG) and time frame (one day for WEG) as the 4\* Championship and achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for the Championship and/or 60 days prior to the event, whichever is the longest (Qualification period as stated above is September 26<sup>th</sup> 2008 and July 27<sup>th</sup> 2010) and must be in combination with the nominated athlete.**

816.3.11 Athletes must have graduated through the qualifying processes outlined in Art. 816 for Novice and CEI-Star qualifying up to, and including, the distance of the event for which a Certificate of Capability is sought.

816.3.12 Athletes must have successfully completed at least 5 CEI 2\* events or higher.

**These Articles outline the qualification process for a rider to graduate through the Star System and the number of CEI 2\* events or higher the rider must have successfully completed during his/her career to compete at a 4\* CEIO.**

816.3.13 Of those 5 CEI events, one must be at the same distance, minimum speed (**13kph**) and time frame as the 4\* Championship and achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the event, whichever is the longest and must be in combination with the nominated horse.

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816.3.14 *Recording and Proof of Qualification:* Approved records must be provided for Athlete/Horse results for eventual insertion into FEI Database/Passports as required. However, the ultimate responsibility for proof still remains with each NF.

### **3. Teams and Individuals:**

At Championships, the following applies to individuals and teams who are eligible to take part.

817.4.1 Teams: If an NF starts three or more competitors, up to four shall all constitute members of their Team, but are also eligible for individual classification and placing/awards.

817.4.2 Individuals: If an NF starts fewer than 3 competitors, they shall only be eligible for individual classification and placing/awards, but not as a Team.

817.4.3 With regard to the number of teams required for Championships, Art. 108 of the General Regulations applies.

**Therefore, it is only the one event required in combination at the same distance, minimum speed and time frame as the Championship that must be accomplished within the required Qualification Period – September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 through July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**