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## **Competition Rules for the Equestrian Discipline of**



# **ENDURANCE**

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Using These Rules**

These “Competition Rules for the Equestrian Discipline of ENDURANCE in NZ” and known as the “Discipline Rules” must be read in conjunction with the following rules current at the time;

- **ESNZ General & Veterinary Regulations**
- **ESNZ Constitution**
- **ESNZ Endurance By Laws**
- **ESNZ Endurance Supplementary Rules**

Notwithstanding that these Discipline Rules are legally subordinate to the above rules, regulations, constitutions and by-laws, it is necessary for competitors and judges to first consult these Discipline Rules when considering any matter involved with CEN endurance events in NZ. If the matter is not found within these Discipline Rules then the FEI Rules prevail.

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in the rules. In unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate and the Veterinarians to make a decision, in a sporting spirit and approaching as nearly as possible to the intention of the rules listed above.

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**In all aspects of Endurance in NZ this Code of Conduct is Paramount.**

**THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE**

All Riders, Owners and Trainers are required to adhere to this Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinate 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. All those involved with the sport are urged to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

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## **Definitions**

Affiliated Club:	is a club affiliated to ESNZ Endurance and entitled to run events approved by. ESNZ Endurance
Board:	means the ESNZ Endurance Board Members
Bpm:	is Heart Beats per Minute.
CEI:	is an International Endurance Ride.
CEN:	is all National Endurance Rides
Championship Events	are the North Island, South Island & National Championships
Class:	is each division within a ride.
Casual Membership:	is membership of ESNZ for one class only (CR)
Casual Registration	is ESNZ horse registration for one class only ((CR)
Day Vet Card:	is the Card given to unregistered horses at Events. (DVC)
ESNZ:	refers to Equestrian Sports New Zealand Incorporated.
Event:	is a complete meeting.
FEI:	refers to Fédération Equestre Internationale.
JY	is Junior/Young Rider
Loops	Number of phases the ride in broken down into
Mandatory Rest Report:	a horse eliminated for metabolic reasons that require immediate invasive treatment
OC:	is the Organising Committee of an Event.
Ride:	is a set distance within an event.

## Section One – ENDURANCE RIDES

Endurance Riding is a Competition to test the Athlete’s ability to safely manage the stamina and fitness of the Horse over an endurance course in a Competition against the track, the distance, the climate, the terrain and the clock.

In an Endurance Competition any member of the Genus Equus counts as a “Horse”.

### 1.1 Classes of Rides

Class	Classification	Distances
Intro	CEN	0 - 46km speed restriction 13.5kph not eligible for placings or Best Condition Awards
Novice	CEN	40 – 90km speed restriction 13.5kph not eligible for placings or Best Condition Awards
Intermediate	CEN	40 – 79km no speed restriction
Open	CEN	80-119km no speed restriction
	CEN	120-139km no speed restriction
	CEN	140-160km no speed restriction
1*	CEI	80 – 119km
2*	CEI	120 – 139km
3*	CEI	140 – 160km
NOTE: Distances for CEI rides refer to rides in one day.		

### 1.2 Horse and Rider Levels

- a) Horses and riders are classed according to which level of the ride they have successfully completed starting out at Novice and thereafter complying with the qualifying requirements before proceeding to the next level of class.
- b) Where a horse and rider combination is of different grades they are restricted to enter the class that the lowest level of the combination allows.
- c) **Novice** Horses and Riders that have not yet completed the Novice Qualifying Procedure.

**Intermediate** Horses and Riders that have qualified in 200km of Novice rides 40-90km.

**Open** Horses and Riders that have successfully completed the Novice Qualifying Procedure.

**CEN 1** Horses and Riders that have qualified in an Open ride of 80-119km.

**CEN 2** Horses and Riders that have qualified in an Open ride of 120-139km.

**CEN 3** Horses and Riders that have qualified in an Open ride of 140-160km.

**Graded 1\*** Horses and Riders that have successfully completed a CEI 1\* ride

**Graded 2\*** Horses and Riders that have successfully completed a CEI 2\* ride.

**Graded 3\*** Horses and Riders that have successfully completed a CEI3 \* ride.

### 1.3 Classes at Events

- a) At CEN events JY and Senior divisions may be held for each ride distance.
- b) It is at the discretion of the club or OC what classes are held at non-championship events.

#### **1.4 Qualifying to Enter Open Rides 120km & over**

a) Horses and Riders must qualify as follows:

To enter Open Ride 120-139km:	Qualify in one Open or 1* ride of 80-119km
To enter Open Ride 140-160km:	Qualify in one Open or 2* ride of 120-139km

These qualifying rides for horses are only valid for 24 months from the date of each ride.

Should a Horse fail to complete a ride at the next level for which it has qualified within that period it will need to re-qualify for its existing level again before progressing further.

- b) FEI star rated horses and riders are eligible to compete in Open classes of the same distance as their current star rating permits.
- c) Qualification in Open rides does not qualify horses and riders to enter CEI rides.

#### **1.5 Combined CEI and CEN Classes**

CEI and CEN classes of the same distance and age category may be run as a combined class.

For purposes of awarding placings it is one class regardless of whether the combination is CEI or CEN.

Combined CEI & CEN classes MUST be run under the same conditions and include, but are not limited to

- a) Nominations & definite entry submission times.
- b) Weight carried.
- c) Start time & start/finish line.
- d) Hold times & compulsory hold area.
- e) Officials & Veterinarians.
- f) Minimum age of horses
- g) Qualification to enter a combined class 120km and over must have been gained at an FEI event

#### **1.6 Riding Season**

The riding season starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> August and finishes on the 31<sup>st</sup> July.

#### **1.7 Heart Rates**

At all rides horses shall have a;

- a) Maximum pulse at all Vet Gates of 64bpm within 20 minutes
- b) Maximum pulse at Final Vetting of 64bpm within 30 minutes.

#### **1.8 Dress Code & Safety Equipment**

Dress Appropriate for riding in and not detrimental to the image of ESNZ Endurance.

Footwear Safe riding footwear with heels of 12 mm or more, or alternatively caged/boxed stirrups/equestrian safety stirrups is compulsory for all riders whilst mounted.

Headgear Protective headgear that conforms with one of the current approved safety standards and bears the ESNZ/NZPCA helmet tag is compulsory for all riders whilst mounted.

#### **1.9 Riding Times**

- a) Minimum and Maximum Ride Times are to be set by the OC in conjunction with the TD taking the following into account:

Novice and Intro rides      No faster than 13.5kph e.g. 3 hours for 40km  
Maximum time should be at least 15-20 minutes per 20km more than maximum time for Intermediate and Open rides on the day.

Open and Intermediate rides: Recommended maximum time to be set at a speed of 10kph.

- b) All ride times must be set prior to the start of the ride and announced at the pre-ride briefing.  
c) All ride times must be recorded in hours, minutes and seconds on the results sheets and in the Logbook.

### 1.10 Starting Times

- a) The starting time of any competitor who does not present on time for the start is recorded as if they had started on time.  
b) At the beginning of a ride competitors must start within 15 minutes of their designated start time. Failure to do so will result in disqualification  
c) Competitors may commence the second and subsequent loops any time from their Official Depart Time onwards without penalty.

### 1.11 Weights at CEN rides

- a) Senior Open Classes: Minimum weight required is 70kg  
Other Classes: No Minimum weight requirement  
b) Minimum weight must not include the horse's bridle.  
c) Weighing Requirements: Pre Ride  
During Ride at random as decided by the Ground Jury  
Finish of Ride

### 1.12 Lead Rein Class.

Class Category: Intro  
Maximum Rider Age: Up to the end of the season in which they reach the age of 14 years  
Maximum class distance: 40km

Riders must be led by a senior competitor.

Must be a separate class with only lead rein competitors eligible to enter.

Must start after all other classes on the same day have commenced.

Must not to be held at Championship events.

Senior combination must be entered in a separate Novice or Intro class

Lifetime kilometres awarded providing membership and registration requirements are met.

If entered in a Novice class the senior combination is eligible for novice qualification and lifetime kms providing membership and registration requirements are met.

If the adult doing the leading is on foot the following applies:

They do not need to pay a Casual Membership fee.

They must be named on the entry form of the junior they are leading and sign the entry form as the person responsible.



If the adult doing the leading is on horseback the following applies:

They must pay the Casual Membership fee.

They must be named on the entry form of the junior they are leading and sign the entry form as the person responsible.

They must be entered in a separate class of their own, class description is Lead Rein Senior, and be recorded on the Introductory Results.

Their horses must be vetted pre-ride and post ride.

### **1.13 Elevator Rides**

Elevator rides only apply to Novice classes

- Distance
  - Minimum Elevator Ride distance 60km
  - Maximum Elevator Ride distance 90km
- All combinations must successfully complete a minimum of 30km before they can elevate.
- All entrants in an elevator ride must enter for the maximum available distance within their class.
- Minimum and maximum ride times to be set for each loop.
- Combinations that successfully complete loops totaling 30 km or more, but who choose not to elevate to the next or maximum available distance will be given recognition only for the distance successfully completed.
- Competitors, who elect not to elevate after successful completion of vetting at a designated elevation distance will have their logbooks marked as “Did Not Elevate”.
- The distance completed to the point where the rider decides to not elevate must be recorded in the logbook.
- The time the rider decides to not elevate to be recorded in the logbook
- Riders who choose not to elevate, must immediately present their horse at the vet ring for a final inspection. Horses cannot be vetted out at this inspection.
- The decision not to elevate must be made before the designated departure time for the next loop.

### **1.14 ESNZ Endurance Horse Logbooks**

- a. Only competitions listed on the ESNZ Endurance event calendar can be entered in an ESNZ logbook
- b. ESNZ reserves the right to inspect logbooks at any time and may delete any non ESNZ competition that has been entered in the logbook.
- c. Any person found using an ESNZ logbook at a non ESNZ event shall face disciplinary action.

### **1.15 Novice Rules**

- a. Novice qualifying applies for horses and riders.
- b. Novice requirements is qualification in Two novice rides of 40- 79km and Two novice rides of 80-90km completed in any order
- c. Novice rides shall be completed at a speed no faster than 13.5k.p.h.
- d. Novice qualifying must be completed within a 24 month period.
- e. After completing the novice qualification requirements the following applies:

Horses – May compete in Open rides up to a maximum distance of 90km during the 12 month period from the date of first qualified novice ride at a maximum speed of 16kph.

Riders - May compete in Open rides up to a maximum distance of 90km during the six month period from the date of first qualified novice ride at a maximum speed of 16kph.

- f. Time frame before being eligible to enter Open rides of 91km and over and the FEI star rides:

Horses – 12 months after qualifying in their first novice ride.

Riders - six months after qualifying in their first novice ride.

### **1.16 Hold Times**

Minimum: 16 minutes

Maximum: 60minutes

Minimum Hold Time Following Each Loop:

Ratio of one minute per one kilometre

Rides 80-139km: Must have one hold of at least 40 minutes

Rides 140-160km: Must have one hold of at least 50 minutes

### **1.17 Rides 40km and less**

Rides of 40km or less may be run in one phase.

### **1.18 Minimum Number of Loops per Ride**

80km-119km – three loops.

120-139km – four loops

140-160km - six loops

### **1.19 Loop Distances – for rides 40km and longer**

Minimum Distance: 16km

Maximum Distance: 40km

### **1.20 Multi Day Endurance Rides**

Ride category: Novice, Intermediate and Open

Minimum Distance of ride: 60km

Minimum Distance per day: 20km

Standard minimum and maximum loop distances as per rule 1.19 will apply.

Minimum Number of Loops per day: One

Overnight Hold Time: Must be less than 24 hours from finish of the first horse one day to start the following day.

Method of Starting:

Day One: Mass Start

Following Days: Staggered Start for set period of time with same time interval difference as combinations finished the previous day

After the set period of time has elapsed the remaining combinations can start together.

The PGJ and TD in consultation with the OC will decide on the set period of time taking into account the number of horses present and the time differences between the placings

### 1.21 Two Day Combined Endurance and CTR Rides

Ride Category :	Endurance Intro, Novice, Intermediate and Open
Minimum Distance of ride:	30km
Maximum Distance of ride	90km
Minimum Distance per day:	
Rides up 39km:	10km
Rides 40-90km:	16km
Standard minimum and maximum loop distances as per rule 1.19 will apply.	
Minimum Number of Loops per day:	One
Overnight Hold Time:	Must be Less than 24 hours from finish of the first horse one day to start the following day.
Method of Starting:	Endurance section – mass start CTR section – normal CTR starting method
Scoring:	Endurance section Intermediate and Open – points for placings one point for 1 <sup>st</sup> place, two points for 2 <sup>nd</sup> place, three points for 3 <sup>rd</sup> place etc. Intro and Novice - heart rate at end of each endurance loop added together to get the endurance score.

CTR Section – normal CTR scoring

Winner is the combination with the lowest combined endurance and CTR score

Minimum and maximum times to apply to Intro and novice endurance section

The endurance section will count for endurance awards, kilometres and novice qualifying (providing all novice criteria are met.)

The CTR section will count for awards, kilometres and as a championship qualifying ride (providing championship criteria is met).

### 1.22 All Multi Day Rides

- a) For all multi day rides the usual endurance mandatory rests for overall distance completed apply.
- b) Eligibility for entering classes is the same as if the rides were held in a single day.
- c) Pre-Start Vet Check:  
On the second and any subsequent days all horses must be presented at the vet ring between 20 and 30 minutes prior to their designated departure time for a vet check. The vet check will be of a standard that will decide “The horse is fit to continue”.

## **Section Two – REGISTRATION**

### **2.1 Horse Registration**

Upon registration Horses will receive a logbook.

Horses competing in Novice over 50km, Intermediate, Open and CEI classes must be ESNZ registered

Registration entitles a horse to:

Be credited with kilometres

Be eligible for National Awards & Roll of honour

Compete at Championship events

For these entitlements to apply for Novice, Intermediate, Open and CEI classes, the rider must be a current Full or Child member of ESNZ and a current financial member of an Affiliated Club. The exception to this is horses ridden in CEI classes by foreign riders

- a) Unregistered horses may be entered in Novice classes up to a maximum distance of 50km providing a Casual Horse Registration is purchased.
- b) Unregistered horses may be entered into Intro classes up to a maximum distance of 46km. No Casual Registration required.
- c) No kilometres will be credited to horses competing in a novice 40-50km class on a Casual Horse Registration.
- d) Lifetime kilometres will be awarded to registered horses in Intro classes providing the rider is a Full or Child member of ESNZ and a current financial member of an affiliated club.

### **2.2 Rider Registration**

Riders must be a current Full or Child member of ESNZ and a current financial member of an Affiliated Club to:

Be credited with kilometres

Be eligible for National Awards

Compete at Championship events

Ride in Novice, Intermediate, Open and CEI classes.

Foreign riders do not need to be registered with ESNZ or be a member of a club to compete in CEI classes.

- a) Non club members can only ride in Intro classes.
- b) All riders entering in Intro classes must be a member of ESNZ (Full, Child or Introductory) or pay for a Casual Membership.
- c) Riders competing in Novice 40-50km classes on an unregistered horse will only be credited with the kilometres if and when the ride is claimed for the horse.
- d) Lifetime kilometres will be awarded in Intro classes providing the rider is a Full or Child member of ESNZ, a current financial member of an affiliated club and the horse is registered with ESNZ.

### **2.3 Claiming Kilometres**

A maximum of one Novice 40-50km ride can be claimed retrospectively for horses. These rides must have been done within the current/same season of the date of the first time the horse is first registered with ESNZ (i.e. if you register in November, you can only claim one ride from August to the time of registering in November).

The rider must have been a current Full or Child member of ESNZ and a current financial member of an Affiliated Club to enter the rides being claimed.

To claim these rides send the following to the ESNZ Endurance Sport Administrator:

- Copy of the Day Vet Card

- Completed ESNZ Equine Registration Application form

- Completed Horse ID form

- Blank stamped envelope

## **Section Three – HORSE RULES**

### **3.1 Age of Horses for CEN Rides**

Intro rides:	minimum of 4 years old.
Novice and Intermediate rides:	minimum of 5 years old.
Open rides 80-90km:	minimum, of 5 years old.
Open rides 91km – 139km:	minimum of 6 years old.
Open rides 140km – 160km	minimum of 7 years old.

- a. All ages are determined as of the date of the event for which eligibility to participate is sought, and date of birth must be recorded on the Identification paper in the logbook.
- b. All horses are deemed to have their birth date on 1<sup>st</sup> January.
- c. Four year old horses are restricted to a maximum speed of 12kph. e.g 10km at 12kph = 50 minutes. 40km at 12kph = 3 hrs 20 mins
- d. Mares obviously in advanced pregnancies, meaning over 120 days, or with foal at foot cannot be entered in any event.

### **3.2 24 Month Rule**

- a. When an Open or Graded horse has not qualified in a Novice, Intermediate, Open or CEI ride in the preceding 24 months then that horse must re qualify in one 80-90km Novice ride before it may enter in an Open ride at any event.
- b. When wanting to enter a CEI 1\* or an Open 80-119km for the first time then the horse must have completed 2 x 40-79km & 2 x 80-90km at speeds 16kph -or under within the past 24 month period
- c. When an Intermediate horse has not qualified in a Novice or Intermediate ride in the preceding 24 months then that horse must re qualify in one 40-79km Novice ride before it may enter an Intermediate class at any event.

### **3.3 Imported Horses**

Imported horses will be classified as Novice until proof of overseas ride qualification or classification eligibility is received by ESNZ Endurance.

### **3.4 Stallions**

At all times, at all events stallions must:

- a. Wear a minimum of two ESNZ approved Stallion tags – one on each side of halter or bridle. Tags are available from ESNZ.
- b. Wear a Blue Ribbon, clearly visible from behind.
- c. Not be tied up unattended unless in an approved solid yard.
- d. When unattended be contained in an approved solid yard – not electric fence tape.
- e. Have a “STALLION” sign on the yard. The sign must also display the name and contact details (including cell phone number) for the rider or person responsible for the stallion during the event

- f. Stallions when led must be controlled by a bit attached to a lead, or chain over the nose attached to a lead. An attendant must have suitable experience in handling stallions.
- g. Riders and handlers of stallions must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- h. Before arriving at an event the rider/owner of a stallion must advise the OC they are bringing a stallion, and if they don't have their own suitable yard, ascertain that suitable facilities are available.

### **3.5 Control of Horses**

At all times at all events horses shall:

- Be under the control of the person responsible.
- Not be allowed to roam free.

### **3.6 Yarding**

**3.6.1** At all events the minimum standard of yarding must be:

- a. Four rigid corners (examples of, but not limited to -. waratahs - these MUST have safety caps -, side of truck, fence already standing).  
Rigid corners must be firmly in the ground.  
Safety caps on waratahs must be firmly attached
- b. Two strands of electric fence tape, not string.  
Tape must be tight at all times regardless of whether the horse in is the yard or not.
- c. Electrified while horses are inside yard. Minimum voltage going through the tape is to be 2000v.
- d. Minimum height of top tape /rail =1 metre.
- e. Approximate minimum distance between the two tapes = 400mm
- f. Stallions must have an approved solid yard displaying a STALLION sign. All stallion yards are to be a minimum height of 1.2 metres.
- g. If electric fence tape is used each yard must be a separate yard, not joined to any other yard.
- h. Only one horse permitted per yard.
- i. All horses must be identified by an ID tag at all times.

**3.6.2** It is mandatory for all horses to have halters on while they are in their yards. All horses MUST have identification on them at all times, whether in their yards or not.

**3.6.3** Electric Fence Standards of any type are not classed as rigid corners.

### **3.7 After the Ride**

- a. At all Endurance Competitions of 160 km in one day or of an average of 100 km on 2 or more days, all competing Horses must remain on the ride base to stay under Veterinary supervision for a period of hours after the finishing time as established by the Veterinary Commission
- b. After all other rides 40km or longer horses must remain on the ride base for two hours after they have finished the ride unless permission is obtained from the Vet Commission to remove the horse.
- c. Failure to abide by rules 3.7.a and 3.7.b may result in elimination from the ride.

### **3.8 Vet Fees**

All fees for veterinary attention to individual horses while at an event are to be paid for by the person responsible for the horse.

## **Section Four - RIDER RULES**

### **4.1 Rider Identification**

Designated Rider Bib Number shall;

- a. Be worn by the rider during the ride
- b. Be clearly visible from both front and back
- c. Accompany the horse to all vetting procedures

### **4.2 Foreign Riders in NZ**

- a. Foreign Riders at CEI Events in NZ must:
  1. Refer to Article 123 of the FEI General Regulations
  2. Be registered with FEI through their own National Federation.
  3. Be entered for all CEI events by their own National Federation.
  
- b. Foreign Riders at CEN Events in NZ must:
  1. Be a current Full or Child member of ESNZ.
  2. Be a current financial member of an affiliated club.
  3. Must qualify through either the Novice Qualifying Procedure depending on the level they wish to compete at.

OR

  4. Provide proof they are qualified to ride at the level of the class they are entering. This **MUST** be forwarded to the ESNZ Endurance Administrator prior to riding at an event.

### **4.3 Age of Riders**

- a. Senior - Any rider from the season in which they reach the age of 18.
- b. JY- Any rider until the end of the season in which they reach the age of 21.
- c. All riders under the age of 18 must have permission from parent or caregiver to enter any event.

### **4.4 Fair Play, Health & Safety, Courtesy**

ESNZ Endurance takes Fair Play and Health & Safety very seriously. If your ride is held up for any fair and legitimate reason (ie helping an injured rider and/or horse on the track), the Ground Jury may, at their discretion, adjust the time of any assisting riders (the rider involved in an incident cannot have their time adjusted), after taking into consideration the factors involved (ie time held up, seriousness of incident).



## **Section Five –MANDATORY REST PERIODS**

### **5.1 Mandatory Rest for Horses Competing at National Events**

After competing in any ride, a Horse must be given a mandatory minimum rest period, as defined, before it is again eligible to participate in another ride.

Distance completed	0 – 46 km	5 days
	Over 46 – 86 km	12 days
	Over 86 – 126 km	19 days
	Over 126 km -146 km	26 days
	Over 146 Km	33 days

In addition to the above mandatory rest period seven extra days of rest will be added to horses that reach average speeds of 20 km/hr or higher at completion.

This rest period will also apply to horses which do not complete the competition whose average speed of completed phases is 20 km/hr or higher.

Extended rest periods will apply if a Horse has Failed to Qualify following immediate Invasive Treatment or for Irregular Gait reasons see rules 5.2 and 5.3

The total rest period commences at Midnight at the end of the day that the ride finishes (24.00 hours), as denoted by the maximum ride time allowed, and finishes at the same time on the last full day of the rest period. The published ride start time of the Horse's next ride must fall after the expiry of the rest period.

### **5.2 Extended Rest Periods for Invasive Treatment:**

Any treatment of a horse which involves the puncture or incision of the skin or insertion of any instrument or foreign material into the body is considered Invasive Treatment. (Exceptions to the rule would be the administration of oral electrolytes or acupuncture.) Any metabolic condition diagnosed in a horse which has Failed to Qualify that left untreated would compromise or threaten the welfare of the Horse would be considered a condition requiring Invasive Treatment. It is the responsibility of the FVD and the Treatment Veterinarian to review, on a case by case basis, the treated Horses at the end of an event and classify each case that is immediate Invasive Treatment, incurring mandatory rest, or Authorised Treatment not incurring mandatory rest.

If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for Metabolic reasons which require immediate Invasive Treatment at any National Event in a rolling year, it must be given an additional extended rest period as below before it is again eligible to participate in any ride.

Invasive Treatment	1st Incident	60 days in total
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Invasive Treatment    2nd Incident                      90 days in total

The extended rest period for a 2nd incident comes into effect if the horse has Failed to Qualify for metabolic reasons which require immediate Invasive Treatment at any 2 consecutive Events or twice within any 3 month period.

### 5.3 Extended Rest Periods for Irregular Gait

If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for Irregular Gait reasons at any Event in a rolling year, it must be given, in addition to the rest period defined under rule 5.1, an additional extended rest period as set out below before it is again eligible to participate in another ride.

Irregular Gait	1st Incident	14 days in addition
Irregular Gait	2nd Incident	21 days in addition

The additional extended rest period for a 2nd incident comes into effect if the Horse has Failed to Qualify for Irregular Gait reasons at any 2 consecutive Events.

Failure to Qualify for Irregular Gait reasons at a 3rd consecutive Event will incur an additional extended rest period of:

Irregular gait	3rd Incident	90 days in addition
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If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular Gait at any 4 consecutive Events in a rolling year, it must be given a mandatory rest period of 6 months and pass a specific veterinary examination in the first competition before it is again eligible to participate in any ride.

If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for Irregular Gait reasons at more than 4 consecutive Events, the horse will be banned from future Endurance competition.

- 5.4** If an ESNZ registered horse competes in any endurance or CTR type event (including non-ESNZ events) during a mandatory minimum rest period the rider will receive a two month suspension starting from the date of when the ESNZ Endurance Board is notified. The horse and rider will be disqualified from any ESNZ Endurance rides done while the horse should have been on a mandatory minimum rest.

Suspensions cannot be served during the period 1<sup>st</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> August. If a rider incurs a suspension less than two months prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> May then the balance of the suspension must be served at the start of the following season (1<sup>st</sup> August) before the rider can enter another ride.

- 5.5** If a Horse ridden by a Rider suffers a Catastrophic Injury requiring immediate euthanasia within 12 months of such a Catastrophic Injury occurring to any previous Horse ridden by that same Rider that Rider will be automatically suspended for six months.

Catastrophic injury is defined as an injury which, in the opinion of the Veterinary Commission, requires immediate euthanasia or contributes to the death of a Horse in Competition howsoever caused.

#### **5.6. Mandatory Rest Report**

- a. A Mandatory Rest Report must be completed when a horse is eliminated for metabolic reasons which require immediate invasive treatment at any event.
- b. Any Rider who receives 2 Mandatory Rest Reports in any events within a 3 month period must successfully complete a Novice ride before entering any other rides.
- c. Any Rider who receives 3 Mandatory Rest Reports in any events within a 6 month period is automatically suspended from all competition for a period of 6 weeks and must then successfully complete a Novice ride before entering any other rides.
- d. Horses cannot do any ride, endurance or CTR, during a mandatory rest period.
- e. The ESNZ Endurance Board may decide, in consultation with the National Veterinary Advisor, to create a supplementary schedule for additional rest requirements for horses who suffer consistent metabolic or heart rate elimination problems over time.
- f. Any Rider or Horse that receives 2 Mandatory Rest Reports within one season loses eligibility for any National Awards during that season.
- g. Clause (f) above does not apply to Lifetime Kilometre awards.

## **Section Six – NZ CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

### **National Championships Island Championships**

#### **6.1 Championship Classes**

##### **Senior**

CEI ***	140-160km
CEI**	120- 139km
CEI*	80-119km
CEN	140km or longer
CEN	120-139km
CEN	80-119km
CEN	40-79km

##### **JY**

CEI JY***	140-160km
CEI JY**	120- 139km
CEI JY*	80-119km
CEN JY	140-160km
CEN JY	120-139km
CEN JY	80-119km
CEN JY	40-79km

- 6.2** All of the above championship classes must be included on the programme.
- 6.3** Horses competing at Championship events must have a current ESNZ registration.
- 6.4** All riders competing at championship events must be registered with ESNZ as Full or Child members and be a current financial member of an affiliated club. The only exception is foreign riders competing in CEI classes.
- 6.5** Non championship CEI, Open, Intermediate and Novice classes may be held at championship events.
- 6.6** When running CEI & CEN classes together as a combined Championship class please refer to the conditions under clause 1.5 of these discipline rules.