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Main FEI Endurance Rule Changes 2024

Welfare of the Horse



Horsemanship

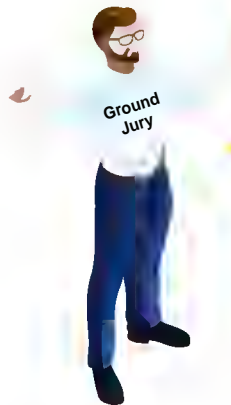
Fair play



PRESENTATION TIME



ART. 816.6.5



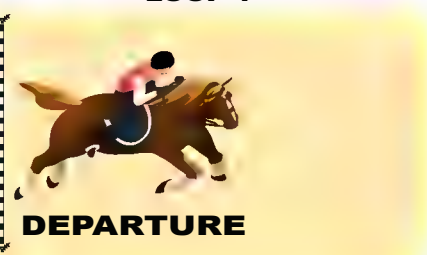
At the first Vet Gate and onwards, except for the Final Inspection, all Horses entering with more than 10 minutes recovery time must pass a compulsory re-inspection.

Article 807.5 Start Time and Disqualification Rules:


Start Time Limit: No combination can start later than 15 minutes after the official start of each phase.

Disqualification: Failure to comply with the start time limit will result in disqualification.

Example 1

	START TIME	LOOP 1
Competition official Start time	7:00 am	
Maximum time to start the Competition. (Official Start time + 15 minutes)	7:15 am	
Failure to comply with this provision will result in Disqualification.	7:16 am Disqualification	

Example 2 Departure time on Loops

	START TIME	LOOP 2
Official time to Departure to loop 2	9:10 am	
Maximum time to Departure to loop 2 (Official Departure time to loop 2 + 15 minutes)	9:25 am	
Failure to comply with this provision will result in Disqualification.	9:26 am Disqualification	

833.3.1.1 Speed Restriction for 6-Year-Old Horses in First CEI1*

- All 6-year-old horses entering their first CEI1* competition must maintain a speed limit of no more than 16 km/hour.
- This speed restriction applies throughout the entire competition and will be calculated in accordance with Article 838.2.
- The 16 km/hour limit will remain in effect until the horse:
- Successfully completes a CEI1* OR
- Reaches 7 years of age (whichever comes first).

(Speed Restriction for 6-Year-Old Horses in First CEI1*)



Horse 6 years old

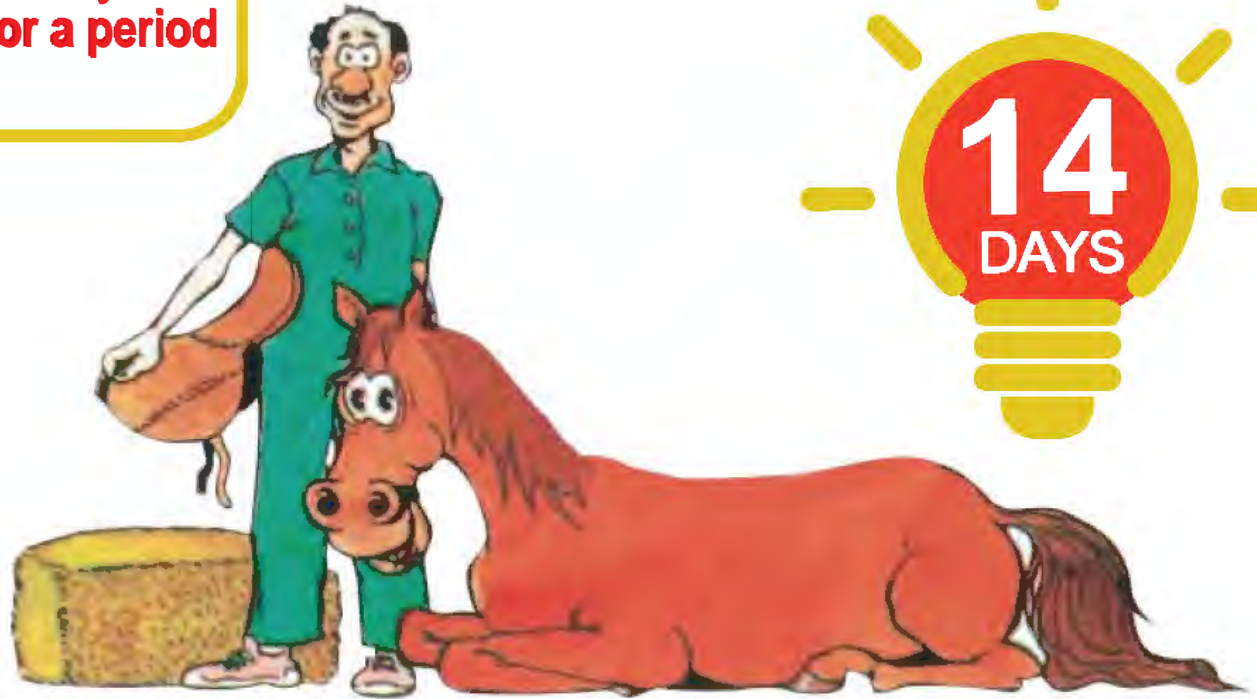


(No more than 16 km/h)

NEW TRAINER

(THE ROLE OF THE TRAINER ART. 828.3)

Any change in the Trainer, the Horse may not Participate in any Competition for a period of **14** days





CEI QUALIFICATIONS

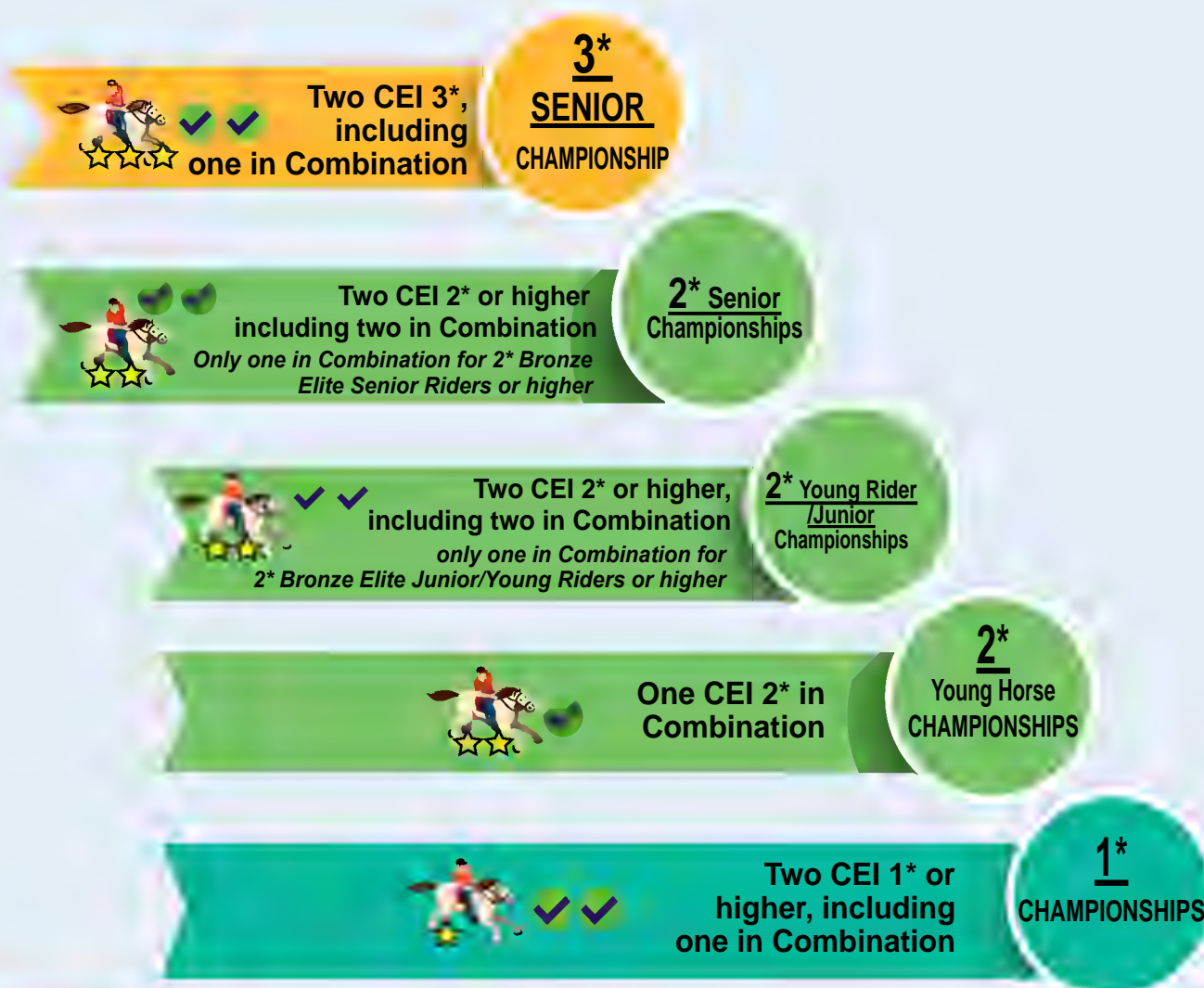
833.3 The qualification procedure for CEI star levels is set out below:

833.3.1 CEI 1*: Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 1* level once they have successfully completed all the novice qualifications, but no earlier than six months (for Athletes) and one year (for Horses) with a margin of five days after the successful completion of their first novice ride. Athletes and Horses must successfully complete a CEI 1* within **three year** of qualifying for the CEI 1* level. If they fail to do so, they will lose their CEI 1* qualification and must update their novice qualifications to re-qualify for the CEI 1* level.

833.3.2 CEI 2*: Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 2* level once they have successfully completed two CEI 1* within a **three-year** period.

833.3.3 CEI 3*: Athletes and Horses may only compete at the CEI 3* level if they are qualified as a Combination. To so qualify, they must have successfully completed (i) two CEI 2*, and (ii) one CEI1* or one CEI 2* together as a Combination (except for Athletes with Elite Status who are exempt from the Combination ride requirement, see Article 861), all within a **three-year** period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).

Qualification for Championships



836. CHAMPIONSHIPS

836.1 To qualify for Championships, Horses and Athletes must have:

836.1.1 graduated through the qualifying processes for novice and CEI star qualifications, up to and including the star level of the Championship (for example, for a 2* Championship, the Athlete and Horse must each be qualified for the CEI 2* level); and

836.1.2 successfully completed the relevant additional number of CEIs (or CEIOs of the same star level) specified in the above diagram. Of those additional rides:

(a) one or two (as specified in the above diagram) must have been undertaken by the relevant Athlete and Horse as a Combination; and

(b) that ride (or one of those two rides) must have (i) been a single-day event over the same distance as the Championship (or greater distance), and (ii) taken place prior to, but no more than two years prior to, the deadline for Nominated Entries for the Championship or 60 days prior to the Championship (whichever comes first).

VALIDITY OF CEI STAR LEVEL QUALIFICATION



3 YEARS (36 Months)

835.1 Each CEI star level qualification achieved will be valid:
835.1.2 for Horses, for **three years**.



3 YEARS (36 Months)

All qualifying novice rides must be completed within a **three-year period**.
Athletes and Horses must successfully complete a CEI 1* within **three years** of qualifying for the CEI 1* level.

CONSEQUENCES OF REPEATED FTQ AND/OR DSQ DESIGNATIONS WITH AVERAGE LOOP SPEED EXCEEDING 21 KM/HOUR - ART. 837.1

Number of FTQ and/or DSQ in a one-year rolling period with average speed > 21 km/hour	Consequences	Conditions for speed restriction to be lifted
<p>More than speed of 21 km/h</p> <p>2 FTQ/DSQ</p> <p>2 Consecutive</p>	<p>Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.</p>	<p>Less than speed of 18 km/h in each loop</p> <p>Successful completion of One (1) Competition (at any CEI star level)</p> <p>CEI ANY → FREE SPEED</p>
<p>More than speed of 21 km/h</p> <p>3 FTQ/DSQ</p>	<p>Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.</p>	<p>Less than speed of 18 km/h in each loop</p> <p>Successful completion of Two (2) Competition (at any CEI star level)</p> <p>CEI ANY → FREE SPEED</p>
<p>More than speed of 21 km/h</p> <p>4 FTQ/DSQ</p>	<p>Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.</p>	<p>Less than speed of 18 km/h in each loop</p> <p>Successful completion of Four (4) Competition (at any CEI star level)</p> <p>CEI ANY → FREE SPEED</p>
<p>More than speed of 21 km/h</p> <p>5 FTQ/DSQ</p>	<p>Speed restricted to no more than 18 km/hour at future Competitions.</p>	<p>Less than speed of 18 km/h in each loop</p> <p>Successful completion of Five (5) Competition (at any CEI star level)</p> <p>CEI ANY → FREE SPEED</p>

1 year rolling period

Reward VS Penalty

864.2 Penalty Points System:

- 1. Accumulation:** Athletes and trainers accumulate penalty points over a rolling one-year period.
- 2. Removal:** Penalty points are removed one year after being incurred.
- 3. Successful Ride:** Completing a ride successfully deducts five penalty points from both the athlete's and trainer's totals.
- 4. Same Athlete and Trainer:** If the athlete is also the horse's trainer, the deduction is applied to the athlete's total only.
- 5. Different Athlete and Trainer:** If the athlete and trainer are different, the deduction is applied to each person's total individually.
- 6. Minimum Points:** The number of penalty points can never be reduced below zero.

Finished Ride



**Trainer/Athlete
Reward Points**

Penalties



**AUTOMATIC 2 MONTHS SUSPENSION
IF ATHLETE/TRAINER INCUR 100 PENALTIES
POINTS IN TOTAL**

Penalties Points

TACK AND EQUIPMENT (Art. 825)



825.2.1 A correctly fitted bridle and saddle are required on the course.

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825.2.2 Gags and 'bitless bridles' are permitted

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825.3 Martingales are permitted provided that they do not unduly restrict the free movement of the head of the Horse

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825.2.4 Reins must be attached to the bit or (for bitless bridles) directly to the bridle.

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NEW

Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed **10 cm**. Any evidence of soreness, lacerations and/or wounds in the mouth, must be recorded on the Vet Card. If participation or continuing in the Competition is likely to aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds or in any way endangers (or risks endangering) the welfare of the Horse, the Horse will not be allowed to continue and will be designated 'Failed to Qualify – Minor Injury' (FTQ-MI) (see Annex 5, 9.8).

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825.2.6 Leather or plastic nosebands are permitted. A noseband may never be so tightly fixed that it risks causing (or causes) irritation to the skin. It must be adjusted to allow at least **two fingers under the noseband on the front of the nose.**

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Tack condition:

Horse tack must be in a safe condition and correctly fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury to the Horse. Officials may require any ill-fitting tack/equipment to be removed or altered. The use of any ill-fitting equipment that risks causing (or causes) pain or injury to the Horse may be considered as Horse Abuse (see also the FEI Veterinary Regulations).

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825.2.7 Cheek pieces (meaning two strips of sheepskin or similar material that is attached to the cheek pieces of the bridle) are permitted.

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825.2.9 Fly masks are permitted only if specifically authorised by the Ground Jury to take account of the local conditions, and provided that they
(i) do not unduly obstruct the Horse's vision or hearing,
(ii) do not serve any purpose other than to protect the Horse from insects, and
(iii) are removed during Horse Inspections.

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825.2.8 Blinkers and visors (similar to Blinkers, but with holes cut in one or both cowls permitting limited side or rear vision) are permitted Unless specified otherwise in the Competition Schedule, provided that they allow full forward vision without any interference. They must be removed during Horse Inspections.

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825.2.10 Equi-boots and pads are permitted.

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825.2.11 Head collars are permitted only if the Horse can be adequately controlled and does not pose any safety risk to any person or other Horse. Otherwise (and in most cases) a bridle must be used.

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825.2.12 A curb chain may never be so tightly fixed that it risks causing (or causes) irritation to the skin. It must be observed to have laxity when the reins are loose.

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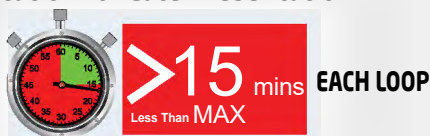
NEW CODES FOR DISQUALIFICATION

1 Late Presentation (LP)

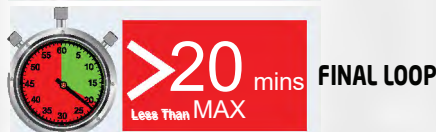


816.6.7 Failure to comply with the time limits for presentation of the Horse to the Vetting Area will result in Disqualification for Late Presentation.

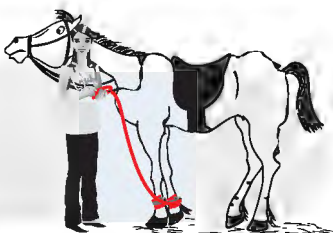
Time limit on Loops: 15 minutes of crossing the end line of each Loop



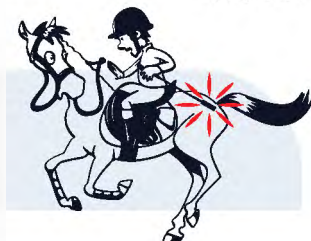
Time limit Final Loop: 20 minutes of crossing the finish line of the final Loop.



2 Hyposensitivity (HYPO)



3 Horse Abuse (HA)



4 Disqualification for Horse Not Presented (HNP)



810.1: Disqualification: The combination (athlete and horse) will be disqualified for "Horse Not Presented."

Every horse withdrawn from competition (voluntarily or otherwise) must be presented for Horse Inspection immediately.

Failing to comply incurs serious consequences:

- Disqualification for "Horse Not Presented"
- Yellow Warning Card for Athlete and Trainer
- 60-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period for the Horse
- 100 Penalty points for Athlete and Traineras per Article 864.

The Correct Way to Trot the Horse

The person trotting the Horse must lead the Horse from the Horse's left-hand side on a loose rein beside the Horse and not in front or behind the Horse



Not on the right hand side of Horse



Not behind the Horse



No loose rein



Not in front of the Horse

*1 ★

*2 ★★

*3 ★★★



10 x
successful
completions
of CEI 1*

10 x
successful
completions
of CEI 2*

10 x
successful
completions
of CEI 3*



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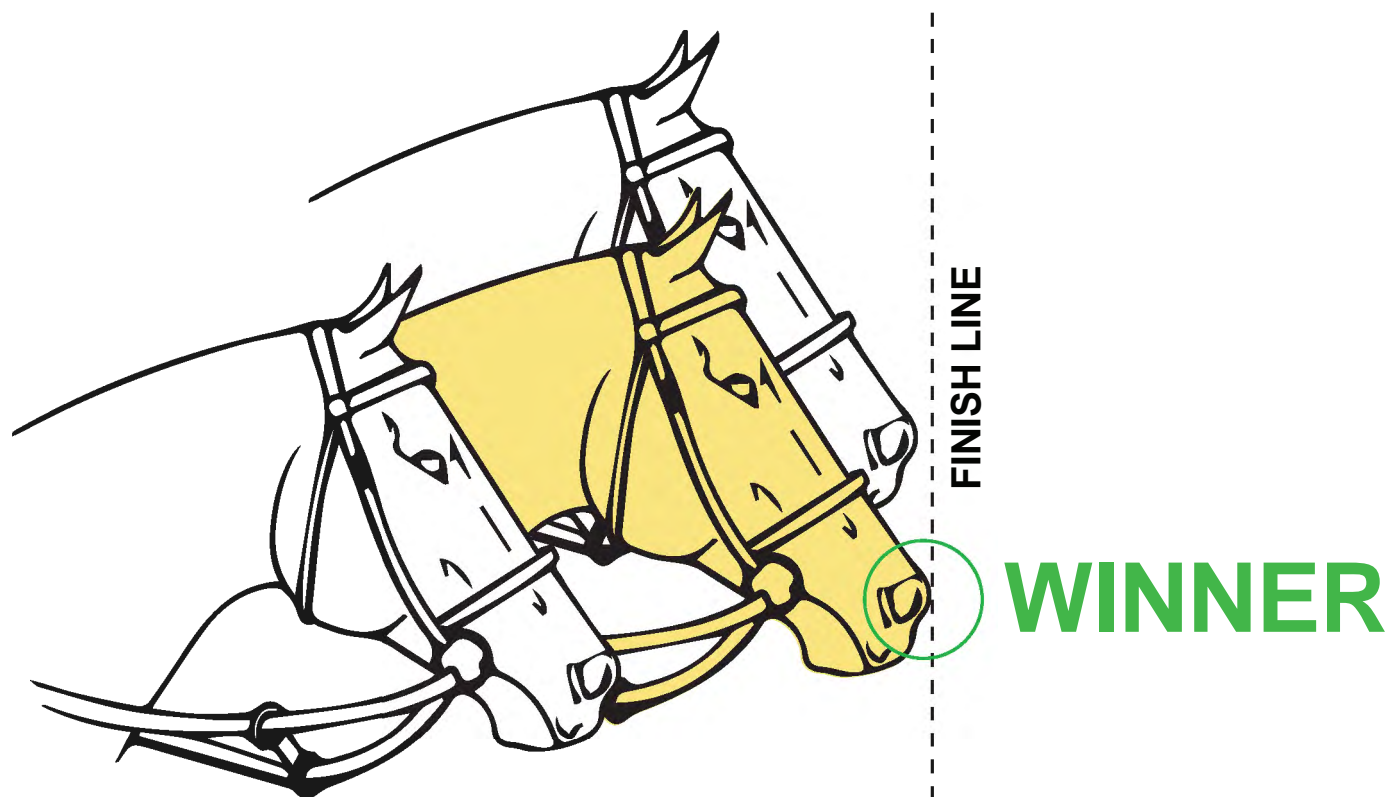
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861.1.1 Athletes can hold multiple Elite Athlete Statuses at the same time (for example, an Athlete could be a 2* Gold Elite Athlete as well as a 3* Bronze Elite Athlete simultaneously).



809.4 Dead heat: When two or more Combinations start the Competition at the same time and finish with the same total elapsed riding time, the Ground Jury (assisted by the Stewards) must determine which Combination crossed the finish line first (whether based on plain sight or photo/video evidence) and that Combination will be classified ahead of the other Combination. Such determination must be based on the tip of the nose of the Horse that crosses the finish line first. There may not be any ties.

809.5.4 Retirement in Competition

An athlete chooses not to continue competing after their horse passes the first Pre-Ride Inspection, without being disqualified or eliminated for any other reason.

Timing for Retirement:

- 1- Before the horse crosses the start line.
- 2- At the end of any completed phase.

Important conditions:

- The horse must have successfully completed all previous phases (if any) and pass all Horse Inspections after each phase, including any compulsory re-inspections or vet-requested re-inspections.
- The horse must be considered fit to continue at each inspection.
- **To retire at the end of a phase, the horse must be presented to the Vetting Area and pass all required inspections.**



Time limit:

- The maximum time allowed for retirement after completing a phase is the **hold time plus 15 minutes**, as per Article 807.5.

		START TIME	LOOP 2
Official time to Departure to loop 2		9:10 am	
Maximum time for Retirement (Hold Time + 15 minutes)	✓	9:25 am MAXIMUM TIME	
Failure to comply with this provision will result in Disqualification.	✗	9:26 am Disqualification	

805.3.5 Athlete Weight Rules

First Weigh-In:

If an athlete is under the minimum weight by less than 1kg, they are allowed to continue the competition (except for the final loop).

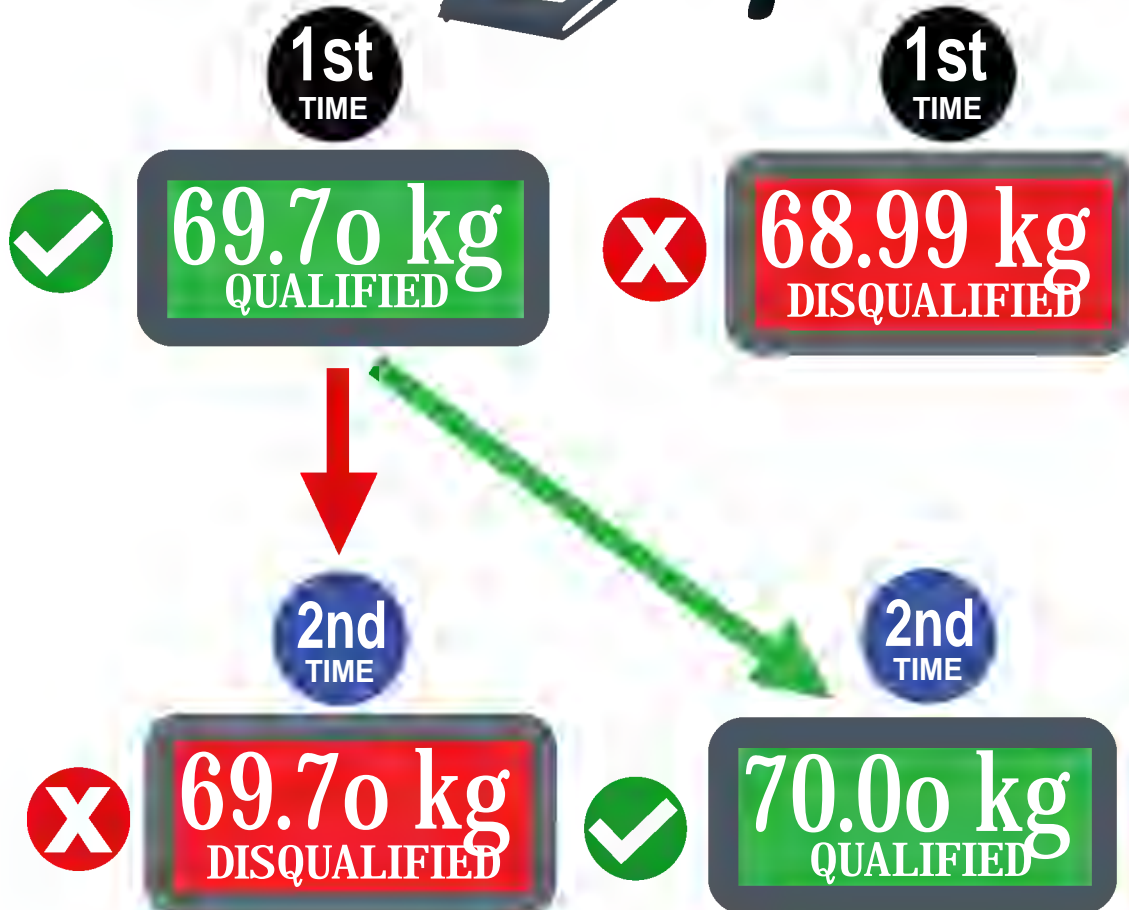
Second Weigh-In:

If the athlete is weighed again during the same competition and is under the minimum weight by any amount, the athlete and horse (combination) will be disqualified.

Minimum Weight
CEI2*- CEI1* (70kg)



(70kg) ✓



under the minimum weight
(by any amount)

