



Qualification Criteria
National to International Pathway for Endurance 2019

1. Introduction

- [Pursuant to Annex 2, Article 816 of the FEI Endurance Rules 2019](#), the National Federation is authorised to administer Novice Qualifying. Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to authorise participation of (Youth & Senior) athletes at international endurance events. The objective of this criteria is to provide a transparent process as to the performances required, and to ensure athletes have the ability to compete competently at international level.

2. Specific Pathway Criteria

- All Endurance athletes wishing to compete internationally **must** have achieved the following results to achieve the FEI Endurance Standard Novice Qualification:

ANNEX 2: ENDURANCE STANDARD NOVICE QUALIFICATION FORM

Article 816 - QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE & CERTIFICATES OF CAPABILITY

816.1 Novice Qualifying: To be administered by each NF.

816.1.1 Horses and Athletes must, though not necessarily as a combination:

816.1.1.1 Successfully complete 2 rides of distances between 40-79 km and 2 rides of between 80-90 km at speeds of 16 kph or under.

816.1.2 From their first novice qualification ride, horses must complete the requirements of the qualification phase within 24 months. Horses are eligible to compete in a CEI 1* event 12 months from the completion of the first novice ride provided they have completed all the novice qualifications including respecting speed and rest period restrictions. Once the novice qualifications are fully completed, horses are eligible to compete in a CEI1* event for a 24 months period.

816.1.3 From their first novice qualification ride, athletes must complete the requirements of this qualifying phase within 24 months. Once novice qualifications are fully completed, athletes are eligible to compete in a CEI1* event 6 months from the completion of the first novice event. After having completed the novice qualification, should an athlete fail to complete in a CEI1* during the next 24 months period, the athlete will need to refresh their novice qualification before progressing further.

816.1.4 For 8 years old Horses and older, dispensation of art. 816.1.2 and 816.1.3 can be granted if athletes and Horses, not necessarily as a combination, have accumulated a minimum of 240km in a maximum of three National Events in a 36 months period.

Eligibility

- FEI Endurance Rules 2019, state the following:
 - Article 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 – Senior and Junior/Young Rider).

- 815.2 Horses: 815.2.1 Horses must be at least 5 years old to qualify as novices.
- 815.2.2 For CEIs 1-Star through 2-Star Competitions Horses must be at least 6 years old to participate.

3. Application Process

- Athletes can obtain the necessary qualifications with any endurance club in the island of Ireland and/or abroad. Athletes must complete the attached Endurance Standard Novice Qualification Form and have their results certified by the respective club in which they achieved the qualifying score.
- Athletes must produce a copy of their Master Logbook.
- In order for the scores to be used as Qualifying Scores, **the Logbook must be countersigned by the Veterinarian at the event in which the scores were achieved.**
- In general, the Master Logbook should include detail of the Horse's, completed distance to the nearest Vet Gate, grounds for non-classification (metabolic, irregular gait or both), treatments at the venue, referral for hospitalisation, mandatory rest periods and any other comments necessary to protect the Horse's future Competition safety and welfare. Such records should be produced to Horse Sport Ireland on application.
- Athletes are required to submit the following:
 1. Completed Endurance Standard Novice Qualification Form signed by Secretary of respective Club where scores were obtained.
 2. Copy Master Log Book exhibiting Veterinarian signature against Qualifying Scores.
 3. Completed FEI Athlete Licence Form
 4. Completed FEI Licence Endurance Trainer Form for new applicants only.
 5. Completed FEI Horse Registration Form and FEI Passport Application Form, where applicable.
 6. Appropriate FEI Licence and Registration Fees.
- The above documentation is to be sent to FEI Endurance Administrator Michelle O' Reilly moreilly@horsesportireland.ie

5. FEI Registration

- Both athlete and horse must be registered with FEI in accordance with FEI Article 113 (General Regulations) and Article 137.
- Article 137 FEI General Regulations – Horse Passports and Microchips - Every Horse entered for any Competition at CIMs (see Appendix E) in a country other than the country of the Horse's residency, and all Horses entered for other CIs, FEI Championships, Regional, Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, at all times, must have an official, valid FEI passport, or a national passport approved by the FEI and inserted inside an FEI Recognition Card. In the case of Horses permanently resident in a Member State of the European

Union, all Horses must have an acceptable national EU approved passport in compliance with Commission Regulations, to which a FEI recognition is applied. The exception to the latter being the possession of a FEI passport which has been continually revalidated without any interruption.

- The key points are the interpretation of ‘the country of the Horse’s residency’ versus ‘Not compulsory for Horses from the host Nation’.
- Where the following information below appears in a FEI Schedule, athletes are reminded that FEI Recognition Cards are required where the Athlete from the host nation, but the animal resides in a different nation.
- **Event Category FEI Passport and or Recognition Card CI-short/long 1* and 2* – Not compulsory for Horses from the host Nation – Compulsory for Horses from the invited Nations.**
- Athletes are to be mindful of the country of the horse’s residency. In summary, if the Athlete is based abroad and the horse is resident in that country then that horse needs to obtain a FEI Passport/ Recognition card to compete in IRL despite the fact that the Athlete is from the host nation.
- Athletes must ensure both athletes (athlete and horse) are free from prohibited substances in accordance with FEI regulations. All information with regard to Clean Sport can be consulted [HERE](#).

6. FEI Entries

- Once registered, Athletes can contact the Horse Sport Ireland FEI Entries Administrator, Debbie O’ Connor to place their entries on the FEI Entry System for each event.
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This policy can be amended at any time by Horse Sport Ireland. Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to amend or change the Policy where necessary at any time in order to fulfil the objective of the Policy, which is to ensure that Team Ireland is represented on appropriately on the international stage.

In the event, that Horse Sport Ireland is of the opinion, that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in international rules, regulations and agreements, and to give effect to the policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of Horse Sport Ireland. Horse Sport Ireland and shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

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