



Update FEI Pony Measuring Rules 2020 and beyond

Attention all Pony Owners

The FEI Veterinary Regulations effective 1 January 2020 were approved at the FEI General Assembly in Moscow Russia on 19 November 2019. Pony Owners should note that a merged proposal for amendments to Chapter IX in the Veterinary Regulations on pony measuring were approved. The amendments combine aspects of the first proposal sent to National Federations and stakeholders on 8 July, including the three-year transition period, with aspects of the 22 October 2019 proposal such as the Lifetime FEI Measurement Certificate for ponies that measured in during 2017, 2018 and 2019. All details can be found here: https://inside.fei.org/system/files/FEI-GA2019-Session_2-FEI-Rules.pdf

In brief the approved rules <https://inside.fei.org/system/files/RULES%202020%20VRs.pdf> effective 1 January 2020 will be as follows:

- **1 Jan 2020**
 - A) FEI registered ponies** who in the years – **2017, 2018, 2019**, - that were measured-in by two veterinarians will be granted ***acquired rights, i.e. receive a lifetime certificate.***
 - B)** All new pony registrations (i.e. ponies that have never been in the FEI System) must be measured at FEI NF Official Measuring, the regulatory height of 148cm/ 149cm with shoes will be applied. The date and location in Ireland of the measuring to be decided.
- **1 January 2020 – 31 December 2022**
 - C)** Existing FEI Ponies (**ponies registered before 31 December 2019 and who are not part of GROUP A above**) can compete without a measuring certification during the transition period unless they compete at EU-CH and FEI Pony Trophy and NC Final. At these events, Pony Measuring will take place. The height allowance will be afforded 150/151. Ponies measured-in will receive the certificate dependant on age.

Where ponies do not compete at the EU CH, Trophy or NC Final and continue to compete at FEI Pony discipline classes can do so freely until 31 December 2022 and have the option to be measured at the NF measuring station during that timeframe.

- **1 Jan 2023 – All ponies require a FEI Measuring Certificate obtained through A, B or C above.**

Pony Measuring – merged proposal

1 January 2020

- All new pony registrations will have to be measured at an Official FEI Measuring Session. Measured in ponies will receive a FEI Measuring Certificate according to their age. (8 years or older will receive a lifetime certificate, younger will get a 1 year certificate)
- All registered ponies measured in at FEI events by 2 FEI Measuring Veterinarians during 2017-2018-2019 will receive an FEI Lifetime Measuring Certificate. ("Grandfather Rights").

1 January 2020 - 31 December 2022 (Transition Period)

- Measuring of entered ponies without FEI Measuring Certificate will take place according to the current (2019) FEI Pony Measuring Rules at the European Pony Championships & Pony Nations Cup Final & Pony Jumping Trophy Final.
- Those measured in will receive a FEI Measuring Certificate according to their age.

1 January 2023 (Full Implementation)

- All ponies will need a FEI Measuring Certificate in order to be eligible to compete at FEI Events.

- FEI clear objective to retain the Pony Category. The Regulatory Height of a Pony is 148/149cm with shoes.
- FEI Registered means having a FEI Horse/Pony number, FEI Recognition Cards not necessary. Check the FEI Database <https://data.fei.org/Horse/Search.aspx>
- To Register your Pony for 2019 <https://www.horsesportireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/FORM-A-FEI-Horse-Passport-Registration-Form-2019-Final-version.pdf>

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