



# 2020 ESNZ Endurance Annual General Meeting





ESNZ Endurance  
16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July Zoom Meeting

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**Programme**

CTR Meeting - Zoom	11.00am
Forum – Zoom	1.00pm
AGM - Zoom	2.00pm

**Forum Agenda** – Order of Agenda items to be confirmed

ESNZ Presentation

Development and Mentoring programme

Roster for Championship Events



ESNZ Endurance  
16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Commencing at 2pm, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Zoom Meeting

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**Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes from previous AGM – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairperson's Annual Report
6. Financial Annual Report
7. Approval of Budget for 2020-2021
8. Technical Committee Annual Report
9. High Performance Annual Report
10. Election of Board Members
11. Election of Technical Committee
12. Set Affiliation Fees for 2021-2022
13. Set Ride Levies for 2020-2021
14. Voting on Rule Changes
15. Approval of Ride Calendar 2020-2021.
16. General Business



**Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of ESNZ Endurance**  
**Held at 1.00pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019**  
**At Redwood Hotel, Christchurch**

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**1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed members to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of ESNZ Endurance. She also welcomed Lynda Clark, ESNZ Board member, Don Robertson, ESNZ Board member, and Vicki Glynn, ESNZ Secretary General.

**2. Present**

Paula Adams, Barbara Avery, Carla Barakat, Sue Billigheimer, Heidi Bulfin, Chris Enstrom, Wendy Farnell, Ian Gray, Allan Haigh, Karyn Haigh, Robyn Hill, Kevin James, Ursula Keenan, Jessica Kennedy, Jo Lankow, Joanne Loveridge, Abbie McLeod, Pip Mutch, Sharon Nisbett, Daryl Owen, Susan Reid, Andrea Rigby, Angela Sloane, Andrea Smith, Murray Smith, Rachel Stocks, Kim Swan, Penelope Valk, Marie Wakeling, Jenny Weston, Ana Whitehead, Hanna Whitehead, Vicky Whitehead, Nick Page, Philip Graham, Helen Bray, Helen Graham, Vicki Glynn

**3. Apologies**

Shane Dougan, Louisa Muir, Leanne Ireland, Alison Higgins, Phillip Higgins, Rena Johnson, Ruth Dawber, Mike Bragg, Andrea Mason, Jenny Chandler, Richard Armstrong, Ainsley King, Bridgett James, Robert Reid, Sian Reid, Maeve McLellan, Sandra Warren, Sandy Marshall, Susan Latta, Sarah Addy, John Stevenson, David Marshall, Louise Holmes, Lisa Simpson

**4. Obituaries**

The AGM held a minute of silence to remember members who had passed away during the year.

**5. Minutes**

The AGM considered the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 28th July 2018 and agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**Moved: Marie Wakeling/Sue Billigheimer**

**6. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

No matters arising

## **7. Chairperson's Report**

The Chair moved that her report for the 2018-2019 season be adopted.

**Moved: Marie Wakeling/Jenny Weston**

It was noted that Mt Nimrod and Mackenzie Clubs had assisted Canterbury Club with the South Island Champs

## **8. Financial Report**

The Treasurer gave a verbal report and spoke on the financial report as presented to the members at the AGM.

It was noted that:

There had been an improvement on last year.

An explanation was given of the makeup of the Sundry items.

Profit from the Nationals Champs contributed significantly to the overall profit.

Saving made on Board Meeting expenses due to replacing some of the In Person meeting with Zoom meetings.

The Treasurer moved that her report for the 2018-2019 season be adopted.

**Moved: Sharon Nisbett/Sue Billigheimer**

Sue Billigheimer, Chair of the Finance Committee, mentioned that the 2019-2020 budget showed deficit of \$13000 so further savings and additional income would be required.

The Board Chair then thanked Sharon for all her hard work throughout the year. The Chair announced that during discussion and review of our current finances and budgeted deficit, the Board agreed to approach Sharon to consider foregoing her honorarium, but was invited to remain on the Finance Committee. Sharon had agreed to this and the Chair thanked her on behalf of the Board for doing so and for her continuation of support for our sport.

Sharon then advised that she was standing down from the role of Treasurer due to the removal of her honorarium. Sharon said this had not been discussed with her, she had just been advised that the honorarium was no longer to be paid and she was given two weeks to advise if she wanted to carry on as treasurer and a member of the Finance Committee. As Sharon still had the end of year financials and grant audits to do she agreed to stay on. She said she would have taken a reduction in her honorarium, if she had been offered this. Sharon said she would stay on until the audit is finalised.

A vote of thanks was made from the floor by Nick Page for the work Sharon had done over the years and Sharon was given a standing ovation.

The Chair moved a vote to thank Sharon.

**Moved: Marie Wakeling/Sue Billigheimer**

There was further comment from the floor by some members who disagreed with the Board's decision to remove the Treasurer's honorarium.

**9. High Performance Report**

The Chair moved that the HP Manager's report for the 2018-2019 season be adopted.

**Moved: Marie Wakeling/Pip Mutch**

**10. Technical Committee & Officials Training Panel Report**

The Chair moved that the TC and OTP reports for the 2018-2019 season be adopted.

**Moved: Marie Wakeling/Heidi Bulfin**

**11. Election of Board Members**

It was noted that there were vacancies available on the Board and three nominations were received from Paula Adams, Marie Wakeling and Jenny Weston.

It was therefore announced that Paula Adams, Marie Wakeling and Jenny Weston were elected to the Board.

**Moved: Marie Wakeling/Daryl Owen**

Nick Page asked if Paula could give a resume' of her background in Endurance. Paula responded with information around where she lived and that she had been a riding member of Endurance for the best part of 20 years. She was then asked by Pip Mutch if she was committed to ESNZ Endurance to which Paula replied that she was committed. She had funded herself through the FEI Officials training and worked at numerous events as an Official this year. She wanted to expand her support of the sport and when invited for applications to stand for a position on the Board, she did so.

Carla Barakat then enquired if all members were invited to apply, to which Jo replied yes. A notice went out to all members calling for nominations.

Helen Bray then stood and stated she had worked with Paula at the Nationals and said she felt she was a very energetic and practical Official and that ESNZ Endurance was fortunate to have her.

**12. Technical Committee**

Two nominations were received for the Technical Committee.

Heidi Bulfin

Murray Smith

The Endurance Board would appoint the Board representative for this Committee at the first meeting of the new Board.

The two nominees were elected to the Technical Committee

**Moved: Marie Wakeling/Wendy Farnell**

**13. Setting of Affiliation Fees, Ride Levies and Start Fees**

a) Affiliation Fees for 2020/2021

The chair proposed on behalf of the ESNZ Endurance Board that Affiliation fees for 2020-2021 remain as for 2019-2020

**Moved: Marie Wakeling/Sue Billigheimer**

b) Ride Levies for 2019-2020

The chair proposed on behalf of the ESNZ Endurance Board that there be no change to the ride levies.

**Moved: Marie Wakeling/Sue Billigheimer**

c) Start Fees for 2019-2020

The chair proposed on behalf of the ESNZ Endurance Board that there be no change to the Start Fees

**Moved Marie Wakeling/Sue Billigheimer**

**14. Event Calendar**

The chair moved the calendar for 2019-2020 be accepted

**Moved Marie Wakeling/Rachel Stocks**

It was noted that the Mt Nimrod Club had changed their name to Waitaki Endurance and CTR Club and this would be altered on the calendar.

**15. General Business**

Results System

Wendy advised that her system would be available to all clubs for approximately \$200 per club.

A working group has been set up to come up with a system that suits Endurance. Working group consists of Dave Hadler, Wendy Farnell, Sue Billigheimer, Jo Lankow, Frank Aldridge, Debbie Morris, and Jenny Chandler.

Website

Members had been asked to send in feedback on the website following comments at the North Island forum that the website wasn't user friendly. No feedback was received but comments from the floor as follows:

Difficult to find ESNZ address and contact details.

Difficult to find calendar and rules.

Have a link on the home page to the calendar and rules

Flowchart required of where things are on the website.

Meeting minutes are currently under Strategy and Growth but will most likely be moved to a better place.

ESNZ Board

A question came from the floor asking about the makeup of the ESNZ Board and if the discipline representatives had to be Board members. Currently discipline reps on the ESNZ Board are all discipline Board members.

**16. Close of business**

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 2pm.



## ESNZ Endurance Board Chairperson Annual Report 2019/20

The world of Endurance has been exposed to numerous changes and influences over the past season.

The FEI Temporary Endurance Committee proposed rules to change the shape of Endurance and to return the sport to align with their mission statement:

**To drive and develop equestrian sport globally in a modern, sustainable and structured manner with guaranteed integrity, athlete welfare, equal opportunity and a fair and ethical partnership with the horse.**

The consensus from our membership was that these proposed rules would create difficulty for our Nation to continue our sport of Endurance with our rules fully aligned with the FEI rules. Our collective vote was against the proposed FEI Endurance rules. The vote at the November 2019 FEI AGA in Moscow, went in favour of the introduction of the proposed rules

The Technical Committee, Board members and our Sports Administrator then worked extremely hard to develop a draft set of National Rules, taking feedback from previous forums, surveys and discussions with members into consideration. These rules are being voted on for adoption at this AGM. This will give shape to how our sport continues in the future.

There is still strong support for the continuation of CEI rides within NZ. Should the new National rules be voted in, I believe an FEI committee should be formed with the mandate to set a CEI qualifying programme, work closely with clubs hosting CEI events and assist with fundraising initiatives to run these events.

This season a total of 32 events were held throughout the country before the onslaught of the consequences of the worldwide pandemic hit our shores. Congratulations to all of our very hard working members and volunteers, for offering a considerable choice and opportunity for our riders to participate in the sport they love, while our Nation was still free to enjoy its sports and pastimes.

In December a very successful Trans-Tasman competition was hosted by Ruahine at Waiouru. The competition resulted in a win for our selected Kiwi team. Congratulations must go to all involved in the organisation and involvement in this weekend. Although the weather was against us at times, everyone was in great spirits and the level of competition and horsemanship shown was exemplary.

The North Island Champs, hosted by Waikato Club, by all reports, was enjoyed immensely by all participants with a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The South Island Champs hosted by Marlborough provided riders with exquisite riding terrain accompanied with picturesque scenery that is second to none!.

We welcomed Mt Linton back into our affiliation this year and National officials training courses were provided to a group of their volunteers to put them on track for running safe and effective events.

With riders moving towards the culminating event of the year being our Nationals which was to be hosted by Waitaki, COVID19 reared its extremely ugly and disruptive head and resulted in a cancellation of this event. This was very much a disappointment to all involved. Kudos to the OC for the work that had been done prior to the cancellation. By agreement with Kohurutahi, Waitaki have an opportunity to host the Nationals 2021.

As always, sound financial management is a key factor to the continuation of sporting groups. This year, as you will see by our financial statement, our sport “broke even”. This is a pleasing result in an extremely challenging environment.

This is in part due to the magnanimous contribution from our major sponsor Toft Endurance. We have also been well supported by **Dunstan Horsefeeds** and **Syncroflex Ltd**

Without the generous support from companies such as these, our sport and its volunteers and workers would have a much increased workload in sourcing funds and goods for operations and awards.

One of our strategic growth statements is “to make it easier to participate so we attract and retain new members”

A proposal was put to the ESNZ Board to alter the Endurance & CTR membership structure and allow participation up to intermediate level without having to register the horse. The ESNZ Board supported our discipline and approved this proposal. The new structure will take effect Aug 1 2020.

When forming the new rules, consideration was given to the many and common comments around our stand downs. Many felt that the current rules hindered participation. We have formed rules that we believe maximise horse welfare and allow people more freedom to enter rides on consecutive days.

As you are all aware our Board has 6 vacant positions to fill for the new season. At this point I would like to express my extreme heartfelt appreciation and thanks for the support of the governance of our sport by my fellow Board members. Thank you for the many hours of personal time that you have volunteered, for your wisdom, your ideas, your follow through, your camaraderie and above all your commitment.

I need to make special mention of three people who I believe were key players in the progression of our Board over the last 3 years.

Sue Billigheimer, despite suffering a life changing accident, showed grit, tenacity and commitment to our sport way beyond any ordinary volunteer! She did an absolutely outstanding job of representing our discipline on the ESNZ Board. Sue was also chair of the finance committee and was always keeping the budget close to mind and offering advice to enable the sport to not move outside its financial limits. As a sport we owe her much gratitude.

Jenny Weston, another person who gave willingly of her time and expertise and supported us in her role as chair of the Technical committee and as a member of the finance committee. Jenny will remain on the Board and the sport will be all the better for her input and assistance.

Jo Lankow, although Jo's position is a paid position, her hours of work, commitment and support of our sport in no way reflected by her remuneration! As an example, one sleepless night I sent an email to her expecting a reply in the morning sometime only to have it answered straight away!! I'm sure this is not a regular occurrence but it demonstrated the level of support and obvious dedication Jo has for our sport.

With sadness, an end of an era has come about for myself. Stu and I have a change of direction in our lives and are going to be less involved with Endurance. Hence my resignation from the Board. We will still be supportive of our club, Ruahine and will host rides on the farm we manage at Piriaka, should the club wish to use it.

I wish the new Board well and call upon the members of our sport to show encouragement, support and positive interactions with them as they find their feet and beyond.



**ESNZ Endurance Financial Report - Income & Expenditure**  
**1 June 2019 - 31 May 2020**

	2020 Actual	2020 Budget	2019 Actual
<b>Income</b>			
Annual Start Levies	8,922	9,391	10,073
Ride levies	17,603	29,804	22,560
Sponsorship, Donations & Grants	12,304	1,000	18,262
MCP fees	779	-	-
Interest received (bank)	1,436	-	1,915
Interest received (loan)	80	-	247
Affiliation fees and subs	5,348	*	5,713
Sundry income	1,043	1,600	9,879
Training camps (D & M)	5,504	6,120	296
Income from Nationals	-	-	23,775
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>53,019</b>	<b>47,915</b>	<b>92,720</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Admin contract	10,021	10,500	9,996
Admin expenses (post, phone, stationery etc)	243	165	40
Annual conference costs	452	950	790
Bank charges	195	305	348
Board claims	3,483	4,100	3,131
D & M programme	2,831	3,914	3,908
ESNZ Contract	4,000	4,181	3,000
Expenses for Nationals	-	-	21,374
FEI fees and levies	7,610	7,000	5,046
Grants - general	16,500	20,000	14,500
Junior camp	2,056	2,500	
Prizes, trophies, buckles etc	988	1,810	2,850
Sundry expenses	2,265	450	13,301
Trans Tasman	2,587	2,000	
Travel	216	-	1,700
Treasurer	2,500	2,500	5,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>55,947</b>	<b>60,375</b>	<b>84,984</b>
<b>Profit / Loss</b>	<b>- 2,928</b>	<b>-12,460</b>	<b>7,736</b>

NOTE: \* affiliation fees included in ride levies budget

## ESNZ Endurance Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2020

	2020	2019
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Current accounts	12,414	24,566
Term deposits	54,728	42,968
Stock on hand	3,003	3,244
Current debtors	10,778	670
Loan to ESNZ	62	2,708
Accrued interest	692	1,031
Prepayments	-	1,345
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	81,677	76,532
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	10,845	2,080
Income received in advance	3,218	3,478
Accruals	833	1,266
<b>TOTAL Liabilities</b>	14,896	6,824
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	66,781	69,708
Opening balance 1 June 2019	69,708	
Profit/Loss current year	- 2,928	
Closing balance 31 May 2020	66,780	

<b>Description</b>	<b>2020/21 Budget</b>
Annual Start Levies (Discipline) (Endurance Administration)	8,500.00
Endurance Ride Levies (Endurance Administration)	18,000.00
Sponsorship and Donations (Endurance Administration)	-
Grants received	-
Interest Received - Bank (Endurance Administration)	500.00
Interest Received - Loan (Endurance Administration)	
Affiliation Fees and Subs (Endurance Administration)	5,100.00
Sundry Income (Endurance Administration)	
Sundry Income (Endurance - Performance)	-
Training Camps (Endurance - Performance)	3,500.00
MCP fees collected	900.00
New category - sundry income paid by mistake	3,000.00
	39,500.00
Training Camps (Endurance - Juniors)	1,500.00
Accommodation & Meals (Endurance - Performance)	-
Board Claims (Travel, Parking and Meals (Endurance Administration)	3,000.00
Travel - Rental Cars (Endurance Administration)	
Travel - Rental Cars (Endurance - Performance)	
FEI Fees & Levies (Endurance Administration)	4,000.00
Camping & Yarding (Endurance - Juniors)	
Camping & Yarding (Endurance - Performance)	
Prizes, trophies, rugs	720.00
National km Awards (Endurance Administration)	500.00
Uniforms (Endurance Administration)	
Grants - General (Endurance - National Championships)	10,000.00
Grants - General (Endurance - North Island Champs)	5,000.00
Grants - General (Endurance - South Island Champs)	5,000.00
Coaching (Endurance - Juniors)	
Coaching (Endurance - Performance)	2,000.00
Rider Development (Endurance - Performance)	
Postage (Endurance Administration)	300.00
Staff Salaries (Endurance Administration)	10,200.00
Administration - Contract (Endurance Administration)	6,419.00
Treasurer (Endurance Administration)	-
Photocopying (Endurance - National Championships)	50.00
Stationery (Endurance Administration)	25.00
Bank Charges (Endurance Administration)	240.00
Annual Conference Costs - Incl AGA and (Endurance Administration)	1,200.00
Sundry Expenses (Endurance Administration)	200.00
Sundry Expenses (Endurance - Performance)	
Trans Tasman & other international events	-
Sundry refund - pd by mistake	3,000.00

New - Board - other expenses (mostly travel e.g forum attendance)	500.00
New - Sports Admin travel expenses	800.00
Marketing	500.00

**55,154.00**

**- 15,654.00**

## **Technical Committee Report 2019/20 Season**

It was a new role for me to be the Board Member appointed to the Technical Committee so I was very grateful to have the wisdom and knowledge of Murray Smith and Heidi Bulfin to draw on. Paula Adams also joined the Technical Committee and was the main point of contact for the mini-schedules which relieved Jo of one task part way through the season.

Main tasks include receiving requests and negotiating changes to the Calendar, checking off on mini-schedules and reviewing TD reports after an event, queries on rules and eligibility, and coordinating with clubs to develop the calendar for the coming season.

A significant piece of work has been the review of the ESNZ Endurance rules to no longer align with the FEI Endurance rules now that their implementation in New Zealand is more difficult, particularly for the qualification process. The view of most members in NZ and other countries that compete with a similar ethos and conditions (Australia, US, South Africa, Namibia) is that the FEI rules introduced to control the sport in some parts of the world where much faster speeds, lower completion rates and poor horse welfare outcomes only make the sport less feasible in our jurisdictions. Enforcing previous versions of the rules rather than tightening the rules seemed a reasonable approach. Whilst our isolation may have helped with fighting COVID, it makes running CEI events relatively expensive and there are not sufficient CEI events in New Zealand to allow horses and riders to progress through the CEI qualification system with the changes that have been implemented.

Much of the proposed rules for ESNZ Endurance are drawn from previous FEI Endurance rules although the mandatory out-of-competition periods have been reduced or eliminated. There have been opportunities for members to have their say on what is in the new version of our rules and thank you to those members who provided feedback. The CTR rules have also been reviewed by the CTR committee to ensure they align with the Endurance rules. The proposed rules do still allow for combined CEI/CEN classes to be held which means that there are still opportunities for our members to compete at any level. The COVID pandemic and travel restrictions may actually work in our favour to hold CEI events in the coming season with some exemptions around foreign officials and we believe it would be worth making a case to return to North Island being defined as foreign to the South Island.

I'm sure we're all hoping for a full 2020/21 Endurance season and there seems to be a good number of competitions planned. Whilst much of the paperwork and requirements involved in holding a competition may seem painful and excessive, they are actually all required for health & safety and insurance purposes and to be covered under the ESNZ umbrella. Our sport runs on the goodwill, time and effort of many volunteers. I would ask that clubs and OCs ensure that they start the process for paperwork like Traffic Management Plans and mini-schedules well in advance of the event rather than creating stress and angst for many individuals when things are left to the last minute.



Thanks to all club committees, the volunteers and officials, the landowners and all competitors for their involvement in our sport. Thanks also to my fellow TC members for prompt replies to emails and sensible suggestions to the questions that came before us. There is a lot of hard work that everyone puts in throughout the season but the end result of getting out and about with our horses, setting and mostly achieving goals, and the camaraderie out on the trail and at ride base keeps us all coming back.

Jenny Weston

Chair, Technical Committee





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## **ESNZ Endurance High Performance Annual Report 2019-2020**

### **Endurance HP Program**

It has been a relatively quiet 12 months from a High Performance perspective with only one active combination on squad and targeting the 2020 FEI World Endurance Championships prior to the covid-19 lockdown.

This does highlight the lack of depth in the High Performance Program at present and a potential reflection on a number of factors that could contribute to this:

1. The level of the Squad criteria to gain squad entry
2. The desire of athletes wanting to aim for the top
3. The financial impact on athletes who would like to aim for the top
4. Current level of horsepower

While the opportunity is there for HP to review the overall squad selection criteria, the overarching objective must remain the same – combinations must be capable of contributing to a team finish or individual top 20 finish. The mission of the HP program is for our riders to be achieving repeatable completions at 160km rides to create intra-competition for NZ team selection. We appreciate that this has challenges, but we need to keep striving to be the best we can.

It's important to note that the High Performance Program can only be successful if talent is produced and developed from the Performance pathway. Without this the HP Endurance Program will not be able to produce repeatable and sustainable success.

### **Endurance World Championship 2020 – Italy**

The FEI World Endurance Championships have now been postponed until the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021, due to the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on equestrian sport. This will now allow anyone considering aiming to represent NZ at these championships more time to prepare and achieve the selection criteria, which is being reviewed. Any NZ representation will also depend on whether we are able to travel and do so safely.

### **HP Personnel**

I take the opportunity to thank our HP team for their time in contributing to the HP program. Sue Reid as HP Manager, Nick Page team vet and our selectors Jenny Weston and Andrea Smith. Difficult discussions have often needed to be had over the past year and having a team that can challenge each other with the overall aim for the betterment of the sport has been appreciated.

### **Summary**

High Performance will take time over the coming months to review the Endurance HP Strategy and squad criteria as we focus on the next championship event. We will work with the ESNZ Endurance Board to ensure we have a robust program and criteria that works for the sport while still providing the support needed to those athletes with ambitions to be at the top of their sport.

**Sue Reid**  
**Endurance HP Manager**

**Warrick Allan**  
**ESNZ HP Operations Manager**

## Board Nominations

**Name**                      **Pip Mutch**  
Nominated by:          Susan Reid  
Seconded by:          Alise Inger

**Name**                      **Susan Reid**  
Nominated by:          Andrea Smith  
Seconded by:          Louisa Muir

As the number of nominations received is less than the number of vacancies Pip Mutch and Susan Reid will be declared elected to the Endurance Board at the AGM

Nominations to fill up to a maximum of four positions will be called for from the floor at the AGM. Two of the positions are required to be filled by members resident in the South Island.

### Questions required to be answered by Board nominees.

#### Pip Mutch

**1. What are your objectives or goals for joining the Endurance Board?**

I would like to see more open communication from the board to the members.

**2. If you were to join the Endurance Board what would you like to achieve during your time on the Board?**

To see member numbers increase

**3. What skills, connections, resources and expertise do you have to offer to the Endurance Board?**

I have competed in Endurance for the last 30 years and have ridden all distances to 160km with success so have a very good understanding of the sport and rules.  
I was Junior Manager for the last 2 year term.

**4. What do you see as the top priorities for the Endurance Board?**

More communication with the members and promotion of the sport

## **Susan Reid**

### **1 What are your objectives or goals for joining the Endurance Board?**

I would like to see numbers participating in Endurance grow. Both riders and officials.

See the board work closer with clubs.

### **2 If you were to join the Endurance Board – what would you like to achieve during your time on the Board?**

To see growth in the sport.

Gain more sponsors

### **3 What skills, connections, resources and expertise do you have to offer to the Endurance Board?**

I have been competing in Endurance for over 20 years and have ridden at the top level of the sport.

I am an Elite Endurance Coach.

Currently Manager of High Performance

Have been the Junior Coach/Manager

Have been part of getting the Development and Mentoring program up and running

Have also been overseas with teams as Groom, Team Manager, Chef/Manager.

I have spent one term previously on the board as Vice Chair so have a good idea of what is involved in being on the board.

### **4 What do you see as the top priorities for the Endurance Board?**

To run good events for the members.

To try to grow the sport in numbers

To be more transparent for the members.

## Technical Committee Nominations

The Technical Committee consists of a minimum of three (3) members as follows:

One Board member appointed by the Board

One member from the FEI Officials list elected by the members at the AGM

One Ordinary member (must be Open or Graded as a rider) elected by the members at the AGM

<b>Name</b>	<b>Murray Smith</b>
Nominated by:	Susan Reid
Seconded by:	Andrea Smith

As the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies Murray Smith will be declared elected to the Technical Committee at the AGM.

As Murray Smith is eligible for either of the elected positions the vacancy is for either a member from the FEI Officials list or an Open/Graded rider.

The Board member for the Technical Committee will be appointed by the Board at their first Board meeting following the AGM.



ESNZ Endurance		Event Calendar		North Island		2020-2021	
	Club	Venue	End/CTR	Distances	Contact Name	Contact Email	
August	01/02						
	08/09						
	15/16						
	22/23						
	29/30	Ruahine	Scotts Ferry	End & CTR	Sunday 40km & shorter	Jenny Weston	<a href="mailto:J.F.Weston@massey.ac.nz">J.F.Weston@massey.ac.nz</a>
September	05/06	Wairarapa	Clareville	CTR	Sunday 10,17,34	Frank Aldridge	<a href="mailto:frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz">frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz</a>
	12/13	Ruahine	Scotts Ferry	End	Sunday 40km & shorter		
	19/20	Kohuratahi	Maramarua		Sat & Sun 40km each day	Pip Mutch	<a href="mailto:pipmutch@farmside.co.nz">pipmutch@farmside.co.nz</a>
	26/27	Ruahine	Scotts Ferry	End & CTR	Sunday 40km & shorter	Jenny Weston	<a href="mailto:J.F.Weston@massey.ac.nz">J.F.Weston@massey.ac.nz</a>
October	03/04						
	10/11	Wairarapa	Pirinoa	End	Sunday 15,25,40,60,80	Frank Aldridge	<a href="mailto:frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz">frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz</a>
	17/18	Kohuratahi	Maramarua		Sat & Sun 40km each day	Pip Mutch	<a href="mailto:pipmutch@farmside.co.nz">pipmutch@farmside.co.nz</a>
	24/25	Wairarapa	TBC	End & CTR	Saturday 40 km & shorter Sunday up to 80 km	Frank Aldridge	<a href="mailto:frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz">frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz</a>
Oct/Nov	31/01	Wairarapa	Tinui Forestry	CTR	Sunday 16,32	Frank Aldridge	<a href="mailto:frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz">frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz</a>
November	07/08						
	14/15	Wairarapa	Matahiwi	End & CTR	Saturday End 10,25,40 CTR 30 Sunday End 10,25,40,60,80	Frank Aldridge	<a href="mailto:frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz">frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz</a>
	21/22						
	28/29	Kohuratahi	TBC			Pip Mutch	<a href="mailto:pipmutch@farmside.co.nz">pipmutch@farmside.co.nz</a>
December	05/06	Wairarapa	TBC			Frank Aldridge	<a href="mailto:frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz">frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz</a>
	12/13	Ruahine	Piriaka	End	Saturday 40k & shorter Sunday 80km & shorter	Jenny Weston	<a href="mailto:J.F.Weston@massey.ac.nz">J.F.Weston@massey.ac.nz</a>
	19/20						
	26/27						
January	02/03						
	09/10	Wairarapa	Daisybank	End & CTR	Sat CTR 15,30,40	Frank Aldridge	<a href="mailto:frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz">frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz</a>

					Sun End 15,20,40,60,80		
	16/17						
	23/24						
	30/31						
February	06/07	Ruahine	North Is Champ	End & CTR		Jenny Weston	<a href="mailto:J.F.Weston@massey.ac.nz">J.F.Weston@massey.ac.nz</a>
	13/14						
	20/21						
	27/28	Wairarapa	TBC	End & CTR	Sat End & CTR 15,20,40 Sun End 15,20,40,60,80	Frank Aldridge	<a href="mailto:frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz">frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz</a>
March	06/07						
	13/14	King Country	Mapiu		40, 60, 80	Joanne Loveridge	<a href="mailto:js.fowler1943@gmail.com">js.fowler1943@gmail.com</a>
	20/21	Wairarapa	Blackrock Road	CTR	Sun 15,30,60	Frank Aldridge	<a href="mailto:frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz">frank.aldridge@tigl.co.nz</a>
	27/28						
April	03/04	National Champs	Macraes Flat	End & CTR		Shelley Vincent	<a href="mailto:kaizenarabians@gmail.com">kaizenarabians@gmail.com</a>
	10/11						
	17/18						
	24/25						
May	01/02						
	08/09						
	15/16						
	22/23						
	29/30						
June	05/06						
	12/13						
	19/20						
	26/27						
July	03/04						
	10/11						
	17/18						

ESNZ Endurance		Event Calendar		South Island		2020-2021	
		Club	Venue	End/CTR	Distances	Contact Name	Contact Email
August	01/02						
	08/09						
	15/16						
	22/23						
	29/30	Marlborough		End	40km & shorter	Heidi Bulfin	<a href="mailto:heidibulfin@hotmail.com">heidibulfin@hotmail.com</a>
		Waitaki		End & CTR	40, 20, 10, 5	Shelley Vincent	<a href="mailto:kaizenarabians@gmail.com">kaizenarabians@gmail.com</a>
September	05/06						
	12/13	Canterbury			5,10,20,40 Sat & Sun	Andrea Rigby	<a href="mailto:cetrcentry@gmail.com">cetrcentry@gmail.com</a>
	19/20						
	26/27	Waitaki		End & CTR	40, 20, 10, 5	Shelley Vincent	<a href="mailto:kaizenarabians@gmail.com">kaizenarabians@gmail.com</a>
		Marlborough	Fareham Lane	End & CTR	End Sat 15, 25, 40. CTR Sun 15, 25, 40	Heidi Bulfin	<a href="mailto:heidibulfin@hotmail.com">heidibulfin@hotmail.com</a>
October	03/04						
	10/11						
	17/18	Marlborough	Lansdowne (TBC)	CTR		Heidi Bulfin	<a href="mailto:heidibulfin@hotmail.com">heidibulfin@hotmail.com</a>
	24/25	Canterbury			5,10,20,40,80 Sun & Mon	Andrea Rigby	<a href="mailto:cetrcentry@gmail.com">cetrcentry@gmail.com</a>
Oct/Nov	31/01						
November	07/08						
	14/15	Waitaki		End & CTR	80, 40, 20, 10, 5	Shelley Vincent	<a href="mailto:kaizenarabians@gmail.com">kaizenarabians@gmail.com</a>
		Marlborough	Erina Downs	End & CTR	End Sat 15,25,40 CTR Sun 15,25,40	Heidi Bulfin	<a href="mailto:heidibulfin@hotmail.com">heidibulfin@hotmail.com</a>
	21/22						
	28/29	Mackenzie		CTR	5,10,20	Louise Holmes	<a href="mailto:alholmes@farmside.co.nz">alholmes@farmside.co.nz</a>
		Marlborough	Seaview	End & CTR	CTR Sat End Sat 80km & shorter	Heidi Bulfin	<a href="mailto:heidibulfin@hotmail.com">heidibulfin@hotmail.com</a>
December	05/06						
	12/13	Canterbury			5,10,20,40,80 Sat & Sun	Andrea Rigby	<a href="mailto:cetrcentry@gmail.com">cetrcentry@gmail.com</a>



January	19/20						
	26/27						
	02/03	Marlborough	TBC	CTR		Heidi Bulfin	<a href="mailto:heidibulfin@hotmail.com">heidibulfin@hotmail.com</a>
	09/10						
	16/17						
	23/24	Mackenzie	South Is Champs			Louise Holmes	<a href="mailto:alholmes@farmside.co.nz">alholmes@farmside.co.nz</a>
	30/31						
February	06/07	Marlborough		CTR & End	Up to 80 km	Heidi Bulfin	<a href="mailto:heidibulfin@hotmail.com">heidibulfin@hotmail.com</a>
	13/14						
	20/21	Canterbury			5,10,20,40,80 Sat & Sun	Andrea Rigby	<a href="mailto:cetrcentry@gmail.com">cetrcentry@gmail.com</a>
March	27/28	Mt Linton			80km and shorter	Elfi Menpes	<a href="mailto:elfi.menpes@yahoo.de">elfi.menpes@yahoo.de</a>
	06/07	Mackenzie		End & CTR	Sat CTR, Sun End 40,80	Louise Holmes	<a href="mailto:alholmes@farmside.co.nz">alholmes@farmside.co.nz</a>
	13/14						
	20/21	Marlborough	TBC	CTR		Heidi Bulfin	<a href="mailto:heidibulfin@hotmail.com">heidibulfin@hotmail.com</a>
	27/28						
April	03/04	Waitaki	National Champs			Shelley Vincent	<a href="mailto:kaizenarabians@gmail.com">kaizenarabians@gmail.com</a>
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	24/25						
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June	05/06						
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	19/20						
	26/27						
July	03/04						



# 2020 CTR Annual General Meeting





## **Competitive Trail Riding**

**CTR Meeting to be held at 11.00am  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Zoom Meeting**

### **Agenda**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2018 Meeting
3. CTR Annual Report
4. Election of CTR Committee
5. Voting on Rule Changes
6. General Business





**Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of ESNZ Endurance - CTR**  
**Held at 11.15am 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019**  
**At Redwood Hotel, Christchurch**

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**1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed members present to the 154<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of ESNZ Endurance CTR

**2. Present**

Sue Billigheimer, Heidi Bulfin, Wendy Farnell, Angela Sloane, Robyn Hill, Ursula Keenan, Jessica Kennedy, Jo Lankow, Daryl Owen, Andrea Rigby, Kim Swan, Penelope Valk, Jenny Weston, Ana Whitehead, Hanna Whitehead, Vicky Whitehead, Barbara Avery, Sharon Nisbett

**3. Apologies**

Shane Dougan, Paula Kerr, Rena Johnson, Hannah Ballantyne, David Marshall

**4. Minutes**

The AGM considered the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**Moved: Sue Billigheimer/Ursula Keenan**

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Nil

**6. Chair's Report**

The Chair moved that her report for the 2018-2019 season be adopted.

**Moved: Sue Billigheimer/Heidi Bulfin**

**7. Election of Committee Members**

Two nominations had been received for the Committee so Heidi Bulfin and Robyn Mills were elected.

Gemma Acton was unable to be present but had sent in written agreement to her nomination.

Sue commented that it would be good to have someone from Canterbury, Waitaki or Mackenzie on the committee. Wendy Farnell offered to go on the committee.

It was moved that Gemma Acton and Wendy Farnell be elected to the CTR Committee.

**Moved: Sue Billigheimer/Ursula Keenan**

## 8. Rule Changes

### Rule Change 1

- Team results will not need to be worked out on the day by the ride secretary. This will be done by the Sport Administrator or CTR Committee but advice will need to be sent through of who was in each team on the day.
- Needs to be added that it will be a rider/horse combination.
- Double points to be given at championship events.

For 16

Against 0

Abstain 1

Rule change accepted

### Rule Change 2

For 13

Against 0

Abstain 1

Rule change accepted

## 9. General Business

### • Vets at CTR rides

- Recommended that a registered vet be present for all CTR rides over 40km. This was agreed by those present. The CTR Committee will discuss further with the possibility of getting the rule changed by the Board to come into effect for the start of the season

### • Maximum Distance for Open CTR Classes

- Discussion on whether the maximum distance for one day CTR classes should be increased to 80km.
- If increased to 80km horse start fees would need to be changed from the Novice fee (\$30) to the Open fee (\$60) in line with endurance.
- No decision reached and needs to be discussed further by the CTR Committee.

## 10. Close of business

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 12 noon.

## CTR Report 2019-2020

CTR as with everything else has had a drop in numbers due to cancellation of events due to Covid.

26 events were held down in total from 32 last year. With 7 events being cancelled the numbers would have been similar to last year

### Championship Events

South Island Champs at Renwick hosted by Marlborough (In conjunction with endurance) 31 entries in total (14 in Championship Classes and 17 in Novice)

North Island Champs at Taupo 13 entries in total, 9 in Championship Classes and 4 in Non Championship Classes

National Champs hosted by Waitaki Unfortunately cancelled.

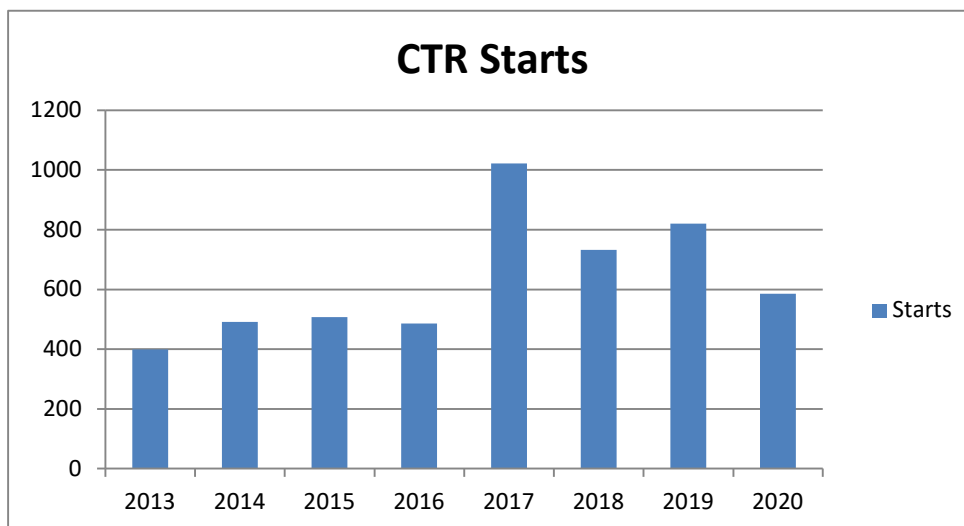
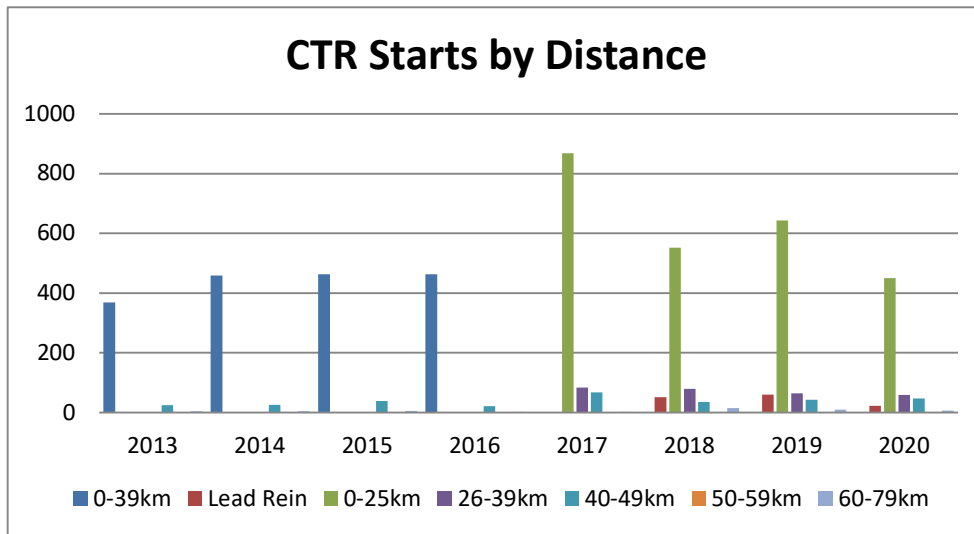
### Rider Statistics

	2015-2106	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
No of Riders	612	973	666	690	585 -15%
Rides held	26	40	29	32	26 -19%
KM Completed	11452	15534	12094	12373	11050 -11.0%

This year the CTR Committee consisted of Sue Billigheimer, Heidi Bulfin, Robyn Mills, Wendy Farnell & Gemma Acton with support from Jo Lankow. Thanks to you all for your input.

A big thank you to Jo Lankow for help with the new membership structure. This should enable clubs to encourage Novice riders to step up a level and allow more competition at Championships.

The revised rules have been aligned with Endurance rules this year and a huge thank you to Canterbury club in particular Andrea Rigby for putting so much effort in to get these into this format.



## **Election of CTR Committee for 2020-2021**

The CTR Committee consists of one member appointed by the Board and four members elected at the CTR AGM.

### **CTR Committee Nominations**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Heidi Bulfin</b>
Nominated by:	Jo Lankow
Seconded by:	Sue Billigheimer

Due to the number of nominations received being less than the number of vacancies Heidi Bulfin is elected to the CTR Committee.

Nominations for the remaining three elected positions will be called for from the floor at the CTR meeting



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



# **ENDURANCE**

**Version 14 - 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020**

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Horsemanship and horse welfare are the core of endurance riding. Endurance is a test of the rider's ability to manage the horse safely over an endurance course. It is designed to test the stamina and fitness of the rider and horse against the track, distance, terrain, climate, and clock, without compromising the welfare of the horse. A key tenet of the sport is successful completion of an endurance course, including all of the phases of the course and all of the mandatory veterinary inspections.

### **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 and CTR 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. These rules have been adapted from previous ESNZ Endurance rules and versions of the FEI Endurance rules.

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 the intention of these rules and the rules listed above.

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# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The following is a Code of Conduct based on that promoted by the FEI but includes changes to reflect the New Zealand environment.

1. In all equestrian sports the welfare of the horse must be considered paramount.
2. The wellbeing of the horse shall be placed above the demands of breeders, trainers, riders, owners, dealers, organisers, sponsors or officials.
3. Horses must be handled in a way that ensures their health and welfare, and veterinary advice must be followed with regards a horse's suitability to present or continue in a competition.
4. The highest standards of nutrition, health, sanitation and safety for the horse shall be encouraged and maintained at all times.
5. Adequate provision must be made for appropriate ventilation, feeding, watering and maintaining a healthy environment when horses are being transported or yarded/stabled.
6. Emphasis should be placed on increasing education of all competitors and officials in training and equestrian practices and promoting scientific studies of equine health.
7. In the interests of the horse, the fitness and competence of the rider shall be regarded as essential.
8. All riding and training methods must take into account that the horse is a sentient entity and therefore horses must not be subjected to any techniques or management considered by the ESNZ to be abusive.
9. ESNZ has established adequate controls in order that all persons and bodies under their jurisdiction respect the welfare of the horse.
10. This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse applies during competitions and also in training. It is the responsibility of all riders and Officials to uphold this Code and to report any breaches to the appropriate Official or Organisation.

## Definitions

Affiliated Club:	a club entitled to run events approved by EnNZ
Board:	the Board Members of EnNZ
Bpm:	Heart Beats per Minute
Casual membership	rider membership of ESNZ for one competition only
Casual registration	horse registration with ESNZ for one competition only
CEI:	an International Endurance Competition
CEN:	all National Endurance Competitions (non CEI competitions)
Championship Events	the North Island, South Island & National Championships
Class:	each division within a competition e.g Senior vs JY, Novice or Open
Competition:	a set distance within an event
Day Vet Card (DVC):	the Card given to unregistered horses at Events
EnNZ:	ESNZ Endurance
ESNZ:	Equestrian Sports New Zealand Incorporated
Event:	a complete meeting of competitions, usually held over a weekend
FEI:	Fédération Equestre Internationale
Hold time:	the period of time that between a veterinary inspection and when the combination can start the next loop
JY:	Junior / Young Rider
Loop:	the course the horse must travel after crossing the start line; most competitions require that the horse completes several loops (even if this is the same loop covered multiple times)
OC:	the Organising Committee of an Event
Phase:	each competition consists of one or more phase; a phase includes the loop of the course, as well as the time before the horse enters the veterinary ring for the veterinary inspection

## Section One – GENERAL

Endurance Riding is a Competition to test the rider'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. To be successful, the rider must have knowledge of pace and the efficient and safe use of the horse across country. In an Endurance Competition any member of the Genus Equus counts as a "horse".

The most important responsibility of the Technical Delegate (TD), Ground Jury, Stewards, Veterinary Commission, Chef d'Equipe, Team Veterinarian, trainer and grooms and the absolute responsibility of the rider, is to ensure the health and welfare of the horse by diligent application of their skill together with a caring, knowledgeable attitude by the rider.

The rider is responsible for safely managing the condition of their horse over the course, taking account of the climate and other conditions, without compromising the welfare of their horse. The rider and trainer may not enter or keep a horse in a competition if the horse is suffering from an illness or injury or is receiving medication that would adversely affect or enhance its ability to compete.

Regardless of the order and rules for starting, each rider must carry out the entire competition as if competing alone against the clock, taking account of the track, distance, terrain, and climate, and without compromising the welfare of the horse. The combination that finishes the course in the shortest time, while respecting all course requirements (including any applicable speed restrictions and minimum weight requirements), and passing all veterinary inspections, medication controls, and any other protocols in place for the safety of the horse and rider will be classified as the winner of the competition.

## Section Two - ENDURANCE COMPETITIONS

### 2.1 Riding Season

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

### 2.2 Classes of Competitions

Class	Distances / Criteria
Intro	0-39 km, speed restriction of 13.5kph, not eligible for placings or Best Condition Awards
Novice	40 – 90km, speed restriction of 13.5kph, not eligible for placings or Best Condition Awards
Intermediate	40 – 79 km no speed restriction
Open	80-99 km no speed restriction
Open level 1	100-119 km no speed restriction
Open level 2	120-139 km no speed restriction
Open level 3	140-160 km no speed restriction

### 2.3 Horses and Riders

- a) Horses and riders are classed according to which level of competition 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 the horse and rider in a combination are graded at different levels they are restricted to entering the lowest level class that the combination are eligible for.

**Novice** - Horses and riders that have successfully qualified a Novice ride in the past 24 months but have not yet completed the Novice Qualifying Procedure.

**Intermediate** - Horses and Riders that have qualified in 200km of Novice rides 40-90km within a 24 month period.

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

**Open Level 1** – Horses and riders that have successfully completed at least one Open competition of 80-99 km.

**Open Level 2** - – Horses and riders that have successfully completed at least one Open competition of 100-119 km.

**Open Level 3**– Horses and riders that have successfully completed at least one Open competition of 120-139 km.

- c) At all CEN competitions Senior and Junior/Young Rider divisions may be held for each competition distance.
  - Senior - Any rider from the season in which they reach the age of 18.
  - JY (Junior / Young Rider) - Any rider until the end of the season in which they reach the age of 21.

Between the ages of 18 and 21, riders can choose to compete as a Senior or JY but must compete in that class for the entire season. While under the age of 18 JY competitors must have permission of a parent or guardian to enter any event.

- d) It is at the discretion of the club or OC what classes are held at non-championship events.

### 2.4 Heart Rates

In all competitions horses shall have a;

- a) Maximum heart rate at all vet gates of 64bpm within 20 minutes
- b) Maximum heart rate at final vetting of 64bpm within 30 minutes.

### 2.5 Dress Code & Safety Equipment

Competitors Attire: Clothing should be appropriate for riding e.g. Jodhpurs/riding tights, shirt, and not detrimental to the image of ESNZ Endurance.

Footwear: Safe riding footwear with a heel of 12 mm or more, or alternatively caged/covered stirrups or equestrian safety stirrups are compulsory for all riders.

Safety helmet: 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. Attachments to helmets must be approved by the Ground Jury.

Designated Rider Bib: Allocated by the event organisers and must be worn by the rider at all times during the competition and be clearly visible from both front and back.



The rider bib must also be worn by a person accompanying the horse during vetting procedures but does not need to be worn by the person that trots the horse out. The rider bib should be worn inside out if riding but not in competition at an Event to ensure that all officials are not confused.

**Safety equipment:** The Competition Schedule may require the use of specific safety equipment, such as reflective items.

**Mobile phones and GPS:** The use of mobile phones and GPS devices is permitted. All other forms of communication devices must be approved by the Ground Jury prior to the Competition.

## **2.6 Riding Times**

- a) Minimum and Maximum Competition Times are to be set by the OC in conjunction with the TD taking the following into account:  
Novice and Intro competitions: 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 competitions on the day.  
Open and Intermediate competitions: Recommended maximum time to be set at a speed of 10kph.
- b) All competition times must be set prior to the start of the competition and announced at the pre-competition briefing.
- c) All competition times must be recorded in hours, minutes and seconds on the results sheets and in the Logbook.

## **2.7 Weights at CEN Competitions**

- 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: During the competition at random as decided by the Ground Jury and at the finish of the competition
- d) From time to time, the Board may approve the inclusion of other classes in a competition or season e.g. lightweight or heavyweight for Senior riders but not to be held as a championship class

## **2.8 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: 15 km
- Riders must be led by someone aged 18 years or older (walking or riding).
- 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.
- Combinations will be credited with the kilometres provided ESNZ membership and registration requirements are met and the rider is a member of an affiliated club.
- If the adult leading is on foot:  
They do not need to pay a Casual Membership fee;  
The person leading 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 leading is on horseback the following applies:  
 They must enter in a separate Intro class and pay the Casual Membership fee if applicable  
 They must be named on the entry form of the junior they are leading and sign the entry form as the person responsible.  
 Senior combinations will be credited with the kilometres provided ESNZ membership and registration requirements are met and the rider is a member of an affiliated club.

## 2.9 Elevator Competitions

Elevator competitions may be run in Novice and Open classes but are not to be held as a Championship Class.

- Distance
  - Minimum Novice elevator competition distance 60 km
  - Maximum Novice elevator competition distance 90 km
  - Minimum Open elevator competition distance 80 km
  - Maximum Open elevator competition distance 120 km
- All combinations must successfully complete a minimum of 30km before they can elevate.
- All entrants in an elevator competition must enter for the maximum available distance within their class.
- Minimum and maximum competition times to be set for each loop in Novice elevator classes and maximum competition times need to be set for each loop in Open elevator classes.
- Combinations that successfully complete loops totalling 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.
- A competitor can only choose not to elevate if there is no pending veterinary re-inspection and before the end of the hold time for that phase.
- The time the rider decides to not elevate must be recorded in the logbook.
- 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.
- Riders who choose not to elevate, must immediately present their horse at the vet ring for a final veterinary inspection. Horses cannot be eliminated for veterinary reasons at this inspection.
- The decision not to elevate must be made before the designated departure time for the next loop.

## 2.10 ESNZ Endurance Horse Logbooks

- Only competitions sanctioned by ESNZ can be entered in an ESNZ logbook.
- A horse must be currently registered with ESNZ for any competition to be entered in its logbook.
- ESNZ reserves the right to inspect logbooks at any time and may delete any unsanctioned competition that has been entered in the logbook.
- Any person found using an ESNZ logbook at an unsanctioned event shall face disciplinary action.

### **2.11 Novice Qualifying Procedure**

- a. Novice qualifying applies for horses and riders and consists of the successful completion of:
  - Two novice competitions of 40-60km
  - Followed by two novice competitions of 80-90km
- b. Novice competitions shall be completed at a speed no faster than 13.5 kph
- c. Horses and riders must complete the requirements of novice qualifying within a 24 month period.
- d. After completing the novice qualification requirements the following applies:
  - Horses – May compete in Open competitions up to a maximum distance of 90km during the 12 month period from the date of their first qualified novice competition at a maximum speed of 16kph.
  - Riders - May compete in Open competitions up to a maximum distance of 90km during the 6 month period from the date of their first qualified novice competition at a maximum speed of 16kph.
- e. Time frame before being eligible to enter Open competitions of 91km and over:
  - Horses – 12 months after qualifying in their first novice competition.
  - Riders – 6 months after qualifying in their first novice competition.

### **2.12 Hold Times**

- Minimum: 30 minutes.
- Maximum: 60 minutes for a one day competition
- Minimum hold time following each loop: Ratio of one minute per one kilometre
- Competitions 80-139km: Must have one hold of at least 40 minutes
- Competitions 140-160km: Must have one hold of at least 50 minutes

### **2.13 Loop Distances**

Competitions up to 40km – no distance restrictions

Competitions longer than 40 km:

- Minimum distance: 16 km
- Maximum distance: 40 km

### **2.14 Number of Phases**

- a) Competitions of 41 – 79km – minimum of two phases
- b) Competitions of 80-100 km are to consist of at least 3 phases;
- c) Competitions of 101-139 km must consist of at least 4 phases;
- d) Competitions of 140-160 km must consist of at least 5 phases.

## **2.15 CEN Competitions 100km & over**

Horses and riders must qualify as follows:

- To enter an Open Level 1 competition - qualify in one Open competition
- To enter an Open Level 2 competition - qualify in one Open Level 1 competition
- To enter an Open Level 3 competition - qualify in one Open Level 2 competition
- These qualifications do not need to be as a combination.
- Qualifying competitions for horses are only valid for 24 months from the date of each competition. Should a horse fail to complete a competition 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.

## **2.16 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

## **2.17 Multi Day Endurance Competitions**

Competition category: Novice, Intermediate and Open

Minimum distance of competition: 60km

Minimum distance per day: 20km

Standard minimum and maximum loop distances as per rule 2.13 will apply.

Minimum number of phases per day: One

Overnight hold time: Must be less than 24 hours from finishing on one day and starting the following day.

Officials must remain the same for the duration of the competition.

Method of Starting:

Day One: Mass start

Following Days: Staggered start for set period of time (usually 1 hour) 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

- a) Following all multi day competitions, the usual stand-down periods for overall distance completed apply.
- b) Eligibility for entering classes is the same as if the competitions were held in a single day.
- c) Pre-start veterinary inspection: On the second and any subsequent days all horses must be presented at the vet ring no more than one hour prior to their designated departure time for a veterinary inspection.

## **2.18 Control of Horses**

- Whilst at the event base, all horses shall be under the control of the person responsible and must not be allowed to roam free.
- At all times during the event, if a horse is deemed dangerous to other horses, riders or officials, that horse may be disqualified from the competition.

## **2.19 Yarding**

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

- a) Four rigid corners - for example, but not limited to, waratahs (MUST have safety caps that are firmly attached) side of truck, existing fence. These rigid corners must be firmly embedded in the ground. The remainder of the yard may be solid, pipes or electric tape (must be two strands).
- b) If using electric fence tape (not string), the tape must be tight at all times regardless of whether a horse is in the yard or not and it must be electrified while horses are in the yard. Minimum voltage going through the tape is to be 2000 V.
- c) Minimum height of top tape /rail = 1 metre and the approximate minimum distance between the two tapes/rails must be 400mm
- d) Stallions must have an approved solid or pipe yard displaying a STALLION sign. All stallion yards are to be a minimum height of 1.2 metres.
- e) Solid/pipe yards may be divided with two strands of tape which do not need to be electrified, to allow for two horses within the yard
- f) If electric fence tape is used each yard must be a separate yard and not joined to any other yard (although it is permissible to run a connection between adjacent yards to provide electrification).
- g) Only one horse is permitted per electric fence tape yard.
- h) All horses must be identified by an ID tag at all times.

### **2.19.2** 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.

### **2.19.3** Electric Fence Standards of any type are not classed as providing a rigid corner.

## **2.20 After the Competition**

- a) After completing  $\leq 100$  km in one day, horses must remain on the competition base for two hours after they have finished the competition unless permission is obtained from the Vet Commission to remove the horse. Failure to abide by this rule shall result in elimination from the competition.

- b) After completing > 100 km in one day, horses must remain on the competition base for twelve hours after they have finished the competition unless permission is obtained from the Vet Commission to remove the horse. Failure to abide by this rule shall result in elimination from the competition.

## **2.21 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 Three – REGISTRATION**

## **3.1 Horse Registration**

Upon registration horses will receive a logbook.

Horses competing in Novice ≥ 80km, Open and CEI classes must be ESNZ registered

Registration entitles a horse to:

- Have kilometres and results recorded on the ESNZ database
  - Be eligible for National Awards & Roll of Honour
  - Compete in Championship classes
  - For these entitlements to apply for Novice, Intermediate, Open and CEI classes, the rider must be a current Introductory, Full, Child or Visiting Rider 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
  - Kilometres and results will be recorded on the ESNZ database for registered horses in Intro classes providing the rider is an Introductory, Full, Child or Visiting Rider member of ESNZ and a current financial member of an Affiliated Club.
- a) Unregistered horses may be entered in Novice and Intermediate classes up to a maximum distance of 79km providing a flexi-start fee is paid and the rider has Introductory, Child, Visiting Rider or Full registration with ESNZ and is a member of an Affiliated Club.
- b) Unregistered horses may be entered in Intro classes up to a maximum distance of 39km; no flexi-start fee required.
- c) Kilometres will be recorded by the Sport Administrator for unregistered horses to count towards lifetime kilometre awards.
- d) Unregistered horses are eligible for the Intermediate Series but not for any other national series or awards.
- e) Novice qualification rides do not count towards Open horse status if the horse is unregistered; the only exception being the ability to claim one novice 40-50 km ride (before 1<sup>st</sup> May in the season in which the ride is being claimed) in which case the rider would need to have been a full or child member of ESNZ and a member of an affiliated club (see rule 3.3 Claiming a Ride).

### 3.2 Rider Registration and Rider Rules

Riders must be a current Introductory, Full, Child or Visiting Rider member of ESNZ and a current financial member of an affiliated club to:

- Have their kilometres and results recorded on the ESNZ database.
  - Be eligible for National Awards
  - Compete in Championship classes
  - Compete in Novice, Intermediate, Open and CEI classes
- a) Riders who are not members of an Affiliated club can only compete in Intro classes.
- b) All riders entering Intro classes must be a member of ESNZ (any level) 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 competition is claimed for the horse.
- d) Kilometres and results will be recorded on the ESNZ database for riders in Intro classes providing the rider is an Introductory, Full, Child or Visiting Rider member of ESNZ, a current financial member of an affiliated club and the horse is registered with ESNZ.
- e) Novice qualifications by riders with Introductory ESNZ membership do not count towards Open rider status.
- f) Foreign Riders at CEN events in NZ must be registered with ESNZ to compete in CEN events. They must also be a financial member of an affiliated club. They must either qualify through the Novice Qualifying Procedure depending on the level they wish to compete at OR provide proof that they are qualified to compete at the level of the class they are entering (proof to be forwarded to the Sport Administrator prior to riding at the event).

### 3.3 Claiming a Competition

A maximum of one Novice 40-50km competition can be claimed retrospectively for horses.

- a) The rider must have been a current Introductory, Full, Child or Visiting Rider member of ESNZ and a current financial member of an affiliated club to enter the competition being claimed.
- b) The competition must be claimed in the same season as the competition is qualified
- c) The horse must be registered with ESNZ in the season the competition is qualified.
- d) The date of registration is as recorded on the ESNZ database.
- e) The competition season commences on the 1st August and any competition being claimed must be claimed by the 1<sup>st</sup> May, prior to the end of the season which is 31<sup>st</sup> July.
- f) Do **NOT** register the horse online or send the registration form direct to ESNZ, instead to claim a competition and to get the horse registered, send the following to the ESNZ Endurance Sport Administrator:
- i. Copy of the Day Vet Card
  - ii. Completed ESNZ Equine Registration Application form
  - iii. Completed Horse ID form
  - iv. Blank, stamped envelope

## Section Four – HORSE RULES

All horses competing in ESNZ Endurance competitions will be classified as Novice until such time as they have qualified through the Novice Qualifying Procedure or proof of previous competition qualification or classification eligibility is received by ESNZ Endurance.

### 4.1 Age of Horses

All horses are deemed to have their birth date on 1<sup>st</sup> August. This date of birth must be entered in the log book allocated to the horse upon registration. To enter competitions, horses must meet the following age criteria:

Intro competitions:	minimum of 4 years old
Novice/Intermediate competitions:	minimum of 5 years old
Open competitions 80-99 km:	minimum, of 5 years old (maximum speed of 16km/hr for any 5yo horses)
Open Level 1 competitions 100 –119 km:	minimum of 6 years old
Open Level 2 competitions 120-139 km:	minimum of 7 years old
Open Level 3 competitions $\geq$ 140 km	minimum of 8 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. Four year old horses are restricted to competing in Intro classes only and at a maximum speed of 12kph. i.e. 10km at 12kph = 50 minutes; 40km at 12kph = 3 hrs 20 mins
- c. Mares that are more than 120 days pregnant, or with a foal at foot cannot be entered in any competition.

### 4.2 24 Month Rule

- a. When an Open horse has not qualified in a Novice, Intermediate or Open competition in the preceding 24 months then that horse must re-qualify in one 80- 90km Novice competition before it may enter in an Open competition at any event.
- b. When an Intermediate horse has not qualified in a Novice or Intermediate competition in the preceding 24 months then that horse must re-qualify in one 40-60km Novice competition before it may enter an Intermediate competition at any event.

### 4.3 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 or pipe/rail yard.
- 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) Be under the control of the rider or handler.
- 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.

## Section Five – THE COMPETITION

Once a class has started the designation of the class cannot be changed e.g. an Open class cannot be changed to a novice class part way through the competition. This does not prevent the Ground Jury from extending the ride time for the class part way through the competition if necessary.

### 5.1 Method of Starting

The first day of a competition (for multi-day competitions), or the day of a competition (for single-day competitions), must have a mass start. Horses may not cross the starting line before the signal is given.

If a combination makes a false start (i.e. crosses the start line of the first Loop before the start signal is given or crosses the start line of subsequent Loops before the Hold Time has been completed), the combination must return and re-cross the start line. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. The combination's start time will continue to run from when the original start signal was given.

The start time of any combination that does not present on time for the start is recorded as if it had started on time. No combination may start later than 15 minutes after the official start time. Failure to comply with this provision will result in disqualification.

### 5.2 Time-keeping and Record keeping

Time is counted from the start signal until the combination crosses the finish line. Time-keeping devices must be synchronized and time-keepers must accurately calculate and record the start and finish times and the speeds of each combination for each loop and phase.

Each combination will be issued a time card after each phase. A combination does not have to start a second or subsequent phase on time or within a certain period of time but their riding time will be recorded as if they had started that phase on time.

If electronic time-keeping systems are used a manual back-up system must be immediately available to use if necessary.

### **5.3 Failure to Qualify, Disqualification, withdrawal and retirement**

**5.3.1. Failure to Qualify** for the next Phase or for final classification occurs when a combination is removed from the competition for failure to pass a veterinary inspection, complete the full course as required, comply with applicable speed restrictions, and/or meet all time requirements for completion, or as a result of such other 'FTQ' designations as may be specified.

**5.4.2 Disqualification** occurs when a combination is removed from a competition and/or Event (or its results are subsequently disqualified after the competition and/or Event) for a violation of any ESNZ Rules.

**5.3.3 Withdrawal** occurs when a rider withdraws their horse from the competition (without otherwise being removed from the competition) after the rider has registered and received their rider bib, and at, or prior to, the first (pre-competition) veterinary inspection.

**5.3.4 Retirement** occurs when a rider decides (without otherwise being removed from the competition) not to continue in the competition after their horse has passed all veterinary checks up to the point of choosing to retire, and prior to the departure time for the next phase. A horse may not be retired if a compulsory or required re-inspection is still pending.

### **5.4 Removal from Competition**

**5.4.1** All horses removed (voluntarily or otherwise) from competition must be presented for veterinary inspection immediately after removal, unless the veterinarian permits the horse's immediate transfer from the Field of Play to a treatment centre and the horse's veterinary records are updated accordingly. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification of the combination and a six-month ban on competing in any ESNZ Endurance Event for both the horse and the rider.

**5.4.2** A combination that is disqualified or designated as Failed to Qualify for any reason must leave the course immediately and may not continue along the course unless there is no viable alternative (which must be agreed by a member of the Ground Jury or, if not available, a Steward).

### **5.5 Pre-Competition Briefing**

A pre-competition briefing must be conducted. Attendance is mandatory for all riders, the Technical Delegate and a Ground Jury member. All other officials and veterinarians should attend if they are able.

### **5.6 The Field of Play**

The **Field of Play** includes all areas where the competition and related veterinary inspections take place, including the:

**Course:** split into loops and phases, as detailed in the Competition Schedule and the plan of the course

**Crew points:** the designated areas on the course where the crew members may assist their combination

**Vet Gate:** the designated area where combinations have to stop after each loop for veterinary inspections and mandatory rest periods, which includes the following areas:

- (a) **Recovery area** the area after the end of each loop where the horses can recover before entering the vetting area for veterinary inspection,
- (b) **Vetting Area** the area where horses undergo veterinary inspection after each loop
- (c) **Hold area** the area where horses can rest following veterinary inspection in the vetting area to complete the required hold time.

**Access to the Field of Play:** Access to the Field of Play may be restricted as set out in these Endurance Rules, the Competition Schedule, or as announced by the Ground Jury.

## 5.7 Phases

A **Phase** (or Phase time) includes the combination's loop time plus the horse's recovery time after that loop except that the final phase does not include any recovery time after the final loop.

## 5.8 Recovery Area

Following each loop, there must be a safe area where the horses can recover (including to lower their heart rates to the necessary parameters) before entering the vetting area for veterinary inspection.

The time the horse spends in the recovery area after crossing the end line of a loop until it crosses the line into the vetting area to be presented for its veterinary inspection is referred to as its 'recovery time' or 'lag time'. If the horse's heart rate exceeds the maximum heart rate parameters, the initial time recorded on entering the vetting area is discarded. If the horse is presented a second time for a heart rate re-inspection, the time is recorded when the horse crosses the line into the vetting area for the second time, and it is this second time that it crossed the line into the vetting area that is recorded as the recovery time.

## 5.9 Hold Time

After each loop (except for the final loop) horses must be given a mandatory rest period (**Hold Time**), which begins when the recovery time finishes and continues for the specified period. Hold Times are subject to the following requirements:

**5.9.1** Where compulsory re-inspections are required, the Hold Time must be at least 40 minutes, and horses are required to present for such re-inspections no more than 15 minutes before the end of that Hold Time.

**5.9.2** The President of the Ground Jury and the President of the Veterinary Commission must be consulted on Hold Times.

## **5.10 Course design, terrain and safety**

**5.10.1** The OC in consultation with the Technical Delegate, should assist in creating a technically challenging course across country (within the limits of the terrain and weather conditions) that will test the stamina and riding skills of the combinations, without compromising the welfare of the horses.

**5.10.2.** The course should include technically challenging factors including in relation to footing, terrain, altitude, and direction. To accomplish this, the course should include naturally occurring or man-made features such as tracks, ditches, steep climbs, descents, and water crossings. As much as possible, the technical challenges must be left in their natural state, but they must be reinforced if necessary to ensure that they remain in the same state throughout the Competition.

**5.10.3** Loops must not be specially designed or constructed for speeds that increase the risk of injury to the horses. The Course Designer or Technical Delegate will make the final decision on this issue.

**5.10.4** The more demanding part(s) of the course should be earlier in the competition.

**5.10.5** The OC must ensure that there is access to water for the horses on the course at least every 10 km.

**5.10.6** The finish line of the final Loop must be wide enough to allow several horses to finish safely without interference from each other, and there must be sufficient run-out to allow combinations to come to a stop safely after crossing the finish line. The finish line must be located as close as possible to the Vet Gate.

**5.10.7** Competitions will be organised to allow riders to compete at their own pace, subject to any applicable speed restrictions, taking into account any adverse conditions and trail safety:

- a) If adverse conditions or other considerations such as extreme weather conditions arise that might compromise the ability of combinations to complete a course safely, the President of the Ground Jury and the President of the Veterinary Commission, in consultation with the OC and the Veterinary Delegate, may require compulsory halts or establish a maximum time for a loop/phase and/or the closing times of Vet Gates, to ensure that combinations do not fall too far behind the other combinations and to ensure the safety and welfare of horses and riders.
- b) In circumstances related to trail safety, depending on the given circumstances of a particular course, as well as the time of day, the OC, in consultation with the Technical Delegate, may require compulsory halts or establish sections of a course where controlled gaits of the horse and/or speed restrictions apply.

## **5.11 Marking the Course**

**5.11.1** The course markings must be clear and easy to see so that there is no doubt as to how to proceed on the course. In particular, a distance marker must be placed every 10 km, and the start and end of each Loop must be clearly and distinctly marked.

**5.11.2** If the OC is aware of a possible short cut on the course, the OC must have a Steward or check-point in place at that location to ensure that combinations do not take a short cut.

**5.11.3** The course markings must be respected, and failure to do so may result in disqualification.

## **5.12 Plan of the Course**

**5.12.1. Completion of course design:** The course of a Competition must be approved by the Technical Delegate prior to handing over to the Ground Jury.

**5.12.2** At Championship Events, the OC must make a plan (or map) available for the riders to view which shows the track/course.

**5.12.3. Course modification:** After the course has been officially established, no changes may be made without the approval of the Technical Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury. The OC must notify such changes to riders as soon as reasonably practicable.

## **5.13 Order of the Course**

**5.13.1** A combination must complete the entire course in the correct order and direction as marked on the course plan/map. If a combination fails to do so, it will be disqualified.

**5.13.2** If a combination makes an error on the course, the Ground Jury may (if it considers it feasible to do so) allow that combination to correct the error by returning to the place where the error started. If the combination fails to do so, it will be disqualified. If the Ground Jury considers that correcting an error on course is not feasible and/or in the best interests of the horse, it may determine an alternative that will require the combination to complete an equivalent distance over the same type of terrain, such distance to be made up within the same Loop, so that the combination still passes through each Vet Gate in the correct order and within the relevant time limits. In such cases, the combination will be designated as 'Qualified' and the horse may not be considered for any Best Condition Award.

## **5.14 Postponement or Cancellation of Events**

An Event may be postponed and/or cancelled. OCs are encouraged to anticipate the possible need to delay (by up to 30 hours), reschedule, and/or cancel an Event and evacuate the venue. A decision to postpone and/or cancel an Event must be notified as soon as reasonably practicable to the riders as well as the OC, time-keeping team, and all Event Officials, and in any event before the start of the Competition or (if the Competition has started) before the commencement of the next loop.

## **5.15 Assistance on Course**

**5.15.1** A rider may lead or follow their horse on the course but must be mounted to pass through the start line of any day and the finish line of the day's final loop. Failure to comply with this provision will result in disqualification.

**5.15.2** Once the combination has started, no one other than the rider may lead or ride the horse on the course. Failure to comply with this provision will result in disqualification.

### **5.15.3 Permitted assistance:**

**5.15.3.1** The Competition Schedule must detail what assistance (crewing) may be given to combinations during a Competition, and in particular where such assistance is allowed on

the course and within Vet Gates. The designated areas on a course where crewing is permitted are called '**crew points**'.

**5.15.3.2** There must be at least 5km between crew points. Crewing outside the designated crew points is prohibited and will result in disqualification. However:

(a) It remains the responsibility of the rider to manage their horse according to the climate and conditions, and if a horse needs urgent assistance to protect its welfare, the rider must stop their horse to obtain such assistance. A failure to do so, or otherwise preventing the horse from obtaining such assistance, may be considered as horse abuse which would result in disqualification.

(b) A combination may be assisted at any time if a rider falls or is otherwise separated from their horse, or if the horse loses a shoe, or any other equipment failure. The rider must remount and/or continue in the loop from the point at which they dismounted, left the course or required intervention.

#### **5.16 Prohibited assistance**

A rider will be disqualified for:

**5.16.1** being followed, preceded or accompanied on any part of the course by any person on foot, on bicycle, or in a motorised vehicle;

**5.16.2** being followed, preceded or accompanied by any motorised vehicle on any access track adjacent to the course;

**5.16.3** encouraging a horse during the trot-up in the vetting area (except that the person trotting the horse may use limited verbal encouragement);

**5.16.4** cutting wire fences or altering a part of an enclosure on or within the course so as to clear a way, or cutting down trees or eliminating challenges or altering technical aspects of the course;

**5.16.5** providing or accepting any assistance on any part of the course not specifically designated for such assistance;

**5.16.6** accepting any intervention by a person not authorised to assist the combination, whether solicited or not, with the object of advantaging the rider or their horse.

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

ESNZ Endurance takes Fair Play and Health & Safety very seriously. If your competition is held up for any fair and legitimate reason (i.e. 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 (i.e. time held up, seriousness of incident).

A combination that wilfully obstructs an overtaking combination will be disqualified.

## Section Six - STAND-DOWN PERIODS

Horses are ineligible to compete in any ESNZ competition (Endurance or CTR) while on a stand-down period. The total rest period commences at midnight at the end of the day that the competition finishes, as denoted by the maximum competition time allowed, and finishes at midnight on the last full day of the rest period. The published competition start time of the horse's next competition must fall after the expiry of the rest period. Stand-down periods apply for distance travelled in competition, any elimination for veterinary reasons (gait, metabolic or surface factors) and for any horse that requires immediate invasive treatment. If a horse earns stand-down periods for more than one reason during or at the completion of any competition, the total stand-down period will be cumulative e.g. days for distance completed + days for veterinary elimination / immediate invasive treatment.

a) Stand-downs for distance completed in competition:

Horses that are ungraded:

0-30 km = no stand-down

31-50 km = 5 days

Horses that are graded Novice or Intermediate prior to entering a competition:

0-79 km = no stand-down

80-90 km = 12 days

Open Horses:

0-99 km = no stand-down

100-119 km = 12 days

120-139 km = 19 days

140-160 km = 26 days

- b) Any horse eliminated during a veterinary inspection (for gait, metabolic reasons or surface factors) will incur an additional stand-down of 7 days.
- c) Any horse eliminated during a veterinary inspection in two consecutive competitions (whatever the reason) will incur an additional stand-down of 14 days.
- d) Any horse that requires immediate invasive treatment while at an Event (including pre-competition, during the competition or after the competition) will incur an additional stand-down of 21 days regardless of whether it has undergone the first veterinary inspection or whether it has qualified in competition.

Note: Immediate Invasive treatment is defined as: Any treatment of a horse which involves the puncture or incision of the skin or insertion of any instrument e.g. needle or catheter, or foreign material into the body when that treatment is deemed necessary to maintain the health of the horse and any delay in treatment is likely to be detrimental to the welfare of the horses. A request for rehydration treatment or when treatment is offered proactively and not in an emergency is not included in this rule.

Additionally:

- e) Any horse that requires immediate invasive treatment twice within a 6 month period, or at any 2 consecutive events must successfully complete:
  - a 40-60km Novice competition before being eligible to compete in an Intermediate competition of 40-79km, or
  - a 80-90 km Novice competition before being eligible to compete in an Open competition

- f) Any rider that competes on a horse(s) that require immediate invasive treatment twice within a 6 month period is automatically suspended from all competition for a period of 6 months and must then successfully complete:
- a 40-60km Novice competition before being eligible to compete in an Intermediate competition of 40-79km, or
  - a 80-90 km Novice competition before being eligible to compete in an Open competition
- g) Any horse or rider whose horse(s) requires immediate invasive treatment twice within one season loses eligibility for any National Awards during that season although lifetime kilometres will be accumulated.

## Section Seven – CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

### 7.1 Classes at Championship Events

New Zealand National and Island Championship Events will include CEN Championship classes for Senior and Junior /Young Riders over the following distances:

- 140-160 km
- 120-139 km
- 100-119 km
- 60-79 km

CEI classes (standalone or combined with CEN) may also be held. Non-championship classes may be held at Championship events.

### 7.2 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. There may not be any ties.

### 7.3 Dress Code at Championship Events

At Championship Events, participants must wear clean and tidy attire that is appropriate and not detrimental to the image of the discipline of Endurance. In addition:

- 7.3.1** Riders must wear appropriate riding attire (including a shirt or polo shirt with a collar) during the competition.
- 7.3.2** Team officials and crew members must wear appropriate attire while on the Field of Play during the competition.
- 7.3.3** Officials must wear appropriate working attire (no shorts or sandals) at all times during the Event when performing their duties, including on the Field of Play. For the first (pre-competition) veterinary inspection, Best Condition Award, and prize-giving ceremonies.



**7.3.4** Shorts are not permitted in the Vetting Area and for safety reasons, completely closed footwear must be worn in the Field of Play.

**7.3.5** The President of the Ground Jury and/or the Chief Steward may require a person who is in breach of the dress code to change attire and (if they fail to do so) may require that person to leave (or be removed from) the Field of Play.

#### **7.4 Veterinary Inspection at Championship Events**

For the final veterinary inspection, only one Heart-rate inspection is permitted and the first trot-up of all horses must be in front of a panel of three members of the Veterinary Commission accompanied by a member of the Ground Jury. A member of the panel may ask to see the horse trot only one more time before voting takes place.

#### **7.5 Hold Area**

At Championship Events there must be a safe area where horses can rest following the veterinary inspection to complete the required Hold Time (referred to as a hold area). The hold area and recovery area may be the same or separate areas.

#### **7.6 Details of the Course**

At Championship Events, the type of terrain and altitude differentials must be clearly set out in the Competition Schedule.

## APPENDIX ONE – THE VETERINARY INSPECTION

**Veterinary Inspections:** all veterinary inspections during the competition will be performed by the Veterinary Commission and will follow the same format. If there are any changes to how the veterinary inspections will be conducted, that must be announced prior to the competition by the Ground Jury or published in the Competition Schedule.

**First (pre-competition) Veterinary Inspection:** The first (pre-competition) veterinary inspection will take place either on the day preceding or early on the day that the first loop of the competition starts.

**Veterinary Inspections at each Vet Gate:** Veterinary inspections will take place at the end of each phase.

**Compulsory re-inspections:** The Veterinary Commission, in consultation with the Ground Jury, may require that all horses in the competition be presented for a compulsory re-inspection at specified Vet Gates. Compulsory re-inspections will take place in the last 15 minutes of a combination's Hold Time at the relevant Vet Gate.

**Requested re-inspections:** Any member of Veterinary Commission may ask a rider to present their horse for re-inspection at any Vet Gate if they have any concerns about the horse. Vet-requested re-inspections will take place in the last 15 minutes of a combination's Hold Time at the relevant Vet Gate.

**Final Veterinary Inspection:** The final veterinary inspection will take place after the horse crosses the finish line of the competition.

**Veterinary inspection in case of visible blood:** If blood is visible on a horse during a veterinary inspection, the horse must be examined by a Veterinarian to determine (i) that the horse has free-flowing blood from an injury or orifice, or (ii) that continuing in the competition will in any way endanger (or risk endangering) the welfare of the horse, the horse must be designated as Failed to Qualify.

**Other veterinary inspections:** The Veterinary Commission or Ground Jury may select any horses at random at any time to submit to a veterinary inspection during the Competition.

### **Assessments during Veterinary Inspections**

The Veterinarians' responsibilities to evaluate a horse are the same for all veterinary inspections, i.e. the same standards apply to judging fitness to continue in the competition with respect to heart rate, metabolic status, gait and general condition up to and including the final veterinary inspection.

The veterinarian conducting the veterinary inspection will assess the horse's general condition and its metabolic status, while taking into account the horse's recovery time. The assessments will include heart rate, mucous membrane characteristics, capillary refill time, intestinal activity (gut sounds), estimated hydration status, and demeanour. The veterinarian will also evaluate the horse's gait and assess any soreness on palpation of the back and girth, the texture and any sensitivity of the muscles, and any minor injuries including in the mouth or around the saddle and girth area. These assessments and any other observations regarding the horse's condition must be recorded on the Vet Card or in the horse's logbook".

At events where more than one vet is present, a horse should only be eliminated for veterinary reasons when at least two veterinarians agree that the horse is not “fit to continue”. Ideally, for eliminations other than due to not meeting heart rate criteria, this decision will be made by a vote of three veterinarians where the vote is conducted without discussion or conferring and is made anonymously; the majority decision rules.

### **1.1. Vetting Area**

Horses must undergo veterinary inspections after the end of each loop. There must be a safe area with restricted access for this purpose that is separate from the recovery and hold areas (the **Vetting Area**). No more than two people may accompany a horse in the Vetting Area.

### **1.2 Veterinary Inspections**

When the horse enters the Vetting Area, it must be taken directly from the Vetting Area entrance to a designated Veterinarian in the vet lane (as instructed by the Stewards) showing constant forward motion. The inspection decorum in the Vetting Area must be respected at all times.

**1.3 Heart rate assessment:** The first assessment to be performed as part of a veterinary inspection is the heart rate assessment. The heart rate of the horse must be measured using a stethoscope. Every effort should be taken to accurately record the heart rate. If the examination of the heart rate is disrupted due to movement or excitement of the horse rendering the examination impossible or inaccurate, the examination will be stopped and recommenced when the horse is settled (within limits). If the horse will not settle or is considered a danger to other horses or people, that horse will be asked to leave the Vetting Area. If the horse is unable to be returned to the Vetting Area within the designated time, it will be disqualified. If the rider, crew member, or other person responsible deliberately disrupts the veterinary inspection, the horse will fail the inspection. To ensure horse welfare however, as much of the veterinary inspection should be conducted as possible.

**1.3.1** For all competitions, horses must be presented for a heart rate assessment with a heart rate of no more than:

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

**1.3.1.1** Except for the final veterinary inspection (where only one presentation is permitted), if there is sufficient time remaining for a second presentation, the horse may be presented a second time for a heart rate re-inspection.

**1.3.1.2** At events where a second veterinarian is present, a second opinion should be sought to confirm that the horse’s heart rate does not meet the criteria. Any second or final heart rate inspection where the count may result in the horse being asked to re-present or failing to qualify must be taken over a full 60 seconds; a first heart rate count does not need to be taken over the full 60 seconds (i.e. do not need to take 60 seconds for the first count and then 60 seconds for the second count).

**1.3.1.3** Any horse that is eliminated for not meeting the heart rate criteria will be deemed to be eliminated for metabolic reasons.

**1.3.1.4** To safeguard the welfare of the horses and the safety of the riders, the President of the Ground Jury (in consultation with and based on advice from the President of the Veterinary

Commission, Ground Jury members and the Technical Delegate) may, prior to or during an Event:

- (a) reduce the maximum heart rate parameters;
- (b) shorten the presentation times at Vet Gates; and/or
- (c) increase the Hold Times.

Modifications to the above parameters must be announced to all riders before the start of the Loop concerned

**1.3.1.5** Throughout the Competition, the President of the Ground Jury, the Veterinary Commission, the Ground Jury members and the Technical Delegate must monitor the competition conditions (including any extreme weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances) and the number of horses that Fail to Qualify at each inspection. It is their responsibility to make changes to the inspection parameters to protect the horses.

**1.3.2** The presentation time limits start to count down from the time the combination crosses the end line of a loop and stops when the horse crosses the line into the Vetting Area to be presented for its veterinary inspection (if the horse is required to undergo a heart rate re-inspection, the presentation time limit will continue to count down from when the horse first crossed the line into the vetting area.

**1.3.3** If a horse is removed from Competition before crossing the end line of a loop, the horse must be presented for a veterinary inspection as soon as practical after such removal to either the Veterinary Commission or to the Treatment Vet. A full veterinary inspection will take place and the same maximum heart rate parameters will apply. All parameters will be recorded and the horse may also be designated FTQ for any veterinary reason as well as FTQ-FTC for not completing the loop.

**1.3.4** Failure to comply with the time limits for presentation of the horse to the Vetting Area will result in disqualification. In such circumstances, the horse must still be submitted to a veterinarian inspection, and so an additional designation for Failure to Qualify for veterinary (or other) reasons may also apply in addition to the disqualification.

**1.4 Metabolic, gait, and other assessments:** Following the heart rate assessment, the horse must immediately undergo all other aspects of the veterinary inspection (including trotting to check soundness).

**1.4.1. Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI):** As part of the metabolic assessment of the horse, the Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI) of the horse will also be measured (and recorded) at each veterinary inspection (except the pre-competition veterinarian inspection). Once the heart rate of the horse has been recorded, the veterinarian will assess the gait of the horse through a trot-up in the vet lane. The rider/crew member must trot the horse 80 m (40 m out and 40 m back). The veterinarian will start a stopwatch at the start of the trot, stop it at one minute, and then measure the horse's heart rate for up to 60 seconds using a stethoscope. The difference between the first and second heart rates is the CRI. While measuring the second heart rate, the veterinarian will also consider whether there are any pathological signs (e.g. such as heart murmurs or rhythm abnormalities) that may indicate that the horse is unfit to continue. The veterinarian may not perform any manipulation prior to taking the second heart rate that is likely to cause the heart rate of the horse to become artificially elevated.

**1.4.2 Respiratory system:** Abnormalities in rate or character of the breathing deemed by the Veterinary Commission to be of such a nature as to endanger the safety of the horse will result in a Failure to Qualify designation (for metabolic reasons).

**1.4.3 General condition and metabolic status:** Horses in a generally poor condition/demeanour or with an abnormally high temperature will be designated as Failed to Qualify – metabolic (FTQ-ME).

**1.4.4 Metabolic status:** The metabolic status will be assessed by the examination and recording of those parameters that indicate the horse's fitness to continue in the competition including mucous membrane characteristics, capillary refill time, hydration, intestinal activity (gut sounds), demeanour and Cardiac Recovery Index.

**1.5 Irregular gait:** During any inspection, a horse with an irregular gait that is observable through evaluation by trotting the horse on a loose lead, in-hand, straight out and back, without prior flexion or deep palpation, which is observed to cause pain, or threaten the immediate ability of the horse to continue safely the competition, will be removed from competition and will be designated as Failed to Qualify – irregular gait (FTQ-GA). To assess irregular gait:

(a) The inspection must be carried out on a flat firm surface.

(b) If after having once trotted the horse, the observing veterinarian questions the horse's fitness to continue, the horse will be re-trotted. Where possible, a re-trot will be before a panel of three veterinarians accompanied by a Ground Jury member for a panel vote on gait.

(c) During a panel vote any of the three veterinarians may call for a single additional trot up prior to voting and will communicate that request to the member of the Ground Jury present who will request the horse be trotted again.

(d) If following a maximum of three attempts, the gait cannot be evaluated due to poor presentation of the horse or an inability of the horse to trot the full distance, the horse is deemed not fit to continue due to irregular gait.

(e) Any unusual feature about a horse's gait must be noted on the Vet Card of the horse, whether it is deemed grounds for a 'Failed to Qualify' designation or not. Where electronic systems are used, there must be provision for this.

**1.6 Soreness, laceration and wounds:** Any evidence of soreness, lacerations and/or wounds in the mouth, on the limbs and/or on the body (including girth and saddle sores) must be recorded on the Vet Card. If participation in, or continuation of, 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).

**1.7 Shoes and hooves:** Horses may be shod, booted or unshod. The horse's feet must be in suitable condition for the competition. Horses that are shod or booted at the first (pre-competition) veterinary inspection may cross the finish line without one or more shoes or boots. However, if the horse's feet or shoes hinder its ability to compete safely or appear to be causing the horse pain, then the horse will be designated as Failed to Qualify – irregular gait (FTQ-GA). A lost shoe or boot can be put back on at any time, but once the horse is presented to the veterinarian, it must be assessed in the condition it is in when presented.

### **1.8 Specific additional procedures for the Final Veterinary Inspection:**

(a) The purpose of the final veterinary inspection is to determine whether the horse would still be fit to continue after a normal rest period.

(b) The assessments will be performed in the same manner, and applying the same criteria, as previous veterinary inspections, save that there will be only one opportunity to qualify for the Heart Rate presentation.

### **1.9 Decorum during Veterinary Inspections:**

**1.9.1** The Ground Jury, Stewards and Veterinary Commission members are responsible for enforcing the veterinary inspection decorum.

**1.9.2** The veterinary inspection areas should (as far as practicable) be quiet and without distraction out of respect for the riders and horses.

**1.9.3** Riders and other persons assisting the riders during the veterinary inspection must respect the veterinary inspection decorum and not do (or fail to do) anything that might have a negative impact on any of the horses in the Vetting Area.

**1.9.4** Horses must be presented for inspection in halter or head collar but without any other tack, including saddle, boots, fly masks, Blinkers/visors etc. The tack must be removed in the recovery area before entering the Vetting Area. If a horse is not presented as outlined in this rule, then that horse will fail the first presentation. Their time into the Vetting Area will be cancelled and the horse will be required to exit the Vetting Area and present for a second (final) presentation. If a horse is incorrectly presented with tack at the final veterinary inspection (at the completion of the competition) it will not be allowed to re-enter the Vetting Area and will be disqualified.

**1.9.5** No gamesmanship will be tolerated in terms of delaying or interfering with a veterinary inspection. Whistling or any other behaviour within the Vetting Area to encourage a horse to urinate is prohibited. No other horse is allowed to accompany the horse being inspected and all horses must leave the Vet Ring once their own Inspection has been completed.

Prohibited conduct in relation to the heart rate assessment includes but is not limited to:

- Applying a neck or ear twitch
- kneeling in front of the horse
- pulling the horse's head down
- feeding the horse

Prohibited conduct in relation to the presentation of the horse for the gait assessment includes but is not limited to:

- unduly restricting the horse's head movement
- voice commands only can be used to encourage the horse to trot; specifically, the horse must not be hit with the lead rope or with the hand and the horse may not be hounded or chased by any official, veterinarian, crew or any other person; trotting another horse out nearby cannot be used to encourage the horse to trot.

Failure to present a horse properly for the gait assessment may result in a horse being designated as 'Failed to Qualify'.

## APPENDIX TWO – Elimination Codes

**WD:** Withdrawn: the combination does not participate in the competition at, or prior to, the first (pre-competition) inspection

**RET:** Retired: the combination decides not to continue in the competition and has passed all veterinary inspections up to the point of choosing to retire. A horse may not be retired if a compulsory or requested reinspection is still pending.

**DSQ:** Disqualified: A combination is disqualified for violation of any of these rules or for violation of any other ESNZ rules or statutes. A horse may be disqualified and also designated as Failed to Qualify for a veterinary or other reason (see list under FTQ below).

**FNR:** Finished Not Ranked: means that the combination has (or is deemed to have) completed a competition (including all veterinary inspections) but is not ranked in the final classification (this is usually designated following an error on course). A combination may be designated FNR with the approval of the President of the Ground Jury and/or the Technical Delegate. The Officials must provide reasons for the FNR designation.

### **FTQ:** Failed to Qualify

The FTQ designation must be accompanied by one or more of the additional codes below:

- **GA:** Irregular gait
- **ME:** Metabolic
- **MI:** Minor Injury (e.g. slight soreness, wound, etc.)
- **SI-MUSCU:** Serious Injury (musculoskeletal injury)
- **SI-META:** Serious Injury (metabolic injury)
- **CI:** Catastrophic Injury
- **OT:** Out of Time (failure to complete a Loop within the allocated time, but passes the veterinary inspection after that Loop, or failure to present to the Veterinary Commission within the required time)
- **FTC:** Failed to Complete (non-completion of a loop but passes the veterinary inspection after that Loop).
- **TR:** Any horse which requires Immediate Invasive Treatment (if the horse has Qualified in the competition then the Qualification is retained but TR should be recorded in its logbook and in the Results).

The above FTQ codes may be cumulative, and all designations should be recorded.

## APPENDIX THREE – Guidelines for Best Condition Award

The OC may use the following guidelines for a Best Condition Award:

1. The Best Condition Award will be determined on the day (or last day) of the competition by a panel of three members (including a chair), made up of (i) two Official Veterinarians and one Judge, or (ii) three Official Veterinarians, as selected by the President of the Veterinary Commission. Details of the criteria used to judge the award must be announced prior to the start of the assessment.
2. Only the horses classified in the top ten finishing positions of the competition may participate in the Best Condition Award, provided that they have successfully completed the Competition in a time that is within an additional percentage of the winning time (such percentage to be determined by the Ground Jury).
3. The procedure for assessing the horses for the Best Condition Award will be as follows:
  - 3.1 First stage: Prior to any examination under saddle, the horse will be assessed unmounted for gait, metabolic parameters, and surface injuries.
  - 3.2 Second stage: If not eliminated at the first stage, the horse must be trotted 40 metres out and back, followed by trotting in a figure eight.
  - 3.3 Third (optional) stage: The Best Condition Award may include a mounted phase. If a mounted phase is included, and provided the horse is not eliminated at the previous stages, the rider will be required, on the instructions of the chair of the Best Condition Award panel, to demonstrate his equitation skills in a free range ridden display of the rider's choice. The purpose of this display is to exhibit the soundness of the horse, including its fitness, agility and willingness to compete. This free range equitation display may not exceed five minutes.
  - 3.4 If the panel considers that the horse has an irregular gait, is unable to complete the trot out due to lack of impulsion or exhaustion, or fails to meet the metabolic criteria, the horse will be eliminated from the Best Condition Award.
4. The scoring is divided into three sections of equal points (100 points for each section):
  - 4.1 Section 1: points are awarded based on the position of the horse compared to the first horse to finish.
  - 4.2 Section 2: points are awarded based on the recovery time of the horse for each Phase, except for the finish. The recovery time is the time between when the rider completes the Loop and presents for the veterinary inspection (for the avoidance of doubt, the horse must pass the inspection for the phase to be considered completed).
  - 4.3 Section 3: points are awarded based on the horse's results during the veterinary inspection (taking place as part of the Best Condition Award).
5. The horse with the highest score after adding the points under the four sections above will be declared the winner of the Best Condition Award.



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### **Using These Rules**

These “Competitive Trail Riding 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 and CTR Supplementary Rules**

Notwithstanding that these Competitive Trail Riding Rules are legally subordinate to the above rules, regulations, constitutions and by-laws, it is necessary for competitors and judges to first consult these Competitive Trail Riding Rules when considering any matter involved with Competitive Trail Riding (“CTR”) events in NZ. These rules have been adapted from previous ESNZ CTR rules.

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 the intention of these rules and the rules listed above.

## Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse

The following is a Code of Conduct based on that promoted by the FEI but includes changes to reflect the New Zealand environment.

1. In all equestrian sports the welfare of the horse must be considered paramount.
2. The wellbeing of the horse shall be placed above the demands of breeders, trainers, riders, owners, dealers, organisers, sponsors or officials.
3. Horses must be handled in a way that ensures their health and welfare, and veterinary advice must be followed with regards a horse's suitability to present or continue in a Competition.
4. The highest standards of nutrition, health, sanitation and safety for the horse shall be encouraged and maintained at all times.
5. Adequate provision must be made for appropriate ventilation, feeding, watering and maintaining a healthy environment when horses are being transported or yarded/stabled.
6. Emphasis should be placed on increasing education of all competitors and officials in training and equestrian practices and promoting scientific studies of equine health.
7. In the interests of the horse, the fitness and competence of the rider shall be regarded as essential.
8. All riding and training methods must take into account that the horse is a sentient entity and therefore horses must not be subjected to any techniques or management considered by the ESNZ to be abusive.
9. The ESNZ has established adequate controls in order that all persons and bodies under their jurisdiction respect the welfare of the horse.
10. This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse applies during Competitions and also in training. It is the responsibility of all riders and Officials to uphold this Code and to report any breaches to the appropriate Official or Organisation.

## Definitions

Affiliated Club:	a club entitled to run events approved by EnNZ
Board:	the Board Members of EnNZ
Bpm:	Heart Beats per Minute
Casual membership	rider membership of ESNZ for one competition only
Casual registration	horse registration with ESNZ for one competition only
CEI:	an International Endurance Competition
CEN:	all National Endurance Competitions (non CEI competitions)
Championship Events	the North Island, South Island & National Championships
Class:	each division within a competition e.g. Senior vs JY, Novice or Open
Competition:	a set distance within an event
Day Vet Card (DVC):	the Card given to unregistered horses at Events
EnNZ:	ESNZ Endurance
ESNZ:	Equestrian Sports New Zealand Incorporated
Event:	a complete meeting of competitions, usually held over a weekend
FEI:	Fédération Equestre Internationale
Hold time:	the period of time that between a veterinary inspection and when the combination can start the next loop
JY:	Junior / Young Rider
Loop:	the course the horse must travel after crossing the start line; most competitions require that the horse completes several loops (even if this is the same loop covered multiple times)
OC:	the Organising Committee of an Event
Phase:	each competition consists of one or more phase; a phase includes the loop of the course, as well as the time before the horse enters the veterinary ring for the veterinary inspection

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## **Competitive Trail Riding Rules**

### **1. General**

Competitive Trail Riding ("CTR") is a Competition to test the rider's ability to safely manage the stamina and fitness of the horse over a CTR course in a Competition against the track, the distance, the climate, the terrain and the clock. To be successful, the rider must have knowledge of pace and the efficient and safe use of the horse across country. In a CTR Competition any member of the Genus Equus counts as a "horse".

The most important responsibility of the Technical Delegate (TD), Ground Jury, Stewards, Veterinary Commission, Team Veterinarian, trainer and grooms and the absolute responsibility of the rider, is to ensure the health and welfare of the horse by diligent application of their skill together with a caring, knowledgeable attitude by the rider.

The rider is responsible for safely managing the condition of their horse over the course, taking account of the climate and other conditions, without compromising the welfare of their horse. The rider and trainer may not enter or keep a horse in a Competition if the horse is suffering from an illness or injury or is receiving medication that would adversely affect or enhance its ability to compete.

### **2. The CTR Competition:**

The objective of CTR is to demonstrate the rider's ability to complete the course, as close to the set optimum time as possible, and to ensure the horse is fit at the completion of the by finishing in sound condition with good recovery heart rates. CTR is a scored event. Horses must be presented for the Vet inspection before the competition and up to 30 minutes after the combination crosses the finish line. The heart rate is taken and the horse trotted out in hand to assess soundness. Horses must be presented to any vet inspection in a halter (or controlled by a bit in the case of stallions) and without any other tack, including face masks, blinkers etc.

To qualify, the horse and rider must finish the complete course within the specified time and pass the veterinary criteria.

#### **2.1. Riding Season:**

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

### **2.2 Event & Class Classification**

#### **2.2.1 Event Classification**

##### **2.2.1.a Points Event:**

- Open, Intermediate and Junior classes must be on the event programme.
- Novice and Lead Rein Classes are optional.
- Cannot be held after the 1st May each season

##### **2.2.1.b Non-Points Event:**

- Open, Intermediate, Junior, Novice and Lead Rein classes can be held.

## **2.2.2 Class Classification**

### **2.2.2.a Open Class:**

- Distance : One Day competition : 30km –79km  
: Two Day Competition : 30km –79km, maximum distance per day is 40km
- Speed : Maximum optimum speed 12kph
- Eligibility : Horses must be at least 5 years old.  
: 5 year old horses can only do a maximum of 79km at any event.  
: Riders must be a financial member of ESNZ & an Affiliated Club  
: Minimum level of ESNZ membership required is Introductory  
: Kilometres and results will be recorded on the ESNZ database providing the horse is registered
- : Before entering an Open CTR competition up to and including 50km the horse and rider (not necessarily as a combination) must have qualified in two intermediate or Junior CTR competitions or one 40km (or over) Novice, Intermediate or Open endurance competition.  
: Before entering an Open CTR over 50km the horse must first have qualified in two Open CTR competitions 30-50km or Novice, Intermediate or Open endurance competitions within the preceding 24 months.

### **2.2.2.b Intermediate Class:**

- Distance : One Day competition: 20km – 40km  
: Two Day competition: 20km – 79km, maximum distance per day is 40km
- Speed : Maximum optimum speed 10kph
- Eligibility : Horses must be at least 4 years old.  
: Riders must be a financial member of ESNZ & an Affiliated Club  
: Minimum level of ESNZ membership required is Introductory  
: Kilometres and results will be recorded on the ESNZ database providing the horse is ESNZ registered

### **2.2.2.c. Junior Class:**

- Distance : One Day competition: 20km – 40km  
: Two Day competition: 20km – 79km, maximum distance per day is 40km
- Speed : Maximum optimum speed 10kph
- Eligibility : Horses must be at least 4 years old.  
: Riders: - Under the age of 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> August in any one year.  
: Riders must be a financial member of ESNZ & an Affiliated Club  
: Minimum level of ESNZ membership required is Introductory  
: Kilometres and results will be recorded on the ESNZ database providing the horse is ESNZ registered

### **2.2.2.d. Novice Class**

- Distance : Maximum 30km  
: Minimum 10km
- Speed : Maximum optimum speed 10kph
- Eligibility : All horses and riders  
: May be held as separate Senior and Junior classes

- : Horses must be at least 4 years old
- : Lifetime kilometres and results will be recorded on the ESNZ database providing:
  - Horse is registered with ESNZ
  - Rider is an ESNZ member, minimum level of ESNZ membership required is Introductory
  - Rider is a current financial member of an affiliated club

#### **2.2.2.e Lead Rein Class:**

- Distance : 0-15km
- Speed : Maximum optimum speed 8kph
- Eligibility : Open to Junior riders up to the end of the season in which they reach the age of 14 years
  - Riders must be led by someone aged 18 years or older (walking or riding)
  - Must be a separate class with only lead rein competitors eligible to enter
  - Lead Rein classes must start after all other classes on the same day have commenced and where possible the start time be arranged so competitors in other classes will not be passing those in the lead rein class
- Kilometres and results are recorded on the ESNZ database providing:
  - Horse is ESNZ registered
  - Rider is a member of ESNZ, minimum level of ESNZ membership required is Introductory
- Horses must be at least 4 years old

If the adult leading is on foot:

- 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 enter in a separate class.
- They must pay a Casual Membership fee if not an ESNZ member.
- They must be named on the entry form of the junior they are leading and sign the entry form as the person responsible.
- Their horses must be vetted pre-competition and post competition.
- Horse and rider are eligible for lifetime kms providing membership and registration requirements are met.

## **2.3 Registration**

### ***2.3.1 Horse Registration***

- Current ESNZ horse registration is required to:
  - Have kilometres and results recorded on the ESNZ database. Rider must be an ESNZ member (minimum level Introductory) and be a member of an affiliated club.
- Horses only receive a Logbook upon registration with ESNZ.
- Registered horses must be entered in the competition under their registered name as printed on the sticker in their Logbook



- Unregistered horses can be entered in Open, Intermediate and Junior classes providing a flexi start fee is paid and the rider is registered with ESNZ (minimum level Introductory) and is a member of an Affiliated Club
- Unregistered horses can be entered in Novice and Lead Rein classes and do not-require a flexi start fee.

### **2.3.2 Rider Registration**

- A minimum ESNZ membership level of Introductory and membership of an Affiliated Club is required to:
  - Enter Open, Intermediate & Junior classes-
  - Have kilometres and results recorded on the ESNZ database (Horse must be registered.)
  - Be eligible for National Awards
- Riders competing on unregistered horses in Intermediate and Junior classes will only have their kilometres and results recorded on the ESNZ database if and when the competition is claimed for the horse.
- Riders competing in Novice and Lead Rein classes must have a minimum level of ESNZ Introductory membership or pay a Casual Membership.

## **2.4 Horse Rules**

### **2.4.1 Age & Classification of Horses**

- All horses are deemed to have their birth date on 1<sup>st</sup> August. This date of birth must be entered in the log book allocated to the horse upon registration.
- To enter Competitions, horses must meet the following age criteria:
  - Four year old horses may enter classes up to a maximum distance of 45km.
  - Five year old horses may enter classes up to a maximum distance of 79km
- Pregnant mares, obviously in advanced pregnancy, (meaning over 120 days) or with foal at foot cannot be entered in any competition.

### **2.4.2 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 or pipe/rail yard.
- 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) Be under the control of the rider or handler.
- 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.

### **2.4.3 Shoes and Hooves**

Horses may be shod, booted or unshod. The horse's feet must be in suitable condition for the competition. Horses that are shod or booted at the first (pre-competition) veterinary inspection may cross the finish line without one or more shoes or boots. However, if the horse's feet or shoes hinder its ability to compete safely or appear to be causing the horse pain, then the horse will be designated as Failed to Qualify – irregular gait (FTQ-GA). A lost shoe or boot can be put back on at any time, but once the horse is presented to the veterinarian, it must be assessed in the condition it is in when presented.

### **2.4.4 Heart Rates**

At all competitions, horses must meet the following criteria:

- a) Maximum pulse at all vet gates of 64bpm within 20 minutes
- b) Maximum pulse at Final Vetting of 64bpm within 30 minutes
- c) Across the line pulse – no maximum

### **2.4.5 Disqualification, Failure to Qualify, Withdrawal & Elimination, Removal from Competition**

- **Disqualification** occurs when a combination is removed from a competition and/or Event (or its results are subsequently disqualified after the competition and/or Event) for a violation of any ESNZ Rules.
- **Failure to Qualify** for the next Phase or for final classification occurs when a combination is removed from the competition for failure to pass a veterinary inspection, complete the full course as required, comply with applicable speed restrictions, and/or meet all time requirements for completion, or as a result of such other 'FTQ' designations as may be specified
- **Retirement** occurs when a rider decides (without otherwise being removed from the competition) not to continue in the competition after their horse has passed all veterinary checks up to the point of choosing to retire, and prior to the departure time for the next phase. A horse may not be retired if a compulsory or required re-inspection is still pending.
- **Withdrawal** occurs when a rider withdraws their horse from the competition (without otherwise being removed from the competition) after the rider has registered and received their rider bib, and at, or prior to, the first (pre-competition) veterinary inspection.
- **Removal from Competition:** All horses removed (voluntarily or otherwise) from competition must be presented for veterinary inspection immediately after removal, unless the veterinarian permits the horse's immediate transfer from the Field of Play to a treatment centre and the horse's veterinary records are updated accordingly. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification of the combination and a six-month ban on competing in any ESNZ Endurance Event for both the horse and the rider.

### **2.4.6 Control of Horses**

- Whilst at the event base, all horses shall be under the control of the person responsible and must not be allowed to roam free.
- At all times during the event, if a horse is deemed dangerous to other horses, riders or officials, that horse may be disqualified from the competition.

#### **2.4.7 During & After Competition**

- Veterinary treatment may not be administered to a horse during the competition without the written approval of the Veterinary Commission. Authorised treatment does not affect classification of the horse.
- After completing  $\leq 100$  km in one day, horses must remain on the competition base for two hours after they have finished the competition unless permission is obtained from the Vet Commission to remove the horse. Failure to abide by this rule shall result in elimination from the competition.
- If no VC is present then permission must be obtained from the Ground Jury to remove the horse. Failure to abide by this rule may result in elimination from the competition.

#### **2.4.8 Yarding**

At all events the minimum standard of yarding must be:

- Four rigid corners - for example, but not limited to, waratahs (MUST have safety caps that are firmly attached) side of truck, existing fence. These rigid corners must be firmly embedded in the ground. The remainder of the yard may be solid, pipes or electric tape (must be two strands).
  - If using electric fence tape (not string), the tape must be tight at all times regardless of whether a horse is in the yard or not and it must be electrified while horses are in the yard. Minimum voltage going through the tape is to be 2000 V.
  - Minimum height of top tape /rail = 1 metre and the approximate minimum distance between the two tapes/rails must be 400mm
  - Stallions must have an approved solid or pipe yard displaying a STALLION sign. All stallion yards are to be a minimum height of 1.2 metres.
  - Solid/pipe yards may be divided with two strands of tape which do not need to be electrified, to allow for two horses within the yard
  - If electric fence tape is used each yard must be a separate yard and not joined to any other yard (although it is permissible to run a connection between adjacent yards to provide electrification).
  - Only one horse is permitted per electric fence tape yard.
  - All horses must be identified by an ID tag at all times.
  - Electric Fence Standards of any type are not classed as providing a rigid corner.
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- 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.

#### **2.4.9 Claiming a Competition**

A maximum of one Intermediate or Junior competition can be claimed retrospectively for horses.

- a) The rider must have been a current Introductory Full, Child or Visiting Rider member of ESNZ and a current financial member of an affiliated club to enter the competition being claimed.
- b) The competition must be claimed in the same season as the competition is qualified
- c) The horse must be registered with ESNZ in the season the competition is qualified.
- d) The date of registration is as recorded on the ESNZ database.
- e) The competition season commences on the 1st August and any competition being claimed must be claimed by the 1<sup>st</sup> May, prior to the end of the season which is 31<sup>st</sup> July.

- f) Do **NOT** register the horse online or send the registration form direct to ESNZ, instead to claim a competition and to get the horse registered, send the following to the ESNZ Endurance Sport Administrator:
- i. Copy of the Day Vet Card
  - ii. Completed ESNZ Equine Registration Application form
  - iii. Completed Horse ID form
  - iv. Blank stamped envelope

## **2.5 Rider Rules**

### **2.5.1 Dress Code & Safety**

Competitors Attire: Clothing should be appropriate for riding e.g. Jodhpurs/riding tights, shirt, and not detrimental to the image of ESNZ Endurance.

Footwear: Safe riding footwear with a heel of 12 mm or more, or alternatively caged/covered stirrups or equestrian safety stirrups are compulsory for all riders.

Safety helmet: 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. Attachments to helmets must be approved by the Ground Jury.

Designated Rider Bib: Allocated by the event organisers and must be worn by the rider at all times during the competition and be clearly visible from both front and back. The rider bib must also be worn by a person accompanying the horse during vetting procedures but does not need to be worn by the person that trots the horse out. The rider bib should be worn inside out if riding but not in competition at an Event to ensure that all officials are not confused.

Safety equipment: The Competition Schedule may require the use of specific safety equipment, such as reflective items.

Whips or Spurs: Not allowed at any CTR event.

### **2.5.2 Juniors**

- A rider who is under 18 on the 1<sup>st</sup> August in any one year will be classed as a Junior.
- They may remain riding as a Junior until the end of the season in which they turn 18.
- Juniors must have parents/guardian written permission to compete.
- Juniors may compete in any division but points and kilometres will only apply to the division they are gained in.
- Qualified kilometres will count towards lifetime kilometres regardless of the division they were gained in.

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

- ESNZ Endurance takes Fair Play and Health & Safety very seriously. If your competition is held up for any fair and legitimate reason (i.e. 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 (i.e. time held up, seriousness of incident).
- A combination that wilfully obstructs an overtaking combination will be disqualified.
- Riders being led or leading another horse must be aware of others trying to pass
- Trail courtesy and good manners must be observed by all riders at all times.

## **2.6 Riding Rules**

### **2.6.1**

Riders must complete the competition on the horse they have entered in the competition.

### **2.6.2**

Horses and riders must not have outside assistance. This includes the use of on-board heart rate monitors, GPS or any other navigational equipment.

Phones may be carried but must remain turned off except when being used for the purpose of taking photos or in the case of an emergency.

### **2.6.3**

The Organising Committee, in conjunction with the event TD, will mark a designated control area immediately prior to the finish line (no less than 500 metres and no more than 2 kilometres) within which competitors must remain mounted and maintain forward motion at all times. After crossing the finish line competitors must remain mounted and continue walking until the vet or pulse steward is available to take the horse's heart rate. Riders may dismount when the vet or pulse steward is available to take the horse's heart rate.

### **2.6.4**

Competitors must follow the course markers and maintain forward motion. Under no circumstances is weaving, circling or zigzagging allowed.

### **2.6.5**

Riders may dismount on the course but must be mounted from the designated control area to cross the start/finish line.

### **2.6.6**

Competitors must present horses at each vetting phase and pass through each checkpoint.

### **2.6.7**

Elimination will be for the following:

- a) Lameness.
- b) Missing a checkpoint or being late for a vetting phase.
- c) Pulse rate does not meet the criteria as stated in rule 2.4.4.
- d) Physical or verbal abuse of horse or person.
- e) Incurring more than 60 time penalties.
- f) At the presiding vet's discretion.
- g) Contravention of competition rules.
- h) Time wasting.
- i) Circling and zig zagging

### **2.6.8**

The course marker in conjunction with the TD sets the riding time.

## 2.7 Stand-Down Periods for Horses and Rider Suspensions

Horses are ineligible to compete in any ESNZ competition (Endurance or CTR) while on a stand-down period. The total rest period commences at midnight at the end of the day that the competition finishes, as denoted by the maximum competition time allowed, and finishes at midnight on the last full day of the rest period. The published competition start time of the horse's next competition must fall after the expiry of the rest period. Stand-down periods apply for distance travelled in competition, any elimination for veterinary reasons (gait, metabolic or surface factors) and for any horse that requires immediate invasive treatment. If a horse earns stand-down periods for more than one reason during or at the completion of any competition, the total stand-down period will be cumulative e.g. days for distance completed + days for veterinary elimination / immediate invasive treatment.

- a) Any horse eliminated during a veterinary inspection (for gait, metabolic reasons or surface factors) will incur an additional stand-down of 7 days.
- b) Any horse eliminated during a veterinary inspection in two consecutive competitions (whatever the reason) will incur an additional stand-down of 14 days.
- c) Any horse that requires immediate invasive treatment while at an Event (including pre-competition, during the competition or after the competition) will incur an additional stand-down of 21 days regardless of whether it has undergone the first veterinary inspection or whether it has qualified in competition.

Note: Immediate Invasive treatment is defined as: Any treatment of a horse which involves the puncture or incision of the skin or insertion of any instrument e.g. needle or catheter, or foreign material into the body when that treatment is deemed necessary to maintain the health of the horse and any delay in treatment is likely to be detrimental to the welfare of the horses. A request for rehydration treatment or when treatment is offered proactively and not in an emergency is not included in this rule.

Additionally:

- a) Any horse that requires immediate invasive treatment twice within a 6-month period, or at any 2 consecutive events, Endurance or CTR. must successfully complete a 20-40km Novice CTR Competition before being eligible to compete in Junior, Intermediate or Open CTR Competitions.
- f) Any rider that competes on a horse(s) that require immediate invasive treatment twice within a 6-month period is automatically suspended from all Competition for a period of 3 months and must then successfully complete a 20-40km Novice CTR Competition before being eligible to compete in Junior, Intermediate or Open Competitions.
- g) Any horse or rider whose horse(s) requires immediate invasive treatment twice within one season loses eligibility for any Endurance or CTR National Awards during that season although lifetime kilometres will be accumulated.

## 2.8 Vetting & Scoring Rules

- Horses must be presented to the vet unsaddled and in halter or bridle for all vetting phases.
- When vetting the horse, either lead rope or reins are acceptable.
- No bandages or boots (except for hoof boots) to be worn by horses in the vet ring.
- Competitors must arrive on time for vetting. Lateness will result in elimination.
- Riders may dismount while across the line vetting takes place.

- Vetting must be done by:
  - A registered veterinarian for all competitions 40km and longer.
  - For competitions less than 40km a person authorised by the Organising Committee as being capable of doing so, or a registered veterinarian.
- Pre-competition, across the line and final heart rates must be taken with a stethoscope. Results taken on a heart rate monitor are not eligible for qualifying scores or results.
- Time penalties are:
  - 2 points per minute or part thereof under the set competition time
  - 1 point per minute or part thereof over the set competition time
- The pre-competition heart rate is taken for veterinary purposes only
- Incoming heart rate is taken for the full 60 seconds after each loop in 40 km competitions and under. In competitions over 40km the vet gate system is used. Refer Rule 2.11.9
- Final heart rates shall be taken for a full 60 seconds.
- The final score is the total heart rate (excluding pre-competition heart rate) plus any time penalties. Lowest score wins. If two or more combinations have equal scores then the combination closest to the optimum time is the winner.
- Competition times to be recorded in hours, minutes and seconds e.g. 2.15.20.
- The competition results shall not be unreasonably withheld from riders during the progress of the event. At the completion of a competition, OC's are to allow an appropriate time from the display of the results to formal prize-giving (e.g. club competitions–10mins; Championships – 1hr).

## 2.9 Elimination for Veterinary reasons

If vetting is not being done by a registered vet or if more than one registered vet is available the following must apply:

- a) If horse's heart rate does not meet the criteria then a second opinion must be sought to confirm that the heart rate does not meet the criteria.
- b) If the horse has an irregular gait a second opinion must be sought to confirm the irregular before the horse can be eliminated.

## 2.10 General Rules

### 2.10.1 Loop Distances

**Competitions less than 40km** – no distance restrictions

**Competitions 40km - 79km**

Minimum Distance: 16km

Maximum Distance: 40km

### 2.10.2 Number of Phases per Competition

Competitions of 41 – 79km – minimum of two phases

### 2.10.3 Vet Fees & Abuse of Officials

- All fees for veterinary attention to individual horses while at an event are to be paid for by the person responsible for the horse.
- Abuse of Veterinarians and other event officials may result in disqualification after a hearing involving the person concerned and the Ground Jury.

#### **2.10.4 Track Marking**

- The course markings must be clear and easy to see so that there is no doubt as to how to proceed on the course. In particular, the start and end of each Loop must be clearly and distinctly marked.
- If the OC is aware of a possible short cut on the course, the OC must have a Steward or check-point in place at that location to ensure that combinations do not take a short cut.
- The course markings must be respected, and failure to do so may result in disqualification.

#### **2.10.5 Organising Committee**

It is the responsibility of the OC at all events to provide an adequate supply of water at the venue to cater for the horses' requirements prior to, during and following completion of the competitions.

#### **2.10.6 ESNZ Endurance Horse Logbooks**

- a) Only competitions sanctioned by ESNZ can be entered in an ESNZ logbook.
- b) A horse must be currently registered with ESNZ for any competition to be entered in its logbook.
- c) ESNZ reserves the right to inspect logbooks at any time and may delete any unsanctioned competition that has been entered in the logbook.
- d) Any person found using an ESNZ logbook at an unsanctioned event shall face disciplinary action.

#### **2.10.7 Cross Crediting of Kilometres**

- a) Kilometres earned at two CTR competitions may be cross credited to help fulfil the 200km requirement to be eligible to enter Intermediate endurance competitions.
- b) To enable the two CTR competitions to be cross credited to endurance the following must apply:  
The minimum distance for the CTR competitions must be 40km.  
The horse must be a minimum of five years old at the time the competitions that are being cross credited were done.
- c) The CTR competitions will automatically be credited to the horse and/or rider on receipt of the results from the host club

### **2.11 Championship Rules**

In addition to the above CTR rules, for all Championship Events, the below also applies

#### **2.11.1**

CTR National and Island Championship events shall be held each year.

#### **2.11.2**

Riders in all Championship classes must be financial members of an affiliated club and have a current ESNZ membership as an Introductory, Full, Child or Visiting Rider member.

#### **2.11.3**

Unregistered horses may compete in championship classes.

#### **2.11.4**



For championship competitions a map of the course must be available a minimum of one hour prior to the start of the competition.

#### **2.11.5**

Open Intermediate and Junior classes must be included for all Championship Events.

#### **2.11.6**

A registered veterinarian must carry out all vetting phases

#### **2.11.7**

The Open championship class must be a minimum of 60kms but must not exceed 79kms for a one-day competition.

If the competition is run over more than one day, the distance to be ridden each day must not exceed 40kms.

#### **2.11.8**

The Intermediate and Junior championship classes must be a minimum of 30kms but must not exceed 40kms for a one-day competition.

If the competition is run over more than one day, the distance to be ridden each day must not exceed 40kms.

#### **2.11.9**

In a multi loop competition the rider has 20 minutes to present their horse at the vet gate. If the horse fails the heart rate criteria it may be presented once more within the 20 minutes. The horse's heart rate must not exceed 64bpm or the horse will be eliminated. All vet gate heart rates to be taken for a full 60 seconds. This counts towards the final score. The competition time will continue until the horse has been successfully presented. The rider will then have a hold time, specified at the pre-competition briefing, in which to rest their horse before presenting themselves and their horse to the timekeeper at the start line in order to commence the next loop. A horse must commence all remaining loops at the designated departure time (i.e. immediately after hold)

The 'hold time' commences when the rider calls 'time' at the vet ring and the horse's pulse meets the competition criteria, and, having been declared fit to continue by the vet, finishes when the horse is due to depart on the next loop.

At the end of the competition the horse may only be presented once. There is no second chance.

### **2.12 Teams Competition**

- Teams can consist of ESNZ members (any level) from any CTR class except lead rein.
- Each team member contributes one of each of the following scores:
  - Over the line heart rate
  - Final heart rate
  - Time penalties
- At time of entry must nominate which member contributes which score.
- Riders and horses must be nominated as a combination.
- All three team members must qualify otherwise the team will be eliminated
- The winning team will be the lowest score.

- All team members must be members of an ESNZ Endurance affiliated club.
- Horses do not need to be ESNZ registered.
- All horses that compete will be governed by the ESNZ Endurance CTR rules.
- Prior to entering a team competition all teams must advise their team name and nominate three team riders for the season.
- For each team competition two of the nominated riders must be included in the team. The third rider may be any rider who meets the eligibility criteria.
- Riders may be nominated for more than one team but can only compete for one team on any one day
- Double points for the Annual Award will be awarded for Championship Events.