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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
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
Flexi start	For unregistered horses entering Open, Intermediate or Junior
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 bridle (and 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 1st August and finishes on the 31st 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.

: 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 of 60km or longer the horse and rider (not necessarily as a combination) must first have qualified in a total of two rides from the following list, within the preceding 36 months.

- CTR competitions 40-59km
- Endurance competitions 40km or longer.
- DRNZ RTT 40km or longer
- DRNZ Enduro 40km or longer.

If the competition is a Championship class, one of the qualifying rides must be completed at an ESNZ event (refer to 2.11.2).

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 1st 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 but results sent in to the sport administrator need to be combined if all other parameters are the same.
: 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 Open, 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 1st August. This date of birth must be entered in the logbook 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 39km.
 - 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 reinspection 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 ≤ 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.
- 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 Open, 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 1st May, prior to the end of the season which is 31st 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 1st 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) Being more than 30 minutes under the set optimum time.
- f) Being over the maximum time allowed (that time being at least 60 minutes more than the optimum time).
- g) At the presiding vet's discretion.
- h) Contravention of competition rules.
- i) Time wasting.
- j) Circling and zig zagging

2.6.8

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

2.6.9

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.

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) Stand-downs for distance completed in competition:
Horses that have not qualified in a ≥ 40 km ride (Endurance or CTR).
0-39 km = no stand-down
>39 km = 5 days
Horses that have qualified in a ≥ 40 km ride (Endurance or CTR).
0-79 km = no stand-down
- b) Any horse eliminated during a veterinary inspection (for gait, metabolic reasons or surface factors) will incur a stand-down of 7 days.
- c) Any horse eliminated during a veterinary inspection in two consecutive competitions (whatever the reason) will incur a 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 a standdown 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 2040km 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 heart rate recording takes place.
- Vetting at the vet ring must be done by:
 - A registered veterinarian for all competitions 40km and longer, with full parameter panel recorded.
 - 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 2.11.10.
- 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).

2.8.1 Order of the Course

- a) 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.
- b) 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' but not eligible for placings or prizes.

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 CTR competitions may be cross credited as novice rides to help fulfil requirements for:
 - Intermediate endurance eligibility total of 200km. (Refer to Endurance Rules 2.3b).
 - Novice Qualifying Procedure (Refer to Endurance Rules 2.11 & 3.3)
- 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.

The average speed is no more than 13.5km/hour.
- 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.

Riders in all Championship classes must have completed in a minimum of one ESNZ Endurance or CTR competition:

- ≥ 20km if entering an Intermediate or Junior Championship CTR class.
- ≥ 40 km if entering an Open CTR Championship class.

in the preceding 36 months.

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

Intermediate and Junior Championship riders may start together, should they wish to.

2.11.10

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 precompetition 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.