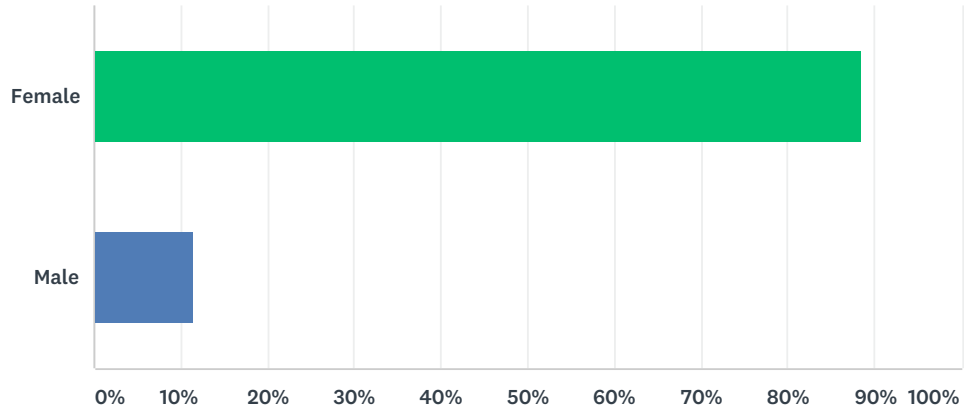


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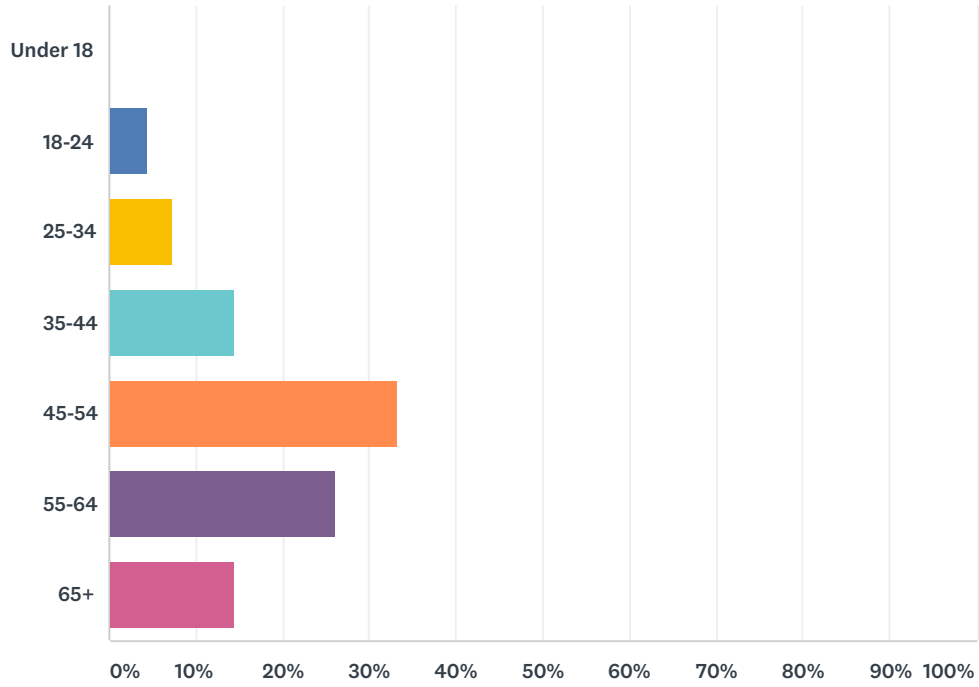
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	88.57%	62
Male	11.43%	8
TOTAL		70

Q6 Age:

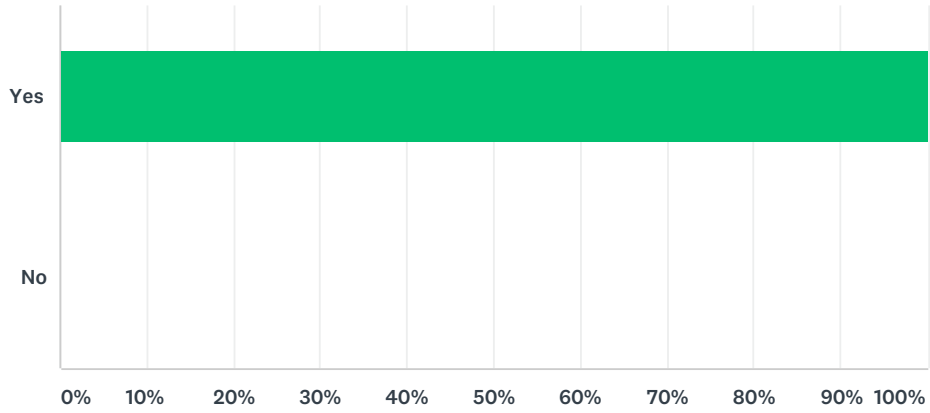
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	4.35%	3
25-34	7.25%	5
35-44	14.49%	10
45-54	33.33%	23
55-64	26.09%	18
65+	14.49%	10
TOTAL		69

Q7 Are you a current member of ESNZ?

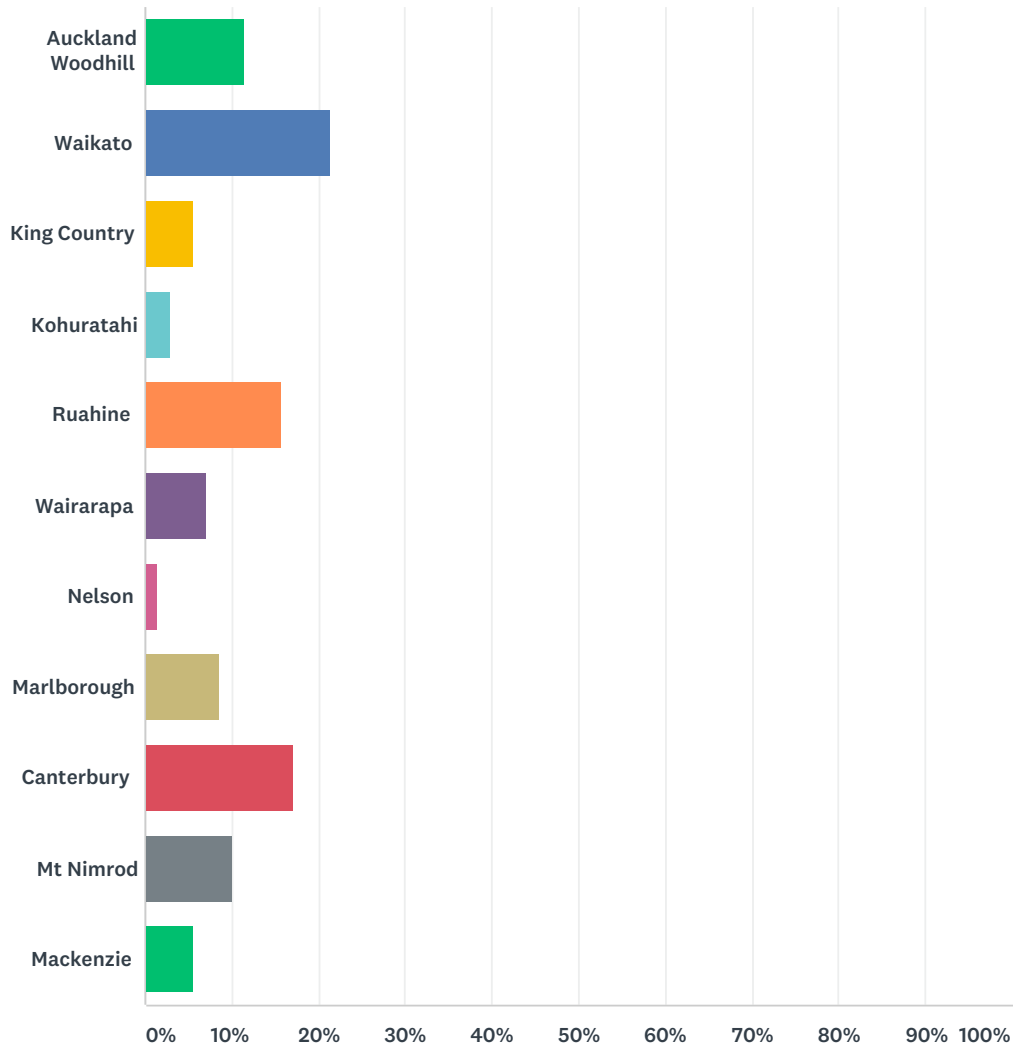
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	70
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		70

Q8 Which Endurance club are you currently a member of? (tick as many as apply)

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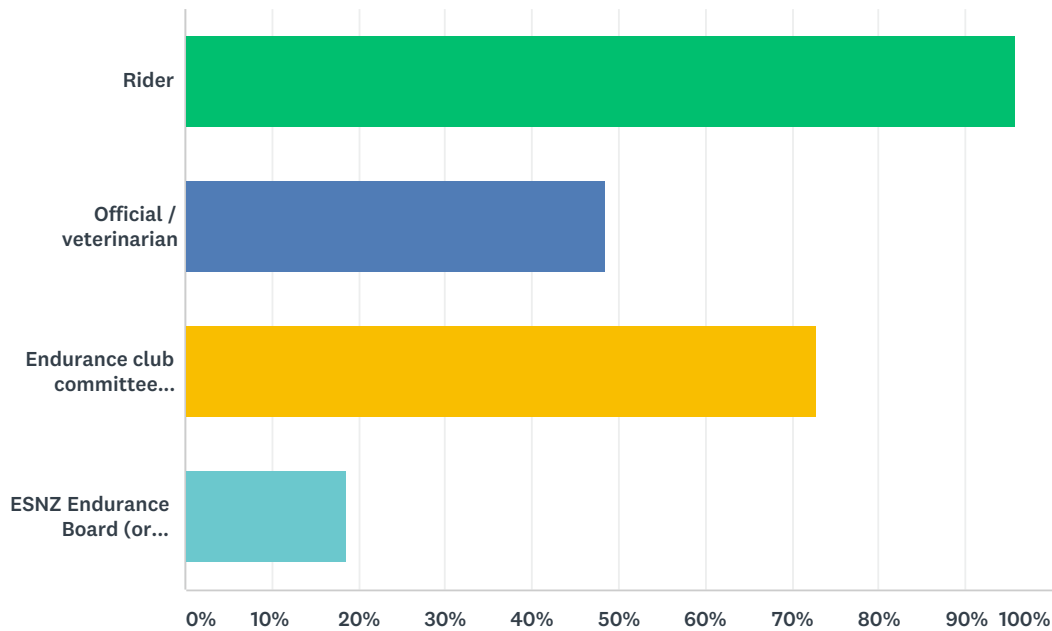
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Auckland Woodhill	11.43% 8
Waikato	21.43% 15
King Country	5.71% 4
Kohuratahi	2.86% 2
Ruahine	15.71% 11
Wairarapa	7.14% 5
Nelson	1.43% 1
Marlborough	8.57% 6
Canterbury	17.14% 12

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Mt Nimrod	10.00%	7
Mackenzie	5.71%	4
Total Respondents: 70		

Q9 Which roles have you held in the sport in the past? (tick as many as apply)

Answered: 70 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Rider	95.71% 67
Official / veterinarian	48.57% 34
Endurance club committee member or office holder	72.86% 51
ESNZ Endurance Board (or previous equivalent with NZECTRA)	18.57% 13
Total Respondents: 70	

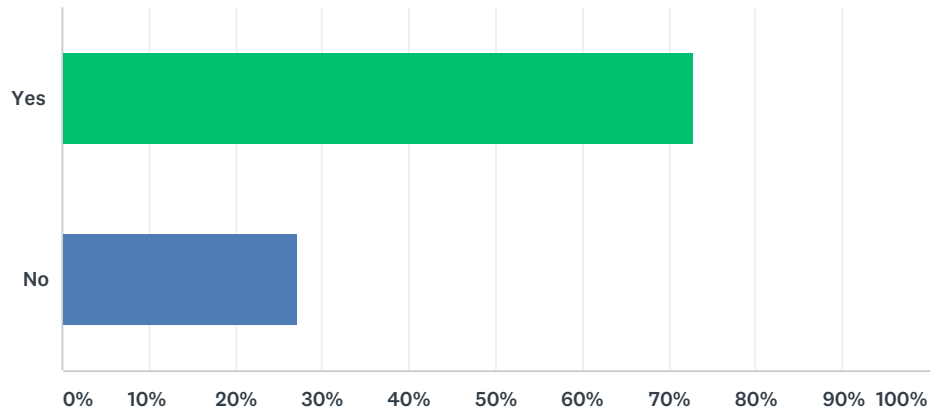
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2	technical delegate	2/6/2019 11:04 AM
3	Official as in time keeper, vet writer etc	1/31/2019 11:23 PM
4	Official Trainee	1/31/2019 10:10 AM
5	Steward General, Technical Committee member	1/31/2019 8:12 AM
6	Elite Endurance Coach Endurance High Performance Director	1/30/2019 11:03 PM
7	Tec committee	1/30/2019 9:46 PM
8	volunteer/ride secretary/vetgate timer	1/30/2019 9:24 PM
9	FEI Event OC Member	1/30/2019 8:38 PM
10	Level 1 official	1/30/2019 7:16 PM
11	Trainee official	1/30/2019 7:12 PM
12	Volunteer	1/30/2019 7:08 PM

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13	Former chair of ESNZ Endurance CTR committee	1/30/2019 5:25 PM
14	Esnz board member. Technical committee member	1/30/2019 3:55 PM
15	International Crew and rider at several> CEI**** Events	1/30/2019 3:45 PM
16	Committee member of the CTR National Committee	1/30/2019 3:42 PM

Q10 Have you ever been FEI registered as a rider / official / veterinarian?

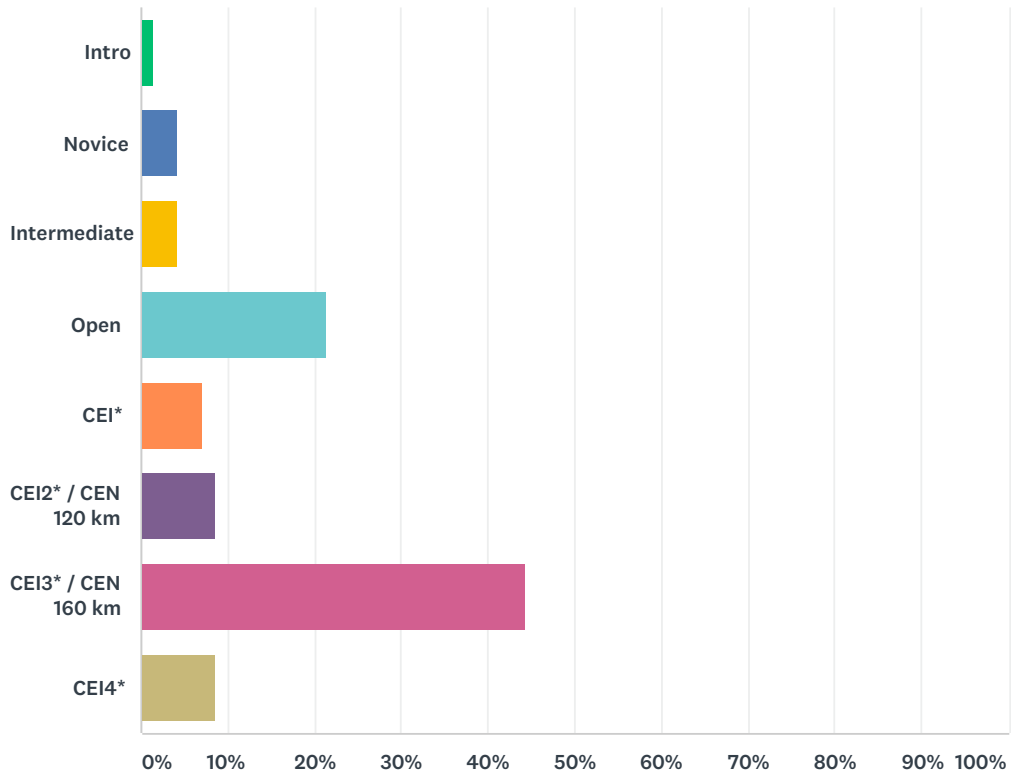
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	72.86%	51
No	27.14%	19
TOTAL		70

Q11 What is the highest level you have ever competed or officiated at?

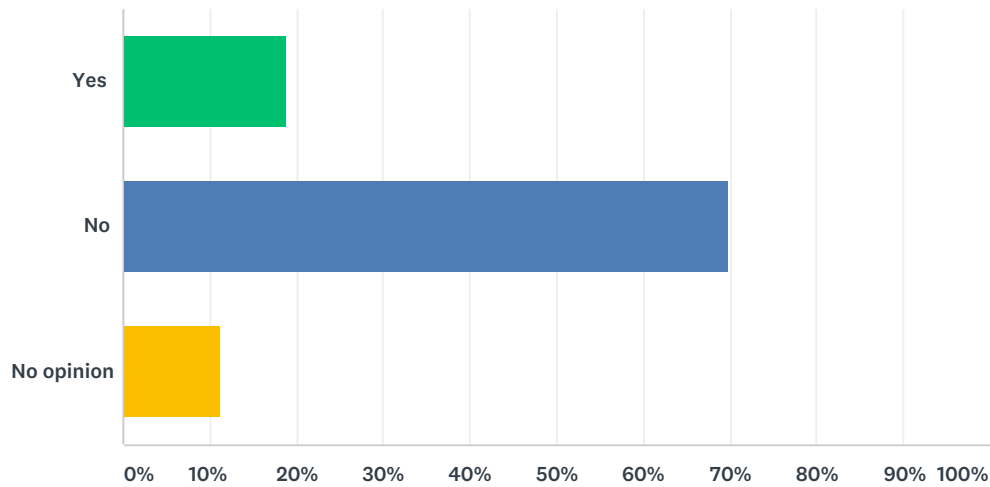
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Intro	1.43% 1
Novice	4.29% 3
Intermediate	4.29% 3
Open	21.43% 15
CEI*	7.14% 5
CEI2* / CEN 120 km	8.57% 6
CEI3* / CEN 160 km	44.29% 31
CEI4*	8.57% 6
TOTAL	70

Q12 Should there be a change to the qualification system for horses to compete at the next level?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	18.87%	10
No	69.81%	37
No opinion	11.32%	6
TOTAL		53

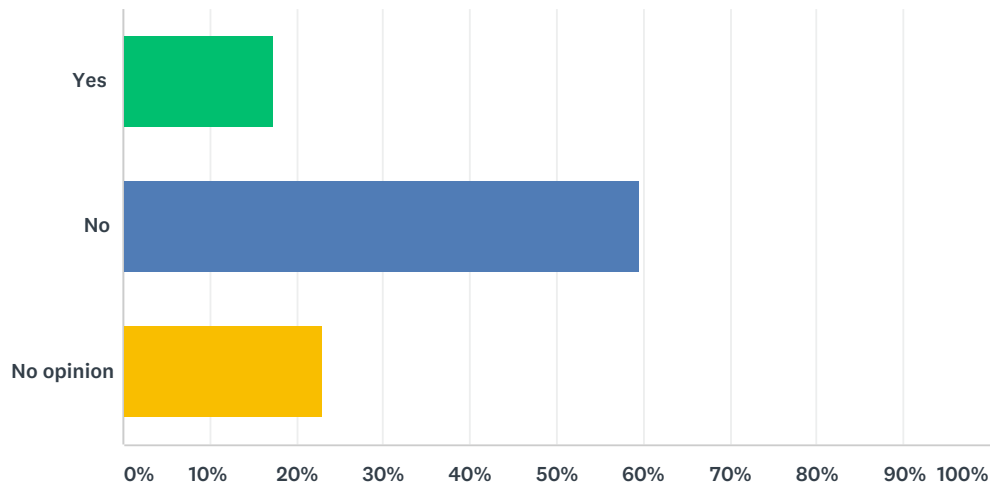
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1	The disparity here is caused by the standard of the qualifying rides. A combination can ride qualifying rides that are run at low speeds and low attendance. i.e. slow and non competitive rides and yet qualify to compete in events where the winning times are likely to be 25% faster than their qualifying times. In addition the combinations can qualify in fields of say 3 to 10 for events with 100 starters. I propose a review to upgrade the qualifying criteria to reflect the likely winning performance in the target event. Also a requirement for horse and rider to qualify as a combination.	2/14/2019 8:30 AM
2	It would make it extremely hard in our small country particularly given there may only be one ride up to 2* in north or south islands in one year	2/12/2019 9:48 AM
3	First 1* to be 80-90km but no need to wait for 12 months from time of first novice ride. Second 1* to 91-119km - 12 months after completion of first novice ride Then 2 x 2* before entering a 3* If none of the following questions deal with rider qualifications then remove the six month restriction on riders before they can do a 1*	2/10/2019 11:17 AM
4	The problem is less the horse and more the ability of the rider to recognise how the horse is going and understand how the horse should be managed. Perhaps a better solution is that new riders to the sport have a different qualification system. Experienced endurance riders should have the skills to make the decision whether to step up the levels at which their novice horse is competing. Eg they know they don't HAVE to do 80km after doing 2x 40's if they feel their horse is not yet at that level. My suggestion is that for an "open rider" they can qualify horses under the current criteria BUT for a Novice rider they themself must quality say 4 x 40's plus then 3 x 80's so the emphasis is on the riders to learn how to manage and read their horse/s, the terrain and riding conditions etc.	1/31/2019 11:27 PM
5	I don't know a huge amount about this area	1/31/2019 3:50 PM

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6	The qualification system could be 12 years long, there will still be those who will abuse it once they have successfully qualified. What we need to apply is a set of rules that are both manageable, measurable and consistent with the consumers we have in our area. I believe that the qualification system we have at the moment is relevant to our environment, and the above mentioned.	1/31/2019 9:40 AM
7	The novice system is working now. It is speed that does the damage to horses so education if riders & trainers is more important to teach them that time spend condition/seasoning horses for 3-4 years prepares them better for the longer distances.	1/31/2019 8:55 AM
8	The current system works well. ie we have a Novice System which riders must complete before moving through either (in NZ) the CEN or CEI * levels. No matter what restrictions etc are placed on riders / horses some riders will always push to the max. The current move of knee jerk restrictions that are being placed on riders /horses simply make it harder for lower level riders to compete and get through the system to compete at higher levels.	1/31/2019 12:44 AM
9	I agree with the 2 x 40, 2 x 80, then 1*, 2*, 3* qualifications (or CEN equivalents) but the can/can't do things in the first year over complicates it and I think becomes meaningless here when they insist on the January 1 birth date of all horses. In NZ this means you can compete a horse at a much younger age, e.g. my horse born on Boxing day is officially a year older than she actually is. This is potentially far more detrimental than say taking a older horse through to longer distances in under a year.	1/30/2019 10:15 PM
10	I think this is a fair way to do the qualification system, I don't think it needs to be made any harder	1/30/2019 8:44 PM
11	I think that rider qualification can be problematical. Perhaps horse moving up a level should only be ridden by someone who already has that experience. Not too concerned about the current rulings.	1/30/2019 8:17 PM
12	I think the current system is fair	1/30/2019 7:15 PM
13	The qualification system is good.	1/30/2019 6:54 PM
14	I don't believe 4yo horses should be able to compete at 40km or 5yo at 80km. While I believe combinations should qualify together, I recognise this is tough for kiwis being so isolated (and relatively few FEI competitions domestically) so would like to see some middle ground reached.	1/30/2019 5:44 PM
15	I feel that the current system allows a steady progression. Having said that, this opinion is based on riders/trainers making decisions based on what is best for their particular horse taking into account age and experience rather than dictating a management for all horses regardless of other experience	1/30/2019 5:03 PM
16	I am happy with the way things are at the moment, possibly as I couldn't think of any other process. Maybe if something was to be specifically suggested that I thought was a good idea I might change my mind.	1/30/2019 4:25 PM
17	No...there is already not enough FEI rides in New Zealand to bring horses through the qualifying sytem and maintain there star status.	1/30/2019 4:03 PM
18	Allow the qualifying system to be set buy the National Body, they know the abilities of their competitors and the types of tracks available to local competition.	1/30/2019 4:00 PM

Q13 Should there be a change to the qualification system for FEI Championships?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	17.31%	9
No	59.62%	31
No opinion	23.08%	12
TOTAL		52

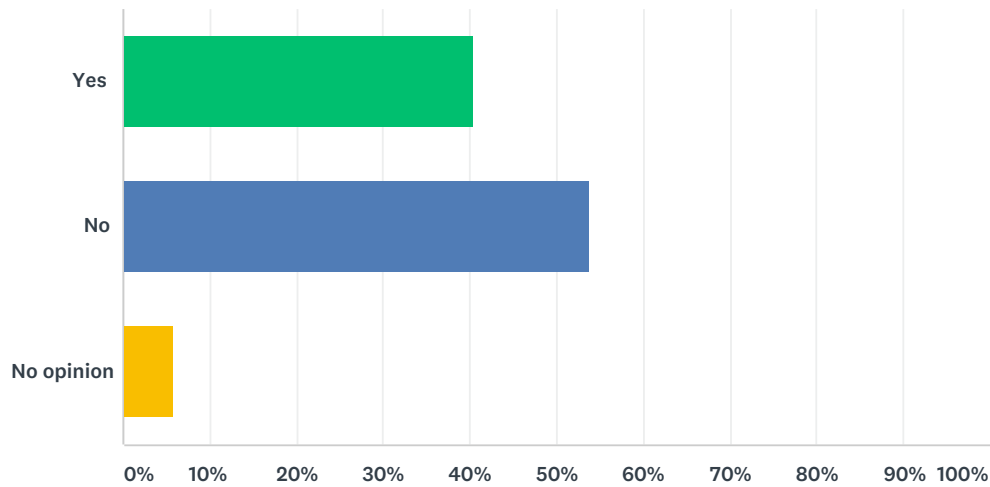
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1	As above. Higher qualifying standards comparable to the event being qualified for and combination qualifying standards.	2/14/2019 8:30 AM
2	Increase the number of 3* rides horses and riders must have completed before being eligible for a senior championship. And increase the number done as a combination. Remove Elite rider status	2/10/2019 11:17 AM
3	I think once a horse has become 3* there should be a longer period for standown in the case of injury.24months is not long enough	2/6/2019 11:18 AM
4	In a small country like NZ there is limited rides. It could become very difficult to be able to qualify to ride at for example a 160km at our own National Championship ride.	1/31/2019 11:27 PM
5	as above	1/31/2019 3:50 PM
6	it has become very clear that setting qualification speeds for major FEI Championship Events has completely changed the endurance motto "to complete is to win ". The speeds and times set are often unrealistic eg for NZ conditions ,and riders push their horses hard to qualify causing,in my opinion ,horse welfare issues.The pressure on organizing committees of these events is immense trying to find flatter and faster tracks instead of accepting NZ countryside for what it is. Qualification speeds need to be reduced and international tracks need to be natural countryside NOT hand crafted race tracks.	1/31/2019 11:21 AM
7	This is something that is then subjected to what the national federations believe is best for there representatives. For example, NZ have a far faster qualification time than required buy the FEI, and I expect, NZ also has one of the worst completion levels at WEG/WEC. So making it tougher does not necessarily make it better for the horses. What we need is a governing body prepared to present a WEG/WEC event that is capable of producing a 50% completion rate or stronger, then the qualification will look after itself to a degree.	1/31/2019 9:40 AM

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8	In countries like New Zealand it is difficult now to have enough FEI rides to qualify in without making it harder.	1/31/2019 8:55 AM
9	Riders who have made 3* on 3-4 rides in their whole FEI career should not be able to lease horses (as a combination) and compete at FEI Championships. The current Elite rider qualification should continue and those riders should be able to lease horses for Championships. ie they have done at least 10x 3* Rides.	1/31/2019 12:44 AM
10	probably but I'm not sure what they currently are	1/30/2019 10:15 PM
11	As above	1/30/2019 8:44 PM
12	However I also don't want to see international requirements cause more barriers to inclusion and growing the sport domestically.	1/30/2019 5:44 PM
13	As I don't compete yet at this level I am not that familiar with the qualification process. If I wanted to compete FEI I would look into this further	1/30/2019 4:25 PM
14	More qualifying rides. Need more experienced riders, so we don't end up with disasters like the most recent WEG. However this needs to allow for countries like NZ who have very few FEI competitions	1/30/2019 4:01 PM

Q14 Should there be any changes to the current Mandatory Rest Periods?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 18



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	40.38% 21
No	53.85% 28
No opinion	5.77% 3
TOTAL	52

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1	The effectiveness of arbitrary rest periods is questionable in that there is no control over what happens to the horse during the rest period outside of official FEI competition. The horse may well go home from the event to spend time in hard beach workouts outside of the control of the NFs. Equally a horse in the last few days of a stand down could benefit from attending a National ride for a slow 30km under vet supervision. I feel a in depth review is required to look at the whole stand down concept with a view to achieve a result that works in the real world.	2/14/2019 8:30 AM
2	Addition for speeding fines over 20 kph	2/12/2019 9:48 AM
3	No change to the minimum rest periods for distance completed but before the extended rest periods are imposed for irregular gait the horse could be re-presented to the vet commission at a set interval (e.g. two hours) after it had been vetted out on gait. Vet commission could then make decision if an extended rest period was required.	2/10/2019 11:17 AM
4	It is a shame to have to implement rules which further penalize those who are generally very careful and caring of their horse but have bad luck at a ride.	1/31/2019 11:27 PM
5	I feel this is a fair rule	1/31/2019 3:50 PM
6	In regards to Rest Periods, we are totally at the mercy of FEI who are attempting to take some control in Group 7 .I understand the reason for this but feel other areas in the world are being dragged unfairly into this debarcle. eg leading up to your horses first 80k ride there is nothing better than being able to complete 2 smaller rides , Saturday/Sunday ..we can no longer do this.I agree with reasonable stand downs for rides 80ks and up but NOT for the shorter distances.	1/31/2019 11:21 AM

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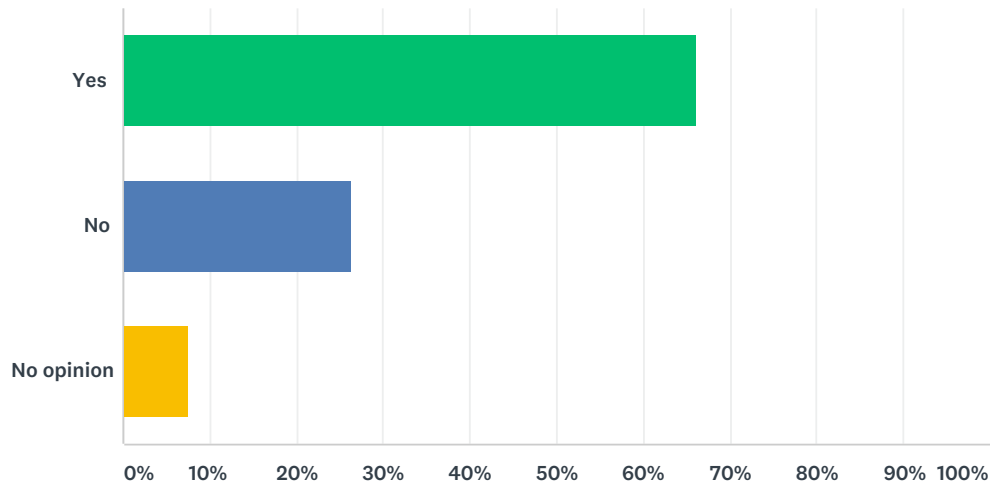
7	This could certainly become a graded system, reflected by the times horses are doing. However, this should also be relevant to the tracks they are competing over, so potentially grading tracks is a strong move. For example, a horse that has completed a rolling easy going 80km track at 14km/h or less may receive a 12day stand down, where as a horse that completed a climbing, concussive track may receive a 21day stand down, with additional lameness, ME and Speed stand downs added if necessary. Metabolic Stand downs, particularly non treatment, require far more attention to be effective. For example, a horse that has a 70 plus HR non completion should be required to have further testing (blood work etc which is signed off by a vet) before it is allowed to compete again.	1/31/2019 9:40 AM
8	These should be reduced or removed and a penalty points system brought in whereby those that vet out for whatever reason accumulate points which result in suspensions/stand downs once they reach x number of points. Again education of riders & trainers on how to prepare & train horses for the sport is better & less restrictive to those who do it correctly.	1/31/2019 8:55 AM
9	The length of current stand downs is ridiculous!! No consideration is given to the reason a horse is eliminated The stand down length simply relates to when the lameness occurs.. eg a minor lameness at the end of a 160k gets 7 weeks the same lameness at the end of 40km gets 12 days. A successful completion of 160km gets a longer stand down than a person vetting out on metabolics at 105km in the same ride. The whole problem with stand downs is that it merely keeps a horse out of competition (the public eye) yet they can be in solid training the moment the rider / trainer / their vet thinks they are ok to resume work. As long time FEI / NZ team vet Dr Tony Parsons said to me years ago at a World Championship 95% of horses that are eliminated for lameness at an Endurance ride are sound the next day.	1/31/2019 12:44 AM
10	Riders should be given more credit for managing their horses training programme. It is ridiculous to allow a qualified horse to do 80km in one day and yet disallow that same horse from doing 40km 2 days in a row. Likewise 160 vs 80 each day. It is hypocritical to then approve 2 day rides to get around this. This actually is less good from a horse welfare perspective as with the entering separately on each day allows the rider to not enter the second day if the horse did not perform as expected on day one. Yes that option is always available but people are more inclined to line a horse up if they have already paid out a large amount to enter	1/30/2019 10:15 PM
11	I agree with Daryl's proposal that there be no mandatory rest periods for shorter rides	1/30/2019 10:11 PM
12	The rest periods were introduced to address a problem in areas with high speed desert racing, applying them to countries where there was never high speed problem is ridiculous	1/30/2019 9:41 PM
13	No stand downs for minimum 46km events, preferably up to 89km events. If you can do an 80 in one day, why not 40 2 days in a row. If you can do 160 in one day, why not 80, 2 days in a row.	1/30/2019 9:04 PM
14	I think that there should be a mandatory rest period for metabolic vet outs, that have required invasive treatment I think that this is more important than lameness	1/30/2019 8:44 PM
15	I am not familiar with the recent alterations so can't comment. There does seem some need for simplification of the rules. Or clarification.	1/30/2019 8:17 PM
16	I feel the current rest periods are adequate especially the shorter distances	1/30/2019 8:13 PM
17	rides 40km or less should have no stand down for Open horses	1/30/2019 7:15 PM
18	Metabolic vet outs should incurred an increased stand down whether invasive treatment is required or not. And definitely an increase for consistent higher speeds. I'd like to see the removal of stand downs for shorter distance rides to enable open combinations to compete on successive days (without it being treated as one competition with an overnight hold).	1/30/2019 5:44 PM
19	ESNZ Endurance adheres to FEI rules so that all riders are competing under one set of rules rather than one set for national and international. This means our shorter distance Introductory members (including 5km leadrein) and 40km riders incur standdowns. I believe mandatory standdowns should apply to FEI distances over 80km. I believe that the shortest distance for a 1* should be 90km	1/30/2019 5:03 PM

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20	<p>I am okay with the mandatory rest periods, but don't agree with the extended rest periods for irregular gait. I think the addition of an extra 14 days for an irregular gait (1st instance) is way excessive. Often it may only be a small tweak or knocking of a stone that vets a horse out for an irregular gait, and a couple of days later (or in fact sometimes even the following day) the horse is okay again. For people with only one horse to ride, this can often affect severely their competition schedule. Maybe 7 extra days would be okay for the 1st incident? That would in fact give a chance to ride at possibly the next available ride in two weeks time, which would be fair. Obviously the rider would use common sense if the horse was still lame during that time and wouldn't want to ride again to risk having a 2nd irregular gait which I think is probably fair at 21 days extended rest in addition to the mandatory rest period. I'm not so sure I would like to change the extended rest periods for invasive treatment. I don't have experience with this occurring, so would imagine that these extended rest periods would be okay. Regarding metabolic issues NOT requiring invasive treatment though, I can't understand at all why there is no extended rest periods for that - surely that is more worrying than a wee stone bruise that can put a horse out of competition for an extended rest period of 14 days and the horse actually be totally fine in a couple of days. A metabolic issue has the potential to be more life threatening surely?</p>	1/30/2019 4:25 PM
21	<p>Currently horses cannot compete shorter distances ie. 40 or 80km and compete the following day at endurance due to stand down periods but can compete at say ctr which is being run by the same club and same distances which makes a loophole of the rule for stand down periods</p>	1/30/2019 4:21 PM
22	<p>If the rest periods are entended even more there will be a deterrental effect on the fininical ability of clubs to carry on. CEN/Club rides in NZ are used by the majority of riders as training. To increase standdowns will mean many horses will be less fit and seasoned when going into bigger distances and will cause more problems.</p>	1/30/2019 4:03 PM
23	<p>Not so high for lameness- we don't have the problems of the UAE e.g horses breaking legs. The rest periods and some rules should be altered to suit each country as an individual. Maybe our board in discussion with the FEI could agree upon rules like this so to protect horse welfare but protect our sport and allow people to compete. We ride as individuals not race as stables like in our countries so our goals, mindset and way we train are very different. Need to include rest period for metabolic VO</p>	1/30/2019 4:01 PM

Q15 Should a Mandatory Rest Period be introduced for any horse which is eliminated on metabolic criteria just as there is for any horse which is eliminated for lameness e.g. high heart rate but doesn't require immediate invasive treatment?

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Yes	66.04%	35
No	26.42%	14
No opinion	7.55%	4
TOTAL		53

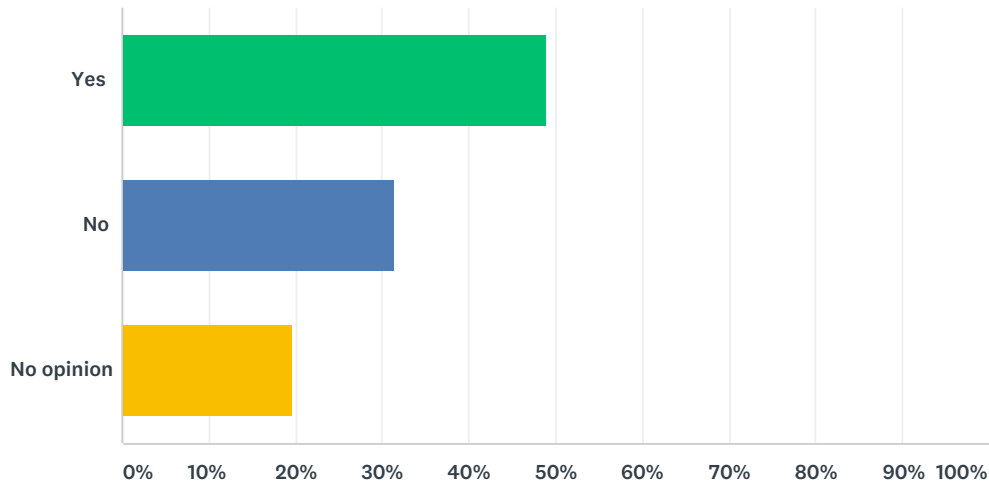
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1	But subject to the reservations expressed above.	2/14/2019 8:30 AM
2	A rider gets it slightly wrong and horse is 65 bpm (or 62bpm up to end of march) and they get penalised. Too hard to make fair. I would say yes if for muscle tone (ie tie up) but not just on HR	2/12/2019 9:48 AM
3	Would think there are too many variables to have a set time frame for a rest period. i.e. could just be an excited horse so heart rate is above allowable criteria so it gets a metabolic vet out But metabolically nothing wrong with the horse whereas others may require treatment even though not classed as immediate.	2/10/2019 11:17 AM
4	I believe that there should be one that is able to be enforced if needed as some metabolic issue can be bad but not bad enough to need invasive treatment.	2/7/2019 8:14 AM
5	This should be based on whether it is a first time occurrence or a repeated occurrence.	2/6/2019 5:26 PM
6	If it improves rider care of the horse. Maybe high heart rate over eg 68bpm so that there is a small buffer range ?	1/31/2019 11:27 PM
7	I don't know enough about the medical ins and outs of this	1/31/2019 3:50 PM
8	The current mandatory rest periods should cover this.	1/31/2019 11:21 AM
9	Refer to what I have written above. A ME VO is far more dangerous to a horse than a Lameness.	1/31/2019 9:40 AM
10	Same reasons as the previous question.	1/31/2019 8:55 AM

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11	For the horses welfare and to make it more even and equal with the mandatory rest period for lameness.	1/31/2019 8:33 AM
12	Treatment vets should use their discretion re whether a horse needs a stand down after a metabolic vet out. Plus a horse will be on stand down anyway subject to the distance completed when vet out occurs.	1/31/2019 12:44 AM
13	One would hope that riders and trainers would have enough sense to rest their horses if they vet out. However it seems that some do not. My opinion would be based on what the rest periods were, it seems likely that they would be the same for minor lameness and major, and likewise some horses may have elevated heart rates due to relatively minor issues, e.g. novice rider errors (rode a bit fast/don't know much about strapping) or horse over excited and actually fine, as compared to horses that have actually been majorly over-ridden and need to be guaranteed a longer rest. It seems unlikely that there would be graded rest periods.	1/30/2019 10:15 PM
14	Repeated vet outs should receive rest periods(suspensions)	1/30/2019 9:41 PM
15	I think if treatment is required at the ride then yes it should get a stand down	1/30/2019 8:44 PM
16	Mandatory rest period until the results of post ride blood test (taken at the time of v/o) known and documented on Horse's FEI record. If unapproved drugs are detected the horse could be stood down for a pre determined time along with the name of the trainer or other responsible person.	1/30/2019 8:17 PM
17	Not all metabolic v/os are equal and some horses recover very quickly. it's far too broad to label them all together	1/30/2019 7:15 PM
18	Oops, answered before but definitely.	1/30/2019 5:44 PM
19	Yes but is it helpful to have veterinary discretion in case heart rate due to non-metabolic causes? (e.g. excitement, car backfire etc). I understand this could open a pathway to abuse of this rule and corruption.	1/30/2019 5:03 PM
20	See above answer	1/30/2019 4:25 PM
21	Perhaps for a second and subsequent high heart rate..caused by over riding.	1/30/2019 4:03 PM
22	I don't understand why they don't already do this. Need to protect the horses and give them adequate time to recover. If they go out on metabolics their body has obviously been put in a state where they are struggling- they need to recover	1/30/2019 4:01 PM

Q16 Should the rules around the development of the track / course be changed? For example track design, use of natural features, number of loops, access to drinking water for horses on the track, proximity of cars?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	49.02%	25
No	31.37%	16
No opinion	19.61%	10
TOTAL		51

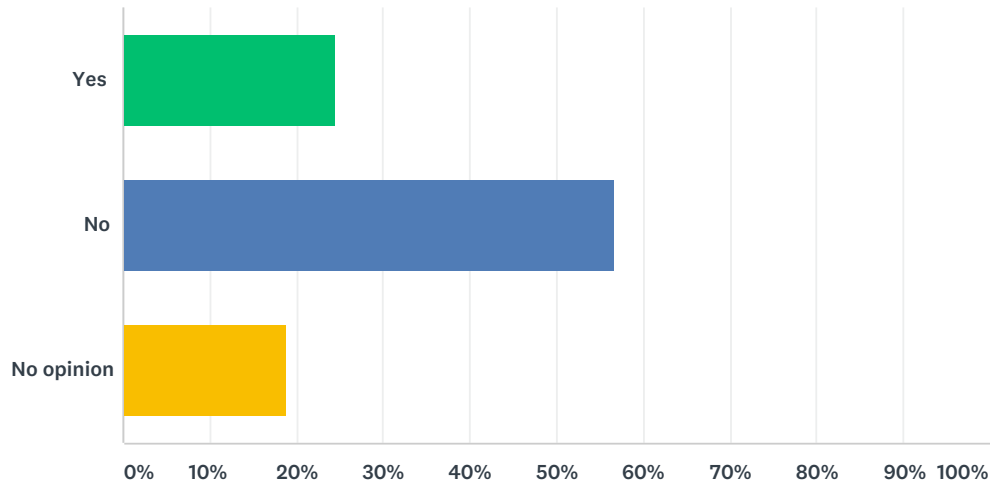
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1	The rules are sound but the officials need to be more active in implementation of courses that enhance the Endurance Test rather than the flat track nature of some events. The concept of speed qualifying criteria needs to be reviewed as this has lead to flatter faster tracks in NZ solely to assist horses in qualifying. The concept of a course grading system needs to be given serious consideration.	2/14/2019 8:30 AM
2	Less loops, checkpoints at the loops!, water points more clearly signed	2/12/2019 9:17 PM
3	Where possible, there should be no cars on road at the same time as horses competing	2/12/2019 7:55 PM
4	Only to the proximity of cars. There shouldn't be any need to have any vehicles following the competitors as it is a horse race, not a car race. If vehicles are allowed to follow the competitors they should only be vets and medical personnel.. The current rules relating to the rest of the examples are fine.	2/10/2019 11:17 AM
5	Cars should not be permitted out on track to follow horses While competition is in progress. Current rules provide for adequate water and track design.	2/6/2019 5:26 PM
6	Not familiar with these rules sorry	1/31/2019 11:27 PM
7	There should be only designated areas for strapping on course. Crew should not be able to follow their rider, other then to these marked area for strapping on course.	1/31/2019 2:33 PM
8	Yes ,forget the racetracks go back to using the natural country that is available. eg The Tevis,Quilty and Shazada	1/31/2019 11:21 AM

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9	I suspect 90% of FEI Courses are both testing, technical and well thought out. However, when you have a world class event present something that nearly all of the horses competing at the event were not a. prepared for, or b. accustomed to questions need to be asked. Making rules is not necessarily the way to fix stupidity, however, it may help!?	1/31/2019 9:40 AM
10	Only to include that the track/course must be left in its natural state as much as possible except where trimming trees/bushes etc is needed or building access to the likes of waterways/rivers etc.	1/31/2019 8:55 AM
11	The Rules are already there re all of the above. They are simply not enforced or adhered to in some countries or particular rides.	1/31/2019 12:44 AM
12	There should be very limited vehicle access on course as they, and their occupants, are very difficult to police. Also any outside assistance tends to increase speeds and reduce the riders' horsemanship inputs. Any increase in loop numbers tends to increase speeds and gives advantages to those with large support crews (and large chequebooks) and again takes away the riders' horsemanship responsibilities.	1/30/2019 10:37 PM
13	I believe that the current rules already cover these aspects, however in some countries they are not enforced. Thus courses should already include varied terrain and natural features, I'm not sure exactly what the current car rules are but it seems likely they are not always adhered to.	1/30/2019 10:15 PM
14	My understanding is that the problems have arisen when the rules have not been followed, ie: making unnatural fast tracks and chasing horses with cars.	1/30/2019 9:41 PM
15	Ban External assistance, cars, strappers on any part of the course away from the home base. Riders should be able to regulate their speed according to the terrain -	1/30/2019 8:17 PM
16	not sure how proximity of cars would relate to development of track?	1/30/2019 7:15 PM
17	Absolutely!! Plus only rider permitted strapping on track - or if that impossible, then only at approved crew points. Definitely no car-supported crewing.	1/30/2019 5:44 PM
18	I thought there were already rules or recommendations around this. Especially with proximity of cars.	1/30/2019 5:03 PM
19	I'm saying Yes on this one, because of the videos I have seen regarding car following horses on courses overseas (particularly in the UAE I believe). Also because the UAE tracks seem to be more like race tracks than what I would call endurance tracks. Our tracks in New Zealand are what I would describe as a fair example of what an endurance track should look like - hills, water obstacles, roads, open country for example. I don't believe racing flat out on flat country is "endurance riding", I would call the other "endurance racing". I believe I read an article last year (?) or was it the year before, about grading the tracks for difficulty and using this as a scale for parameters of speed etc. It was something like that anyway, and I thought it sounded quite a good idea. I can't remember the full details of it, or where in fact I read it.	1/30/2019 4:25 PM
20	Variation and more technical tracks to move focus back to endurance riding rather than racing flat tracks	1/30/2019 4:21 PM
21	YES..YES..this is the only way to change the sport from flat racing in some countries to endurance riding. I don't believe any other rules will change the speed and harm to horses caused by speed. Put some degree of elevation and technicalty into the rules for course design.	1/30/2019 4:03 PM
22	I think the only way to slow down countries such as the UAE is 1. Educate them- they have a different culture than us, they don't actually understand the concept of completing and gaining experience before racing 2. Make endurance real endurance. There needs to be more technicality involved in tracks- hills, corners and twists, water crossings, not so much on course strapping, changes in track conditions, courses where you actually need to be a good rider and ride your horse properly to succeed. I think also more encouragement of to complete is to win.	1/30/2019 4:01 PM

Q17 Is there any need to introduce new elimination codes?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	24.53% 13
No	56.60% 30
No opinion	18.87% 10
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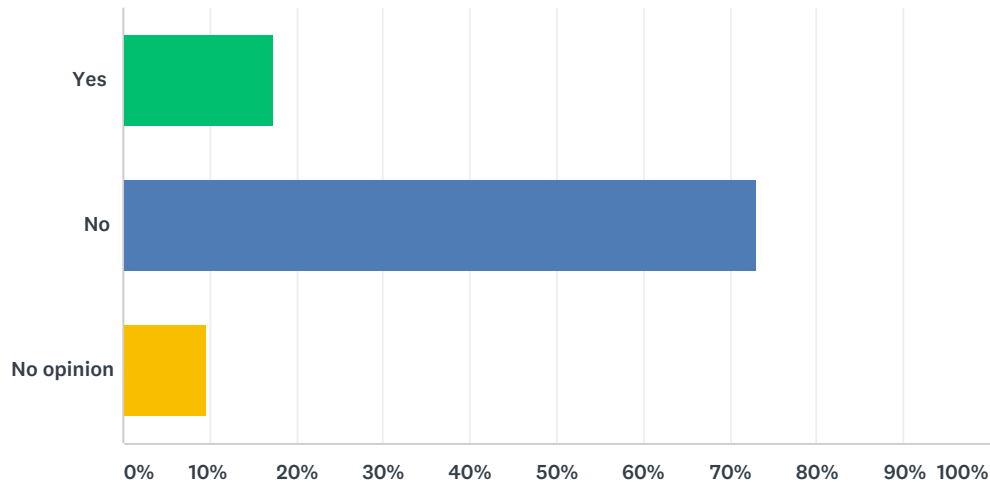
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1	The current system is too complex and needs to be simplified. ZI have witnessed qualified officials spending too much time discussing which codes should or should not apply.	2/14/2019 8:30 AM
2	So Metabolic could be put into 3 categories. Agree with SI just introduced	2/12/2019 9:48 AM
3	Current codes seem to cover all possibilities and more so now that the severe injury codes have been introduced. Although if extended rest periods for metabolics eliminations were to be introduced then additional codes should be introduced to distinguish between the level of metabolic eliminations e.g. high heart rate due to horse being excited compared to horse with other metabolic issues.	2/10/2019 11:17 AM
4	Yes for riders mistreating there horses out on track	2/6/2019 11:18 AM
5	No more please !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	1/31/2019 11:21 AM
6	This is for administration purposes.	1/31/2019 9:40 AM
7	I think they are all covered now with the introduction of "serious Injuries" (SI) which has the same level of consequences as Catastrophic Injuries.	1/31/2019 8:55 AM
8	excessive speed	1/31/2019 4:38 AM
9	Again administer / enforce the existing codes correctly.	1/31/2019 12:44 AM
10	I wouldn't have thought so, it seems there are a lot already	1/30/2019 10:15 PM
11	If horses FTC and disappear without presenting to the vet then major penalties for all associated parties - rider, trainer and owner. Also if horses are over time presenting and their HR is over criteria then it should be classified as a metabolic vet out and incur stand downs.	1/30/2019 5:44 PM
12	The less complicated the rules the better	1/30/2019 5:03 PM
13	Not being an official requiring to know the ins and outs of this, I can't really offer an opinion.	1/30/2019 4:25 PM

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14	All horses withdrawn or eliminated such be coded appropriately with more specific reasons	1/30/2019 4:21 PM
15	I think we need more transparency in results	1/30/2019 4:01 PM

Q18 Should the rules around Heart Rate and presentation time be changed from the current rules (i.e. 64 within 20 minutes off loops and 30 minutes at the finish)?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	17.31% 9
No	73.08% 38
No opinion	9.62% 5
TOTAL	52

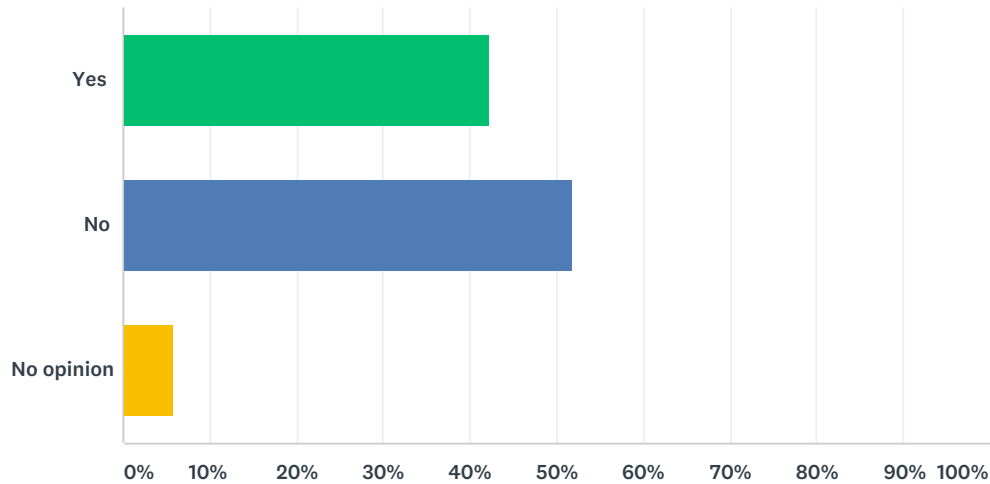
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1	The rule as written is perfectly adequate. What we need is officials with enough confidence and experience to stand up and apply the existing rules that give authority to make changes based on the conditions on the day.	2/14/2019 8:30 AM
2	Some horses naturally spike to 62. The horses in the UAE have 52 in 1 or 2 minutes so it does nothing to stop the speeding	2/12/2019 9:48 AM
3	I don't think it will ever matter what the hear rates and presentation times are set at as it is the same for all competitors so a level playing field. Fiddling with these parameters won't slow the overall speed of the horses down if that is the aim of possibly changing the parameters .	2/10/2019 11:17 AM
4	What is currently in place has been fine up until recently when it was changed not far out from a champs event. some horses run with higher heart rates not matter how much prep you give them. it is unfair to those riders that compete these horses. a horses heart rate can also be different if the vet does not take it for the full minute. if this rule was to be changed to 60bpm then i would like to see it made mandatory for all heart rates to be taken for the full minute at all times. it will slow vets down but it is the only fair solution that i can see if this is changed.	2/7/2019 8:14 AM
5	If it protects horses from over riding	1/31/2019 11:27 PM
6	I think it works well as is.	1/31/2019 4:24 PM
7	Drop the HR to 60bpm Times are fine.	1/31/2019 11:21 AM
8	We are currently trialing this, a well complied study of the results will better answer this than a "guess".	1/31/2019 9:40 AM

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9	The current system works for the majority of the time. The horses being over-ridden obviously have great HRs so changing this rule will make no difference to them vetting through.	1/31/2019 8:55 AM
10	NO. no, no.	1/31/2019 8:33 AM
11	All that will happen by changing the above is that it makes it tougher on "ordinary" horses throughout the World to simply compete at rides. The horses sourced for Group 7 come from all over the World and they are already generally better performing horses than the ones not selected for purchase. I after 40 years of breeding and training large numbers of horses like many overseas trainers have proven that heart rate recovery / presentation times is a combination of genetics as well as fitness. ie certain bloodlines simply have superior recovery. We have horses that will recover to under 64 in ten minutes even when they have given their all in a 160km ride and have never vetted out on recovery in their careers of 3-4000kms. The top performing horses throughout the World are Elite / Superior horses who will always meet whatever Heart rate Recovery rules that are imposed.	1/31/2019 12:44 AM
12	If that is the best/only way to get the endurance racing people to slow down then let's do it. I would prefer that the longer time at the end stay as here it is often the case that our horses have done most of the ride at a steady pace and a gallop finish occurs. It would be a shame to lose that excitement if riders fear running out of time to get HRs down. It would be important to test various combinations of time and HR in many countries to see how they suit the conditions and whether you need to reduce both time and HR or just one or the other. NZ being a test venue at NIs is part of just that which is great.	1/30/2019 10:15 PM
13	Ground Juries have the authority to change them if special circumstances arise	1/30/2019 9:41 PM
14	Lower heart rates will not reduce the speeds. The special horses will still get straight into the vet. And the rest will just have longer lag times.	1/30/2019 9:26 PM
15	I feel that this is a knee jerk reaction to what is happening overseas and as a whole we are being penalised. I know we are having a trial of this new system at North island and south islands but I do feel as both a trainer and an official that insufficient warning time was given for this to be used at the north island champs	1/30/2019 8:44 PM
16	I think counting lag times within riding time is sufficient added penalty to give riders caution.	1/30/2019 8:17 PM
17	I understand there has been considerable research to show that horses who take longer to vet in earlier loops are more likely to vet out, so perhaps lowering the HR and shortening the presentation time would have some merit, but not the final one	1/30/2019 7:15 PM
18	I'd like to see the results of the trial for this one but think it could be a useful tool tho likely to be opposed by many. Personally it would suit the way I ride!	1/30/2019 5:44 PM
19	I'm happy with these the way they are. I have had the odd occasion where it has taken the full 30 minutes to get my horses heart rate down at the end of the ride. This was a wake up call for me to ride more carefully at the next ride. With only one strapper available to me most of the time (and sometimes even doing it by myself) it could be pretty difficult to do in less time sometimes, and it allows people with less helpers at least a slightly more level playing field than those who have a team of helpers.	1/30/2019 4:25 PM
20	I think that this rule will put a strain on small countries like ours. As we don't have the numbers or horses to benefit from this. And you'll find the sport will just fade away.	1/30/2019 4:11 PM
21	Again this will not reduce the speed of flat racing....it is only penalizing the countries that endurance ride.	1/30/2019 4:03 PM
22	I don't believe this will change much. I think they want to do this to slow down the UAE but they will just use more drugs and harm the horses. If you look at the results of races in the UAE the majority of front runners are vetting in just a few minutes and on heart rates of under 60 so I don't think this will actually have the effect they want it to	1/30/2019 4:01 PM

Q19 Should there be a change to the current rules about rider weight?

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Yes	42.31% 22
No	51.92% 27
No opinion	5.77% 3
TOTAL	52

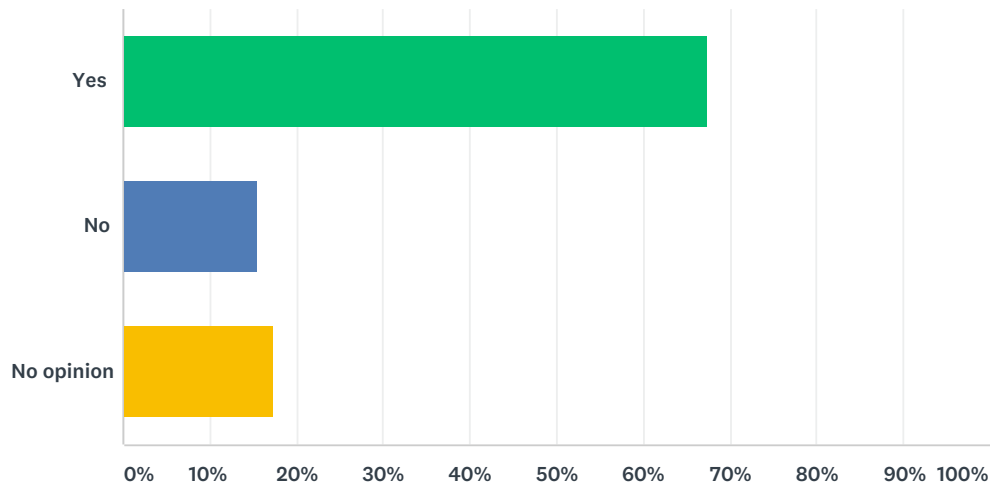
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1	The current weight rules are workable. Any change risks the sport moving to lower standards and eventually robot riders in the flat track situation	2/14/2019 8:30 AM
2	Same as in Australia, junior/lightweight/middleweight and heavyweight options	2/12/2019 9:17 PM
3	It is easier to weigh up than lose weight and it should be fair to all horses	2/12/2019 9:48 AM
4	Current rules seem to be working well with 75kg minimum for 3*. 1* and 2* minimum weights can be set differently but perhaps there could be a level for both 1* and 2* that the minimum weight can't be set below.	2/10/2019 11:17 AM
5	Min weight for CEI 3* reduces to 70kg.	2/6/2019 5:26 PM
6	I think the weight should be 70kg right through to 160kg, after all the weight the horse carries at a ride is the same as he is usually trained with	2/6/2019 11:18 AM
7	Lighter weights should be the rule. Why are we penalising those who weigh less? Lighter weights are fairer to those with smaller horses. This increases the pool of horses suitable for endurance. The less rules the better, and I don't think this one is needed.	1/31/2019 4:24 PM
8	We have many more pressing issues than worrying about weight rules.	1/31/2019 11:21 AM
9	To expect a horse to compete carrying 70kg for the majority of its competitive career then raise it to 75kg for a small percentage of events seems a little backwards. 70kg is plenty heavy enough, and a class at 60kg could be of benefit. However, to drop below this at the highest levels could and probably would compromise horse safety in placing very light riders on horses in order to go faster. There is a fine line but expecting a horse to carry 5kg extra over 50% more track than what it usually used in a competitive environment seems a little crazy.	1/31/2019 9:40 AM

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10	Weight makes a huge difference from my experience when training many horses in Dubai. The heart rates of each horse in training were on average 10 beats higher when carrying 85 plus kilograms than when carrying 70kg so changing this rule would give light weight riders an advantage.	1/31/2019 8:55 AM
11	Only sport other than racing that i know has rider weight, please drop the rider weight, its not fair, god gave us our body weight and it is what it is, if it stays how about a max weight! Yes im a skinny and it puts me off riding open.	1/31/2019 8:33 AM
12	Lowering, changing or eliminating rider weight will only accelerate the Group 7 trend of lightweight womens races. Its not PC to say it but for as long as I can remember all over the World women have been incredibly competitive and able to compete along side men in the same competition. An often overlooked fact is that ALL World Championships until 2002 were won by Light Weight women carrying weight. Since 2002 Maria Alvarez Ponton has won won two World Championships carrying weight. Here in NZ many of our National Championships have been won by women carrying weight. Many other countries have similar records.	1/31/2019 12:44 AM
13	It is very hard for some riders to make the 75kg. All distances except 160 have 70 as the weight which is more easily attainable for light riders. Yes there will be an advantage to lighter riders, but most top level endurance horses are not large or heavy and recent data is showing that small horses carrying larger riders is a welfare issue, perhaps there should also be a maximum weight as a percentage of horse weight? Heavier riders should be doing their utmost to use the very light saddles that are now available.	1/30/2019 10:15 PM
14	I strongly disagree with the requirement to have minimum weights for open rides. Other disciplines, such as Eventing, have removed minimum weights and there has been no noticeable advantage gained by lighter riders. Lighter riders often ride smaller horses and the mandatory minimum weight requirements can be outside recommended vet guidelines. The three main arguments I've heard for keeping the weights are a) it's always been like that; b) if you train with the weights it makes no difference; and c) it's unfair to heavier riders not to have weights. B and C are not compatible- either weight makes a difference or it doesn't and A is no reason not to change. If there is no option but to keep minimum weights for FEI then keep them for FEI but not for non FEI rides. As a rider who would need to carry weights, this requirement has deterred me from going open. It also has a negative impact on people outside the sport who are considering trying it.	1/30/2019 10:11 PM
15	trying to make a fairer competition by penalising some competitors is just dumb	1/30/2019 9:41 PM
16	Weight is putting off many riders. The rule only relates to 3*. So why no have graduated system to build up to: 60km for 1*, 65 for 2* and 70 for 3*.	1/30/2019 9:04 PM
17	Weight categories would be better than minimum weights. eg lightweight/heavyweight	1/30/2019 8:17 PM
18	I don't have an issue with needing to carry weight myself but from the point of view of an official the 75kg weight requirement for 3* and 4* rides is an issue and should perhaps be dropped to 70kg as this should make very little difference to the horse but makes carrying weight a bit easier for the very lightweight riders. But I would not want to see weight removed altogether	1/30/2019 7:15 PM
19	It'd too hard for some of our women and upgrading juniors to make weight.	1/30/2019 5:44 PM
20	I would like to see the weight dropped to 70kg as was suggested for this year so as not to disadvantage lighter weight women. In order to compete carrying weight they also need to train carrying similar weight. If someone else is training the horse this is not a problem, but the majority of riders in NZ train their own horses. They are not jockeys who are catchriding as may be the case elsewhere in the world	1/30/2019 5:03 PM
21	I'm unsure about this one also. Being a heavier rider I don't have to worry about carrying weights but do understand that this is more difficult for a horse. It is a shame that there isn't weight divisions, I with only a small community of riders in our country this really isn't practicable. Maybe there could be a penalty time added for lighter riders to put them on a par with heavier riders. I was disappointed to see that in the Best Conditioned this "advantage" for heavier riders was taken out. It stands to reason that it would require a horse more effort to carry a heavier weighted rider over distance.	1/30/2019 4:25 PM
22	Lighter riders are penalised and have to carry dead weight which is not in the horses best welfare.	1/30/2019 4:21 PM
23	While I believe the weight should not be dropped too much I think that when you have to carry a lot of weight in addition to yourself and normal gear it has a negative affect on the horse- saddle fitting, balancing dead weight. For some very small people especially woman it is too difficult to make 75kgs. For example if you weight 50kgs you have to add any extra 25kgs of weight. That is a lot and it is very difficult to make it work without harming the horse	1/30/2019 4:01 PM

Q20 Should there be increased sanctions for a positive drug test from a horse?

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No	15.38% 8
No opinion	17.31% 9
TOTAL	52

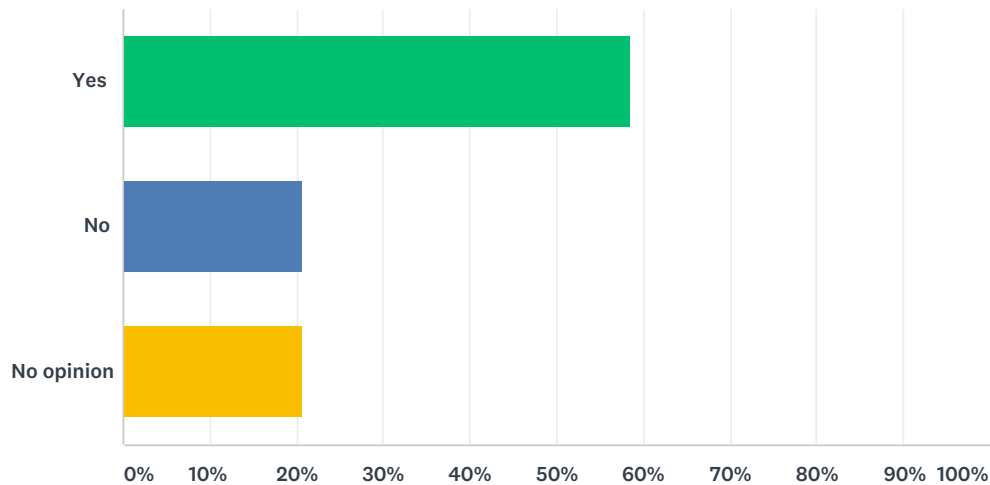
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1	Penalties need to be seen as severe and permanent on all involved.	2/14/2019 8:30 AM
2	Possibly but don't really know enough about that side of things to say yes or no. Always seems to be such a long drawn out procedure that by the time the person responsible is found guilty or otherwise the suspension period is just about over.	2/10/2019 11:17 AM
3	Depending on the outcome of an investigation and what the drug is.	1/31/2019 9:40 AM
4	This needs to be toughened up on and the rules enforced more.	1/31/2019 8:55 AM
5	Ban them for life!	1/31/2019 8:33 AM
6	Yes in general terms. But more consideration should be given to how drugs have come to be in the horse. Plus the relationship between owners / riders / trainers. Blanket bans or punitive extended bans are not necessarily fair to all concerned.	1/31/2019 12:44 AM
7	As long as they are given to the person/s actually responsible.	1/30/2019 10:37 PM
8	I'm not up to date on what the current sanctions are. I believe they have put more onus on the trainer. This is good as often the riders may not have had much to do with the horse before the ride. This is not just the case for the jockey style riders in some countries but also for overseas riders who hire mounts.	1/30/2019 10:15 PM
9	For the owner and trainer, not the rider. The rider may not have handled the horse or been part of its care and general upkeep	1/30/2019 9:04 PM
10	Absolutely, but there is not enough testing done. I think that say, the first 10 placings should be routinely drug tested in all FEI events.	1/30/2019 8:17 PM
11	Unsure of the question	1/30/2019 7:43 PM

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12	I think the sanctions are fine but they need to be able to test for leg sensitively	1/30/2019 7:15 PM
13	But needs to be backed up by more testing.	1/30/2019 5:44 PM
14	No excuses at all	1/30/2019 5:03 PM
15	Yes..but problem is catching the cheats. The drugs beignused are far in advance of the testing in some countries.	1/30/2019 4:03 PM
16	Yes- while stables need to be punished. Ultimately horses are dying trying to run on drugs and against drugged horses. It needs to stop. And in countries where there are often positive drug tests the number of drug tests needs to be increased and it needs to be totally random	1/30/2019 4:01 PM

Q21 Should there be a change in the frequency of drug testing and how drug testing is allocated / targeted?

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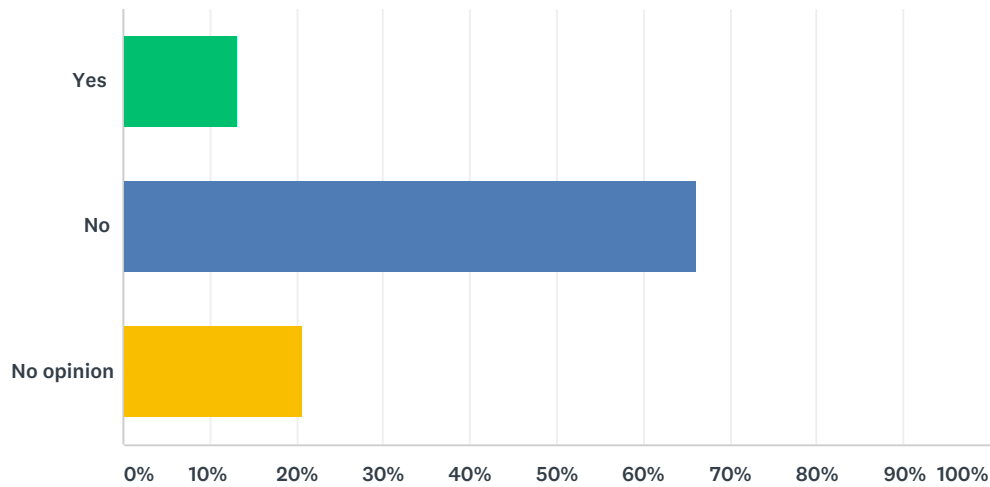
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Yes	58.49%	31
No	20.75%	11
No opinion	20.75%	11
TOTAL		53

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1	The current system using independent testers is working. Particularly when the tester is outside the discipline	2/14/2019 8:30 AM
2	Should be more drug testing but then that will also mean an increased cost to competitors. Would have thought there should be drug testing at some level at every FEI event. Seems wrong that a clean sport fee is paid for all horses competing at all FEI events yet some events have no drug testing.	2/10/2019 11:17 AM
3	All winning horses should be drug tested and random tests should be done as well.	2/6/2019 5:26 PM
4	In my opinion, not enough drug testing is done at FEI events in NZ and around the world. We breed and race trotters .also the odd galloper,. ESNZ in NZ is way behind in regards to drug testing.	1/31/2019 11:21 AM
5	It all depends on cost, to make the events more expensive in order to test more horses at more events would be false economy as the numbers would automatically reduce. The clean sport fee is already a barrier to participation so this would need to be looked at very hard first.	1/31/2019 9:40 AM
6	Particularly for FEI 3* & above events where at least the top 10 -15 horses should be tested.	1/31/2019 8:55 AM
7	Test every horse, every ride.	1/31/2019 8:33 AM
8	More frequency at more Events in more countries. Our record of drug testing here in NZ in the last 10 years has been woeful. Other countries have also had a very Cavalier attitude to drug testing but are quick to take the moral high ground and point the finger which is easy to do when None or very limited testing in your Country is always going to mean Nil positive tests.	1/31/2019 12:44 AM
9	again I am not up to date on the current practice/rules. I believe that having drug testing at any ride at any time is a good thing. They turned up at a Waikato club ride once and that was a good thing. Championship rides should always include testing, random testing of other rides would be advantageous	1/30/2019 10:15 PM

10	Too costly for smaller nations	1/30/2019 9:26 PM
11	I would like to know if we run the combined events and only the fei horses have to pay the testing fee then are all horses in that class eligible for testing or only the fei horses	1/30/2019 8:44 PM
12	As per answer to Q 20.	1/30/2019 8:17 PM
13	No because it will just add even more cost on for the riders. We currently pay \$30 per FEI event, yet one single test at FEI level costs upwards of \$1,000	1/30/2019 7:15 PM
14	Region 7 is the all too obvious candidate.	1/30/2019 5:44 PM
15	Every entry pays a premium for testing, yet there is very little testing done.	1/30/2019 5:03 PM
16	I'm not sure of the frequency of drug testing now, but I think I've only seen it done once in the four years I have been riding. I don't know what it is like overseas. I'm not saying that I think New Zealand horses are on drugs, but just saying that I've not seen testing done very much.	1/30/2019 4:25 PM
17	All top 3 horses drug tested	1/30/2019 4:21 PM
18	Yes- NZ, we have little to no positive tests, we have a different mind set not so much about winning so are less likely to drug. The uae and other rich countries have the knowledge and want to drug so they should be tested way more frequently	1/30/2019 4:01 PM

Q22 Should there be a set limit on the number of competitors allowed in a class?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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No	66.04%	35
No opinion	20.75%	11
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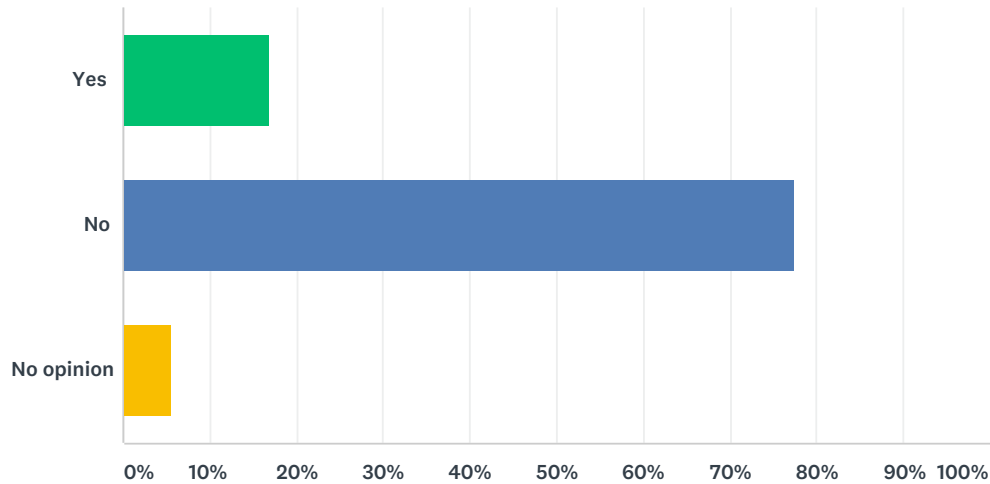
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1	No restriction will achieve anything of value. What is important is to ensure all combinations are competitive in that environment.	2/14/2019 8:30 AM
2	Not sure whether to tick yes or no on this one. Such limitations should only be imposed if the size of the venue and the start/finish can only cater for a certain number of horses. Otherwise see no point in restricting the number of entries per class.	2/10/2019 11:17 AM
3	In my opinion this should be determined by the track for each event.	2/6/2019 5:26 PM
4	Maybe more dependant on each particular ride location demographic or conditions rather than widely across a "class " which applies to that class at all rides. See track limits for racing horses on standardbred tracks. These are dependent on the track location/ conditions	1/31/2019 11:27 PM
5	So long as they are suitably qualified and capable, it should not matter if there is 3 or 300. This would be very unfair on those who choose to expose themselves to international competitions with large entries in order to be prepared.	1/31/2019 9:40 AM
6	A maximum number of 180 -200 should be set to make it manageable for the officials & ground staff at events. Too much is missed with the large numbers running in some events now.	1/31/2019 8:55 AM
7	Every Country is different. In NZ the most we have had in a 160km ride is 43. Yet I have twice competed in The Tom Quilty in Australia with both times more than 300 riders. 180 riders were in World Champs in Dubai in 1998. Fields of 500 have taken part in CEN rides in Dubai this season. The most important Question is not the number of riders but can the infrastructure of the track, vet gate, Officials etc handle such numbers in regard to horse welfare and fairness to all riders.	1/31/2019 12:44 AM

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8	Not if the facilities are in place to handle the number. Systems need to be in place to ensure fair opportunity and safety of all entered. Some courses are not suitable for very large numbers and organising committees should have the right to limit entries accordingly, I don't believe there should be an over-riding world rule	1/30/2019 10:15 PM
9	Yes - having hundreds of entries is impractical especially from a vetting point of view.. Not to mention effective officials.	1/30/2019 8:17 PM
10	not sure about this one. Certainly there are possible issues in the middle east with high entry numbers possibly contributing to higher speeds	1/30/2019 7:15 PM
11	No strong feeling, but perhaps there needs to be criteria around numbers of officials per riders? If 400 in a race need pro rata numbers of officials, and out on track too with power to pull a horse they see struggling or for rider abuse.	1/30/2019 5:44 PM
12	The evidence of non-FEI tracks such as Tevis, Quilty and Shazahda who have hundreds of entries would seem to indicate that there are ways to manage large numbers of entries on technical tracks	1/30/2019 5:03 PM
13	Probably. I've not seen huge numbers in New Zealand, but overseas there seems to be huge numbers in classes. Maybe they are too large.	1/30/2019 4:25 PM
14	Yes, if this is affecting horse welfare	1/30/2019 4:01 PM

Q23 Should continuous crewing be allowed out on course?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	16.98% 9
No	77.36% 41
No opinion	5.66% 3
TOTAL	53

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1	But in a managed situation. Current rules are adequate enabling crewing in designated places. We need officials to stand up and enforce the rules. However crewing in hot and dry environments should be encouraged not discouraged as in NZ.	2/14/2019 8:30 AM
2	With approval of an official/valid reason	2/12/2019 9:17 PM
3	Crewing should only be allowed at specified crew points where officials are in attendance , the same as they are in the crew area at the base.	2/10/2019 11:17 AM
4	Riders need to manage themselves and their horses out on track.	2/6/2019 5:26 PM
5	And I think there should be a limit as to how many crew one horse can have. Make it a maximum of 3 people - the rider has to ensure the horse comes in, in good condition, rather than relying on the crew. Put it back on the rider. This might see a lowering of average speeds.	1/31/2019 4:24 PM
6	Already said my bit earlier on.	1/31/2019 2:33 PM
7	Absolutely! The best way to cool a horse, particularly in extreme environments is by continuous crewing, that is why the HRs in the UAE are incredible, those horses are crewed constantly. With out it there would be twice as many dead horses!	1/31/2019 9:40 AM
8	Definitely no to this. Crewing at one checkpoint per phase is enough. Endurance is supposed to be a contest between the horse & Rider combination and the terrain, weather conditions etc. It is the responsibility of the OC to supply water on track & there is nothing stopping the rides from crewing their own horses out there. Allowing continuous crewing gives those with large numbers of crew people an advantage.	1/31/2019 8:55 AM
9	Crewing should be at fixed points but it should be possible to crew horses while still moving over a distance of 100 meters or so. Not the nonsense of Tryonne where overzealous Officials were trying to make riders stop to be crewed in a very small designated area.	1/31/2019 12:44 AM

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10	Difficult to police, gives advantages to large crews, takes away rider horsemanship and increases speeds.	1/30/2019 10:37 PM
11	We have all seen the footage of what happens when crew are allowed to essentially follow a horse continuously it simply encouraged the excessive speed that is the cause of a lot of the problems facing the sport at present. On course crewing should be limited to set areas where it is possible for stewards to monitor crew behaviour and practices	1/30/2019 10:15 PM
12	it is a test of horse and rider, not how much water a team can pour	1/30/2019 9:41 PM
13	Absolutely not. The rider should be assessing the horse's condition and adjusting speed accordingly. There should of course be adequate fresh water available on course for the number of competitors.	1/30/2019 8:17 PM
14	not continuous but set points on track can work well	1/30/2019 7:15 PM
15	Riders should be able to manage their ride. That's what endurance is supposed to be about. There should however be plentiful water for riders to be able to stop for	1/30/2019 5:03 PM
16	I think this could be an opportunity out on course for unscrupulous people to administer substances etc that they might not get the opportunity to do under closer surveillance at base. Also, surely it would be easier to spot outside assistance if in fact the rider did not have any help at all out on course. People might have their hand forced to take things a bit easier on their horses if they know they don't have that continuous crewing all the time, and also, it totally rules in favour of people with large crews to help them - what about the poor person who has just come on their own or only has one helper - seems a bit unfair to me.	1/30/2019 4:25 PM
17	True endurance should be the horse and rider..if the speed is such that a rider can't stop and cool there own horse then they are going too fast.	1/30/2019 4:03 PM
18	No, absolutely not. This changes the whole aspect of endurance riding. They should be allowed a couple of crew points but no more as this just allows them to run faster which leads to horses breaking legs etc	1/30/2019 4:01 PM

Q24 Any other suggestions about how to improve the horse welfare outcomes and the public image of Endurance?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The sport since inception has relied on a single format to represent the sport and all combinations within the sport. This is not working out. We need at the top level to develop new formats that take the sport in new directions. First step beng top level Championships in the multi day format etc.	2/14/2019 8:30 AM
2	Support the grass root novice riders, word of mouth will do a lot,	2/12/2019 9:42 PM
3	Please no 24 months period. It pushes horses to much to have to do an open rider every year/2 years.	2/12/2019 9:17 PM
4	Keep each country's statistics seperate. Ensure endurance riding is kept seperate from endurance racing. Put a maximum speed limit on racing.	2/12/2019 7:55 PM
5	Making sure the rules are actually imposed in the places that are obviously cheating. This may mean making sure officials and vets are all foreign?	2/12/2019 9:48 AM
6	Not really. But all changing the rules in an attempt to prevent what is happening in certain regions does is penalise the majority for the sins of the minority.	2/10/2019 11:17 AM
7	To get more positive images in the the news.	2/7/2019 8:14 AM
8	There should be longer rest periods imposed on horses travelling over an average speed of +20kph.	2/6/2019 9:16 PM
9	Impose maximum speed limits based on track conditions and difficulty..	2/6/2019 5:26 PM
10	More education for riders, a lot of riders need to understand their horses are flesh and blood not machines	2/6/2019 11:18 AM
11	Horses should not be removed from course if Failed to Finish etc without follow up in 24/36/48 plus hours by veterinary officials. Stop making rules which only apply to Zone 7 which adversely affect or have no relevance the rest of the world. Differentiate between "real" endurance riding and desert "racing" making them totally different sports	2/1/2019 7:16 AM
12	Place a lower limit on horse's body condition score to be ellegable to enter rides. Eg horses with body condition score below (eg 2.5) not able to start. More emphasis on riders and the care of their mounts. Eg Rider can only compete on horse at championship if rider and horse have qualified as a combination in a number of previous rides in preceeding 24 mths. Only after rider has successfully riden (qualified) set nubmer of championships (eg 10?) Only then can rider compete on unknown horses at champ events. Thus reducing amount of inexperienced endurance "jockeys" . Eg an apprenticeship of sorts for riders)	1/31/2019 11:27 PM
13	-	1/31/2019 4:24 PM
14	no	1/31/2019 3:50 PM
15	get rid of cars following riders over seas & have set strapping areas.	1/31/2019 2:33 PM
16	The entry of Group 7 into the Sport of Endurance has caused world wide condemnation. National groups are pulling away from FEI because of this and I don't blame them !!! In regards to horse welfare I believe there needs to be more education eg seminars ,workshops with vets and respected senior riders. Possibly even compulsory attendance before your membership is approved so you can ride.	1/31/2019 11:21 AM

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17	<p>I cannot help but feel that more and more rules are being put in place as a band aid to help quieten some critics and "hope" that it might slow some of the speed demons down. If fact what it will do, is make more and more countries that have good records and amateur competitors steer away from the FEI and its rules and look to apply a set of National Rules that better suit and service the membership of those countries. There is so much noise being made following a poorly organised and executed WEG, and instead of potentially sanctioning some members of the OC and officials involved with it, it is felt there is more effect in applying more rules to riders. Potentially the very people who did not follow the rules, nor apply them, at Tyron are the ones who will not be affected one bit by new rules to try and slow horses down. WEG is the most public stage for any equestrian event and a chance to display to the critics that the sport does have a right to be on the world stage. If the event does, then the competitors, officials, OC, Vets etc need to have the right to be on that world stage to, and they need to represent the sport in a way that will both add value and further develop its right to be an accepted Equestrian Discipline. I would expect this has always been questionable among other disciplines and sadly following WEG with a very public disaster from start to finish, this will have damaged the sport more than most things. So, to at least to start to answer the question, after such a public failing, there should be accountability, and this needs to be displayed. We cannot continue to say Endurance is getting to fast yet let the Official and OC's who are not following the rules, walk away without any level of discipline, accountability and direction. Having rules is only part of the solution, implementing them is the bigger issue and potentially the one which is losing its influence. To change the public image, perhaps looking at the sport in a mirror is vital. Then we might just see how it looks to the general public.</p>	1/31/2019 9:40 AM
18	Rewarding better the riders & trainers who do the job right when preparing & competing horses & severer punishment for those that don't. More education is needed.	1/31/2019 8:55 AM
19	Reduce the speed a horse is aloud to go in the sport	1/31/2019 4:38 AM
20	Simply enforce fairly the existing Rules with competent Officials who can speak English. If that happened we would immediately improve the image of our Sport by ensuring a level playing field for all. Even in NZ we have incompetent Officials whose performances are woeful.	1/31/2019 12:44 AM
21	Allowing riders to claim kms successfully completed if they choose not to continue on any multi-loop ride. Essentially making all multi-loop rides elevators for novice and open riders alike. Not with the minimum maximum times for each loop of the current elevator rides but just with the km claim rule. This would encourage riders to withdraw sooner if there is a possible problem with their horse rather than attempting to "manage" a developing problem through the ride in the hope of qualifying	1/30/2019 10:15 PM
22	Itemise lameness. Seems a little unfair for a horse that loses a shoe on ride, gets kicked in another, and stumbles on uneven ground in a third to be treated the same as a horse that has recurrent lameness in the same leg.	1/30/2019 10:11 PM
23	simplify the rules and enforce them, read the definition of endurance and the code of conduct for the welfare of the horse, this defines our sport	1/30/2019 9:41 PM
24	Start defending it.	1/30/2019 9:26 PM
25	1/30/2019 9:04 PM
26	Emphasis should be on the horse/rider partnership, and somehow there should be criteria for this. No 'jockey riders. Riders should have the same 'qualifications' as the horse CEN qualifying results should be entered on the FEI database - this would restrict ineligible entries. and provide an accurate history of the horse's performance.	1/30/2019 8:17 PM
27	None	1/30/2019 8:13 PM
28	I strongly believe that endurance in the UAE (and countries influence by the UAE)as it is currently practiced has the potential to affect the sport elsewhere in the world so we need to address it.	1/30/2019 7:22 PM
29	improve rider education; introduce rider skill levels (not sure how this would work as it when then bring in subjectivity); make ride briefings compulsory for all riders	1/30/2019 7:15 PM
30	Keep an open and honest account of horse welfare, make people accountable	1/30/2019 6:55 PM
31	Given the recent tragic death of an old horse at WEG, the upper age limit of horses competing at that level needs looking at. A 20 year horse should not have been there.	1/30/2019 6:54 PM
32	Keep flooding social media with good news stories. But reality is overseas abuse and domestic politics is tough and will continue to impact.	1/30/2019 5:44 PM

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33	The rules in FEI are a good set of rules. What tarnishes the public image and horse welfare issues are the perceived blatant cheating and flouting of rules. Greater sanctions against rule breaking / drug use would go a long way towards mending the public image.	1/30/2019 5:03 PM
34	As above, I did read an article on grading the course depending on terrain etc, which I think would be a good idea. I also read somewhere about some Sheik who was rewarding horse welfare more than first across the line. I can't exactly remember which one it was, but it was a small "country" in the UAE.	1/30/2019 4:25 PM
35	I think when rules are made they should think about all the countries including the small ones and whether it's right for them or if it'll kill endurance for them.	1/30/2019 4:11 PM
36	Force the sport back to endurance riding not flat racing through course design.	1/30/2019 4:03 PM
37	I think it needs to be remembered the difference in endurance between countries. I think countries such as nz need to be ruled differently as we are playing the game very differently. The addition of more rules to control the uae etc only negatively affects us!	1/30/2019 4:01 PM
38	Further Empower officials to remove competitors from an event if circumstances require it.	1/30/2019 4:00 PM
39	Take away the minimum speed, or make it more attainable, many countries struggle to find courses that everyone can safely complete in that time. It sends the wrong message to competitors and viewers alike. Also less focus needs to be put on irrelevant things such as collared shirts and attire in the vet ring and put on to enforcing the current rules.	1/30/2019 4:00 PM

Q25 Thank you for your time in completing this survey, do you have any further comments you wish to make?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No further comment to these questions but willing to talk anytime about the sport and its future direction. Thanks for the opportunity	2/14/2019 8:30 AM
2	Same as above	2/12/2019 9:42 PM
3	No	2/12/2019 7:55 PM
4	Only that people going on about taking the sport back to what it used to be like makes no sense. Endurance has always been a race, there has always been placings for the order in which the competitors cross the finish line providing the horses pass the vet inspection. It is just how the individual competitor chooses to ride the race i.e. some ride for a completion, some ride to win. Improvements in horse management, nutrition, veterinary practices, technology will always mean the speeds increase. Just like the speeds for racing cars have increased as technology etc. has improved.	2/10/2019 11:17 AM
5	No	2/1/2019 7:16 AM
6	Emphasis on good horsemanship	1/31/2019 11:27 PM
7	-	1/31/2019 4:24 PM
8	.	1/31/2019 3:50 PM
9	I think my last comment is my strongest point,	1/31/2019 2:33 PM
10	The Sport of Endurance is at a huge crossroads and I just wonder wether a split between Racetrack Racing and Endurance Riding is looming.The American Endurance body is currently negotiating a split from FEI ,Australia is already running a system that seems to work well and NZ needs to look at this.I truly believe that in the past riders were happy to belong to ESNZ and the FEI because the system was fair,working up through the grades was achievable. If a rider had the desire to represent their country at WEG it did not seem an unrealistic goal.HOWEVER the last 2 WEGs have been a disaster for Endurance,vast amounts of money spent and some incredibly disillusioned teams,riders and families have returned to NZ with there tales between their legs !!! Add to this the huge horse welfare issues in Group 7 and of course the endurance community is asking the question ,is FEI truly the right way forward for our sport.	1/31/2019 11:21 AM
11	I think we need to stand together as a country on this one, so I hope the results and comments from this survey will become somewhat accessible to our membership. We all need to be able to see what is happening, rather that relying on the shoulders of 6/8 people to take the brunt of that burden.	1/31/2019 9:40 AM
12	It is a wonderful,exciting & challenging sport when ridden correctly which happens in most countries & it is a shame that a few countries are ruining it for the rest of the world.	1/31/2019 8:55 AM
13	We need to sort out our own backyard and improve our sport here in NZ before we start trying to change the World!! Our sport has gone steadily backwards both numbers and performance wise for the past 10 years.	1/31/2019 12:44 AM
14	Having ridden an FEI ride in USA I was surprised to find that the FEI rules are not as stringent as we had been led to believe here in NZ. Different (longer) maximum times for example. Perhaps we need to think more about applying the rules to the conditions here in NZ rather than the absolutely strictest interpretation that we seem to have been following.	1/30/2019 10:15 PM
15	The sooner we get back to basics the better	1/30/2019 9:41 PM
16	All ESNZ Endurance members should have been encouraged to do this survey.	1/30/2019 9:26 PM
17	...	1/30/2019 9:04 PM
18	No	1/30/2019 8:13 PM

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19	<p>OK - so I went back to reread some answers and the fields are blank. Took me maybe an hour to write them, so please let me know if the answers do not show. Most of my reservations as a result of the close alignment of ESNZ rules for CEN rides with FEI rules for CEI rides, and the potential for global changes to FEI rules to become ESNZ CEN rules. I like that the sport in NZ is pegged to an international standard and I commend the current rule architects for finding constructive ways to run CEN & CEI rides together. This has worked well for nearly 15 years (?) and reduces the division and fragmentation in our small sport. However, the FEI has the significant challenge of writing and policing rules to deal with local challenges, which is difficult for such a large organisation. Many of the issues arising of the UAE do not apply to other countries, and I believe this is true for NZ. Perhaps in NZ we need to disassociate the two levels of competition and sets of rules, as Australia has, until the FEI has developed a global standard culture of fair play and genuine regard for horse welfare. If this were to occur, I'd like to see the National titles run as CEN rides.</p>	1/30/2019 7:22 PM
20	<p>Thank you for asking!</p>	1/30/2019 6:54 PM
21	<p>I really hope FEI can turn things around but an enormous task, esp in R7.</p>	1/30/2019 5:44 PM
22	<p>No further comments come to mind at the moment. Thank you for taking the time to read the comments of our members.</p>	1/30/2019 4:25 PM
23	<p>If more rules around standdown and heart rates, etc are implemented it will force the grass roots riders away from FEI and will mean we will have to split CEN an FEI into different rules and rides for clubs to survive. This will be a step backwards as making it more complicated will also drive riders to alternative groups.</p>	1/30/2019 4:03 PM
24	<p>The current rules are not the issue, the issue is the way in which they are implemented around the world. Smaller countries such as NZ have been led to think that unless the rules are followed to the letter (including at small national rides) FEI will not allow our qualifications. So while the attention has been on a certain place the flow on effects have devastated the rest of FEI competition around the world. The officials are incredibly officious about mealiness things and yet allow more serious horse welfare issues to go unchecked. By taking away the riders ability to control their horse and their season, because of a group of people, has made competitors look elsewhere for endurance riding options.</p>	1/30/2019 4:00 PM
