



## **Rule Book**

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## Preamble

**Endurance GB is a member-run organisation recognised as the National Governing Body of competitive endurance riding in Great Britain. It is a member body of British Equestrian (BEF) and as such is obliged to comply with BEF and Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) rules and policies. Membership of BEF ensures members can compete at home and abroad.**

**The organisation runs competitive and non-competitive rides at national and local level, all under the jurisdiction of these Rules.**



## SECTION 1 General Rules

**1.1 Interpretation and Guidance.** Throughout this section the words ‘shall’ or ‘must’ indicate a mandatory rule, whereas the words ‘should’ or ‘may’ do not indicate a mandatory rule. Failure to comply with a mandatory rule may result in a penalty including elimination from a competition being imposed and/or in disciplinary action. This Rulebook includes rules, guidance notes and procedures intended to assist in their interpretation and application. The Rules can never cover every eventuality. Matters that cannot be solved by interpreting the Rules to the letter should be resolved by following the spirit of the text to obtain the solution that is fairest to all competitors. The Endurance GB Board of Directors shall be the sole interpreter of the Rules. Any member behaving in a manner likely to bring the sport into disrepute may be referred to the Disciplinary Panel.

Endurance GB is fully committed to the principles of equality of opportunity and aims to ensure that no individual receives more or less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, sex, gender, disability, race, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religion or belief, sexual orientation or gender reassignment. This includes all those involved in whatever capacity - participants, employees, coaches, consultants, owners, officials, volunteers and spectators.

Endurance GB Membership is open to all nationalities. This Rulebook constitutes the full set of Ride Rules for Endurance GB and shall be available for inspection at all Ride Venues. Endurance GB will ensure that each member is issued with a current and complete edition (digital or hard copy) of the current rules each year. Copies are also available from the Endurance GB office. [Updates are highlighted by blue text.](#)

**1.1.1** Additional rules may be put in place on a ride-by-ride basis. Riders are advised to read their ride instructions carefully.

**1.2 Public Liability Insurance.** Membership of Endurance GB provides public liability insurance as detailed in the policy document on the Endurance GB website. [All members are to ensure they are aware of the limitations of the policy as it applies to them.](#)

**1.3 Disclaimer.** Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Officials and Ride Organisers, Endurance GB does not accept liability for any accident, injury damage or illness to horses/ponies, owners, riders, crews, spectators or any other person whatsoever.

### Membership of Endurance GB

**1.4 Membership.** The annual membership period shall be 1 January to 31 December. There is no grace period for insurance purposes. [Membership fees can be found on our website, there are discounts available for Young and Junior riders and for half-year membership.](#)

**1.5 Group Affiliation.** Each member of Endurance GB may belong to a single Group. Each member may choose which Group they wish to belong to. If a member has not specified a preference, they will be deemed to be affiliated to the Group that covers the area where they live. Members may only compete for trophies and awards organised by the Group of which they are currently affiliated. Members may subscribe to newsletters of any other Group as well as their own.



**1.6 Membership Categories and Benefits.** The membership categories and benefits are displayed in Table 1. Further information can be found on the Endurance GB Website.

**Table 1 – Membership Categories and Benefits**

Type	Entry Fees	Priority Entry	Voting Rights	Insurance	Championships	Teams	Horse Subscription	Awards
<b>Tier 1</b> Full	Base rates at all levels	All	All*	24/7 x 365 Public Liability	All	All	Required if riding 30km and over Required for Horse Awards, Champs and Teams	All
<b>Tier 2</b> Basic	Base rates up to and including 29km (and all Group mounted activities) Premium rate for 30km or over, and National Mounted activities	Yes for Base rate entries No for Premium rate entries	All*	At events only	Regional/Riding Club and Pony Club Championships	Inter- Regional/ Riding Club and Pony Club	Required if riding 30km and over	Group awards (can pay for Horse Lifetime Distance Award)
<b>Tier 3</b> Pay As You Go	Premium rates for all events	No	No	At events only	None	None	Required if riding 30km and over	None (can pay for Horse Lifetime Distance Award)

- Members must be aged 14 and over to vote
- Tier 1 and 2 are annual subscriptions (except where members hold Life or Honorary membership) and there will be a requirement to confirm registration annually for Tier 3 – PAYG (FoC)
- Life and Honorary members will be classed as Tier 1 – Full Members for all benefits
- Results gained under all Membership Tiers can be used for Horse and Rider upgrading.
- A rider in any membership tier can enter any type/distance of ride as long as the combination is qualified
- Tier 2 and 3 membership is NOT eligible for the Mira Trophy as it is a national level award. First season novice riders who wish to compete for the Mira Trophy must sign up to Tier 1 Membership



## **SECTION 2. General Rules applying to Riders**

**2.1 Age.** Adult riders are aged 22 and over, Young riders are 14 to 21 years old and Junior riders are aged 4 to 13 years old.

2.1.1 Under 18 riders must bring with them, [and leave with the Ride Secretary](#), a Parental Consent form signed by their parent or other adult with parental responsibility.

2.1.2 Riders Under 12 must be accompanied by a nominated adult (18 years old or over), mounted or on foot. Ride Organisers may increase the age that an escort is required on a ride-by-ride basis if they deem the course to be particularly challenging or remote. This must be clearly advertised in the ride schedule.

2.1.3 Riders aged 12 to 18 may not require a constant escort but still need a responsible adult present at the event. The adult should be available to assist in cases of emergencies or with any other issues that arise.

2.1.4 Junior riders may enter PRs and GERs but cannot ride distances more than 50km until they have reached their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**2.2 Non-UK citizens** who wish to compete in endurance riding at National Rides in the UK and join [Endurance GB](#) will need written permission (a No Objection Certificate) from their own national federation before they can do so (Article 101.2 of the FEI General Regulations). It is the rider's responsibility to obtain the NOC and provide a copy to the office annually. This is regardless of membership tier.

### **2.3 Riders must:**

- Be polite at all times.
- Give consideration to other riders and the general public.
- Comply with instructions given by the Ride Organiser or other Ride Officials.
- Be in control of their horse.
- Make sure crews are properly briefed on the general rules and Ride specific rules – and the route.

### **2.4 Para Equestrian Endurance Riders**

2.4.1 Endurance GB gives people with mild to severe disabilities the opportunity to train and to ride on equal terms. Para-Equestrian Endurance riders will have available the additional support outlined in this section. They may compete at all levels of Endurance under the standard Endurance GB qualifications and grading rules.

**2.4.2. Eligibility.** Riders with a disability can apply for registration with Endurance GB as a Para-Equestrian Endurance rider and this will allow them to take advantage of the additional support available. Please contact the Office at Endurance GB for further details.



**2.4.3 Endurance GB Para-Equestrian Identification Card.** To participate in Endurance GB rides as a Para-Equestrian Endurance rider, the rider will be provided with a validated Endurance GB Para-Equestrian Identification Card from the Endurance GB Office, to show Endurance GB officials at all events. Card details will be validated as correct by the Endurance GB Para-Equestrian Registration Committee (PRC) following discussion with the individual rider, taking into account relevant medical evidence, and will list the additional support/compensating aids required by the individual. Para-Equestrian Endurance riders must have their Endurance GB Para-Equestrian Identification Cards with them at Endurance GB competitions and the Technical Steward may request to see the card at any time.

**2.4.4 Identification.** All riders competing under Para-Equestrian Endurance rules must be clearly identified by wearing the blue bib provided by Endurance GB. Where an escort is riding with the Para-Equestrian Endurance rider, an escort bib must be worn at all times. Para-Equestrian Endurance riders will be provided with a Rider bib, Escort bib and Crew bib from the office [on successful registration](#).

**2.4.5 The Use of Compensating Aids.** Riders are encouraged to be as able as possible and to only use compensating aids where necessary. The use of appropriate compensating aids will be discussed with individual riders during the registration process and will be documented on the Endurance GB Para-Equestrian Identification Card where they require an exemption to a particular Endurance GB rule. Use of any equipment which is not covered in the rules must be supported by medical documentation. Certain compensating aids may need special consideration following discussion and review by the Endurance GB PRC and, where necessary, evidence of self-insurance.

It is the responsibility of each rider to ensure all compensating aids they use in competition have been approved and are documented correctly on their Endurance GB Para-Equestrian Identification Card. It is the responsibility of each rider to inform the Endurance GB Para-Equestrian Registration Committee if their individual need for compensating aids changes

The Technical Steward, Chief Steward or Technical Delegate at any event has the right to inspect the aids and declare an aid unsafe for horse or rider. Any velcro/band/strapping used to assist balance and/or stabilise the rider in the saddle or legs/feet into the stirrups may not have the effect of affixing the rider to the saddle or the horse. The rider must be able to fall free of the horse at all times.

## **2.5 Escorts for Junior and/or Para-Equestrian Endurance Riders**

**2.5.1** [The rules on ridden escorts do not apply to out of competition training run under the auspices of Endurance GB.](#)

**2.5.2** [Escort Riders must accompany Junior Riders under 12 and Para-Equestrian Endurance Riders where a compulsory escort is required. Escorts must formally agree \(on a signed Escort Form or Para-Escort Agreement Form\) to accompany the rider and deal with any issues that may arise.](#)

- [An escort must be able bodied and aged 18 years or over.](#)
- [An escort must be 'qualified' to enter the class in line with their category.](#)



- An escort must be prepared to ride at a suitable speed and according to the rules of the class entered by the Junior or Para-Equestrian rider they are escorting.
- An escort may accompany up to two junior riders.
- For Junior riders the Escort Agreement must be signed by the parent or other adult with parental responsibility in addition to the Escort.
- For Para-Equestrian riders where the escort is deemed essential/compulsory by the Endurance GB Para-Equestrian Registration Committee, the Escort Form must be signed by the Para-Equestrian rider or the person who has responsibility for them if under 18.
- Where a Para-Equestrian rider arranges an optional escort, Escort Forms are not used, and the two riders aren't compelled to ride together for the entirety of the route.

**2.5.3** Junior riders (under 12) and Para-Equestrian riders must ride with their named escort for the duration of the ride. Should their escort be forced to withdraw, be vetted out at initial vetting or forced to retire during the ride, the Junior(s) or Para-Equestrian rider must withdraw/retire unless responsibility can be transferred to another suitable adult.

**2.5.4 'Transfer of responsibility'** Where the original compulsory escort can no longer accompany their rider, a fresh version of the Escort Agreement must be completed and signed by the para-equestrian rider or the rider's parent or other adult with parental responsibility for them (as applicable). The new escort must also sign the form.

**2.5.5 Categories.** There are three categories of Escorts which affect the entry fee paid and awards gained:

- Category 1 – A pure escort who enters Hors Concours, but horse and rider must be qualified for that class and abide by the rules for that class. They will pay 50% of the entry fee and will not gain points or awards from completing the distance. However, mileage will be recorded if appropriate on the horse's Endurance GB record.
- Category 2 – An escort who is entered into a similar class paying the full entry fee. Such riders are eligible for the appropriate trophy and mileage points but must take responsibility as escort for the Junior or Para-Equestrian Endurance rider.
- Category 3 – An escort who is entered into a pleasure ride class paying the full entry fee but must take responsibility as escort for the Junior or Para-Equestrian Endurance rider.

## 2.6 Riding Equipment

### 2.6.1 Hats

Riders must wear a hat **when mounted** complying with one of the standards listed below. Failure to do so will invalidate your insurance.

- a. British PAS 015: 1998 or 2011 provided they are BSI Kite marked.
- b. European VG1 01.040: 2014-12 provided they are BSI Kite marked.



- c. American ASTM F1163: 2015 and 2023 versions provided they are SEI marked
- d. SNELL E2016 or SNELL E2021.
- e. Australian and New Zealand AS/NZS 3838: 2006 onwards provided they are SAI global marked.
- f. (BS) EN1384:2023 (with or without Kitemark and IC Mark for 2023)

When a hat is dual badged with a non-accepted alongside an accepted standard – such as if a hat contains at least one compliant/ acceptable standard alongside an elapsed standard the hat is deemed suitable for competition.

*Hat harnesses must be correctly adjusted and always fastened when mounted.*

## 2.6.2 Other Items

- Footwear with at least ½” of heel unless a stirrup cage is used. Wellington boots are not permitted.
- Numbered bib collected from the Secretary in arrival at the ride.
- Whips not exceeding 75mm in length are permitted in PRs and GERs.
- Whips (or the use of any other item as a whip) and other artificial aids are not permitted in National CERs.
- Spurs are not permitted.
- Registered Para-Equestrian Endurance riders may be given exemption from the above by the Endurance GB Para-Equestrian Registration Committee.

## SECTION 3. General rules applying to horses

**3.1.** Throughout this Rulebook the word ‘horse’ should be taken as to also include pony, donkey or mule.

### 3.2 Equine Influenza vaccination requirement

**3.2.1** Horses taking part in any event run under the auspices of Endurance GB must be vaccinated against Equine Influenza. The current rules are available under Veterinary Information in downloads on the EGB website.

**3.2.2** The horse’s ‘flu vaccination records must be uploaded via the EGB website or forwarded to the Endurance GB office. This must be done either at point of registration or immediately following entry to the horse’s first event **and** following each booster vaccination (to renew the record). Guidance on uploading the required information can be found here.

**3.2.3** A valid horse passport must be brought to the event and be available for inspection if required.



**3.2.4** In cases where horses are unable to be vaccinated for veterinary reasons, these will be referred to the Endurance GB Welfare committee for consultation and advice.

### **3.3 Horse Registration and Competitive Horse Subscription**

**3.3.1** All horses must be registered on the Endurance GB website (free registration).

**3.3.2** A competitive horse subscription must be purchased for a horse competing in GERs and CERs at 30km and above.

### **3.4 Horse Logbooks and Mastercards**

**3.4.1** A one-off fee is payable alongside a horse's first Competitive Horse Subscription to purchase its Endurance Horse Logbook. The logbook consists of an A5 Binder and initial mastercard. Completed ride vet sheets (regardless of result) must be kept in the binder along with all mastercards issued to form a complete logbook. Any horse/rider found to have, or use, additional logbooks will face an automatic 90-day ban from competition.

**3.4.2** The Logbook will last the horse's lifetime and together with all past and current mastercards and vet sheets, must be passed to its new owner when sold. In the case of loss or damage, replacement logbooks can be purchased via the online shop.

**3.4.3** The mastercard is a physical record of all Endurance rides completed. The mastercard must not be defaced or amended by any other person apart from a TS or Endurance GB Office under any circumstances. The penalty for falsification is that the person responsible will be subject to disciplinary action.

**3.4.4** A continuation mastercard must be ordered online when only two lines remain.

Note: Logbooks issued by SERC or a Horse Sport Ireland approved Irish endurance riding association are also valid for EGB rides and vice versa.

**3.5 Horse age.** The age of a horse is deemed to change on 1st January of the current year irrespective of the actual date of birth. [For minimum age see the relevant class tables.](#)

**3.6 Tack.** Horses shall be ridden in a recognised form of bridle with or without a bit. Riding in a head collar, blinkers, draw-reins, Market Harborough or similar schooling aid is not permitted. Any suitable saddle may be used. Numnahs, saddle blankets and girth guards are permitted.

**3.7 Leg Protection.** Horses may wear leg protection including grease when competing in any ride. All leg protection must be removed prior to any veterinary inspection.

**3.8 Tack accommodations** for riders who require special tack can be authorised through the Para-Equestrian Registration Committee.



3.8.1 Each rider is responsible for ensuring that their horse is always under control and that their tack is correctly fitted and safe.

**3.9 Tail Ribbons** Tail ribbons should be used in these circumstances:

- **Red** if a horse is nervous or bad tempered when other horses come too close to their hindquarters.
- **Green** if the horse is young and/or a novice.
- **Blue** is mandatory for a stallion.

**3.10 All Stallions must wear bridle discs.** These will be supplied by Endurance GB when the stallion is registered.

**3.11 Shoeing and hoof boots.** A horse may be ridden with shoes, in hoof-boots, other hoof-wear or barefoot. If shod, the horse must be adequately and correctly shod before the start of the ride. Pads are allowed.

## **SECTION 4 – Qualification and Eligibility**

**4.1 Qualification levels.** There are three levels of horse (and rider) qualification:

- Novice
- Open
- Advanced

4.1.1 A horse and rider must compete at the lowest qualification for the combination. For example, an Open Level rider riding a Novice Level horse can only ride at Novice Level, whereas an Advanced Level rider riding an Advanced Level horse may ride at Novice, Open and Advanced Level.

**4.2 Major Rides: Qualifications.** It may be necessary to qualify for some Major Rides, e.g. Golden Horseshoe. Any specific qualification required will be confirmed in the Ride Schedule.

4.2.1 Horse and rider combinations entering a class of 160km or above, over one or more days, must have completed a class of at least 80km in a day as a combination in the preceding 12 months.

**4.3 First Season horses.** A horse of any age will be considered to be at Novice Level in their first season, unless evidence of relevant previous experience is provided.

4.3.1 A horse in its first endurance season:

- can start **no more than 10 endurance rides.**
- Is deemed to have started its first season on presenting to the vet for a first Novice Graded Ride (this does not include Foundation Rides as they do not collect points only lifetime distance)



- may only start rides to a **maximum distance of 450km** regardless of whether completed successfully or not. (A horse is considered to have started the ride once presented to the pre-ride vetting).
- may complete their novice and open qualifications providing age requirements are satisfied.
- cannot upgrade or ride at Advanced level in their first season, however novice riders may progress to Advanced level within one season.

#### 4.4 Novice Horse restrictions

**4.4.1** Novice horses can only enter GERs on 2 consecutive days if the total scheduled distance does not exceed 80km.

**4.4.2** Novice horses can only take part in GERs of 45km-50km if they have already successfully completed 3 Novice GERs of between 30 and 45km.

#### 4.5 Qualification criteria

**4.5.1** The upgrading of horse or rider is not mandatory once qualification criteria have been fulfilled. However:

- If the horse meets the criteria for upgrade to open or advanced, the Technical Steward may upgrade the horse on the day of the ride if requested by the rider/registered owner.
- In circumstances where a horse and/or rider complete the necessary qualification to enable them to upgrade, but have not been formally upgraded by a TS, and they then compete in a class which necessitates that they have upgraded, the horse and/or rider shall be automatically upgraded by the Results Co-ordinator.

**4.5.2** Rides used to upgrade horse or rider to Open or Advanced level do not necessarily have to be completed as a horse/rider combination.

**Table 2 - Minimum Requirements for Novice horse and/or rider to progress to Open level**

Minimum age of horse	Ride Types	Minimum No. of successful completions	Distance in kms	Conditions
5	GER	3	30-50	One must be at least 40km in one day

**Table 3 - Minimum Requirements for Open horse and/or rider to progress to Advanced level**

Minimum age of horse	Ride Types	Minimum No. of successful completions	Distance in kms	Conditions
6	GER	2, single day classes	60 – 90 in one day	At least one must be 80km+



**4.5.3 Recognition of Other Current Endurance Qualifications** Previous experience gained from any recognised endurance body will be taken into account to determine at what level a horse and/or rider comes into Endurance GB. Proof of qualification of horse and/or rider must accompany applications for new membership and/or new horse registrations where entry at a level above Novice is requested. For members/horses resident overseas the host country's National Endurance qualifying criteria will be taken into account when the member's/horse's Endurance GB entry level is set.

**4.5.4 Horses returning to competition after an extended period.** Where there is no evidence on the Endurance GB database to show that a horse has successfully completed a Graded Endurance Ride (or equivalent), Competitive Endurance Ride (or equivalent) or FEI Endurance Ride within the three years prior to the current registration year, their qualification level will automatically revert to novice. The horse will then be required to complete the qualification process again before entering an open or advanced level ride.

A member may forward evidence to the Operations Committee of relevant and recent experience which may permit the horse to be re-graded at Open or Advanced level; for example evidence of successful competitive results that have not been recorded on the EGB database.

Where a horse has reverted to novice level from open or advanced level, they will NOT be deemed a 'first season' novice and so will not be subject to first season distance restrictions nor will they be eligible for 'first season' novice trophies.

## **SECTION 5 Horse welfare**

**5.1** The horse should be prepared, educated and managed to ensure a reasonable standard of behaviour, and must be under control at all times. Horses should not be left without adequate supervision.

**5.2 Where the Logbook/Mastercard shows evidence** that the horse has:

- been eliminated due to a recurrent problem
- developed a significant metabolic problem at a ride,

the TS and the senior Veterinary Surgeon, after discussion jointly with the rider, may prohibit the horse from further Endurance GB rides for a period of 30 days. If the TS or Veterinary Surgeon is concerned for the welfare of the horse and feels a further period of rest is necessary, it must be reported to the Welfare Committee for consideration.

An entry to this effect will be made on the horse's Mastercard. The vet sheet must also be annotated and signed by the Veterinary Surgeon.



### 5.3 Compulsory Rest Periods (CRP)

Table 4 – Compulsory Rest Periods

Ride Distance Completed	Compulsory Rest Days
<b>Single Day and Multi Day*</b>	
<b>0 – 54km</b>	5 days
<b>55 – 106km</b>	12 days
107km – 126km	19 days
127km – 146km	26 days
<b>Over 146km</b>	33 days
Additional compulsory rest period for other reasons	
Lameness or metabolic incident** at any ride	Minimum 8 days (plus the compulsory rest period shown above)
Completing at average speed over 20kph	7 days
Starts at midnight after the final day on which the horse competes at the event and finishes midnight of the day before the next competition.	
<b>**Multi day includes all multi-day classes or multiple classes only at the same event. This also includes classes which consist of both a CER and a GER.</b>	
**Metabolic incidents refer to a metabolic incident that has been diagnosed by the senior ride vet and treated as such at the ride; a Veterinary report must be completed and returned to the Endurance GB office with the vet sheet.	
Please note that if a veterinary judge is concerned about a horse, it may be eliminated or suspended from Endurance GB rides, see para 5.1.	

5.3.1 Horses competing in Competitive and Graded Endurance Rides or National Pleasure Rides must observe the mandatory rest period according to the total distance completed at the event. Where a horse has been eliminated from a Competitive or Graded Endurance Ride or a National Pleasure Ride due to a metabolic incident requiring treatment or a lameness, that horse must not take part in another national or group ride for at least 8 days in addition to the Compulsory Rest Period.

5.3.2 If these compulsory rest periods are not observed, any trophy or distance points from rides completed during the rest period may be forfeited and the rider may be referred to the Disciplinary Panel.

5.3.3 These compulsory rest periods also apply to horses registered with Endurance GB who are taking part in equivalent SERC, Irish or overseas/international rides. If a compulsory rest period is given by SERC or at an Irish ride, it must be observed, and whichever Rest Period is longer is applied.

5.3.4 All FEI registered horses must also comply with the FEI rules regarding Mandatory Out of Competition periods.



**5.4 Corraling at rides.** Many Rides offer the facility to corral overnight so that entrants can come from farther afield and/or enter longer distances.

5.4.1 The owner is responsible for providing adequate equipment and ensuring that their horse is left safely. A responsible adult must be in attendance at all times.

5.4.2 It is compulsory:

- That the horse is to wear a headcollar plus ID tag with owners contact details
- That the corral or fencer unit is to have a similar ID tag
- That there is only one horse per corral
- That the corral is to be constructed with appropriate size poles and a minimum of 2 strands of tape connected to an effective electric fencer unit
- That any additional requirements provided by the Ride Organiser are adhered to.

## **5.5 Horse welfare restrictions**

**5.5.1 Sensory Hairs.** A horse cannot compete if its sensory hairs have been clipped and/or shaven or in any other way removed, unless individual sensory hairs have been removed by a veterinarian to prevent pain or discomfort for the horse.

**5.5.2 Pregnancy.** Mares are not allowed to compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with a foal at foot.

**5.5.3 Limb Sensitivity** Horses are not eligible to participate in Endurance GB events when a limb, or part of a limb, is hyposensitive or hypersensitive. Hyposensitive limbs include any alteration in sensitivity induced by a neurectomy or chemical desensitisation for as long as the alteration in sensitivity persists. Hypersensitive limbs have an excessive or abnormal reaction to palpation.

**5.5.4 Travelling Horses after long distance classes** After completing a distance of more than 120km in one day or 180km over 2 days the horse must remain at the venue overnight.

**5.5.5 Emergency Treatment.** If, during a ride, it becomes necessary to treat a horse with a drug the permission of a ride Veterinary Surgeon must be sought. They will investigate the reason for treatment and make a report to the TS/Ground Jury who shall decide whether the horse is allowed to continue or shall be eliminated. Note: the ride is deemed to have started as soon as the horse has been presented for initial vetting.

Horses may only be inspected and treated by an official ride Veterinary Surgeon. If other Veterinary Surgeons are present, or are in attendance of a competitor, they must not treat the horse during the competition without the express authorisation from the senior ride Veterinary Surgeon.

**5.5.6 Destruction of a Severely Injured Horse** If, in the opinion of a ride Veterinary Surgeon, a horse is so seriously injured that on humanitarian grounds it ought to be destroyed, the following procedure will apply:



- If the owner, or their authorised representative, is present, a ride Veterinary Surgeon will first obtain their agreement.
- If the owner or their representative is not available, the Endurance GB TS, acting on the advice of a ride Veterinary Surgeon, may order the destruction of the horse.

Owners should be aware that this rule is slightly at variance with the Protection of Animals Act 1911, Section II, which states that in the absence of the owner, a Police Constable, acting on the advice of a registered Veterinary Surgeon, may order the destruction of a horse. This rule is framed to avoid unnecessary suffering to a severely injured horse.

## 5.6 Medication and Testing Rules

Endurance GB strives to uphold the highest standards of horse welfare and clean sport.

**5.6.1 Equine Testing.** Riders and horses shall comply with current rules issued by the BEF and FEI Veterinary Regulations. Failure to comply with Standard Sample Procedures laid out by these organisations constitutes a breach of the rules and will be referred to the Disciplinary Panel.

**5.6.2 Equine Anti-Doping & Controlled Medication.** Each person who becomes a member of Endurance GB agrees to be bound by the BEF Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules ('BEFAR'), which are specifically incorporated by reference in, and form part of, the Endurance GB Rule Book. Copies of BEFAR can be found on the British Equestrian website at [www.britishequestrian.org.uk](http://www.britishequestrian.org.uk). Accordingly, by becoming a member, such person shall be deemed to have agreed, amongst other things:

- to be bound by, and to comply strictly with, BEFAR
- to submit to the authority of the BEF and/or of Endurance GB to apply, police and enforce BEFAR.
- to provide all requested assistance to the BEF and Endurance GB (as applicable) in the application, policing and enforcement of BEFAR in relation to any potential Anti-Doping or Controlled Medication Rule Violation(s).

and (except where the FEI has jurisdiction over the potential Anti-Doping or Controlled Medication Violation):

- to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of any BEF first instance Hearing Body convened under BEFAR to hear and determine charges and related issues arising under BEFAR.
- to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of any Sport Resolution UK Panel convened under BEFAR to hear and determine appeals made pursuant to BEFAR;
- not to bring any proceeding in any court or other forum that are inconsistent with the foregoing submission to the jurisdiction of the BEF first instance tribunal, and Sports Resolution UK.

**5.6.3 Prohibited Substances.** Endurance GB reserves the right to carry out, at any time, random testing for Prohibited Substances in accordance with the standard sampling



procedure of the current FEI Veterinary Regulations. A refusal to submit a horse for sampling will constitute a breach of this rule.

5.6.3.1 The purpose of this rule is to ensure that the normal performance of a horse during an Endurance GB ride is not affected, either deliberately or unintentionally, by the influence of drugs or medications or any form of veterinary treatment. It is a contravention of this rule if the analysis of a sample taken from a horse participating in a ride shows the presence in its tissues, body fluids, excreta of Prohibited Substance or a metabolite of such a substance or an isomer of the substance or an isomer of a metabolite. Specific groups of substances prohibited under this rule are listed in the current FEI Veterinary Regulations.

5.6.3.2 Maximum threshold levels have been set for substances that may innocuously be found in samples taken from horses. Details of these may be found in the current FEI Veterinary Regulations.

5.6.3.3 The use of inhalation oxygen, hypodermic injections, nasogastric intubation or rectal infusions for the administration of saline fluids, electrolytes, glucose etc., are forbidden during the ride. The administration of glucose and electrolyte solutions by voluntary consumption or by oral administration using a syringe is permitted.

5.6.3.4 Anti-ulcer oral treatment with ranitidine, cimetidine, and omeprazole is permitted. Treatment of mares for oestrus-related behavioural problems with altrenogest (Regumate) is only permitted provided:

- the manufacturer's recommended dose rate and duration of treatment are used,
- the horse's logbook contains a signed letter on headed notepaper from the rider's or owner's vet confirming that the drug has been prescribed for oestrus-related behavioural problems only.

**5.6.4 Cross Contamination.** Riders should be aware of the risks of cross contamination and try to prevent it, either between their own horses or other people's, whether at home or at rides. For example special care is needed when Ventipulmin or Regumate is in use. Ingredients in feed and supplements may be checked using the search facility on the FEI website.

**5.6.5 Withdrawal Times.** Where controlled medication has been prescribed, riders must ensure that sufficient time has been allowed on completion of treatment for the drug to clear from the horse's system. The Veterinary Surgeon prescribing for the horse should be made aware that the horse competes and should be able to advise the rider on approximate withdrawal times.

**5.6.6 Permitted Treatment.** Drug testing always considers horse welfare. Offering water to drink and cooling is allowed in the testing area. Feeding is prohibited to avoid sample contamination. You can expect to be under observation until testing is complete.

5.6.6.1 Minor skin treatments may be treated using topical antibiotics only. Many topical (including herbal), some natural or herbal calming supplements and some fly repellents



contain prohibited substances. Always check labels. Any treatments should only be applied after a Ride Veterinary Surgeon has inspected the lesion and drug-testing protocol is complete.

## **SECTION 6 - Entering a Ride**

**6.1 Entries** Entry fees are shown on the website in the Ride Schedule and confirmed during the online entry process. Fees are based on membership tier, with discounts from the adult fee for junior and young riders.

6.1.1 Making an entry constitutes acceptance of the rules of Endurance GB. A Ride Organiser has the right to refuse any entry.

6.1.2 Entries are generally made online, with payment by debit or credit card within one hour of making the entry, or the entry will be withdrawn.

6.1.3 Where online registration and entries are not possible, contact the Office for alternative arrangements.

6.1.4 Where a rider escort is compulsory, or voluntary, details of both riders should be given in the 'Notes' section of the entry form so that the same vetting and start times can be allocated.

**6.2 Late Entries** Late entries can only be made online from the 'Refund on Withdrawal' date until the 'Sign up closing time' deadline or 'Ride Full'. A late entry fee will be charged according to the details in the ride schedule. Late entries are only accepted at the discretion of the Ride Organiser and not all Organisers accept late entries. However, if accepted, all late entries for endurance rides will carry a surcharge.

6.2.1 Late entries as a result of the cancellation of another ride whose date is within 2 weeks of the ride being entered will be exempt from this surcharge. In this case refund of the late entry fee can be claimed via the Entries Secretary.

**6.3 Fees** All entry fees quoted by Event Organisers shall show, where applicable, itemised fees for ride entries, stabling, corralling, camping, accommodation and any other obligatory charges.

6.3.1 On the first occasion of a dishonoured payment the member may be charged an administration fee, and will be contacted by the Endurance GB Finance Committee to be given the opportunity to supply the necessary finances to cover the entry made. If there is a similar occurrence at a later date, the Member will be notified that their details are being forwarded to the Disciplinary Panel for disciplinary action. Any subsequent difficulties in obtaining payment from the Member will result in the immediate suspension of their membership.



## 6.4 Withdrawals and Refunds

**6.4.1 Before the 'Refund on Withdrawal' Date (closing date).** The rider must withdraw online or contact the Ride Secretary (postal entries). The refund is made by the online system or the Ride Secretary. The online system will advise the Secretary of the rider's withdrawal.

100% of the ride entry fee will be refunded.

Any additional charges will be refunded unless it states otherwise in the online schedule.

**6.4.2 After the 'Refund on Withdrawal' Date and before the rider's Vet Time.** All riders must notify the Ride Secretary as soon as possible. **When withdrawal is due to horse or rider injury and supporting proof is forwarded within 10 days of the initial withdrawal notification a full refund will be given.** The required supporting proof is:

- a doctor's note or certificate,
- a veterinary, chartered physio, or farrier note or certificate,
- a copy of the horse's Mastercard showing that the horse was eliminated on veterinary grounds, not more than 16 days before the ride date.

Entries will be refunded in the way they were paid (card payment, bank transfer, cheque).

100% of the ride entry fee will be refunded.

Late entry surcharge is not refundable.

If there are additional charges (stabling, camping, parking, forestry permit etc.), then it must be specified in the online schedule and the ride schedule which of these are not fully refundable.

Suitable proof must be received within 10 days of the notification of withdrawal for a refund to be made.

6.4.3 Where withdrawal is necessitated as a consequence of flu vaccinations not conforming with Endurance GB's equine 'flu policy and the 'Refund on Withdrawal' date has passed, an administration fee of £5 will apply.

**6.5 Changes and Substitutions.** Members are to contact the Entries Secretary promptly if they wish to change their original entry – either to change the class, or substitute the horse or rider provided that:

- The substitute rider or horse is 'qualified' according to the conditions of the class and the rules of Endurance GB
- **Mandatory health declarations are completed for the substitute rider or horse**
- Any substitute rider or horse is already registered on the Endurance GB website
- Any substitute horse has 'approved status' for flu vaccinations on the Endurance GB website and their last flu vaccination was not within 7 clear days of the ride day.



To note: It can take up to five days for a horse's flu vaccinations to be approved. Where a ride organiser is unable to confirm that the replacement horse's online record is up to date (for example due to poor internet/lack of IT access) then the request for a substitution will be refused. Entrants are strongly advised to request any substitutions in good time to avoid disappointment.

**6.6 Changes on Ride Day:** Riders may not change to a higher distance on the day of the ride. However, they may downgrade to a lower distance before the start of the ride subject to informing the Event Secretary no less than 30 minutes before the original allocated vet time.

In addition to the requirements at rule 6.5:

- the rider/owner must provide eligibility by showing the mastercard for horse if applicable to class
- the rider/owner must provide a screenshot of the horse's record, clearly showing horse name, registration number, vaccination approval and date of expiry of vaccination. This must be shown to the event secretary prior to the horse being unloaded. The screenshot must be viewable even if there is no wi-fi at the venue. If this is not available/forgotten, then the substitution will be refused
- As soon as the Ride Organiser/Entry Secretary has access to wi-fi they must update the online entries list.

## **SECTION 7 Ride Day Format and Rules**

**7.1 Pre-Ride Declaration.** Competitors are to check in with the Event Secretary on arrival at the venue. For those competing in Graded or Competitive Endurance Rides, the current mastercard (with the first four columns completed) and any previous mastercard if less than 10 rides listed, shall be presented to the Event Secretary before the start of every Endurance Ride. The complete logbook must be made available if requested at a ride.

7.1.1 The Event Secretary will provide a vet sheet, number bib, emergency wrist bands and crew card (if required). They will retain the mastercard and pass to the Technical Steward to record the result of the ride. The mastercard shall be collected by the competitor from the Event Secretary on return of their number bib. On return of the mastercard, competitors should check that the information tallies with the completed vet sheet.

7.1.2 If not collected at the end of the ride, the competitor is responsible for its safe return.

7.1.3 Riders must check the notice board displayed close to the Secretary for any last-minute route changes, gate allowances or any other special instructions.

**7.2 Number bibs** must be worn by the person in charge of the horse at all Veterinary/Farrier inspections and at all times by the rider when competing in the ride.

7.2.1 Duplicate bibs or numbered armbands may be issued for the use of the member of the crew attending the horse in vet gates in CERs and FEI rides.



7.2.2 Competitors who are eliminated at the pre-ride vetting must surrender their number and may not hack out from the venue. Failure to adhere to this rule will be referred to the Disciplinary Panel.

7.2.3 Para-equestrian riders and their escorts may be identified by their blue bibs where the number is prefixed by P (para) or E (escort).

**7.3 Dogs** are allowed at an EGB Ride or Event venue at the Organiser's discretion and subject to always being on a short lead and under control, including when accompanying crew on course. Dogs shall not be allowed to cause a nuisance to other competitors and horses, particularly where riders have early start times and may easily be disturbed by barking. Dogs must not be left without adequate supervision and must not be left unattended in vehicles (including in horseboxes, trailers and caravans) overnight or during hot weather. Failure to observe may result in elimination and the owner may be reported to the RSPCA and/or relevant authorities.

**7.4 Payment for Services** All owners/riders are responsible for costs incurred for any special attention from the veterinary surgeons, farriers and use of a horse ambulance, etc. These services must be paid for on the day.

**7.5 Objections** shall be submitted only by the owner, their authorised agent, or the rider of a horse taking part in the ride. It shall be made on the day of the ride, in writing to the Organiser and accompanied by a deposit of £20. The Organiser will pass all objections to the TS or Ground Jury for consideration. They will inform the objector in writing of the decision and the reasons for it. The deposit shall be refunded if the TS or the Ground Jury upholds their objection.

**7.6 Appeals** Should an owner or rider wish to appeal against a decision of the TS or Ground Jury then they shall follow the procedure laid down in the Endurance GB Appeals Policy.

**7.7 Distances** Ride distances will be quoted in kilometres and speeds will be quoted in kilometres per hour only.

7.7.1 For all rides ([less FEI classes](#)), actual distance may vary by +/- 5%. Timings will be calculated on the declared distance for the class on the day.

7.7.2 Where the actual distance exceeds or falls short of that required for national qualification purposes, qualification shall be determined on the distance published in the online ride schedule.

**7.8 Vetting and start times** The allocated start/vetting time will be made available to the rider with the ride information.

7.8.1 Combinations should present ready to vet and/or start at the time allocated. Failure to do so may result in elimination or mandatory downgrade to a lesser distance.



7.8.2 Details of horse, rider and class must be completed on the vet sheet in ball point pen, clearly legible, before pre-ride vetting. When an Open/Advanced horse is competing in a Novice class this MUST be indicated clearly at the top of the vet sheet prior to presenting for vetting. Failure to do so may result in the horse being classified as Open/Advanced.

**7.9 Farriery inspections.** Hoof-wear and/or hooves must be inspected prior to the veterinary inspection. Where possible this should be carried out by the Farrier, but may be carried out by the Veterinary Surgeon.

**The purpose of pre-vetting inspection by the farrier is to test the security and suitability of shoes and hoof-boots without requesting removal.**

The Farrier and/or the Veterinary Surgeon have the authority to prevent the horse from starting if the horse's hoof-wear or hooves are not considered to be adequate for the class entered.

If used, hoof-boots and other hoof wear must be well fitted.

**Vets** may ask that hoof boots are removed **if they suspect lameness and** wish to inspect the hoof.

7.9.1 Emergency work may be carried out if the Organiser or TS agrees. Emergency re-shoeing on route and prior to post ride vetting is allowed, provided the farrier is available and able to do so. Hoof-boots may be used as a temporary measure in the event of a lost shoe for horses that are normally shod.

## **7.10 Method of start.**

**7.10.1 GERs.** The riders set off singly or in small groups. Their ride time will begin at the actual time that they cross the start line as recorded by the timekeeper. For vetted rides, riders should start within 30 minutes of their initial vetting unless instructed otherwise.

**7.10.2 CERs.** Will in most cases have a massed start, or they may have a staggered start where a massed start is not possible. In a massed start, all riders will be given the same start time which is the point at which their ride time will begin. In a staggered start, riders will be given an individual start time which is the point at which their ride time will begin. For CER classes, riders must have crossed the start line within 15 minutes of their official start time.

**7.11 Spot checks.** The Event Organiser or other Officials may carry out spot checks at any time prior to or during a ride to ensure that all riding rules are complied with regarding the horse or the rider. Failure to comply with the rules may result in penalty and/or disciplinary action.

7.11.1 Veterinary judges, accompanied by a ride official, may make spot checks out on course or at the venue on individual horses. Riders must comply with the veterinary judge's advice given at the time. Horses may be eliminated as not fit to continue. There is no appeal against elimination at a spot check. A Veterinary Judge has an absolute right to inspect any horse at any time.



**7.12 Dismounting.** Riders must be mounted as they pass through the start and finish. On course riders may dismount and lead their horse.

**7.13 Outside assistance.** Once on course no other person may lead or ride the horse **with the exception of those in lead rein classes**. It is permitted to assist a rider and to attend to their horse (groom, feed, water, etc.) before the start, after the finish and at compulsory halts or veterinary inspections. During the ride it is permitted to help the rider to water and wash down the horse. However, it is not permitted for the rider to be followed or accompanied on any part of the course, by any vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian or a horse that is not authorised or approved by the TS/Ground Jury. Examples of approved assistance are where the TS/Ground Jury have agreed that the rider can be headed for a distance from the start by a vehicle, given assistance at an officially stewarded road-crossing and or given guidance in the dark. A rider may also be assisted to recover their horse, re-mount and retrieve their equipment after a fall or any other incident that separates horse and rider involuntarily. The combination must resume the ride at the point at which they became separated.

**7.14 Assistance in the Event of an Accident.** In the event of an accident to a horse or rider other riders must offer help. Refusal to offer assistance may lead to elimination. Riders stopping and helping may claim an allowance for the time they stopped. They should note the times when they stopped and restarted their ride. They, or their crews, should report the facts via the Emergency Number and at the next Checkpoint to substantiate subsequent time allowances. The TS shall, if necessary after making investigations to verify the facts as far as reasonably practicable, give an appropriate time allowance.

7.14.1 This rule shall apply to all Endurance GB classes and shall not be overridden.

**7.15 Retirement on Course.** If a rider decides to retire on course, they must inform the next Checkpoint and/or the Ride Organiser. It is their responsibility, and not that of the Ride Organiser, to arrange any necessary transport for themselves and their horse.

7.15.1 The horse must be seen by an official Veterinary Surgeon immediately on their return to the venue, prior to travelling home. The must include an assessment of the horse's gait and metabolic health. If the horse successfully passes, then retired on course (ROC) is recorded on the vet sheet and Mastercard. If the horse fails this vet check, the reason will be recorded on the vet sheet and Mastercard together with the retirement on course (ROC).

**7.16 Elimination.** If a rider is eliminated at a veterinary inspection, they then may not re-mount and ride away, unless given specific permission by an official Veterinary Surgeon. It is their responsibility, and not that of the Ride Organiser, to arrange any necessary transport for themselves and their horse.

**7.17 Completion of Course.** Combinations which:

- do not complete the entire course,
- do not follow the route in the direction indicated on the master route map displayed at the venue,
- do not pass through all checkpoints in the correct order, or



- arrive at a checkpoint, mandatory halt or the finish from any direction other than that indicated on the master route map, and do not correct their error, may be penalised.

**7.18 Overtaking.** Riders wishing to overtake **must** first obtain permission from the rider in front and then overtake with due care and attention. Any rider who is about to be overtaken should clear the way **as soon as it is safe to do so**. Wilful obstruction of an overtaking rider or inconsiderate and/or dangerous overtaking may be penalised by elimination. Special consideration should be given when approaching or passing riders wearing the blue Para bibs.

**7.19 Gates and Gate Allowances.** Unless otherwise indicated, gates should be left as found.

7.19.1 If the number of gates on the route that cannot remain open for the duration of the ride and cannot be opened or closed by a Steward exceeds 5, then a 'Gate Allowance' of 1 minute for each gate thereafter will be given. The gate allowance will be prominently displayed on the ride notice board. This allowance is compulsory for Pleasure Rides and Graded Endurance Rides. There is no gate allowance for Competitive Endurance Rides.

**7.20 Crews.** It is recommended that all riders should have a crew.

7.20.1 Ride Organisers may, at their discretion, require a rider to have a crew for all distances if one or more of the following apply:

- The route covers difficult terrain.
- Water is not available and cannot be made available on the route.
- The route is a complete circuit and does not return to the venue during the ride.

**7.20.2 CER riders must have their own crew.**

7.20.3 In general vehicles used for crewing must not exceed 6m in length or have a GVW over 3.5t. An event organiser may prohibit or restrict certain classes of vehicles from crewing at their ride, and this will be stated in the online schedule and ride information.

7.20.4 Where it becomes necessary to remove the horse from the course and the crew is unable to do so, the horse may be transported, at the rider's and/or the owner's risk, by a third party, e.g. Horse Ambulance or fellow competitor.

7.20.5 Crews are the responsibility of their rider. Failure by crews to observe the rules and instructions of the Organiser, including crewing restrictions, may incur a penalty which may include elimination of their rider, and/or reporting the rider to the Disciplinary Panel. Crews shall not:

- Obstruct roads, other riders, houses, gateways or the route.
- Obscure riders' vision of Check Point locations or markers.
- Race around the roads.
- Precede or follow their rider(s) on the route.
- Use a horsebox exceeding 3.5 tonne for crewing.



- Leave any litter, which includes horse droppings from horseboxes and trailers.

## SECTION 8 Ride Classifications

8.1 There are three main types of Endurance GB Rides:

- Pleasure Ride (PR). These include national vetted pleasure rides and local group unvetted pleasure rides
- Graded Endurance Ride (GER). These include Foundation, Novice, Open and Advanced GERs
- Competitive Endurance Ride (CER). These include national CERs and international FEI competitions.

### 8.2 Pleasure Ride Rules

Table 5 - Pleasure Ride Rules

Class Type	Distance (km)	Rider – Min. Qual	Horse – Min. Qual	Horse min Age	Completion speed pass/fail range kph	Vet Insp.	Award
<b>Group Rides</b>							
PR	10 – 34km	Novice	Novice	4	8 – 12	N/A	Rosette
TR	10 – 34km	Open/Adv.	Open/Adv	6	8 – 15	N/A	Rosette
<b>National Rides</b>							
PR	10 – 34km	Novice	Novice	4	8 – 12	Trot-up	Rosette
Please note: 8kph is the optimum lower speed for the class. Within reason, riders will not be eliminated for failing to achieve this speed. Ride organisers may give a set time by which all pleasure riders must have completed the ride.							
Groups may give season distance awards.							

8.2.1 A veterinary inspection or trot up is not required at a pleasure ride where no competitive classes are taking place.

8.2.2 Horses taking part in pleasure rides run in conjunction with competitive classes shall be presented for a trot up before the ride without saddle, and within 30 minutes of finishing the ride. The Veterinary Judge's decision is final.



### 8.3 Graded Endurance Ride Rules

Table 6 – GER Class Rules

Class Type	Distance (km)	Rider – Min. Qual	Horse – Min. Qual	Horse min Age	Completion speed pass/fail range kph	Vet Insp	Grading/ Completion Rosette	Performance Formula Placing	Distance award	Bonus Grading Points
GER	20 – 29 (Foundation)	Novice	Novice	5	7 - 13	Full metabolic vetting	Yes	Optional	Yes	No
	30 – 50 1 day Max 80 2-day	Novice	Novice	5	8 – 15		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	30 – 90 1 day Max 120 2-Day	Open	Open	6	9 – 16		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	30 & above	Advanced	Advanced	6	9-18		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### 8.4 Veterinary Inspections

Table 7 – GER Veterinary Inspections

Class Type	Pre-Ride	BPM	Vet Gates	BPM	Final	BPM
GER	Pulse, Gait, Metabolics	64 max	Within 20 minutes Pulse, Gait, Metabolics	64 max, 1 re-present	Within 30 minutes Pulse, Gait, Metabolics	64 max, No re-present

**8.4.1 Purpose of the Veterinary Inspection.** To make sure by thorough clinical examination, that the animal is fit to start and is capable of carrying the rider. Later veterinary inspections are to make sure the horse is fit to be ridden after a normal rest period and, at the final vetting, the criteria shall be that the horse is fit to continue and requires no treatment to ensure its health and well-being. There is no appeal against a veterinary decision.

**8.4.2 Presentation for Veterinary/Farriery Inspection.** All horses at a national ride shall be presented for veterinary/farrier inspection before and after a ride. For each veterinary/farriery inspection horses shall be presented without a saddle, heart rate monitor, leg protection, oil on the hooves or grease on the legs and in either a bridle or a head-collar under control.

**8.4.3 Pre-Ride Vetting.** Riders shall take with them to the veterinary inspection, at the appointed time, their completed veterinary sheet. If the crew presents the horse, then the rider shall be present. **Number bibs** must be worn when presenting the horse for inspection.

The Pre-Ride veterinary check consists of checking the parameters required on the veterinary sheet. As a minimum this includes:



- An assessment of heart rate which must be 64bpm or less
- An assessment of gait. The horse must be sound to start the class. The assessment requires a trot-up of 30 metres away from and return to the veterinary judge.

**8.4.4 Gait (Lameness).** Lameness horses will be eliminated at all inspections. If the ride Veterinary Surgeon or competitor is in any doubt over the presence of lameness the opinion of one or more additional ride Veterinary Surgeons will be sought. If these Veterinary Surgeons, by simple majority, cannot confirm the lameness after three satisfactory trot-ups the horse is deemed to have passed the lameness inspection.

**8.4.5 Lesions (injuries).** Horses with saddle sores, girth galls, severe brushing injury or other lesions thought likely to be further aggravated by continuing to compete, or who are generally in poor condition may be deemed to be unfit to compete/continue by the Veterinary Surgeon. The TS and the senior Veterinary Surgeon, after discussion jointly with the rider, may prohibit the horse from further Endurance GB rides for a period of 14 days or more. An entry to this effect will be made on the horse's Mastercard. The vet sheet must also be annotated and signed by the Veterinary Surgeon.

**8.5 Vet Gates.** All GERs of 46km and over must have at least one vet gate. [The purpose of the vet gate is to ensure the horse is fit to continue after completing each loop of the ride and to allow horse and rider to rest, feed etc.](#)

**Table 8 – GER Vet Gates**

Class Type	Distance	Recommended Maximum Distance between Vet Gates	Recommended Number of Vet Gates
GER	46 – 70km	35km	1
GER	71 – 80km	40km	1 – 2
GER	2-day 80km & above	40km	3 - 5

8.5.1 On arrival at the Vet Gate, a card showing the arrival time will be given to each rider. It is the responsibility of the rider or their crew to ensure that they collect this card.

8.5.2 The horse must be presented for veterinary inspection within 20 minutes of arrival. Late presentation will result in elimination.

8.5.3 The presentation time will be recorded on the card when a request for vetting is made. The examination is carried out during the hold time.

8.5.4 If a horse fails the first veterinary inspection on the initial pulse parameter it shall leave the vet area without any further examination. It may be re-presented at any time provided this is still within the 20 minutes of arrival. The re-presentation time will be recorded on the card when this second request for vetting is made.



8.5.5 After passing the vetting, the earliest departure time will be recorded on the card and this must be handed to the timekeeper before leaving the Vet Gate.

8.5.6 If the horse fails the veterinary inspection on lameness then it is eliminated and no re-presentation is allowed.

8.5.7 A horse may be eliminated if the Veterinary Surgeon judges that the horse is not fit to continue for any other reasons e.g. poor gut sounds, dehydration etc.

8.5.8 In multiday endurance rides the last veterinary inspection at the end of the day will be run as a Vet Gate into an overnight hold. Horses may be required for re-examination 15-30 minutes before the start of next day.

**8.6 Elevation (Retirement at a Vet Gate).** Where a rider is taking part in a GER or CER of 46km or more, they may exercise the option to retire from the class at any of the vet gates. They will then be credited with the distance completion points only if they:

- Are within the permitted time parameters

And

- Have passed the veterinary inspection including any compulsory re-examination on the same day.

8.6.1 Riders must declare their decision to retire to the chief vet steward at the vet gate where they are retiring, before the end of their vet hold time. In the case of a multi-day ride, the decision to retire at an overnight vet gate can be made within 30 minutes of successful presentation to the vet when going into an overnight hold OR after successfully passing any stipulated veterinary inspection on the morning of the following day.

8.6.2 For clarity, the above rule means that eligible combinations will be credited with distance completion points for the actual distance that they have successfully completed up to the vet gate where they retired. However, they will not receive:

- GERs: Bonus Grading Points or Performance Formula Awards
- CERs: CER Completion Points or Placing Points

**8.7 Hold Times.** The minimum hold time per vet gate/vet hold is 30 minutes, and any ride of 80km or more should have at least one vet hold which is at least 40 minutes in length. However, the TS/Ground Jury, in conjunction with the Senior Veterinary Surgeon, may modify the length of hold times according to extreme weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances. Every rider must be officially and personally informed of the modification before the start of the phase prior to at least one Vet Gate.

8.7.1 Where the hold time is 40 minutes or more, an additional veterinary inspection (re-examination) may be performed 15 minutes before departure. This should be indicated in the Ride Programme or as announced at the Pre-Ride Briefing.



**8.8 Final Vetting Procedure for Graded Endurance Rides.** Within thirty minutes after finishing the course the horse shall be presented without saddle and leg protection for final veterinary inspection. The final pulse should be taken over 60 seconds. There is no re-presentation at a final vetting.

8.8.1 The following procedure will be followed:

- The horse shall be positioned at the end of the 30 metre trot up
- The horse's heart rate is taken over 60 seconds. No further examination likely to irritate or distress the horse should take place until after the pulse has been taken.
- The horse is trotted away 30 metres and back 30 metres.
- Further examination of the horse can then take place.

**8.9 Late Presentation.** Late presentation for vetting at GERs may incur a penalty which could mean downgrading or elimination.

**8.10 Graded Endurance Ride awards.** The Grading System in GERs is designed to reward horse fitness and good horsemanship. Horses passing the final vetting shall be awarded a Grade (1 – 4 or completion) based on the horse's finishing heart rate which shall be taken over a full 60 seconds and their average speed. The relevant Grading Tables are to be used for the class.

8.10.1 In addition, GER classes of 30km and above will be placed based on highest Performance Formula points and those placed 1st-3rd (1st-6th for classes with 15 or more entries) will receive a placing rosette/keepsake.

8.10.2 The Performance Formula =  $(\text{Speed} \times 2 - \text{Minimum Speed}) \times 100$  divided by heart rate; speed in kph; heart rate per minute.

8.10.3 At some rides, for health, safety and welfare reasons, points allocated for speed under the performance formula may be restricted (for example to a maximum of 10kph in a novice class and 13kph in an open/advanced class) meaning that there is no competitive benefit to riding above those speeds at those rides. Any restrictions in place will be detailed in the ride information.

8.10.4 In case of the same result for two or more competitors, the lowest final heart rate would determine the highest placing between them.

8.10.5 In the event of a continued tie, the following criteria should be worked through until tie is broken:

- Fastest average presentation time across any vet gates (not including the final vetting)
- Lowest average pulse across any vet gates (not including the final vetting)
- Lowest starting pulse



**Table 9 – Grade Chart for Foundation Classes – Ride Distance 20 – 29km**

Speed kph/ Pulse BPM	<7	7 - 8.4	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	9	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.9	10	10.1 - 13	>13	Speed kph/ Pulse BPM	
<=40	Elim	Comp	4	4	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Elim	<=40
41	Elim	Comp	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Elim	41
42	Elim	Comp	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Elim	42
43	Elim	Comp	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	Elim	43
44	Elim	Comp	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	Elim	44
45	Elim	Comp	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Elim	45
46	Elim	Comp	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Elim	46
47	Elim	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	Elim	47
48	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	Elim	48
49	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	Elim	49
50	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	Elim	50
51	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	Elim	51
52	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	Elim	52
53	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	Elim	53
54	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	Elim	54
55	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	55
56	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	56
57	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	57
58	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	58
59	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	59
60	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	60
61	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	61
62	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	62
63	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	63
64	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	64
>=65	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	>=65



**Table 10 – Grade Chart for Novice Classes – Ride Distance 30 – 50km**

Speed kph/ Pulse BPM	<8	8 - 8.4	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	9	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.9	10	10.1 - 15	>15	Speed kph/ Pulse BPM	
<=40	Elim	Comp	4	4	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Elim	<=40
41	Elim	Comp	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Elim	41
42	Elim	Comp	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Elim	42
43	Elim	Comp	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	Elim	43
44	Elim	Comp	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	Elim	44
45	Elim	Comp	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Elim	45
46	Elim	Comp	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Elim	46
47	Elim	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	Elim	47
48	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	Elim	48
49	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	Elim	49
50	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	Elim	50
51	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	Elim	51
52	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	Elim	52
53	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	Elim	53
54	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	Elim	54
55	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	55
56	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	56
57	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	57
58	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	58
59	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	59
60	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	60
61	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	61
62	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	62
63	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	63
64	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	64
>=65	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	>=65



**Table 11 - Grade Chart for Open/Advanced Classes – Ride Distance 30 – 55km**

Speed kph/ Pulse BPM	<9	9.0 - 9.9	10.0 - 10.4	10.5 - 10.7	10.8 - 10.9	11.0 - 11.2	11.3 - 11.5	11.6 - 11.8	11.9 - 12.1	12.2 - 12.4	12.5 - 12.7	12.8 - 12.9	13.0 - 18.0	>18	Speed kph/ Pulse BPM
<=40	Elim	Comp	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Elim	<=40
41	Elim	Comp	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	Elim	41
42	Elim	Comp	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	Elim	42
43	Elim	Comp	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	Elim	43
44	Elim	Comp	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	Elim	44
45	Elim	Comp	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	Elim	45
46	Elim	Comp	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	Elim	46
47	Elim	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	Elim	47
48	Elim	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	Elim	48
49	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	Elim	49
50	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	Elim	50
51	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	3	Elim	51
52	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	Elim	52
53	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	Elim	53
54	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	Elim	54
55	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	Elim	55
56	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	56
57	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	57
58	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	58
59	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	59
60	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	60
61	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	61
62	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	62
63	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	63
64	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	64
>=65	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	>=65



**Table 12 - Grade Chart for Open/Advanced Classes – Ride Distance 56km and above**

Speed kph/ Pulse BPM	<9	9.0 - 9.9	10.0 - 10.4	10.5 - 10.7	10.8 - 10.9	11.0 - 11.2	11.3 - 11.5	11.6 - 11.8	11.9 - 12.1	12.2 - 12.4	12.5 - 12.7	12.8 - 12.9	13.0 - 18.0	>18	Speed kph/ Pulse BPM
<=44	Elim	Comp	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Elim	<=44
45	Elim	Comp	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	Elim	45
46	Elim	Comp	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	Elim	46
47	Elim	Comp	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	Elim	47
48	Elim	Comp	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	Elim	48
49	Elim	Comp	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	Elim	49
50	Elim	Comp	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	Elim	50
51	Elim	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	Elim	51
52	Elim	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	Elim	52
53	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	Elim	53
54	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	Elim	54
55	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	3	Elim	55
56	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	4	4	Elim	56
57	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	Elim	57
58	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	Elim	58
59	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	4	Elim	59
60	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	60
61	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	61
62	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	62
63	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	63
64	Elim	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Elim	64
>=65	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	>=65

**N.b. For Table 11 and 12, the maximum speed for Open Combinations at any distance is 16kph – average riding speeds in excess of this will result in elimination**



**8.11 Bonus Points for Graded Endurance Rides** (including multi day rides, excluding Foundation rides).

**Table 13 – Grade Points**

	30 – 45km	46 – 60km	61 – 159km	160km +
<b>Grade 1</b>	30	60	120	240
<b>Grade 2</b>	25	50	100	200
<b>Grade 3</b>	20	40	80	160
<b>Grade 4</b>	15	30	60	120

8.11.1 Open and advanced horses competing in novice classes will be awarded distance completion points only.

**8.12 Distance completion points.** For every kilometre completed on the day of the ride a horse will be credited with the following points. These points are used for the calculation of some end of year trophies.

- First 40km: 1 point per km i.e. 40km = 40 points
- Next 20km: 2.5 points per km i.e. 42km = 45 points (40 + 5)  
60km = 90 points (40 + 50)
- Next 20km: 4 points per km i.e. 61km = 94 points (50 + 40 + 4)  
80km = 170 points (40 + 50 + 80)  
120km = 330 points (40 + 50 + 240)  
160km = 490 points (40 + 50 + 400)

### 8.13 Competitive Endurance Ride Rules

8.13.1 Advanced horses may not enter national CERs until they are 7 years old.

8.13.2 Minimum speed for a CER may be adjusted on application to the Endurance GB Board of Directors by the Ride Organiser.

8.13.3 Where possible, organisers of events hosting FEI classes should include similar distance National CER classes.

8.13.4 The Vetting procedure is the same as for Graded Rides except the parameters checked will be as per the Competitive Endurance Ride Veterinary Sheet and the pulse is assessed using the Cardiac Recovery Index procedure.

### 8.14 CER Classifications.

- A short CER is **60-99km** in one-day
- A medium CER is **100 - 119km** in one or more days



- A long CER is **120 – 139km** in one or more days
- **An Ultra CER is 140km + in one or more days**

**Table 14 – Criteria for CERs run under Endurance GB Rules**

Ride	Distance	Min. Rider Qual	Min. horse Qual	Min. Age Horse*	Completion Speed Pass/Fail (kph)	Vet Insp.	Award
CER	Short	Advanced	Advanced	7	Minimum 10kph, unless agreed by the Board	Full Metabolic vetting plus Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI)	Rosettes: Completion + Place Points: Distance completion points + Completion points + Placing points  Any other prize by RO
CER	Medium	Advanced	Advanced	7			
CER	Long	Advanced	Advanced	7			
CER	Ultra	Advanced	Advanced	7			
CER TYRO	80km 1-day	Advanced	Advanced^	7			As above
*A 6 yr old Advanced level horse may compete under FEI rules if otherwise qualified at CEI 1*							
^Not to have compete in a CER previously, whether successful or not.							

**Table 15 – CER Veterinary Inspections**

Class Type	Pre-Ride	BPM	Vet Gates	BPM	Final	BPM
CER	Pulse, Gait, Metabolics	64 max	Within 20 minutes Pulse (CRI), Gait, Metabolics	64 max, 1 re-present	Within 30 minutes Pulse (CRI), Gait, Metabolics	64 max, No re-present

### 8.15 CER vet gates

**Table 16 – CER Vet Gates**

Ride Type	Distance (over 1 or more days)	Recommended Maximum Distance Between Vet Gates	Recommended Number of Vet Gates
Short CER	60 – 99km	40km	1-2
Medium CER	100 – 119km	40km	2-3
Long CER	120 – 139km	40km	3
Ultra CER	140km +	40km	4-5 (5 for 160km)

8.15.1 CERs of 160km or more in one day must have at least 5 vet gates.



8.15.2 At least one Vet Gate on all CERs must have a minimum hold of 40 minutes.

8.15.3 Vet Gate closure times may be introduced for the final Vet Gate. Where possible the last Vet Gate/Hold should be approximately 15 - 25km from the finish.

8.15.4 Riders may elevate as per Rule 8.6.

**8.16 Late Presentation.** For CERs, presentation outside of the allowed time for a particular class will incur elimination.

**8.17 Gait (Lameness).** In CER classes, if a second opinion is required for the gait of the horse, then the veterinary panel at the ride shall use a 'secret ballot' system to gain the opinion of additional ride Veterinary Surgeons. The ballots will be passed to a member of the Ground Jury in confidence. The summary result of the ballot will be announced as pass/fail but not the detail of individual votes.

**8.18 Final Veterinary Inspection for CERs.** Horses shall be presented for final veterinary inspection in CERs within the stipulated recovery time for the class after crossing the finish line.

8.18.1 There is no re-presentation at a final vetting.

8.18.2 Whenever possible the final trot up at CERs shall be in front of three vets voting by secret ballot, with no conferring.

**8.19 Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI or Ridgway Test) Procedure.** The following procedure will be followed:

- The horse shall be positioned at the end of the 30-metre trot up.
- The horse's heart rate is taken and if it is within the parameters for the class, it will immediately be subject to a one-minute Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI or Ridgway test)
- The horse is trotted away 30 metres and back 30 metres. A stopwatch records one minute from the time the horse starts to trot
- No further examination likely to irritate or distress the horse should take place until after the 2nd pulse has been taken.
- The heart rate is re-taken starting at exactly 60 seconds (one minute) from the start of the trot. This 2nd heart rate will not necessarily incur elimination.

**8.20 CER Final Result.** The winner will have:

- Passed the final vetting including a CRI, with the first pulse within the class parameters
- The least elapsed riding time

8.20.1 If two or more horses have a racing finish, then the first horse across the line takes precedence (provided it passes the post-ride veterinary inspection). No dead heats are allowed.



**8.21 Points for Competitive Endurance Rides (including multi day rides).** Points will be awarded for CER completion as follows:

- Distance Completion Points as per Graded Endurance Rides
- Completion points will be awarded for all successful completions as per Table 16
- Placing Points as per Table 17

**Table 17 – CER Completion Points**

Type	Points
Short	120
Medium	160
Long	200
Ultra	240

**Table 18 – CER Placing Points**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Short	120	100	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10
Medium	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	30	20	10
Long	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	20
Ultra	240	220	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60

FEI horses competing in a team abroad will be awarded distance points only.

## SECTION 9 Competing Abroad

9.1 The Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) is the governing body for Endurance Riding worldwide. All riders (athletes), owners and support staff are to read the FEI Endurance Rules which can be found on the FEI Rule App or the FEI website.

9.2 The ‘person responsible’ which may be the athlete, trainer, owner or other designated person, is responsible for complying with any relevant FEI rules. Not doing so may bring Endurance GB into disrepute.

**9.3 No Objection Certificates – Applying for permission** UK citizens who wish to compete in endurance riding overseas need written permission from Endurance GB before they can do so (Article 101.2 of the FEI General Regulations). This also includes those who live permanently abroad but who are British Nationals for sport purposes.

- **Riding Overseas – National Rides (CENs)** Permission to compete in a CEN overseas must be obtained by applying for a ‘No Objection Certificate’ (NOC), through the Endurance GB website **BEFORE** entering the competition. Endurance GB issue NOCs in line with the domestic qualification criteria: Novice, Open and Advanced. The rider



will need to have a GBR NOC of an appropriate level and meet any additional qualification criteria set by the country in which they wish to ride.

- **Riding Overseas – International Rides (CEIs)** Permission to compete in a chosen FEI ride can be obtained by applying for a NOC and/or ride entry via the Endurance GB website. To enter an FEI ride both the rider and the horse must have met the FEI Novice Criteria or be at the CEI\* level which allows them to compete in the event.

9.4 Qualifications which are achieved without the necessary permissions being obtained cannot be used to support FEI registration.

**9.5 FEI Horse & Rider Registration.** All horses and riders wishing to compete in FEI rides, and their trainers, must be registered for the current calendar year (1st January to December 31<sup>st</sup>). Registration is by application to the Endurance GB Office via the website.

9.5.1 Please note that once the horse is registered with the FEI it remains subject to the FEI rules for the duration of its competitive life, even if the paid registration lapses. This is particularly relevant to Mandatory Out Of Competition Periods (see FEI rules).

**9.6 FEI Passports or Recognition Cards.** FEI Passports or Recognition Cards are required for all CEI 2\* to CEI 4\* rides in Great Britain and for ALL FEI rides abroad. CEI1\* rides are categorised as low-level rides under the FEI General Regulations and do not require an FEI Passport or recognition card as long as the event takes place in the country of residency. If your horse is resident abroad the CEI 1\* passport/recognition card exemption applies to the country of residency only.

Applications for an FEI passport or recognition card are made through the Endurance GB website. The office can provide further information.

### **9.7 Critical Notes for all Competitors in CEI starred rides.**

**9.7.1 Person Responsible.** The rider is reminded that, when riding the Owner's horses, the Rider is considered the "Person Responsible" (PR) in the event of the horse being tested positive in any drugs test.

**9.7.2 Public Liability Insurance.** Following is the exact wording stated on all FEI schedules. "All owners and athletes are personally responsible for damage to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third-party insurance providing full coverage for the participation in equestrian events at home and abroad, and to keep the policy up to date."

**9.7.3 Members riding in EU countries.** Whether for pleasure or competition members will be covered against Public Liability claims which might arise when they are temporarily abroad with their horses. Members riding outside of the UK or the EU will not be covered in this way and so should make alternative arrangements.

**9.7.4 Withdrawal after a Definite entry made.** Following is the exact wording stated on all FEI schedules. "Withdrawals after the date of definite entries or no-shows will be held liable



to reimburse the OC for the actual financial loss incurred by the OC (i.e. stabling and hotel expenses) as a result of the late withdrawal or no show.”

9.8 Further information on competing overseas in CEN or CEI rides can be obtained from the Endurance GB website or the office.

## **SECTION 10 Endurance GB Officials**

**10.1 Event Organisers** must be over 18 and must be registered as Tier 3 Members on the Endurance GB website as a minimum.

10.1.1 The Organiser (RO) is responsible for the smooth running of the ride and must be available at the Venue on the day of the ride.

10.1.2 Organisers are not normally permitted to ride in their own rides. However, where Joint Ride Organisers are named at least one must remain at the venue at all times.

10.1.3 A named Joint Organiser may not compete in a CER class at their ride.

**10.2 Accountability** Ride Organisers are accountable to the Operations Committee of Endurance GB and their importance to the success of the Organisation cannot be over-emphasised.

10.2.1 The Ride Organisers' handbook provides a detailed list of requirements and recommendations; this must be read by all Organisers before their ride.

10.2.2 Rides which do not conform to the rules and recommendations of Endurance GB may not be covered by the Company's insurance.

**10.3 The Technical Steward (TS)** is responsible for ensuring that all aspects of the ride are carried out in accordance with Endurance GB rules, including:

- all and any special ride rules
- Initial appraisal and completion of mastercards, including rest periods as applicable
- collation of vet sheets and vet gate cards to forward to the office
- Calculation of the results and completion of the TS Spreadsheet.

10.3.1 The TS Handbook provides a detailed list of requirements and recommendations. This must be read by all Technical Stewards.

10.3.2 The TS must be 18 or over and be a current paid member of Endurance GB.

**10.4 Ground Jury.** Major Rides and all those with CER classes will have a Ground Jury – minimum of 3 persons, one of whom may be the TS. All members of a Ground Jury must be over 18 and have been paid-up members of Endurance GB for at least three full seasons.

**10.5 Health, Safety and Safeguarding Representative (HSSR).** The Organiser shall appoint an HSSR, 12 weeks prior to the ride. The RO and HSSR are required to prepare the Health &



Safety Risk Assessment prior to the event and to send a copy to the main office 6 weeks before the ride. The HSSR will attend on the day(s) of the ride to ensure that all risk control measures (including those relating to Welfare and Safeguarding) are in place and observed, in order to achieve a safe working environment.

10.5.1 On the day of the event, the Health, Safety and Safeguarding Representative will have absolute authority on all matters appertaining to the Health, Safety, Welfare and Safeguarding Policies, but decisions should be discussed with the Organiser and the Technical Steward (TS). The Health, Safety and Safeguarding Representative has responsibility for coordinating and collating all records and evidence related to incidents on the day.

## **SECTION 11 – Awards and AGM**

**11.1 Distance Awards.** Distance gained at SERC rides will be counted for Endurance GB distance awards. However, 60% or more of the total distance must have been achieved in Endurance GB rides in order to be eligible for the distance award. Photocopies of Vet Sheet(s) from the SERC rides must be sent to the Results Co-ordinator immediately after the ride. Vet Sheet(s) received after **17th** October in the current competition year will not be counted.

**11.2 Trophies.** A list of national Endurance GB trophies can be found on the Endurance GB website. All **Tier One** members will be considered for each award unless specified otherwise.

11.2.1 Trophy Points gained at SERC rides will be counted for Endurance GB trophies. However, 60% or more of the total points gained for the trophy must have been achieved in Endurance GB rides in order to be eligible for the trophy. Photocopies of Vet Sheet(s) from the SERC rides must be sent to the Results Co-ordinator immediately after the ride. Vet Sheet(s) received after 18th October in the current competition year will not be counted.

11.2.2 Riders competing in the Home International or Celtic Challenge will be awarded trophy points and the distance. Endurance GB points will be calculated according to the Endurance GB rules and the current points table. This may therefore differ from the points awarded for their part in the competition.

11.2.3 Any queries regarding national ride results must be raised as soon as possible after the ride by emailing Operations. All queries for the current year must be raised by 18th October.

**11.3 Prize Money.** Ride Organisers may, by approval of the Endurance GB Board, award prize money in addition to, or instead of goods in kind, provided it is funded by a third party

**11.4 AGM Procedures.** Any rule brought before the AGM and subsequently amended in the rulebook shall remain in force for a minimum of two seasons unless the Board of Directors find the rule to be unworkable, to have Health, Safety, Welfare or Safeguarding issues or to have serious financial implications on the Company.



11.4.1 A proposal submitted for consideration at the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting should have a proposer and/or a seconder present at the meeting. If neither is present then the proposal shall be read by the Chair and voted on without discussion.

## **SECTION 12 Policies and Procedures**

**12.1 Complaints Procedure.** The Board of Directors of Endurance GB aims to do things well. Members can make complaints about any area of the organisation's activity. Members should follow the complaints procedure laid out in the Disciplinary Code.

**12.2 Health and Safety Policy Statement.** Endurance GB recognises the aims of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and accepts its requirements and will, therefore, seek to provide a safe environment and endeavour to ensure that all its operations are carried out in a manner that avoids injury to our members, horses and the general public at events organised for and on behalf of Endurance GB. A written Health and Safety Policy Statement, Health and Safety Guidance Notes for Ride Organisers and Health and Safety Guidance Notes for Health and Safety Representatives can be obtained from the Endurance GB office and the website ([www.endurancegb.co.uk](http://www.endurancegb.co.uk)).

**12.3 Data Protection Acts 1998 and 2018.** Endurance GB is registered under the Data Protection Acts 1998 and 2018, Registration Number Z6233732.

12.3.1 Endurance GB has put the necessary policies and procedures in place to be compliant with the GDPR, which includes the Lawful Basis under which Endurance GB processes personal data.

12.3.2 Any correspondence concerning the Data Protection Act and GDPR should be addressed to the Data Controller, c/o Endurance GB, Abbey Park, Stareton Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2RP.

**12.4 Safeguarding Policy.** The protection of children, young people and adults-at-risk whilst participating in any sport is of the highest importance as they should be able to take part in a fun, safe environment and be protected from abuse.

12.4.1 Endurance GB is a member body of British Equestrian (the BEF), and has accepted and abides by the BEF policy and support documents set out in 'Safeguarding Equestrian Sport' (available via the BEF Website).

12.4.2 Endurance GB has a Lead Safeguarding Officer who represents the Board on the BEF Safeguarding Action Team (SAT) and has access to advice and support from the BEF Case Management Team. The Lead Safeguarding Officer is supported by a network of Group Safeguarding Officers. In addition it is the expectation of the Board that all events run on behalf of Endurance GB have a person acting as a named Health, Safety and Safeguarding Officer at the venue.

12.4.3 Endurance GB endorses the BEF statement that it is the responsibility of everyone involved in our sport to safeguard the welfare of all children, young people and adults-at-risk,



by seeking to protect them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying. Any concerns or allegations of abuse or poor practice should be reported immediately to the event Health, Safety and Safeguarding Officer, and to your Group Safeguarding Officer or to the Lead Safeguarding Officer. You should not investigate any reports, just check you have the facts and inform the relevant people. All reports will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and in accordance with BEF procedures.

**12.5 Equal Opportunities & Equity Policy.** As a member body of the BEF the Board of Directors of Endurance GB has agreed to adopt the BEF Guidelines in respect of their Equal Opportunities and Equity Policy. Endurance GB is committed to ensuring that endurance riding is an activity that is open to anyone who wishes to be involved in whatever capacity and at whatever level and to actively encouraging more diverse participation.

12.5.1 Endurance GB is fully committed to the principles of equality of opportunity and aims to ensure that no individual receives more or less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, sex, gender, disability, race, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religion or belief, sexual orientation or gender reassignment. This includes all those involved in whatever capacity - participants, employees, coaches, consultants, owners, officials, volunteers and spectators.

12.5.2 In addition, Endurance GB is committed to take action to encourage more diverse participants.

**12.5.3 Equal Opportunities Complaints Procedures.** To safeguard individual rights under this Equality Policy, any individual who believes they have suffered inequitable treatment within the scope of this Equality Policy may raise the matter through the Endurance GB complaints procedure.

**12.6 Disciplinary Code.** The Disciplinary Code forms part of the terms and conditions of membership of Endurance GB (“EGB”). It also forms part of the terms and conditions of participation in rides, competitions and other events organised and/or sanctioned by Endurance GB (“EGB Rides”). Anyone who applies for membership of Endurance GB, and/or who participates in an Endurance GB Ride, whether as a competitor, crew, trainer, owner, official or any person assisting any competitor, shall be deemed to have accepted the Code and agreed to be bound and to abide by its provisions and all decisions made hereunder.

12.6.1 Endurance GB may from time to time supplement, amend or vary the Code. Such changes shall be deemed to be effective and binding from the date of publication of the changes by Endurance GB.

12.6.2 The Disciplinary Code can be found on the Endurance GB website and should be read before raising a complaint or grievance with Endurance GB. A printed copy can be provided on request from the Endurance GB Office.

12.6.3 British Equestrian (the BEF) has responsibility for handling disciplinary matters for riders and their connections at all international events whether they are staged in the UK or outside it, subject to the rules and procedures set out in the BEF Rule Book. In addition, the BEF Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules apply to all Endurance GB Rides,



not just at FEI Rides, in England and Wales. Positive tests from any Endurance GB or FEI Rides will be handled by the BEF.

