



## **2015 Requirements for Entering FEI Endurance Competitions (CEI/CEIYJ)**

### **Novice Qualifications**

All athletes and horses must meet the Novice Qualifications established by the FEI and verified by USEF prior to competing in their first CEI1\* or CEIYJ1\* competition. Athlete and horse Novice Qualifications must be completed at AERC competitions, though not necessarily as a combination.

#### **Athlete Novice Qualifications**

The novice qualifications require the athlete to successfully complete:

- 2 rides between 25 miles and 49 miles
- AND
- 2 rides between 50 miles and 56 miles.

Each ride must be at a speed of 10mph or under and are not required to be completed in any certain order.

Athletes must complete the novice eligibility requirements all within the 24 month period and no shorter than 6 months, immediately prior to taking part in an FEI competition.

#### **Horse Novice Qualifications**

The horse must be at least 5 years old to qualify as novice and complete the novice qualifications. The novice qualifications require a horse to successfully complete:

- 2 rides between 25miles and 49miles
- AND
- 2 rides between 50miles and 56miles.

Each ride must be at a speed of 10mph or under and are not required to be done in any certain order.

Horses must complete the requirements of this qualifying phase all within the 24 month period and no shorter than 12 months, immediately prior to taking part in an FEI Competition.

*Please contact Kristen Brett, USEF Director, Endurance ([kbrett@usef.org](mailto:kbrett@usef.org)), if you have questions regarding the Novice Qualifications or if you and/or your horse began competing in AERC competitions prior to January 1, 2013. USEF will notify the FEI that the Novice Qualifications have been met once the USEF and FEI membership requirements (see pg. 3) have been fulfilled and/or once you have entered your first FEI competitions.*

### **CEI1\*/CEIYJ1\***

All horses and athletes must have successfully completed the Novice Qualifying to be eligible for CEI Star Qualifying. This means that an athlete or horse may participate in a CEI1\*/CEIYJ1\* once the Novice Qualifications have been met.

For CEI1\*/CEIYJ1\* competitions, horses must be at least 6 years old to participate. All ages are determined as of the date of the event for which eligibility to participate is sought, and must be confirmed either through reliable registrations or written veterinary opinion. Northern Hemisphere horses are deemed to have their birthday on the 1st January.



FEI Young Rider Athlete: Young Rider is a category of athletes who may take part in FEI Competitions from the beginning of the year they reach the age of fourteen (14) until the end of the year they reach the age of twenty one (21). A Young Rider event is listed as CEIYJ.

FEI Senior Athlete: Athletes may take part in FEI Senior Competitions and Championships from the beginning of the year they reach the age of (eighteen) 18. If an athlete is between the ages of 18 and 21, he/she may take part in a Senior competition if he/she meets the minimum weight of 75kg. A Senior event is listed as CEI.

### CEI2\*/CEIYJ2\*

For CEI2\*/CEIYJ2\* competitions, horses must be at least 6 years old to participate.

The athlete or horse must have successfully completed a CEI1\*/CEIYJ1\* in order to be eligible to compete in a 2\* level within 24 months of the date of the competition.

Star System Qualification for horses is valid for a period of 24 months. Should a horse fail to successfully complete an event at the next level for which it has qualified within that period, it will need to re-qualify for its existing level again before progressing further.

Star System Qualification for athletes to 3\* level will be for up to five years and can be revalidated by successfully completing an FEI Competition applicable to the athlete's existing status or equivalent national event distance.

### CEI3\*/CEIYJ3\*

For CEI3\*/CEIYJ3\* competitions, horses must be at least 7 years old to participate.

Star System Qualification for horses is valid for a period of 24 months. Should a horse fail to successfully complete an event at the next level for which it has qualified within that period, it will need to re-qualify for its existing level again before progressing further.

Star System Qualification for athletes to 3\* level will be for up to five years and can be revalidated by successfully completing an FEI Competition applicable to the athlete's existing status or equivalent national event distance.

### CEI\*/CEIYJ4\* Championship Competitions

Horses must be at least 8 years of age.

USEF requires a selection process for an FEI Championship. The Selection Procedures for an FEI Endurance Championship are posted on the USEF website [here](#).



### USEF and FEI Membership Requirements

MEMBERSHIP	ATHLETE	OWNER	TRAINER	HORSE
<a href="#">USEF Membership</a>	√	√	√	
<a href="#">FEI Rider Registration</a>	√		√	
<a href="#">USEF Annual Horse Recording</a>				1* & 2* levels
<a href="#">FEI Horse Registration &amp; Microchip Information</a>				√
<a href="#">FEI Passport Application</a>				3* & 4* levels and/or Competing outside of the U.S.
<a href="#">USEF Life Horse Recording</a>				Passport Requirement
<a href="#">AERC Membership</a>	√			

*For further information on competing in an FEI Endurance competition, please visit the FAQ's on the USEF website found [here](#).*

*If you have questions regarding the requirements to participate in an FEI competition, please contact Kristen Brett, USEF Director, Endurance ([kbrett@usef.org](mailto:kbrett@usef.org)).*