



To Whom it May Concern,

Following the decision to introduce additional qualification criteria for the 2008 Endurance World Championship due to very specific climatic conditions, we would like to draw your attention on the importance of the results that must be sent to the FEI.

Because we are within the 12 month period of the World Endurance Championships the new rules are now in force.

Therefore the eliminations reasons have to be looked at carefully, especially the metabolic eliminations where horses could have received a treatment.

Under the new qualification criteria a horse must not have received immediate invasive treatment (while still under competition veterinary control) at an event within 6 months prior to close of nominated entries (please refer to Article 825.6 of the Endurance Rules).

Also a rider may not compete in the 2008 World Championship if they have been eliminated within 12 months prior to close of nominated entries (please refer to Article 825.6 of the Endurance Rules) from two consecutive events (FEI or National) for metabolic reasons. It is therefore vitally important that all results sent to us are correct, and contain as much detail as possible.

Please find below a new 'Dictionary of Terms' which explains in detail all codes that should be used for eliminations within the result sheet. We have added some new terms and we would ask you to please take care in using the correct ones. We realise this does create a little more work for you, but we must ensure complete accuracy of results.

We thank you very much for your kind cooperation in the matter.

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Non-Completion: Dictionary of Terms

NEW TERMS ADDED

la – This to be used when a horse is eliminated due to lameness reasons.

me – This is to be used when a horse is eliminated for metabolic reasons but receives *no* veterinary treatment. This could be due to a high heart rate, or any other metabolic reason.

me tr - This is to be used if a horse has been eliminated for metabolic reasons and *has* received immediate veterinary treatment.

ret – This is to be used when a horse passes the veterinary check at a vet gate but the rider chooses not to leave onto the following loop. A horse/rider can only retire at a vet gate and only if they have passed all veterinary checks at the specific vet gate.

el – This is to be used when a rider is eliminated perhaps due to error of course, or if the rider weighs under weight when arriving at a vet gate etc.

el pr – This is to be used if the horse fails the Pre-Ride veterinary examination.

ab – This is to be used if the whole event is abandoned, perhaps due to severe weather conditions.

np – This is to be used when a horse/rider makes an entry but fails to turn up for the ride.

dis – This is to be used if a rider is disqualified, perhaps due to abuse of an official or due to horse cruelty etc.

If a horse or rider stops or is stopped on course it must be marked as elimination at the following vet gate as the horse has failed to complete the next loop. Please provide details as to why the combination has failed to reach the next vet gate.

For example, if a horse falls on the course on the second loop and is lame following the fall and stops, it must be marked as 'el-la' at the third vet gate.

If the horse is stopped by the vets on loop 4 as it is too tired to continue, and the horse receives treatment it must be marked as 'el-tr' at the fifth vet gate.

If the rider becomes lost on the third loop and chooses not to continue but it taken off from the course, this must be marked as 'el-el' at the fourth vet gate.

If a horse is eliminated for more than one reason i.e the horse is lame and also has metabolic problems then all causes of elimination should be marked i.e la/me or la/tr.