

## PHASE 1 > Starting out in Endurance

### Australian Endurance Riders Association (AERA)

<https://aera.asn.au>

State Divisions Tab – click on your relevant state to join your local state association

Administration Tab – click on Rules, Bylaws, and Policies – AERA National rules can be downloaded

- National Qualifiers Required - Rider  
2 x AERA 40km & 3 x 80km
- National Qualifiers Required - Horse  
3 x AERA 80km

Conducted under AERA rules with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to Equestrian Australia (EA).

- Age of rider: refer to AERA Rule 27. Rider Eligibility
- Age of Horse: 4 ½ years old to complete a 40km ride (must show a full mouth of permanent teeth erupted but the corner incisors need not be in wear) - 5 years old to complete an 80km ride (must show a full mouth of permanent teeth erupted and the permanent incisors are in wear). Conducted under AERA Rule 45. Horse Eligibility

Document requirement: AERA Log book

Records are kept on: AERASPACE <https://arespace.com.au>

## PHASE 2 > Setting FEI goals

To be able to compete at the highest level of competition in Endurance Internationally involves many years of planning and preparation. To start your journey, to compete in FEI events at the local level requires the following memberships, registrations, and qualifying rides.

### As of May 2023 Rider requires:

- Annual Membership with State Branch of AERA e.g. Queensland Endurance Riders Association (QERA)
- Annual Membership with State Branch of Equestrian Australia - competitive level membership
- Annual FEI Athlete Registration
- Annual FEI Trainer Registration (required if you train your own horse)
- Must have completed 2 x 40km rides + 2 x 80km AERA rides (min. 12 months, must be completed within a 24-month period) to compete in a CEI \*1 star event
- Ensure helmet meets approved Australian Standards. Will need to be tagged by FEI official to ensure compliance at the event.

**EA Membership** <https://equestrian.org.au/join>

**FEI Registration** <https://www.rideahorse.com.au/fei-forms/>

**As of May 2023 Horse requires:**

- AERA Log Book
- Must have completed 2 x 40km rides + 2 x 80km AERA rides (min. 12 months, must be completed within a 24-month period) to compete in a CEI \*1 star event
- Horse must be a minimum 6 years of age
- Horse registered with EA State branch – minimum Base Horse registration required & horse needs to be microchipped
- Annual FEI Horse Registration
- Apply for an EA National Passport - for CEI 1\* & CEIYJ 2\* rides or an FEI Passport.

Note: If planning on progressing to 2\* Open and 3\* then recommend getting an FEI Passport straight up. Please allow a minimum 4-6 weeks when applying, receiving it, having a vet complete the horse ID, sending it back to EA, EA validating it & sending it back to you ready to use.

If you already have an EA National Passport and are progressing up to 2\* Open and 3\* FEI level you will need to upgrade to an FEI Recognition Card.

**Passports, FEI Recognition Card and FEI Registration Ordering:**

<https://www.rideahorse.com.au/fei-forms/>

**Further Passport Information:**

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/Endurance-Horse-FEI-Registration>

**EA Passport Assistance email:** [passports@equestrian.org.au](mailto:passports@equestrian.org.au)

**CEI 1\*, 2\*\* & 3\*\*\* Events**

- CEI - Concours de Raid d'Endurance International
- CEN/CEI - Combined National/FEI events

Conducted by EA under FEI rules with an MOU to AERA.

International CEI 1\*, 2\*\* & 3\*\*\* star rides conducted by host Federation under FEI rules.

**FEI Endurance Rules:** <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/endurance/rules>

All ride entries are through the National Federation (NF) – Equestrian Australia.

- Age of rider: from the year the rider turns 14. Refer to FEI Endurance Rule 826.
- Age of horse: Refer to FEI Endurance Rule 827.

Minimum CEI 1\* 6 years, 2\*\* 7 years, 3\*\*\* 8 years (Rule 827.3 A Horse is deemed to have its birthday on 1st January in the year that it was born.)

Progress through the CEI star level qualifications advancing from one level to the next level for athletes and riders refer to FEI Endurance Rule 833.

- Document requirement to compete in a CEI 1\* - National Passport or FEI Passport plus AERA Log book.
- Document required to compete in a CEI 2\*\*/3\*\*\* FEI Passport plus AERA Log book.

Records are kept on: AERASPACE (when competing in Australia only) and FEI Database for all CEI rides.

<https://arespace.com.au>

<https://data.fei.org>

**IMPORTANT: Prior to your first FEI ride your FEI Endurance Novice Qualifications for both horse & rider need to be entered into the FEI Database by EA.** (These can be submitted either at the time of applying for a passport or submitted at the same time that your entry to the FEI Ride is submitted. The Novice Qualifiers will be updated in the FEI database when the entries are inputted approx. 1 week prior to the competition date).

**Guide & Form** can be found here:

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/news/fei-endurance-novice-qualifications>

Note: when adding your 2 x 40km rides to the form jump into AREASPACE & locate the ride results. Even though in Australia a 40km ride we do not have placings, however in order for EA to enter it into the FEI database you need to review your time that you completed the ride in work out what position you were in when you crossed the line & use that for your Rank/Result on the form. i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> place. Be selective with the rides you use as your novice qualifications to fit the criteria required.

**FEI Checklist** <https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/fei-checklist-0>

You will also need to download the FEI HorseApp (Horse Welfare) & enter the relevant information required prior to & during any event you participate at i.e. Self-Certification Form prior to arrival at the FEI event, Horse temperature **twice** daily logs which are required 3 days prior, during & until an event has concluded, Horse Check-In.

(Please note: you are able to submit these temperatures up to 3 days in the past as long as it's before the Examination on Arrival. If it's over 3 days you will not be able to submit the temperatures and will receive a sanction that is not appealable.)

[https://inside.fei.org/hub/it-services/mobile-apps/%20fei\\_horseapp#fei-horseapp-for-athletes](https://inside.fei.org/hub/it-services/mobile-apps/%20fei_horseapp#fei-horseapp-for-athletes)

These events principally are qualifiers but also can be competitive. This phase provides for competitions such as the Trans-Tasman between Australia and New Zealand or Continental Championships.

**It is the responsibility of the Rider/Owner/Trainer to ensure that: Horse Passports, FEI & EA Registrations/Memberships for horses & riders, and Endurance Novice Qualifications for horses and riders are valid for entry to the ride.**

## PHASE 3 > Representing your country

The highest level of Competition for the sport of Endurance Globally.

International Competitions CEI 1\*, 2\*\* & 3\*\*\* events

- World Endurance Championships (WEC)
- World Equestrian Games (WEG)
- World Endurance Championships for Junior & Young Riders
- World Endurance Championships for Young Horses

Overseen by FEI with entries through the National Federation - Equestrian Australia – High Performance Team.

Documents required:

- International Competitors Licence <https://rideahorse.com.au/licence>
- Current EA Membership
- FEI Registration for horse and rider
- FEI Passport for your horse

**Recommendation: All Athletes and Trainers should become familiar with the FEI Endurance rules and should review these annually each year as changes come into effect as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January each year.**

### KEY FEI ENDURANCE RULES YOU MUST BE AWARE OF:

1. Athlete, trainer, groom - anyone participating in the field of play/vet ring must be wearing a collared shirt. No singlets, shorts, thongs are allowed. NO midriff showing!!!
2. When entering the vet ring only 2 people are allowed to enter with the horse – normally the athlete + 1 groom. (Excludes International Championships where Chef d’Euipe/Team Vet may access)
3. No videoing or using your mobile phone while in the vet ring.
4. Do not touch the horse while it’s being vetted.
5. No personal Heart Rate Monitors in the vet ring.
6. No dyes are permitted including Henna on the horse’s legs.
7. Ensure the FEI HorseApp has been downloaded & temperatures are taken until the conclusion of the event. You cannot go in & backdate the logs!!!

8. Pre-ride weigh in, ensure you have the correct gear with you so it may be inspected i.e. cages on stirrups (if you are not wearing a smooth sole shoe with a heel of a minimum 12mm) & helmets to ensure they are tagged. Helmet tagging is normally available by FEI officials at a ride.
9. Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 8cm.
10. Make sure you are familiar with the minimum weight requirements - FEI Endurance Rule 805.

Event	Minimum weight
<b>Young Rider/Junior</b>	
Young Rider/Junior Competitions and Championships	60 kg
<b>Senior</b>	
CEI 1* and CEI 2* / CEIO 1* and CEIO 2*	70 kg
CEI 3* / CEIO3*	75 kg
Championships	75 kg

11. No athlete/horse combination may start later than 15 minutes after the official start time.
12. Field of Play – includes all areas where the Competition and related Veterinary inspections are taking place including – course, crew points, vet gate, holding area. Horses must remain in clear view of the officials at all times including during the hold periods.
13. Heart rate assessment - for all Events (regardless of star level), Horses must be presented for a heart rate assessment with a heart rate of no more than:
  - (a) 64 beats per minute (bpm) within 15 minutes of crossing the end line of each Loop (except the final Loop); and
  - (b) 64 bpm within 20 minutes of crossing the finish line of the final Loop.
14. An Athlete may lead or follow their Horse on the course, but must be mounted to pass through the start line of any day and the end line of the day's final Loop. Failure to comply with this provision will result in Disqualification.
15. After competing in a National Event (CEN) or a FEI (CEI) Event a FEI registered horse may not compete in any National/FEI Events for the following Mandatory Out of Competition Period (MOOCP):

Please Note: The FEI Rules are based on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) which for the Eastern States of Australia (not during Day Light Savings) is 10 hrs behind.

<b>Distance completed</b>	<b>Mandatory Out of Competition Period</b>
From crossing the start line up to 54 km	5 days
Over 54 km to 106 km	12 days
Over 106 km to 126 km	19 days
Over 126 km to 146 km	26 days
Over 146 km	33 days

### **QUESTIONS:**

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