INTRODUCTION:

With the former 2 documents (Document 1 & 2) I have been pointing out what appears to me as problems in the text of the rules, focusing mainly on Endurance rules in relation with the GRs and/or the VRs.

These 2 documents would be worthless without some kind of suggestions to help find a better way of organizing and writing the rules.

By doing so, I do not pretend to give the unequivocal and definitive solution of course but only to open a different way which could cast a new light and possibly lead one day to an improvement.

A set of rules as the source of law can only be ordered, clear, unambiguous and comprehensive.

It must give to understand the general meaning so that in borderline cases inevitably encountered during action on competitions, the officials in charge of its implementation can use their intelligence and their common sense in order to keep the spirit yet without betraying the letter.

The rules should therefore avoid repetitions, contradictions, enumerations that open spaces between the lines because they cannot be exhaustive, the abundance that leads to endless search on a particular item, the multiple and cross abbreviations in resulting opaque and the legislative "diarrhea" in general.

Re-writing them in a simpler way appears also a necessity since for most of the readers English is not the mother tongue.

I do suggest a reorganization of the Endurance rules following the skeleton outlined below.

The suggested frame is rooted in:

- The chronology starting with the organization and ending with the competition
- The ground action during the competition

I do claim that this way would stick better to the reality and life of the actors. It would therefore and also lead to a friendlier and better understood rule book.

PREAMBULE

- CODEX
  - FEI Code of Conduct ...
  - FEI codex for athletes ...
  - Definition of endurance competition
  - ...

THE CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

- Definition of the field of play
- Definition of the “vet gate”
  - Meaning in terms of space
  - Meaning in terms of time
• Definition of the Inspection Area
  • What it is made of
    o Waiting area
    o Metabolic inspection zone
    o Trotting lanes
      • number
      • length
      • surface
    o Circulation
    o ...
  o Definition of the stables
    • Nature
    • Size
    • Lighting
    • Ground
    • Stuff (straw, wood shavings, etc.
    • Treatment stables
    • Testing stables
    • Control of the stables
      • For CEI 1*
      • For CEI 2*
      • For CEI 3*
      • For CEI 4*
      • Etc.
  o Definition of the tracks
    • Nature
      • Requirements
        o Start
        o Finish
        o Marking
        o Water points
        o Etc.
      • Length
      • Etc.
  o Definition of the wording
    • Event: meeting with several competitions (or a minimum of 1 competition)
    • Concours = competition
    • Competition
    • Ride: to be replaced by competition?
    • Inspections during the course of a competition:
      o Official wording
        • VGI (Standing for Vet Gate Inspection)
        • H R RI (for Heart Rate re-Inspection)
        • R RI (for Requested Re-Inspection)
        • C RI (for Compulsory Re-Inspection)
      o Popular wording
        • VGI (commonly said "1st Presentation")
        • H R RI (commonly said "2nd Presentation")
        • R RI (commonly said "Re-Exam" or "re-check").
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- CRI (commonly said "Re-Exam" or "re-check")

- Definition of the participants
  - Athlete
  - Rider
  - Horse
  - Competitor
  - Trainer
  - Owner
  - PR

**TYPE OF COMPETITIONS**

- CEI 1*
- CEI 2*
- CEI 3*
- CEI 4*
- CEIQ, Etc.
- Championships
  - World
  - Continental
  - Etc.
- World Equestrian Games
- Etc.

**GENERAL ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION**

- Entries
- Invitations
- Etc.
- Veterinary examination & 1st inspection
- Weighing
- Start type
  - Start 1 day (or 1st day)
  - Tolerance (2nd day)
  - Start 2nd (and 3rd day)
- During the competition
  - VG I
  - H R RI
  - R RI
  - CRI
  - Security (OC)
  - Help and forbidden assistance
  - Etc.
- End of the competition
  - Finish
  - Announcement of results
    - When
    - How
    - Protests
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- Appeals
  - Podium
  - Prize giving
    - Team
    - Individual
    - Etc.
  - Best Condition
    - How it works
    - Who’s concerned?
    - Criterions
  - Final Inspection
  - Etc.

HEART RATES PARAMETERS FOR EXAMINATIONS AND INSPECTIONS

- Heart Rate Assessment protocol
- Setting the Heart Rate parameters
  - 1st Inspection
  - VG I
  - R RI & C RI
  - Final Inspection
- Etc.

TIMING OF THE COMPETITION AND RESULTS

- Generalities
- Timing unit to be used
- Requirements when using an automatic or electronic system (power, etc.)
- Ground Jury vet cards
- Facultative Riders’ vet cards
- Times to be taken
- Integration of the veterinary data.
- Provisional and definitive results
- Feedback from the clinic
- Signing the results

CONDITIONS AND SIGNIFICATION OF THE JUDGEMENTS WORDING

- Classified
- WD
- RET
- DSQ
- FNR
- FTQ (Failed to Qualify):
  - LA
  - MI
  - CI
  - ME
  - ME-TR
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NUMBER, RESPONSABILITIES AND DUTIES OF OFFICIALS

- Officials required
  - CEI 1*
    - President of the Ground Jury
      - Duty
      - Responsibility
    - Jury members
      - Number
      - Duty
      - Responsibility
    - Technical Delegate
      - Duty
      - Responsibility
    - Course Designer
      - Duty
      - Responsibility
    - Chef Steward
      - Duty
      - Responsibility
    - President of the Vet Commission
      - Duty
      - Responsibility
    - Foreign Vet
      - Duty
      - Responsibility
    - Members of the Vet Commission
      - Number
      - Duty
      - Responsibility
    - Treating vets
      - Number
      - Duty
      - Responsibility
    - IGA
      - Duty
      - Responsibility
    - Etc.
  - CEI 2* President of the Ground Jury
    - President of the Ground Jury
      - Duty
      - Responsibility
    - Jury members
      - Number
      - Duty
• Responsibility
  ▪ Technical Delegate
    • Duty
    • Responsibility
  ▪ Course Designer
    • Duty
    • Responsibility
  ▪ Chef Steward
    • Duty
    • Responsibility
  ▪ President of the Vet Commission
    • Duty
    • Responsibility
  ▪ Foreign Vet
    • Duty
    • Responsibility
  ▪ Members of the Vet Commission
    • Number
    • Duty
    • Responsibility
  ▪ Treating vets
    • Number
    • Duty
    • Responsibility
  ▪ IGA
    • Duty
    • Responsibility
  ▪ Etc.
    ◦ CEI 3*
      ▪ President of the Ground Jury
        • Duty
        • Responsibility
      ▪ Jury members
        • Number
        • Duty
        • Responsibility
  ▪ Technical Delegate
    • Duty
    • Responsibility
  ▪ Course Designer
    • Duty
    • Responsibility
  ▪ Chef Steward
    • Duty
    • Responsibility
  ▪ President of the Vet Commission
    • Duty
    • Responsibility
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- Foreign Vet
  - Duty
  - Responsibility
- Members of the Vet Commission
  - Number
  - Duty
  - Responsibility
- Treating vets
  - Number
  - Duty
  - Responsibility
- IGA
  - Duty
  - Responsibility
- Etc.
  - CEI 4*
    - President of the Ground Jury
      - Duty
      - Responsibility
- Jury members
  - Number
  - Duty
  - Responsibility
- Technical Delegate
  - Duty
  - Responsibility
- Course Designer
  - Duty
  - Responsibility
- Chef Steward
  - Duty
  - Responsibility
- President of the Vet Commission
  - Duty
  - Responsibility
- Foreign Vet
  - Duty
  - Responsibility
- Members of the Vet Commission
  - Number
  - Duty
  - Responsibility
- Treating vets
  - Number
  - Duty
  - Responsibility
- IGA
  - Duty
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- Responsibility
  - Etc.
  - Etc.
- Different appointments on the same day
- Organizing Committee
- Testing Vet
- Etc.

EXCEPTIONAL SITUATIONS

- Postponing a competition
- Modifying the parameters of the competition
- Modifying the track for exceptional reasons
  - Before the competition
  - During the competition
- Abandon of an event
- Crisis management plan
  - CEI 1*
  - CEI 2*
  - CEI 3*
  - CEI 4*
  - Etc.
- Etc.

CONCLUSION

As one can see, the organization of the Endurance Rules booklet here proposed is completely different from what exists for the moment.

I think that its organization is clearer and more practical than the existing text. It intends to "stick" more to the real ground conditions one can experience before, during and even after competitions, which is supposed to make it clearer and more friendly organized than what the FEI proposes presently.

I could be wrong, of course, but this attempt could still be worth considering in the context of a possible improvement of the international rules.

It is linked with 2 more documents:

- Document 1: The question (64 or not 64?)
- Document 2: Disorders

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