

CHAPTER II - PARTICIPATION OF ATHLETES AND HORSES

Article 113 - Registration and Eligibility of Athletes and Horses

1. All Athletes and Horses must be registered with the FEI, and their own NF, or where appropriate with their host NF, before they can be entered and permitted to take part in an International Event, unless otherwise specified by the Sport Rules. (See also Article 119- Sport Nationality Status of Athletes and Chapter V Horses).
2. NFs are responsible for registering all Athletes and Horses and shall ensure that such Athletes have the appropriate corresponding sport nationality pursuant to Article 119. NFs are also responsible for unregistering any Athlete and/or Horse that are not competing anymore for any reason.
3. Any Athlete and/or any Horse not registered with the FEI and/or not fulfilling an eligibility requirement shall be automatically disqualified, unless compelling circumstances warrant otherwise.
4. An Athlete and/or Horse, even if registered with the FEI, is not eligible to participate in an International Event or National Event (and so may not be invited by an OC to such Event or entered by an NF in such Event) if that Athlete and/or Horse has participated, in the six (6) months prior to the first day of the International Event or National Event in question, in an Unsanctioned Event.
5. For purposes of Article 113.4, an 'Unsanctioned Event' is an event and/or a competition that is neither published in the official Calendar nor authorised by an NF and/or a National Event authorised or organised by a NF that is suspended by the FEI.
6. An Athlete, Chef d'Equipe, Owner, or NF may challenge the application of Article 113.4, or seek a waiver thereof in exceptional circumstances, by application to the Secretary General. A denial of that application may be appealed to the FEI Tribunal, such appeal to be heard on the papers without a live hearing unless the FEI Tribunal orders otherwise.

Article 114 - Horse Identification

1. The OC shall give an identification number to each of the participating Horses.
2. The identification number must be worn during the whole Event at all times when the Horse is out of the Event stables.

Article 115 - Invitations

1. The FEI may impose a specific online system to manage invitations, provided the Secretary General has duly informed the OCs and NFs of such requirement with sufficient prior written notice. Invitations for individual Athletes to take part in CIs must be sent to the NFs of the Athletes concerned. Invitations from OCs must be sent to the NFs of the Athletes concerned. Invitations must include copies of the schedule. The percentage of Athletes personally invited by OCs shall be specified in the Sport Rules for the specific Disciplines. However, these invitations from OCs (foreign and/or home Athletes) must be under the same conditions as for other Athletes and must in no way be directly or indirectly in connection with a financial contribution. Pay Cards and appearance fees, even in the form of VIP tables and Event privileges, are strictly prohibited and will be sanctioned.
2. Invitations to take part in CIOs may only be sent from the host NF directly to other NFs and must stipulate the number of Athletes and Horses that may be included in the official team and the number of individual entries that can be accepted.
3. At CIOs the number of invited NFs may be limited according to the schedule of the Event as approved by the FEI and the Sport Rules of the relevant Discipline.
4. Unless the relevant Sport Rules provide otherwise, the announcement of the approved date and place of a Championship automatically counts as an invitation to all NFs eligible to participate. Intentions to participate must be sent to the host NF as soon as possible.
5. All Athletes taking part in CIs, FEI Championships and Games must be given the same allowances and conditions. If similar accommodation facilities are not available for all Athletes and their Horses, allocation shall be decided by a draw.

Article 116 - Entries

1. The FEI may impose a specific online Entry System to be used by OCs and NFs to manage Athlete and Horse entries, provided the Secretary General has duly informed the OCs and NFs of such

requirement with sufficient prior written notice. If the entries of Athletes and Horses are not made through such online Entry System as imposed by the FEI (if applicable), such entries shall not be accepted by the FEI. In addition, any Athlete and Horse competing in any Competition without having been entered through any online Entry System as imposed by the FEI will be disqualified by the FEI, unless compelling circumstances warrant otherwise. If an online Entry System is imposed by the FEI, the Secretary General shall establish and make available to OCs and NFs guidelines detailing all relevant information and processes.

2. Entries for FEI Championships and FEI World Equestrian Games™

2.1 All Athletes invited or nominated must be entered by their NFs. All Athletes selected by their NFs, in accordance with the relevant Sport Rules and as specified in the Schedule, must be accepted by the OC. OCs may not accept any other entries.

2.2 NFs are responsible for selecting and entering qualified Horses and Athletes. This includes the fitness and capability of the Horses and the Athletes to participate in the Competitions for which they are entered.

2.3 Entries shall be made following the compulsory two (2) phases outlined below:

(i) Nominated entries

Must be made at least four (4) weeks before the Event and must include a list of the names of Athletes and Horses from which the definite entries and any substitutions will be chosen and state the number of Athletes and Horses which the NF intends to send. The number of nominated entries of Athletes and Horses must not exceed twice the number invited in the Schedule or prescribed by the Sport Rules. Once the nominated entries have been sent in, NFs may send fewer Athletes and/or Horses but never more than the number of nominated entries. NFs which are not represented after having made nominated entries and whose excuse is not acceptable to the OC shall be reported by the OC to the Secretary General for consideration of their excuse by the FEI Tribunal.

(ii) Definite entries

Must be made at the latest four (4) days preceding the beginning of the Event. These represent the final selection of Athletes and Horses that will travel to the Event. The definite entries may not exceed the number listed and must be chosen from the list of names on the nominated entries. After the definite entries have been sent in, substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses may only be made with the express permission of the OC.

2.4 Entries for Athletes and Horses must include their name, FEI registration number (FEI ID) and, where appropriate, qualifications.

3. Entries for all other International Events:

3.1 Entries for each Discipline shall be regulated in the each relevant Sport Rules., except for any FEI Championship and for the FEI World Equestrian Games where this Article shall apply.

3.2. Definite entries must be made at the latest four (4) days preceding the beginning of the Event. These represent the final selection of Athletes and Horses that may participate in the Event. Substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses may only be made in accordance with the relevant Sport Rules.

4. Should an NF send more Athletes and/or Horses than shown in the nominated entry the OC is not obliged to accommodate them or to allow them to participate in that Event even if the Sport Rules and schedule would allow such participation.

5. At an Event, an Athlete may withdraw any or all his Horses from a competition, but he may not add a Horse not previously entered for that competition without the approval of the OC and the Ground Jury.

6. Where an NF has made a nominated entry of a team and finds that it will be unable to send a team, it must immediately inform the OC.

7. Teams or individual Athletes who have been definitely entered by their NFs at any Event and fail to take part without valid excuse must be reported by the Foreign Judge/Technical Delegate to the Secretary General for consideration by the FEI Tribunal. Competing at another Event staged at the same time does not constitute a valid excuse for failure to participate at an Event. Withdrawals after the date of definite entries or no-shows will result in the Person Responsible being liable to reimburse the OC for any financial loss incurred by the OC (i.e. stabling and accommodation if provided by the OC, as mentioned in the schedule) as a result of such late withdrawal or no-show.

8. Unless otherwise provided in the Sport Rules, an NF cannot make definite entries for the same Athlete/Horse combination to more than one (1) OC for the same time period on penalty of disqualification of such Athlete/Horse combination from the Event in which they eventually participate.