# **EDUCATION SYSTEM**

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#### **EDUCATION SYSTEM FOR FEI VETERINARIANS**

#### Overview

The Education System for FEI Veterinarians provides a series of learning experiences that are based on the FEI Regulations and their application at international equestrian events. It aims at ensuring that all accredited veterinarians apply a consistent approach to veterinary matters at all FEI events, keeping the welfare of the horse at the heart of their practice at all times.

The career pathway offered to FEI Veterinarians is gradual. It starts with a common core pertaining to the treatment of competition horses and the provision of veterinary services and follows with a progressive specialisation towards various official functions and associated levels. FEI Veterinarians are first listed as a Permitted Treating Veterinarian and may then complete the requisite training and seek promotion to functions that include Official Veterinarian, Endurance Official Veterinarian, Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official, Testing Veterinarian, Measuring Veterinarian and Examining Veterinarian.

FEI Veterinarians are under the responsibility of their National Federation, which sets the number of veterinarians needed in the country, puts forward applicants for promotion and follows up on their work during the year. Most National Federations are assisted in these tasks by a designated National Head Veterinarian.

The FEI Veterinary Department normally accepts the applicants put forward by the National Federations – provided that the requisite criteria are met – unless exceptional circumstances warrant otherwise. In such situation, the FEI Veterinary Department will communicate its concerns to the National Federations and consult with them to reach a mutual resolution.

To ensure that FEI Veterinarians are up-to-date with the latest regulatory and horse welfare matters, they are requested to continue their education at regular intervals.

FEI Veterinarians' competence and performance are regularly evaluated and their status is reviewed annually by the FEI Veterinary Department.



## Minimum Requirements for Eligibility

#### To be considered, applicant FEI Veterinarians must:

- ✓ have an appropriate level of English, both written and spoken
- ✓ be licensed with the relevant veterinary regulatory body in their home or host country
- ✓ be in good standing with the relevant veterinary regulatory body in their home or host country
- ✓ be familiar with the FEI General, Veterinary and EADCM Regulations
- ✓ accept the applicable Codex or Code of Conduct
- ✓ be endorsed by their National Federation

National Federations are responsible for informing the FEI Veterinary Department of any veterinarian who would be subject to a temporary or permanent loss of veterinary license.

#### **Event Participation**

Lists of FEI Veterinarians are updated on the FEI website daily for the use of Organising Committees. Only the FEI Veterinarians who are current with their status maintenance and reporting obligations appear in these lists and can be appointed to FEI events.

FEI Veterinarians must present their FEI ID card at all FEI events they attend in a treating or official capacity.

Permitted Treating Veterinarians must fill in a Registration Form and list the horses under their care at all FEI events they attend.

FEI Veterinarians must abide by the applicable code of conduct and commit to act within the principles and rules of the FEI.

FEI Veterinarians' duties are listed in Job Descriptions, which serve as a roadmap when working at FEI events and in Checklists, which serve as an evaluation tool for the FEI. These documents however do not substitute to the FEI General, Veterinary and EADCM Regulations, which must govern all of FEI Veterinarians' actions.



## Competency-based Evaluation System

The Competency-based Evaluation System was developed to replace the age limit and offer regular assessments to all FEI Officials, including FEI Veterinarians, in the following areas:

- ✓ knowledge of FEI Rules and Regulations (first phase, implementation in 2020)
- ✓ English language proficiency
- √ fitness level required for the job
- ✓ soft skills in order to interact effectively and harmoniously

Regarding the first phase, FEI Veterinarians will be required to take an online assessment on FEI Campus, which consists of 50 questions (multiple choice, true/false, select missing word) that will test the veterinarians' understanding and knowledge of the FEI Veterinary Regulations. FEI Veterinarians must correctly answer 40 questions – within a 1 hour time window – to pass the assessment.

FEI Veterinarians will be divided into two groups that will be subject to different conditions:

 Group A: Official Veterinarians, Endurance Official Veterinarians, Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials and Testing Veterinarians who passed the General Veterinarian Course in 2019, 2018 or 2017.

Group A veterinarians will be required to take the online assessment at home between 16 December 2019 and 31 March 2020. Their official functions will be closed on 31 March 2020, should they fail to pass the online assessment within the allocated time period.

FEI Veterinarians may re-sit the online assessment a second time, should they fail on their first attempt. A minimum time period of 15 days must be observed between the first and second attempts. In the event of an FEI Veterinarian failing the online assessment twice, their official functions will be closed and they will be invited to take the online assessment during a Refresher Course.

 Group B: Official Veterinarians, Endurance Official Veterinarians, Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials and Testing Veterinarians who passed the General Veterinarian Course in 2016 or before.

Group B veterinarians will be required to take the online assessment during any Refresher Course held between 1 January 2020 and 15 December 2020. FEI Veterinarians will be asked to bring their personal computer to the course.

FEI Veterinarians will be invited to complete an oral assessment with the Course Director, should they fail the online assessment.



In the event of the Course Director considering the FEI Veterinarian's level of English or knowledge of the Rules inappropriate, a recommendation for transfer down will be sent to the FEI Veterinary Department.

#### **Annual Status Review**

At the end of each year, the FEI Veterinary Department reviews the status of all FEI Veterinarians for educational and activity requirements and either renews their status for the following period, transfers them down or suspends them. The FEI Veterinary Department informs the National Federations via spreadsheets that summarise their veterinarians' activity over the past 3 years.

National Federations are required to return these spreadsheets to the FEI Veterinary Department should they need to notify any changes in their veterinarians' details or any removal from list (voluntary or by NF/NHV decision).

## Suspension and Reinstatement

FEI Veterinarians may be suspended by decision of the FEI for failing to comply with the applicable code of conduct and/or properly perform their duties as set forth in the FEI Regulations.

FEI Veterinarians who were suspended for late submission of Veterinary Reports or any other disciplinary reasons are communicated the conditions for their reinstatement individually.

FEI Veterinarians who were suspended following the Annual Status Review can be relisted following completion of the status maintenance requirements set forth hereafter. They must contact their National Federation or the FEI Veterinary Department once they are up-to-date so their online account can be updated accordingly.



## **Permitted Treating Veterinarians**

#### **Status Requirements**

Veterinarians wishing to be listed as a Permitted Treating Veterinarian must:

- ✓ provide the name of 2 veterinarians who support their application
- ✓ provide a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing
- √ have suitable insurance for their work
- √ apply to their National Federation
- ✓ activate their online account within 15 days of receiving the account activation email
- √ accept the PTV Codex
- ✓ pass the PTV online examination

Applicants must provide the name of two veterinarians who support their application (one must be listed as an Official Veterinarian), provide a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing and apply to their National Federation using the PTV Application Form. Upon approval, their National Federation will create an online account within the FEI Database and send an automatic email to the applicants so they can activate their account, accept the PTV Codex and take the online examination. The examination consists of 30 multiple choice questions that will test the applicants' understanding and knowledge of the FEI General, Veterinary and EADCM Regulations. Applicants must correctly answer 28 questions to pass the examination and may re-sit it, should they fail on their first attempt.

On passing the examination, applicants are automatically listed as a Permitted Treating Veterinarian in the FEI Database and issued an ID card which is valid for 3 years.

#### Roles at FEI Events

Permitted Treating Veterinarians may take on the following roles at FEI events:

- ✓ Treating Veterinarian; Athlete's Private Veterinarian; Team Veterinarian
- √ Holding Box Veterinarian

## Status Maintenance

To maintain status, Permitted Treating Veterinarians must:

- ✓ present a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing every 3 years
- ✓ pass the PTV online examination every 3 years

Automatic email reminders are sent 3 months, 1 month and 2 weeks before the expiry date of their PTV ID card with instructions on how to access and take the examination. A new PTV ID card is issued after successful completion of the examination.



#### Official Veterinarians

### Level 1 Official Veterinarians – All Disciplines

#### Status Requirements

Veterinarians wishing to be listed as a Level 1 Official Veterinarian must:

- ✓ be listed as a Permitted Treating Veterinarian
- ✓ have a minimum of 3 years equine veterinary experience at the time of application
- ✓ provide a CV with their employers' details
- ✓ enrol on the FEI website
- ✓ be endorsed by their National Federation
- ✓ complete the Level 1 Official Veterinarian online education programme
- ✓ pass the Level 1 Official Veterinarian online examination

Applicants must be listed as a Permitted Treating Veterinarian (no minimum time period required). Applicants must fill in the enrolment form on the FEI website in which they must attest to a minimum of 3 years equine veterinary experience, provide a CV with their employers' details and accept the FEI Officials' Code of Conduct. Upon approval, their National Federation will grant them access to the Level 1 Official Veterinarian Education Programme, which they must complete and validate by passing an online examination.

On passing the online examination, applicants are listed as a Level 1 Official Veterinarian in the FEI Database and issued an ID card which must be renewed every year.

#### Roles at FEI Events

Level 1 Official Veterinarians may take on the following roles at FEI events:

- ✓ Veterinary Services Manager; Veterinary Control Officer
- ✓ Holding Box Veterinarian

#### Status Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 1 Official Veterinarians must:

- ✓ pass the Competency-based Evaluation System every year
- ✓ pass the Level 1 Official Veterinarian online examination every 3 years
- ✓ present a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing every 3 years
- √ officiate as a Level 1 Official Veterinarian at a minimum of 2 FEI events every 3 years



Automatic reminders are sent 3 months, 1 month and 2 weeks before the online examination's due date with instructions on how to access and take the examination. Level 1 Official Veterinarians who fail to officiate at the minimum required number of events will lose their status and be required to resume the enrolment process.

Level 2 Official Veterinarians – All Disciplines except Endurance

#### Status Requirements - First Discipline

Veterinarians wishing to be listed as a Level 2 Official Veterinarian must:

- ✓ be listed as a Level 1 Official Veterinarian
- ✓ have a minimum of 5 years equine veterinary experience at the time of application
- ✓ provide a CV with their employers' details
- ✓ pass the online Foundation Course of their chosen discipline
- ✓ pass the Level 2 Official Veterinarian Transfer Course
- ✓ complete official mentoring with at least 2 different VDs at a minimum of 3 FEI events
- ✓ be recommended for promotion by their mentors
- √ apply to their National Federation

Applicants must be listed as a Level 1 Official Veterinarian (no minimum time period required). Applicants must attest to a minimum of 5 years equine veterinary experience and provide a CV with their employers' details. Applicants must have passed the online Foundation Course of their chosen discipline and the Level 2 Official Veterinarian Transfer Course within the 2 years prior to applying. Applicants must have completed official mentoring with at least 2 different Veterinary Delegates at a minimum of 3 FEI events in their chosen discipline within the 2 years prior to applying. Applicants must apply to their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion, in which they will list the events they attended and their mentors' name. They must enclose a minimum of 2 positive Evaluation Forms duly filled in and signed by their mentors.

Upon approval, their National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will proceed to the necessary verifications and promote the applicants who have satisfied all requirements. The FEI Veterinary Department will update the FEI Database and send their name stamp to their National Federation for dispatch. Name stamps are invoiced CHF 80 to the National Federation (CHF 40 per stamp and CHF 40 for postage). Official Veterinarians will be able to download their ID card from their online account.



#### Status Requirements – Additional Disciplines

Level 2 Official Veterinarians wishing to be listed for another discipline must:

- ✓ pass the online Foundation Course of the discipline concerned
- ✓ complete official mentoring with a VD at a minimum of 1 FEI event of the discipline concerned
- ✓ be recommended for promotion by their mentor
- √ apply to their National Federation

Applicants must have passed the online Foundation Course and completed official mentoring with a Veterinary Delegate at a minimum of 1 FEI event of the discipline concerned. Applicants must apply to their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion, to which they will enclose a positive Evaluation Form duly filled in and signed by their mentor.

Upon approval, their National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will proceed to the necessary verifications and add the requested discipline to the Official Veterinarian's functions.

#### Notes:

- The level assigned to additional disciplines corresponds to the highest level achieved by the Official Veterinarian.
- First and Additional Discipline(s) can be applied for in a single application.

#### Roles at FEI Events

Level 2 Official Veterinarians may take on the following roles at CIMs (see Appendix E of the FEI General Regulations for a detailed list of events):

- ✓ Veterinary Delegate; Additional Veterinary Delegate
- √ Veterinary Services Manager; Veterinary Control Officer
- √ Holding Box Veterinarian

#### Status Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 2 Official Veterinarians must:

- ✓ pass the Competency-based Evaluation System every year
- ✓ pass the Level 2 Official Veterinarian Refresher Course every 3 years
- ✓ present a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing every 3 years
- ✓ officiate as a Level 2 Official Veterinarian at a minimum of 2 FEI events every 3 years



Level 2 Official Veterinarians who fail to pass the Refresher Course in due time will have their functions closed until they pass the course. Level 2 Official Veterinarians who fail to officiate at the minimum required number of events will be transferred down to Level 1 Official Veterinarian. They will be required to complete official mentoring with a Veterinary Delegate at 1 FEI event in order to be considered for promotion again.

Level 3 Official Veterinarians – All Disciplines except Endurance

## **Status Requirements**

- ✓ have been listed as a Level 2 Official Veterinarian for a minimum of 3 years
- ✓ have officiated as VD at a minimum of 10 FEI events
- √ apply to their National Federation

Applicants must have been listed as a Level 2 Official Veterinarian for a minimum of 3 years and have officiated as Veterinary Delegate at a minimum of 10 FEI events (CIMs), all disciplines combined except Endurance. Applicants must apply to their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion, in which they will list the events they attended.

Upon approval, their National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will proceed to the necessary verifications and promote the applicants who have satisfied all requirements.

#### Roles at FEI Events

Level 3 Official Veterinarians may take on the following roles at CIs, CIOs, Children's Classics, Challenge Finals, Nations Cups and Regional Championships:

- ✓ Veterinary Delegate; Additional Veterinary Delegate; Foreign Veterinary Delegate
- √ Veterinary Services Manager; Veterinary Control Officer

Level 3 Official Veterinarians may take on the following roles at World Cup Finals, Continental Championships, Olympic Qualifiers and Continental Games:

- ✓ Additional Veterinary Delegates
- ✓ Members of the Veterinary Commission



#### Status Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 3 Official Veterinarians must:

- ✓ pass the Competency-based Evaluation System every year
- ✓ pass the Level 3 Official Veterinarian Refresher Course every 3 years
- ✓ present a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing every 3 years
- √ officiate as a Level 3 Official Veterinarian at a minimum of 2 FEI events every 3 years

Level 3 Official Veterinarians who fail to pass the Refresher Course in due time will have their functions closed until they pass the course. Level 3 Official Veterinarians who fail to officiate at the minimum required number of events (CIs, CIOs, Children's Classics, Challenge Finals, Nations Cups and Regional Championships) will be transferred down to Level 2 Official Veterinarian. They will be required to complete official mentoring with a Veterinary Delegate or Foreign Veterinary Delegate at 1 FEI event in order to be considered for promotion again.

Level 4 Official Veterinarians – All Disciplines except Endurance

## Status Requirements

- √ have been listed as a Level 3 Official Veterinarian for a minimum of 3 years
- ✓ have officiated as VD or FVD at a minimum of 5 FEI events
- ✓ be in good standing with the FEI
- √ pass an on-site evaluation
- ✓ pass the Level 4 FEI Official Transfer Course
- ✓ apply to their National Federation

Applicants must have been listed as a Level 3 Official Veterinarian for a minimum of 3 years and have officiated as Veterinary Delegate or Foreign Veterinary Delegate at a minimum of 5 FEI events (CIs, CIOs, Children's Classics, Challenge Finals, Nations Cups and Regional Championships), all disciplines combined except Endurance. Applicants must be in good standing with the FEI and have never been subject to any investigation or disciplinary measure. Applicants must have passed an on-site evaluation conducted by a designated FEI representative and the Level 4 FEI Official Transfer Course, which is common to all Level 4 FEI Officials. Applicants must apply to their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion, in which they will list the events they attended and provide the results of their on-site evaluation.

Upon approval, their National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will proceed to the necessary verifications and promote the applicants who have satisfied all requirements.



#### Roles at FEI Events

Level 4 Official Veterinarians may take on the following roles at World Cup Finals, Continental Championships, World Championships, Olympic Qualifiers, Continental Games and Olympic Games:

- √ Foreign Veterinary Delegate
- ✓ President of the Veterinary Commission; Member of the Veterinary Commission
- √ Veterinary Services Manager; Veterinary Control Officer

#### Status Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 4 Official Veterinarians must:

- √ pass the Competency-based Evaluation System every year
- ✓ pass the Level 4 Official Veterinarian Refresher Course every 3 years
- ✓ present a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing every 3 years
- ✓ officiate as a Level 4 Official Veterinarian at a minimum of 2 FEI events every 3 years

Level 4 Official Veterinarians who fail to pass the Refresher Course in due time will have their functions closed until they pass the course. Level 4 Official Veterinarians who fail to officiate at the minimum required number of events (World Cup Finals, Continental Championships, World Championships, Olympic Qualifiers, Continental Games and Olympic Games) will be transferred down to Level 3 Official Veterinarian. They will be required to pass an on-site evaluation in order to be considered for promotion again.

#### **Endurance Official Veterinarians**

Level 2 Endurance Official Veterinarians

#### Status Requirements

Veterinarians wishing to be listed as a Level 2 Endurance Official Veterinarian must:

- ✓ be listed as a Level 1 Official Veterinarian
- ✓ have a minimum of 5 years equine veterinary experience at the time of application
- ✓ provide a CV with their employers' details
- ✓ pass the online Endurance Foundation Course
- ✓ pass the Level 2 Endurance Official Veterinarian Transfer Course
- ✓ complete official mentoring with at least 4 different MVCs at a minimum of 6 FEI events
- ✓ be recommended for promotion by their mentors
- √ apply to their National Federation



Applicants must be listed as a Level 1 Official Veterinarian (no minimum time period required). Applicants must attest to a minimum of 5 years equine veterinary experience and provide a CV with their employers' details. Applicants must have passed the online Endurance Foundation Course and the Level 2 Endurance Official Veterinarian Transfer Course within the 2 years prior to applying. Applicants must have completed official mentoring with at least 4 different members of the Veterinary Commission at a minimum of 6 CEIs within the 4 years prior to applying. Applicants must apply to their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion, in which they will list the events they attended and their mentors' name. They must enclose a minimum of 4 positive Evaluation Forms duly filled in and signed by their mentors.

Upon approval, their National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will proceed to the necessary verifications and promote the applicants who have satisfied all requirements. The FEI Veterinary Department will update the FEI Database and send their name stamp to their National Federation for dispatch. Name stamps are invoiced CHF 80 to the National Federation (CHF 40 per stamp and CHF 40 for postage). Endurance Official Veterinarians will be able to download their ID card from their online account.

#### Role at FEI Events

Level 2 Endurance Official Veterinarians may take on the following role at CEI1\*, CEI2\*, CEIYJ1\* and CEIYJ2\*:

- ✓ member of the Veterinary Commission
- ✓ Foreign Veterinary Delegate

#### Status Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 2 Endurance Official Veterinarians must:

- ✓ pass the Competency-based Evaluation System every year
- ✓ pass the Level 2 Endurance Official Veterinarian Refresher Course every 3 years
- ✓ present a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing every 3 years
- ✓ officiate as a Level 2 Endurance Official Veterinarian at a minimum of 2 FEI events every 3 years

Level 2 Endurance Official Veterinarians who fail to pass the Refresher Course in due time will have their functions closed until they pass the course. Level 2 Official Veterinarians who fail to officiate at the minimum required number of events will be transferred down to Level 1 Official Veterinarian. They will be required to complete official mentoring with a member of the Veterinary Commission at 1 CEI in order to be considered for promotion again.



#### Level 3 Endurance Official Veterinarians

#### **Status Requirements**

Veterinarians wishing to be listed as a Level 3 Endurance Official Veterinarian must:

- √ have been listed as a Level 2 Endurance Official Veterinarian for a minimum of 3 years
- ✓ provide a CV with their employers' details
- √ have officiated as a member of the Veterinary Commission at a minimum of 10 CEIs
- ✓ provide 3 references from Presidents of the Veterinary Commission
- ✓ pass the Level 3 Endurance Official Veterinarian Transfer Course
- √ apply to their National Federation

Applicants must have been listed as a Level 2 Endurance Official Veterinarian for a minimum of 3 years. Applicants must attest to their continued equine veterinary experience and provide a CV with their employers' details. Applicants must have officiated as a member of the Veterinary Commission at a minimum of 10 CEIs (CEI1\*, CEI2\*, CEIYJ1\* and CEIYJ2\*) and provide 3 references from Presidents of the Veterinary Commission they worked with. Applicants must have passed the Level 3 Endurance Official Veterinarian Transfer Course within the 2 years prior to applying. Applicants must apply to their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion.

Upon approval, their National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will proceed to the necessary verifications and promote the applicants who have satisfied all requirements.

#### Roles at FEI Events

Level 3 Endurance Official Veterinarians may take on the following roles at CEI1\*, CEI2\*, CEIYJ1\*, CEIYJ2\* and Regional Championships:

- ✓ President of the Veterinary Commission
- √ Foreign Veterinary Delegate

Level 3 Endurance Official Veterinarians may take on the following role at CEI3\*:

✓ Member of the Veterinary Commission



#### Status Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 3 Endurance Official Veterinarians must:

- ✓ pass the Competency-based Evaluation System every year
- ✓ pass the Level 3 Endurance Official Veterinarian Refresher Course every 3 years
- ✓ present a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing every 3 years
- ✓ officiate as a Level 3 Endurance Official Veterinarian at a minimum of 2 CEIs every 3 years

Level 3 Endurance Official Veterinarians who fail to pass the Refresher Course in due time will have their functions closed until they pass the course. Level 3 Endurance Official Veterinarians who fail to officiate at the minimum required number of events will be transferred down to Level 2 Endurance Official Veterinarian. They will be required to complete official mentoring with a President of the Veterinary Commission or Foreign Veterinary Delegate at 1 FEI event in order to be considered for promotion again.

Level 4 Endurance Official Veterinarians

#### Status Requirements

Veterinarians wishing to be listed as a Level 4 Endurance Official Veterinarian must:

- √ have been listed as a Level 3 Endurance Official Veterinarian for a minimum of 3 years
- ✓ have officiated as President of the Veterinary Commission or FVD at a minimum of 5 CEIs
- ✓ be in good standing with the FEI
- √ pass an on-site evaluation
- √ pass the Level 4 FEI Official Transfer Course
- √ apply to their National Federation

Applicants must have been listed as a Level 3 Endurance Official Veterinarian for a minimum of 3 years and have officiated as President of the Veterinary Commission or Foreign Veterinary Delegate at a minimum of 5 FEI events (CEI1\*, CEI2\*, CEIYJ1\*, CEIYJ2\* and Regional Championships). Applicants must be in good standing with the FEI and have never been subject to any investigation or disciplinary measure. Applicants must have passed an on-site evaluation conducted by a designated FEI representative and the Level 4 FEI Official Transfer Course, which is common to all Level 4 FEI Officials. Applicants must apply to their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion, in which they will list the events they attended and provide the results of their on-site evaluation.

Upon approval, their National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will proceed to the necessary verifications and promote the applicants who have satisfied all requirements.



#### Roles at FEI Events

Level 4 Endurance Official Veterinarians may take on the following roles at CEI3\*:

- ✓ Foreign Veterinary Delegate
- ✓ President of the Veterinary Commission

Level 4 Endurance Official Veterinarians may take on the following roles at Regional Games, Continental Championships, World Championships and Championships for Seniors, Juniors, Young Riders and Young Horses:

- ✓ Foreign Veterinary Delegate
- ✓ President of the Veterinary Commission; Member of the Veterinary Commission

#### Status Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 4 Endurance Official Veterinarians must:

- √ pass the Competency-based Evaluation System every year
- ✓ pass the Level 4 Endurance Official Veterinarian Refresher Course every 3 years
- ✓ present a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing every 3 years
- ✓ officiate as a Level 4 Endurance Official Veterinarian at a minimum of 2 CEIs every 3 years

Level 4 Endurance Official Veterinarians who fail to pass the Refresher Course in due time will have their functions closed until they pass the course. Level 4 Official Veterinarians who fail to officiate at the minimum required number of events (CEI3\*, Regional Games, Continental Championships, World Championships and Championships for Seniors, Juniors, Young Riders and Young Horses) will be transferred down to Level 3 Endurance Official Veterinarian. They will be required to pass an on-site evaluation in order to be considered for promotion again.

## **Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials**

Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials

#### Status Requirements

Veterinarians wishing to be listed as a Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official must:

- ✓ be listed as a Level 1 Official Veterinarian
- ✓ have a minimum of 5 years equine veterinary experience at the time of application
- ✓ provide a CV with their employers' details
- √ have suitable insurance for their work



- √ pass the online Endurance Foundation Course
- ✓ pass the Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official Transfer Course
- ✓ complete official mentoring with at least 2 different MVCs at a minimum of 3 FEI events
- ✓ complete official mentoring with at least 2 different PTCs or MTCs at a minimum of 3 FEI events
- ✓ be recommended for promotion by their mentors
- √ apply to their National Federation

Applicants must be listed as a Level 1 Official Veterinarian (no minimum time period required). Applicants must attest to a minimum of 5 years equine veterinary experience and provide a CV with their employers' details. Applicants must have passed the online Endurance Foundation Course and the Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official Transfer Course within the 2 years prior to applying. Applicants must have completed official mentoring with at least 2 different members of the Veterinary Commission at a minimum of 3 CEIs and with at least 2 different Presidents or members of the Treatment Commission at a minimum of 3 CEIs within the 4 years prior to applying. Applicants must apply to their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion, in which they will list the events they attended and their mentors' name. They must enclose a minimum of 4 positive Evaluation Forms duly filled in and signed by their mentors (2 evaluations by the members of the Veterinary Commission and 2 evaluations by the Presidents or members of the Treatment Commission).

Upon approval, their National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will proceed to the necessary verifications and promote the applicants who have satisfied all requirements. Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials will be able to download their ID card from their online account.

#### Roles at FEI Events

Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials may take on the following roles at CEI1\*, CEI2\*, CEIYJ1\* and CEIYJ2\*:

- ✓ member of the Treatment Commission
- √ Veterinary Services Manager

Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials may take on the following roles at CEI1\* and Regional Championships:

- ✓ President of the Treatment Commission
- ✓ Veterinary Services Manager



#### Status Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials must:

- ✓ pass the Competency-based Evaluation System every year
- ✓ pass the Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official Refresher Course every 3 years
- ✓ present a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing every 3 years
- ✓ officiate as a Level 4 Endurance Official Veterinarian at a minimum of 2 CEIs every 3 years

Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials who fail to pass the Refresher Course in due time will have their functions closed until they pass the course. Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials who fail to officiate at the minimum required number of events will be transferred down to Level 1 Official Veterinarian. They will be required to complete official mentoring with a President or member of the Treatment Commission at 1 CEI in order to be considered for promotion again.

Level 3 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials

#### Status Requirements

Veterinarians wishing to be listed as a Level 3 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official must:

- √ have been listed as a Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official for a minimum of 3 years
- ✓ provide a CV with their employers' details
- √ have suitable insurance for their work
- √ have officiated as a member or President of the Treatment Commission at a minimum of 10 CEIs
- ✓ provide 3 references from Presidents of the Treatment Commission
- √ provide 2 case reports
- ✓ pass the Level 3 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official Transfer Course
- ✓ apply to their National Federation

Applicants must have been listed as a Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official for a minimum of 3 years. Applicants must attest to their continued equine veterinary experience and provide a CV with their employers' details. Applicants must have officiated as a President or member of the Treatment Commission at a minimum of 10 CEIs (CEI1\*, CEI2\*, CEIYJ1\*, CEIYJ2\* and Regional Championships) and provide 3 references from Presidents of the Treatment Commission they worked with. Applicants must provide 2 case reports (one metabolic and one orthopaedic) where they demonstrate their skills in the treatment of Endurance horses. Applicants must have passed the Level 3 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official Transfer Course within the 2 years prior to applying. Applicants must apply to their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion.



Upon approval, their National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will proceed to the necessary verifications and promote the applicants who have satisfied all requirements.

#### Roles at FEI Events

Level 3 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials may take on the following roles at CEI2\*:

- ✓ President of the Treatment Commission
- √ Veterinary Services Manager

#### Status Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 3 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials must:

- ✓ pass the Competency-based Evaluation System every year
- ✓ pass the Level 3 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official Refresher Course every 3 years
- ✓ present a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing every 3 years
- √ officiate as a Level 3 Endurance Official Veterinarian at a minimum of 2 CEIs every 3 years

Level 3 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials who fail to pass the Refresher Course in due time will have their functions closed until they pass the course. Level 3 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials who fail to officiate at the minimum required number of events will be transferred down to Level 2 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official. They will be required to complete official mentoring with a President of the Treatment Commission at 1 FEI event in order to be considered for promotion again.

Level 4 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials

#### Status Requirements

Veterinarians wishing to be listed as a Level 4 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official must:

- ✓ have been listed as a Level 3 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official for a minimum of 3 years
- √ have suitable insurance for their work
- ✓ have officiated as President of the Treatment Commission at a minimum of 5 CEIs
- ✓ be in good standing with the FEI
- ✓ pass an on-site evaluation
- ✓ pass the Level 4 FEI Official Transfer Course
- √ apply to their National Federation



Applicants must have been listed as a Level 3 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official for a minimum of 3 years and have officiated as President of the Treatment Commission at a minimum of 5 FEI events (CEI2\*). Applicants must be in good standing with the FEI and have never been subject to any investigation or disciplinary measure. Applicants must have passed an on-site evaluation conducted by a designated FEI representative and the Level 4 FEI Official Transfer Course, which is common to all Level 4 FEI Officials. Applicants must apply to their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion, in which they will list the events they attended and provide the results of their on-site evaluation.

Upon approval, their National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will proceed to the necessary verifications and promote the applicants who have satisfied all requirements.

### Roles at FEI Events

Level 4 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials may take on the following roles at CEI3\*:

- ✓ President of the Treatment Commission
- ✓ Veterinary Services Manager

Level 4 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials may take on the following roles at Regional Games, Continental Championships, World Championships and Championships for Seniors, Juniors, Young Riders and Young Horses:

- ✓ President of the Treatment Commission; Member of the Treatment Commission
- √ Veterinary Services Manager

#### **Status Maintenance**

To maintain status, Level 4 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials must:

- √ pass the Competency-based Evaluation System every year
- ✓ pass the Level 4 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Refresher Course every 3 years
- ✓ present a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing every 3 years
- ✓ officiate as a Level 4 Endurance Official Veterinarian at a minimum of 2 CEIs every 3 years

Level 4 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials who fail to pass the Refresher Course in due time will have their functions closed until they pass the course. Level 4 Official Veterinarians who fail to officiate at the minimum required number of events (CEI3\*, Regional Games, Continental Championships, World Championships and Championships for Seniors, Juniors, Young Riders and Young Horses) will be transferred down to Level 3 Endurance Veterinary Treatment Official. They will be required to pass an on-site evaluation in order to be considered for promotion again.



## **Testing Veterinarians**

#### **Status Requirements**

Veterinarians wishing to be listed as a Testing Veterinarian must:

- √ be listed as a Permitted Treating Veterinarian
- ✓ be nominated by their National Federation or the FEI Veterinary Department
- √ pass the Level 2 Official Veterinarian Transfer Course
- √ pass the Testing Course
- ✓ pass the Testing Veterinarian online examination
- ✓ pass a practical evaluation with a Testing Veterinarian at 1 FEI event
- √ apply to their National Federation

Applicants must be listed as a Permitted Treating Veterinarian (no minimum time period required). Applicants must have passed the Level 2 Official Veterinarian Transfer Course and the Testing Course within the 2 years prior to applying. After having passed the Testing Course, applicants must ask their National Federation to grant them access to the online examination on FEI Campus so they may complete it. The examination consists of 30 multiple choice questions that will test their understanding and knowledge of the FEI Veterinary and EADCM Regulations, the material presented at the Testing Course and the FEI Testing Veterinarian Manual. Applicants must correctly answer 28 questions - within a 45-minute time window - to pass the examination. They may resit the examination a second time should they fail on their first attempt. Two failures will put an end to the application process. After successful completion of the online examination, applicants must contact the FEI Veterinary Department to organise the practical evaluation that will be carried out at an FEI event under the supervision of a Testing Veterinarian. Applicants must apply to their National Federation using the relevant Application for Promotion, to which they will enclose a positive Evaluation Form duly filled in and signed by their mentor.

Upon approval, their National Federation will forward the applications to the FEI Veterinary Department that will proceed to the necessary verifications and promote the applicants who have satisfied all requirements. Testing Veterinarians will be able to download their ID card from their online account.

#### Role at FEI Events

Testing Veterinarians carry out EADCM testing at the FEI events to which they are appointed, as set forth in the FEI Veterinary and EADCM Regulations. They can be assisted in their duties by Testing Technicians.



#### Status Maintenance

To maintain status, Testing Veterinarians must:

- ✓ pass the Competency-based Evaluation System every year
- ✓ pass the Testing Course every 3 years
- ✓ present a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing every 3 years
- √ work as a Testing Veterinarian at a minimum of 2 FEI events every 3 years

## **Measuring Veterinarians**

## Status Requirements

Veterinarians wishing to be listed as a Measuring Veterinarian must:

- √ be listed as a Level 2 Official Veterinarian
- ✓ be nominated by their National Federation or the FEI Veterinary Department
- √ have completed official mentoring with at least 2 MVs at a minimum of 2 Measuring Sessions
- √ be recommended for promotion by their mentors

Applicants must be listed as a Level 2 Official Veterinarian (no minimum time period required). Applicants be nominated by their National Federation or the FEI Veterinary Department, which will organise official mentoring at 2 Measuring Sessions under the supervision of at least 2 different Measuring Veterinarians. Their mentors will fill in and sign Evaluation Forms and return them to the FEI Veterinary Department for decision.

Upon approval, the FEI Veterinary Department will promote the applicants. Measuring Veterinarians will be able to download their ID card from their online account.

#### Role at FEI Events

Measuring Veterinarians carry out Pony Measuring at the Measuring Sessions to which they are appointed, as set forth in the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

#### Status Maintenance

To maintain status, Measuring Veterinarians must:

- ✓ pass the Competency-based Evaluation System every year
- ✓ pass the Level 2 Official Veterinarian Refresher Course every 3 years
- ✓ present a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing every 3 years
- √ work as a Measuring Veterinarian at a minimum of 2 Measuring Sessions every 3 years



## **Examining Veterinarians**

#### **Status Requirements**

Veterinarians wishing to be listed as an Examining Veterinarian must:

- ✓ be listed as a Level 2 Official Veterinarian
- ✓ be nominated by their National Federation or the FEI Veterinary Department
- √ have completed official mentoring with at least 2 EVs at a minimum of 2 FEI events
- ✓ be recommended for promotion by their mentors

Applicants must be listed as a Level 2 Official Veterinarian (no minimum time period required). Applicants must be nominated by their National Federation or the FEI Veterinary Department, which will organise official mentoring at 2 FEI events under the supervision of at least 2 different Examining Veterinarians. Their mentors will fill in and sign Evaluation Forms and return them to the FEI Veterinary Department for decision.

Upon approval, the FEI Veterinary Department will promote the applicants. Examining Veterinarians will be able to download their ID card from their online account.

#### Role at FEI Events

Examining Veterinarians examine horses for abnormal limb sensitivity at the FEI events to which they are appointed, as set forth in the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

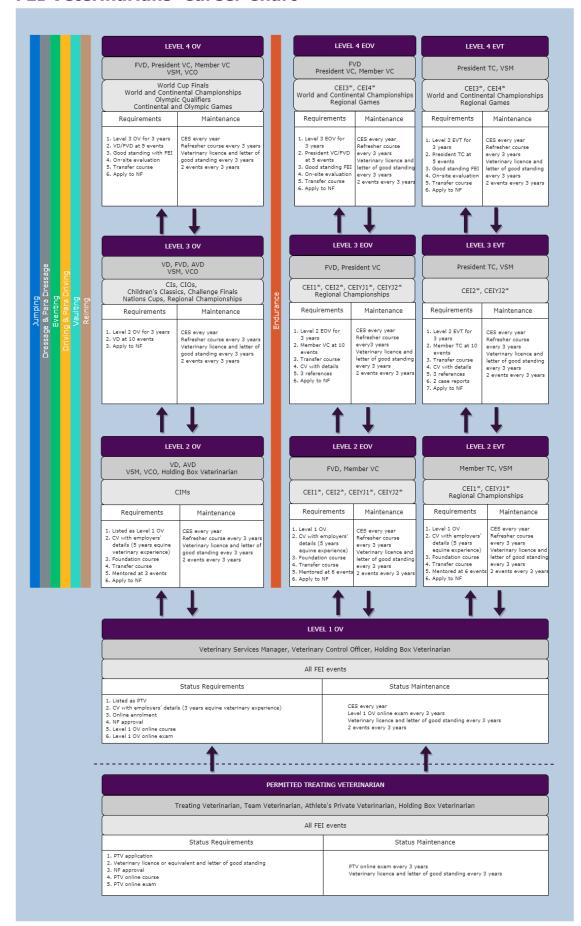
#### **Status Maintenance**

To maintain status, Examining Veterinarians must:

- ✓ pass the Competency-based Evaluation System every year
- √ pass the Level 2 Official Veterinarian Refresher Course every 3 years
- ✓ present a copy of their veterinary license and a letter of good standing every 3 years
- ✓ work as an Examining Veterinarian at a minimum of 2 FEI events every 3 years



#### **FEI Veterinarians' Career Chart**





## **Veterinary Transfer and Refresher Courses**

