



Veterinary Guidance

Reference:	VGn 4/2010	Date: 25th March 2010
Subject:	Compulsory FEI course attendance requirements for Veterinarians present at FEI events	
Related Regulations	FEI Veterinary Regulations 2010 (Art 1003), FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations 2010 (commencing 5th April 2009)	
Background : Visit www.feicleansport.org and www.fei.org	<p>At the 2009 FEI General Assembly, measures were agreed by National Federations as part of the Clean Sport initiative. These measures are to increase the clarity in many areas of equestrian sport in order to ensure that the integrity of the sport is maintained now and in the future. Art 1003 of the 2010 FEI Veterinary Regulations outlines the below categories of veterinarians during FEI events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- FEI Event Veterinarians*- Team veterinarians*- Individual Competitor's Private Veterinarians (CPV)*- Testing Veterinarians*- Veterinary Control Officer*- Veterinary Services Manager*- <i>Examining Veterinarians</i>- <i>Treating Veterinarians</i> <p>This Veterinary Guidance note explains the purpose behind the introduction of compulsory regular attendance at an FEI Veterinary Course for those categories marked (*). It also states when these measures will commence fully and defines what regular course attendance is.</p>	
Purpose and Use:	<p>FEI Veterinary Course attendance requirements See also VGn/5</p> <p>The welfare of the horse is at the heart of equestrian sport. Ensuring that veterinary rules are applied consistently at FEI events protects not just welfare, but delivers the spirit of fair play within the sport.</p> <p>All Veterinarians present at FEI events have a role to play in ensuring the above. Therefore it is important they are familiar with the FEI Veterinary Regulations, the purpose behind certain policies, new measures and changes that have taken place and gain an understanding of the challenges being faced.</p> <p>FEI event veterinarians already must undertake an FEI Veterinary Course every 5 years. This requirement is now being extended to all of the above categories that are marked (*). By 31st December 2011 all such veterinarians who have a role at FEI</p>	

	competitions, must have attended an FEI veterinary course in order to be allowed to be accredited to fulfill that role.
Interim Measures	<p>Until 31st December 2011, all veterinarians in the categories marked (*) must provide their names and contact details (e mail preferred) to the FEI Veterinary Commission or Delegate.</p> <p>They will record them and attach the record to the event Veterinary Report for HQ. The latter must arrive at the FEI HQ no later than 2 weeks after the event.</p> <p>A system of accreditation for the categories of FEI vets (Vet Regs 2010) will commence fully on 31st December 2011.</p>
Further Queries on this Information Note	<p>If you have any further questions please feel free to contact mariama.bangura@fei.org or veterinary@fei.org for further information. Tel 0041213104747</p>