

Summary Information – Riding Rules for AERA/FEI Affiliated Events in NSW

We encourage everyone to read this document in conjunction with the AERA Rules & Policies and the 2025 FEI Endurance Rules.

<https://www.aera.asn.au/index.php/administration/rules-and-policies>

<https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/endurance/rules>

This document has been written to reassure members how the AERA and FEI riding rules will work in tandem at AERA/FEI affiliated events in NSW. Further explanation will be provided by the AERA &/or FEI Chief Stewards at the pre-ride talk at each event.

Several NSW and Qld ride committees are providing 1* and 2* rides in conjunction with their AERA events on the 2025 Calendar. This is providing Australian riders and horses with opportunities to qualify through the FEI process.

The culmination is the Stirlings Qld State Championship in July and the Neville NSW State Championships in October, providing two 3* championship events on the 2025 AERA Calendar.

The FEI qualification process can be found at <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/endurance/rules> Section 833.

How AERA and FEI riding rules & requirements work together at rides -

1. Paperwork & Administrative Requirements for riders entering an affiliated FEI or AERA Endurance event (this not relevant for introductory or intermediate rides) –
 - All riders (AERA and FEI) must be full (novice or endurance) members of their Divisional Association (DA), eg NSWERA; QERA; VERA; etc.
 - All FEI riders and horses must be currently registered with their State Equestrian body eg. Equestrian NSW; Equestrian Qld; Equestrian Vic.
 - All FEI riders and horses must be currently registered with the FEI (via Equestrian Australia).
 - All horses (AERA and FEI) must hold either an AERA Novice or Endurance horse Logbook.
 - All FEI horses must have a minimum requirement of a National Passport for 1* & 2* domestic competitions. Ensure this is brought to the ride with logbooks.
 - An FEI Recognition Card or FEI Passport can also be used for 1* and 2* events, and a requirement for 3* and to represent overseas.
 - All horses (AERA and FEI) must have a 4 day AERA Temp log completed and take to the ride.
 - In addition, all FEI owners/trainers must download the FEI HorseApp https://inside.fei.org/hub/it-services/mobile-apps/%20fei_horseapp to their smart phone and complete for their FEI horse/s before arriving and at the ride base. The information is downloaded to the event FEI Chief Steward to cross-check for the FEI database.
2. An FEI horse and/or rider must complete the FEI novice requirements to enter an FEI Event as per <https://inside.fei.org/content/fei-endurance-rules-2025> Section 832.

In addition, if the the FEI horse and/or rider is a Novice under the AERA Novice rules (including the 13-month rule), they must follow the Novice speed and time restrictions set down by the

AERA Rules <https://www.aera.asn.au/index.php/administration/rules-and-policies>. Also, no novice horse/rider can enter an event greater than 120km/2* in one day.

This will be managed by AERASpace at every ride and the FEI Ground Jury and Chief Stewards will be monitoring the computer to ensure that this occurs.

3. Every horse (AERA and FEI) has 15 minutes to reach 64bpm before presenting to the vets. It has one opportunity to represent within 15 minutes if it has not sufficiently recovered.

However, if an **FEI horse** does not reach 64bpm in 10 minutes but does so within 15 minutes, there will be a compulsory represent prior to starting the next loop/leg. This will be managed by the FEI Ground Jury and the AERASpace computer system at the ride.

There will be no compulsory represent for AERA horses if they do not achieve 64bpm within 10 minutes but do so within 15 minutes.

However, as is the norm for any ride, it is at the vets' discretion if they wish to ask any AERA horse to represent before going out on course.

Any horse (AERA and FEI) will be eliminated from the competition if they do not reach 64bpm in 15 mins after timing in off course for each loop/leg.

For the final loop/leg every horse (AERA and FEI) will have one opportunity to reach 64bpm in 20 mins. There is no compulsory represent if the horse does not recover before 10 minutes on the last leg.

4. As per 2025 FEI Rule 807.5, all FEI horses MUST depart onto the next loop/leg within 15 minutes of their departure time or be disqualified.

FEI Rule 807.5 does not apply to AERA horses.

5. All FEI horses must be in line of sight of the FEI officials whilst crewing/strapping and in their hold times.

AERA horses may return to their camps to crew/strap (although it is advisable to use the strapping/crewing area as you only have a max. 15 minutes), and for their compulsory hold times.

6. It is the prerogative of the Ride Organisers if they wish to run their AERA and FEI events as separate entities with an overall separate AERA ride winner and overall FEI Open and Youth winners awarded.

[In the interest of inclusivity, the 2025 NSW State Championships will be run with the overall winner of the NSW State Championships awarded to *either* the 1st HWT, 1st MWT or 1st FEI Open horse across the line entered in the 160km/3* event. Full details of this event will be provided in due course.]

It is hoped that by understanding that AERA and FEI can work in tandem with each other, it makes for a cohesive weekend at these events.