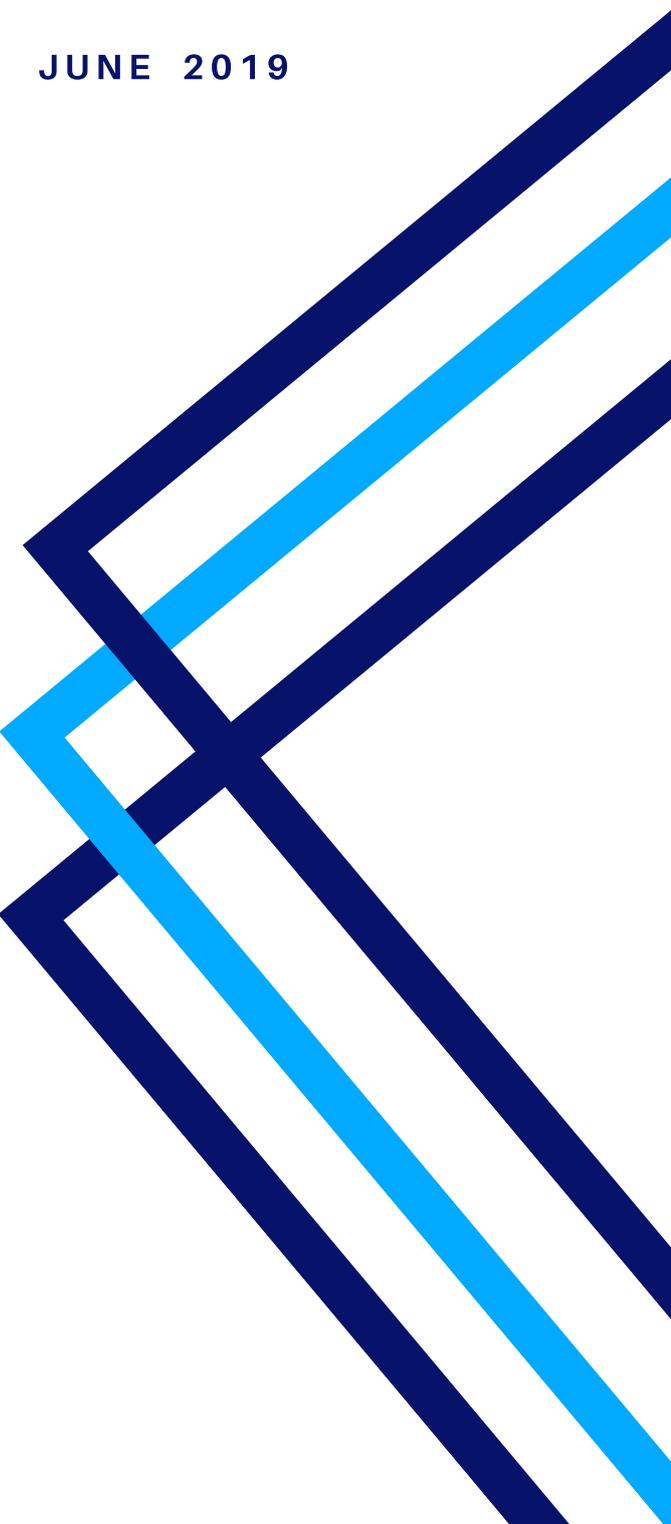


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QUALIFICATION SURVEY RESULT

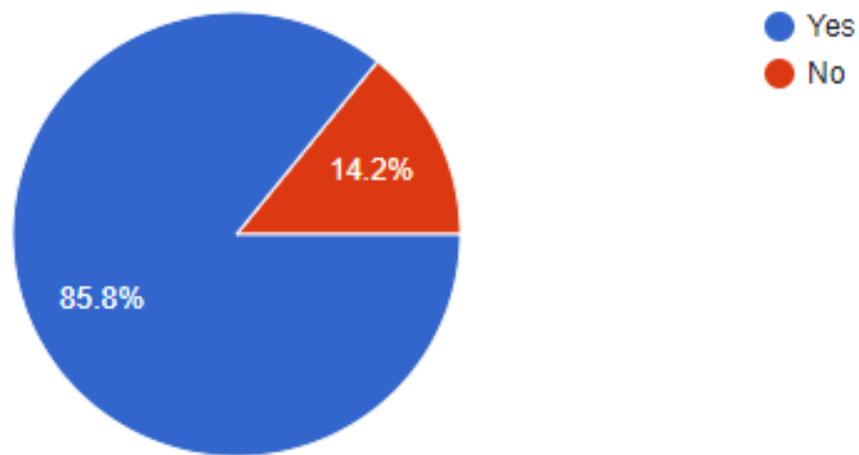
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Survey Respondents

Are you currently involved in FEI endurance (rider, groom, owner, crew, official, vet, ride organiser etc)

1,108 responses



This survey was only open to people currently involved in some capacity in FEI endurance. If the respondents replied no to this first question, they were unable to complete the survey.

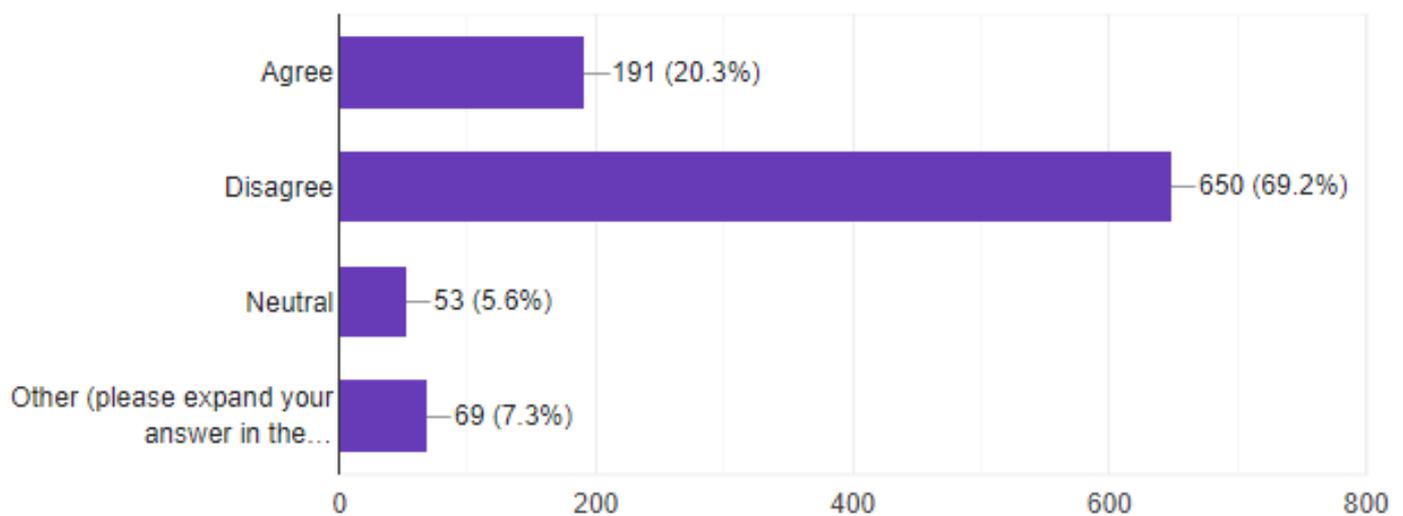
The answers in this documents are only from people that stated they were involved in FEI Endurance.



Existing ETC qualification proposal

The first three CEI 1* rides will be limited to a maximum speed of 18km/h. Once completed successfully, the horse and rider can progress to 2*. The first successful CEI 2* completion must be under 18 kph. The next two 2* rides will have the speed linked to the completion % of the horse and rider. Once the CEI 2* level is completed, the horse and rider can progress to CEI 3* where their speed will be linked to their completion rate. Only riders and horses who have a minimum of 66% completion rate can ride at free speed with no speed limit.

939 responses



Comments on this were varied, many people felt 3 rides at 1* is too much, either because it puts miles on legs or because there aren't enough FEI rides in their country to achieve it in a short space of time.

Others felt that capped speed will not end horse abuse. They are worried that once a horse and rider get past the capped rides riders are free to abuse and over ride a horse. Several spoke about needing trail technicality to reduce over riding and keep abuse to a minimum.



Existing FEI Qualification with modification

CEI Star Qualifying: to be determined according to FEI records and database, and attested to with supporting documentation supplied by each NF if necessary.

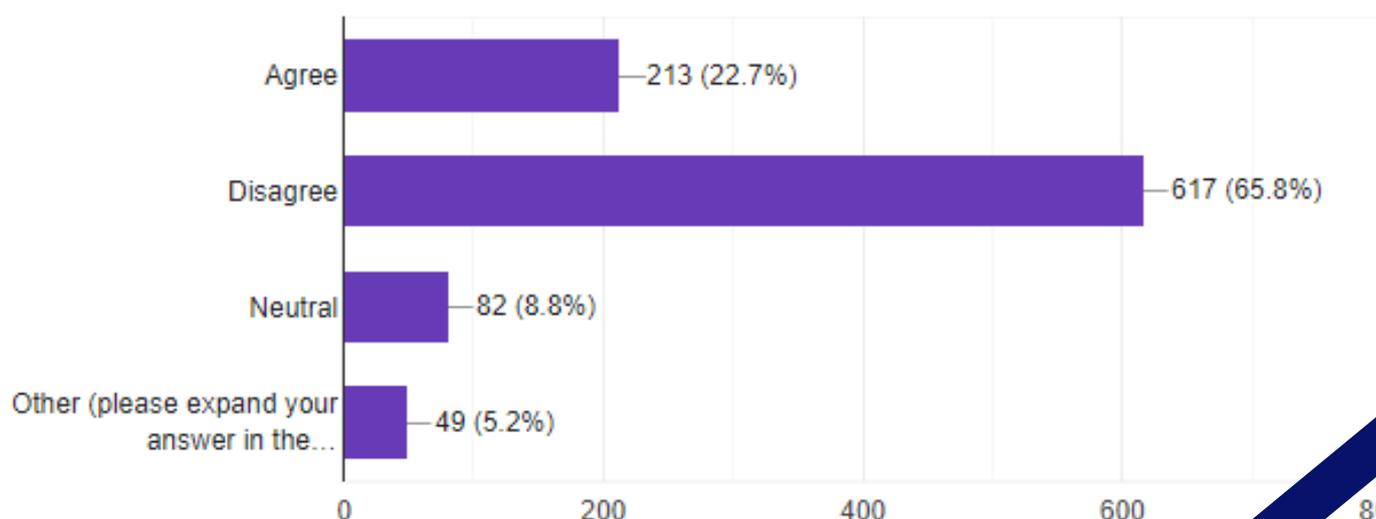
Horses and Athletes, not necessarily as a Combination, must complete a minimum of 2 FEI Competitions at each distance level to progress through the Star system, beginning with successful completion of 2 out of 3 rides at 1-Star level thereby qualifying to move up through each Star category. The Qualification for Horses shall be valid for a period of 24 months. Should a Horse fail to complete an event at the next level for which it has qualified within that period it will need to re-qualify for its existing level again before progressing further.

Horses and Athletes, as a combination, must successfully complete 2 out of 3 CEI 2* events and 2 out of 3 CEI 3* events before moving to the new CEI 4* or CEI 5* Event.

If a horse and rider successfully complete 2 consecutive rides at 1* then they can move up to 2* level without doing a third ride at 1*.

Please read the text and give your opinion on Qualifying without Speed limits.

937 responses



The comments on this proposal were very similar to the previous comments about the ETC proposal. Many people are concerned it will take them a lot longer to qualify as their countries just don't have enough rides per year.

Others felt it was good to include more qualifying as a combination at 2* and above for Championships. Some thought that there should be more qualifying as a combination at all FEI levels.

Others were curious about how it would affect the riders who need to borrow horses for Championships.

Points System

$((\text{actual ride speed} \times 2) - \text{minimum ride speed}) \times 100$ divided by final heart rate.

This is sometimes known as performance formula or French formula.

In the rare occurrence that two horses have the same speed and HR, then the HR at the previous vet gate will be used to calculate the placings for the tie breakers.

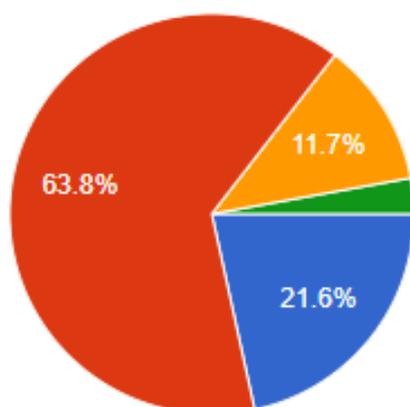
This is a proven way of deciding the placings for endurance rides. The horse with the highest points wins.

It is very simple to work out with an excel sheet to calculate the points.

The formula encourages ride strategy. It is necessary to know the horse well in order to go at exactly the right speed to give the horse a good heart rate at the end of the ride. It discourages excess speed because the HR becomes more important than the completion speed.

Please read the text and give your opinion on the points system for placings.

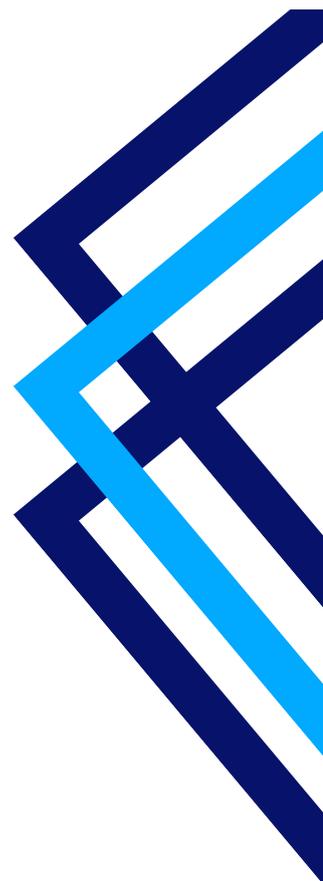
940 responses



- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Other (please expand your answer in the comments section)

Some of the comments approved of the system as an alternative to having speed as the only deciding factor, others were confused by it and weren't sure how they would understand the math involved.

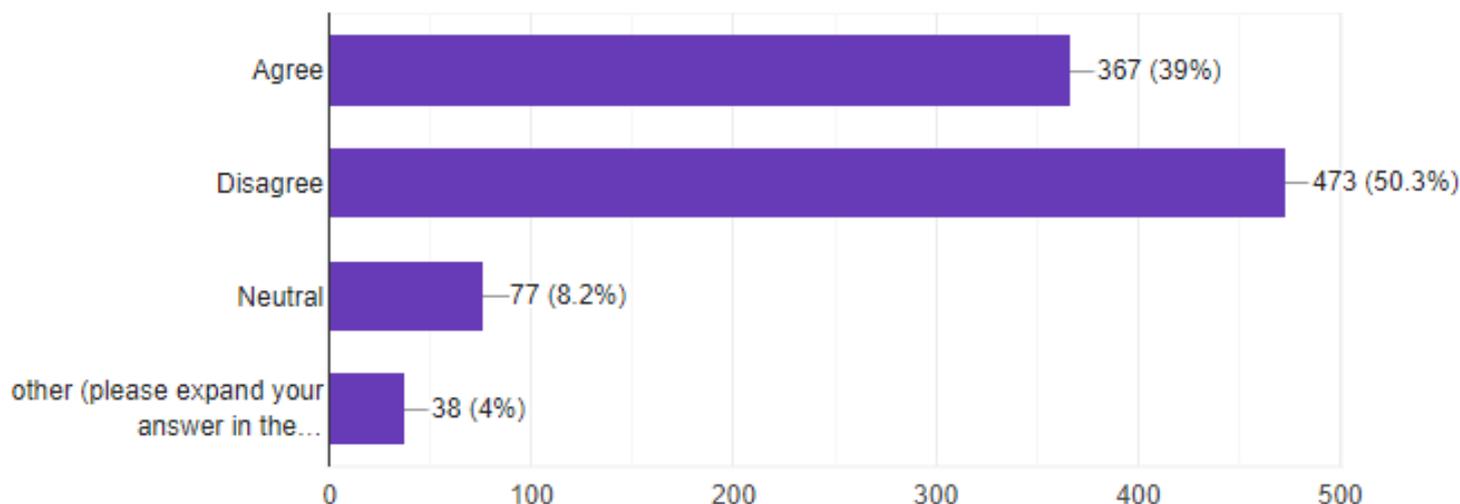
Some felt it was wrong to have a points system as the winner should be the fastest horse on the day, others felt it would favor horses with naturally low heart rates. There was also concern about doping to artificially lower the heart rate.



Changing the distances

Please read the following text and give your opinion on the FEI distance levels.

941 responses



Distances

1* 100 km

2* 120 km

3* 140 km

4* 160 km

This would allow a smooth and regular progression through the distance levels.

There would be 10% flexibility on the distances to allow for the course layout.

The minimum loop length would be 20 km and the maximum loop length would be 40 km

Comments varied on this. Some agreed and thought it was a good idea, others felt that there should be one capped speed 1* at FEI level before going to 1* 100 km free speed.

Others felt the current distances were good and there was no need to change them.

Some were confused about the 140 km distance as it doesn't currently exist. Others were concerned that horses would only do 160 km at championships, which isn't the case as ROs could hold 160 km rides that weren't championships as long as the horses were qualified for the distance.

