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Rule Change Intent

The Endurance Sport Committee is requesting the attached changes for the Treatment Vet requirement rules, these changes provide for more flexibility with the position. Management would like the flexibility to utilize the treatment vet on the vet panel when the treatment vet is available and holds the required USEF license. This will assist in providing a better event experience for both the athletes as well as the hired officials as it will allow for a more timely process when multiple combinations come into the vetting area at once.

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## SUBCHAPTER EN-2 COMPETITION

### EN107 Competition Officials

1. A Federation Licensed Endurance Competition must provide the following officials:

a. Steward: At least one Federation licensed Endurance Steward is required.

b. Veterinary Panel: The number of veterinarians on the Veterinary Panel is at the discretion of the Ride Manager based upon the number of entries in the ride, but always an odd number. If the entries are minimal, one (1) veterinarian is allowed to act as the entire Veterinary Panel. As the entry numbers increase and taking the safety and welfare of the horses into consideration the Veterinary Panel may include a total of three (3) or more veterinarians.

c. Treatment Veterinarian: At least one (1) additional veterinarian must be designated as the Treatment Veterinarian. This veterinarian ~~should~~ **must** be present on competition grounds from the start of the Category through the final Best Condition evaluation or the last horse competing on the course, whichever occurs later. ~~This veterinarian assigned to treatment duties may not be a member of the Veterinary Panel due to cross contamination or related issues.~~ The Treatment Veterinarian ~~shall~~ **must** be a licensed graduate of an accredited veterinary school in good standing in their state of practice and must be licensed in the state(s) where the competition is being held. ***Subject to the approval of the Steward, so long as the Treatment Veterinarian is available, the Treatment Veterinarian may assist in conducting the veterinary inspections on the vet lanes if the number of horses arriving simultaneously require the additional assistance. The Treatment Veterinarian must have the necessary USEF licensure to assist in conducting veterinary inspections. The Treatment Veterinarian's primary responsibility at all times is the treatment of horses and in the event a horse needs treatment, the Treatment Veterinarian must vacate the vet lane and resume responsibilities of the Treatment Veterinarian.***