

New FEI Horse and Rider Registrations for 2006

As of 1st January 2006, it will become mandatory for all horses and riders to be registered with the FEI before competing at an International event at home or abroad. This being regardless of whether they hold an existing FEI Passport or have already previously competed at International level.

Horses and riders not registered will not be allowed to enter an FEI Event.

The FEI registration is valid for one calendar year (from 1st January to 31st December). The registration can be made at any point during the year and can only be carried out by the International Department of the BEFs FEI disciplines – British Dressage (including Para-Equestrian), British Eventing, British Show Jumping Association, British Horse Driving Trials Association, British Reining, British Equestrian Vaulting and Endurance GB.

Application forms are available from the International Departments of the BEFs FEI disciplines (see above) or via the disciplines' websites. The format will be much the same as the old competitor licence system, however, it will now take 7 working days to obtain a registration number from the FEI.

Passports will now be despatched from the FEI in Switzerland to the BEF Office – apply as normal to your FEI discipline's office . This change will mean that it will take up to three weeks to issue a passport plus time for the BEF to authorise it once the owner and where applicable, veterinary surgeon, have completed their relevant sections. You must be aware that we are no longer able to produce emergency passports and rider registrations.

NB: You must make sure you have completed your FEI Horse and Rider Registration and applied for your FEI Horse Passport in plenty of time to make your entry.

The BEF and its FEI disciplines will not be held responsible for those competitors who are refused entry or not allowed to compete through late applications.

The FEI will produce a weekly list which will be published every Tuesday evening. In order to compete you must be on this list.

For further information please call the International Department of the relevant BEFs FEI discipline office.