



ENDURANCE IN AFRICA

ACES REPORT
2023

NORTH AFRICAN ENDURANCE

Hosting of International (FEI CEI) events for 2023 in:

- Algeria
- Libya
- Tunisia

Tunisia competed overall in 4 Championships and is a top competitor in Africa with an athlete ranking in the Young rider category of 2021 achieving a 4th overall.

September 2023 saw participation of Libya and Tunisia athletes in the FEI World Championships in France. Tunisian athletes achieved a 4th ranking overall.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN ENDURANCE

Hosting of International FEI CEI events in 2023:

- Namibia
- South Africa

A collapse of FEI endurance events after the 2019 FEI rule changes and COVID pandemic. Namibia(2017) and South Africa (2017) successfully competed at the FEI Young Riders World Championships.

The endurance sport in the south is hosting mainly National events with Botswana planning to join again with development in 2024.

Plans for 2024

North Africa – continue hosting CEI events to qualify their riders for a possible ACES ranking and 2026 championships.

Southern Africa – both South Africa and Namibia will be hosting CEI 1-2* events to grow the FEI athlete and organize a regional Championships on CEI2* level in 2025.

Time -line is to ensure enough riders on FEI platform to make the Championships competitive and to qualify within the FEI rules.

Current drawbacks

Due to the lack of FEI events in Southern Africa since 2019 momentum to grow the FEI athlete back into the correct qualification takes time.

The expense to host FEI events to OC and athlete remain a stumbling block for the Southern African athlete.

South Africa will have to adopt the FEI rules to qualify their riders correctly.

Moving forward

FEI has proposed a favorable rule change in the CEI2* which is beneficial to the region, making it possible to host CEI2* events as a top-level Endurance ride, within the FEI rules.

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