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PREAMBLE

These Eventing Rules are effective as of 1 January 2018.

The Eventing Rules will be substantively reviewed every four (4) years unless urgent clarifications or modifications are required for risk management purposes.

As of this date, all other texts of the Eventing Rules or amendments to them dated prior to this date are superseded.

Although these Eventing Rules set out the detailed rules of the FEI for international Eventing Competitions, they must be read in conjunction with any other FEI Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to:

- FEI Statutes
- FEI General Regulations
- FEI Dressage Rules
- FEI Jumping Rules
- FEI Veterinary Regulations
- FEI Eventing Memorandum
- FEI Eventing Cross Country Guidelines
- ECDMCR
- ADRHA
- Eventing Guidelines for Use of Tack, Equipment and Dress (FAQ)

- EA Medication Control Program
- EA Hot Weather Policy
- EA National Disciplinary Procedures
- If any complaint is made that any person at any event to which these rules apply has committed or may have committed a breach of these rules or has been guilty of any conduct which has or may have been derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the EA, such written and signed complaint must be lodged with the Technical Delegate officiating at the event during which the cause of the complaint arose or is alleged to have arisen.
- The Technical Delegate must forward a report to the appropriate EA Branch no later than 14 days after the event.
- Any complaint after the event must be lodged with the Secretary General of EA or an EA Branch Manager no more than fourteen (14) days after the incident.

The FEI Jumping and Dressage Rules apply for the Eventing Jumping and Dressage Tests except where otherwise provided in these Eventing Rules. Any modification introduced to the FEI Jumping and Dressage Rules during the year will be evaluated for application in Eventing from 1st January the following year.

Every Eventuality cannot be provided for in these Eventing Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the appropriate person or body to make a decision in a sporting spirit, by approaching as near as possible the intention of the Eventing Rules and of the General Regulations. Should there remain any omissions in the Eventing Rules, such omission shall be interpreted in a manner compatible to the fullest extent with the other provisions of these Eventing Rules, other rules and regulations of the FEI, and sporting spirit.

For the sake of brevity these regulations use the masculine form; this is to be interpreted to include both genders. Terms with a capitalized first letter are defined in the Glossary of the Eventing Rules, in the General Regulations, in the Statutes or in other Rules of the FEI.

Exemptions: No exemptions will be given for any matter pertaining to rules contained in this rule book with the exception of qualification exemptions as outlined in 520.2 and EA 536.5 Practice Restrictions.

THE FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The FEI requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount. Welfare of the Horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences. The following points must be particularly adhered to:

1. General Welfare:

a) Good Horse management

Stabling and feeding must be compatible with the best Horse management practices. Clean and good quality forage, feed and water must always be available.

b) Training methods

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to methods which are abusive or cause fear.

c) Farriery and tack

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

d) Transport

During transportation, Horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and driven by competent personnel. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the Horses.

e) Transit

All journeys must be planned carefully, and Horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

2. Fitness to compete:

a) Fitness and competence

Participation in Competition must be restricted to fit Horses and Athletes of proven competence. Horses must be allowed suitable rest period between training and Competitions; additionally rest periods should be allowed following travelling.

b) Health status

No Horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete; veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

c) Doping and Medication

Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitutes a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before Competition.

d) Surgical procedures

Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing Horse's welfare or the safety of other Horses and/or Athletes must not be allowed.

e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares

Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.

f) Misuse of aids

Abuse of a Horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

3. Events must not prejudice Horse welfare:

a) Competition areas

Horses must be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles and Competition conditions must be designed with the safety of the Horse in mind.

b) Ground surfaces

All ground surfaces on which Horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injuries.

c) Extreme weather

Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions that may compromise welfare or safety of the Horse. Provision must be made for cooling conditions and equipment for Horses after competing.

d) Stabling at Events

Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the Horse. Washing-down areas and water must always be available.

4. Humane treatment of Horses:

a) Veterinary treatment

Veterinary expertise must always be available at an Event. If a Horse is injured or exhausted during a Competition, the Athlete must stop competing and a veterinary evaluation must be performed.

b) Referral centres

Wherever necessary, the Horse should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured Horses must be given full supportive treatment before being transported.

c) Competition injuries

The incidence of injuries sustained in Competition should be monitored. Ground surface conditions, frequency of Competitions and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimise injuries.

d) Euthanasia

If injuries are sufficiently severe a Horse may need to be euthanized by a veterinarian as soon as possible on humane grounds, with the sole aim of minimising suffering.

e) Retirement

Horses must be treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from Competition.

5. Education:

The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the Competition Horse.

This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.

EVENTING VISION STATEMENT

Eventing constitutes the most complete combined equestrian Competition, demanding of the Athlete considerable experience in all branches of equitation and a precise knowledge of his Horse's ability, and of the Horse a degree of general competence, resulting from intelligent and progressive training.

The Cross Country Test constitutes the most exciting and challenging all-round test of riding ability and horsemanship where correct principles of training and riding are rewarded. This test focuses on the ability of Athletes and Horses to adapt to different and variable conditions of the Competition (weather, terrain, obstacles, footing, etc.) showing jumping skills, harmony, mutual confidence, and in general "good pictures".

This test requires by all involved special awareness and acceptance of a certain level of risk inherent to the particular challenging and exciting nature of the test.

Every effort must be made to ensure that, at each level, responsible Athletes are participating with progressively trained Horses in order not to be exposed to a higher risk than which is strictly inherent to the nature and level of the Competition.

CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL

500 Introduction

500.1 Definition

An Eventing Competition consists of three distinct tests during which an Athlete rides the same Horse throughout, namely: Dressage, Cross Country and Jumping.

500.2. Responsibility

500.2.1. Athletes

An Athlete is ultimately responsible for knowing these Eventing Rules and complying with them. The appointment of a Steward or Official, whether or not provided for in these Eventing Rules, does not absolve the Athlete from such responsibility.

500.2.2. National Federations

National Federations are responsible for selecting and entering eligible Athletes and Horses for all international Competitions taking responsibility for their fitness and competence to compete.

500.2.3. National Safety Officers

All National Federations organising international Eventing Events must appoint an active National Safety Officer (NSO) to liaise with the FEI with regards to all matters directly relating to Eventing Risk Management.

500.2.4. Registration

All Athletes and Horses participating in international Competitions must be annually registered with the FEI.

500.2.5. Horses Passport and Microchips

Please refer to General Regulations (GRs), art 137.

EA 500 2.6. PARTICIPATION

ATHLETES OWNERS & HORSES

As per EA General Regulations and Branch Membership:

Athletes and horses wishing to enter any Eventing event must meet the membership and registration requirements as set out in the activity classification table in the EA General Regulations per the maximum level they wish to enter.

Foreign athletes

Foreign competitors must submit to EA a current licence issued by their own National Federation, to be issued with a guest licence by the EA before competing in Official Events. The guest licence number must accompany entries. Foreign competitors who are resident in Australia must become members of EA whilst competing at National events in Australia.

State Teams

State team riders must be members of the State that they are representing.

State of Origin Teams:

State of Origin Riders will be classified by the State in which they were first registered as an EA member, in most cases this will be determined by the first digit of their EA membership number.

EA 500 3.0 ORDERS

Riders and owners of competing horses and other people associated with them must, under penalty of elimination, obey any order or direction given to them by any responsible official and they must, in particular, be careful not to do anything liable to upset or hinder the undisturbed progress of the competition.

EA 500 3.1 AFFILIATION

Organisers must apply in writing to the relevant EA State Branch for affiliation to conduct Official Events.

An affiliation fee must be paid and authorisation given by the State Branch.

No Official Event may be conducted without authorisation from the State Branch.

Chapter 2 STRUCTURE OF COMPETITIONS

501 Competitions and Series

501.1 International (CIs)

Competitions with an individual classification. Location, date and level of CIs must be approved by the FEI. Special requirements may apply for 3&4 star level Competitions at new venues.

501.2 Official International (CIOs)

Competitions with an official team and individual classification. Each member of a team will automatically be considered for the individual classification. Teams will always be composed of Athletes from the same country.

Location, date level and qualifications of CIOs must be approved by the FEI and Eventing Committee. Each National Federation may only organize one Senior CIOs in any calendar year.

501.2.1 Nations Cup

The Nations' Cup (also referred as "NC") is the official international team Competition. Its object is to compare the merit of Athletes and Horses from different NFs and may only be organised on the occasion of a CIO.

501.3 Championships (CHs)

Competitions with an official team and individual classification. Each member of a team will automatically be considered for the individual classification. Teams will always be composed of Athletes from the same country.

Geographical representation, age group of Athletes and Horses, location, date and level are decided by the Bureau.

In exceptional cases teams at a Continental Championships may be regional and if so the territorial scope must have been previously approved by the Eventing Committee.

Pony, Junior and Young Rider Championships must be organised during the long school holidays.

Junior & YR Championships will preferably be organised jointly.

501.3.1 Minimum Participation

Continental Championships can only be held if at least three National Federations and/or Regional Teams are represented at the first Horse Inspection.

Outside Europe Continental Championships for Young Riders and Juniors may be held with any number of Regional Teams from at least two National Federations.

501.3.2 Individuals in Addition to Teams

The maximum number of individual Athletes authorised to take part in addition to each team is fixed as follows:

- a) Seven or more teams entered - two individuals per country plus a further six individuals from the host country.
- b) Five or six teams entered - three individuals per country plus a further eight individuals from the host country.
- c) Four or less teams entered - four individuals per country plus a further ten individuals from the host country.

If there are less than 35 entries in total, the number of individuals entered from each country may be increased proportionally.

In multidisciplinary championships (e.g World Equestrian Games) and Games (e.g. Ponies, Juniors, Balkan or Regional Games), if Eventing is organised with other disciplines, the host country will be limited to the same number of Athletes and Horses as the maximum number permitted for foreign countries.

National Federations will be advised by the Organising Committee at the closing of nominated entries.

501.3.3 Levels of difficulty

The level of difficulty of Championships will be as follows:

- a) Ponies - CCIP2
- b) Young Horses (six year) - one star
- c) Young Horses (seven year) - two star
- d) Junior - one star
- e) Young Riders - two star
- f) Continental/Regional Championships and Games will be decided by the Eventing Committee after consultation with the relevant National Federations
- g) World Championships - please refer to Art. 501.3.4

501.3.4 World Individual and Team Championships

The World Championships are for Seniors.

World Championships can only be held if at least six National Federations are represented.

If the World Championships are conducted separately, the number of Athletes will be in accordance with art. 501.3 for Championships.

Participation:

- a) Maximum 5 Athletes to take part from one Nation
- b) Maximum of 2 individuals for Nations not represented by a team
- c) A Team will consist of 3 or 4 athletes

Technical Level:

- a) 4 star level Dressage and Jumping Test,
- b) Cross Country Test 3 star technicality (10 min ~~and maximum 45~~ 38-42 efforts)

501.4 Games

501.4.1 Regional and Continental Games

Eventing may be organised at regional or continental multi sport games (e.g. Pan American, Asian, South American, South East Asian, etc.) with an official team and individual classification.

These games are organised by NOC confederations, responsible for general regulations with the exception of the technical aspects. The age group, format and level must be approved by the FEI Eventing Committee.

501.4.2 Olympic Games

Olympic Games are organised by the International Olympic Committee in accordance with the FEI Special Regulations for Olympic Games and current Eventing Rules.

501.5 FEI Eventing Series

FEI Eventing Series can be established further to approval by the Bureau. (e.g. FEI Eventing World Cup, FEI Eventing Nations Cup, etc.)

For all Series separate Rules for qualification and participation must be approved by the Bureau.

502 Formats and Levels

Competitions are also defined by their format and level.

502.1 Formats

502.1.1 Definition

Formats define some of the technical aspects of the Competition (duration of the Competition, intensity of the Cross Country Test, order of tests, etc.)

502.1.2 Long format Competition (CCIs)

A Long format Competition may take place over three or more days. The Dressage Test will be spread over one or more consecutive days, depending on the number of competitors, directly followed on the next day by the Cross Country Test that will be directly followed on the next day by the Jumping Test.

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In the Long format Competitions the Cross Country course will be of such a length that the Horse is required to be supremely fit and stamina will be required for success.

The Cross Country Test will always take place before the Jumping Test.

502.1.3 Short format Competition (CICs)

A Short format Competition may take place over one or more days. The Dressage Test will always take place first and will be followed on the same or following days by the Jumping and Cross Country Test.

In the Short format Competition the level of difficulty of the Cross Country course is similar to the Long format according to the star system, but the course is shorter and the intensity of efforts will be higher.

The Cross Country Test will preferably take place after the Jumping Test.

EA 502.1.4 Equestrian Australia Official Events

- sponsored Events financed by and organised on behalf of EA.
- or
- affiliated Events financed and organised by an independent individual or body affiliated to EA.

EA 502.1.5 Long Format Competition (CCNs)

The three tests take place on separate days. Dressage is spread over one or two days. This is followed on the next day by the cross-country test, which may comprise of two tests of roads and tracks, one steeplechase and the cross-country test itself ("with steeplechase"), or may comprise of a cross-country test alone ("without steeplechase"). If there is no Phase B, there must not be any Phase A or C

EA 502.1.6 Short Format Competition (CNCs)

The Dressage Test always takes place first. Either the cross country or the jumping may form the last test.

EA Organisers may conduct Combined Training competitions - see Annex I

502.2 Levels of difficulty

The levels indicate the degree of difficulty of the Competition and are defined by a progressive star system ranging from the lower level to the higher.

Four star levels are defined for the Long format and three star levels for the Short format. The four star level Competitions require the maximum level of training and experience from both Athlete and Horse.

EA 502.3 CNC/CCN Levels of difficulty

The levels of difficulty are defined by a progressive class name ranging from the lower level to the higher and then by the star system.

503 Categories

503.1 Pony, Junior and Young Rider Competitions

Pony, Junior and Young Riders Competitions may be organised according to the age group of the Athletes.

503.1.1 Pony Competitions

An Athlete may compete as a Pony Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 12 until the end of the year in which he reaches the age of 16.

A Pony Rider may compete in Eventing Competitions not limited to Ponies if appropriately qualified without losing his status as a Pony Rider.

503.1.2 Junior Competitions

An Athlete may compete as a Junior from the beginning of the calendar year in which ~~he~~ they reach the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year in which ~~he~~ they reach the age of 18.

503.1.3 Young Rider Competitions

An Athlete may compete as a Young Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which ~~he~~ they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which ~~he~~ they reach the age of 21.

503.2 Age of Athletes

An Athlete is considered a Senior from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 18. International Competitions, Championships and Games are limited to senior Athletes unless specifically organised for Juniors, Young Riders or Pony Riders with the following exceptions.

- With the express permission of **his** **their** National Federation, an Athlete may compete in a two star Competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 16.
- With the express permission of **their** National Federation, an Athlete may compete in a one star level Competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 14.

EA 503. 2.1 CNC/CCN Age of Athletes

Three Star (CNC***/CCN***) Classes:

From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 18.

Two Star (CNC**/CCN**) Classes:

With the express permission of **his** **their** National Federation, an Athlete may compete in a two star competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 16.

One Star (CNC*/CCN*) Classes:

With the express permission of **his** **their** National Federation, an Athlete may compete in a one star competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 14.

Young Rider Classes:

With express permission from his National Federation, an athlete may compete in a Young Rider Classes from the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider reaches age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which the rider reaches the age of 21.

Junior One Star (CNCJ*/CCNJ*) Classes:

With express permission from his National Federation, an athlete may compete in Junior One Star classes from the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider reaches the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year in which the rider reaches the age of 18.

CNC/CCN EvA105 Classes:

From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider reaches the age of 13.

CNC/CCN EvAJ105 Classes:

From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider reaches the age of 13 until the end of the calendar year in which the rider reaches the age of 18.

CNC/CCN EvA95 Classes:

From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns **10**. Riders under the age of 13 must have completed an EvA80.

CNC/CCN EvA80 Classes:

From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 8.

OC's who are concerned regarding age of young riders should add a specific box to entry forms for riders under 11 to identify themselves in order to make the list easy for the TD monitor the ability of the rider and address any safety concerns that may arise.

Lower Level Classes:

As per State Rules

503.3 Young Horses Competitions

Young Horses Competition may be organised according to the age of Horses for six and seven year old Horses. Such Competitions may only take place at 1&2 star level.

503.4 Age of Horses

The following minimum age of Horses will apply for all Competitions.

- Introductory Level**, One and Two star level Competitions: a Horse may compete in Competitions of **Introductory Level**, 1&2 star level from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of six.
- Three star level Competitions: a Horse may compete in Competitions of three star level from the

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beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of seven.

- c) Four star level Competitions and Three Star Level Championships: a Horse may compete in Competitions of four star level or Three Star Level Championships from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of **eight**.

EA 503.4.1 CNC/CCN Age of Horses

Senior, Young Rider and Junior One Day Events, and Three Day Events are open equally to horses and ponies, provided they and their riders meet all the relevant Minimum Eligibility Requirements.

- CNC EvA105: From the beginning of the calendar year in which it turns 4 years
- CNC*,** & ***: as per FEI 503.4
- CCN EvA105: From the beginning of the calendar year in which it turns 5 years
- CCN*,** & ***: as per FEI 503.4

503.5 Ponies

503.5.1 Definition

For the definition of a Pony and the Pony measuring protocol, refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

503.5.2 Age of Pony

A Pony may compete in Pony Competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which reaches the age of six.

Except for the specific Competitions limited to Ponies, all international Competitions are open equally to Horses and Ponies, providing the Ponies and their Athletes meet all relevant qualifications.

504 Participation Restrictions

504.1 Number of Horses per Athlete

504.1.1 Championships and Games

An Athlete may only ride one Horse.

504.1.2 CIOs

An Athlete may ride only one Horse as a member of a team and may ride in only one team.

Where an Athlete is entered with a Horse in a Team Competition, he must always ride that Horse before any additional Horse he is riding in the Individual Competition.

504.1.3 CIs

There is no limitation to the number of Horses an Athlete may ride in an Individual Competition, with the following exceptions:

- a) The Organising Committee may impose a balloting procedure, in its absolute discretion, whether for time-tabling or any other reason. Such a procedure must be published in the schedule of the Competition.
- b) If a Competition has more entries than it can accommodate, no Athlete may ride more than two Horses (or one Horse if so decided by the Organising Committee).

National Federations are anyway responsible, in entering Athletes in international Competitions, to ensure that no Athlete rides more Horses than his abilities in any one day of Cross Country.

504.2 Other Participation Restrictions

504.2.1 One star Level Competitions

A Horse that has obtained a Minimum Eligibility Requirement at a four star level Competition in the current or preceding year may not be entered in a one star Competition unless the Athlete is **non-categorised**. ~~a categorised International D-level or an uncategorised rider. This applies to FEI CCI/CIC1*.~~

504.2.2 Championships

Athletes and Horses may only take part in a Pony, Junior, Young Rider or Senior Championship in any calendar year.

504.2.3 Junior Championships

Junior Championships are open to all Horses except those which have obtained a MER in a four star Competition, or at the Olympic Games during the preceding or current year.

Once an Athlete has taken part in an Eventing Championship for Seniors or in Eventing at a Regional or Olympic Games, he can no longer go back to an Eventing Junior Championship.

EA 504.2.4 CNC/CCN Riding Down

Riding Down is the act of competing at a lower level than that for which a horse is established.

Riding Down one level from a higher level for which a horse is established, carries no penalty. Riding Down two or more levels will incur ten penalties, to be added to the total of faults for the three phases, applicable from EvA105 level upwards only. Horses being ridden down two grades are ineligible for any leader board points.

It is the responsibility of the competitor to inform the Organising Committee at the time of entry that he is riding down two or more levels.

An established 4* horse and rider combination can ride down to CNC2* without penalty, if there is no higher class offered at the competition.

Established 3* horses and riders riding down, as a combination, to CNC1* and below will incur 10 penalties.

Established 2* horses and riders, riding down, as a combination, to EvA105 will incur 10 penalties.

Riding Down: Championships

A horse shall not be allowed to ride down directly to a Championship. If a horse has been ridden down, it shall only be allowed to compete at a Championship if it has competed only at the lower level for the 12 calendar months prior to the Championships.

Riding Down: New Rider

A horse established for a certain level, upon having a new rider, shall be able to reduce any number of levels without penalty, to the highest level for which the new rider is established. It shall then be considered to be established at that level

Rider Down Grade

Riders who have had time off and do not intend to ride at their established level in the near future may apply for loss of establishment after having been away from riding for three (3) or more years. After downgrading should they wish to ride again at the higher level they would need to complete required MER's.

CHAPTER 3 - ADMINISTRATION OF COMPETITIONS

505 Expenses, Entry Fees, Prize Money, Responsibility

505.1 CIs and CIOs

The entry fee and expenses to be offered is at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

All Athletes from the host country, including foreign Athletes resident in the host country, must be offered the same allowances.

All other foreign Athletes must be offered the same allowances that may be different from the one offered to national or resident foreign Athletes.

505.2 Championships

505.2.1 Continental Championships

The Organising Committee is responsible for organising and covering the expenses for quarantine and customs duties (if applicable) including agent and veterinary fees for entering and leaving the border of the organising country and/or the show grounds.

The Organising Committee has then the option to:

- a) Request a reasonable entry fee for Individuals and/or Teams and additionally provide the following from the day before the first Horse Inspection until the day after the Jumping Test:
 - living expenses for Athletes, Grooms, Chef d'Equipes and Team Veterinarian (accommodation, food and local transportation)
 - stabling, bedding and fodder for the Horses
- b) Waive the entry fee and not meet the additional expenses. In this case, the Organising Committee is not obliged to provide neither living expenses nor stabling and fodder for the Horses.

For Junior, Young Rider, and Senior Championships an entry fee may be charged only if prize-money is awarded.

505.2.2 World Championships

The entry fee and expenses to be offered for World Championships will be according to FEI agreement with the Organising Committee.

505.2.3 Responsibility

Chefs d'Equipe are responsible to be present and represent their athletes at all Official Chef d'Equipe meetings.

The Chefs d'Equipe are responsible for the behaviour of their teams and/or individuals throughout the Event. They and their National Federation are responsible for any damages that occur. If the Athletes are not lodged in private homes, the Chefs d'Equipe must stay with their teams and/or individuals.

The Appeal Committee has the authority to assess any costs for damages. According to the FEI legal system, the Appeal Committee may impose a fine and has the right to disqualify the team and/or individuals with unacceptable behaviour at any stage throughout the Event.

505.3 Prize Money

505.3.1 Distribution

The amount of prize-money must be distributed as per the breakdown shown for each Competition in the schedule.

The minimum number of prizes offered for each Competition must be allocated on the basis of one prize for every commenced four Athletes (Dressage starters), with a minimum of five prizes.

If less than five Athletes complete the Competition, the minimum number of prizes to be distributed shall be amended to equal the number of Athletes completing.

The value of the first prize for individuals, either in cash or in kind easily convertible into cash, may never exceed one third of the total value of the prize money and prizes convertible into cash offered for the Competition.

505.3.2 Competitions with several Sections

Prize Money must be the same for each section and must be specified in the Schedule.

505.3.3 Pony Competitions

Prize money is not allowed at Pony Competitions.

5.5.3.4 Prize-giving

Prize winners must take part in the prize giving ceremony and should do so with the placed Horses (however if Cross Country takes place as the last test, horses are not required to take part).

The OC must officially inform competitors of the prize giving protocol and the number of prize winners to take part in the ceremony,

If a prize winner fails to take part at the prize giving ceremony, without plausible excuse and notification to the OC, the Ground Jury, at its discretion, may decide to allow the OC to withhold the Athlete's prize.

EA 505.3.4 CNC/CCN Prize Money

In all Official Events, including those confined to Juniors, prizes will be awarded to horses according to their placings and the number of starters in the class.

- A minimum of one prize shall be awarded for every 4 competitors.
- A minimum of three prizes must be offered in every class.
- Third prize must not be less than the entry fee.
- EvA80 and EvA95, prize money is optional.
- Organisers may award additional prizes lower than the scale.

NB: A starter is one which competed (i.e. started) in the dressage test.

506 Closed Circuit Television

The provision of closed circuit television of the Cross Country Test in the Athlete enclosure close to the start and at the Control Centre for the use of the Ground Jury and Cross Country Controller is mandatory for all Four Star level Competitions (CCI4 star) and three and four star level Championships (CH 3&4 star).

507 Schedule and Results

507.1 Schedule

For all Competitions the schedule of the Competition drafted in the form prescribed by the FEI must be sent to the FEI for approval at the latest:

- a) Four weeks before the Competition for Cis **Introductory Level**, 1&2 star level.
- b) Ten weeks before the Competition for CIs 3&4 star level, CIOs and CH all levels.

Failure to respect the above deadlines will be dealt according to the General Regulations provisions.

No Schedule can be approved after the closing date of the entries.

507.2 Results

Full result of the Competitions must be forwarded to the FEI by the Organising Committee preferably immediately at the end of the Event and up to a maximum of ~~four~~ **two** days after the Event is finished according to the electronic format described by FEI.

Failure to respect the above deadline will be dealt according to the General Regulations provisions.

EA 507.3 CNC/CCN Schedule

A copy of the Event Schedule must be sent to the relevant EA State Branch or State Eventing Committee for approval before it is printed.

Schedules for the competition should be published by the Organiser not less than six weeks before the event.

Schedules need not repeat the rules contained in this Rule Book but should include:

- place and date of event
- classes to be held and qualification level of horse permitted in class/es
- name and addresses of the Organiser and Secretary
- name of Technical Delegate, where known
- number of horses per rider per class/division
- substitutions
- dressage test for each class
- closing dates and conditions
- brief instructions as to how to reach the place of competition
- method of notification of final draw and starting time
- administrative arrangements such as stabling and accommodation
- disclaimer of liability
- organiser's reservation of right.

EA 507.4 CNC/CCN Results

The Organising Committee (OC) must send to the relevant EA Branch or State Eventing Committee within seven days of the event the following:

- An electronic copy of the master score sheets for the whole competition, with the final classification. The master score sheet must be given in the format required by the EA for its National Database.
- All results, for the Cross Country phase and the Show Jumping phase, must contain the reason for Elimination in both FEI and National Events using the codes required by the FEI as below.

Codes for Cross Country Elimination

- XC-R for 3 or more refusals
- XC-FR Fall of Rider
- XC-FH Fall of Horse
- XC-OT Other Elimination, missed jump, time, technical etc
- XC-AH Abuse of the Horse
- XC-BD Breakable Device
- XC-DR Dangerous Riding

EA 507.5 CNC/CCN Programs

All programs must include the following:

- statement that the Event is held under EA Rules for Eventing
- timetable of classes and tests
- list of entries
- list of officials including Organiser, Course Designer, Technical Delegate, Judges, Veterinary & Medical Officials
- disclaimer of liability
- organiser's reservation of right
- plan of cross-country course, however simple.
- prize-money
- time at which cross country course is open for inspection by athletes.

The following additional items should be included if possible:

- brief rules and system of scoring
- the dressage test/s
- rule on unauthorised assistance
- request that dogs be kept on leads
- list of forthcoming Events
- advertisements.

EA 507. 6 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The following disclaimer must be printed on all entry forms, schedules and programs: "Neither the Organising Committee of any event to which these rules apply nor Equestrian Australia accepts any liability for any accident, damage, injury, or illness to horses, riders, ground, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever."

EA 507.7 RESERVATION OF RIGHT

The following reservation of right must be printed on all schedules and programs:

"The Organiser reserves the right:

- To cancel any class or event
- To divide any class
- To transfer competitors between sections of a class
- To alter the advertised times
- To refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason."

508 Invitations

All invitations must be sent to National Federations and not to individual Athletes.

508.1 CIs

The National Federations to be invited, and the number of Athletes and Horses per country, are at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

One groom per Athlete must be invited.

508.2 CIOs

At least five foreign countries must be invited. The number of Athletes from the host country is unlimited.

The Organising Committee may only restrict the number of nations to be invited with the agreement of the Secretary General and the Eventing Committee.

One groom per Athlete and one Official per country must be invited.

508.3 Championships

Championships are open to all eligible Athletes and Teams. Invitations must be sent to all eligible National Federations.

One groom per Athlete and two Officials per country must be invited.

509 Entries

509.1 CIs and CIOs

Entries must be made by the National Federations according to the conditions published by the Organising Committee in the approved schedule of the Competition.

509.1.1 Definite Entries

Definite entries must be made at the latest four (4) days preceding the beginning of the Event. These represent the final selection of Athletes and Horses that may participate in the Event. Substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses may be only made in accordance to these rules.

509.2 Championships

Entries for FEI Championships and FEI World Equestrian Games must be made in accordance with the FEI General Regulations art 116.2.

Entries must be made by the National Federations in two phases as follows.

The exact dates by which entries must be received will be published in the approved schedule of the Competition.

509.2.1 Nominated Entries

At latest, four weeks before the Competition each National Federation, that has made an entry in principle, including the host National Federation:

- a) May enter through the FEI Online Entry System, up to three times the number of Horses and Athletes that are entitled to start. Within this limit, there is no restriction on the number of Horses that may be entered for each Athlete.
- b) Must include the registration number for all nominated Athletes and the Horses registration and passport number if not entered through the FEI online entry system.

509.2.2 Definite Entries

At the latest four days before the first Horse Inspection of the Competition the definite entries must be validated through the FEI Online Entry System.

Each National Federation must choose from its list of nominated entries and confirm up to the maximum of its entitlement of starters. These are the Athletes and Horses that will travel to the Competition.

After the definite entries have been sent in, substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses from the list of nominated entries may only be made with the express permission of the Organising Committee, but never less than two hours preceding the first Horse Inspection.

EA 509.2.4 CNC/CCN Entries

A horse may be entered in any class for which it is eligible in accordance with EA Minimum Eligibility Requirements

Entry Form

- Must include Rider and Owner EA member numbers and horse EA registration number if appropriate.
- Acceptance by the owner, his authorised agent or the rider that the Horse & Rider is entered in a class for which they are eligible and both comply with age requirements of the class in question

Number of Rides

Organisers should specify if the number of horses a competitor may ride in any class is to be limited.

Entry Fees

The entry fee will be proposed by the organisers, but must be approved by the EA Branch concerned.

Entry Fee Refunds

Refund policy must be published

Substitution

It is at the discretion of the Organiser to accept substitution of horses after the close of entries.

Withdrawals

- Withdrawals must be made by 4.00 pm on the day before the event or as stated in the schedule.
- Athletes who do not declare their intention to withdraw are liable to a penalty at the discretion of the EA Branch concerned.

509.3 Certificate of Capability

For all Championships and Games, National Federations must download their Certificate of Capability through the FEI Online Entry System, and send to the FEI a signed version the FEI a certificate of capability declaring that their Athlete and Horse have fulfilled their national requirements and reached FEI requirements by the date of the nominated entries or a different date set by the FEI.

CHAPTER 4 - OFFICIALS

510 Categories of Officials

510.1 Judges

International Judges are divided into two categories:

- a) ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Judges
- b) ~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Judges

510.2 Technical Delegates

International Technical Delegates are divided into two categories:

- a) ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Technical Delegates
- b) ~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Technical Delegates

510.3 Course Designers

International Course Designers are divided into two categories:

- a) ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Course Designers
- b) ~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Course Designers

510.4 Stewards

Stewards are divided into three Levels:

- c) Level 1
- d) Level 2
- e) Level 3

EA 510.5 CNC/CCN Judges

- a) National Dressage Judges (see National Dressage rules for levels)
- b) EA level 3 (3*)
- c) EA level 2 (2* & 1*)
- d) EA level 1 (EvA105 and below)

EA 510.6 CNC/CCN Technical Delegates

- a) EA level 3 (3*)
- b) EA level 2 (2* & 1* and/or Assistant level 3)
- c) EA level 1 (EvA105 & below and/or Assistant level 2)

EA 501.7 CNC/CCN Course Designers

- a) EA level 3 (3*)
- b) EA level 2 (2* & 1* and/or Assistant level 3)
- c) EA level 1 (EvA105 & below and/or Assistant level 2)

EA 501.8 CNC/CCN Stewards

- a) EA Stewards with EA membership
- b) Volunteer Stewards

511 Requirements for Promotion

All requirements for promotion must be clearly documented by the National Federation responsible and be submitted to the FEI with the application for promotion.

511.1 Judges

511.1.1 ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Judges

The requirements to be promoted FEI ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Judge are as follows:

- a) To be listed as a National Approved Dressage Judge at Elementary or equivalent level (simple changes lateral work medium paces) and to be familiar with and fully understand the Training Scale as per the Dressage Rules.

- b) To have some experience in course evaluation, knowledge of Eventing Risk Management, dispute resolution and disciplinary matters.
- c) To have regular practice as a National Eventing Judge over a period of at least two years, including acting as a member of the Ground Jury at a minimum of two international Events of which at least one must be a Long format Competition.
- d) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- e) To understand English.
- f) To be supported by the National Federation.

511.1.2 ~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Judges

The requirements to be promoted FEI ~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Judge are as follows:

- a) To be listed as an FEI ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Judge.
- b) To be nationally certified at Advanced or equivalent level and to have gained experience in judging PSG Dressage including collection and extension in walk, trot and canter, single changes, half-passes and shoulder-in and to have participated in a national training program on the same level.
- c) To be proficient and practised in course evaluation, with a working knowledge of Eventing Risk Management, dispute resolution and disciplinary matters.
- d) To have judged regularly at both national and international Events with a minimum of four international Events of which at least one must be a Long format Competition, and one must be outside of own country during the current or preceding two years.
- e) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- f) To understand and speak English.

EA 511.1.3 CNC/CCN Judges

- a) National Dressage Judges; as per National Dressage Committee
- b) National Eventing Judges; as per annex J (National Eventing Officials pathways)

511.2 Technical Delegates

511.2.1 ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Technical Delegates

The requirements to be promoted FEI ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Technical Delegate are as follows:

- a) To have regular practice as a National Technical Delegate over a period of at least three years.
- b) To have gained experience as Technical Delegate at all levels of short and Long format Competitions. This experience should include working within an Organising Committee and as assistant Course Designer.
- c) To have served as an assistant to a 3&4 star Technical Delegate at an international Long format Competition.
- d) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- e) To understand English.
- f) To be supported by the National Federation.

511.2.2 ~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Technical Delegates

The requirements to be promoted FEI ~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Technical Delegate are as follows:

- a) To be listed as an FEI ~~1&2 star~~ Level 3 Technical Delegate.
- b) To have acted as a Technical Delegate at two international Events of which at least one must be a Long format Competition, and one must be outside of own country during the current or preceding two years.
- c) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- d) To understand and speak English.

EA 511.2.3 CNC/CCN Technical Delegates

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| a) National Technical Delegates; as per annex J (National Eventing Officials pathways) |
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511.3 Course Designers**511.3.1 ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Course Designers**

The requirements to be promoted FEI ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Course Designers are as follows:

- To have regular practice as a National Course Designer over a period of at least three years. This requirement may be reduced if the Course Designer has experience as an international Athlete.
- To have gained experience as Course Designer at short and Long format Competitions.
- To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- To understand English.
- To be supported by the National Federation.

511.3.2 ~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Course Designers

The requirements to be promoted FEI ~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Course Designers are as follows:

- To be listed as an FEI ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Course Designer.
- To have acted as a Course Designer at two international Events of which at least one must be a Long format Competition during the current or preceding two years.
- To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- To understand, and preferably speak English.

511.4 Stewards**511.4.1 Level 1 Stewards**

The requirements to be promoted to FEI Level 1 Steward are as follows:

- To have regular practice as a Steward in National and International events including a minimum of two ~~CICs/CCIs~~. International Long or Short competitions.
- To have fulfilled the education requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- To be supported by the National Federation
- To be minimum of 21 years of age

All FEI listed Judges and Technical Delegates will automatically be listed as Level 1 FEI Stewards.

511.4.2 Level 2 Stewards

The requirements to be promoted to FEI Level 2 Steward are as follows:

- To be listed as an FEI Level 1 Eventing Steward
- To have acted as a Steward at ~~six~~ (6) International events (of which ~~three~~ (3) in the Eventing Discipline) at least one time as a Chief Steward and one time as an Assistant Chief Steward at a 3 or 4 star event within ~~five~~ (5) years.
- To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- To understand and speak English.

511.4.3 Level 3 Stewards

A Level 2 Steward may be promoted by the FEI to Level 3 status following proposal by their FEI NF Steward General through their National Federation.

EA 511.3.3 CNC/CCN Course Designers

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| a) National Course Designers; as per annex J (National Eventing Officials pathways) |
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512 Requirements for Maintenance of Status

512.1 Judges

512.1.1 ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Judges

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Judge are as follows:

- To have fulfilled the educational requirements every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- To have regular practice as a National Eventing Judge over the last three years including acting as a member of the Ground Jury at a minimum of two international Events of which at least one must be Long format Competition.
- To be not more than 70 years of age.

~~1&2 Star~~ Level 2 Judges who do not meet the requirements will be dropped from the FEI Judges list.

512.1.2 ~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Judges

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI ~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Judge are as follows:

- To have fulfilled the educational requirements every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- To have judged regularly at both national and international Events with a minimum of four international Events of which at least one must be Long format Competition during the last three years.
- To be not more than 70 years of age.

~~3&4 Star~~ Level 3 Judges who do not meet the technical requirements may be moved to the ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Judges list or dropped from the list, at the discretion of the FEI Eventing Committee.

EA 512.1.4 CNC/CCN Judges

- National Dressage Judges; as per National Dressage Committee
- National Eventing Judges; as per annex J (National Eventing Officials pathways)

512.2 Technical Delegates

512.2.1 ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Technical Delegates

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Technical Delegate are as follows:

- To have fulfilled the educational requirements every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- To have regular practice as a National Technical Delegate over the last three years including acting as Technical Delegate at a minimum of two international Events.
- To be not more than 70 years of age.

~~1&2 Star~~ Level 2 Technical Delegates who do not meet the requirements will be dropped from the FEI Technical Delegates list.

512.2.2 ~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Technical Delegates

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI ~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Technical Delegates are as follows:

- To have fulfilled the educational requirements every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- To have acted as a Technical Delegate at two international Events of which at least one must be a Long format Competition during the last three years.
- To be not more than 70 years of age.

~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Technical Delegates who do not meet the technical requirements may be moved to the 1&2 star Technical Delegates list or dropped from the list, at the discretion of the FEI Eventing Committee.

EA 512.2.3 CNC/CCN Technical Delegates

- National Technical Delegates; as per annex J (National Eventing Officials pathways)

512.3 Course Designers

512.3.1 ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Course Designers

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI ~~1&2 star~~ Level 2 Course Designer are as follows:

- a) To have fulfilled the educational requirements every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- b) To have regular practice as a National Course Designers over the last three years including acting as Course Designer at a minimum of one international Event.
- c) To be not more than 70 years of age.

~~1&2 Star~~ Level 2 Course Designers who do not meet the requirements will be dropped from the FEI Course Designers list.

512.3.2 ~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Course Designers

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI ~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Course Designers are as follows:

- a) To have fulfilled the educational requirements every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- b) To have acted as a Course Designer at two international Events during the last three years.
- c) To be not more than 70 years of age.

~~3&4 star~~ Level 3 Course Designer who do not meet the technical requirements may be moved to the 1&2 star Course Designers list or dropped from the list, at the discretion of the FEI Eventing Committee.

EA 512.3.3 CNC/CCN Course Designers

- a) National Course Designers; as per annex J (National Eventing Officials pathways)

513 Appointment of Officials

Officials will be appointed by the FEI or by the Organising Committee according to the different types and level of Competitions and in accordance with the following tables.

In the case of appointment of National Officials these must be from the Host Country (except for Assistant Technical Delegate, Assistant Course Designer & Assistant Steward providing they have insurance coverage) unless directly appointed by the FEI for the purpose of an Educational program.

Note: The Committee proposes that for events with several competitions/sections, OCs can offer alternative composition of Officials to the requirements listed in the below tables and/or provisions in Art 513.6 with the objective to reduce costs. Such proposals shall be provided with the Schedule and approved by FEI HO.

To ensure that International standards are respected, proposals must comply with the following minimum requirements:

- a) For the overall event, a minimum of one International Official shall be appointed for each category of officials (Judge, TD and Course Designer) of the level of the highest competition organised. These Officials will be responsible and will report back to the FEI on the overall event.

Such provision does not apply for Championships and Games of any level.

513.1 Short Format (CICs and CICOs)

Short format competition	3 star	2 star	1 star
	2 or 3 Judges		
Ground Jury	All Judges from FEI lists with a minimum of one Judge from 3&4 star Level 3 list	Minimum one Judge from FEI lists	All Judges can be host country national Judges Minimum one Judge from FEI Lists
Technical Delegate	TD from FEI 3&4 star Level 3 list	TD from FEI list	
	Either Foreign TD or Foreign Member of GJ compulsory	Foreign requirement not compulsory	
AUS & NZL Exceptional case only for cost reasons	Foreign requirement not compulsory, however 2 Judges, TD and CD must be from 3&4 star Level 3 list		
Course Designer	CD from FEI 3&4 star Level 3 lists	CD from FEI list	Can be national CD
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from National List	Jumping CD from National list recommended	
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of Permitted Treating Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required		
Veterinary Delegate	FEI Official Veterinarian from FEI list of Eventing Veterinarians		
Chief Steward	Level 2 or 3 Eventing Stewards	Level 1,2 or 3 Eventing Steward	

513.2 Long Format (CCIs and CCIOs)

Long format competition	4 star	3 star	2 star	1 star
	3 Judges		2 or 3 Judges	
Ground Jury	All Judges from FEI lists			
	All Judges from 3&4 star Level 3 lists	Minimum of one Judge from 3&4 star Level 3 list	Minimum one Judge from FEI lists	All Judges can be host country national Judges Minimum one Judge from FEI Lists
	Foreign member of GJ compulsory		Foreign Official compulsory (either GJ, TD or CD)	
Technical	TD from FEI 3&4 star Level 3 list		TD from FEI lists	

Delegate			
Course Designer	CD from FEI 3&4 star Level 3 lists		CD from FEI list CD may be national
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from FEI 3&4 Jumping list	Jumping CD from National List	Jumping CD from National list recommended
Veterinary Delegate	FEI Official Veterinarian from FEI list of Eventing Veterinarians		
Veterinary Services Manager	From FEI list of Permitted Treating Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required		
Appeal Committee	Appeal Committee 3 or 1 Member or Ground Jury		
Chief Steward	Level 2 or 3 Eventing Steward		Level 1,2 or 3 Eventing Steward

513.3 Introductory Level

Introductory Level	
	2 or 3 Judges
Ground Jury	All Judges can be host country national Judges if FEI TD appointed
Technical Delegate	TD from FEI list (or national TD if one FEI Judge appointed) Foreign requirements not compulsory
Course Designer	Can be national CD
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from National list recommended
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of Permitted Treating Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required
Veterinary Delegate	FEI Official Veterinarian from FEI list of Eventing Veterinarians
Chief Steward	Level 1, 2 or 3 Eventing Steward

513.3 4 Ground Jury President Appointment

- The FEI Judge (~~1&2 star~~ **Level 2** or ~~3&4 star~~ **Level 3**) must be appointed as President of the Ground Jury if there is a national Judge as second Judge.
- For 3&4 star Competitions the FEI ~~3&4~~ **Level 3** star Judge must be appointed as President of the Ground Jury.

513.4 5 Championships & Games

Championships & Games	4 star	3 star	2 star	1 star
Ground Jury	3 Judges from FEI 3&4 star Level 3 list			
	Minimum one Foreign GJ member			
	Jumping Judge from FEI list is compulsory			
Technical Delegate	TD from FEI 3&4 star Level 3 list			
Course Designer	CD from FEI 3&4 star Level 3 list			
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from 3&4 FEI Jumping list		Jumping CD from national list	
Veterinary Commission	Foreign Veterinary Delegate and Assistant Veterinarian from FEI list of Official Veterinarians			
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of Permitted Treating Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required			
Appeal Committee	President & 2 Members (one foreign & Eventing Official & Legal knowledge)			
Chief Steward	Level 3 Eventing Stewards list		Level 2 or 3 Eventing Steward	

513.4 5.1 Championships and Games at 3&4 star Level

The Ground Jury, foreign Technical Delegate and Veterinary Commission, will be appointed by the FEI in consultation with the Organising Committee.

All Officials must be selected from the FEI 3&4 star Level 3 lists.

EA 513.4.3 5.2 CNC/CCN Appointment of Officials

	CNC***	CNC**	CNC*	EvA105	EvA95	EvA80
	2 Judges	2 Judges	2 Judges	1 or 2 Judges	1 Judge	1 Judge
Judge-CNC /GJ CCN	NOAS D (Medium) level or above	NOAS E (Elementary) level or above	NOAS F (Novice) level or above	NOAS H (Probationary) level or above	NOAS H (Probationary) level or above & see note #	NOAS H (Probationary) level or above & see note #
Technical Delegate	Level 3	Level 2	Level 2	Level 2	Level 1	Level 1
Course Designer	Level 3	Level 2	Level 2	Level 2	Level 1	Level 1
Veterinarian	Veterinary Board Registration	Veterinary Board Registration	Veterinary Board Registration	Veterinary Board Registration	Veterinary Board Registration	Veterinary Board Registration
Jumping Judge	EA Jumping Judge	EA Jumping Judge	EA Jumping Judge	EA Jumping Judge	EA Jumping Judge	EA Jumping Judge
Jumping Designer	EA approved Designer	EA approved Designer	EA approved Designer	EA approved Designer	EA approved Designer	EA approved Designer

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The Jumping Judge may be the same person as the Jumping Designer						
Steward (Not Compulsory)	EA Official	EA Official	EA Official	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
# Riders &/or NCAS Coaches who have competed at ** or *** Eventing or Elementary Dressage: <i>Mentoring and rule familiarisation is strongly encouraged and available for Riders/Coaches wishing to commence Eventing Judging. The EA EVENTING Judges online open rule book test MUST be done and attend Judges clinics.</i>						

513.5 6 Veterinarians (please refer to Veterinary Regulations)

513.6-7 Appeal Committee

The appointment of the President and members of the Appeal Committee must be in accordance with the General Regulations.

513.7 8 Stewards

513.7.1 8.1 FEI Chief Steward

For each Event a Chief Steward must be chosen from the FEI list of Stewards and appointed by the Organising Committee to be responsible for all Stewarding matters related to that Event. He is a key member of the team of Officials working with the Technical Delegate and Organising Committee.

513.7.2 8.2 Assistant Stewards

According to the size (number of overall competitors at the Event) and type of Event, a sufficient number of Assistant Stewards must be appointed by the Organising Committee in consultation with the Chief Steward.

All Assistant Stewards at international Events should preferably hold at least a Level 1 status. If this is not the case they must have received formal instruction in their specific responsibility from the Chief Steward.

At 3 star and 4 star long format international Events, Assistant Stewards to whom important tasks such as warm-up arenas, boot and bandage control, stable duties are allocated, must hold at least a Level 1 status.

513.8 9 Appointment Additional Requirements and Restrictions

513.8.1 9.1 Ground Jury

The same combination of members of a Ground Jury may not be appointed for two (2) consecutive years or three (3) consecutive Events at the same venue.

No Judge may serve as a member of a Ground Jury at more than five Long Format Competitions in any calendar year.

513.8.2 9.2 Technical Delegates

A Technical Delegate cannot officiate at the same venue for more than three (3) consecutive years or four (4) consecutive Events.

A Technical Delegate cannot officiate at more than five Long Format Competitions in any calendar year.

513.8.3 9.3 Number of Technical Delegates per Event

In the case of more than one Competition (international and national) at the same Event:

- One Technical Delegate must be appointed for two Competitions.
- Two Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of three or four Competitions.
- Three Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of five Competitions or more.

In the case of an Event with 100 or less competitors in no case more than two Technical Delegates are required.

Additional appointed Technical Delegates can be national Technical Delegates.

Different sections are considered to be the same Competition.

In case of more than one Technical Delegate appointed at the same Event, one overall Technical Delegate must be selected. He will be responsible for coordinating the job of the Technical Delegates and the reporting to the FEI for the whole Event.

513.8.4 9.4 Assistant Technical Delegate

An Assistant Technical Delegate must be appointed by the Organising Committee for all Games, Championships, Series Finals, CIOs and 3&4 star level CIs and may be appointed at other international Competitions.

The Assistant Technical Delegate may be selected from the FEI lists or may be a national Technical Delegate.

At Games, Championships, Series Finals and 4 star level Competitions the Assistant Technical Delegate must be of a different nationality to the Technical Delegate.

513.8.5 9.5 Balance of Experience and Expertise

For CIs at 3&4 star level in special circumstances, the FEI has the right, in a timely manner, to consult with the Organising Committee and ask for a different balance of experience and expertise within the team of Officials proposed in the schedule of the Competition.

EA 513.8.6 9.6 CNC/CCN Number of TDs per Event

- a) One Technical Delegate must be appointed per Event.
- b) Additional or Assistant Technical Delegates may be appointed
- c) A Technical Delegate cannot officiate at the same Event for more than three consecutive years

513.9 10 Introductory 1&2 star Competitions with Several Sections of the Same Level

Introductory, One and two star Competitions can be divided into several sections of the same level and be treated as a single entity according to specific provisions.

If several sections of Competitions at the same level are organised, the whole Competition will be treated as a single entity and Officials will be appointed as follows:

- a) Where there is more than one section of an Event, it is possible to appoint only one Ground Jury for the Event, consisting of a President and one or two members who will be responsible for all decisions common to the various sections.
- b) Additional Judges will be appointed to assist in the judging of the Dressage Test, if necessary to make up the Horse Inspection panels and if required, to help judge the Jumping Test. These additional Judges may be taken from the FEI lists of Officials, ~~3&4 star~~ **Level 3** or ~~1&2 star~~ **Level 2** Judges or may be national Judges.
- c) At a Long format Competition (CCIs), at least one member of the Ground Jury must officiate at each Horse Inspection. All Horses in any section must be inspected by the same Veterinarian and Ground Jury member at all inspections.
- d) There must be only one Technical Delegate to officiate in all sections of an Event organised at the same star level.
- e) The Ground Jury must consist of members selected by the Organising Committee in accordance with the rules for the relevant star level.

514 Conflict of Interest

514.1 Definition - General

A substantial appearance of a conflict of interest exists whenever an individual involved in any capacity with the FEI is involved in or perceived to be involved in multiple interests, one of which could possibly influence,

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or is perceived to influence, the motivation for an act in the other.

A conflict of interest is defined as any personal, professional or financial relationship, including relationships of family members that could influence or be perceived to influence objectivity when representing or conducting business or other dealings for or on behalf of the FEI.

Conflicts must be avoided whenever practicable. However, conflicts may be linked to experience and expertise that is necessary to qualify Officials.

The specific balance between conflict and expertise shall be regulated by the relevant Sport Rules.

514.2 Conflict of Interest - Eventing

514.2.1 Coaching and Training - All Officials

In any case coaching or training by all FEI Officials at the particular Competition must be avoided after arriving at the Competition grounds, unless in special circumstances permission has been given by the FEI Secretary General. Coaching or training includes the walking of courses and the training and warming up of Athletes for dressage or jumping.

Course walks open to all Athletes are encouraged, but those restricted to own pupils are not allowed.

514.2.2 Other conflicts - Ground Juries

- a) CIs at **Introductory level**, 1&2 star level - conflicts should be avoided whenever practicable.
- b) CIs at 3&4 star level - conflicts must be avoided whenever practicable. If unavoidable they must be declared and accepted by the FEI Secretary General.
- c) Games/Championships/Series Finals - conflicts of interest are not allowed.

514.2.3 Other Conflicts - Technical Delegates and Course Designers

Other conflicts will not apply for Technical Delegates and Course Designers.

514.3 Independent Review Panel

The FEI Secretary General may refer any potential conflict of interest to an independent review panel that he will appoint upon request and which will be composed of two sportsmen (recent retired Athletes) and one Member with legal knowledge (as well as reserve member).

This panel may confer by email or telephone.

In emergency any one member of the panel may make a decision.

515 Duties of Officials

The Ground Jury, Technical Delegate(s), Course Designer and Veterinary Delegate, in conjunction with the Organising Committee, shall endeavour to ensure that all the arrangements for the Competition are fair, safe and appropriate.

This shall include the arenas, courses, obstacles and footing with special regard to the level of difficulty of the Cross Country and Jumping courses that must in all cases fully respect the level of the Competition.

Ensuring the correct level of difficulty of the Cross Country and Jumping courses according to the relative star level of the Competition is paramount in order to achieve a correct and effective technical progression of Horses and Athletes throughout the levels.

515.1 Jurisdiction of Officials

The period of jurisdiction of the Ground Jury commences one hour before the beginning of the first Horse Inspection or one hour prior to the start of the Dressage Test, whichever is earlier, and terminates half an hour after the announcement of the final results.

However, the Ground Jury has full jurisdiction also from when they inspect and approve the cross country course

515.2 Ground Jury

515.2.1 General Duties

The Ground Jury is ultimately responsible for the judging of the Competition and for settling all problems that may arise during its jurisdiction.

Any member of the Ground Jury shall have the duty and full authority at any time during the Competition to eliminate from the Competition any Horse that is lame, sick or exhausted and any Athlete that is unfit to continue.

The Ground Jury will also be responsible for monitoring and taking action in any case of dangerous riding (art. 524) and abuse of Horse

515.2.2 Inspection and Approval of Courses

The Ground Jury inspects and approves the Cross Country and Jumping courses with the Technical Delegate and the Course Designer.

If, after consultation with the Technical Delegate, the Ground Jury is not satisfied with the courses, it is authorised to modify them.

515.2.3 Horse Inspection

The Ground Jury will conduct the first and second Horse Inspections with the Veterinary Delegate.

515.2.4 Dressage Test

The Ground Jury will judge the Dressage Test.

EA 515.2.4.1 CNC/CCN Judges

- At CCN competitions a formal Ground Jury will be appointed and duties as per FEI 515.2
- At CNC competitions there will be **no** formal Ground Jury.
- Judges will be appointed to mark the Dressage Test as per table 513.5.
- The Judges are only responsible for the Dressage phase in conjunction with the Technical Delegate.
- The Judge must report to the Technical Delegate any case of abuse of horse or lameness.
- Judges are to be aware of the FEI Eventing Dressage Rules
- At CCN competitions a formal Ground Jury will be appointed and duties as per FEI 515.2

515.2.5 Cross Country Test

The Ground Jury will be responsible for determining objections against decisions by technical personnel, including Fence Judges and Timekeepers, on the Cross Country Test and may substitute their judgement for that of any Judge or Official, whether in favour of the Athlete or not.

During Cross Country either the President of the Ground Jury must be in Cross Country Control or, if the President of the Ground Jury does not speak or understand the language which is being used for communication purposes, one of the members of the Ground Jury who does speak and understand the language must be there instead.

The President, in consultation with the Technical Delegate, shall make this decision and will decide about the role and positioning of the other Ground Jury members during the Cross Country Test.

The President and the members of the Ground Jury shall retain the same task throughout the Cross Country Test.

515.2.6 Jumping Test

The Ground Jury will be responsible for the judging of the Jumping Test.

At all Games and Championships the Ground Jury must be assisted by a Jumping Judge from the FEI list.

At all other Events such assistance is optional. Should any member of the Ground Jury be also a qualified Jumping Judge, no additional member is required.

It is essential that the President of the Ground Jury or appointed Jumping Judge be in control of the bell.

At Short format Competitions (CICs), if the Jumping takes place while other phases are also happening, this task may be delegated to a qualified national Jumping Judge with an understanding of FEI rules.

515.3 Technical Delegate

515.3.1 General Duties

The Technical Delegate will approve the technical and administrative arrangements for the conduct of the Competition, for the examinations and inspections of Horses, for the accommodation of Horses and Athletes and for the stewarding of the Competition as well as liaising with the Chief Medical Officer in regard to the Medical plan.

The authority of the Technical Delegate shall be absolute until he has reported to the Ground Jury that he is satisfied with all the arrangements. Thereafter, he will continue to supervise the technical and administrative conduct of the Event and will advise and assist the Ground Jury, Veterinary Commission and the Organising Committee.

515.3.2 Courses and Arenas

For all three tests the Technical Delegate will inspect and approve the courses, arenas and facilities for exercising and training, including the type and dimensions of obstacles and measurements of courses, with particular reference to their suitability for the level of the Competition.

The Technical Delegate is specifically required to measure all courses to ensure they are of the indicated distances. He must be able to inspect the courses early enough to allow for modifications to be made.

The Technical Delegate will supervise the briefing and conduct of all technical personnel (i.e. fence Judges, timekeepers).

515.3.3 Instruction to Officials

Where there is any doubt as to the correct interpretation of the rules of judging any element, obstacle or combination of obstacles, it is recommended that the Technical Delegate, in consultation with the Ground Jury if possible, should approve the instructions to the Officials, providing a rough sketch if necessary, and all Athletes will be informed at the briefing or as soon as possible after the Technical Delegates decision, if later.

515.3.4 Scoring

The Technical Delegate will investigate all enquiries regarding scoring, including penalties awarded, and report to and advise the Ground Jury on any decisions they are required to make.

The Technical Delegate shall be responsible for signing off the final results of the Competition(s).

515.3.5 Abuse of Horse and/or Dangerous Riding

The Technical Delegate has the authority to warn or stop an Athlete on Cross Country course for dangerous riding (art. 524), riding an exhausted Horse, excessive pressing of a tired Horse, riding an obviously lame Horse, excessive use of whip and/or spurs (art. 525).

515.3.6 Arbitration and Investigation Panel

The Technical Delegate will ensure that an Arbitration and Investigation Panel will be appointed on the first day of the Event by the Organising Committee in consultation with the Technical Delegate and President of the Ground Jury.

The Arbitration and Investigation Panel will consist of three people a non-competing current or recent Athlete experienced at the level of the Event, an FEI Official, and a third independent person experienced in the sport, e.g. an Organiser.

The Arbitration and Investigation Panel will render a decision in the case of a dispute between Athletes and Officials according to Annex F and make a report on the circumstances surrounding the accident to the President of the Ground Jury in the Event of a serious accident to Horse or Athlete.

515.3.7 Reporting to the FEI

The Technical Delegate is responsible for reporting back to FEI Headquarters within 10 days following the end of the Event.

EA 515.3.8 CNC/CCN Technical Delegate

The Technical Delegate ("T.D.") is appointed by the Branch as its official representative at each Official Event.

- to ensure Events are conducted in accordance with the Rules;
- to act as Technical Delegate;
- to act in the place of the Ground Jury in the case of a CNC where there is no formal Ground Jury.
- to provide appropriate help and guidance;
- to inspect and approve the cross-country and jumping courses before they are shown to the riders;
- to authorise appropriate alterations being made if, in his opinion, these courses are not in all respects within the limits laid down in the Rules or are unsuitable for the classes of horses expected to take part;
- to submit a report to the relevant EA State Branch or State Eventing Committee within 21 days of the event;
- may not perform any other role at an Official Event.

Expenses incurred by Technical Delegate will be the responsibility of the Organiser.

515.4 Course Designer

The Course Designer must be present at the Cross Country course inspection with the specific Ground Jury for the Cross Country course for which the Course Designer is responsible. If for any serious reason, the appointed Course Designer cannot be present also during the Cross Country Test, this information needs to be reported to the FEI with a suitable proposal for replacement before the start of the Event.

Any infringement of this article will be reported to the FEI Secretary General for possible legal action to be considered by the FEI.

515.4.1 Cross Country

The Course Designer is responsible for the layout, measurement, preparation and marking of the route for the Cross Country and for the design, construction and marking of the obstacles on Cross Country.

EA 515.4.1.2 CNC/CCN Course Designers

- The Course Designer must be approved by EA and have appropriate qualifications.
- The Course Designer must be present during the Cross Country test.
- The Course Designer is responsible for the layout, measurement, preparation and marking of the route for the Cross Country and for the design, construction and marking of the obstacles on Cross Country
- The Course Designer in conjunction with the Technical Delegate must ensure that the following are present during the Cross Country phase:
 1. Chief Cross-Country Judge, who may be the organiser, to supervise the jump judges, timekeepers and scorers.
 2. A Cross-Country Controller to control the dispatch of athletes on the cross country and to take appropriate action in the event of an accident to a rider, horse or obstacle.

515.4.2 Jumping

The Course Designer is ultimately responsible for the layout, design and construction of the Jumping course and he must ensure that the course complies with all the current Eventing Rules.

The duty of building the Jumping course will eventually be delegated to a Jumping Course Designer according to tables in Art 513.

EA 515.4.2.1 CNC/CCN Jumping

- There must be:
- One Judge from the EA Panel of Showjumping Judges
- A Course Designer approved by EA. This may be the same person

515.5 Veterinary Delegate/Commission (refer to Veterinary Regulations)

EA 515.5.3 Veterinarian

- A Veterinary Surgeon must be present during the jumping and cross-country tests.
- A Veterinary Surgeon must be available on call for the duration of the event.
- The EA Branch or its representative (e.g. the Technical Delegate) may vary these requirements in exceptional circumstances.
- Should there be no Veterinary Surgeon present, all athletes should be informed before they compete.

515.6 Appeal Committee

The duties of the Appeal Committee are as laid down in the General Regulations and in the Veterinary Regulations. The President and Members must have updated knowledge of the FEI Regulations and specifically of including the Eventing Rules.

A full Appeal Committee (President and at least two members) is compulsory for Championships and Series Finals. It must consist of a foreign member.

At all other international Events, the duties of the Appeal Committee may, at the Organising Committees discretion be carried out by the Ground Jury.

Except at a Championship, the Appeal Committee, if appointed, may consist of a single person, who must in such a case be an Official International or International Judge or an International Technical Delegate, who is not officiating at the Competition in any other capacity.

EA 515.6.1 CNC/CCN Appeal Committee

An Appeals Committee must have at least 3 members, who can demonstrate that they have no conflict of interest. Alternatively, the Appeal Committee may consist of a single person, who must in such a case be an FEI International or Candidate International Judge or an International or Candidate International Technical Delegate, or a National Technical Delegate who is not officiating in the competition in any other capacity.

EA 515.6.2 CNC/CCN Objections

- Only the owner, or his authorised agent, or the rider of a horse taking part in the competition is entitled to lodge an objection.
- Protests must be in writing, signed by the person making the protest, and presented personally to the Event Secretary or the Technical Delegate, as the case may be, together with any supporting evidence, names of witnesses and the necessary deposit of \$50.
- Protests concerning the eligibility of an athlete or horse or to the conditions of the arena: not later than 30 minutes before the start of the relevant competition;
- Protests concerning an obstacle, or the plan or length of the course for a jumping competition: not later than 15 minutes before the start of the competition;
- Protests concerning the ~~steeplechase or~~ cross-country obstacles or courses in Eventing not later than 6pm on the day before the relevant competition;
- Protests concerning irregularities or incidents during a competition, or the classification of a competition: not later than 30 minutes after the announcement of the results or the posting of results on the event notice board.
- Any person making a protest should, if possible, secure witnesses to the incident and any other form of evidence, and either bring them to the body before whom the protest is lodged, or obtain written statements from them, duly signed, together with their names and addresses.

515.7 Stewards (Stewarding Team)

The duties of the Stewarding team is to assist the Organising Committee, Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Athletes in the conduct of the Competition according to the FEI Rules, paying due respect to the guidelines defined in the Code of Conduct for Welfare of the Horse and that a level playing field is provided for all Athletes participating in the Event

During the three days before the start of the first Horse Inspection or the Dressage Test, as applicable, the Stewarding team are responsible for the application of the FEI rules.

Specifically, but not exclusively, their duties cover planning and supervision of work in all exercise, practice, warm-up, and stable areas, checking of dress and saddlery, assistance with Horse examinations and Inspections, and will be involved in the Medication control of Horses (MCP) and for Athletes (WADA) if required. They are expected to work closely with the Organising Committee, Athletes, Technical Delegates and other Officials.

EA 515.7.1 CNC/CCN Chief Steward

Chief Steward

- A Chief Steward may be appointed to assist Organising Committees and Technical Delegates.
- A Chief Steward and other stewards may be appointed from the National Stewards list.

Gear Check Officials

- A Steward may be appointed to check the saddlery of each horse before it enters the arena or starts a test or tests.
- In the dressage test, the checking of the bridle must be done with the greatest of caution.
- If the athlete so requests, the bridle and bit may be checked immediately after the test has been completed. In such a case, should the bridle or bit not be a permitted bridle or bit, the athlete shall be eliminated.
- A rider cannot be eliminated for failure to have a gear check before a test or tests.
- However, should an authorised official request the rider to undergo a gear check, the rider must comply.

CHAPTER 5 - TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

516 Principles

In order to be entered in an international Competition Athletes and Horses must first and foremost fulfil the criteria set by their National Federation.

In addition to the criteria set by National Federations the eligibility to compete will be determined by the achievement of a number of Minimum Eligibility Requirements (art. 517) in international Competitions. MERs have to be achieved by the Horse or by the Athlete/Horse as a combination according to the level of competence/experience (Art. 519 Athletes Categories) of the Athlete and the level of the Competition. National Federations are encouraged to set stronger and additional criteria to FEIs minimum requirements for Horses and Athletes.

Organising Committees, with the approval of the FEI and their own National Federation, may also impose additional criteria for Horses and/or Athletes, which must be published in the schedule approved by the FEI. The Technical Delegate, or his nominee, shall check that all Horses and Athletes are correctly entered by their National Federation and registered with the FEI.

517 Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)

A Minimum Eligibility Requirement is achieved by completing a Competition within minimum parameters of all round performance as follows:

- a) Dressage Test: not more than ~~47~~ 45 penalty points (or 55%).
- b) Cross Country Test:
 - a clear round at obstacles (See Art. 520 for exception).
 - not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross Country Test for one, two and three star level Competitions and 100 seconds in the case of four star level Competitions.
- c) Jumping Test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

Note 1: All MERs obtained in previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.

518 Minimum Eligibility Requirement Validity period

518.1 Championships

The valid period for obtaining a Minimum Eligibility Requirement is from the preceding calendar year to the closing date of the nominated entries.

518.2 CIs & CIOs:

The valid period for obtaining a Minimum Eligibility Requirement is anytime until:

- a) At least 24 days before the Cross Country Test of the Competition for which is needed if the MER has been achieved at a Long format Competition (CCIs).
- b) At least 10 days before the Cross Country Test of the Competition for which is needed if it has been achieved at a Short format Competition (CICs).

519 Athletes Categories

FEI Athlete categories for Eventing define a recognition of proven competence of the Athlete at a certain level.

Athletes will be categorised (National, D, C, B, A) according to their performance in a rolling eight years period as defined in the following table.

D	Fifteen (15) MER at FEI short (CICs) or long (CCIs) format Competitions of one star level or above; or five (5) MERs at FEI short (CICs) or long format (CCIs) competitions at a higher level
C	Fifteen (15) MER at FEI short (CICs) or long (CCIs) format Competitions of two star level or above; or five (5) MERs at FEI short (CICs) or long format (CCIs) competitions at a higher level
B	Fifteen (15) MER at FEI short (CICs) or long (CCIs) format Competitions of three star level or above; or five (5) MERs at FEI short (CICs) or long format (CCIs) competitions at a higher level
A	Fifteen (15) MER at FEI short (CICs) or long (CCIs) format Competitions of three star level or above of which five at four star level

The Athlete category will be updated according to the performances on 1st July and at the end of each calendar year taking into account the relevant rolling eight years.

520 Minimum Eligibility Requirements for CIs and CIOs

The following table details the requirements needed to be entered in the different formats, categories and levels of international Competitions. **NFs are required to set national participation requirements as per Art 516 to apply for all categorisations.**

Exceptions for MERs:

- The 1st activation of a frangible/deformable device (11 penalties) will allow a MER.
- When multiple Minimum Eligibility Requirements are required (for CIs and CIOs), one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements can be achieved incurring 20 penalties at the obstacles of the Cross Country Test (See below for Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Championships & Games)

EA c) For 1*/2*/3* if a rider has 15 MER's at the level over a rolling 8 year period (one being a CCI and none with XC penalties) then this deems the rider established. This only applies if the rider has met the FEI requirements but not the AUS NF requirements.

520.1 Athletes not yet categorised at the level of the Competition

For Athletes not yet categorized at the level of the Competition the Minimum Eligibility Requirements must be achieved as a combination according to the following table:

Short format:

CIC 1*	All Athletes	NF requirements
CIC 2*	Uncategorised Athletes	NF requirements + 1 CI 1*
	D Athletes	NF requirements
CIC 3*	Uncategorised D or C Athletes	NF requirements + 2 CI 2*

Long format:

CCI 1*	All Athletes	NF requirements
CCI 2*	Uncategorised Athletes	NF requirements + (1 CCI1* or 1 CIC2*) + 1 CIC2*
	D Athletes	NF requirements + (1 CCI1* or 1 CIC2*)
CCI 3*	National or D or C Athletes	NF requirements + 1 CCI2* + 1 CIC3*

CCI 4*	National or D or C Athletes	NF requirements + 2 CCI3* + 2 CI 3*
CCI4*	B Athletes	NF requirements + 1 CCI3* + 3 CI 3*

Unified Format:

Intro	All Athletes	NF requirements
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520.2 Athletes already categorised at the level of the Competition

Athletes already categorised at the corresponding level or above, can either use the full requirements for uncategorised athletes as per Art 520.1 as a combination or the Minimum Eligibility Requirements according to the following table

Short format:

CIC 1*	All Athletes	NF requirements
CIC 2*	C or B or A FEI Athletes	NF requirements
CIC 3*	B or A FEI Athletes	NF requirements + 1 CI 2* (Horse only)

Long format:

CCI 1*	All Athletes	NF requirements
CCI 2*	C or B or A FEI Athletes	NF requirements + (1 CCI1* or 1 CIC2*) (Horse only)
CCI 3*	B or A FEI Athletes	NF requirements + 1 CCI2* (Horse only)
CCI 4*	A FEI Athletes	NF requirements + 1 CCI3* (As a combination)

Unified Format:

Intro	All Athletes	NF requirements
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NOTE: NF's have the option to apply to use CNs (National competitions) for qualification purposes only to replace events cancelled due to weather conditions and/or exceptional circumstances.

Targeted CNs are those for which the FEI have received and approved a request from the relevant NF for this specific purpose. MERs obtained at the specific targeted national events will only count for upgrade in the same year and not for Athletes categorisation.

The application must be sent a minimum of 4 weeks before the Event. An FEI 3&4 star Technical Delegate must function at the Event taking responsibility for the technical standards/level of the Competition and must report to the FEI (TD report) including full results.

520.3 EA Minimum Eligibility Requirements (applies to FEI Events)

- FEI MER's are to be achieved as a combination except when the Rider is already categorised
- When multiple Minimum Eligibility Requirements are required (for CIs and CIOs), one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements can be achieved incurring 20 penalties at the obstacles of the Cross Country Test
- MER's in **bold** font signifies FEI requirements
- MER's in *italic* font signifies National Federation requirements

Class	Category of Rider	MER Requirements
CCI4*	A	1x CCI3* (as a combination) + 2x CIC/CNC3*
	B	1x CCI3* + 3x CIC3* + 1xCIC/CNC3*
	C	2x CCI3* + 2x CIC3* + 1x CIC/CNC3*
	D or uncategorised	2x CCI3* + 2x CIC3* + 1x CIC/CNC3*
CCI3*	A	1x CCI2* + 2x CIC/CNC2* (any time frame) or 1xCIC/CNC2* in previous 12 months + 1x CIC/CNC3* or 1x CCI/CCN2*
	B	1x CCI2* + 2x CIC/CNC2* (any time frame) or 1xCIC/CNC2* in previous 12 months + 1x CIC/CNC3* or 1x CCI/CCN2*
	C	1x CCI2* + 1x CIC3* + 1x (CIC/CNC3* or 1x CCI/CCN2*)
	D or uncategorised	1x CCI2* + 1x CIC3* + 1x (CIC/CNC3* or 1x CCI/CCN2*)
CIC3*	A	1x CCI/CIC2* + 1x (CNC3* or 1x CIC2*) <i>Horse Only</i>
	B	1x CCI/CIC2* + 1x CIC/CNC2* + 1x (CNC3* or 1x CIC2*) <i>Horse Only</i>
	C	2x CCI/CIC2* + 1x (CNC3* or 1x CIC2*)
	D or uncategorised	2x CCI/CIC2* + 1x (CNC3* or 1x CIC2*)
CCI2*	A	1x CCI1* or 1x CIC2* + 1x CNC/CIC2* In prev 12 mths
	B	1x CCI1* or 1x CIC2* + 1x CNC/CIC2* In prev 12 mths
	C	1x CCI1* or 1x CIC2* + 1x CNC/CIC2* In prev 12 mths
	D or uncategorised	1x (CCI1* or CIC2*) + 1 x CIC2* + 1 x (CCI1* or CCN1* or CIC2* or CNC2*) ~Juniors & uncategorised riders must have a CCI1* as a combination.
CIC2*	A	1x CIC/CNC1* + 1x (CIC1* or CNC2*)
	B	1x CIC/CNC1* + 1x (CIC1* or CNC2*)
	C	1x CIC/CNC1* + 2x CIC/CNC1*
	D	1 x CIC/CNC* + 2 x CIC/CNC1*
	Uncategorised	1 x CIC/CNC* + 2 x CIC/CNC1* <i>Juniors need Express Permission as a combination refer to rule 503.2</i>
CCI1*	A	None
	B	None
	C	2x CNC1* or CIC1* (Completed) or 1x CCN105 MER + 1x CNC 1* MER Junior & YR MERs to be as a combination
	D	3 x CNC1* or CIC1* MERs Junior & YR MERs to be achieved as a combination
	Uncategorised	3 x CNC1* or CIC1* MERs to be achieved as a combination Junior & YR MERs to be achieved as a combination
CIC1*	A	None
	B	None
	C	3x EvA105 or PC grade 1 or Championship level(2 clear XC_J plus 1 with 0 or 20 XC_J) Note*
	D	3x EvA105 MERs, or 2 x EvA105 plus 1 x PC grade 1 or Championship level (2 clear XC_J plus 1 with 0 or 20 XC_J) Junior & YR MERs to be achieved as a combination
	Uncategorised	3x EvA105 MER as a combination or 2x EvA105 + 1x PC Grade1 or Championship level. (2 clear XC_J plus 1 with 0 or 20 XC_J) Juniors need Express Permission as a combination, refer rule 503.2

EXEMPTION FROM MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS for CNC/CCN's & CIC/CCI's 1*:

A horse and rider may be exempted from the performance qualifications only, on the authority of the **Equestrian Australia Eventing Committee concerned**. There shall be no exemption from **FEI** requirements such as riders' age and horse age.

Such a request must be accompanied by the reasons for the request and a detailed summary of both the horse and the rider's performance record, including all the horse's competitions at national and international events during the current and previous years. The request must be lodged with the relevant State Eventing Committee / State Branch at least ten (10) days before the close of entries. The State Branch will forward the request for exemption to the National Office for ratification by the National Eventing Committee.

520.4 EA Minimum Eligibility Requirements (applies to National Events)

- National MER's **must be achieved in accordance to performances over a rolling 8 year period.**

Short Format CNC

- For a horse and rider to start at 105 they must have 3 qualifying results in official EVA 95 (or grade 2 Pony Club competition). One of these results may not have more than 20 Cross Country jumping faults. The other 2 must be clear of Cross Country faults.
- For a horse and rider to start in CNC* or CIC*, they must have three (3) qualifying results in official EvA105 classes or 2 x EvA105 plus one Grade 1 (or Championship) Pony Club Competition. One of these results may have not more than 20 cross country jumping faults; the other two must be clear of cross country jumping faults. A rider who is established to ride at CNC*** level, may enter a horse at CNC/CIC* level competitions without the horse having any previous qualifying results. **Juniors need Express Permission as a combination, refer to rule 503.2**
- For a horse and rider to start in CNC**, they must have three (3) qualifying results in any of the following: CNC*, CIC*, CCN* or CCI *. One of these may not have more than 20 cross country jumping faults. The other two must be clear of cross country jumping faults. **Juniors need Express Permission as a combination, refer to rule 503.2**
- For a horse and rider to start in CNC*** they must have three (3) qualifying results in any of the following: CNC**, CIC**, CCN** or CCI**. One of these may not have more than 20 cross country jumping faults. The other two must be clear of cross country jumping faults.
- ~~A rider, who is established at a level, by achieving one MER at the level, allows a rider to compete at that level on any horse that is qualified to compete at that level.~~
- A rider, who is established at a level, by achieving fifteen MER's at the level, over a rolling eight-year period allows a rider to competed at that level on any horse that is qualified with MER's at that level.
- All qualifying results must have a dressage score of not less than 55% of dressage good marks.
- All qualifying results may not have more than 75 seconds (30 penalties) exceeding the optimum cross country time.
- All qualifying results may not have more than 16 jumping faults.

Long Format CCN

CCN105	Established 1*,2* & 3* riders	None
	Not established riders	1 x EvA105 or 1 CCN95 or 1 PC Championship at A grade or grade 1. (Jnrs as a combination)
CCN95	Established 1*,2* 3* & EvA105 riders	None
	Not established riders	1x EvA95 (Jnrs as a combination)
CCN80	Established 1*,2* 3* & EvA105 riders	None
	Not established riders	1xEvA80 (Jnrs as a combination)

521 Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Championships & Games

For Championships & Games all Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs) must be achieved as a combination and must be clear on the obstacles of the Cross Country Test.

The 1st activation of a frangible /deformable device (11 penalties) will still allow a MER.

This includes MER obtained as per NF Requirements

CH 1*	NF requirements + 1 CCI 1* (Long)
CH 2*	NF requirements + 1 CCI 2* (Long)
CH 3*	NF requirements + 1 CCI 3* (Long)
CH 4*	NF requirements + (1 CCI 4* (Long)) or (1 CCI 3* (Long) + 1 CI 3* (Long or Short))

For the valid period of obtaining a minimum eligibility, refer to article above: Minimum Eligibility Requirement Validity period.

Qualification for Young Horse Championships will be established separately by the Eventing Committee on an annual basis.

522 Reverse Qualification

522.1 Reverse Qualification – Horse

A reverse qualification is the obligation for a Horse to show restored competence at a lower level (MER) after a number of unsuccessful attempts at a certain level. Reverse qualification only applies to the Horse.

A reverse qualification is triggered

- by two (2) consecutive Cross Country eliminations
- or
- a total of three (3) Cross Country eliminations within a twelve (12) months rolling period of time in an international Competitions.

For this purpose the relevant reasons of elimination on Cross Country would be:

- a) Three (3) refusals
- b) Fall of Horse or Athlete
- c) Dangerous riding

Reverse qualifications remain unless cleared by a MER.

In the case of a reverse qualification at certain level the Horse must obtain a Minimum Eligibility Requirement in an international Competition at a lower level before being allowed to compete again at the original level (e.g. Horse with 2 eliminations at 3 star level (any format) must obtain MER at 2 star level (any format) before going back to 3 star level (any format). If a reverse qualification is triggered by eliminations that occur at different levels (any format), then the Horse must obtain a MER at the level below (any format) the highest level of Competition at which an elimination occurred.

If a reverse qualification is triggered following eliminations at 1 star level (any format) then the NF must assess the Horse and provide a written report to the FEI Eventing Department before the Horse may again take part in any international Eventing Competition

522.2 Reverse Qualification - Athlete

In addition to the above, should an Athlete be fully involved with two (2) reverse qualifications within a twelve (12) months rolling period of time his category (Art 519) will drop down one (1) level for one (1) year, as of the date of the second reverse qualification.

EA 522 CNC/CCN Reverse Qualification

- Reverse qualification applies to National levels EvA95, EvA105, CNC/CCN*, CNC/CCN** and CNC/CCN***.
- Any MER that is required at the lower level before being allowed to compete again must be obtained as the combination that triggered the reverse qualification. Proof of MERs gained at EvA105 and below in order to cancel a reverse qualification are required to be sent to the state branch/representative by the rider.
- If reverse qualification is triggered by eliminations at CIC1* or CCI1* the combination will be required to obtain an MER at CNC/CCN EvA105. Written results and/or report to be forwarded to the FEI Eventing Department

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523 Athletes Welfare

523.1 Medical Information

To ensure that vital information is available to first aid or medical personnel in case of emergency, athletes must comply with the following:

- a) Providing a valid contact information is mandatory for all Athletes.

The telephone number of an accompanying person/next-of-kin must be provided to the Event secretariat upon arrival (OC and medical officer to ensure all information has been received before the Cross Country)

- b) Declaration of medical condition

Athletes with medical conditions that may be relevant in the case of a medical emergency are responsible, at every Event when riding, for wearing a medical data carrier* from a system provider able to communicate information at least in English. Alternatively (and at the minimum) a medical armband of good quality can be used. Athletes who choose to wear an armband should download and fill in the form available for this purpose on the FEI's website.

*Medical data carrier (also called 'medical identification tag'): small emblem or tag worn on a bracelet, neck chain, or on the clothing, intended to alert paramedics/physicians/first responders that the wear has an important medical condition.

Conditions that are relevant include recent head injury, serious past injuries/surgeries, chronic health problems such as diabetes, long-term medications and allergies. If in doubt, the Athlete should discuss this with his own treating physician.

Refer to Annex D-1 for National Medical Card page 102

523.2 Medical Fitness

If there is any doubt with regard to fitness to compete of an Athlete the Ground Jury, in consultation with the Official Medical Officer, may, at its own discretion, eliminate the Athlete and decide also about his ineligibility to take part in any other Competition at that Event.

Any such elimination must be reported to the FEI through the Technical Delegate report.

523.3 Examination After a Fall

All Athletes that have had a fall during training on the Competition site or in Competition must be examined by the Official Medical Officer before they either take part in another test, Competition or leave the venue. The Athlete is fully responsible for ensuring that this examination takes place.

Any Athlete who leaves the venue after a fall without submitting to the examination required under this Article will automatically be issued a Yellow Warning Card for incorrect behaviour, which will be delivered to his or her National Federation.

523.4 Concussion

When an Athlete has an accident that results in concussion, the Athlete must be eliminated from the Competition and is ineligible to take part in any other Competition at that Event.

524 Horses Welfare

The FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse should be respected at all times including and not limited to during training, preparation, travel competition, recovery and otherwise.

524.1 Veterinary Examination on Arrival

This takes place on the arrival of Horses at the Event. It is performed by the Veterinary Delegate or their deputy, who must be a qualified veterinarian,. The object is to establish: first each Horse's identity, vaccination history, other passport details and second, each Horse's state of health.

The Organising Committee must fix the place and timetable for this examination in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate and inform the Chefs d'Equipe and/or the Athletes in advance.

Doubtful cases must be reported to the Ground Jury or Appeal Committee as appropriate, as soon as practicable and, normally, before the first Horse Inspection.

524.2 Horse Inspections

The Horse Inspections shall be open to viewing by the public.

524.2.1 First Horse Inspection

This takes place before the Dressage Test, not more than 24 hours prior to the beginning of the Dressage test. It is conducted by the Ground Jury and the Veterinary Delegate acting together as an Inspection Panel with the President of the Ground Jury in charge.

The Horses, presented by their respective Athlete, must be inspected in hand, at rest and in movement on a firm level, clean but not slippery surface.

The Inspection Panel has the right and the duty to eliminate from the Competition any Horse that they judge is unfit, whether on account of lameness, lack of condition or for any other reason.

In the case that the fitness to compete is questionable the Ground Jury may refer the Horse to the Holding box for examination by the Holding Box Veterinarian.

Should the Athlete decide to present the Horse for Re-inspection, the Holding Box Veterinarian will report any findings to the Inspection Panel prior to the Horse being re-inspected by the committee.

Horses in the Holding Box will be under the supervision and control of a Steward and the Holding Box Veterinarian.

In the Event of equality of votes within the Inspection Panel, the President of the Ground Jury will have a second and casting vote, and the decision will be announced immediately.

524.2.2 Second Horse Inspection

This takes place before the Jumping Test. It is conducted by the same Inspection Panel and under the same conditions as the first Horse Inspection.

524.2.3 Option for Horse Inspection at Short Competitions (CIC)

At a short Competition the First Horse Inspection is optional, however if one is to be held the details must be published in the schedule of the Competition.

In the Event that there is no First Horse Inspection, an FEI Official Veterinarian must assess the Horse's fitness to compete including a brief trot within the Examination on Arrival pursuant to 523.1 of these Eventing rules. Horses deemed by the FEI Official Veterinarian to be unfit to compete must be reported to the Ground Jury.

In a short format competition the Second Horse Inspection will be compulsory if the Jumping Test is the last test.

524.3 Horse Welfare During the Competition

At any time during the Competition, the Ground Jury, in consultation with the Veterinary Delegate, has the right and the duty to eliminate any Horse which, in his opinion, is lame or is unfit to continue.

524.3.1 Cross Country - Warm Up

There will be a veterinarian, appointed by the Organising Committee in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate, near the start of the Cross Country to report any doubtful cases to the Ground Jury.

524.3.2 Cross Country - Finishing Area

A veterinary examination will take place after the Horse has finished the Cross Country. It is conducted by a qualified veterinarian appointed by the Organising Committee in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate.

In addition to carrying out any immediate treatment required by an injured or exhausted Horse, this veterinarian will decide if each Horse:

- a) Is fit to return immediately on foot to its own stable.
- b) Should remain for further treatment before returning to its stable.
- c) Should be transported by vehicle either direct to its stable or to a veterinary hospital.

This veterinarian has no authority to eliminate any Horse from the Competition, but must report any doubtful case of abuse of horse to the Ground Jury and to the Veterinary Delegate.

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An Athlete who has retired, has been eliminated or stopped during the Cross Country Test is responsible to make sure his Horse has been checked by the Veterinary Delegate or an appointed veterinarian before leaving the venue.

Any Athlete who leaves the venue without submitting to the veterinary check required under this Article will automatically be issued a Yellow Warning Card for incorrect behaviour, which will be delivered to his or her National Federation.

524.4 Appeal

At the two Horse Inspections and at any time during the Competition where a Horse may be eliminated for Horse welfare reasons, there can be no appeal against the decision of the Ground Jury.

However, if requested, the president must give a reason for the decision.

524.5 Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Testing

Refer to Veterinary Regulations and EADCMRs.

525 Dangerous Riding

525.1 Definition

Any Athlete who, at any time during the Competition deliberately or unintentionally by incompetence is exposing himself, his Horse or any third party to a higher risk than what is strictly inherent to the nature of the Competition will be considered to have acted dangerously and will be penalised accordingly to the severity of the infringement.

Such acts may include without limitation any of the following:

- a) Riding out of control (Horse clearly not responding to the Athletes restraining or driving aids).
- b) Riding fences too fast or too slow.
- c) Repeatedly standing off fences too far (pushing the Horse to the foot of the fence, firing the Horse to the fence).
- d) Repeatedly being ahead or behind the Horse movement when jumping.
- e) Series of dangerous jumps.
- f) Severe lack of responsiveness from the Horse or the Athlete.
- g) Continuing after three clear refusals, a fall or any form of elimination in 1* and above.

g.1) Continuing after four clear refusals, 3 refusals at the same jump, or a fall in CNC/CCN EvA105 and below.

- h) Endangering the public in any way (e.g. jumping out of the roped track).
- i) Jumping obstacles not part of the course.
- j) Wilful obstruction of an overtaking Athlete and/or not following the instructions of the Officials causing danger to another Athlete.

Any individual member of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate have the right and the duty to monitor possible cases of dangerous riding and, if appropriate and practical, to stop and eliminate an Athlete on the cross country course for dangerous riding.

If not directly witnessed by the Ground Jury, the incident must be reported as soon as possible to the Ground Jury who will decide if and how to penalise the Athlete.

The President of the Ground Jury can in addition designate one or more assistants (e.g. experienced Eventing Officials who are not in an Official function at the Competition, experienced Athletes or/and trainers not directly involved in the Competition) to help to monitor possible cases of dangerous riding in the cross country.

The President of the Ground Jury will decide their specific role, authority and reporting procedure. It is recommended that these additional Officials be grouped in pairs on the Cross Country course.

At CNC Events all incidents must be reported to the Technical Delegate.

525.2 Warnings and Penalties

Different cases of dangerous riding will be dealt with one of the following provisions:

- a) Recorded Verbal Warning
- b) Yellow Warning Card.
- c) 25 penalties.
- d) 25 penalties + Yellow Warning Card.
- e) Elimination.
- f) Elimination + Yellow Warning Card.

25 penalties will count as Cross Country obstacles penalties in the results.

Any of the above sanctions applied must always be reported by the Technical Delegate to be added on the Athlete sanction list.

525.3 Elimination Before Cross Country

As a preventive risk management measure, the Ground Jury, at any time throughout the Competition, has the right and the duty to eliminate an Athlete to prevent him from starting the Cross Country Test, if there is a serious concern regarding his ability to control the Horse in that test.

Any such elimination must be associated with a recorded verbal warning or Yellow Warning Card.

526 Abuse of Horse

526.1 Definition

Abuse of Horse means an action or omission which causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a Horse included but not limited to:

- a) Rapping.
- b) Riding an exhausted Horse.
- c) Excessive pressing of a tired Horse.
- d) Riding an obviously lame Horse.
- e) Excessive use of whip, bit and/or spurs.
- f) Horses bleeding on the flank(s) or back indicating excessive use of the whip and/or spurs.

If not directly witnessed by the Ground Jury, the incident must be reported as soon as possible to the Ground Jury through the Secretary of the Organising Committee or Cross Country Control Centre as appropriate. Where possible the report should be supported by a statement from one or more witnesses.

The Ground Jury must decide if there is a case to be answered.

The Technical Delegate at a CNC must decide if there is a case to be answered

526.2 Warnings and Penalties

Any act or series of actions that in the opinion of the Ground Jury can be defined as abuse of Horse will be dealt with one or more of the following provisions:

- a) Recorded Verbal Warning.
- b) Yellow Warning Card.
- c) Elimination.
- d) Fine.
- e) Disqualification.

526.3 Use of the Whip

Excessive and/or misuse of the whip maybe considered abuse of Horse and will be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury according to the following principles:

- a) The whip is not to be used to vent an Athlete temper.
- b) The whip is not to be used after elimination.
- c) The whip is not to be used after a Horse has jumped the last fence on a course.
- d) The whip is not to be used overhand, (i.e. a whip in the right hand being used on the left flank).
- e) The whip is not to be used on a Horse head.
- f) The whip is not to be used more than three times for any one incident.
- g) If a Horse skin is broken the use of the whip is always excessive.

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526.4 Blood on Horses

Blood on Horses ~~may be an indication of abuse of Horse and~~ must be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury. ~~Not all cases of blood will lead to elimination.~~

In minor cases of blood in the mouth, such as where a Horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip, or minor bleeding ~~on limbs~~, after investigation ~~in conjunction with the Veterinarian~~, the Ground Jury may authorise the Athlete to continue.

~~The cases indicating Abuse of Horse will be dealt with according to the provisions of Art 526.2 (Abuse of Horse – Warnings and Penalties)~~

527 Yellow Warning Cards

Before issuing a Yellow Warning Card, the Ground Jury has the duty to hear the athlete, if available. At any time, the athlete has the right to seek out the Ground Jury for any explanation relating to the Yellow Warning Card.

If after reasonable efforts the Athlete cannot be notified during the Period of the Event that he has received a Yellow Warning Card, the Athlete must be notified in writing within fourteen (14) days of the Event.

In the case of a Yellow Warning Card being issued, after the decision of the Ground Jury, a notice stating the name of the Athlete and the reason of the warning must be posted on the Official notice board.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the General Regulations, should the same Person Responsible receive one more Yellow Warning Card at the same or any other international Event within one year of the delivery of the first Yellow Warning Card for the same offence, the Person Responsible shall automatically be suspended for a period of two months after official notification from the FEI Secretary General.

EA 527.1 CNC/CCN Yellow Warning Cards

A Yellow Warning Card or Official Warning may be issued by an EA Official (Technical Delegate, a member of the Ground Jury or Chief Steward) for offences of a less serious nature at EA Events.

While it is clearly not possible for an EA Official to witness all that occurs at an event, he or she should satisfy themselves that such an offence has, in all likelihood, occurred in the fashion reported to him or her.

In the case of a Yellow Warning Card being awarded by an EA Official, he or she should ideally deliver it personally to the Rider, together with an explanation as to why it is being issued and the possible consequences of any further offences being committed.

Official Warnings will also ideally be delivered personally to the rider with an explanation as to why it is being issued and the possible consequences of any further offences being committed.

In the case of riders under the age of 18 years, a Parent/Guardian must be present when personally delivering the Yellow Warning Card or Official Warning.

All Yellow Warning Cards and Official Warnings must be posted on the Official notice board even if personally delivered. If it is not possible to deliver the Yellow Warning Card or Official Warning personally it must still be posted on the official notice board.

~~The receipt of a Yellow Warning Card suspends any penalty until new offences take place.~~

The EA Official will advise their State Branch and or State Eventing Committee of the issue of ALL Yellow Warning Cards, or Official Warnings and the reasons for the issue within 48 hours of the event.

The State Branch of the EA and or the State Eventing Committee, shall as soon as possible advise the National Office, who will arrange for the Yellow Warning Card issue or Warning to be entered into a National Database and will place the notice on the EA National Website.

The name of the official giving the Warning or the Yellow Card and their jurisdiction at the event (eg TD, Chief Steward) should be listed on the National Database, alongside the reason for the decision.

A rider receiving Two Yellow Warning Cards within a 12 month period for the same offence, will incur an automatic disqualification from competition for two months, from the date of the second offence. There will be no right of appeal. Yellow Warning Cards received at both International and National events will be taken into account.

CHAPTER 7 - GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

528 Classification

528.1 Individual Classification

528.1.1 Dressage Test

Each Athlete's good marks awarded by the Judges are converted into penalty points. They are recorded and published after the test for inclusion in the Dressage and final classification.

528.1.2 Cross Country Test

Each Athlete's penalties for faults at obstacles are added to the penalties for excess time and to any other penalty that he may have incurred on Cross Country. They are recorded and published after the test for inclusion in the Cross Country and final classification.

528.1.3 Jumping Test

Each Athlete's penalties for faults at obstacles are added to the penalties that he may have incurred for excess time. They are recorded and published after the test for inclusion in the Jumping and final classification.

528.1.4 Elimination

Elimination from one of the tests entails immediate elimination from the Competition.

528.1.5 Final Classification

The winner is the Athlete with the lowest total of penalty points from the three tests.

528.1.6 Final Classification Tie (Individual)

In the Event of equality between two or more Athletes, the classification is decided by:

- a) The best cross-country score including penalties for faults at obstacles, time penalties and any other penalty that he may have incurred on the Cross Country Test.
- b) If there is still equality, the classification is decided in favour of the Athlete whose cross-country time was closest to the optimum time.
- c) If there is still equality, the Athlete with the best Jumping score including penalties at obstacles and time penalties.
- d) If there is still equality, the Athlete with the fastest time in the Jumping Test.
- e) If there is still equality, the classification will be decided in favour of the Athlete with the best total of collective marks in the Dressage Test.
- f) If there is still equality the tie will remain in the final classification.

528.2 Team Classification

528.2.1 Final Classification

Teams will consist of either three or four Athletes.

The winning team is the team with the lowest total of penalty points, after adding together the individual final scores of the three highest placed Athletes in the team.

For the purposes of the final team classification only, a team member who fails for any reason to complete the Competition will be awarded 1000 penalty points.

528.2.2 Final Classification Tie (Team)

In the Event of equality between any two or more teams, the classification will be decided by the best combined highest three placing.

528.3 Disqualification

Disqualification means that the Athlete, the Horse(s), and/or a combination of both is/are disqualified from the Competition at issue or from the entire Event. Disqualification may also be retroactive.

Disqualification in Eventing can apply during the Competition at the discretion of the Ground Jury:

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- a) For the most serious cases of abuse of Horse.
- b) For the most serious cases of Athletes misbehaviour.

Disqualification in Eventing will apply automatically after the Competition:

- a) For having participated in a Competition without the appropriate eligibility requirements (Athlete or Horse).
- b) For having participated in a Competition without the appropriate registration (Athlete or Horse.)

528.3.1 Positive Test(s) for Substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substance list of an Athlete or Horse (refer to the FEI EADCMRs and ADRHA)

529 Declaration of Starters

The declaration of starters will take place at a time to be announced by the Organising Committee. It will be after Athletes have inspected the Cross Country and after the first Horse Inspection.

If there is only an individual classification, the Organising Committee may announce that presentation at the first Horse Inspection will be assumed to be a declaration to start.

If there is a team classification, the Chefs d'Equipe must declare, in writing, the composition of the team, the starting order of the Athletes within the team and, in the case of a team with three members, which starting position shall remain vacant.

If an Athlete has presented at the first Horse Inspection more Horses than he is allowed to ride, he, or his Chef d'Equipe where applicable, must declare in writing the names of the Horse or Horses definitely starting.

If for the same level there are two or more sections the Athletes with more than one Horse have the right to have their Horses split between sections. The procedure by which Athletes are divided between sections must be specified in the Schedule.

530 Substitutions

530.1 CIs

After the closing date for entries only properly qualified Athlete/Horses, subject to the agreement of the Organising Committee, can be substituted up to one hour before the first Horse Inspection (if not applicable two hours before the start of the Dressage Test).

530.2 CIOs and Championships

After the declaration of starters, a change in the composition of a team or a change of which Horse an Athlete will ride must comply with the following:

- a) The substitution must be made at least ~~one~~ two hours before the first Athlete is scheduled to perform his Dressage Test on the day on which the Athlete in question has been drawn to take part.
- b) In the Event of an accident or illness of an Athlete, a certificate from an officially recognised doctor must be presented.
- c) In the Event of lameness or illness of a Horse, permission from the Veterinary Delegate must be obtained.
- d) The Technical Delegate, in consultation with the Ground Jury, must approve the substitution.

531 Draw

531.1 Approval of Method of Draw

The method of draw must be approved by the Technical Delegate having consulted, if possible, with the Ground Jury. He may also approve rearrangement of the order or number of blocks of teams or individual Athletes where the number of Athletes makes it necessary.

531.2 CIs

If there is only an Individual Competition, the draw will be conducted by the Organising Committee and will decide the starting order published in the programme.

531.3 CIOs and Championships

If there is a Team and an Individual Classification the draw will take place to determine the order of countries for the first and second Horse Inspection. This order is also the team running order for the Dressage and Cross Country Tests.

This draw will take place prior to the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chefs d'Equipe. All countries participating in the Competition, whether by teams or individuals, will be included in this draw.

532 Allocation of Starting Positions (CIOs and Championships)

If there is a Team and an Individual Classification the allocation of the starting positions for all Athletes in the Competition will be made after the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chefs d'Equipe, according to the following method.

The total starting places will be divided into eight blocks (A to H) and the Athletes will be allocated to each block as follows:

- a) Block A - first Athlete in each team
- b) Block B - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- c) Block C - second Athlete in each team
- d) Block D - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- e) Block E - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- f) Block F - third Athlete in each team
- g) Block G - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- h) Block H - fourth Athlete in each team

532.1 Team Members Positions

The team members positions will be filled first according to the draw of countries (art. 530.3) and the starting order within each team previously declared, after the Horse Inspection, by its Chef d'Equipe. The Chef d'Equipe of a team with only three members must declare which starting position shall remain vacant.

532.2 Individuals Positions

The individuals positions will then be determined as follows:

- a) Athletes with one Horse in the Team Competition, second Horses will be placed by the Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of Block G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (art. 530.3).
- b) Athletes with two Horses in the Individual Competition will be placed by Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of Block B and G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (art. 530.3). Only one such Athlete's Horses may be placed by a Chef d'Equipe until his turn in the sequence recurs.
- c) Athletes with one Horse in the Individual Competition without a representative team will be placed by the Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of blocks B, D, E, or G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (art. 530.3).
- d) Athletes with one Horse in the Individual Competition with a representative team will be placed by the Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of blocks B, D, E, or G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (art. 530.3).

More than one member of a team will be permitted to ride two Horses only if there are enough Athletes in the Event to allow both Horses to be fitted into the time schedule in accordance with the above paragraph.

533 Starting Order**533.1 Long Competitions****533.1.1 Dressage and Cross Country Tests**

The drawn starting order will be used for both these tests.

533.1.2 Jumping Test

The starting order must follow the reverse order of classification at the end of the Cross Country Test(i.e. the lowest placed Athlete will start first, and the last Athlete to jump will be the one placed highest).

533.2 Short Competitions**533.2.1 Dressage and Jumping Tests**

The drawn starting order will be used for both these tests.

533.2.2 Cross Country Test

At the discretion of the Organising Committee:

- a) May follow the same draw starting order of the Dressage and Jumping Tests.
- b) May be run in reverse order of classification for the best 25 percent of competitors. The same draw starting order of the Dressage and Jumping Tests will be followed for the remaining competitors.

If two Horses ridden by the same Athlete are classified too close to each other, the starting order of the lower placed one must be adjusted.

533.2.3 Athletes with multiple rides

An athlete with multiple rides cannot change the relative order of his horses. However, if required by the timetable and in agreement with the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate, he may start one or more horses at other than the normally scheduled starting time for both Jumping and Cross Country tests.

EA 533.2.4 CNC/CCN Starting Order

- a) The drawn starting order will be used for the Dressage test
- b) The drawn starting order will be used for the Cross Country Test
- c) At the discretion of the Organising Committee the Jumping test may be run in reverse order at both Short format and Long format competitions.
- d) If two or more Horses ridden by the same Athlete are classified too close to each other, the starting order of the lower placed horses must be adjusted.

EA 533.2.5 CNC/CCN ELIMINATED ATHLETES

Eliminated riders are allowed to compete in subsequent phases but the TD retains the discretion to eliminate them from any further participation on the grounds of welfare or safety.

534 Timetable**534.1 Dressage Test**

A timetable showing each Athlete's starting time for the Dressage Test will be available to each Athlete. The interval between starting times will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee, with the approval of the Technical Delegate.

534.2 Cross-Country Test

A timetable, showing each Athlete's starting time must be available to each Athlete no later than one hour after the end of the Dressage Test.

The interval between starting times will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee, with the approval of the Technical Delegate.

534.3 Jumping Test

A time schedule showing the start and the approximate finish of the Jumping Test shall be published. If the time schedule is split, for example between morning and afternoon sessions, the number of Athletes that will jump in the second session shall be noted.

534.4 Minimum Interval Between Tests

If the Cross Country Test takes place before the Jumping Test, the minimum interval between Tests must be 60 minutes.

535 Exercising and Warming Up**535.1 Identification Number**

Upon arrival, each Horse is issued with an identification number, which must be worn at all times. It may be replaced by the draw number, which must then be worn until the end of the Competition.

Failure to display either number incurs first a warning and, in the case of a repeated offence, a fine imposed on the Athlete by the Ground Jury.

535.2 Restrictions on Schooling Horses**535.2.1 Period of Restriction**

During the three days before the start of the first Horse Inspection or the Dressage Test, as applicable, and for the entire duration of the Competition it is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, for anyone to school a Horse other than the Athlete who will ride the Horse in the Competition.

535.2.2 Hacking and Exercising

A groom, while mounted, is not permitted to school the Horse but only to hack it, exercise it or ride it on long reins. A groom may also work the Horse on the lunge.

535.2.3 Forbidden Areas

Under penalty of elimination, riding close to Cross Country obstacles, or riding in the dressage or jumping arenas prior to the actual Competition is forbidden, unless specifically authorised by the Ground Jury or the Technical Delegate.

535.3 Exercise Areas

Appropriate areas suitable for the general exercise of Horses must be made available by the Organising Committee and must be open throughout the hours of daylight.

The Organising Committee must inform Athletes of the areas that are available for this purpose. Horses may be exercised only in such designated areas and/or in the practice and warm areas up for Dressage, Cross Country and Jumping.

535.4 Practice Areas**535.4.1 Practice Dressage Areas**

At least one dressage practice arena of 60 by 20 meters must be put at the disposal of the Athletes two days before the first day of the Dressage Test. If possible, this arena should be of the same footing as the Competition arena.

535.4.2 Practice Jumping Areas

The Organising Committee must provide one or more practice areas with both fixed and knock down obstacles. The following will apply:

- a) The only practice obstacles that Athletes may jump are those provided by the Organising Committee.
- b) All obstacles must be marked with red and white flags.
- c) The practice obstacles shall only be jumped at times laid down by the Organising Committee.
- d) The Organising Committee must provide at least two fixed cross country practice obstacles.
- e) The dimensions of any fixed practice obstacle, either in the practice or warm up areas, may never exceed those of the relevant Cross Country Test.
- f) The knock down obstacles, either in Cross Country or Jumping practice / warm up areas may never be raised more than 10 centimetres above the maximum height permitted by the relevant Test and the spread may never exceed the maximum permitted by the relevant Test.
- g) No part of a knock down obstacle may ever be held by anyone.

535.5 Warm Up Areas

Warm up areas must be provided by the Organising Committee in the vicinity of the relevant Competition arenas for the Dressage and Jumping Tests and close to the start for the Cross Country Test.

Warm up areas may be the same of the practice areas if the dimensions, layout and quality of the footing can allow for it with the following minimum requirements.

535.5.1 Dressage

At least one practice arena of 60 by 20 meters must be put at the disposal of the Athlete next to compete.

535.5.2 Cross Country

At least two fixed or knock down obstacles marked with red and white flags.

535.5.3 Jumping

At least two knock down obstacles marked with red and white flags.

EA 535.5.4 CNC/CCN Warm up arenas**Practice Dressage Arena**

- At CCN Long format at least one practice arena of 60 by 20 meters must be put at the disposal of the athletes two days before the first day of the Dressage Test. If possible, this arena should be of the same consistency as the competition arena.
- At CNC Short format a warm up or practice arena is not mandatory.
- At CNC Short format arena familiarisation is not mandatory

Cross Country Practice Obstacles

The organising Committee must provide a practice warm-up area near the start of the Cross Country with at least two fixed obstacles and/or knockdown obstacles, of which dimensions may not exceed those of the cross-country phase and which must be marked with red and white flags. These are the only practice obstacles which may be jumped.

Jumping Test Practice Obstacles:

All obstacles must be marked with red and white flags. No part of the obstacle may ever be held by anyone. These obstacles may not be raised more than 10 cm above the height allowed in the Jumping Test. The spread may never exceed the maximum permitted. The practice obstacles shall only be jumped at times laid down by the Organising Committee. Violation of any of the above provisions relating to practice obstacles is forbidden, under penalty of disqualification (see "FEI Rules for Jumping Events"). Prohibited obstacles - see Annexes.

535.6 Dressage Familiarization**535.6.1 Dressage Familiarization**

In order to familiarize the Horse with the Competition arena prior to the Dressage Test Athletes and Grooms may, if conditions and the timetable allow, be permitted at a time agreed by the Organising Committee to walk and lead the Horse on a long rein outside the boards of the Competition arena.

In the case of all-weather surfaces the Organising Committee may if the timetable allows permit schooling inside (with Athletes only) and/or outside the boards.

535.7 Stewarding

One or more Stewards must be appointed to ensure that the rules regarding exercising and warming up are obeyed.

The jumping obstacles can only be used if supervised by a Steward.

Other practice and exercise areas may be patrolled by Stewards in a random manner. Violation of any of the provisions relating to practice obstacles is forbidden under penalty of elimination.

EA 535.7.1 CNC/CCN Stewarding

One or more Stewards may be appointed to ensure that the rules regarding exercising and warming-up are obeyed. If so, a Steward should be present at whatever times the Organising Committee has laid down that practice obstacles may be used. Other practice and exercise areas may be patrolled by Stewards in a random manner.

536 Access to Courses and Arenas**536.1 Dressage Arena**

Unless permission is given by the Ground Jury, it is forbidden for Athletes, under penalty of elimination, to enter the arena mounted at any time other than when performing their test during the Competition. The Equestrian Australia National Eventing Rules – updated January 2018

arena may be inspected on foot prior to the start or during breaks in the Competition.

536.1.1

In Eventing, it is not compulsory to close the Dressage arena.

536.2 Cross Country Course

It is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, to the Athletes to inspect the obstacles or the course before it is officially open.

536.2.1 Opening Time

The Cross Country Course will be opened to all Athletes at the latest the day before the Cross Country Test. After the course has been officially opened Athletes are allowed to revisit the course and examine the obstacles during the hours of daylight. This examination must take place on foot only unless special permission is given by the Ground Jury.

EA 536.2.2

The Cross Country course must be walked on foot only; unless permission is given by the TD who will take guidance from the OC. Any permission to be posted on the notice board, if not posted walking on foot only allowed.

536.2.2 Flags and Markers

All obstacles, flags and markers must be exactly in position when the course is opened to Athletes. They may not be moved or altered by Athletes under penalty of elimination.

536.3 Jumping Course

The course for the Jumping Test will be open to Athletes not less than 15 minutes before the start of the Jumping Test. Permission to enter the arena will be given by the Ground Jury and an announcement must be made over the public address system.

Athletes will be only admitted to inspect the course on foot between the opening of the course and the start of the Jumping Test.

Unless special permission is given by the Ground Jury, it is forbidden for Athletes, under penalty of elimination, to enter the arena on foot once the Jumping Test has started.

EA 536.4 CNC/CCN Access to Courses and Arenas

- It is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, to inspect the obstacles or the course before it is officially open to the athletes, unless agreed to by the Technical Delegate. (An early course walk with Athlete representative is encouraged)
- The Cross-Country course should be opened to all athletes on the same day; before the event begins.

EA 536.5 CNC/CCN Practice restrictions

No athlete may compete on a horse which has had the opportunity to practise over any of the obstacles, except where the course is generally available for schooling. In this case, no athlete may have practised on any of the obstacles to be used in the competition for four weeks (28 days) before the competition. Exemptions to the four week time closure may be requested in writing to the Chairman of the National Eventing Committee, with copy to the Equestrian Australia Eventing ~~Consultant~~ Committee.

537 Interruptions and Modifications

537.1 Interruptions

The timetable may be interrupted due to dangerous conditions. If necessary, the start of any test or phase may be interrupted, postponed or cancelled.

The decision to interrupt, postpone or cancel a test will be made by the President of the Ground Jury, if possible, after consultation with the other members of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate.

In the case of an interruption, the Competition will be resumed as soon as possible at the point of the interruption. Every affected Athlete must receive sufficient warning before the resumption of the Competition.

537.2 Modifications

After the courses have been officially shown to the Athletes, alterations may be made only in exceptional circumstances and/or when specifically requested by the Athlete representative or Chef d'Equipes and agreed by the Ground Jury in consultation with the Technical Delegate and Course Designer.

Any such modification must be notified to the Athletes at the Cross Country briefing.

After the Cross Country Test has started alterations may be made only when exceptional circumstances (such as heavy rain or hot weather) make obstacles or a test unfair or dangerous.

The decision will be taken by the President of the Ground Jury after consultation, if possible, with the other members of the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate.

In such cases, the Chefs d'Equipe and every Athlete must be officially and personally informed of the alteration before the start of the phase or the test concerned. Where appropriate, an Official must also be stationed at the place where the alteration has been made in order to warn the Athletes.

538 Dress

538.1 General

Whilst riding in Competition, Athletes must ensure that long hair is tied and neat.

538.1.1 Protective Headgear

While riding on the show grounds, the use of a properly fastened Protective Headgear will be mandatory. Protective Headgear must comply with any of the European (EN), British (PAS), North American (ASTM), Australian/New Zealand tested standards

Failure to wear such Protective Headgear where and when requires after being notified to do so by an Official, shall result in a Yellow Warning card being issued to the athlete unless exceptional circumstances apply.

As an exception, Senior Athletes may be allowed to remove their Headgear while accepting prizes or during the national anthem. It is recommended that Athletes not remove their Headgear during the lap of honour.

538.1.2 Whips

- a) Training - A whip no longer than one 120 centimetres including lash is allowed when riding on the flat at any time. A whip no longer than 75 centimetres and not weighted at the end is allowed while jumping any obstacle.
- b) Horse Inspections - A whip no longer than 120 centimetres including lash is allowed at the Horse Inspections.
- c) Dressage Test - A whip is not allowed entering the space around the arena and during the Test.
- d) Cross Country and Jumping Tests - A whip no longer than 75 centimetres and not weighted at the end is allowed during these tests.

538.1.3 Spurs

- a) General - Spurs are optional for all three Tests. Spurs capable of wounding a Horse are forbidden. Spurs must be of smooth material (metal or plastic). If there is a shank it must not be more than four centimetres long (the overall shank must be measured from the boot to the end of the spur) and must point only towards the rear. The end of the shank must be blunt to prevent wounding a Horse. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards. Metal or plastic spurs with round hard plastic or metal knobs "Impulse spurs" and "Dummy spurs"• with no shank are allowed.
- b) Rowel Spurs - Spurs with rowels are allowed in the three tests and when practising/warming up. If they are used, rowels must be free to rotate and the rowel must be round and smooth (no tines allowed). For pony competition, rowel spurs are not allowed for all tests.

538.1.4 Boots

Boots worn during the Dressage and Jumping Tests (other than as part of regulation service dress) must be black, brown or black with a brown top.

EA 538.1.4 CNC/CCN Boots

In all Tests, boots (other than as part of regulation service dress) must be black, brown or black with a brown top. They must either be long boots in one piece or a full grain smooth leather leg piece (on at least the exposed side of the gaiter) and leather boot. Chapettes (suede) are not permitted. Juniors may compete in jodhpurs and short boots.

538.2 Dressage Test**538.2.1 Civilian**

Hunting dress or uniform of a riding club; white shirt and tie; gloves; white, fawn or cream breeches; long riding boots (or short boots with matching full grain smooth leather chaps), hunting cap, protective headgear or top hat.

At CICs of 1&2 star level civilian may also wear a tweed jacket with fawn or beige breeches and black or brown boots.

Please refer to the FEI Dressage rules in regard to use of protective headgear and top hat/bowler, as well as entering the arena with a whip, with boots on Horse's leg or with discrepancy in dress.

EA 538.2.1 Civilian

Gloves are optional at Pre-Novice/EvA105 and levels below. Helmets are not required to be the same colour as the coat at CNC, EvA105 and below events.

EA 538.2.1 Protective Headgear CCI/CIC & CCN/CNC Annex M**538.2.2 Members and employees of military establishments and national studs**

Service dress and gloves, regulation headgear are compulsory for members and employees of military establishments and national studs.

Please refer to Dressage Rules in regard to use of protective headgear and top hat/bowler.

538.3 Cross-Country Test

Body protectors are compulsory for this Test, including when schooling over Cross-Country fences, at any time.

EA 538.3.1 back body protector of Beta 3 standard manufactured after 2009 to the EN13158:2009 standard F1937 or equivalent is recommended.

538.4 Jumping Test**538.4.1 Civilian**

Hunting dress or uniform of a riding club; white shirt and tie; white, fawn or cream breeches; boots are compulsory for this Test. At CICs of 1&2 star level civilian may also wear a tweed jacket with fawn or beige breeches and black or brown boots.

538.4.2 Members of Armed and Police Forces

Service dress are compulsory for members and employees of military establishments and national studs.

538.5 Inspection of Dress

A Steward can be appointed to inspect whips, spurs and item of dress before any Test.

He has the authority to refuse permission to start for any Athlete, whose whip or spurs contravene articles 537.1.3 and 537.1.2. He will immediately report the circumstances to the Ground Jury for confirmation.

An Athlete who competes with illegal whip(s), spurs or incorrect items of dress is liable to elimination, at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

539 Saddlery / Dress

Please also refer to FAQ guidelines on Tack, Equipment and Dress for latest clarification, published on the FEI website. See also Art 538.2.1

EA 539 Toe stoppers are permitted in all phases for class EvA105, EvA95, EvA80 and State Lower levels

539.1 Training and Exercising**539.1.1 Compulsory**

An English type saddle and any form of bridle, including double bridle, snaffle, gag or hackamores are compulsory.

539.1.2 Permitted

Running martingales, Irish martingales, bit guards, boots, bandages, fly shields, nose covers and saddle covers are permitted.

539.1.3 Permitted for Lunging

Single direct side reins are permitted only while lunging (only with one lunge line) as are running reins and chambons.

539.1.4 Forbidden

Other martingales, any other kind of gadget (such as bearing, side or balancing reins, etc.) and any form of blinkers, are forbidden under penalty of elimination.

539.2 Dressage Test**539.2.1 Compulsory**

An English type saddle and a permitted bridle are compulsory.

539.2.2 Permitted

a) A double bridle with cavesson noseband i.e. bridoon and curb with curb chain (made of metal or leather or a combination). (Cover for curb "chain" can be made of leather, rubber or sheep skin) is permitted, as authorized by the Dressage Rules. Double bridle is not allowed for one star level CCIs ([Long](#)) and CICs ([Short](#)).

b) A snaffle bridle of which the bit is made of metal, rubber or plastic material is also permitted as authorised by the Dressage Rules. The bridle must be made entirely of leather, except for a small disc of sheepskin, which may be used under the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.

c) A breast plate may be used.

d) Ear hoods are permitted for all Events and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must not cover the Horse's eyes and ear plugs are not permitted (with the exception of Dressage Rules Art. 428.7.2). The ear hoods should be discreet in colour and design.

Note: For Ear hoods sponsor logo national identification - see General Regulations art. 135.

For drawings of permitted bits and nosebands, see Dressage Rules – Saddlery, table Bits and table Nosebands. Certain tests may specify that only a snaffle bridle is allowed.

EA 539.2.3 Neck straps are permitted in test at levels EvA95 and below, and at EvA105 and above in warm-up only.

539.2.3 Forbidden

Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, etc.), any form of blinkers, earplugs, nose covers and saddle covers, are under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden, see Dressage Rules and Art. 538.2.1 above.

False tails are permitted provided they are not weighted or otherwise enhanced in any way whatsoever.

EA 539.2.3.1 neck straps at levels EvA105 and above in the [Dressage](#) competition arena are forbidden.

539.3 Cross Country and Jumping Tests

539.3.1 Permitted

The type of saddlery is optional. Gags or “bitless bridles” are allowed as are unrestricted running martingales or Irish martingales. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. The stirrup iron and stirrup leathers must hang free from the bar of the saddle and outside of the flap.

EA 539.3.1.a. Neck straps are permitted.

539.3.2 Forbidden

Any form of blinkers, side, running or balancing reins; tongue straps and/or tying down the Horse's tongue; any other restrictions, any bit or other item of saddlery likely to wound a Horse. Sheepskin (or any other material) may not be used as addition on cheek pieces of the bridle.

For Cross Country, any device which could restrict the smooth separation of the Athlete's boot from the stirrup in case of a fall is forbidden.

539.3.2a Barefoot boots of any kind are forbidden for both the Cross Country and Jumping Tests

539.3.3 Jumping Test - Boots

For the Jumping Test, the total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be added to a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings etc), is five hundred (500) grams (shoe excluded).

For Young Horses Competition with regard to boots on hind legs the Jumping Rules (Art.257.2.4) will apply.

Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur elimination.

539.4 Inspection of Saddlery

A Steward can be appointed to check the saddlery of each Horse before it enters the arena or starts a test.

In the Dressage Test the checking of the bridle must be done with the greatest caution.

If the Athlete so requests, the bridle and bit may be checked immediately after the test has been completed. However, should the bridle or bit in such a case be found not to be permitted, the Athlete will be eliminated.

540 Unauthorised Assistance

Any intervention by a third party, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Athlete or of helping his Horse, is considered unauthorised assistance and the Athlete is liable to be eliminated at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

Officials or spectators who draw the attention of an Athlete to a deviation from the course will be considered giving unauthorised assistance which may result in the elimination of the Athlete.

In particular in the Cross Country Test the following will be considered unauthorised assistance:

- a) To take intentionally a lead from another Athlete.
- b) To be followed, preceded or accompanied, on any part of the course, by any vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian, or Horseman not in the Competition.
- c) To post friends at certain points to call directions or make signals in passing.
- d) To have someone at an obstacle to encourage the Horse by any means whatsoever.
- e) To tamper with the obstacles or any part of the course, including, for instance, flags, indicators, markers, notices, ropes, trees, branches, wire or fences, whether temporary or permanent.

e.1) At CNC Events each case of unauthorised assistance will be decided by the Technical Delegate

540.1 Exceptions

- a) Whip, headgear or spectacles may be handed to an Athlete without dismounting during the Cross Country Test.
- b) An Athlete, after having knocked a flag at an obstacle as a consequence of a run out, may ask the fence Judge for the flag to be repositioned, but no time will be deducted.

540.2 Receiving Apparatus/ Cameras

The use of any receiving apparatus by Athletes is strictly forbidden while mounted during the test.

Automatic recording of data during the test (e.g. heart beat monitoring, temperature, etc.) to be used for research purposes after the completion of the test is allowed.

For use of cameras on athletes or equipment – see General Regulations. For FEI Named-Events request for use of cameras must be approved by FEI HO, request for approval for other events must be reviewed by the Technical Delegate in consultation with the Organiser.

540.3 Time Wasting

In the case of athletes in EvA105 and below classes, who deliberately waste time (e.g. slowing to a walk, circling or zig zagging) to avoid penalty for riding under time may be reported and Officially Warned and or given a Yellow Warning Card for riding too fast (dangerous riding).

The finish time keeper may elect to stop the clock, in cases where an Athlete obviously delays proceeding to the finish line, to avoid incurring time penalties.

541 Advertising and Publicity on Athletes and Horses

Subject to the provisions of article 135 General Regulations, the manufacturer logo can appear, specifically for Eventing: at all Events, except Regional and Olympic Games under the patronage of the IOC, Athletes may wear clothing and use equipment (including, but not limited to, riding equipment) which identify the manufacturer, the Athlete's sponsor(s), the Athlete's team sponsor(s), the National Federation's sponsor(s), the Athlete's nation, and/or the Athlete himself, but only under the specific conditions set forth below.

541.1 Identification of a Non-Sponsor Manufacturer

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies names or logos identifying a non-sponsoring manufacturer of the clothing, and equipment may appear only once per item of clothing, and/or equipment and solely on a surface area not exceeding: - three square centimetres (3 cm²) for clothing and equipment

541.2 Identification of a Sponsor

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), his team sponsor(s) and/or his National Federation's sponsor(s) may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

- a) Two hundred square centimetres (200 cm²) on each side of saddle cloth;
- b) Eighty square centimetres (80 cm²) on each of the two sides of jackets or top garment at the height of breast pockets for Jumping Events, Dressage Events and for Jumping and Dressage Tests of Eventing;
- c) Eighty square centimetres (80 cm²) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches during the Cross-Country and Jumping tests of Eventing. In any case, the surface area on the riding breeches should be dedicated to the visibility of the following only: the Athlete's name, identification of the Athlete's nationality, the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), his team sponsor(s) and/or his National Federation's sponsor(s);
- d) Sixteen square centimetres (16 cm²) on both sides of the shirt collar;
- e) Either two hundred square centimetres (200 cm²) on one arm of jackets or top garment or one hundred square centimetres (100 cm²) on each arm of jackets or top garment for the Cross-Country tests of Eventing
- f) One hundred twenty five square centimetres (125 cm²) vertically in the middle of the hard hat for the Jumping and Cross-Country tests of Eventing;
- g) Seventy five square centimetres (75 cm²) (maximum seven centimetres and a half -7.5 cm- high, maximum ten centimetres -10 cm- wide) for the logo on fly bonnets in Jumping and Cross Country Tests of Eventing.

541.3 Use at FEI Championships

Notwithstanding the above, OCs of FEI Championships may prohibit such names and logos in the schedule, with the exception of the names and logos of the team sponsors and/or of the National Federation sponsor(s) under the limitations as set forth in Article 135.1.2.1 of the General Regulations.

541.4 OC Sponsor

The OC may display the name and/or logo of a Competition and/or Event sponsor(s) on members of the OC
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crew present in the Competition area and on numbers present on front and back of the bibs worn by Athletes during the Cross-Country tests of Eventing, as well as on stable rugs when they are in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies at all FEI Events. The size of name and/or logo on Athlete's number shall not exceed 100 cm².

541.5 Athlete's National Identification

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name or logo of the Athlete's nation, its national symbol and/or its national flag, and/or the Athlete's National Federation logo or name may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

- a) A reasonable size on each of the two (2) sides of jackets or top garment, at the height of breast pockets for Jumping and Dressage Tests of Eventing.
- b) Two hundred square centimetres (200 cm²) on each side of saddle cloth.
- c) Either two hundred square centimetres (200 cm²) on one arm of jackets or top garment or one hundred square centimetres (100 cm²) on each arm of jackets or top garment for the Cross-Country tests of Eventing
 - Vertically in the middle part of the hard hat for the Jumping Events;
 - Vertically in the middle part of the protective head gear of Dressage;
 - Vertically in the middle part of the protective head gear of Eventing National colors may appear on the entire surface of such protective headgear.

In any case, the Athlete's national identification can be combined in the same surface area with the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), his team sponsor(s) and/or the National Federation's sponsor(s) as long as their presence and visibility are in compliance with the surface areas mentioned in art.135 1.2.1.& 1.3.1 of the General Regulations.

For Championship and Official team competitions Cross Country test, members of the national teams are required to use national identification colours for equipment, dress and saddle pads to clearly identify and differentiate visually the competing countries. Colours and pattern are to be registered in advance with the FEI.

Note: NFs may submit their colors/flags as from 1st January 2018, for all team competitions.

These items may be used during 2018.

By the end of September 2018, colors and patterns must be sent to FEI. Full implementation as from 1st January 2019.

541.6 Athlete's Name

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the Athlete's name may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

- a) Eighty square centimetres (80 cm²) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches during the Jumping and Cross Country Tests of Eventing.

541.7 National Federation Logo

Unless otherwise specified in this Article, no advertisement or publicity is permitted on any Athlete, Official, Horse, or riding equipment while present in any Competition area or during the performance. However, Athletes inspecting the course may wear the logo of their sponsor, their team sponsor(s), and/or of their National Federation's sponsor(s) and/or their nationality within a frame not exceeding four hundred square centimetres (400 cm²) on the front and back of their top garments and within a frame not exceeding fifty square centimetres (50 cm²) on head gear.

541.8 Advertising in Field of Play

Unless otherwise provided in the Sport Rules, advertising may appear on obstacles, fences and on the sides of the arena provided any applicable broadcast, internet, or similar law or agreement permits such advertising.

541.9 Competition Area

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the FEI, for the purpose of this Article, the Competition area shall include all areas where the Athlete is being judged or his/her Horse is undergoing a Horse inspection. It shall not include collecting rings and start and finish box.

541.10 (as per General Regulations 135.8)

The Chief Steward is responsible for ensuring that the above provisions are respected by Athletes before entering the arena. Athletes not complying with the above will not be permitted to enter the arena during competition. An official clothing approved by a NF not complying with the requirements of this Article will not be authorised by the FEI.

CHAPTER 8 - DRESSAGE TEST

542 FEI Dressage Rules

The FEI Dressage Rules apply for the Eventing Dressage Test except where otherwise provided in these Eventing Rules. Any modification introduced to the FEI Dressage Rules during the year will be evaluated for inclusion in these Eventing Rules from 1st January the following year.

543 Administration

543.1 Type and level of Test

The type and level of the test will be determined by the type and level of the Competition and will, therefore, be related to the quality and the standard of preparation of the Athletes and Horses.

543.1.1 CIs and CIOs

Organising Committees are free to select the specific test to be used within the one shown in Dressage Annex table Dressage Tests according to the level of the Competitions.

543.1.2 Championships and Games

For all Championships and Games the "B" test will be used unless specified differently by the FEI.

543.2 Number of Tests to be judged by day

The Organising Committee may include a maximum of fifty (50) Horses per day to be judged by one Ground Jury, with an additional flexibility of maximum ten (10) percent, if agreed by the Technical Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury.

Number of Tests to be judged by day for CNC & CCNs.

The Organising Committee, as a general guide, may include a maximum of 40 horses per day. Organising Committees are advised to inform Judges, prior to the competition, if it is likely that more than 30 horses will be in a class

543.3 Judges Positions

Two of the three Judges must be placed along the short side, on the outside of and five metres from the arena. The president (C) shall be on the prolongation of the centre line, the other (M or H) two point fifty metres from and on the inside of the prolongation of the long sides.

The third Judge will be at either E or B, outside and five to ten metres from the arena. The three positions shall be either C,H,B or C,M,E, as determined by the Technical Delegate, taking into account the test and the position of the sun.

In the case of only two Judges they will be positioned at C and either B or E, as determined by the Technical Delegate, taking into account the test and the position of the sun.

A separate hut must be provided for each Judge. They must be raised not less than fifty (50) centimetres above the ground, in order to give the Judges a good view of the arena.

544 Scoring

544.1 Marking

544.1.1 Good Marks

Judges will award good marks from zero to ten (10) including half marks for each numbered movement and for each of the collective marks.

544.2 Calculation of Scores

544.2.1 Good Marks & Errors

The good marks from zero to ten (10) awarded by each Judge to an Athlete for each numbered movement of the Dressage Test together with the collective marks are added together deducting any error of course or test.

544.2.2 Judges Percentages

For each Judge the percentage of maximum possible good marks obtainable is then calculated. Percentage is obtained dividing total good marks and errors of the Judge by maximum possible good marks obtainable and then multiplying by 100 and rounding the result to two decimal digits. This value is shown as the individual mark for that Judge. Rounding the result to two decimals includes any score of “x.xx5” and above is round up and any score less than “x.xx5” is rounded down.

544.2.3 Athletes Percentage

Athlete’s percentage is calculated on the average good marks and errors obtained by adding together the total good marks for each Judge and dividing by the number of Judges. The Athletes percentage will always be rounded to two decimal digits.

544.2.4 Penalty Points

In order to convert Athletes percentage into penalty points, this must be subtracted from 100 ~~and multiplied by one point five~~ with the resulting figure being rounded to one decimal digit. The result is the score in penalty points for the test.

Rounding the result to one decimal includes any score of “x.x5” and above is round up and any score less than “x.x5” is rounded down.

Note: The Eventing Rules will not line up with the Dressage modifications, and maintains the 2015 ruling on error penalties for the Eventing Dressage Test.

1st time	Two (2) points
2nd time	Four (4) points
3rd time	Elimination
Other errors:	Two (2) points per error to be deducted

CHAPTER 9 - CROSS COUNTRY TEST

545 Rules Governing the Cross Country Test

545.1 Starting

545.1.1 Starting Procedure

Athletes at the start of the Cross Country must be under the control of the starter and may not deliberately start until instructed to do so, under penalty of elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

The Horse does not have to stand absolutely immobile, but the Athlete must not get any advantage from a flying start.

Each Athlete should be given reasonable warning before the time he is due to start, but it is the Athlete's responsibility to ensure that he is ready to start at the correct time.

545.1.2 Starting Box

In order to simplify the task of the starter, an enclosure approximately five meters per five meters will be built at the start of the Cross Country, with an open front through which Horses will start and a gap in one or both sides from which the Horses will enter.

Each Athlete must start from within the enclosure and is at liberty to move around and through the enclosure as he pleases.

An attendant may lead the Horse into the enclosure and may hold the Horse until the signal to start is given. From that instant, the Athlete is considered to be on the course and no further assistance may be given.

545.2 Optimum Time and Timing

545.2.1 Optimum Time / Time Limit

The distance chosen, carried out at the chosen speed, gives the optimum time. Completing in less than the optimum time is not rewarded. An Athlete exceeding the optimum time will be penalised in accordance with art. 547.2 up to the time limit.

The time limit is twice the optimum time.

545.2.2 Timing

Each Athlete will be timed on the Cross Country Test from the moment the signal to start is given or from the moment he crosses the starting line which ever happens first to the moment he crosses the finishing line.

If an Athlete is stopped by an Official, e.g. for a broken fence, accident, being overtaken, for medical or veterinary examination, etc., the time during which he is prevented from continuing until he is cleared to start will be recorded and deducted from the total time taken to complete the Cross Country Test.

545.3 Error of Course

All compulsory passages on Cross Country and all obstacles, including all elements and/or options, must be passed or jumped in order under penalty of elimination.

All red or white flags must be respected wherever they occur on course under penalty of elimination except as provided in art. 549.4

Retaking an obstacle already jumped is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, except as provided for in art. 549.4

545.4 Pace and Dismounting

Between the start and finish of the Cross Country Test, Athletes are free to choose their own pace.

Athletes may voluntarily dismount without incurring elimination according to art. 549.5.1 to check on Horse, adjust saddlery or equipment, or when held on course.

545.5 Overtaking

Any Athlete who is about to be overtaken by a following Athlete must quickly clear the way.

Any Athlete overtaking another Athlete must do so only at a safe and suitable place.

When the leading Athlete is before an obstacle and about to be overtaken, he must follow the directions of the Officials.

When the leading Athlete is committed to jump an obstacle, the following Athlete may jump that obstacle only in such a way that will cause no inconvenience or danger for either.

545.6 Athlete in Difficulty

If, in attempting to negotiate an obstacle, a Horse should be trapped in such a way that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself, the Athlete will be instructed by the fence Judge to dismount and will be eliminated.

The fence Judge will decide if parts of the obstacle need to be dismantled or if any other assistance needs to be given to extricate the Horse.

545.7 Stopping Athletes

If any part of an obstacle is obstructed by an Athlete in difficulty, or if any obstacle has been dismantled to release a fallen Horse, or if an obstacle has been broken and is not yet rebuilt, or in any other similar circumstances, subsequent Athletes must be halted.

In such a case, an Official should be posted in the path of the oncoming Athlete. He shall wave a red flag, which indicates that the Athlete must stop.

Failure to stop is penalised by elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

The Official will stop Athletes only upon the instruction of the Control Centre or during an emergency at his own obstacle.

Athletes may be stopped on the course at obstacles or at designated timing/stopping points.

545.7.1 Timing

The time during which the Athlete was stopped, from the moment he passed the timing point until he passes that same point after being given the order to restart, will be recorded and it will be deducted from the total time taken by the Athlete to complete the course.

It is clearly intended that the time shall be taken as the Athlete gallops past the timing point, not after he halts nor after a start from the halt.

545.8 Leaving the Course After Elimination

An Athlete eliminated for any reason must leave the course at once and has no right to continue. The Athlete must walk his Horse off the course, either mounted or dismounted.

Athletes who fail to comply will be disciplined at the discretion of the Ground Jury in accordance with Art. 524 (Dangerous Riding).

546 Courses

546.1 Marking

546.1.1 Red or White Boundary Flags

Red or white boundary flags shall be used to mark the starting and finishing lines, to mark compulsory passages, and to define obstacles. They are placed in such a way that an Athlete must leave a red flag on his right and a white flag on his left.

546.1.2 Numbers and Letters

Each obstacle on Cross Country shall be numbered. Obstacles with elements or options (art. 546.5.1) shall, in addition, be lettered (A, B, C, etc.). Each compulsory passage shall be marked and numbered consecutively.

546.1.3 Start and Finish Signs

In addition to the red or white boundary flags, the starting and finishing line shall also be marked by distinct signs.

EA 546.1.4 CCN/CNC Colour Indicator Codes

- For the convenience of athletes when they are inspecting the course, colour indicators are used to mark the obstacles for the different classes.

Indicators are:

PALE BLUE	-	CNC/CCN***
GREEN	-	CNC/CCN**
YELLOW	-	CNC/CCN*
PINK	-	CNC/CCN EvA105 (Black numbers recommended on Pink)
RED or GREY	-	CNC/CCN EvA95 (White numbers on Red recommended if using Red)
WHITE	-	CNC/CCN EvA80

546.2 Distances and Speeds

The distances and speeds demanded for the different levels are determined by the intended difficulty of the whole test.

Course Designers, within the limits shown in Table of Distances, Speeds, Times and Jumping Efforts for the relevant level of Competition see Annex B table Distances, will choose the most suitable distance for the specific Competition.

Any exceptional modification to the distances and speeds specified in Annex B table Distances must be approved by the Eventing Committee, except as provided for in Art. 536.2.

NOTE: The changes to the required distances are recommended for 2013 and will be compulsory from 1st January 2014.

546.3 Finishing Lines

The last obstacle of Cross Country shall be not less than 20 metres and no more than 50 metres from the finishing line.

546.4 Course Plans

Each Athlete will be given in advance a plan showing the track of the course.

The course plan must include the following:

- The position of the start and finish
- The numbered obstacles and compulsory passages
- The distance
- The optimum time and time limit

547 Obstacles**547.1 Definition**

An obstacle is considered as such if and only if its extremities are marked with a red and white flag or flags and it is numbered and/or lettered accordingly. All significant jumping efforts that the average Horse may be expected to attempt to negotiate must be defined as an obstacle or element and flagged, numbered and/or lettered accordingly.

547.2 Type of Obstacles**547.2.1 General**

The obstacles must be fixed and imposing in shape and appearance. When natural obstacles are used, they should, if necessary, be reinforced so that they remain in the same state throughout the test. All reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent the possibility of an Athlete being able to pass mounted under an obstacle. Portable fences must be secured to the ground in a way that they have no possibility to move if hit by a Horse.

547.2.2 Construction

The obstacles at which a Horse, in falling, is likely to be trapped or to injure itself, must be built in such a way that part of the obstacle can be quickly dismantled and can be quickly rebuilt exactly as before. Such a construction must not in any way detract from the solidity of the obstacle.

547.2.3 Brush

Brush on top of fences must be made of flexible and deformable material. The fence must be constructed so that a Horse clearing the fixed and solid part is unlikely to be injured by the brush or hedge. Bullfinches, i.e. thin brushes or hedges through which a Horse can be expected to jump are permitted, provided they can be maintained in consistent condition throughout the test.

547.2.4 Frangible/Deformable Obstacles

Obstacles can be provided with frangible/deformable technology only if such technology has been approved by the FEI according to the FEI Standard for the minimum strength of frangible/deformable cross country fences. A list of approved technologies is published on the FEI website.

EA 547.2.4.a. In 1*/2*/3*/4* courses whether for national or FEI competition in Australia, all fences that can be fitted with frangible devices **MUST** be fitted with frangible devices. These include all open corners, open oxers, verticals or near verticals with open rails, top rail on triple bars and gates where the rail dimensions and weight fit the acceptable parameters of an approved frangible device.

547.2.5 Water Crossings

In all water crossings the bottom should be firm and consistent.

547.3 Dimensions

The dimensions of obstacles must be within the limits shown in the Table of Obstacle Heights and Spreads for the relevant level of Competition see Annex B table Dimensions.

547.3.1 Fixed Part

The fixed and solid part of an obstacle may not exceed the specified height or spread at any of the points at which an Athlete might reasonably attempt to negotiate the obstacle.

547.3.2 Brush

The overall height and the height of the solid part of a hedge or brush fence must never exceed the relative dimension set in the Table of Obstacle Heights and Spreads for the relevant level of Competition see Annex B table Dimensions.

547.3.3 Water

At obstacles involving water crossings (ford, lake or wide river), the depth of water, from the entrance to the exit must not exceed 35 centimetres. The length of any water crossing must be at least six meters between entry and exit, except where an exit step(s) or fence is jumped directly out of the water, in which case the minimum length must be nine meters.

547.3.4 Obstacles with Spread Only

At an obstacle with spread only (dry or water filled ditch), a guard rail or hedge in front that facilitates jumping is permitted. It may not exceed 50 centimetres in height and must be included in the measurement of the spread.

547.3.5 Drops

At 1 star level, no drops over 160 centimetres are permitted. At 2, 3 & 4 star level drops with a flat landing exceeding 160 centimetres are limited to two.

547.4 Measurement**547.4.1 Height**

The height of an obstacle is measured from the point where the average Horse would take off.

547.4.2 Spread

The spread of an open obstacle (e.g. oxe or ditch) is measured from the outside of the rails or other material making up the obstacle **on the line where the average Horse is expected to jump**. The spread of a closed obstacle with a solid top (e.g. Tables) is measured from the highest point to the highest point **on the line where the average Horse is expected to jump**.

547.4.3 Drop

The drop on the landing side of an obstacle is measured from the highest part of the obstacle, including from the top of a brush fence, to the point where the average Horse would land.

547.4.4 Natural Obstacles

When the height of an obstacle cannot be clearly defined (e.g. natural hedge, bullfinch), the height is measured to the solid part of the obstacle through which a Horse cannot pass with impunity.

547.5 Obstacles with Elements and/or Options**547.5.1 Obstacles Composed of Several Elements**

If two or more jumping efforts, sited closely together, are designed as one integral test, they will be designated as "elements" of a single numbered obstacle. Each element will be marked with a different letter (A, B, C, etc.) and must be negotiated in the correct order.

Where two or more jumping efforts are sited so closely together that after a refusal or run out it would be unreasonably difficult to attempt to negotiate the second or subsequent effort without retaking one or more earlier efforts, these jumping efforts must be designated as one numbered obstacle and lettered accordingly.

547.5.2 Obstacles with Alternatives

Where an obstacle may be jumped in one effort but has alternatives involving two or more efforts, each of these alternatives must be lettered or numbered as an element.

547.5.3 Black Flagged Alternatives

Alternative obstacles or elements may be flagged separately and must be identified by the same number/letter as on the direct route. In this case, both sets of flags must be marked with a black line.

547.6 Number of Jumping Efforts

The total number of jumping efforts shall be within the limits (minimum and maximum) shown in the Table of Distances, Speeds, Times and Jumping Efforts for the relevant level of Competition see Annex B table Distances.

The efforts to be counted are the efforts on the route expected to be taken by the average Horse.

548 Scoring**548.1 Faults at Obstacles**

Fault	Penalty
First refusal, run-out or circle	20 penalties
Second refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle	40 penalties
Third refusal, run-out or circle on XC Course (3*, 2*, 1*)	elimination
Third refusal, run out or circle at the same obstacle (EvA 105, 95, 80)	elimination
Fourth refusal, run-out or circle on XC Course for (EvA 105, 95, 80)	elimination
Fall of Athlete or Horse on Cross Country Course	elimination
Breaking a frangible obstacle/device	11 penalties ^{1*}
Dangerous Riding	25 penalties
Jumping outside the flag	50 penalties

Each Athlete activating a frangible device will be awarded 11 penalties whenever the activation occurs as expected (ie activation by significant pressure exerted by the Horse which modifies the dimension of the fence).

In the case of unexpected activation (ie activation by an insignificant contact), the Ground Jury will be called to evaluate the possible removal of the penalty.

In evaluating the possible removal of a penalty for breaking a frangible obstacle/device, it is made clear that Ground Juries are not called to investigate if a Horse would have fallen or not or if the contact was with the front or hind legs, but simply if a clear mechanical failure has produced an unexpected activation of the mechanism through a light tap similar to the behaviour of a show jumping fence. This is the only case where penalty can be eventually removed. In this case a detailed report explaining the reasons for removing the penalty must be produced by the Course Designer/Technical Delegate and signed by the President of the Equestrian Australia National Eventing Rules – updated January 2018

Jury must be returned to the FEI.

548.2 Time Faults

Fault	Penalty
Exceeding optimum time	zero point four (0.4) penalty per commenced second
Exceeding time limit	elimination

EA 548.2 Time Faults

Completing cross-country course (or Steeplechase) more than 20 seconds under optimum time for CNC2*, CNC*, EvA: 105, 95, 80	zero point four (0.4) penalty per commenced second
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548.3 Additional Reasons for Elimination

548.3.1 Compulsory Elimination

Elimination must be applied in the following cases:

- Competing with improper saddlery (art. 539).
- Error of course not rectified (art. 545.3).
- Omission of obstacle or compulsory passage (art. 545.3).
- Jumping or incurring a fault at an obstacle in the wrong order or passing through a compulsory passage in the wrong order (art. 545.3).
- Jumping an obstacle in the wrong direction (art. 545.3).
- Retaking an obstacle already jumped (art. 545.3).
- Athlete in difficulty (art. 545.6).

548.3.2 Ground Jury Discretion

Elimination is left to the discretion of the Ground Jury in the following cases:

- Dangerous riding (art.525).
- Abuse of Horse (art. 526).
- Deliberately starting before being given the signal to start (art.545.1.1).
- Jumping or attempting to jump any obstacle without headgear, or with an unfastened retention harness (art. 538.1.1).
- Wilful obstruction of an overtaking Athlete, or failure to follow the instructions of the Officials while being overtaken (art. 525).
- Causing danger to another Athlete while overtaking that Athlete (art. 525)
- Failure to stop when signalled (art. 545.7).
- Unauthorised assistance (art.540).

549 Definition of Faults

The following faults at obstacles (refusal, run-out and circle) will be penalised unless, in the opinion of the relevant Official, they are clearly not connected with the negotiation or attempted negotiation of a numbered obstacle or element.

In the case of black flag alternatives only one obstacle/element has to be jumped and an Athlete is permitted to change without penalty from one black flagged line to another (e.g jumping 6a left hand route than 6b right hand route) provided he has not presented his Horse at the next element of the original line.

In the case of black flags alternatives the faults at obstacles (refusal, run-out and circle) will only be penalised if related to the obstacle/elements attempted or negotiated (elements not attempted or negotiated will be irrelevant for the judging of such alternatives).

549.1 Refusal**549.1.1 Obstacles With Height**

At obstacles or elements with height (i.e. exceeding 30 centimetres), a Horse is considered to have refused if it stops in front of the obstacle to be jumped.

549.1.2 Obstacles Without Height

At all other obstacles (i.e. 30 centimetres or less in height) a stop followed immediately by a standing jump is not however penalised, but if the halt is sustained or in any way prolonged, this constitutes a refusal. The Horse may step sideways but if it steps back, this is a refusal.

549.1.3 Multiple Refusals

After a refusal, if an Athlete redoubles or changes his efforts without success, or if the Horse is represented at the obstacle after stepping back and stops or steps back again, this is a second refusal; and so on.

549.2 Run out – missing a flag

A Horse is considered to have run out if, having been presented at an element or obstacle on the course, it avoids it in such a way that either the head, neck either shoulder of the Horse fail to pass between the extremities of the element or obstacle as flagged.

In case the Horse has clearly attempted to jump the element or obstacle and may have missed a flag, the athlete can choose:

- a) To represent (accepting automatically 20 penalties), or
- b) To continue on course incurring 50 penalties (no elimination) in case the element or obstacle was not correctly cleared.

Note: If the Athlete represents and was clear in his first attempt, the Athlete will not be penalized with 20 penalties but no time will be removed.

A Horse will be considered to have cleared the fence when head, neck and both shoulders of the Horse pass between the extremities of the element or obstacles as flagged

549.2.1 Change of Intention

An Athlete is permitted to change his mind as to where he jumps an obstacle or element at any time, without penalty, including as a result of a mistake at a previous obstacle or element. If, however, the Horse avoids part of the obstacle at which it has been presented, he will be considered to have run out.

549.2.2 Judging of Bounce Obstacles

At any obstacle where the distance between elements is 5 meters or less (i.e. a “bounce”), when a Horse has negotiated the first element without penalty, he will be deemed to have been presented at the second element and similarly if the “bounce” is for example the second and third elements of a combination. Thus if an Athlete “changes his mind” while negotiating the first element of a “bounce” and , for example, then goes a longer route, he will still be penalised 20 penalties for a run-out.

549.3 Circle**549.3.1 Separately Numbered Obstacles**

At separately numbered obstacles, an Athlete may circle **or cross his tracks** between or around them without penalty provided he has not presented his Horse at the second or subsequent obstacles.

549.3.2 Obstacles Composed of Several Elements

At an obstacle composed of several elements (A, B, C, etc..) a Horse will be penalised if it passes around the back of the subsequent element **or** circles **or cross his tracks** between subsequent elements

549.4 Representing After a Disobedience

After being penalised for a refusal, run-out or circle, an Athlete, in order to make another attempt, is permitted to circle one or more times without penalty, until he again presents his Horse at the obstacle.

At an obstacle composed of several elements if the Athlete refuses, runs out or circles at any element, he is permitted to retake any elements already jumped, although he is liable to be penalised for any fault even if he has previously jumped an element successfully.

If after a refusal, run-out or circle, he wishes to pass through flags in the wrong direction in order to retake an element, he may do so without penalty.

549.5 Fall

549.5.1 Athlete

An Athlete is considered to have fallen when he is separated from his Horse in such a way as to necessitate remounting.

549.5.2 Horse

A Horse is considered to have fallen when, at the same time, both its shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground or when it is trapped in a fence in such a way that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself.

CHAPTER 10 - JUMPING TEST

550 FEI Jumping Rules

The FEI Jumping Rules apply for the Eventing Jumping Test except where otherwise provided in these Eventing Rules. Any modification introduced to the FEI Jumping Rules during the year will be evaluated for inclusion in these Eventing Rules from 1st January the following year.

551 Object

This test is similar to an ordinary Jumping Competition, but without any attempt to find a winner of this test on its own. Its main objective is to prove that, the Horse and Athlete are well trained in the specialist discipline of Jumping.

The nature of the course, its length, the speed demanded and the dimensions of the obstacles will be in accordance to the level of the Competition.

552 Course and Obstacles

Within the limits shown in Jumping Annex C, the Course Designer is free to plan a track suitable to the level of the Competition.

The dimensions of the obstacles shall not exceed the limits shown in Jumping Annex C. At least two thirds shall be of maximum height for the level offered.

A tolerance of five centimetres in height is acceptable, if dictated by the terrain or by the spacing of the cups as authorised by the FEI Jumping Rules.

552.1 Type of Obstacles

The obstacles will be standard Jumping obstacles.

The obstacles should have a balance of vertical and spread obstacles and shall include two or three doubles or a double and a treble.

Closed combinations are not permitted. A water jump is not permitted, but a water ditch with rails over is allowed.

FEI approved safety cups must be used as support for back poles of spread obstacles, and in the case of a triple bar, to support the centre and back pole of the obstacle.

Alternative obstacles are permitted. These jumps are to be marked on the course plan with the same number and with the word "Alternative".

553 Scoring

553.1 Faults at Obstacles

Fault	Penalty
Knocking down an obstacle	4 penalties
First run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test	4 penalties
Second run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test (****,***,**,*)	elimination
Fall of Athlete or Horse (****,***,**,*)	elimination

EA 553.1 Faults at Obstacles EvA105, 95, 80

Second run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test (EvA 105, 95, 80)	8 penalties
Third run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test (EvA 105, 95, 80)	elimination
First fall of Athlete or Horse (EvA105, 95, 80)	elimination

553.1.1

553.2 Time Faults

The length of the course and the speed demanded determine the time allowed.

Completing the course in less than the time allowed is not rewarded, but exceeding the time allowed is penalised by one penalty for each commenced second in excess of the time allowed, up to the time limit, which is twice the time allowed. Exceeding the time limit involves elimination.

Annex A Dressage – Annexes

1 Permitted Bits for the Dressage Test

The Eventing Rules are lined up with the Dressage Rules exclusively and only exceptions are referred as follows:

- a) Young Horses biting requirements of Dressage do not apply to Eventing
- b) Allowance is made for sheepskin disc for the Mexican noseband and use of breastplate

Please note the following:

- c) Bits covered in leather are not allowed
- d) Wavy plastic bits are not allowed
- e) Lunging reins only approved if on triangle rein (Dressage Rules: lungy-bungie is not allowed)

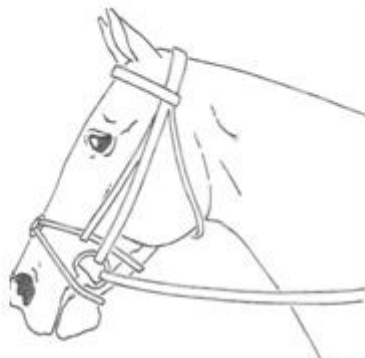
Note: A review of the Cross Country bits will be made during 2016 for implementation in 2017

2 Permitted Nosebands for the Dressage Test

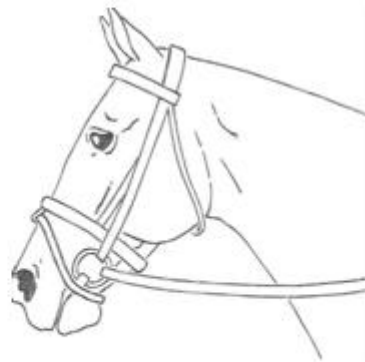
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2) Crossed noseband

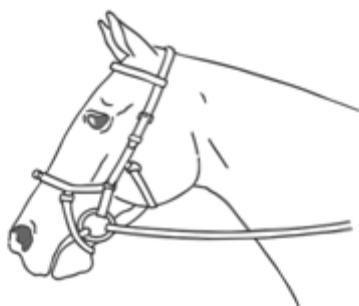
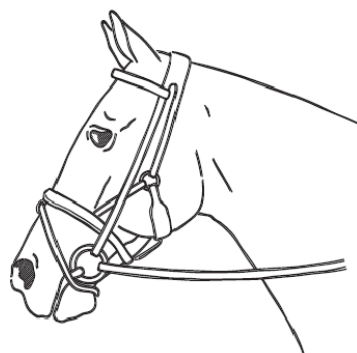


3) Dropped noseband



4) Flash noseband

Test

5) Micklem Bridle

6) Stotztem (combined noseband – no throat lash)

2, 3 and 4 are not permitted when a double bridle is used

6 when used as a double bridle, the lower strap of the nose band is not allowed

3 Dressage Tests for Eventing

Dressage Tests

Valid as from January 1st, 2017 2018

Introductory Level	2018 Intro Test	Approx. 4 ½ min
One star Competitions (National tests are optional for use at CNC/CCN competition from 1/1/2015)	2015 A 1* test	Approx. 4 ½ min
	2015 B 1* test	Approx. 4 min
	2015 EA CNC/CCN 1* test	Approx. 5 min
1.5 star Competitions	2015 A 2* test	Approx. 5 min
	2015 B 2* test	Approx. 5 min
	2015 EA CNC/CCN 2* test	Approx. 5 ½ min
Two star Competitions (National tests are optional for use at CNC/CCN competition from 1/1/2015)	2015 A 2* test	Approx. 5 min
	2015 B 2* test	Approx. 5 min
	2015 EA CNC/CCN 2* test	Approx. 5 ½ min
2.5 star Competitions	2015 A 3* test	Approx. 5 min
	2015 B 3* test	Approx. 5 min
	2015 EA CNC/CCN 3* test	Approx. 5 min
Three star Competitions (National tests are optional for use at CNC/CCN competition from 1/1/2015)	2015 A 3* test	Approx. 5 min
	2015 B 3* test	Approx. 5 min
	2015 EA CNC/CCN 3* test	Approx. 5 min
Four star Competitions / World Championships	2017 A 4* test	Approx. 5min
	2017 B 4* test	Approx. 5 min
Olympic Games	Olympic Games B 4* short test	Approx. 4 ½
Pony CCIP* (one star)	2014 CCIP1 (special pony test)	Approx. 5 ½ min
Pony 2 star and CH	2015 B 1* Test (regular B 1* test)	Approx. 5 min

EA CNC Short format Tests

EvA 80	EA1:1 (2014)	Approx. 5 min
	EA 1:2 (2014)	Approx. 5.5 min
	EvA80 & EvA95 Test 1	Approx. 4 min
	EvA80 & EvA95 Test 2	Approx. 4.5 min
	EvA80 & EvA95 Test 3	Approx 4.25 min
EvA 95	EA 1:2 (2014)	Approx. 5.5 min
	EA 1:3 (2014)	Approx. 5 min
	EvA80 & EvA95 Test 1	Approx. 4 min
	EvA80 & EvA95 Test 2	Approx. 4.5 min
	EvA80 & EvA95 Test 3	Approx 4.25 min
EvA 105	FEI Intro	Approx. 4.5 min
	EA 2:1 (2014)	Approx. 5 min
	EA 2:2 (2014)	Approx. 6 min
	EA 2:3 (2014)	Approx. 5.5 min
	EvA105 Test 1	Approx. 5 min
	EvA105 Test 2	Approx. 4.5 min

EA CCN Long format Tests

Maybe be used from 1 st January 2014		
CCN80	EA 1:1 (2014)	Approx. 5 min
	EA 1:2 (2014)	Approx. 5 ½ min
CCN95	EA 1:3 (2014)	Approx. 5 min
	EA 2:1 (2014)	Approx. 5 min
CCN105	FEI Intro	Approx. 4.5 min
	EA 2:2 (2014)	Approx. 6 min
	EA 2:3 (2014)	Approx. 5 ½ min

EA Dressage Judges CCN/CNC

- At CCN competitions a formal Ground Jury will be appointed with **FEI duties**
- At CNC competitions there will be **no** formal Ground Jury.
- Judges will be appointed to mark the Dressage Test ~~as per table 513.5.~~
- A Technical Delegate (TD) is always present and is available to Judges at all times during the Event to assist with rule clarification. Judges should make sure they know who the TD is on the day and have radio contact with the TD.
- The Judges are only responsible for the Dressage phase in conjunction with the Technical Delegate.
- The Judge must report to the Technical Delegate any case of abuse of horse or lameness.
- Judges are to be aware of the FEI Eventing Dressage Rules
- In exceptional circumstances the Technical Delegate may authorise the use of only one judge.
- Overseas National Judges, certified by their National Federation to be of a particular level of qualification, may also be used.

Number of Tests to be judged by day for CNC & CCNs.

The Organising Committee, as a general guide, may include a maximum of 40 horses per day. Organising Committees are advised to inform Judges, prior to the competition, if it is likely that more than 30 horses will be in a class.

Arenas

Dressage tests should be conducted in a 20 m x 60 m arena. When there are a large number of entries and/or limited areas available, organisers may conduct tests in a 20 m x 40 m arena, up to and including CNC* level.

Construction of Arenas: Arenas must be as safe as possible. Examples of arena construction include plastic chain (with intermittent breaks), plastic pipes, ground markings, and painted 10cm x 2.5cm wooden boards placed on the ground at corners and markers.

Rope and steel pegs are not acceptable.

When there is one judge only, he will be positioned at C.

EA 538.2.1 EvA105 & below

Gloves are optional at Pre-Novice/EvA105 and levels below.

CNC/CCN EvA105 and below. Only a snaffle bridle is allowed

- A horse leaving the arena with all four feet between the time of entry at A and the time of exit at A will incur elimination if the arena is fully enclosed to the recommended minimum height of 30cms and the gate at A has been closed.
- A horse leaving the arena with all four feet between the time of entry at A and the time of exit at A will be awarded an error of course for the movement if the surrounds are not at least 30cms in height or if the arena has intermittent boards or line marking.
- If the arena is 30cms or over, a horse leaving the arena anywhere, other than through an open gate will be eliminated.
- A horse leaving the arena with all four feet between the time of entry at A and the time of exit at A, through the gate at A will be awarded an error of course for the movement if the gate has not been closed.

When a horse makes such an "error of course" by leaving the arena with all four feet between the time of entry at A and the time of exit at A, the judge at C warns him, by sounding the bell. The President then directs him to re-enter the arena at the nearest practical place, then shows him, if necessary.

- Half marks will be used in all Eventing Dressage
- Carrying Whips around arena -2
- Carrying whip in the arena -2 (judge must ring the bell and ask rider to drop whip as soon as soon as noticed)
- Ear Hoods – permitted for all Events and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must not cover the Horse's eyes and ear plugs are not permitted
- Falls in dressage arena (elimination)
- Lameness (Ask TD to organise a vet to check the horse before jumping phases rather than eliminate unless obviously uncomfortable and MARKEDLY lame)
- Blood on horses see rule 526.4
- Spurs are optional for all tests and levels

- **Frequently Asked Questions about Eventing Tack**

<http://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/2017%20Use%20of%20Tacks%20Equipment%20%26%20Dress%20-%202014%20Nov%202017.pdf>

- **FEI Dressage Rules**

http://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/DRE-Rules_2017_GA_approved_mark-up.pdf

Annex B Cross Country - Annexes

1 Cross Country Obstacles Maximum Dimensions

Obstacles Maximum Dimensions (Applies to FEI and EA)

	Intro Level	One star	Two star	Three star	Four star
Fixed	1.05 m	1.10 m	1.15 m	1.20 m	1.20 m
Brush	1.25 m	1.30 m	1.35 m	1.40 m	1.45 m
Top Spread	1.20 m	1.40 m	1.60 m	1.80 m	2.00 m
Base Spread	1.80 m	2.10 m	2.40 m	2.70 m	3.00 m
Without Height	2.40 m	2.80 m	3.20 m	3.60 m	4.00 m
Drop	1.40 m	1.60 m	1.80 m	2.00 m	2.00 m

CNC/CCN	EvA80	EvA95	EvA105
Fixed	0.80 m	0.95 m	1.05 m
Brush	1.00 m	1.15 m	1.25 m
Top Spread	0.80 m	1.00 m	1.20 m
Base Spread	1.20 m	1.50 m	1.80 m
Without Height	1.40 m	2.00 m	2.40 m
Drop - maximum	1.00 m	1.20 m	1.40 m

CNC/CCN	EvA80	EvA95	EvA105	CNC/CCN*	CNC/CCN**	CNC/CCN***
Height of roof or fixed/solid barrier above	3.50 m	3.50 m	3.50 m	3.50 m	3.50 m	3.50 m
Water						
Height of Obstacle into water						
With drop or without drop	Not allowed	0.30 m	0.80 m	1.10 m	1.15 m	1.20 m
Depth entry to exit	0.35 m	0.35 m	0.35 m	0.35 m	0.35 m	0.35 m
Minimum width of crossing	6.00 m	6.00 m	6.00 m	6.00 m	6.00 m	6.00 m

2 Distances - Speeds - Jumping Efforts

~~NOTE: Modified Tables of Distances - Speeds - Jumping Efforts~~

Introductory Level		
Distance	Min	2000
	Max	3000
Efforts	Min	20
	Max	25
Speed		500
Time	Min	4'00"
	Max	6'00"

Long format (CCI) Cross Country Distances - Jumping Efforts – Speeds

Level		One star	Two star	Three star	Four star
Distance	Min	3640	4400	5700	6270
	Max	4680	5500	6270	6840
Efforts	Min	25	30	35	40
	Max	30	35	40	45
Speed		520	550	570	570
Time	Min	7'00	8'00"	10'00"	11'00
	Max	9'00	10'00"	11'00"	12'00

Short Format (CIC) Cross Country Distances - Jumping Efforts – Speeds

Level		One star	Two star	Three star
Distance	Min	2600	3025	3420
	Max	3120	3575	3990
Efforts	Min	25	27	30
	Max	30	32	35
Speed		520	550	570
Time	Min	5'00"	5'30"	6'00"
	Max	6'00"	6'30"	7'00"

Within the above limits, the CD and TD may adjust in either direction to take account of the terrain, the number of efforts should be broadly proportional to the length of the course.

Long format CCN Cross Country Distances – Jumping Efforts – Speeds

Level	Phase A	Phase B	Phase C	Phase D
<u>CCN EvA80</u>				
Distance	2200- 4400	1200	4000 - 6080	2400 - 2800
Speed	220 mpm	600 mpm	160 mpm	400 mpm
Minutes	10'00" - 20'00"	2'00"	25'00" – 38'00"	6'00" – 7'00"
Efforts		3 min – 5 max		15-26

<u>CCN EvA95</u>				
Distance	2200- 4400	1200	4000 - 6080	2700 - 3375
Speed	220 mpm	600 mpm	160 mpm	450 mpm
Minutes	10'00" - 20'00"	2'00"	25'00" – 38'00"	6'00" – 7'30"
Efforts		3 min – 5 max		15-26

<u>CCN EvA105</u>				
Distance	2200- 4400	1200	4000 - 6080	3000 - 4000
Speed	220 mpm	600 mpm	160 mpm	500 mpm
Minutes	10'00" - 20'00"	2'00"	25'00" – 38'00"	6'00" – 8'00"
Efforts		3 min – 5 max		20 -27

Short format (CIC) Cross Country Distances - Jumping Efforts – Speeds (applies to CNC Star Classes)

Level	Distance		Efforts		Speed	Time	
	Min	Max	Min	Max		Min	Max
1*/1.5*	2600	3120	25	30	520	5'00"	6'00"
2*/2.5*	3025	3575	27	32	550	5'30"	6'30"
3*	3420	3990	30	35	570	6'00"	7'00"

Within the above limits, the CD and TD may adjust in either direction to take account of the terrain, the number of efforts should be broadly proportional to the length of the course.

Short format (CNC) Cross Country Distances - Jumping Efforts - Speeds

Level	Distance		Efforts		Speed	Time	
CNC	Min	Max	Min	Max		Min	Max
EvA80	1500	2500	15	25	400	3'45"	6'15"
EvA95	2000	3000	15	25	450	4'26"	6'40"
EvA105	2000	3000	20	25	500	4'00"	6'00"

Please note that for half star classes, the dimensions and number of efforts used must relate to the **lower** level at 1.5 and 2.5 classes. For example, one star dimensions, speeds and efforts must be used in 1.5 level classes.

3. Diagram of Cross Country Obstacles and Faults

All additional explanatory diagrams can be found in a separate document published on FEI website, and is regularly updated.

http://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/2017%20Diagrams%20of%20Cross%20Country%20Obstacles_July.pdf

Annex C Jumping - Annexes

1 Obstacles Maximum Dimensions - Distances - Speeds - Jumping Efforts

Maximum Dimensions - Distances - Speeds - Efforts

	Intro Level	One star	Two star	Three star	Four star
Height	1.10	1.15 m	1.20 m	1.25 m	1.30 m
Oxer spread	1.25	1.35 m	1.40 m	1.45 m	1.45 m
Triple Bar spread	1.45	1.55 m	1.60 m	1.65 m	1.65 m
Distance	600 m	600 m	600 m	600 m	600 m
Speed	350 m	350 m	350 m	375 m	375 m
Max Obstacles/Efforts	10-11/12	10-11/13	10-11/14	11-12/15	11-13/16

If the arena is less than 5000 square meters, the maximum speed for Three and Four star level Competitions shall be 350 meters/min.

In arenas less than 2300 square meters the maximum speed for any level shall be 325/min.

CNC/CCN	EvA80	EvA95	EvA105	CNC/CCN1*	CNC/CCN2*/1.5*	CNC/CCN3*/2.5*
Height	0.80 m	0.95 m	1.05 m	1.15 m	1.20 m	1.25 m
Oxer spread	0.90 m	1.00 m	1.20 m	1.35 m	1.40 m	1.45 m
Triple Bar spread	1.20 m	1.40 m	1.50 m	1.55 m	1.60 m	1.65 m
Distance	600 m	600 m	600 m	600 m	600 m	600 m
Speed	300 m	325 m	325 m	350 m #	350 m #	375 m #
Max Obstacles / Efforts	9-10/10	9-10/10	9-10/10	10-11/13	10-11/14	11-12/15
Combinations	1 x Double allowed	1 x Double allowed	1 x Double allowed	2 Doubles or 1 Double & 1 Treble	2 Doubles or 1 Double & 1 Treble	1 Double & 1 Treble

Please note that for half star classes, the dimensions and number of efforts used must relate to the higher level at 1.5 and 2.5 classes. For example, two star dimensions, speed and efforts must be used in 1.5 level classes.

If the arena is less than 5000 square meters, the maximum speed for Three star level competitions shall be 350 metres/min. In arenas less than 2300 square metres the maximum speed for any level shall be 325/min. The plan of the course, which must be posted before the jumping commences, must show:

- position of starting and finishing lines;
- relative position of obstacles;
- type of obstacles (oxer, vertical, triple bar) and numbers;
- the track to be followed marked by a series of arrows showing the direction in which each obstacle must be jumped;
- alternative obstacles;
- length of the course;
- speed;
- Time allowed and time limit;
- any decisions made by the Technical Delegate with regard to the course.

Before the commencement of each class, a break of 10 minutes minimum should be allowed for athletes to walk the course.

Starting and Finishing Lines

The starting and finishing lines may not be more than 15m or less than 6 m from the first and last obstacle. These two lines must each be marked with an entirely red flag on the right and an entirely white flag on the left.

Time of the Round

The time of the round is the time taken by an athlete to complete the round, plus time corrections. After the bell has been rung to signal permission to start, the athlete should cross the starting line within a 45 seconds countdown, after which his time will start. The athlete must not start before the signal has been given. It extends to the moment that the mounted athlete crosses the finishing line having jumped the last obstacle. Both these lines must be crossed in the direction indicated on the plan.

Time Faults

- The length of the course and the speed demanded determine the time allowed.
- Completing the course in less than the time allowed is not rewarded, but exceeding the time allowed is penalised by one penalty for each second or part of a second in excess of the time allowed up to the time limit which is twice the time allowed.
- Exceeding the time limit results in elimination.

Time Corrections**Knock-down with Disobedience**

1.1 If as a result of a disobedience, an athlete displaces or knocks down an obstacle, the bell is rung. The clock is stopped until the obstacle has been rebuilt. The athlete will be penalised for a refusal and 6 seconds will be added to the time taken by the athlete to complete his test.

1.2 If an athlete displaces or knocks down one of the elements of a combination and refuses or runs out at one of the subsequent elements, the bell is rung. The clock will be stopped as for an obstacle knocked down following a disobedience. The penalties for the disobedience and the addition of 6 seconds must be applied.

Knock- down & Fall - Falls at all levels incurs elimination.

Reasons for Elimination - Jumping**Statutory elimination by the Showjumping Judge:**

- jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle in the arena before the start of the test;
- starting before the signal is given and jumping the first obstacle of the course;
- a horse resisting for 45 consecutive seconds during the test

Resistance includes:

- taking more than 45 seconds to jump a single obstacle or the first part of a combination and resistance continuously for 45 seconds during the test).
- omitting to cross the starting line and/or finishing line between the flags;
- jumping an obstacle that does not form part of the course during the test;
- omitting to jump an obstacle of the course;
- jumping an obstacle in the wrong order;
- jumping an obstacle in the wrong direction;
- jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle after an interruption without waiting for the bell;
- not jumping all the fences in a combination again after a disobedience;
- not crossing the finishing line mounted before leaving the arena;
- a loose horse leaving the arena before the end of the Test, including before starting, provided the arena is correctly closed in accordance with the rules;
- accepting, while mounted, any object whatsoever during the test, except headgear and/or spectacles;
- error of course not rectified;
- competing with improper saddlery, or with a whip exceeding 75 cm;
- exceeding the time limit;
- second runout or refusal (**/*/* events);

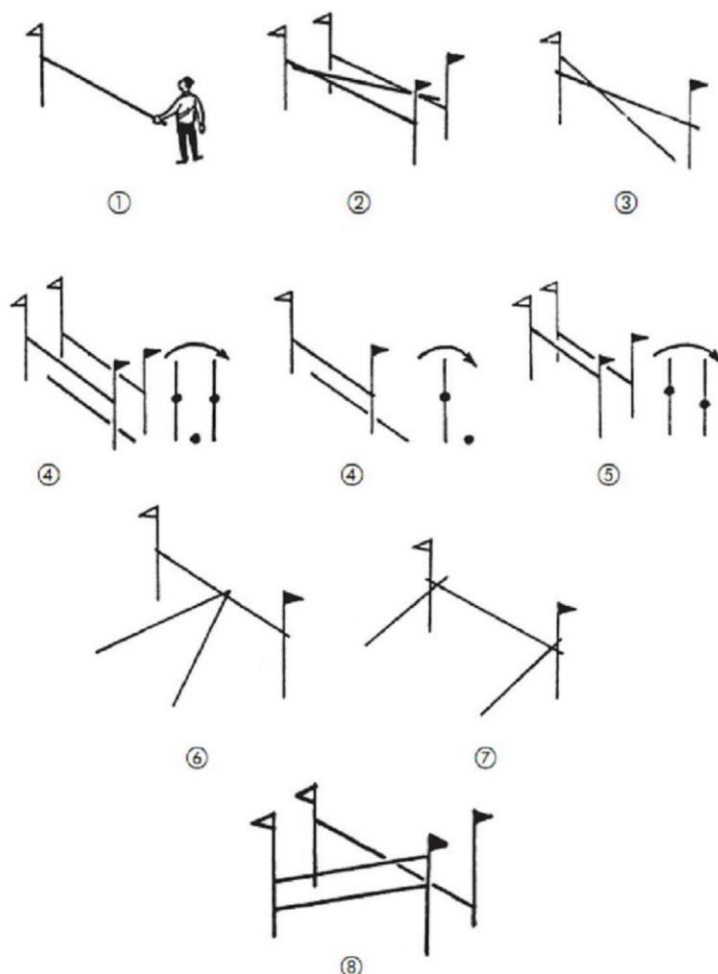
- third runout or refusal (EvA105 and below events);
- failure to re-attempt an obstacle after a run-out or refusal;
- first fall of rider
- first fall of horse

Discretionary elimination by the Showjumping Judge:

- not entering the arena when the athlete's number is called;
- entering the arena unmounted or leaving the arena unmounted;
- all unauthorised assistance;
- not stopping when the bell is rung during the test;
- jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle without headgear or with an unfastened retention harness.

Prohibited Practice Jumping Fences

1. Held by hand
2. Neither end of cross pole supported by standard cup or fitting
3. Top end of sloping pole higher than horizontal pole.
4. Pole on ground forming false ground line.
5. Front element higher than rear element.
6. Neither end of sloping poles supported by standard cup or fitting
7. Top end of sloping poles higher than horizontal pole and not supported by standard cup or fitting.
8. Alternate sloping poles (e.g. St Andrews Cross)



Annex D Medical Services

Recommendations for Medical Services at FEI Competitions

1 Medical Attendance at Event

The on-site provision of medical care must be available during the hours of the Competition and must include the training areas, stables and on-site accommodation.

First aid must also be provided for spectators during the hours of Competition.

A qualified physician with Advanced Trauma Life Support certification ("ATLS"), a paramedic with Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) or International Trauma Life Support ("ITLS") certification, or a nurse with Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum ("TNCC") or the equivalent of any of the above in the country in which the Event takes place (hereinafter a "Pre-Hospital Trauma Care Specialist") must have credentials allowing access to the entire facility at all times including the stable area and finish area during Competition.

2 Chief Medical Officer

A Chief Medical Officer, suitably experienced and with local knowledge must be appointed well in advance, to act in liaison with the Organising Committee and the emergency services for the adequate provision of medical resources.

A meeting of medical officers or delegates should be held at the Cross Country venue to familiarise them with the Event plan and services available by the host physicians or the Pre-Hospital Trauma Care Specialist in case of emergency.

A list of phone numbers of medical officers for each team should be obtained at every Competition.

For teams with no physician, the physiotherapist, or trainer, or lay person designated as a contact in the Event of a medical emergency should give a contact phone number to the host physicians or the Pre-Hospital Trauma Care Specialist.

3 Cross Country and Jumping Test

During the Cross Country and Jumping Test, a fully equipped Pre-Hospital Trauma Care Specialist with trauma and resuscitation skills must be available on site and must have the capability of rapid deployment to any part of the arena or course in adverse conditions.

Radio communication must be made available to alert the emergency services and a telephone line or cell phone must be reserved for immediate communication with the designated accident and emergency hospital.

The Cross Country Test will require Pre-Hospital Trauma Care Specialist. The required number will depend on the layout of the courses and the accessibility of the site. However, there must be at least one Pre-Hospital Trauma Care Specialist present throughout all the tests.

A Medical Centre or ambulance should be established on site during Competition hours for the treatment of minor ailments and for the observation and initial treatment of serious injuries or illness.

Rapid routes for access and departure must be prepared and safeguarded for the expeditious transfer of the seriously injured to the hospital.

Depending on the access to the site and the distance to hospital, helicopter evacuation may be required. A suitable landing area should be provided for the helicopter ambulance.

If an Athlete falls at a Competition, he will not be allowed to continue without a medical assessment, even if the Athlete has no obvious injury. Frustrated Athletes who fall and then refuse medical attention create an issue for the host medical service providers.

Athletes have the right to refuse treatment, but not the right to compete with injuries that may be undetected.

Annex D.1 EA CNC/CCN Medical and Veterinary Services**8. MEDICAL**

- A first aid service must be present at all times.
- Emergency vehicles must be able to access all parts of the venue.

Cross Country Test

- An ambulance (or paramedic equivalent) **MUST** be present during the cross-country test.
- A Doctor **SHOULD** be present during the cross-country tests.
- If the ambulance (or paramedic equivalent) is not on the ground, then the event must be halted.

Jumping Test

- A Doctor (with an appropriately equipped first aid service) and/or a fully equipped emergency ambulance (or paramedic equivalent) should be present during the jumping test.

The EA Branch or its representative (i.e. the Technical Delegate) may vary these requirements in exceptional circumstances.

9. VETERINARY

- A Veterinary Surgeon must be present during the jumping and cross-country tests.
- A Veterinary Surgeon must be available on call for the duration of the event.
- The EA Branch or its representative (e.g. the Technical Delegate) may vary these requirements in exceptional circumstances.
- Should there be no Veterinary Surgeon present, all athletes should be informed before they compete.

Destruction of Severely Injured Horses

If a horse is so severely injured that on humanitarian grounds it ought to be destroyed, the following procedure will apply:

- If the owner or his authorised representative is present, his agreement will first be obtained by the official Veterinary Surgeon
- If the owner or his representative is not available, the Technical Delegate, acting on the advice of the official Veterinary Surgeon, may order the destruction of the horse.

Communication

Organisers must arrange adequate communication involving all emergency services and key officials.

Athlete Fitness & Medical card

To ensure that vital information is available to first aid or medical personnel in case of emergency, athletes must comply with the following:

- a) providing a valid contact information is mandatory for all Athletes – the telephone number of an accompanying person/next-of-kin must be provided to the Event Secretariat upon arrival (OC and medical officer to ensure all information has been received before the Cross-Country)
- b) Declaration of medical condition – Athletes with medical conditions that may be relevant in the case of a medical emergency are responsible, at every Event when riding, for wearing a medical data carrier* from a system provider able to communicate information in English. Alternatively (and at the minimum) a medical armband of good quality can be used. Athletes who choose to wear an armband should download and fill in the form available for this purpose on EA's website.

* Medical data carrier (also called medical identification tag): small emblem or tag worn on a bracelet, neck chain, or on the clothing, intended to alert paramedics/physicians/first responders that the wearer has an important medical condition.

Conditions that are relevant include recent head injury, serious past injuries/surgeries, chronic health problems such as diabetes, long term medications and allergies. If in doubt, the Athlete should discuss this with their own treating physician.

Examination after a fall - Medical Fitness

If there is any doubt in regard to fitness to compete the Ground Jury or Technical Delegate may eliminate the athlete at its discretion.

A veterinarian and/or an Official Medical Officer as appropriate should examine all horses and athletes that have a fall during training or competition before they either take part in another test, event or leave the competition site.

Control of Medication of Horses and Athletes

The Control of Medication of Horses must be conducted in accordance with the FEI General Regulations and

FEI Veterinary Regulations, and the Equestrian Australia National Medication Control Policy and EADMC Rules. The Control of Medication of Athletes must be conducted in accordance with the FEI General Regulations Article 145, the Australian Sports Doping Agency (ASDA) and the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA). Athletes are responsible for knowing what constitutes an anti-doping violation and the substances and methods which have been included on the prohibited list. Athletes may be required to complete and submit a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) application before participating in events.

Some substances included in the list of prohibited substances are used to treat medical conditions frequently encountered. For these substances no TUE is required, instead a Declaration of Use (DoU) must be submitted by the athlete.

Annex E Organising Requirements for Eventing 4 star Level Events

Four star level Events are believed to be the pinnacle of the sport representing Eventing on the world stage and as such it is felt that there should be some guidelines for potential OCs to ensure that the image of the sport and the presentation of the Event are of the highest possible quality.

The FEI will only recognise a few Events at this level and this recognition will be subject to some strict criteria.

- a) Before being awarded an Event of four star level status the Organising Committee must have run, at the venue, a lower level international Eventing Competition of at least Three star level, and demonstrated the ability to stage an Event of the highest level.
- b) Application from the host National Federation to the FEI to stage a Four star level Event must be accompanied by a proposal including detailed information about the venue (access, facilities, etc) and the suitability of the footing, the Organising Committee, the financial viability (including proposed levels of sponsorship income), budget and cash-flow, local accommodation availability, and proposed level of prize money.
- c) The Organising Committee must have a proven track record of success. A business plan must be presented.
- d) Details in regard to the Organising Committees Broadcast strategy must be provided as well as expressions of interest in regard to Broadcast coverage.
- e) The venue needs to be approved by an FEI appointed Delegate, who will visit the proposed Event at the OC's/National Federation's expense
- f) The National Federation will be responsible for supporting the application and overseeing the success of the Event, and a representative of the National Federation must be included in the Board of the Organising Committee.
- g) Minimum level of prize money: € 100'000.
- h) Mandatory CCTV for public, Athletes, owners and the Ground Jury and for safety reasons.
- i) The proposal must include the proposed Course Designers that must be a 3&4 star Course Designer. The Course Designer in question must support the proposal and guarantee that the venue is suitable for the Four star level.
- j) An all weather dressage arena is strongly recommended.
- k) Dates must fit in to overall Eventing calendar, not clash with any major Event and be consistent from year to year in order to allow the other Events to position themselves in consequence.
- l) Application shall be sent to the FEI by July the year preceding the Event applied for.
- m) The Event has to be approved by the FEI Eventing Committee who reserve the right to ask for as much information as is considered necessary. The FEI Eventing Committee also reserves all rights to not accept the Four star denomination request of any Organiser.
- n) A review committee composed of representatives of the FEI Eventing Committee, FEI Delegate and the FEI Secretary General will assess existing Four star level Events on a yearly basis. Should any Event not fulfil requirements it will be possible to re-evaluate the star level.
- o) It is strongly encouraged that the OC appoints a Course Advisor, in consultation with the FEI and the event Course designer.

~~NOTE: 2012 Annex 9 "Directives For One & Two Star CCI/CIC with Several Sections for the Same level in Regard to Ground Juries" included in text under appointment of Officials~~

Annex F Consultation with Athletes

1 Appointment of Athlete Representative

Prior to the Athletes' first opportunity to inspect the Cross Country course every Organising Committee of an international Event must appoint an Athlete Representative from among the Athletes taking part in the Competition having first obtained that Athlete's consent.

This Athlete Representative has the task of acting as a channel of communication between the Athletes and the Officials on any matter directly connected with the Event without in any way removing the right of any Athlete to speak to the Organising Committee, Technical Delegate, Ground Jury, or Course Designer. The name of this Athlete must be notified to the Athletes at the briefing if one is held or posted prominently on the Event notice board if no briefing takes place.

2 Chairman of Arbitration and Investigation Panel

The Organising Committee will appoint prior to the start of the Competition the Chairman of an Arbitration and Investigation Panel (see point 9 below).

3 First meeting of Athletes called by the Athlete Representative - 1st Horse Inspection

At the end of the day on which the First Horse Inspection is held there will be a meeting of all Athletes should they so wish to be called by the Athlete Representative. The Technical Delegate and representative of the Organising Committee should attend although not the Ground Jury unless specifically requested by the Technical Delegate, Organising Committee or the Athlete Representative.

4 Second meeting of Athletes called by the Athlete Representative - after 1st day of Dressage Test

If the Event is a Long format Competition (CCI) with two days of Dressage the Athlete Representative has the right, if there are any concerns amongst the Athletes, to ask for an Athletes' meeting to take place at the end of the first day of Dressage to discuss major issues concerning the obstacles on the course and/or the distances of the course.

This meeting must be attended by the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate, Course Designer, and a senior representative from the Organising Committee (If there are no issues the Athlete Representative may advise the Technical Delegate who will contact the Organising Committee and the Ground Jury and cancel the meeting).

5 Meeting Minutes

At this meeting any such issues must be recorded in writing (the Technical Delegate & Athlete Representative have this responsibility) and the response of the Ground Jury also recorded in writing and signed by the President of the Ground Jury and the Athlete Representative.

6 Additional Athlete Representative

At this stage the Athletes may appoint two additional people (to join the already appointed Athlete Representative) as Athlete Representative's to continue the discussions with the Officials and the Organising Committee. These additional two people can be anyone that the Athletes choose and do not necessarily have to be competing at the Competition.

7 Final Athletes Meeting of the Athletes before the Cross Country

A further and final Athletes' meeting, attended, as before, by all the Officials and a representative from the Organising Committee, is now required.

Ahead of this meeting the written response by the Ground Jury to any written concerns of the Athletes raised the previous evening shall be given to the Athlete Representative's. At this meeting any final briefing of the Athletes will take place.

If the Athletes are still dissatisfied with the decisions of the Ground Jury a vote will be taken. This should be a secret vote and the Organising Committee should assist the Athletes in conduct of the meeting. The issue to be voted on is "Do you accept the responses of the Event Officials, or should they be referred to the Arbitration and Investigation Panel for final decision?"•

If a majority of the Athletes actually taking part in the Competition (50 percent plus one) so agree the outstanding issue(s) will be referred immediately to the Arbitration and Investigation Panel for a final decision against which there will be no appeal.

At this meeting any such issues must be recorded in writing (Technical Delegate & Athlete Representative responsibility) and the response of the Arbitration and Investigation Panel also recorded in writing and signed by the Chairman of the Arbitration and Investigation Panel and the Athlete Representative.

8 Athletes Briefing

The usual Athletes briefing on routine matters to do with last minute changes due to meteorological conditions, ground, etc must still take place on the evening before the Cross Country Test. In case of dispute on such issues, the procedure with the Arbitration and Investigation Panel is available for use.

9 Arbitration and Investigation Panel

The Arbitration and Investigation Panel will consist of three people appointed on the first day of the Event by the Organising Committee in conjunction with the Athlete Representative.

The Arbitration and Investigation Panel shall include: (a) a non-competing current or recent Athlete experienced at the level of the Event, (b) an FEI qualified Official, and an independent person experienced in the sport who is not involved in any way with the Event, e.g. an Organiser.

If such people are not available at the Event, after reasonable efforts to engage them, the Organising Committee, in consultation with the Technical Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury, must appoint an Arbitration and Investigation Panel of similarly experienced people likely to have the confidence of both the Athletes and Officials alike.

Any one of these three people can be appointed as President of the Arbitration and Investigation Panel. The President or a member of the Appeal Committee may be appointed to this Arbitration and Investigation Panel if suitably qualified.

10 Events with only 1 day of Dressage

At a Competition with only one day of Dressage it will be necessary to modify the above procedure. In these circumstances the above timetable may be compressed and/or certain steps omitted but the most important principles must be retained, i.e.:

- a) Concerns and responses recorded in writing.
- b) The opportunity for Athletes to vote if dissatisfied.
- c) Final decision by the Arbitration and Investigation Panel, provided a majority of starters so request.

The above procedure for consultation with Athletes will not apply for Championships, Team Events, Young Riders or Juniors Events (Athlete Representative replaced by Chef d'Equipe)

Annex G FEI Badges for Honour

Badges of Honour will be awarded to Athletes who complete Olympic Games and World Championships to the following scale:

- a) A Gold Badge for three completions.
- b) A Silver Badge for two completions.
- c) A Bronze Badge for one completion.

Annex H Rules for Eventing Pony Rider & Events,

Pony Rider Competitions are an important element in the development of equestrian sport in certain regions of the world. The Eventing Rules apply for the Eventing Pony Competitions except where otherwise provided in this annex. Pony rules have been integrated in the overall Eventing rules in regard to entries, participation, Officials appointment etc, according to the Long format (CCI) 1 star Competition and championship.

1 International Pony Events and Qualification

1.1 Pony Competitions

Events limited to Pony competitors are designated with a "P" and 1* and 2* level:

- a) CCIP1 - Introductory level
- b) CCIP2 - Experienced level

The Pony European Championship will be held at the CCIP2 star level

1.2 Qualifications

Pony Riders and ponies must be certified by their national federation as qualified to compete at the required level.

For Championships, Pony Riders and Ponies must have obtained as a combination a Minimum Eligibility result at a CCIP2 or a ~~CCI*~~ ~~or CIC*~~ one star Long or Short.

2 Pony Measurement

Provisions in Veterinary Regulations apply.

3 Saddlery

Exercise Areas Article 538.1 applies except that hackamore, curb and double bridle are not allowed. Dressage Test " Article 538.2 applies except that curb and double bridle are not allowed (only snaffle bits). Cross-country and Jumping Tests - Article 538.3 applies except that curb, double bridle, hackamores and bit less bridle are not allowed. (See reference in FAQ Tack, Equipment and Dress on Eventing Rules page published on FEI website)

- a) Pelham is not allowed for XC and Jumping
- b) A Pelham is not considered a Curb bit if it has a mouthpiece ring and a ring at the top and bottom of the bit.
- c) Pelham must be on a single rein (with a connecting piece from the mouthpiece ring to the bottom ring) – double reins not allowed.
- d) Pelham can be used with Curb chain or leather strap

4 Dressage Test

CCI/CIC1 star A Test to apply for Eventing Dressage for Pony Events (CCIP1)

CCI/CIC1 star B Test to apply for Eventing Dressage for Pony Events (CCIP2)

5 Cross-country Test

5.1 Types of Obstacles

- a) Bull finches are not allowed.
- b) Bounce fences (combination of upright obstacles with no stride) are allowed but must not be into water and must be of an appropriate distance, and degree of difficulty, for ponies and Pony Riders.
- c) The drop on the landing side of an obstacle, or of those obstacles that are jumped as a ski jump, may never exceed 1.45m. The number of such obstacles is limited to two. The number of drop fences less than 1.45m is left to the discretion of the Technical Delegate.

Table below to be replaced by the following:

Cross Country Obstacle – maximum - dimensions

	Pony P1 Star	Pony P2 Star
Fixed	1,00 m	1,05m
Brush	1,20m	1,25m
Top Spread	1,20m	1,30m
Base Spread	1,70m	1,90m
Without height	2,00m	2.50m
Drop	1,35m	1,45m

Cross Country Distances – Speeds – Jumping efforts **(as per 2014 Rules)**

Level	Distance		Efforts		Speed		Meters/Effort	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
Pony 1	2300	3000	20	25	450	500	100	120
Pony 2	2700	3700	25	30	500	520	100	120

For Pony Championships the distance and speed should be the maximum allowed.

Jumping Obstacle Dimensions – Distances – Speed - Efforts

	Pony P1	Pony P2
Height	1,05m	1,10m
Oxer Spread	1,20m	1,25m
Triple Bar Spread	1,40m	1,50m
Distance	Max 500m	Max 500 m
Speed	350 m/min	350 m/min
Max Obstacles/efforts	10-11/13	10-11/14

Annex I Indoor / Arena Cross Country Rules

1 Rules for National and International competitions

FEI Rules ~~to~~ apply to all Eventing classes held within or in direct relation with, or taking place shortly before or after an FEI International Jumping/Dressage ~~Indoor~~ Event. The following minimum requirements are to be implemented by ALL OCs organising this type of competition to manage and limit risk at these events.

NFs/OCs have two (2) options for the organisation of Indoor/Arena Eventing competitions:

1. Apply to the FEI to organise this class as an International competition with inclusion in the FEI Calendar using the competition code CIX-Arena. The competition schedule to be submitted to the FEI for approval (specific form available)

Or

2. Organise the competition under National rules under the responsibility of the National Federation to enforce the below compulsory minimum requirements.

The following minimum requirements are mandatory:

1. Qualification of Athletes: Competition open only to A, B and C FEI categorised Athletes (to ensure all Athletes have adequate experience)

2. Level of competition: maximum (current) 2* star level obstacles with speed related to the size of the arena.

3. Competition Format:

- Optimum time if competition runs over fixed obstacles
- Against the clock: **ONLY** with knockable fences or hedges (min. 1/3 of the height of the obstacle)

4. FEI Officials: One experienced FEI Eventing Course Designer or FEI Eventing Technical Delegate

~~2 Schedule~~

~~To be approved by the FEI (or the competition will be considered FEI unsanctioned event)~~

~~3 Entries~~

~~Competition will be opened to:~~

- ~~a) A and B Athletes or~~
- ~~b) Athletes that have achieved in the last two (2) years 3 MER at three star level~~

~~4 Cross Country Course – Technical Aspects~~

~~– Level: 2 star level obstacles~~

~~– Recommended Competition Format:~~

- ~~a) Optimum time – speed according to size of arena – with jumping and time penalties if applicable, with typical Cross Country fixed obstacles.~~
- ~~b) Distance, speed and number of efforts to be adapted to the dimensions of the arena(s) to be stated in schedule.~~

5.2 Prizemoney & expenses

At the discretion of the Organising Committee, however the principle of this Competition is a demonstration class and should not be considered a high level Competition

6 — Officials

~~A listed FEI Eventing Judge must be appointed and~~ an FEI 3&4 Eventing Course Designer must collaborate with the appointed Jumping Course Designer.

7 3 The FEI Eventing Rules for Horse Welfare / Risk Management apply

FEI Rules in regard to Dangerous riding, sanctions etc apply

8 Promotion of Eventing as Discipline

Commentators: it is recommended that commentators with experience in Eventing are involved during the competition to explain Eventing, video clips are available for big screen to show the “real sport” (outdoor, 3 disciplines etc)

Annex J. EA Combined Training

CT1. COMPOSITION

The dressage and jumping tests which make up a Combined Training competition must be taken in that order.

CT2. CLASSIFICATION

The same horse and rider must complete both tests and elimination from one test involves elimination from the whole competition.

If equality exists, the classification is decided by the best dressage score.

If equality still exists, the closest to optimum time (under the time set) in the jumping test determines the result.

CT3. JUDGES

There must be at least one Dressage Judge drawn from the EA Official List and one Jumping Judge from the EA Panel.

CT4. CLASSES

Classes may be conducted at any level – Three Star, Two Star etc.

CT5. QUALIFICATIONS

The eligibility of both horse and rider are governed by the EA Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Eventing.

SECTION 1 - DRESSAGE

CT6. RULES

The dressage test is judged under EA Rules, including Rules 35 – 39 above, except where modified below.

CT7. TESTS

Tests are as for the relevant Official Event level.

No callers are allowed.

CT8. SCORING

As for Official Events.

CT9. MARKING SHEETS

The judges' marking sheets may be given to athletes at the end of the dressage test.

CT10. SADDLERY & DRESS

As for National Eventing Rules. Whips are not allowed in the Dressage phase.

SECTION 2 - JUMPING

CT11. RULES

The jumping test consists of one round of the course judged under FEI Rules, Table A, except where modified below.

There is no jump-off.

CT12. COURSE

As per Jumping for CNC/CC

ANNEX K EA OFFICIALS ACCREDITATION

Requirements to attain and maintain Eventing Judge accreditation

Judge Level	Initial Requirements	Theory Requirements	Practical Requirements	To Maintain Accreditation
FEI 3/4*	Refer to FEI promotion requirements			
FEI 1/2* CIC3*/CCI2*	Refer to FEI promotion requirements Candidates need to be a current EA Level 3 Judge to be eligible for promotion to FEI Level 1 or Level 2			
Level 3 National Competition Level CNC/CCN3*	Be a registered Level two Eventing Judge with: • Endorsement from the respective EA State Branch Eventing Committee • Regularly (min 3) officiated at CNC/CCN 1*/2* CCI/CIC 1/2* in the last 2 years • Be a registered EA 'D' level Dressage Judge or higher	• Attend an EA Level 3 Eventing officials course • Complete the EA Eventing Dressage Open Rule Book Test	• Must be mentored at minimum 1 x 2* and 1 x 3* event for upgrade to Level 3 • 2 x Sit in with or pencil for mentor judges of at least FEI 1&2* Level	• Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course and other stipulated reaccréditation requirements set by EA
Level 2 National Competition Level CIC/CCI2* CNC/CCN2* CIC1*/CCI1* CNC/CCN1*	Be a registered Level one Eventing Judge with: • Endorsement from the respective EA State Branch Eventing Committee • Plus a minimum of two of the following: - Regularly (min 3) officiated at EvA80, EvA95, EvA105 over the last 2 years - Be a registered EA 'F' level Dressage Judge or higher (E level for 2* judging) - Proof of having ridden at CCI2* / CIC2* or Medium Dressage or above - Be a registered EA Level two or higher Eventing / Dressage Coach	• Attend an EA Level 2 Eventing officials course • Coaches & Riders with no Judge Accreditation must also attend an F level Dressage Judges seminar • Complete the EA Eventing Dressage Open Rule Book Test	• Must be mentored at minimum 1 x 1* and 1 x 2* event for upgrade to Level 2 • 2 x Sit in with or pencil for mentor judges of at least EA Level 3 or FEI Level 1&2	• Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course and other stipulated reaccréditation requirements set by EA
Level 1 National Competition Level CCN105 EvA105 EvA95 EvA80	• Be an EA member • Endorsement from the respective EA State Branch Eventing Committee • Have a minimum of one of the following: - Have attended a State Based training seminar - Be a registered EA 'H' Dressage judge or higher - Proof of having ridden at CCI2*/CNC2* or above - Proof of having ridden EA Elementary Dressage or above - Be a registered EA Level one or higher General / Dressage Coach	• Complete the EA Eventing Dressage Open Rule Book Test • Attend an EA Eventing / Dressage Officials Course (highly recommended)	• Must be mentored at minimum 1 x EvA105 and 1 x EvA95 event for upgrade to level one • 10 horses pencilling/sitting in with D Level Dressage (or higher) judge	• Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course and other stipulated reaccréditation requirements set by EA

Preliminary	• Interest in Judging	• None	• Pencil with judges	• None
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Requirements to attain and maintain Eventing Course Designer accreditation

Course Designer Level	Initial Requirements	Theory Requirements	Practical Requirements	To Maintain Accreditation
FEI 3/4*	Refer to FEI promotion requirements			
FEI 1/2* CIC3* CIC2* CCI2*	Refer to FEI promotion requirements <i>Candidates need to be a current EA Level 3 Course Designer to be eligible for promotion to FEI Level 1 or Level 2</i>			
Level 3 National CNC/CCN3*	- Be a Level two EA Eventing Course Designer Plus a minimum of two of the following: - Assistant CD at a CIC3* or CCI3* 2 x over a two year period - Produced 2 x CNC2* courses - Produced 1 x 1* course	- EA Eventing Officials Level 3 Course - Open book exam	Mentored at a minimum of 2 x 3* by an FEI 1/2* CD or higher.	Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA
Level 2 National Competition Level CNC/CCN2* CIC1*/CCI1* CNC/CCN1*	- Be a Level 1 EA Eventing Course Designer - Plus a minimum of two of the following: — Produced a minimum of 1 x EvA105 and 1 x EvA95 courses in two years — Assisted as a CD at 1 x 1* or 2* courses in previous two years — Be a registered EA Level 2 or higher Eventing or General Coach — Proof of having ridden at CNC2* or higher	- EA Level 2 Eventing Officials Course - Open book exam	Mentored at a minimum of 1 x 2* and 1 x 1* by an EA Level 3 CD or higher.	Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA
Level 1 National Competition Level CCN105 EvA105 EvA95 EvA80	- Be a EA member - Plus a minimum of one of the following: - Ridden CNC2* or higher - Be a registered EA Level 1 or higher General or Level 2 or higher Eventing Coach - Be a registered EA Level 1 or higher Eventing Judge or Technical Delegate - Hold proof of shadowing a CD at five EA events.	- EA Level 1 Eventing Officials Course - Open book exam	Mentored at a minimum of EvA105 x 1 and EvA95 x 1 by an EA Level 2 CD or higher.	Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA
Preliminary	• Interest in Course Design	• None	• Assisting CD's	• None

Requirements to attain and maintain Eventing Technical Delegate accreditation

Technical Delegate Level	Initial Requirements	Theory Requirements	Practical Requirements	To Maintain Accreditation
FEI 3/4*	Refer to FEI promotion requirements			
FEI 1/2* CIC3*/CCI2*	Refer to FEI promotion requirements - Candidates need to be a current EA Level 3 Technical Delegate to be eligible for promotion to FEI Level 1 or Level 2			
Level 3 National Competition Level CNC/CCN3*	Be a registered Level 2 Eventing TD with: - Regularly officiated (min. 3) 1/2* events as a TD over two years - Endorsement from the respective EA State Branch Eventing Committee Plus a minimum of two of the following: — Officiated as a TD at CCI/CIC1* x 1, CCI/CIC2* x 1 — Assistant TD CCI2*/CIC2* x 3 over 2 years — Be an FEI 3&4* level eventing judge	- EA Eventing Officials Level 3 Course - Open book exam	Mentored at a minimum of 2 x 3* by an FEI 1/2* TD or higher.	Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course and other stipulated reaccréditation requirements set by EA
Level 2 National Competition Level CIC/CCI2* CNC/CCN2* CIC1*/CCI1* CNC/CCN1*	- Be a registered Level 1 Eventing Technical Delegate - Endorsement from the respective EA State Branch Eventing Committee - Plus a minimum of two of the following: — TD at least 1 x EvA80 and 1 x EvA95 over two years — Been XC Control x 1 at EvA105 or higher — Assisted as a TD at 1 x 1* and 1 x EvA105 events in previous 2 years — Be registered as an EA Level 2 Eventing or General Coach — Proof of having ridden at CNC2* or higher	- EA Level 2 Eventing Officials Course - Open book exam	Mentored at a minimum of 1 x 1* and 1 x 2* by an EA Level 3 TD or higher.	Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course and other stipulated reaccréditation requirements set by EA
Level 1 National Competition Level EvA105 CCN105 EvA95 EvA80	- Be an EA member And minimum of one of the following: - Ridden CNC** or higher - Be a registered EA Level 1 or higher General or Level 2 or higher Eventing Coach - Be a registered EA Level 1 or higher Eventing Judge or Course Designer - Hold proof of shadowing a TD at five EA events.	- EA Level 1 Eventing Officials Course - Open book exam	Mentored at a minimum of EvA105 x 1 and EvA95 x 1 by an EA Level 2 TD or higher.	Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course and other stipulated reaccréditation requirements set by EA
Preliminary	Interest in eventing comps.	None	Assisting TD's	None

Annex L EA Leaderboard and Rankings

In all Official Events, including those confined to Juniors, points may be awarded to horses according to their placings and the number of starters in the class, for the benefit of leader board and other rankings.

CNC One Day Events / CICs (International One Day Events)

Place	Starters	EvA105	CNC*	CNC**	CNC***
		EvAJ105			
1		3	6	12	18
2		2	5	10	15
3	Up to 10	1	4	8	12
4	11 -14	1	3	6	9
5	15 - 18		2	4	6
6	19 - 22		1	2	3
7	23 - 26				
8	27 - 30				
9	31 - 34				
10	35 - 38				

Three Day Events

Place	Starters	EvA105	CCI*	CCI**	CCI***	CCI****
		EvAJ105	CCN*	CCN**		
			CCIJ*/YR			
1		8	15	24	40	50
2		6	13	20	36	45
3	Up to 10	4	11	16	32	40
4	11 -14	2	9	12	28	35
5	15-18		8	10	24	30
6	19-22		6	8	20	25
7	23-26		5	6	16	20
8	27-30		4	4	14	18
9	31-34				12	16
10	35-38				10	14
11	39-42				8	12
12	43-46				6	10

NOTES:

- Points will be awarded according to the scale of starters.
- For Official Events outside Australia, the same points will be awarded for the appropriate class in Australia.
- The competitor is responsible forwarding results from Events outside Australia to their EA state branch.
- For a CCIO, points will be awarded as for a ***/* Three Day Event, with the addition of an extra 5 points.

Annex M Yellow Warning Cards

FEI Yellow Warning Card

YELLOW WARNING CARD Event _____ Date _____ Person Responsible: Name _____ FEI ID _____ OFFENCE (please tick one) FEI General Regulations (GRs), 23rd edition, 1 January 2009, updates effective 1 January 2013 ☐ Abuse of Horse GRs Art. 142 & 169.6.2 and/or Eventing Rules Art. 526 ☐ Incorrect behaviour GRs Art. 169.6.3 ☐ Dangerous Riding Eventing Rules Art. 525 ☐ Non-Compliance with Protective Headgear Rules GRs Art. 140 ☐ Non-Compliance with applicable Sport Rules (specify) GRs Art. 169.7 _____ Signature of Official _____ Signature of Person Responsible _____	YELLOW WARNING CARD  Extract of Art. 169.7, FEI General Regulations (GRs) 23rd edition, 1 January 2009, updates effective 1 January 2013 " 7. In cases of offences mentioned in paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 above and which are of a less serious nature and/or in cases specified in the Sport Rules and/or as mentioned in Article 140: 7.1 The President of the Ground Jury, the President of the Appeal Committee and the Chief Steward must notify the Person Responsible during the Period of the Event that he will receive a Yellow Warning Card, which will be delivered either by hand or by any other suitable means. If after reasonable efforts the Athlete cannot be notified during the Period of the Event that he has received a Yellow Warning Card, the Athlete must be notified in writing within fourteen (14) days of the Event. 7.2 Should the same Person Responsible receive one (1) more Yellow Warning Card at the same or any other International Event within one year of the delivery of the first Yellow Warning Card, the Person Responsible shall be automatically suspended for a period of two (2) months after official Notification from the FEI Secretary General." Extract of Art. 527, FEI Eventing Rules 24th edition, effective 1 January 2013 "[...] Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the General Regulations, should the same Person Responsible receive one more Yellow Warning Card at the same or any other international Event within one year of the delivery of the first Yellow Warning Card for the same offence, the Person Responsible shall automatically be suspended for a period of two months from the day following the Event at which the Person Responsible is competing [...]"
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ANNEX M EA Yellow Warning Card

EA WARNING CARD Event: _____ Date: _____ Person Responsible: _____ <u>Offence: (Please tick one)</u> Abuse of Horse..... ☐ Incorrect Behaviour... ☐ Dangerous Riding..... ☐ specify Officials Name: _____ Officials Jurisdiction: _____ Signature of Official: _____ Signature of Person Responsible: _____	WARNING CARD Extract from the National Eventing Rules  A Yellow Warning Card may be issued by an EA Official (TD, a member of the Ground Jury or Chief Steward) for the offence of a less serious nature at Events. See rule 526.1. in the National Eventing Rules and 526 in the FEI Eventing rules. The EA Official should deliver it personally to the Rider together with an explanation as to why it is being issued and the possible consequences of any further offences being committed. In the case of riders being under the age of 18 years, a Parent/Guardian must be present. The receipt of a Yellow Warning Card suspends any penalty until a new offence takes place. A Rider receiving two Yellow Warning Cards within a 12 month period for the same offence will incur an automatic disqualification from competition for two months, from the date of the second offence. There will be no right of Appeal.
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EA WARNING CARD Event: _____ Date: _____ Person Responsible: _____ <u>Offence: (Please tick one)</u> Abuse of Horse..... ☐ Incorrect Behaviour... ☐ Dangerous Riding..... ☐ specify Officials Name: _____ Officials Jurisdiction: _____ Signature of Official: _____ Signature of Person Responsible: _____	WARNING CARD Extract from the National Eventing Rules  A Yellow Warning Card may be issued by an EA Official (TD, a member of the Ground Jury or Chief Steward) for the offence of a less serious nature at Events. See rule 526.1. in the National Eventing Rules and 526 in the FEI Eventing rules. The EA Official should deliver it personally to the Rider together with an explanation as to why it is being issued and the possible consequences of any further offences being committed. In the case of riders being under the age of 18 years, a Parent/Guardian must be present. The receipt of a Yellow Warning Card suspends any penalty until a new offence takes place. A Rider receiving two Yellow Warning Cards within a 12 month period for the same offence will incur an automatic disqualification from competition for two months, from the date of the second offence. There will be no right of Appeal.
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Annex N HEADGEAR Requirements

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR RULE NO.1

The use of properly fastened Protective Headgear is mandatory while riding on the showgrounds (article 140.1 FEI General regulations).

- Athletes failing to comply after being notified to do so by an official are sanctioned with a Yellow Warning Card
- The rule applies in all disciplines

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR RULE NO.2

The discipline rules apply when riding.

- In the competition arena, adjacent warm-up areas, and from one to the other; and
- From the stables for the purpose of competing.

Rules for Eventing, 24th Edition effective 1 January 2015			
Athlete / Competition category	Protective Headgear requirement	Relevant article	Additional provisions
All - Jumping & Cross-Country tests	• The use of a properly fastened protective headgear is mandatory. • Senior Athletes may be allowed to remove their Headgear while accepting prizes or during the national anthem. It is recommended that they do not remove their headgear during the lap of honor.	Art. 538.1.1	• Protective headgear must comply with any of the European (EN), British (PAS), North American (ASTM), Australian/New Zealand tested standards. • Failure to wear protective headgear where and when required after being notified to do so by an Official shall result in a Yellow Warning Card
All - Dressage test	The Dressage Rules apply.	538.2.1	

Dressage Rules, 25h edition, effective 1st January 2015			
Athlete / Competition category	Protective Headgear requirements	Relevant article	Additional provisions
All	At all times when mounted	Art. 427	• Sanction: prohibition from further riding until the protective headgear is properly in place. • Protective headgear is recommended for the persons presenting the horse in a horse inspection. • An athlete is considered to be 19 years old from the beginning of the calendar year (1st of January) in which he reaches the age of 19.
Athletes aged 19 years and older riding horses aged 7 years and older	May remove their protective headgear when competing, warming-up directly prior to the Competition, riding between the stable and the warm-up area, riding of the competing horse in the warm up area, and riding back to the stable.		

EA Headgear Requirements

As per the EA General Regulations, Article 122.2: Dress and Salute, the following will apply:

Except where Sport Rules allows otherwise, riders and drivers competing in an EA competition must wear an approved helmet with the chin strap fastened at all times. The same is recommended when riding a horse at any time.

Protective headgear must conform with one of the current approved safety standards:

- Current Australian standard AS/NZ 3838 (2006 onwards) provided they are SAI global marked.
- New Australian standard ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI global marked
- Current American standards ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked, or SNELL E2001.
- Current British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided they are BSI Kitemarked.
- Interim European Standard VGI (01.040: 2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark.

BSI Kitemarked:



SAI Global marked:



SEI marked:



Outgoing European Standard EN/1384 is not permitted from 2017 onwards.

Annex O EA Membership Requirements

Event/ Activity type	Discipline Specific Activity		Conditions
		<i>Eventing</i>	
Official Events	Competitive	3 Star 2 Star 1 Star EvA105 EvA95	• Must be an EA Competitive member • Horse must hold EA Full Horse Registration • Must meet state competition licence requirements
	Participation	EvA80	• Must be minimum EA Participant member • EA Horse Registration (Full or Base) is encouraged and may be enforced (<i>for bio-security purposes</i>) • Competition licence not required
Closed events	Restricted	Definition- Club activities for club members against other club members of the same club. Classes or training activities may be of any discipline level but must abide by the conditions of a closed event: AND/OR club activities for club members against invited EA members to a maximum level of class as defined as participation activity	Conditions - • Entries only open to members of the host club only • Horses do not have to be registered • Can only be conducted by EA Club Affiliates – not Sport Affiliates or Commercial Groups • Classes may be of any discipline level

GLOSSARY

Arbitration and Investigation Panel:

Is a body composed by 3 members (a non-competing current or recent Athlete experienced at the level of the Event, an FEI Official, and a third independent person experienced in the sport, e.g. an Organiser) appointed on the first day of the Event by the Organising Committee in consultation with the Technical Delegate and President of the Ground Jury.

The Arbitration and Investigation Panel will render a decision in the case of a dispute between Athletes and Officials according to Annex F and make a report on the circumstances surrounding the accident to the President of the Ground Jury in the Event of a serious accident to Horse or Athlete.

Competition:

As defined in the General Regulations, Competition refers to Refers to each individual class in which Athletes are placed in an order of merit and for which prizes may be awarded.

Cross Country Controller:

Is an experienced Official, who devises with the OC a communication plan for the Cross Country Test and organises the control of the Competition. He liaises with the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate and advise of any situation development.

Elimination:

As defined in the General Regulations, Elimination means that an Athlete and/or a Horse may not continue in the Competition at issue and/or in any further Competition(s) of the Event, unless the Sport Rules provide otherwise.

Event:

As defined in the General Regulations, Event means a complete meeting, "Show", "Championship" or "Games". Events may be organised for one or more than one Discipline.

Disqualification:

As defined in the General Regulations, and unless the Sport Rules provide otherwise, Disqualification means that an Athlete and/or the Horse(s), is/are disqualified from the Competition at issue or from any further Competition(s) of the Event. Disqualification may also be retroactive.

Long format Competitions:

Refer to Eventing Competitions that may take place over three or more days. The Dressage Test will be spread over one or more consecutive days, depending on the number of Athletes, directly followed on the next day by the Cross Country Test that will be directly followed on the next day by the Jumping Test. In the Long format Competitions the Cross Country course will be of such a length that the Horse is required to be supremely fit and stamina will be required for success. The Cross Country Test will always take place before the Jumping Test

Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER):

Refers to the prerequisites and conditions that need to be fulfilled by an Athlete to be allowed to compete at certain level of Eventing Competitions. A MER is achieved by completing an Eventing Competition within minimum parameters specified in the Eventing Rules.

Medical Card:

Refer to a document that must be visibly carried on by all Athletes during the Cross Country Test on their person arm or shoulder and that includes information about any relevant medical history of serious illness, injury (particularly to the head), tetanus immunity status, drug allergies, current medication and blood group. Athletes are responsible to record all injuries on the medical card and will not be allowed to start the Cross Country Test without the medical card.

National Safety Officer:

Is a liaison between the NF and the FEI for obtaining the information regarding any international or national (including regional) Events. He is responsible to spread FEI Eventing Risk Management vision and ideas (awareness) regarding the sport in the NF.

Short format Competition:

Refer to Eventing Competitions that may take place over one or more days. The Dressage Test will always take place first and will be followed on the same or following days by the Jumping and Cross Country Test. In the Short format Competition the level of difficulty of the Cross Country course is similar to the Long format according to the star system, but the course is shorter and the intensity of efforts will be higher. The Cross Country Test will preferably take place after the Jumping Test – applies to FEI CIC only.