

## Rule Changes

### Equestrian Australia Eventing Committee

The following are proposed Eventing rule changes to become effective 1 January 2019

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
EA 504.2.4	CNC/CCN Riding Down	Removal of the word “established” as this causes a lot of confusion – clearer explanation of what a “qualified” combination means and the rules around riding down.	<p><b>EA 504.2.4 CNC/CCN Riding Down</b></p> <p>Riding Down is the act of competing at a lower level than that for which a horse <del>combination is established</del> has achieved a MER</p> <p>Riding Down one level from a higher level for which a horse the <del>combination has achieved a MER is established</del> carries no penalty. Riding Down two or more levels will incur <del>ten</del> <b>7.5</b> penalties, to be added to the total of faults for the three phases, applicable from EvA105 level upwards only. <del>Horses being ridden</del> <b>Combinations</b> riding down two grades are ineligible for any leader board points. Should be 7.5 penalties?</p> <p>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.</p> <p><del>An established</del> A 4* horse and rider combination that have a MER at 4* can ride down to CNC2* without penalty, if there is no higher class offered at the competition.</p> <p><del>Established</del> Combinations with a 3* MER <del>horses and riders</del> <b>combinations</b> riding down, <del>as a combination</del>, to CNC1* and below will incur <del>10</del> <b>7.5</b> penalties.</p> <p><del>Established</del> Combinations with a 2* MER <del>horses and riders</del>, <b>combinations</b> riding down, <del>as a combination</del>, to EvA105 will incur <del>10</del> <b>7.5</b> penalties.</p> <p><b>Riding Down: Championships</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Riding Down: New Rider</b></p> <p>A horse <del>established for a certain level</del>, upon having a new rider, shall be able to reduce any number of levels</p>

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Page 45 – Before Table 520.4	<b>EXEMPTION FROM MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMEN TS for CNC/CCN's &amp; CIC/CCI's 1*:</b>	Amended to include EvA/CCN105	<p><b>EXEMPTION FROM MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS for EVA/CCN105, CNC/CCN's &amp; CIC/CCI's 1*:</b></p> <p>A horse and rider may be exempted from the performance qualifications only, on the authority of the Equestrian Australia Eventing Committee. There shall be no exemption from FEI requirements such as riders' age and horse age.</p> <p>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</p>

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520.4	EA Minimum Eligability Requirements (Applies to National Events)	Clarification of “established” riders and MER requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For a horse and rider to start in CNC* or CIC*, they must have three (3) qualifying results <b>as a combination unless established at the level</b> in official EvA105 classes <b>or</b> 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. <b>Juniors need Express Permission as a combination, refer to rule 503.2</b></li> <li>For a horse and rider to start in CNC**, they must have three (3) qualifying results <b>as a combination unless established at the level</b>, 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. <b>Juniors need Express Permission as a combination, refer to rule 503.2</b></li> <li>For a horse and rider to start in CNC*** they must have three (3) qualifying results <b>as a combination unless established at the level</b>, 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.</li> <li>All qualifying results must have a dressage score of not less than 55% of dressage good marks.</li> <li>All qualifying results may not have more than 75 seconds (30 penalties) exceeding the optimum cross country time.</li> <li>All qualifying results may not have more than 16 jumping faults</li> </ul>



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520.3	Minimum Eligibility Requirements (applies to FEI events)	Qualifications for CCI1* to include CCN105	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 or (2 x CNC1* or CIC1* + 1 x CCN105 MERs) Junior & YR MERs to be achieved as a combination
				Uncategorised	3 x CNC1* or CIC1* MERs or (2 x CNC1* or CIC1* + 1 x CCN105 MERs)to be achieved as a combination Junior & YR MERs to be achieved as a combination

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EA 533.2.5	CNC/CCN Eliminated Athletes	To make this rule clear that approval is needed to continue in subsequent phases after elimination.	
			<b>EA 533.2.5 CNC/CCN ELIMINATED ATHLETES</b>  Eliminated riders are <b>not</b> allowed to compete in subsequent phases <del>but the TD</del> <b>without the approval of the TD, who</b> retains the discretion to eliminate them from any further participation on the grounds of welfare or safety.

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EA 513.9.6	CNC/CCN Number of TDs per Event				
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			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		
	CNC/CCN ***	CNC/CCN **			
Technical Delegate	Level 3#	Level 2#			
Course Designer	Level 3#	Level 2#			
#NOTE- either TD or CD must be from the FEI lists at the level noted	FEI Level 3	FEI Level 2			



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<b>EA 510.5</b>	CNC/CCN Judges	To fall in line with revised rule 513.9.6 as above	<p><b>EA 510.5 CNC/CCN Judges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) National Dressage Judges (see National Dressage rules for levels)</li> <li>b) EA level 3 (3*)</li> <li>c) EA level 2 (2* &amp; 1*)</li> <li>d) EA level 1 (EvA105 and below)</li> </ul> <p><b>EA 510.6 CNC/CCN Technical Delegates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) EA level 3 (3*/2*)</li> <li>b) EA level 2 (2* &amp; 1*/105 and/or Assistant level 3-2)</li> <li>c) EA level 1 (EvA105 &amp; below 80/95 and/or Assistant level 2-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>EA 501.7 CNC/CCN Course Designers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) EA level 3 (3*/2*)</li> <li>b) EA level 2 (2* &amp; 1*/105 and/or Assistant level 3-2)</li> <li>c) EA level 1 (EvA105 &amp; below 80/95 and/or Assistant level 2-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>EA 501.8 CNC/CCN Stewards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) EA Stewards with EA membership</li> <li>b) Volunteer Stewards</li> </ul>



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515.6.2	CNC/CCN Objections	Increase the protest fee to more suitable amount	<p><b>EA 515.6.2 CNC/CCN Objections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only the owner, or his authorised agent, or the rider of a horse taking part in the competition is entitled to lodge an objection.</li> <li>• 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 <del>\$50.</del> <b>\$100.</b></li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Protests concerning the cross-country obstacles or courses in Eventing not later than 6pm on the day before the relevant competition;</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>





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503.2	Age of Athletes	To include the requirements of junior riders to apply to compete at 1* level (already in practice).	<p><b>503.2 Age of Athletes</b>            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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) With the express permission of his 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.</li> <li>b) With the express permission of his 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>A junior rider applying for express permission to compete at 1* for the first time must have 5 MERs at EVA105</b></p>