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Dear Judges,

Following a query about how to handle the issue of the riders learning the wrong test and the C judges allowing the rider to go out of the test and learn the correct test the EADOC/EADC have made the following Directive for **Procedure for Competitive classes where a rider has learnt the incorrect test**. These are the classes which are used for qualifications of all types whether state or national.

The usual process would be to ring the bell and confirm with the rider that they have learnt the wrong test and immediately give them the opportunity to read the correct test and see if they can recall it. If they can't recall it, inform the rider that they will be allowed to have a caller if one is immediately in the vicinity. (To facilitate the draw timetable). This is only applicable where a caller is allowed under EA rules. Either way an error is applied, and judging commences from the point where the error was made. If none of this has been possible or the rider decides not to continue, they are counted as Retiring.

Where an event such as State and National championships does not permit callers, as per Rule 10.3, learning the wrong test would lead to elimination.

Under no circumstances is the rider permitted to leave the arena and come back at a later time. This would constitute elimination.

Of course, at a Participant or Restricted Club event, the judge may choose to follow a different process in order to be "rider friendly".

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