



Rule Changes

Equestrian Australia Eventing Committee

The following Eventing rule changes become effective 1 January 2020

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
503.2	Age of Athletes	Clarification	<p>An Athlete is considered a Senior from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 18. Championships and Games are limited to senior Athletes unless specifically organised for Juniors, Young Riders or Pony Riders.</p> <p>International Competitions are limited to Senior Athletes unless specifically organised for Junior, Young Riders or Pony Riders with the following exceptions:</p> <p>a) With the express permission of his National Federation, an Athlete may compete in a three star Competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 16.</p> <p>b) With the express permission of his National Federation, an Athlete may compete in a two star level Competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 14.</p> <p>b)c) <u>Express permission for juniors is required until the year they turn 18 years.</u></p> <p><i>NB: Also to be added to bottom of table 520.3</i></p>
EA 504.2.4	CNN Riding Down	Providing the ability to consider the number of rides and confidence a rider has had at the height	<p>Riding Down is the act of competing at a lower level than that for which a horse and rider as a combination has achieved a MER.</p> <p>Riding Down one level from a higher level for which the combination has achieved a MER carries no penalty. Riding Down two or more levels will incur 7.5 penalties, to be added to the total of faults for the three phases, applicable from CCI1*-S. Horses being ridden down two grades are ineligible for any leader board points.</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>A 5* horse and rider combination can ride down to CCN3* without penalty, if there is no higher class offered at the competition.</p> <p>Combinations with a 4* MER riding down to CCN2* and below will incur 7.5 penalties.</p> <p>Combinations with a 3* MER riding down to CCN1* will incur 7.5 penalties.</p> <p><u>Riding Down: Championships</u></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>

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EA 509.2.4	CCN Entries	Clarification	Entry Fee Refunds Refund policy must be published Please refer to National Refund Policy https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Eventing_Australia_Refund_Policy_2019_0.pdf																					
520.2	Athletes already categorised at the level of the Competition	Typo	Long format: incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements <table><tr><td>CCI2*-L</td><td>All Athletes</td><td>NF requirements only</td></tr><tr><td>CCI3*-L</td><td>C or B or A FEI Athletes</td><td>NF requirements + 1 CCI2*-L or CCI3*-S (Horse only)</td></tr><tr><td>CCI43*-L</td><td>B or A FEI Athletes</td><td>NF requirements + 1 CCI3*-L (Horse only)</td></tr></table>	CCI2*-L	All Athletes	NF requirements only	CCI3*-L	C or B or A FEI Athletes	NF requirements + 1 CCI2*-L or CCI3*-S (Horse only)	CCI 4 3*-L	B or A FEI Athletes	NF requirements + 1 CCI3*-L (Horse only)												
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EA 520.4.1	Minimum Eligibility Requirements (applies to National Events)		<table><tr><th colspan="3">CCN-L</th></tr><tr><td>CCN105</td><td>Established 3* & 4* riders</td><td>None</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Not established riders</td><td>1 x EvA105 or 1-3 CCN95 or <u>2 CCN95 and</u> 1 PC Championship at A grade or grade 1. (Jnrs as a combination - if established/categorised (rule 519.1) exemption by application may be considered)</td></tr><tr><td>CCN95</td><td>Established 2* 3* & 4* riders</td><td>None</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Not established riders</td><td>1x EvA95 (Jnrs as a combination if established/categorised (rule 519.1) exemption by application may be considered)</td></tr><tr><td>CCN80</td><td>Established 1*, 2* 3* & 4* riders</td><td>None</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Not established riders</td><td>1xEvA80 (Jnrs as a combination if established/categorised (rule 519.1) exemption by application may be considered)</td></tr></table>	CCN-L			CCN105	Established 3* & 4* riders	None		Not established riders	1 x EvA105 or 1-3 CCN95 or <u>2 CCN95 and</u> 1 PC Championship at A grade or grade 1. (Jnrs as a combination - if established/categorised (rule 519.1) exemption by application may be considered)	CCN95	Established 2* 3* & 4* riders	None		Not established riders	1x EvA95 (Jnrs as a combination if established/categorised (rule 519.1) exemption by application may be considered)	CCN80	Established 1*, 2* 3* & 4* riders	None		Not established riders	1xEvA80 (Jnrs as a combination if established/categorised (rule 519.1) exemption by application may be considered)
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527	Yellow Warning Cards and Recorded Warning	Ability to provide the TD opportunity to discuss the issue and provide guidance and only issue verbal or recorded warning. Taking an educational approach.	<p>527 Yellow Warning Cards and Recorded Warning</p> <p>The following actions will automatically result in the following sanction for the Athlete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All cases of minor Blood on Horse caused by the Athlete either in the mouth or on flanks from spurs shall be sanctioned by a Recorded Warning as a minimum or by stronger sanction(s) (as provided for under Art. 525.2) <u>OR in the case of a National class a Verbal or Recorded Warning MAY suffice.-</u> All cases of excessive use of whip, as defined above, shall automatically be sanctioned with a Yellow Warning Card or by stronger sanction(s) (as provided for under Art. 525.2). A Yellow Warning Card will be systematically awarded if the Athlete continues after clear 3 refusals, a fall, or any form of elimination. Should the same Athlete receive more than one Recorded Warning for a case of Athlete induced Blood on a Horse within three years, he will automatically be issued a Yellow Warning Card.” Two Recorded Warnings, within a 12 months period, for the same offence, will result in a Yellow Warning Card.
539	Saddlery / Dress		<p>539.1.2 Permitted</p> <p>Running martingales, Irish martingales, bit guards, boots, bandages, fly shields, nose covers/nets (with approval refer to Rule 539.2.4) and saddle covers are permitted.</p> <p>EA 539.2.4 Nose Covers/Nets</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>Nose covers/nets are only permitted to be used in competitions and warm-up on written approval by the EAEC. Permission will be given on a case-by-case basis and the following will apply:</p> <p>a) applications, with a supporting letter from a veterinarian, are to be sent to the EADC</p> <p>b) registration details and name of the horse must appear in the application and also the veterinary certificate</p> <p>c) if approved, the rider of the horse with the nose cover/net must send in a copy of the approval letter from the EAEC with entries</p> <p>d) a copy of the approval letter will be sent to the relevant State Eventing Committee for their records</p> <p>e) the rider must also produce a copy of the approval letter from EAEC on request to a gear checker, steward or judge at the event</p> <p>f) it is also recommended that OCs place a copy on the judges’ sheets and advise all stewards</p> <p>g) the nose cover/net must be made of transparent material as per the example in Annex A Dressage - Annexes</p> <p>h) the nose cover/net must not cover the mouth or bit</p> <p>i) an approval letter from the EA Dressage Committee will be accepted by the EAEC</p> </div> <p>539.2.3 Forbidden</p> <p>Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, etc.), any form of blinkers, earplugs, nose covers/nets (unless approval has been granted - refer to Rule 539.2.4) and saddle covers, are under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden, see Dressage Rules and Art. 538.2.1 above.</p>

Please note: Officials Pathways to attain and maintain accreditation have been reviewed and updated. New versions below:

Requirements to attain and maintain Eventing Course Designer accreditation

Course Designer Level	Initial Requirements	Theory Requirements	Practical Requirements	To Maintain Accreditation
FEI Level 3	Refer to FEI promotion and maintenance requirements			
FEI Level 2	Refer to FEI promotion and maintenance requirements			
FEI Level 1	Candidates need to be current EA Level 2 Course Designer to be eligible to attend a FEI Level 1 course.			
Level 3 National CCN4*-S/L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a registered Level 2 Eventing Course Designer. Regularly officiated min of 2 events at 1*, 2* and 3* level as a CD over 2 years Attend a EA approved 2 day show jumping course design clinic with a positive assessment. Approval from EAEC Plus a minimum of two of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be a Level 2 or 3 National TD Assistant CD 2 x CCN4* over 2 years at different venues. Be and FEI 3*/4* Level eventing Judge of TD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEI Level 1 Eventing Officials Course Open book exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentored at a minimum of 2 x CCN4* by an FEI Level 3 CD or higher with positive assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccréditation requirements set by EA.
Level 2 National Competition Level CCN3*S/L CCN2*S/L CCN1*S/L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a registered Level 1 Eventing Course Designer. Endorsement from the respective EA State Branch Eventing Committee Plus a minimum of two of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CD at least 1 x EvA80 and 1 x EvA95 and 1 x CCN1*-S over 2 years Assisted as a CD at 2* and 3* and 4* events in the previous 2 years Be a registered EA Level 2 or higher Eventing or General Coach Proof of having ridden at CCN4* or higher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EA Eventing Officials Course Open book exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acted as CD or Assistant CD at 3 events in the last 2 years. Mentored with a positive assessment by an EA Level 3 CD or higher or 2 CCN3* or above events in the last 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccréditation requirements set by EA. Have acted as a CD or assistant CD at least 2 events in the last 2 years. Have been assistant to a National Level 3 TD or higher, at 1 event with a positive assessment in the previous 3 years.
Level 1 National Competition Level CCN1*S/L EvA95 EvA80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a EA member Plus a minimum of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ridden at CNC3* 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 TD Hold proof of shadowing a CD at five EA events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EA Eventing Officials Course Open book exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentored and Positive assessment at a minimum of CCN1* and EvA95 x 1 by an EA Level 2 CD or higher. <u>If CCN4* rider</u> Plus 2 events as an assistant CD if not. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccréditation requirements set by EA. Have acted as a CD or assistant CD at least 2 events in the last 2 years. Have been assistant to a National Level 3 CD or higher, at 1 event with a positive assessment in the previous 3 years.
Preliminary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest in Course Design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisting CD's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

Requirements to attain and maintain Eventing Judge Accreditation

Course Designer Level	Initial Requirements	Theory Requirements	Practical Requirements	To Maintain Accreditation
FEI Level 3	Refer to FEI promotion and maintenance requirements			
FEI Level 2	Refer to FEI promotion and maintenance requirements			
FEI Level 1	Candidates need to be current EA Level 2 or E Level Judge to be eligible to attend a FEI Level 1 course.			
Level 3 National Competition Level CCN4* S/L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a current EA D Level Dressage Judge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended an EA Dressage Judges D Level Medium Seminar EA Dressage D Level Written Paper Pass Mark 80% Be Conversant with Current EA Eventing Rules Attend EA Eventing Officials course for TD/CD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessed Shadow Judge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 4 entire competitors to be judged. Minimum number of horses in each competition 6 Minimum number if horses to be judges (more is recommended) Sit in at least two separate competitions with a different Mentor/JE Judge an entire competition minimum number of horses 15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccréditation requirements set by EA.
Level 2 National Competition Level CCN3*S/L CCN2*S/L CCN1*S/L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a current EA E/F Level Dressage Judge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an EA State Based E/F Level Dressage Judges Seminar Complete E/F written paper with 80% pass mark Candidates are encouraged to attend XC course walks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessed Shadow Judge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 30 horses at EA Novice/Elementary Level Minimum number competitions to be judge is 3 Minimum number of horses to be judges in each competition is 10 Sit in at least two separate competitions with a different Mentor/JE Judge an entire competition Novice/Elementary minimum number of horses 15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccréditation requirements set by EA.
Level 1 National Competition Level EvA95 EvA80 EvA60 EvA45 Maybe side judge for CCN1*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a EA member Be a EA G Level Dressage Judge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an EA State Based G Level Dressage Judges Seminar Complete G Level ORBT with 90% pass mark Attend EA Eventing Officials Course for TD/CD Candidates are encouraged to attend EA Dressage/Eventing Seminars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentored and Positive Sit in with a Judge Mentor/JE at an EA Official Dressage or Eventing competition. Shadow Judge 1 whole class with a minimum 10 horse at Prelim Level Shadow Judge 1 whole class with a minimum 10 horse at Novice Level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccréditation requirements set by EA.
Preliminary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest in Judging or Interest/Rider in Dressage/Eventing or Coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a current copy of EA Rules for Eventing and Dressage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pencil for EA Dressage Judges at Dressage or Eventing competitions CCN/CCI Attend A Dressage Judges Introductory workshop Attend an EA Eventing Officials Course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

Requirements to attain and maintain Eventing Technical Delegate accreditation

TD Level	Initial Requirements	Theory Requirements	Practical Requirements	To Maintain Accreditation
FEI Level 3	Refer to FEI promotion and maintenance requirements			
FEI Level 2	Refer to FEI promotion and maintenance requirements			
FEI Level 1	Candidates need to be current EA Level 2 Technical Delegate to be eligible to attend a FEI Level 1 course.			
Level 3 National CCN4*S/L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a registered Level 2 Eventing Technical Delegate. Regularly officiated min of 3 events at 1*, 2* level as a TD over 2 years Approval from EAEC <p>Plus a minimum of two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officiated as a TD at 1 x CCX2* and 1 x CCX3* Assistant TD 3 x CCX3* over 2 years Be and FEI 3*/4* Level eventing Judge <p><u>Note TD/Asst TD experience must include 1 x CCI2/3*-L</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEI Level 1 Eventing Officials Course Open book exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentored at a minimum of 2 x CCN4* by an FEI Level 3 TD with positive assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA. Have acted as TD or Assistant TD at a least 2 events in the last 2 years.
Level 2 National Competition Level CCN3*S/L CCN2*S/L CCN1*S/L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TD at least 1 x EvA80 and 1 x EvA95 over 2 years. Been XC Control 1 x CCN1* or higher Be a registered EA Level 2 or higher Eventing or General Coach Proof of having ridden at CCN3* or higher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EA Eventing Officials Course Open book exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acted as TD or Assistant TD at 3 events in the last 2 years. Mentored with a positive assessment by an EA Level 3 TD or higher at two CCN2* or above events in the last 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA. Have acted as a TD or Assistant TD at least 2 events in the last 2 years. Have been mentored at one event by a National Level 3 TD or higher with a positive assessment in last 3 years
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Introductory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest in Eventing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisting TD's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None