



Summary of Rule Changes

Equestrian Australia Eventing Committee

The following Eventing rule changes become effective 1 January 2024

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
EA 515.3.7 CCN Technical Delegate	Unplanned Occurrence & Near Miss definition	Removal of Unplanned Occurrence from EA National Rules & Definition of Near Miss to into the EA Fall Report - As per EA H&S Team & Committee	<p>EA: Unplanned Occurrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An 'Unplanned Occurrence' is defined as any occurrence at a Cross-Country fence whether or not penalty points are incurred, except a fall of horse and/or athlete. This includes refusals and runouts or missed flags and also includes circumstances that require that the Fence Judge to request assistance from the Control, TD or Fence Repair Crew where there is potential to cause harm. This this should be noted on the Control sheets. <p>Definition of Near Miss added to the EA Fall report:</p> <p>EA: Near Miss</p> <p>A near miss at a fence is defined as a 'horse fall'.</p>

EA 515.4.1.2	CCN Course Designer	Amendment - as per EAEC & EA H&S Committee	<p>EA 515.4.1.2 CCN Course Designer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Course Designer must be approved by EA and have appropriate qualifications. (Refer to Annex K) In addition to Article 515.4 above: • The Course Designer must be present during the <u>Cross Country</u> test. If the event Course Designer plans to ride themselves in the event they are Course Designer for, there needs to be a second non riding Course Designer present, who is familiar with the location and fitting of all frangible devices on course and can fulfil the Official duties of Course Designer, as listed above in 515.4.1. • The Course Designer in conjunction with the Technical Delegate (and senior Course Designer, if available) note any areas for design improvements, including safety changes for that event on the Technical Delegates report (CC Design and Safety Comments). • The following sections of the Technical Delegates report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Event Name b) Date c) TD and CD present d) CC Design comments and e) CC Safety comments <p>be extracted and compiled for each CD for performance review, mentorship and accreditation. Reference can also be made to XC falls is/as required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Course Designer in conjunction with the Technical Delegate must ensure that the following are present during the <u>Cross Country</u> phase: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chief Cross-Country Judge, who may be the <u>Organiser</u>, to supervise the jump judges, <u>timekeepers</u> 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, <u>horse</u> or obstacle.
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EA519.1	CCN Athletes Categories (previously Established)	Amendment	<p>EA 519.1 CCN Athletes Categories (previously Established)</p> <p>1*, 2*, 3*, 4* Rider National Categorisation</p> <p>If a rider has 10 MER's at a level, or 4 at a higher level, over a rolling 4-year period (one being a Long Format and none with no with XC penalties) then this deems the rider Nationally categorised at that level.</p> <p>A Rider who has met the FEI requirements, as per FEI categorisation, and is Nationally categorised, at a level, is exempted from meeting the AUS NF requirements for the level.</p>
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EA Minimum Eligibility Requirements (applies to FEI & EA Events)

Corrections & Tidy up to MER National table

(Both MARKED UP & CLEAN updated MER National tables shown)

MARKED UP, UPDATED VERSION:

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	C, D, <u>Uncategorised</u>	3x CCI3*-S (All MERs as a combination) + 1x (CCN4*-S or 1x CCI/CCN3*-S) (All MERs as a combination)
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	C	3x CCI/CCN2*-S + 2x CCI/CCN2*-S (All MERs Horse only)
	D	3x CCI/CCN2*-S + 2x CCI/CCN2*-S (All MERs as a combination)
	<u>Uncategorised</u>	1x CCI2*-S (All MERs as a combination) + 2x CCI/CCN2*-S (All MERs as a combination)
CCI2*-S	A	None
CCN2*-S	B	None
	C	3x CCN1*, PC Grade 1 or NSW Championship level (All MERs Horse only)
	D	3x CCN1* MERs , or 2x CCN1* + 1x PC grade 1 or Championship Grade (Seniors – All MERs Horse only Seniors , Junior & YR – All MERs to be achieved as a combination)
	<u>Uncategorised</u>	3x CCN1* MERs , or 2x CCN1* + 1x PC grade 1 or Championship Grade (All MERs as a combination)
	Juniors (until the year of turning 18)	EAEC Express Permission required. Minimum of 5x MERs at CCN1*-U or 4x CCN1*-U + 1x PC grade 1 or Championship Grade (All MERs as a combination)
CCN1*-U	A	None
	B	None
	C	None
	D, <u>Uncategorised</u>	3x EvA95 for Seniors both Horse & Rider but not as a combination or 1x EvA95 + 2x Grade 2/Grade B Pony Club results or 2x EvA95 + 1x Grade 2/Grade B Pony Club results (All MERs as a combination)

LONG FORMAT:

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CCI5*-L	A - with 5*-L MER's	2x CCI4*-S or 1x CCI4*-L (All MERs as a combination) + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S/L or CCN4*-S/L (All MERs as a combination)
	A - without 5*-L MER's	1x CCI4*-L (All MERs as a combination) + 2x CCI/CCN4*-S (All MERs as a combination)
	B	1x CCI4*-L + 3x CCI4*-S (All MERs as a combination) + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S (All MERs as a combination)
	C, D, <u>uncategorised</u>	2x CCI4*-L + 3x CCI4*-S (All MERs as a combination) + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S (All MERs as a combination)
CCI4*-L	A, B	1x CCI3*-L (All MERs horse only) + 2x CCI/CCN3*-S or CCN3*-S any time frame or 1x CCI/CCN3*-S or in previous 12 months + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S or 1x CCI3*-L (All MERs Horse only)
	C, D, <u>uncategorised</u>	2x CCI3*-L + 1x CCI4*-S (or 1x CCI3*-L and 2x CCI4*-S) (All MERs as a combination) + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S or 1x CCI/CCN3*-L (All MERs as a combination)
CCI3*-L	A, B, C	1x CCI2*-L or 1x CCI3*-S (All MERs horse only) + 1x CCI/CCN3*-S In previous 12 months (All MERs horse only)
	D	1x CCI2*-L or 1x CCI3*-S (All MERs as a combination) + 1x CCI/CCN3*-S + 1x CCI2*-L (All MERs as a combination)
	<u>uncategorised</u>	2x CCI3*-S + and (1x CCI2*-L or 1x CCI3*-S) (All MERs as a combination) + 1x CCI2*-L or 1x CCI/CCN3*-S One MER must be at long format and at least 2x 3* MER's (All MERs as a combination)
CCI2*-L	A	None
	B	None
	C	2x CCI/CCN2*-S (Completed) or 1x CCI/CCN2*-S MER + 1x CCN1*-L MER (Seniors -All MERs Horse only Seniors, Junior & YR - All MERs to be as a combination)
	D	3x CCI/CCN2*-S or 2x CCI/CCN2*-S MERs + 1x CCN1*-L MER (Seniors -All MERs Horse only Seniors, Junior & YR - All MERs to be as a combination)
	<u>Uncategorised</u>	3x CCI/CCN2*-S or 2x CCI/CCN2*-S MERs + 1x CCN1*-L MER (All MERs as a combination)

CLEAN UPDATED VERSION:

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	D	3x CCI/CCN2*-S (All MERs as a combination)
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	D	3x CCN1* or 2x CCN1* + 1x PC grade 1 or Championship Grade (Seniors - All MERs Horse only. Junior & YR - all MERs as a combination)
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	B	1x CCI4*-L + 3x CCI4*-S (All MERs as a combination) + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S (All MERs as a combination)
	C, D, <u>uncategorised</u>	2x CCI4*-L + 3x CCI4*-S (All MERs as a combination) + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S (All MERs as a combination)
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	C, D, <u>uncategorised</u>	2x CCI3*-L + 1x CCI4*-S or 1x CCI3*-L + 2x CCI4*-S (All MERs as a combination) + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S or 1x CCI/CCN3*-L (All MERs as a combination)
CCI3*-L	A, B, C	1x CCI2*-L or 1x CCI3*-S (All MERs Horse only) + 1x CCI/CCN3*-S In previous 12 months (All MERs Horse only)
	D	1x CCI2*-L or 1x CCI3*-S (All MERs as a combination) + 1x CCI/CCN3*-S + 1x CCI2*-L (All MERs as a combination)
	<u>uncategorised</u>	2 x CCI3*-S + 1x CCI2*-L or 1x CCI3*-S (All MERs as a combination) + 1x CCI2*-L or 1x CCI/CCN3*-S One MER must be at long format (All MERs as a combination)
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	D	3x CCI/CCN2*-S or 2x CCI/CCN2*-S + 1x CCN1*-L (Seniors - All MERs Horse only. Junior & YR - all MERs to be as a combination)
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EA526.3.1	Use of the Whip	As per EAEC, and after discussion at TD Forum in July 2023	<p>526.3.1 Use of the Whip</p> <p>Excessive and/or misuse of the whip may be considered abuse of the horse, and may be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Technical Delegate and the Ground Jury according to, but not limited by, the principles in clause 526.3</p> <p>Except:</p> <p>f) The whip is not to be used more than two times for any one incident.</p>
EA539.2.2 h)	Dressage Test, Permitted - Use of a Noseband	EAEC decision	<p>e) A breast plate can be used.</p> <p>f) Ear hoods are permitted for all Events and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must allow for ears to move freely and must not cover the Horse's eyes and ear plugs are not permitted (<u>with the exception of prize giving ceremonies</u>). The ear hoods should be discreet in <u>colour</u> and design. Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband.</p> <p>g) Nose nets are allowed.</p> <p>h) Use of a noseband on a snaffle bridle is optional for EvA95cm and below. Noseband is <u>compulsory</u> for CCN1* and above</p>
EA539.3.4	Hoof Boots	Adjustment of wording for alignment of FEI and EA Rules.	<p>EA 539.3.4 <u>Hoof Barefoot</u> Boots</p> <p>Hoof Barefoot boots of any kind are forbidden for the <u>Cross Country Test</u></p>
552.1	Chapter 10 Jumping Test Type of Obstacles – Jump Cup Depth	Aligning with the FEI's rule change for 2024	<p>Type of Obstacles</p> <p>The obstacles will be standard jumping obstacles.</p> <p>The obstacles should have a balance of vertical and spread obstacles and shall include two or three doubles or a double and a treble.</p> <p>Closed combinations are not permitted. A water jump is not permitted, but a water ditch with rails over is allowed.</p> <p>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.</p>

			<p>The jumping cups must have a depth of minimum 20 mm and maximum 25 mm. This also applies for safety cups.</p> <p>Alternative obstacles are permitted. These jumps are to be marked on the course plan with the same number and with the word "Alternative".</p>																																																						
EA553.1.2	Automatic Elimination after multiple Show Jumping Faults	Wording adjustment	<p>EA 553.1.2 Automatic Elimination after multiple Show Jumping Faults</p> <p>In National level competitions CCN2*-S and above where Show Jumping is held before Cross Country, combinations who that incur 24 or more obstacle penalties during the jumping test will be eliminated before Cross Country as a preventative risk management measure.</p>																																																						
EA CT11	Combined Training Jumping Phase	As per EAEC	<p>CT11. RULES</p> <p>The jumping test consists of one round of the course as per the current National rules for Eventing Showjumping. The jumping test consists of one round of the course judged under FEI Rules, Table A, except where modified below.</p> <p>There is no jump-off.</p>																																																						
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7.0 FENCE JUDGES	Wording update from EA H&S due to new Fence Judge video	7.0 FENCE JUDGES	<p>7.1 OCs and officials must select suitable fence judges on all fences. The primary role of all fences judges is to communicate with the XC course controller, including the reporting of a serious incident involving a fall from of rider/horse. All fence judges must be briefed on this role and be provided with the document (Form 20) that describes the process for incident response and communications with the course controller.</p> <p>7.2 All fence judges must view EAs Eventing Fence Judge Rider-Horse Incident Response video and understand their role prior to commencing any fence judge duties.</p> <p>Link:</p>																																		

	<p>Fence Judge Rule Update for EA National Rules once FJ Video is approved and available online</p>		<p>7.3 OCs must make reasonable efforts to ensure all fence judges have viewed and understood the EA-HSMS-Event-Fence Judge Rider-Horse Incident Brief Form 20. A copy of Form 20 is to be included in the fence judge folder. https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA-HSMS-Event-Fence%20Judge%20Rider-Horse%20Incident%20Brief.%20Form%202020.%20V1.3.pdf</p> <p>7.4 Cross Country Critical Incident process briefing must be included in TDs briefing for Fence Judges.</p> <p>7.5 For 2/3/4/5* events, fence judges must be over 16 years of age.</p>
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****PLEASE NOTE FURTHER RULE CHANGES TO FOLLOW ONCE WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FEI EVENTING RULE CHANGES FOR 1ST OF JANUARY 2024****