

Equestrian Australia Eventing Committee

The following Eventing rule changes become effective 1 October 2021

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
EA 515.3.7	CCN Technical Delegate	CR #3 Safety	<p><u>Effective Date 1 October 2021</u></p> <p>Coronial Recommendation # 3 (Event Safety Officer)</p> <p>The Technical Delegate ("T.D.") is appointed by the Branch as its official representative at each Official Event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 CCN-S 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 assume the role of Event Safety Officer (ESO) for the competition. • to submit a report to the relevant EA State Branch or State Eventing Committee within 7 days of the event; • the TD is appointed as the Event Safety Officer which is included as part of the role of the CCN Technical Delegate; • may not perform any other role at an Official Event. The Organising Committee is responsible for each Technical Delegate's expenses and must pay, in addition, each Technical Delegate a minimum of \$100 per day per TD OR such higher fee determined by the State Branch.

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EA 515.4.1.2	CCN Course Designer	Safety CR #9	<p>Effective Date 1 October 2021</p> <p>Coronial Recommendation #9 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 Cross Country 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 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 (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 be extracted and complied for each CD for performance review, mentorship, and accreditation. Reference can also be made to XC falls if/as required. • The Course Designer in conjunction with the Technical Delegate must ensure that the following are present during the Cross Country phase: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

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EA 503.4.1	CCN Age of Horses	Horse Welfare	<p>Effective Date 1 October 2021</p> <p>EA 503.4.1. CCN Age of Horses</p> <p>Senior, Young Rider and Junior Short Format Events, and Long Format Events are open equally to horses and ponies, provided they and their riders meet all the relevant Minimum Eligibility Requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The age is to be calculated from 1 August of the year of birth if the horse was born in the Southern Hemisphere or from the beginning of the calendar year for horses born in the Northern Hemisphere • EvA95 and below – 4 years • CCN1*-S and L - From the beginning of the calendar year in which it turns 5 years • CCN2*, 3*, 4* as per FEI 503.4

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EA 515.3.7	CCN Technical Delegate	<p>CR # 3 - Event Safety Officer And CR # 4 c) - Technical Delegate Reimbursement Fee</p>	<p>EA 515.3.7 CCN Technical Delegate</p> <p>The Technical Delegate ("T.D.") is appointed by the Branch as its official representative at each Official Event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 CCN-S 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 10 7 days of the event; • may not perform any other role at an Official Event. <p><i>Expenses incurred by Technical Delegate will be the responsibility of the Organiser.</i></p> <p><i>The Organising Committee is responsible for each Technical Delegate's expenses and must pay, in addition, each Technical Delegate a minimum of \$100 per day per TD OR such higher fee determined by the State Branch.</i></p>

Annex B	Cross Country - Annexes	CR # 6 b) Departure from FEI-EA GL	<p>Annex B - Cross Country - Annexes</p> <p>EA: Departure from any FEI-EA Guidelines A departure from any FEI-EA GL due to a safety concern, agreed in consultation with TD/CD and all relevant Officials, with reasoning documented on the TD report is not a breach of Eventing Rules.</p>
EA Annex D.1	EA CCN Medical and Veterinary Services	CR #11 a), b), c), f), & g) Review Panel	<p>EA Annex D.1 EA CCN Medical and Veterinary Services</p> <p>1. Medical Coverage and Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A serious incident is defined as any occurrence requiring an EA member to be transferred from any equestrian event or activity to hospital via air or road ambulance and/ or subsequent hospitalisation for treatment of an injury or illness.

Annex F	Athlete Representative	CR # 16 a), b, c): Athletes Representative	<p>Annex F Athlete Representative</p> <p>EA CCN Athletes Representative</p> <p>The CCN Athletes Representative (AR) is a key link between officials and competitors at Events. An AR should be appointed at all CCN competitions and must be present at the competition. The OC will publish the name and contact details for the AR in the schedule (if known at the time of publication) and in the Riders Notes issued before the event. The notification of the AR to athletes should be 7-days prior to the commencement of the event. The AR contact details should be posted on the Competition Noticeboard.</p> <p>Key Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To act as a focal point for riders to communicate concerns about any aspect of the competition and to communicate those concerns in a timely manner to officials. • To discuss concerns raised with officials, be part of the resolution process and be one channel of communication of the resolution to riders (it is also required that officials communicate any broad changes to courses or timetable etc via the noticeboard and other means to ensure riders are properly informed) • To be a sounding board for officials and participate in decision making where required. • To provide feedback to TD/CD and OC about areas for improvement (normally done by completing the Rider Rep report form and returning at the conclusion of the event) <p>Selection Criteria for the Athletes Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approachability - the appointee is approachable by younger and/or less experienced riders. • Experience – the athlete is experienced at the level for which they are appointed. • Availability during the event. <p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARs must be asked if they accept their appointment. • The names of the appointed ARs, classes for which they are appointed, and contact details should be posted with the draw and MUST be posted on the noticeboard at the event. • At long format events, the AR should be introduced at the Athletes briefing.
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Annex B	Cross Country - Annexes	CR #19 a), b), c), d) Near Miss & Fence Judge reporting	<p>Annex B - Cross Country - Annexes</p> <p>Unplanned Occurrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An 'Unplanned Occurrence' is defined as any occurrence at a Cross-Country fence where 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, T or Crash Crew where there is potential to cause harm. This should be noted on the Fence Judge and/or Control sheets. • An example of this could be that the footing is looking slippery, and the Crash Crew is needed to add additional crusher dust or road base. • Fence Judges and Control need to be briefed on the above recording process at the Fence Judges Briefing. • TDs must report these circumstances in their TD report eg. where a particular jump has an excessive number of penalties incurred, or a fence requires repair multiple times due to design or footing is unsuitable. • TD reports will be consolidated by the NSM and reported to the EAEC for review so these potential safety issues can be examined.
EA Annex D.1	EA CCN Medical and Veterinary Services	CR # 22 b) Rotating Beacon Light	<p>EA Annex D.1 EA CCN Medical and Veterinary Services</p> <p>1. Medical Coverage and Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For identification of an event Medical Service Provider Team vehicle/unit, the OC must provide each team with an emergency response display item (rotating beacon) for identification, positioned on response vehicle/unit throughout the duration of the event. • If the OC deems the use of an alternative emergency response display item eg. a flag or magnetic strip to be acceptable, approval must be sought from the EAEC.
EA Annex D.1	EA CCN Medical and Veterinary Services	CR # 25 b) Mandate National Event Rules Inc. SI	<p>EA Annex D.1 EA CCN Medical and Veterinary Services</p> <p>1. Medical Coverage and Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All riding phases at an Event are ceased during a serious incident requiring the attendance of a Medical Response Team. No riding is to re-commence until all Medical Response Teams/s have returned to their base location and provided clearance for the event to continue

EA Annex D.1	EA CCN Medical and Veterinary Services	CR # 26 b) MRT	<p>EA Annex D.1 EA CCN Medical and Veterinary Services</p> <p>1. Medical Coverage and Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event organising committee must advise all competitors registered to compete at an Event of the nature and level of Medical Services available at the event, at least seven days prior to the commencement of the Event. This can be done by including the link to the EA National Eventing Rules EA Annex D.1 EA CCN Medical and Veterinary Services found at https://www.equestrian.org.au/eventing-rules
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Article 513.8.3	Number of Technical Delegates per Event	Safety	<p>Article 513.8.3 Number of Technical Delegates per Event</p> <p>In the case of more than 1 competition (International and National) at the same event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) One Technical Delegate must be appointed for two Competitions. b) Two Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of three or four Competitions. c) Three Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of five Competitions or more. <p>In the case of an Event with 100 or less competitors in no case more than two Technical Delegates are required.</p> <p>Additional appointed Technical Delegates can be national Technical Delegates. Different sections are considered to be the same Competition.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Article EA 513.8.3.1 Number of Technical Delegates per Event</p> <p>c1. Three Technical Delegates are recommended to be appointed in the case of 5 CCN Competitions or more.</p> <p>d. Additional or Assistant Technical Delegates may be appointed.</p> <p>e. In the case of a competition with 100 or less competitors in EA Classes, only One Technical Delegate is required.</p> <p>(Competition is defined as a level i.e. any or all of the following levels: EvA80, EvA95, CCN1*, CCN2*, CCN3*, CCN4*)</p>
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EA 545.1.2.2	Start Intervals	Safety	<p>EA 545.1.2.2 Start Intervals</p> <p>Intervals between starting of each rider must, at a minimum, be the following intervals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EvA80-2* 1 Minute ○ EvA - 3* and 4* - 2 minutes <p>Under exceptional circumstances after the commencement of the Cross-Country Phase, the Technical Delegate in conjunction with the Cross-Country Controller and the Organising Committee, may agree to reduce the gap between riders. The Organising Committee must be informed of this decision.</p>
EA Annex D.1	EA CCN Medical and Veterinary Services	Safety	<p>EA Annex D.1 EA CCN Medical and Veterinary Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At a Serious Incident, where MRT is called, the time of the fall and the time that the MRT arrived must be recorded by Control and those times to be reported in the TD Report.
EA Annex D.1	EA CCN Medical and Veterinary Services: Fence Judges	Safety	<p>Coronial Recommendation # 31 a), b)</p> <p><i>First Aid Training Pre-event</i></p> <p><i>a) completed for all fence judges (volunteers)</i></p> <p><i>b) prior to performing any fence judge duties</i></p> <p>EA Annex D.1 EA CCN Medical and Veterinary Services:</p> <p>7. FENCE JUDGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A first aid certificate from a First Aid Registered Training Organisation is recommended for all Fence Judges. It is noted that Fence Judges are not the primary First Aid Provider at an event. As detailed in EA Annex D.1 EA CCN Medical and Veterinary Services, Medical Response Teams are the primary First Aid Provider at an event and must be located in a position to respond to a patient within 3 minutes or less during the Cross Country test.

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EA 515.6.1	CCN Chief Steward	Ensure fair play and adherence to EA National Eventing Rules	<p>EA 515.6.1 CCN Chief Steward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Chief Steward may should be appointed to assist Organising Committees and Technical Delegates. • A Chief Steward and other stewards may be appointed from the National Stewards list.
EA 535.7.1	CCN Stewarding		<p>EA 535.7.1 CCN Stewarding</p> <p>One or more Stewards may should 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.</p>

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EA 513.5.2	CCN Appointment of Officials	Clarification	EA 513.5.2 CCN Appointment of Officials. To be updated as shown below:

EA 513.5.2 CCN Appointment of Officials.

International FEI Eventing Judges may be used. Level to be as per FEI requirement for CCN* classes

	CCN4*	CCN3*	CCN2*	CCN1*	EvA95	EvA80
	2 Judges	2 Judges	2 Judges	1 or 2+ See note Judges	1 Judge	1 Judge
Judge GJ CCN	EA Level D Judge Medium level or above	EA Level E Judge Elementary level or above	EA Level F Judge Novice level or above	EA Level F Judge Novice level or above	EA Level G Judge Preliminary level or above & see note #	EA Level G Judge Preliminary level or above & see note #
Technical Delegate	Level 3	Level 2	Level 2	Level 2	Level 1	Introductory with mentor
Course Designer	Level 3+	Level 3	Level 2	Level 2	Level 1	Introductory With mentor

At CCN3* and CCN4* either the TD or CD must be from the FEI list

Veterinarian	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

The Jumping Judge may be the same person as the Jumping Designer

Steward (Not Compulsory)	EA Official	EA Official	EA Official	Volunteer Steward	Volunteer Steward	Volunteer Steward
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Riders &/or EA Coaches who have competed at 3* or 4* Eventing or Elementary Dressage:

+ The 2nd Judge for CCN1* may be level G and be placed on the side judging position.

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.

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
539.3.1	Dress & Saddlery Permitted	Clarification	<p>EA rule 539 (Dress & Saddlery)</p> <p>539.3.1 Permitted</p> <p>The type of saddlery is optional. Gags 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.</p> <p>EA 539.3.1.1 Permitted</p> <p>The type of saddlery is optional but must be of an English type saddle. Gags 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.</p>