

Eventing FAQ on application of rule 549.2

Run out - missing a flag

A Horse is considered to have run out if, having been presented at an element or obstacle on the course, it avoids it in such a way that either the head, neck or either shoulder of the Horse fail to pass between the extremities of the element or obstacle as flagged.

In case the Horse has clearly attempted to jump the element or obstacle and may have missed a flag, the athlete can choose:

- a) To represent **or**
- b) To continue on course incurring 50 penalties (**no elimination**) in case the element or obstacle was not correctly cleared.

Note: If the Athlete represents and was clear in his first attempt, the Athlete will not be penalized with 20 penalties but no time will be removed.

"A Horse will be considered to have cleared the fence when head, neck and both shoulders of the Horse pass between the extremities of the element or obstacles as flagged"



Frequently asked question	FEI Eventing Committee's answer
Q: How many penalties are issued to a combination who missed the flag at first attempt, chooses to retake, miss the flag again and decides to continue?	A: First attempt = 20 penalties Second attempt misses but continues = 50 Total = 70
Q: How many penalties should be awarded when a competitor misses a flag and then chooses to retake the option twice but misses again on the 3rd attempt and then chooses to continue?	A: The situation described would incur 110 penalties. No elimination as missing a flag and deciding to continue does not count as a runout. This is true also if happening at different fences on course. As an

	example, one runout at fence 3, one at fence 10 and missing a flag without representing at fence 15 would incur 90 penalties and not an elimination.
Q: Could a combination be penalized with 50pts several times on the course?	A: Yes, that is correct as long as the horse clearly attempted to jump the fence
Q: If a combination jumps fence between the flags and the athlete thinks out of flags and repeats fence is it an elimination or a penalty of 20 penalties?	A: This combination would not be penalised with 20 penalties but no time penalties would be removed.
Q: Does the athlete still have the possibility to ask the fence judge if the horse jumped the fence between the flags?	A: In relation to the introduction of this new rule, the possibility for the athlete to ask the fence judge has been removed.
Q: How will it be judged if the horse is scored clear the first time, is represented and runs out on representation?	A: The combination would get time penalties only.