



# EVENTING RULES

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# PREAMBLE

These Eventing Rules are effective as of 1 January 2019.

The Eventing Rules will be substantively reviewed every four (4) years unless urgent clarifications or modifications are required for risk management purposes.

As of this date, all other texts of the Eventing Rules or amendments to them dated prior to this date are superseded.

Although these Eventing Rules set out the detailed rules of the FEI for international Eventing Competitions, they must be read in conjunction with any other FEI Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to:

- FEI Statutes
- FEI General Regulations
- FEI Dressage Rules
- FEI Jumping Rules
- FEI Veterinary Regulations
- FEI Eventing Memorandum
- FEI Eventing Cross Country Guidelines
- EADCMR (Equine Anti-Doping And Controlled Medication Regulations)
- ADRHA (Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes)

The FEI Jumping and Dressage Rules apply for the Eventing Jumping and Dressage Tests except where otherwise provided in these Eventing Rules. Any modification introduced to the FEI Jumping and Dressage Rules during the year will be evaluated for application in Eventing from 1st January the following year.

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Eventing Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the appropriate person or body to make a decision in a sporting spirit, by approaching as near as possible the intention of the Eventing Rules and of the General Regulations. Should there remain any omissions in the Eventing Rules, such omission shall be interpreted in a manner compatible to the fullest extent with the other provisions of these Eventing Rules, other rules and regulations of the FEI, and sporting spirit.

For the sake of brevity these regulations use the masculine form; this is to be interpreted to include both genders. Terms with a capitalized first letter are defined in the Glossary of the Eventing Rules, in the General Regulations, in the Statutes or in other Rules of the FEI.

# THE FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The FEI requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount. Welfare of the Horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences. The following points must be particularly adhered to:

## 1. General Welfare:

### a) Good Horse management

Stabling and feeding must be compatible with the best Horse management practices. Clean and good quality forage, feed and water must always be available.

### b) Training methods

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to methods which are abusive or cause fear.

### c) Farriery and tack

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

### d) Transport

During transportation, Horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and driven by competent personnel. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the Horses.

### e) Transit

All journeys must be planned carefully, and Horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

## 2. Fitness to compete:

### a) Fitness and competence

Participation in Competition must be restricted to fit Horses and Athletes of proven competence. Horses must be allowed suitable rest period between training and Competitions; additionally rest periods should be allowed following travelling.

### b) Health status

No Horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete; veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

### c) Doping and Medication

Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitutes a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before Competition.

### d) Surgical procedures

Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing Horse's welfare or the safety of other Horses and/or Athletes must not be allowed.

### e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares

Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.

### f) Misuse of aids

Abuse of a Horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

### **3. Events must not prejudice Horse welfare:**

#### a) Competition areas

Horses must be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles and Competition conditions must be designed with the safety of the Horse in mind.

#### b) Ground surfaces

All ground surfaces on which Horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injuries.

#### c) Extreme weather

Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions that may compromise welfare or safety of the Horse. Provision must be made for cooling conditions and equipment for Horses after competing.

#### d) Stabling at Events

Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the Horse. Washing-down areas and water must always be available.

### **4. Humane treatment of Horses:**

#### a) Veterinary treatment

Veterinary expertise must always be available at an Event. If a Horse is injured or exhausted during a Competition, the Athlete must stop competing and a veterinary evaluation must be performed.

#### b) Referral centres

Wherever necessary, the Horse should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured Horses must be given full supportive treatment before being transported.

#### c) Competition injuries

The incidence of injuries sustained in Competition should be monitored. Ground surface conditions, frequency of Competitions and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimise injuries.

#### d) Euthanasia

If injuries are sufficiently severe a Horse may need to be euthanized by a veterinarian as soon as possible on humane grounds, with the sole aim of minimising suffering.

#### e) Retirement

Horses must be treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from Competition.

### **5. Education:**

The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the Competition Horse.

This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.

## **EVENTING VISION STATEMENT**

Eventing constitutes the most complete combined equestrian Competition, demanding of the Athlete considerable experience in all branches of equitation and a precise knowledge of his Horse's ability, and of the Horse a degree of general competence, resulting from intelligent and progressive training.

The Cross Country Test constitutes the most exciting and challenging all-round test of riding ability and horsemanship where correct principles of training and riding are rewarded. This test focuses on the ability of Athletes and Horses to adapt to different and variable conditions of the Competition (weather, terrain, obstacles, footing, etc.) showing jumping skills, harmony, mutual confidence, and in general "good pictures".

This test requires by all involved special awareness and acceptance of a certain level of risk inherent to the particular challenging and exciting nature of the test.

Every effort must be made to ensure that, at each level, responsible Athletes are participating with progressively trained Horses in order not to be exposed to a higher risk than which is strictly inherent to the nature and level of the Competition.

# **Chapter 1      GENERAL**

## **500      Introduction**

### **500.1      Definition**

An Eventing Competition consists of three distinct tests during which an Athlete rides the same Horse throughout, namely: Dressage, Cross Country and Jumping.

### **500.2.      Responsibility**

#### **500.2.1.      Athletes**

An Athlete is ultimately responsible for knowing these Eventing Rules and complying with them. The appointment of a Steward or Official, whether or not provided for in these Eventing Rules, does not absolve the Athlete from such responsibility.

#### **500.2.2.      National Federations**

National Federations are responsible for selecting and entering eligible Athletes and Horses for all international Competitions taking responsibility for their fitness and competence to compete.

#### **500.2.3.      National Safety Officers**

All National Federations organising international Eventing Events must appoint an active National Safety Officer (NSO) to liaise with the FEI with regards to all matters directly relating to Eventing Risk Management.

#### **500.2.4.      Registration**

All Athletes and Horses participating in international Competitions must be annually registered with the FEI.

#### **500.2.5.      Horses Passport and Microchips**

Please refer to General Regulations (GRs), art 137.

## Chapter 2 STRUCTURE OF COMPETITIONS

### 501 Competitions and Series

#### 501.1 International (CIs)

Competitions with an individual classification. Location, date and level of CIs must be approved by the FEI. Special requirements may apply for 4&5 star level Competitions at new venues.

#### 501.2 Official International (CIOs)

Competitions with an official team and individual classification. Each member of a team will automatically be considered for the individual classification. Teams will always be composed of Athletes from the same country.

Location, date, level and qualifications of CIOs must be approved by the FEI and Eventing Committee. Each National Federation may only organize one Senior CIOs in any calendar year.

##### 501.2.1 Nations Cup

The Nations' Cup (also referred as "NC") is the official international team Competition. Its object is to compare the merit of Athletes and Horses from different NFs and may only be organised on the occasion of a CIO.

"At least three NFs must take part in this Competition for it to be recognised as an FEI Nations Cup™.

If less than five NFs have entered teams for a CCIO, the invitation may be extended to include two teams per NF (including the host team). Before the start of the Event, at the latest at the draw of nations starting order, each NF with two teams must decide which team competes for FEI Nations Cup™ points."

#### 501.3 Championships (CHs)

Competitions with an official team and individual classification. Each member of a team will automatically be considered for the individual classification. Teams will always be composed of Athletes from the same country.

Geographical representation, age group of Athletes and Horses, location, date and level are decided by the Board.

In exceptional cases teams at a Continental Championships may be regional and if so the territorial scope must have been previously approved by the Eventing Committee.

Pony, Junior and Young Rider Championships must be organised during the long school holidays. Junior & YR Championships will preferably be organised jointly.

"All Championships must be organised in the long format at all levels. (Exceptions can be considered by the Eventing Committee)."

##### 501.3.1 Minimum Participation

Continental Championships can only be held if at least three National Federations and/or Regional Teams are represented at the first Horse Inspection.

Outside Europe Continental Championships for Young Riders and Juniors may be held with any number of Regional Teams from at least two National Federations.

##### 501.3.2 Individuals in Addition to Teams

The maximum number of individual Athletes authorised to take part in addition to each team is fixed as follows:

- a) Seven or more teams entered - two individuals per country plus a further six individuals from the host country.
- b) Five or six teams entered - three individuals per country plus a further eight individuals from the host country.
- c) Four or less teams entered - four individuals per country plus a further ten individuals from the host country.

If there are less than 35 entries in total, the number of individuals entered from each country may be increased proportionally.

In multidisciplinary championships (e.g World Equestrian Games), and Games (e.g Ponies, Juniors, Balkan or Regional Games), if Eventing is organised with other disciplines, the host country will be limited to the same number of Athletes and Horses as the maximum number permitted for the foreign countries.

National Federations will be advised by the Organising Committee at the closing of nominated entries.

### **501.3.3 Levels of difficulty**

The level of difficulty of Championships will be as follows:

- a) Ponies - CCIP2-L
- b) Young Horses (six year) - CCI2\*-L
- c) Young Horses (seven year) - CCI3\*-L
- d) Junior - CCI2\*-L
- e) Young Riders - CCI3\*-L
- f) Continental/Regional Championships and Games will be decided by the Eventing Committee after consultation with the relevant National Federations
- g) World Championships - please refer to Art. 501.3.4

### **501.3.4 World Individual and Team Championships**

The World Championships are for Seniors.

World Championships can only be held if at least six National Federations are represented.

If the World Championships are conducted separately, the number of Athletes will be in accordance with art. 501.3 for Championships.

Participation:

- a) Maximum 5 Athletes to take part from one nation.
- b) Maximum of 2 individuals for Nations not represented by a team.
- c) A Team will consist of 3 or 4 Athletes.

Technical Level:

- a) 5 star level Dressage and Jumping Test,
- b) Cross-Country Test World CH/Olympic Games level technicality (10min 38-42 efforts)

## **501.4 Games**

### **501.4.1 Regional and Continental Games**

Eventing may be organised at regional or continental multi sport games (e.g. Pan American, Asian, South American, South East Asian, etc.) with an official team and individual classification.

These games are organised by NOC confederations, responsible for general regulations with the exception of the technical aspects. The age group, format and level must be approved by the FEI Eventing Committee.

### **501.4.2 Olympic Games**

Olympic Games are organised by the International Olympic Committee in accordance with the FEI Special Regulations for Olympic Games and current Eventing Rules.

### **501.5 FEI Eventing Series**

FEI Eventing Series can be established further to approval by the Board. (e.g. FEI Eventing World Cup, FEI Eventing Nations Cup, etc.)

For all Series separate Rules for qualification and participation must be approved by the Board.

## **502 Formats and Levels**

Competitions are also defined by their format and level.

### **502.1 Formats**

#### **502.1.1 Definition**

Formats define some of the technical aspects of the Competition (duration of the Competition, intensity of the Cross Country Test, order of tests, etc.)

#### **502.1.2 Long Format Competition (CCIs-L)**

A Long Format Competition may take place over three or more days. The Dressage Test will be spread over one or more consecutive days, depending on the number of competitors, directly followed on the next day by the Cross Country Test that will be directly followed on the next day by the Jumping Test.

In the Long Format Competitions the Cross Country course will be of such a length that the Horse is required to be supremely fit and stamina will be required for success.

The Cross Country Test will always take place before the Jumping Test.

#### **502.1.3 Short Format Competition (CCIs-S)**

A Short Format Competition may take place over one or more days. The Dressage Test will always take place first and will be followed on the same or following days by the Jumping and Cross Country Test.

In the Short Format Competition the level of difficulty of the Cross Country course is similar to the Long Format according to the star system, but the course is shorter and the intensity of efforts will be higher.

The Cross Country Test will preferably take place after the Jumping Test.

#### **502.1.4 Unified format Competition (CC1\*-Intro)**

CC1\*-Intro may take place as a Short or Long format as to the order of tests and Horse Inspection requirements.

### **502.2 Levels of difficulty**

The levels indicate the degree of difficulty of the Competition and are defined by a progressive star system ranging from the lower level one star to the higher 5 star.

The Five star level Competitions require the maximum level of training and experience from both Athlete and Horse.



## 503 Categories

### 503.1 Pony, Junior and Young Rider Competitions

Pony, Junior and Young Riders Competitions may be organised according to the age group of the Athletes.

#### 503.1.1 Pony Competitions

An Athlete may compete as a Pony Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 12 until the end of the year in which he reaches the age of 16.

A Pony Rider may compete in Eventing Competitions not limited to Ponies if appropriately qualified without losing his status as a Pony Rider.

#### 503.1.2 Junior Competitions

An Athlete may compete as a Junior from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 18.

#### 503.1.3 Young Rider Competitions

An Athlete may compete as a Young Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 21.

### 503.2 Age of Athletes

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.

International Competitions are limited to Senior Athletes unless specifically organised for Junior, Young Riders or Pony Riders with the following exceptions:

- 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.
- 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.

### 503.3 Young Horses Competitions

Young Horses Competition may be organised according to the age of Horses for six and seven year old Horses.

Such Competitions may only take place at CCI2\* & 3\* - Long or Short.

### 503.4 Age of Horses

The following minimum age of Horses will apply for all Competitions.

- a) CCI1\*/2\*/3\* level Competitions: a Horse may compete in 1\*, 2\*, 3\* Competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of six.
- b) CCI4\* level Competitions: a Horse may compete in Competitions of four star level from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of seven.
- c) CCI5\* level Competitions and Four star Level Championships: a Horse may compete in Competitions of five star level or four star Level Championship from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of **eight**.

### **503.5 Ponies**

#### **503.5.1 Definition**

For the definition of a Pony and the Pony measuring protocol, refer to Veterinary Regulations.

#### **503.5.2 Age of Pony**

A Pony may compete in Pony Competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which reaches the age of six.

Except for the specific Competitions limited to Ponies, all international Competitions are open equally to Horses and Ponies, providing the Ponies and their Athletes meet all relevant qualifications.

### **504 Participation Restrictions**

#### **504.1 Number of Horses per Athlete**

##### **504.1.1 Championships and Games**

An Athlete may only ride one Horse.

##### **504.1.2 CIOs**

An Athlete may ride only one Horse as a member of a team and may ride in only one team.

Where an Athlete is entered with a Horse in a Team Competition, he must always ride that Horse before any additional Horse he is riding in the Individual Competition.

##### **504.1.3 CIs**

There is no limitation to the number of Horses an Athlete may ride in an Individual Competition, with the following exceptions:

- a) The Organising Committee may impose a balloting procedure, in its absolute discretion, whether for time-tabling or any other reason. Such a procedure must be published in the schedule of the Competition.
- b) If a Competition has more entries than it can accommodate, no Athlete may ride more than two Horses (or one Horse if so decided by the Organising Committee).

National Federations are anyway responsible, in entering Athletes in international Competitions, to ensure that no Athlete rides more Horses than his abilities in any one day of Cross Country.

#### **504.2 Other Participation Restrictions**

##### **504.2.1 One and Two star Level Competitions**

A Horse that has obtained a Minimum Eligibility Requirement at W-CH/OG/5\*-L level Competition in the current or preceding year may not be entered in a CCI1\* or CCI2\* Long or Short Competition unless the Athlete is non-categorised.

##### **504.2.2 Championships**

Athletes and Horses may only take part in either a Pony, Junior, Young Rider or Senior Championship in any calendar year. This provision does not apply to Championships for Young Horses.

##### **504.2.3 Junior Championships**

Junior Championships are open to all Horses except those which have obtained a MER in CCI5\*-L Competition or at the Olympic Games or W-CH during the preceding or current year.

Once an Athlete has taken part in an Eventing Championship for Seniors or in Eventing at a Regional or Olympic Games, he can no longer go back to an Eventing Junior Championship.

## Chapter 3 ADMINISTRATION OF COMPETITIONS

### 505 Expenses, Entry Fees, Prize Money, Responsibility

#### 505.1 CIs and CIOs

The entry fee and expenses to be offered is at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

All Athletes from the host country, including foreign Athletes resident in the host country, must be offered the same allowances.

All other foreign Athletes must be offered the same allowances that may be different from the one offered to national or resident foreign Athletes.

#### 505.2 Championships

##### 505.2.1 Continental Championships

The Organising Committee is responsible for organising and covering the expenses for quarantine and customs duties (if applicable) including agent and veterinary fees for entering and leaving the border of the organising country and/or the show grounds.

The Organising Committee has then the option to:

- a) Request a reasonable entry fee for Individuals and/or Teams and additionally provide the following from the day before the first Horse Inspection until the day after the Jumping Test:
  - a. living expenses for Athletes, Grooms, Chef d'Equipes and Team Veterinarian (accommodation, food and local transportation)
  - b. stabling, bedding and fodder for the Horses
- b) Waive the entry fee and not meet the additional expenses. In this case, the Organising Committee is not obliged to provide neither living expenses nor stabling and fodder for the Horses.

For Junior, Young Rider, and Senior Championships an entry fee may be charged only if prize-money is awarded.

##### 505.2.2 World Championships

The entry fee and expenses to be offered for World Championships will be according to FEI agreement with the Organising Committee.

##### 505.2.3 Responsibility

Chefs d'Equipe are responsible to be present and represent their athletes at all Official Chef d'Equipe meetings.

The Chefs d'Equipe are responsible for the behaviour of their teams and/or individuals throughout the Event. They and their National Federation are responsible for any damages that occur. If the Athletes are not lodged in private homes, the Chefs d'Equipe must stay with their teams and/or individuals.

The Appeal Committee has the authority to assess any costs for damages. According to the FEI legal system, the Appeal Committee may impose a fine and has the right to disqualify the team and/or individuals with unacceptable behaviour at any stage throughout the Event.

### 505.3 Prize Money

#### 505.3.1 Distribution

The amount of prize-money must be distributed as per the breakdown shown for each Competition in the schedule.

The minimum number of prizes offered for each Competition must be allocated on the basis of one prize for every commenced four Athletes (Dressage starters), with a minimum of five prizes.

If less than five Athletes complete the Competition, the minimum number of prizes to be distributed shall be amended to equal the number of Athletes completing.

The value of the first prize for individuals, either in cash or in kind easily convertible into cash, may never exceed one third of the total value of the prize money and prizes convertible into cash offered for the Competition.

### **505.3.2 Competitions with several Sections**

Prize Money must be the same for each section and must be specified in the Schedule.

### **505.3.3 Pony Competitions**

Prize money is not allowed at Pony Competitions.

### **505.3.4 Prize-giving**

Prize winners must take part in the prize giving ceremony and should do so with the placed Horses (however if Cross Country takes place as last test, horses are not required to take part).

The OC must officially inform competitors of the prize giving protocol and the number of prize winners required to take part in the ceremony.

If a prize winner fails to take part at the prize giving ceremony, without plausible excuse and notification to the OC, the Ground Jury, at its discretion, may decide to allow the OC to withhold the Athlete's prize.

## **506 Closed Circuit Television**

The provision of closed circuit television of the Cross Country Test in the Athlete enclosure close to the start and at the Control Centre for the use of the Ground Jury and Cross Country Controller is mandatory for all Five Star level Competitions (CCI5\*-L star) and three and four star level Championships (CH 4&5 star).

## **507 Schedule and Results**

### **507.1 Schedule**

For all Competitions the schedule of the Competition drafted in the form prescribed by the FEI must be sent to the FEI for approval at the latest:

- a) Four weeks before the Competition for CCI1\*-Intro, CCI2\* & 3\* Long or Short level
- b) Ten weeks before the Competition for CCI4\* Long or short, CCI5\* Long, CCIOs and CH all levels.

Failure to respect the above deadlines will be dealt according to the General Regulations provisions.

No Schedule can be approved after the closing date of the entries.

### **507.2 Results**

Full result of the Competitions must be forwarded to the FEI by the Organising Committee preferably immediately at the end of the Event and up to a maximum of two days after the Event is finished according to the electronic format described by FEI.

Failure to respect the above deadline will be dealt according to the General Regulations provisions.

## **508 Invitations**

All invitations must be sent to National Federations and not to individual Athletes.

### **508.1 CIs**

The National Federations to be invited, and the number of Athletes and Horses per country, are at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

One groom per Athlete must be invited.

### **508.2 CIOs**

At least five foreign countries must be invited. The number of Athletes from the host country is unlimited.

The Organising Committee may only restrict the number of nations to be invited with the agreement of the Secretary General and the Eventing Committee.

One groom per Athlete and one Official per country must be invited.

### **508.3 Championships**

Championships are open to all eligible Athletes and Teams. Invitations must be sent to all eligible National Federations.

One groom per Athlete and two Officials per country must be invited.

## **509 Entries**

### **509.1 CIs and CIOs**

Entries must be made by the National Federations according to the conditions published by the Organising Committee in the approved schedule of the Competition.

#### **509.1.1 Definite Entries**

Definite Entries must be made at the latest four (4) days preceding the beginning of the Event. These represent the final selection of Athletes and Horses that may participate in the Event. Substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses may be only made in accordance to these rules.

### **509.2 Championships**

Entries for FEI Championships and FEI World Equestrian Games must be made in accordance with the FEI General Regulations art. 116.2.

Entries must be made by the National Federations in two phases as follows.

The exact dates by which entries must be received will be published in the approved schedule of the Competition.

#### **509.2.1 Nominated Entries**

At latest four weeks before the Competition each National Federation, that has made an entry in principle, including the host National Federation:

- a) May enter through the FEI Online Entry System, up to three times the number of Horses and Athletes that are entitled to start. Within this limit, there is no restriction on the number of Horses that may be entered for each Athlete.
- b) Must include the registration number for all nominated Athletes and the Horses registration and passport number if not entered through the FEI online entry system.

### **509.2.2 Definite Entries**

At the latest four days before the first Horse Inspection of the Competition the definite entries must be validated through the FEI Online Entry System.

Each National Federation must choose from its list of nominated entries and confirm up to the maximum of its entitlement of starters.

These are the Athletes and Horses that will travel to the Competition.

After the definite entries have been sent in, substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses from the list of nominated entries may only be made with the express permission of the Organising Committee, but never less than two hours preceding the first Horse Inspection.

### **509.3 Certificate of Capability**

For all Championships and Games, National Federations must download their Certificate of Capability through the FEI Online Entry System, and send a signed version to the FEI declaring that their Athlete and Horse have fulfilled their national requirements and reached FEI requirements by the date of the nominated entries or a different date set by the FEI.

## Chapter 4 OFFICIALS

### Code of Conduct for Officials

All FEI Officials are bound by the FEI Code of Conduct (refer to General Regulations Annex H).

## 510 Categories of Officials

### 510.1 Judges

International Judges are divided into two categories:

- a) Level 2 Judges
- b) Level 3 Judges

### 510.2 Technical Delegates

International Technical Delegates are divided into two categories:

- a) Level 2 Technical Delegates
- b) Level 3 Technical Delegates

### 510.3 Course Designers

International Course Designers are divided into two categories:

- a) Level 2 Course Designers
- b) Level 3 Course Designers

### 510.4 Stewards

Stewards are divided into three Levels:

- a) Level 1
- b) Level 2
- c) Level 3

## 511 Requirements for Promotion

The Eventing Committee will review the Eventing Education Programme on a yearly basis to ensure the best practice standards. All updates will be published on the FEI website in the beginning of each calendar year.

All requirements for promotion must be clearly documented by the National Federation responsible and be submitted to the FEI with the application for promotion.

### 511.1 Judges

#### 511.1.1 Level 2 Judges

The requirements to be promoted FEI Level 2 Judge are as follows:

- a) To be listed as a National Approved Dressage Judge at the Medium or equivalent level (including collection and extension in walk, trot and canter, flying changes, half-passes, and shoulder-in) and to be familiar with and fully understand the Training Scale as per the Dressage Rules.
- b) To have some experience in course evaluation, knowledge of Eventing Risk Management, dispute resolution and disciplinary matters.

- c) To have regular practice as a National Eventing Judge over a period of at least two years, including acting as a member of the Ground Jury at a minimum of two international Events of which at least one must be a Long Format Competition.
- d) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- e) To understand English.
- f) To be supported by the National Federation.

### **511.1.2 Level 3 Judges**

The requirements to be promoted Level 3 Judge are as follows:

- a) To be listed as an FEI Level 2 Judge.
- b) To be nationally certified at Advanced or equivalent level and to have gained experience in judging PSG Dressage including collection and extension in walk, trot and canter, flying changes, half-passes and shoulder-in and to have participated in a national training program on the same level.
- c) To be proficient and practised in course evaluation, with a working knowledge of Eventing Risk Management, dispute resolution and disciplinary matters.
- d) To have judged regularly at both national and international Events with a minimum of four international Events of which at least one must be a Long Format Competition, and one must be outside of own country during the current or preceding two years.
- e) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- f) To understand and speak English.

## **511.2 Technical Delegates**

### **511.2.1 Level 2 Technical Delegates**

The requirements to be promoted FEI Level 2 Technical Delegate are as follows:

- a) To have regular practice as a National Technical Delegate over a period of at least three years.
- b) To have gained experience as Technical Delegate at all levels of short and Long Format Competitions. This experience should include working within an Organising Committee and as assistant Course Designer.
- c) To have served as an assistant to a Level 3 star Technical Delegate at an international Long Format Competition.
- d) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- e) To understand English.
- f) To be supported by the National Federation.

### **511.2.2 Level 3 Technical Delegates**

The requirements to be promoted FEI Level 3 Technical Delegate are as follows:

- a) To be listed as an FEI Level 2 Technical Delegate.
- b) To have acted as a Technical Delegate at two international Events of which at least one must be a Long Format Competition, and one must be outside of own country during the current or preceding two years.
- c) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- d) To understand and speak English.



## **511.3 Course Designers**

### **511.3.1 Level 2 Course Designers**

The requirements to be promoted FEI Level 2 Course Designers are as follows:

- a) To have regular practice as a National Course Designer over a period of at least three years. This requirement may be reduced if the Course Designer has experience as an international Athlete.
- b) To have gained experience as Course Designer at short and Long Format Competitions.
- c) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- d) To understand English.
- e) To be supported by the National Federation.

### **511.3.2 Level 3 Course Designers**

The requirements to be promoted FEI Level 3 Course Designers are as follows:

- a) To be listed as an FEI Level 2 Course Designer.
- b) To have acted as a Course Designer at two international Events of which at least one must be a Long Format Competition during the current or preceding two years.
- c) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- d) To understand, and preferably speak English.

## **511.4 Stewards**

### **511.4.1 Level 1 Stewards**

The requirements to be promoted FEI Level 1 Steward are as follows:

- a) To have regular practice as a Steward in National and International events including a minimum of two International Long or Short competitions.
- b) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- c) To be supported by the National Federation.
- d) To be minimum 21 years of age

All FEI listed Judges and Technical Delegates will automatically be listed as Level 1 FEI Stewards.

### **511.4.2 Level 2 Stewards**

The requirements to be promoted FEI Level 2 Steward are as follows:

- a) To be listed as an FEI Level 1 Eventing Steward.
- b) To have acted as a Steward at six (6) International events (of which three (3) in the Eventing Discipline) at least one time as a Chief Steward and one time as an Assistant Chief Steward at a 3 or 4 star event within five (5) years.
- c) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.
- d) To understand and speak English.

### **511.4.3 Level 3 Stewards**

A Level 2 FEI Stewards may be promoted by the FEI to Level 3 status following proposal by their FEI NF Stewards General through their National Federations.

## **512 Requirements for Maintenance of Status**

### **512.1 Judges**

#### **512.1.1 Level 2 Judges**

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI Level 2 Judge are as follows:

- a) To have fulfilled the educational requirements every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- b) To have regular practice as a National Eventing Judge over the last three years including acting as a member of the Ground Jury at a minimum of two international Events of which at least one must be Long Format Competition.
- c) To be not more than 70 years of age.

Level 2 Judges who do not meet the requirements will be dropped from the FEI Judges list.

#### **512.1.2 Level 3 Judges**

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI Level 3 Judge are as follows:

- a) To have fulfilled the educational requirements every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- b) To have judged regularly at both national and international Events with a minimum of four international Events of which at least one must be Long Format Competition during the last three years.
- c) To be not more than 70 years of age.

Level 3 Judges who do not meet the technical requirements may be moved to the Level 2 Judges list or dropped from the list, at the discretion of the FEI Eventing Committee.

## **512.2 Technical Delegates**

### **512.2.1 Level 2 Technical Delegates**

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI Level 2 Technical Delegate are as follows:

- a) To have fulfilled the educational requirements every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- b) To have regular practice as a National Technical Delegate over the last three years including acting as Technical Delegate at a minimum of two international Events.
- c) To be not more than 70 years of age.

Level 2 Technical Delegates who do not meet the requirements will be dropped from the FEI Technical Delegates list.

### **512.2.2 Level 3 Technical Delegates**

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI Level 3 Technical Delegates are as follows:

- a) To have fulfilled the educational requirements every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- b) To have acted as a Technical Delegate at two international Events of which at least one must be a Long Format Competition during the last three years.
- c) To be not more than 70 years of age.

Level 3 Technical Delegates who do not meet the technical requirements may be moved to the Level 2 Technical Delegates list or dropped from the list, at the discretion of the FEI Eventing

Committee.

### 512.3 Course Designers

#### 512.3.1 Level 2 Course Designers

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI Level 2 Course Designer are as follows:

- a) To have fulfilled the educational requirements every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- b) To have regular practice as a National Course Designers over the last three years including acting as Course Designer at a minimum of one international Event.
- c) To be not more than 70 years of age.

Level 2 Course Designers who do not meet the requirements will be dropped from the FEI Course Designers list.

#### 512.3.2 Level 3 Course Designers

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI Level 3 Course Designers are as follows:

- a) To have fulfilled the educational requirements every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- b) To have acted as a Course Designer at two international Events during the last three years.
- c) To be not more than 70 years of age.

All Course Designers designing a 4 or 5 star course for the first time must be mentored and shadowed by an experienced Course Designer at the same level.

Level 3 Course Designer who do not meet the technical requirements may be moved to the Level 2 Course Designers list or dropped from the list, at the discretion of the FEI Eventing Committee.

## 513 Appointment of Officials

Officials will be appointed by the FEI or by the Organising Committee according to the different types and level of Competitions and in accordance with the following tables.

In the case of appointment of National Officials these must be from the Host country (except for Assistant Technical Delegate, Assistant Course Designer & Assistant Steward providing they have insurance coverage) unless directly appointed by the FEI for the purpose of an Educational Program.

**Note:** The Committee proposes that for events with several competitions/sections, OCs can offer alternative composition of Officials to the requirements listed in the below tables and/or provisions in Art 513.9 with the objective to reduce costs. Such proposals shall be provided with the Schedule and approved by FEI HQ.

To ensure that International standards are respected, proposals must comply with the following minimum requirements:

- a) For the overall event, a minimum of one International Official shall be appointed for each category of Officials (Judge, TD and Course Designer) of the level of the highest competition organised. These Officials will be responsible and will report back to FEI on the overall event.

Such provision does not apply for Championships and Games of any level.

**513.1 Short Format (CCIs-S and CCIOs-S)**

Short format competition	4 star	3 star	2 star
	2 or 3 Judges		
<b>Ground Jury</b>	All Judges from FEI level 2 or 3 lists with a minimum of one Judge from Level 3 list	Minimum one Judge from FEI level 2 or 3 lists	
<b>Technical Delegate</b>	TD from FEI Level 3 list	TD from FEI level 2 or 3 list	
	Either Foreign TD or Foreign Member of GJ compulsory	Foreign requirement not compulsory	
<b>AUS &amp; NZL Exceptional case only for cost reasons</b>	Foreign requirement not compulsory, however 2 Judges, TD and CD must be from Level 3 list		
<b>Course Designer</b>	CD from FEI Level 3 lists	CD from FEI level 2 or 3 list	Can be national CD
<b>Jumping Course Designer</b>	Jumping CD from National List	Jumping CD from National list recommended	
<b>Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)</b>	From FEI list of Permitted Treating Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required		
<b>Veterinary Delegate</b>	FEI Official Veterinarian from FEI list of Eventing Veterinarians		
<b>Appeal Committee</b>	Optional Appeal Committee 3 or 1 Member		
<b>Chief Steward</b>	Level 2 or 3 Eventing Stewards	Level 1,2 or 3 Eventing Steward	

**513.2 Long Format (CCIs-L and CCIOs-L)**

Long format competition	5 star	4 star	3 star	2 star
	3 Judges		2 or 3 Judges	
<b>Ground Jury</b>				
	All Judges from FEI Level 3 lists	Minimum of two Judges Judge from FEI Level 3 list	Minimum one Judge from FEI level 2 or 3 Lists	
	Foreign member of GJ compulsory		Foreign Official compulsory (either GJ, TD or CD)	
<b>Technical Delegate</b>	TD from FEI Level 3 list		TD from FEI level 2 or 3 lists	

<b>Course Designer</b>	CD from FEI Level 3 lists		CD from FEI Level 2 or 3 list	CD may be national
<b>Jumping Course Designer</b>	Jumping CD from FEI 3&4 Jumping list	Jumping CD from National List	Jumping CD from National list recommended	
<b>Veterinary Delegate</b>	FEI Official Veterinarian from FEI list of Eventing Veterinarians			
<b>Veterinary Services Manager</b>	From FEI list of Permitted Treating Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required			
<b>Appeal Committee</b>	Optional Appeal Committee 3 or 1 Member			
<b>Chief Steward</b>	Level 2 or 3 Eventing Steward		Level 1,2 or 3 Eventing Steward	

### 513.3 CCI 1\*-Intro (Unified Level)

	<b>CCI 1*-Intro</b>
	2 or 3 Judges
<b>Ground Jury</b>	All Judges can be host country national Judges if FEI TD appointed from FEI level 2 or 3 list
<b>Technical Delegate</b>	TD from FEI level 2 or 3 list (or national TD if one FEI level 2 or 3 Judge appointed) Foreign requirements not compulsory
<b>Course Designer</b>	Can be national CD
<b>Jumping Course Designer</b>	Jumping CD from National list recommended
<b>Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)</b>	From FEI list of Permitted Treating Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required
<b>Veterinary Delegate</b>	FEI Official Veterinarian from FEI list of Eventing Veterinarians
<b>Chief Steward</b>	Level 1, 2 or 3 Eventing Steward

### 513.4 Ground Jury President Appointment - Additional Requirements

- a) The FEI Judge (Level 2 or Level 3) must be appointed as President of the Ground Jury if there is a national Judge as second Judge.
- b) For 4&5 star Competitions the FEI Level 3 Judge must be appointed as President of the Ground Jury.

#### 513.4.1 CCI5\*-L

The Ground Jury and Technical Delegate for 5 star events will be appointed by the Organising Committee in consultation with the FEI according to requirements set by the Eventing Committee and published on the FEI Website.

The Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Course Designer must be selected from the FEI Level 3 Lists.

## 513.5 Championships & Games

Championships & Games	W-CH & Olympic Games	4 star	3 star	2 star
<b>Ground Jury</b>	3 Judges from FEI Level 3 list			
	Minimum one Foreign GJ member			
	Jumping Judge from FEI list is compulsory			
<b>Technical Delegate</b>	TD from FEI Level 3 list			
<b>Course Designer</b>	CD from FEI Level 3 list			
<b>Jumping Course Designer</b>	Jumping CD from 3&4 FEI Jumping list		Jumping CD from national list	
<b>Veterinary Commission</b>	Foreign Veterinary Delegate and Assistant Veterinarian from FEI list of Official Veterinarians			
<b>Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)</b>	From FEI list of Permitted Treating Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required			
<b>Appeal Committee</b>	President & 2 Members (one foreign & Eventing Official & Legal knowledge)			
<b>Chief Steward</b>	Level 3 Eventing Stewards list		Level 2 or 3 Eventing Steward	

### 513.5.1 Championships and Games

The Ground Jury, foreign Technical Delegate and Veterinary Commission, will be appointed by the FEI in consultation with the Organising Committee.

All Officials must be selected from the FEI Level 3 list.

## 513.6 Veterinarians (please refer to Veterinary Regulations)

### 513.7 Appeal Committee

The appointment of the President and members of the Appeal Committee must be in accordance with the General Regulations.

## 513.8 Stewards

### 513.8.1 FEI Chief Steward

For each Event a Chief Steward must be chosen from the FEI list of Stewards and appointed by the Organising Committee to be responsible for all Stewarding matters related to that Event. He is a key member of the team of Officials working with the Technical Delegate and Organising Committee.

### 513.8.2 Assistant Stewards

According to the size (number of overall competitors at the Event) and type of Event, a sufficient number of Assistant Stewards must be appointed by the Organising Committee in consultation with the Chief Steward.

All Assistant Stewards at international Events should preferably hold at least a Level 1 status. If this is not the case they must have received formal instruction in their specific responsibility

from the Chief Steward.

At CCI 4&5\*-L (Long) format international Events, Assistant Stewards to whom important tasks such as warm-up arenas, boot and bandage control, stable duties are allocated, must hold at least a Level 1 status.

### **513.9 Appointment Additional Requirements and Restrictions**

#### **513.9.1 Ground Jury**

The same combination of members of a Ground Jury may not be appointed for two (2) consecutive years or three (3) consecutive Events at the same venue.

No Judge may serve as a member of a Ground Jury at more than five (5) CCI-L at 4\* and 5\* Star level events in any calendar year.

#### **513.9.2 Technical Delegates**

A Technical Delegate cannot officiate at the same venue for more than three (3) consecutive years or four (4) consecutive Events.

A Technical Delegate cannot officiate at more than five Long Format Competitions in any calendar year.

#### **513.9.3 Number of Technical Delegates per Event**

In the case of more than one Competition (international and national) at the same Event:

- 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.

In the case of an Event with 100 or less competitors in no case more than two Technical Delegates are required.

Additional appointed Technical Delegates can be national Technical Delegates.

Different sections are considered to be the same Competition.

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.

#### **513.9.4 Assistant Technical Delegate**

An Assistant Technical Delegate must be appointed by the Organising Committee for all Games, Championships, Series Finals, CIOs and 4&5 star level CCIs and may be appointed at other international Competitions.

The Assistant Technical Delegate may be selected from the FEI lists or may be a national Technical Delegate.

At Games, Championships, Series Finals and 5 star level Competitions the Assistant Technical Delegate must be of a different nationality to the Technical Delegate.

#### **513.9.5 Balance of Experience and Expertise**

For C Is at 4&5 star level in special circumstances, the FEI has the right, in a timely manner, to consult with the Organising Committee and ask for a different balance of experience and expertise within the team of Officials proposed in the schedule of the Competition.

### **513.10 1, 2 & 3 star Competitions with Several Sections of the Same Level**

One, two and three star Competitions can be divided in several sections of the same level and be treated as a single entity according to specific provisions.

If several sections of Competitions at the same level are organised, the whole Competition will be treated as a single entity and Officials will be appointed as follows:

- a) Where there is more than one section of an Event, it is possible to appoint only one Ground Jury for the Event, consisting of a President and one or two members who will be responsible for all decisions common to the various sections.
- b) Additional Judges will be appointed to assist in the judging of the Dressage Test, if necessary to make up the Horse Inspection panels and if required, to help judge the Jumping Test. These additional Judges may be taken from the FEI lists of Officials, Level 3 or Level 2 Judges or may be national Judges.
- c) At a Long Format Competition (CCIs-L), at least one member of the Ground Jury must officiate at each Horse Inspection. All Horses in any section must be inspected by the same Veterinarian and Ground Jury member at all inspections.
- d) There must be only one Technical Delegate to officiate in all sections of an Event organised at the same star level.
- e) The Ground Jury must consist of members selected by the Organising Committee in accordance with the rules for the relevant star level.

## **514 Conflict of Interest**

### **514.1 Definition - General**

A substantial appearance of a conflict of interest exists whenever an individual involved in any capacity with the FEI is involved in or perceived to be involved in multiple interests, one of which could possibly influence, or is perceived to influence, the motivation for an act in the other.

A conflict of interest is defined as any personal, professional or financial relationship, including relationships of family members that could influence or be perceived to influence objectivity when representing or conducting business or other dealings for or on behalf of the FEI.

Conflicts must be avoided whenever practicable. However, conflicts may be linked to experience and expertise that is necessary to qualify Officials.

The specific balance between conflict and expertise shall be regulated by the relevant Sport Rules.

### **514.2 Conflict of Interest - Eventing**

#### **514.2.1 Coaching and Training - All Officials**

In any case coaching or training by all FEI Officials at the particular Competition must be avoided after arriving at the Competition grounds, unless in special circumstances permission has been given by the FEI Secretary General. Coaching or training includes the walking of courses and the training and warming up of Athletes for dressage or jumping.

Course walks open to all Athletes are encouraged, but those restricted to own pupils are not allowed.

#### **514.2.2 Other conflicts - Ground Juries**

- a) CCIs at 1, 2 and 3 star level "CIM" (Minor Events) - conflicts should be avoided whenever practicable.
- b) CCIs at 4&5 star level - conflicts must be avoided whenever practicable. If unavoidable they must be declared and accepted by the FEI Secretary General.
- c) Games/Championships/Series Finals - conflicts of interest are not allowed.

#### **514.2.3 Other Conflicts - Technical Delegates and Course Designers**

Other conflicts will not apply for Technical Delegates and Course Designers.



### **514.3 Independent Review Panel**

The FEI Secretary General may refer any potential conflict of interest to an independent review panel that he will appoint upon request and which will be composed of two sportsmen (recent retired Athletes) and one Member with legal knowledge (as well as reserve member).

This panel may confer by email or telephone.

In emergency any one member of the panel may make a decision.

## **515 Duties of Officials**

The Ground Jury, Technical Delegate(s), Course Designer and Veterinary Delegate, in conjunction with the Organising Committee, shall endeavour to ensure that all the arrangements for the Competition are fair, safe and appropriate.

This shall include the arenas, courses, obstacles and footing with special regard to the level of difficulty of the Cross Country and Jumping courses that must in all cases fully respect the level of the Competition.

Ensuring the correct level of difficulty of the Cross Country and Jumping courses according to the relative star level of the Competition is paramount in order to achieve a correct and effective technical progression of Horses and Athletes throughout the levels.

### **515.1 Jurisdiction of Officials**

The period of jurisdiction of the Ground Jury commences one hour before the beginning of the first Horse Inspection or one hour prior to the start of the Dressage Test, whichever is earlier, and terminates half an hour after the announcement of the final results.

However, the Ground Jury has full jurisdiction also from when they inspect and approve the cross country course

### **515.2 Ground Jury**

#### **515.2.1 General Duties**

The Ground Jury is ultimately responsible for the judging of the Competition and for settling all problems that may arise during its jurisdiction.

Any member of the Ground Jury shall have the duty and full authority at any time during the Competition to eliminate from the Competition any Horse that is lame, sick or exhausted and any Athlete that is unfit to continue.

The Ground Jury will also be responsible for monitoring and taking action in any case of dangerous riding (art. 525) and abuse of Horse

#### **515.2.2 Inspection and Approval of Courses**

The Ground Jury inspects and approves the Cross Country and Jumping courses with the Technical Delegate and the Course Designer.

If, after consultation with the Technical Delegate, the Ground Jury is not satisfied with the courses, it is authorised to modify them.

#### **515.2.3 Horse Inspection**

The Ground Jury will conduct the first and second Horse Inspections with the Veterinary Delegate.

#### **515.2.4 Dressage Test**

The Ground Jury will judge the Dressage Test.

### **515.2.5 Cross Country Test**

The Ground Jury will be responsible for determining objections against decisions by technical personnel, including Fence Judges and Timekeepers, on the Cross Country Test and may substitute their judgement for that of any Judge or Official, whether in favour of the Athlete or not.

During Cross Country either the President of the Ground Jury must be in Cross Country Control or, if the President of the Ground Jury does not speak or understand the language which is being used for communication purposes, one of the members of the Ground Jury who does speak and understand the language must be there instead.

The President, in consultation with the Technical Delegate, shall make this decision and will decide about the role and positioning of the other Ground Jury members during the Cross Country Test.

The President and the members of the Ground Jury shall retain the same task throughout the Cross Country Test.

### **515.2.6 Jumping Test**

The Ground Jury will be responsible for the judging of the Jumping Test.

At all Games and Championships the Ground Jury must be assisted by a Jumping Judge from the FEI list.

At all other Events such assistance is optional. Should any member of the Ground Jury be also a qualified Jumping Judge, no additional member is required.

It is essential that the President of the Ground Jury or appointed Jumping Judge be in control of the bell.

At Short Format Competitions (CCI-S), if the Jumping takes place while other phases are also happening, this task may be delegated to a qualified national Jumping Judge with an understanding of FEI rules.

## **515.3 Technical Delegate**

### **515.3.1 General Duties**

The Technical Delegate will approve the technical and administrative arrangements for the conduct of the Competition, for the examinations and inspections of Horses, for the accommodation of Horses and Athletes and for the stewarding of the Competition as well as liaising with the Chief Medical Officer in regard to the Medical plan.

The authority of the Technical Delegate shall be absolute until he has reported to the Ground Jury that he is satisfied with all the arrangements. Thereafter, he will continue to supervise the technical and administrative conduct of the Event and will advise and assist the Ground Jury, Veterinary Commission and the Organising Committee.

### **515.3.2 Courses and Arenas**

For all three tests the Technical Delegate will inspect and approve the courses, arenas and facilities for exercising and training, including the type and dimensions of obstacles and measurements of courses, with particular reference to their suitability for the level of the Competition.

The Technical Delegate is specifically required to measure all courses to ensure they are of the indicated distances. He must be able to inspect the courses early enough to allow for modifications to be made.

The Technical Delegate will supervise the briefing and conduct of all technical personnel (i.e. fence Judges, timekeepers).

### **515.3.3 Instruction to Officials**

Where there is any doubt as to the correct interpretation of the rules of judging any element,

obstacle or combination of obstacles, it is recommended that the Technical Delegate, in consultation with the Ground Jury if possible, should approve the instructions to the Officials, providing a rough sketch if necessary, and all Athletes will be informed at the briefing or as soon as possible after the Technical Delegates decision, if later.

### **515.3.4 Scoring**

The Technical Delegate will investigate all enquiries regarding scoring, including penalties awarded, and report to and advise the Ground Jury on any decisions they are required to make. The Technical Delegate shall be responsible for signing off the final results of the Competition(s).

### **515.3.5 Abuse of Horse and/or Dangerous Riding**

The Technical Delegate has the authority to warn or stop an Athlete on Cross Country course for dangerous riding (art. 525), riding an exhausted Horse, excessive pressing of a tired Horse, riding an obviously lame Horse, excessive use of whip and/or spurs (art. 526).

### **515.3.6 Arbitration and Investigation Panel**

The Technical Delegate will ensure that an Arbitration and Investigation Panel will be appointed on the first day of the Event by the Organising Committee in consultation with the Technical Delegate and President of the Ground Jury.

The Arbitration and Investigation Panel will consist of three people a non-competing current or recent Athlete experienced at the level of the Event, an FEI Official, and a third independent person experienced in the sport, e.g. an Organiser.

The Arbitration and Investigation Panel will render a decision in the case of a dispute between Athletes and Officials according to Annex F and make a report on the circumstances surrounding the accident to the President of the Ground Jury in the Event of a serious accident to Horse or Athlete.

### **515.3.7 Reporting to the FEI**

The Technical Delegate is responsible for reporting back to FEI Headquarters within 10 days following the end of the Event.

## **515.4 Course Designer**

The Course Designer must be present at the Cross Country course inspection with the specific Ground Jury for the Cross Country course for which the Course Designer is responsible. If for any serious reason, the appointed Course Designer cannot be present also during the Cross Country Test, this information needs to be reported to the FEI with a proposal for replacement before the start of the Event.

Any infringement of this article will be reported to the FEI Secretary General for possible legal action to be considered by the FEI.

### **515.4.1 Cross Country**

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.

### **515.4.2 Jumping**

The Course Designer is ultimately responsible for the layout, design and construction of the Jumping course and he must ensure that the course complies with all the current Eventing Rules.

The duty of building the Jumping course will be eventually be delegated to a Jumping Course Designer according to tables in Art 513.

## **515.5 Veterinary Delegate/Commission (refer to Veterinary Regulations)**

## **515.6 Appeal Committee**

The duties of the Appeal Committee are as laid down in the General Regulations and in the Veterinary Regulations. The President and Members must have updated knowledge of the FEI Regulations and specifically of including the Eventing Rules.

A full Appeal Committee (President and at least two members) is compulsory for Championships and Series Finals. It must consist of a foreign member.

Except at a Championship, the Appeal Committee, if appointed, may consist of a single person, who must in such a case be an Official International or International Judge or an International Technical Delegate, who is not officiating at the Competition in any other capacity.

## **515.7 Stewards (Stewarding Team)**

The duties of the Stewarding team is to assist the Organising Committee, Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Athletes in the conduct of the Competition according to the FEI Rules, paying due respect to the guidelines defined in the Code of Conduct for Welfare of the Horse and that a level playing field is provided for all Athletes participating in the Event.

During the three days before the start of the first Horse Inspection or the Dressage Test, as applicable, the Stewarding team are responsible for the application of the FEI rules.

Specifically, but not exclusively, their duties cover planning and supervision of work in all exercise, practice, warm-up, and stable areas, checking of dress and saddlery, assistance with Horse examinations and Inspections, and will be involved in the Medication control of Horses (EADCMR) and for Athletes (ADRHA) if required. They are expected to work closely with the Organising Committee, Athletes, Technical Delegates and other Officials.

## Chapter 5 TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

### 516 Principles

In order to be entered in an international Competition Athletes and Horses must first and foremost fulfil the criteria set by their National Federation.

In addition to the criteria set by National Federations the eligibility to compete will be determined by the achievement of a number of Minimum Eligibility Requirements (art. 517) in international Competitions. MERs have to be achieved by the Horse or by the Athlete/Horse as a combination according to the level of competence/experience (Art. 519 Athletes Categories) of the Athlete and the level of the Competition.

National Federations are encouraged to set stronger and additional criteria to FEIs minimum requirements for Horses and Athletes.

Organising Committees, with the approval of the FEI and their own National Federation, may also impose additional criteria for Horses and/or Athletes, which must be published in the schedule approved by the FEI.

The Technical Delegate, or his nominee, shall check that all Horses and Athletes are correctly entered by their National Federation and registered with the FEI.

### 517 Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)

A Minimum Eligibility Requirement is achieved by completing a Competition within minimum parameters of all round performance as follows:

- a) Dressage Test: not more than 45 penalty points (or 55%).
- b) Cross Country Test:
  - A clear round at obstacles (activating a maximum of one frangible device will maintain the MER result on Cross Country)
  - Not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross Country Test for, two, three and four star level Competitions and 100 seconds in the case of five star level Competitions.
- c) Jumping Test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

**NOTE:** All MERs obtained in previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.

### 518 Minimum Eligibility Requirement Validity period

#### 518.1 Championships

The valid period for obtaining a Minimum Eligibility Requirement is from the preceding calendar year to the closing date of the nominated entries.

#### 518.2 CIs & CIOs:

The valid period for obtaining a Minimum Eligibility Requirement is anytime until:

- a) At least 24 days before the Cross Country Test of the Competition for which is needed if the MER has been achieved at a Long Format Competition (CCIs-L).
- b) At least 10 days before the Cross Country Test of the Competition for which is needed if it has been achieved at a Short Format Competition (CCIs-S).

## 519 Athletes Categories

FEI Athlete categories for Eventing define a recognition of proven competence of the Athlete at a certain level.

Athletes will be categorised (Uncategorised International, D, C, B, A) according to their performance in a rolling eight years period as defined in the following table.

W-CH and OG to count as 5star level MER towards Athlete categorisation.

D	Fifteen (15) MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of two star level or above; or five (5) MERs at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format competitions at higher level.
C	Fifteen (15) MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of three star level or above; or five (5) MERs at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format competitions at higher level.
B	Fifteen (15) MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of four star level or above; or five (5) MERs at FEI long format (CCIs-L) competitions at five star level.
A	Fifteen (15) MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of four star level or above of which five at five star level.

The Athlete category will be updated according to the performances on 1st of July and at the end of each calendar year taking into account the rolling eight years.

## 520 Minimum Eligibility Requirements for CIs and CIOs

The following table details the requirements needed to be entered in the different formats, categories and levels of international Competitions. NFs are required to set national participation requirements as per Art 516 to apply for all categorisations.

Exceptions for MERs:

- a) The 1st activation of a frangible/deformable device (11 penalties) will still allow a MER.
- b) When multiple Minimum Eligibility Requirements are required (for CIs and CIOs), one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements can be achieved incurring 20 penalties at the obstacles of the Cross Country Test (See below for Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Championships & Games).

### 520.1 Athletes not yet categorised at the level of the Competition

For Athletes not yet categorised at the level of the Competition the Minimum Eligibility Requirements must be achieved as a combination according to the following table:

**Short format:** incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

CCI2*-S	All Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI3*-S	Uncategorised Athletes	1 CCI2*-S
	D Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI4*-S	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	2 CCI3*-S

**Long format:** incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

CCI2*-L	All Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI3*-L	Uncategorised Athletes	1 CCI3*-S and ( 1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S )
	D Athletes	1 CCI3*-S or 1 CCI2*-L
CCI4*-L	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	1 CCI3*-L and 1 CCI4*-S
CCI5*-L	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	2 CCI4*-L and 2 CCI4*-S
	B Athletes	1 CCI4*-L and 3 CCI4*-S

**Unified Format:**

CCI1* - Intro	All Athletes	NF requirements only
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## 520.2 Athletes already categorised at the level of the Competition

Athletes already categorised at the corresponding level or above, can either use the full requirements for uncategorised Athletes as per Art 520.1 as a combination or the Minimum Eligibility Requirements according to the following table:

**Short format:** incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

CCI2*-S	All Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI3*-S	C or B or A FEI Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI4*-S	B or A FEI Athletes	1 CCI3*-S (Horse only)

**Long format:** incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

CCI2*-L	All Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI3*-L	C or B or A FEI Athletes	1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S (Horse only)
CCI4*-L	B or A FEI Athletes	1 CCI3*-L (Horse only)
CCI5*-L	A FEI Athletes	1 CCI4*-L (as a combination)

**NOTE:** NFs have the option to apply to use CNs (National Competitions) for qualification purposes only to replace events cancelled due weather conditions and/or exceptional circumstances.

Targeted CNs are those for which the FEI has received and approved a request from the relevant NF for this specific purpose. MERs obtained at the specific targeted national Events will only count for upgrade in the same year and not for Athletes categorisation.

The application must be sent a minimum of 4 weeks before the Event. An FEI Level 3 Technical Delegate must function at the Event taking responsibility for the technical standards/level of the Competition and must report to the FEI (TD report) including full results.

**Unified Format:**

CCI1* - Intro	All Athletes	NF requirements only
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## 521 Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Championships & Games

For Championships & Games all Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs) must be achieved as a combination and must be clear on the obstacles of the Cross Country Test. The 1st activation of a frangible /deformable device (11 penalties) will still allow a MER.

This includes MER obtained as per NF Requirements

CH 2*	1 CCI2*-L
CH 3*	1 CCI3*-L
CH 4*	1 CCI4*-L
W-CH & Olympic Games	1 CCI5*-L or (1 CCI4*-L + 1 CCI4*-S)

For the valid period of obtaining a minimum eligibility, refer to article above: Minimum Eligibility Requirement Validity period.

Qualification for Young Horse Championships will be established separately by the Eventing Committee on an annual basis.

## 522 Reverse Qualification

### 522.1 Reverse Qualification – Horse

A reverse qualification is the obligation for a Horse to show restored competence at a lower level (MER) after a number of unsuccessful attempts at a certain level. Reverse qualification only applies to the Horse.

A reverse qualification is triggered

- by two (2) consecutive Cross Country eliminations
- or
- a total of three (3) Cross Country eliminations within a twelve (12) months rolling period of time in international Competitions.

For this purpose the relevant reasons of elimination on Cross Country would be:

- a) Three (3) refusals
- b) Fall of Horse or Athlete
- c) Dangerous riding

Reverse qualifications remain unless cleared by a MER.

In the case of a reverse qualification at certain level the Horse must obtain a Minimum Eligibility Requirement in an international Competition at a lower level before being allowed to compete again at the original level (e.g. Horse with 2 eliminations at 3 star level (any format) must obtain MER at 2 star level (any format) before going back to 3 star level (any format).

If a reverse qualification is triggered by eliminations that occur at different levels (any format), then the Horse must obtain a MER at the level below (any format) the highest level of Competition at which an elimination occurred.

If a reverse qualification is triggered following eliminations at 1 star level or 2 star level (any format) then the NF must assess the Horse and provide a written report to the FEI Eventing Department before the Horse may again take part in any international Eventing Competition.



## **522.2 Reverse Qualification - Athlete**

In addition to the above, should an Athlete be fully involved with two (2) reverse qualifications within a twelve (12) months rolling period of time, his category (Art 519) will drop down one (1) level for one (1) year, as of the date of the second reverse qualification.

## Chapter 6 ATHLETES AND HORSES WELFARE

### 523 Athletes Welfare

#### 523.1 Medical Information

To ensure that vital information is available to first aid or medical personnel in case of emergency, athletes must comply with the following:

- a) Providing a valid contact information is mandatory for all Athletes.  
The telephone number of an accompanying person/next-of-kin must be provided to the Event secretariat upon arrival (OC and medical officer to ensure all information has been received before the Cross Country).
- b) Declaration of medical condition  
Athletes with medical conditions that may be relevant in the case of a medical emergency are responsible, at every Event when riding, for wearing a medical data carrier\* from a system provider able to communicate information at least in English. Alternatively (and at the minimum) a medical armband of good quality can be used. Athletes who chose to wear an armband should download and fill the form available for this purpose on the FEI's website.

*\* Medical data carrier (also called "medical identification tag"): small emblem or tag worn on a bracelet, neck chain, or on the clothing, intended to alert paramedics/physicians/first responders that the wearer has an important medical condition.*

Conditions that are relevant include recent head injury, serious past injuries/surgery, chronic health problems such as diabetes, long-term medications and allergies. If in doubt, the Athlete should discuss this with his own treating physician.

#### 523.2 Medical Fitness

If there is any doubt with regard to fitness to compete of an Athlete the Ground Jury, in consultation with the Official Medical Officer, may, at its own discretion, eliminate the Athlete and decide also about his ineligibility to take part in any other Competition at that Event.

Any such elimination must be reported to the FEI through the Technical Delegate report.

#### 523.3 Examination After a Fall

All Athletes that have had a fall during training on the Competition site or in Competition must be examined by the Official Medical Officer before they either take part in another test, Competition or leave the venue. The Athlete is fully responsible for ensuring that this examination takes place.

Any Athlete who leaves the venue after a fall without submitting to the examination required under this Article will automatically be issued a Yellow Warning Card for incorrect behaviour, which will be delivered to his or her National Federation.

#### 523.4 Concussion

When an Athlete has an accident that results in concussion, the Athlete must be eliminated from the Competition and is ineligible to take part in any other Competition at that Event.

### 524 Horses Welfare

The FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse should be respected at all times including and not limited to during training, preparation, travel competition, recovery and otherwise.

## **524.1 Veterinary Examination on Arrival**

This takes place on the arrival of Horses at the Event. It is performed by the Veterinary Delegate or their deputy, who must be a qualified veterinarian. The object is to establish: first each Horse's identity, vaccination history (vaccination, etc.) other passport details and second, each Horse's state of health.

The Organising Committee must fix the place and timetable for this examination in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate and inform the Chefs d'Equipe and/or the Athletes in advance.

Doubtful cases must be reported to the Ground Jury or Appeal Committee as appropriate, as soon as practicable and, normally, before the first Horse Inspection.

## **524.2 Horse Inspections**

The Horse Inspections shall be open to viewing by the public.

### **524.2.1 First Horse Inspection**

This takes place before the Dressage Test, not more than 24 hours prior to the beginning of the Dressage test. It is conducted by the Ground Jury and the Veterinary Delegate acting together as an Inspection Panel with the President of the Ground Jury in charge.

The Horses, presented by their respective Athlete, must be inspected in hand, at rest and in movement on a firm level, clean but not slippery surface.

The Inspection Panel has the right and the duty to eliminate from the Competition any Horse that they judge is unfit, whether on account of lameness, lack of condition or for any other reason.

In the case that the fitness to compete is questionable the Ground Jury may refer the Horse to the Holding box for examination by the Holding Box Veterinarian.

Should the Athlete decide to present the Horse for Re-inspection, the Holding Box Veterinarian will report any findings to the Inspection Panel prior to the Horse being re-inspected.

Horses in the Holding Box will be under the supervision and control of a Steward and the Holding Box Veterinarian.

In the Event of equality of votes within the Inspection Panel, the President of the Ground Jury will have a second and casting vote, and the decision will be announced immediately.

### **524.2.2 Second Horse Inspection**

This takes place before the Jumping Test. It is conducted by the same Inspection Panel and under the same conditions as the first Horse Inspection.

### **524.2.3 Option for Horse Inspection at Short Competitions (CCI-S)**

At a short Competition the First Horse Inspection is optional, however if one is to be held the details must be published in the schedule of the Competition.

In the Event that there is no First Horse Inspection, an FEI Official Veterinarian must assess the Horse's fitness to compete including a brief trot within the Examination on Arrival pursuant to 524.1 of these Eventing rules. Horses deemed by the FEI Official Veterinarian to be unfit to compete must be reported to the Ground Jury.

In a short format competition the Second Horse Inspection will be compulsory if the Jumping Test is the last test.

## **524.3 Horse Welfare During the Competition**

At any time during the Competition, the Ground Jury, in consultation with the Veterinary Delegate, has the right and the duty to eliminate any Horse which, in his opinion, is lame or is unfit to continue.

### **524.3.1 Cross Country - Warm Up**

There will be a veterinarian, appointed by the Organising Committee in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate, near the start of the Cross Country to report any doubtful cases to the Ground Jury.

### **524.3.2 Cross Country - Finishing Area**

A veterinary examination will take place after the Horse has finished the Cross Country. It is conducted by a qualified veterinarian appointed by the Organising Committee in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate.

In addition to carrying out any immediate treatment required by an injured or exhausted Horse, this veterinarian will decide if each Horse:

- a) Is fit to return immediately on foot to its own stable.
- b) Should remain for further treatment before returning to its stable.
- c) Should be transported by vehicle either direct to its stable or to a veterinary hospital.

This veterinarian has no authority to eliminate any Horse from the Competition, but must report any doubtful case of abuse of horse to the Ground Jury and to the Veterinary Delegate.

An Athlete who has retired, has been eliminated or stopped during the Cross Country Test is responsible to make sure his Horse has been checked by the Veterinary Delegate or an appointed veterinarian before leaving the venue.

Any Athlete who leaves the venue without submitting to the veterinary check required under this Article will automatically be issued a Yellow Warning Card for incorrect behaviour, which will be delivered to his or her National Federation.

## **524.4 Appeal**

At the two Horse Inspections and at any time during the Competition where a Horse may be eliminated for Horse welfare reasons, there can be no appeal against the decision of the Ground Jury.

However, if requested, the president must give a reason for the decision.

## **524.5 Equine Anti-doping and Controlled Medication Testing**

Refer to Veterinary Regulations and EADCMRs.

## **525 Dangerous Riding**

### **525.1 Definition**

Any Athlete who, at any time during the Competition deliberately or unintentionally by incompetence is exposing himself, his Horse or any third party to a higher risk than what is strictly inherent to the nature of the Competition will be considered to have acted dangerously and will be penalised accordingly to the severity of the infringement.

Such acts may include without limitation any of the following:

- a) Riding out of control (Horse clearly not responding to the Athletes restraining or driving aids).
- b) Riding fences too fast or too slow.
- c) Repeatedly standing off fences too far (pushing the Horse to the foot of the fence, firing the Horse to the fence).
- d) Repeatedly being ahead or behind the Horse movement when jumping.
- e) Series of dangerous jumps.
- f) Severe lack of responsiveness from the Horse or the Athlete.
- g) Continuing after three clear refusals, a fall, or any form of elimination will entail a Yellow

Warning Card.

- h) Endangering the public in any way (e.g. jumping out of the roped track).
- i) Jumping obstacles not part of the course.
- j) Wilful obstruction of an overtaking Athlete and/or not following the instructions of the Officials causing danger to another Athlete.

Any individual member of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate have the right and the duty to monitor possible cases of dangerous riding and, if appropriate and practical, to stop and eliminate an Athlete on the cross country course for dangerous riding.

If not directly witnessed by the Ground Jury, the incident must be reported as soon as possible to the Ground Jury who will decide if and how to penalise the Athlete.

The President of the Ground Jury can in addition designate one or more assistants (e.g. experienced Eventing Officials who are not in an Official function at the Competition, experienced Athletes or/and trainers not directly involved in the Competition) to help to monitor possible cases of dangerous riding in the cross country.

The President of the Ground Jury will decide their specific role, authority and reporting procedure. It is recommended that these additional Officials be grouped in pairs on the Cross Country course.

### **525.2 Warnings and Penalties**

Different cases of dangerous riding will be dealt with one of the following provisions:

- a) Recorded Warning.
- b) Yellow Warning Card.
- c) 25 penalties.
- d) 25 penalties + Yellow Warning Card.
- e) Elimination.
- f) Elimination + Yellow Warning Card.

25 penalties will count as Cross Country obstacles penalties in the results.

Any of the above sanctions applied must always be reported by the Technical Delegate to the FEI and added on the Athlete sanction list.

### **525.3 Elimination Before Cross Country**

As a preventive risk management measure, the Ground Jury, at any time throughout the Competition, has the right and the duty to eliminate an Athlete to prevent him from starting the Cross Country Test, if there is a serious concern regarding his ability to control the Horse in that test.

Any such elimination must be associated with a Recorded Warning or Yellow Warning Card.

## **526 Abuse of Horse**

### **526.1 Definition**

Abuse of Horse means an action or omission which causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a Horse included but not limited to:

- a) Rapping.
- b) Riding an exhausted Horse.
- c) Excessive pressing of a tired Horse.
- d) Riding an obviously lame Horse.
- e) Excessive use of whip, bit and/or spurs.

f) Horses bleeding on the flank(s) or back indicating excessive use of the whip and/or spurs. If not directly witnessed by the Ground Jury, the incident must be reported as soon as possible to the Ground Jury through the Secretary of the Organising Committee or Cross Country Control Centre as appropriate. Where possible the report should be supported by a statement from one or more witnesses.

The Ground Jury must decide if there is a case to be answered.

### 526.2 Warnings and Penalties

Any act or series of actions that in the opinion of the Ground Jury can be defined as abuse of Horse will be dealt with one or more of the following provisions:

- a) Recorded Warning
- b) Yellow Warning Card.
- c) Elimination.
- d) Fine.
- e) Disqualification.

### 526.3 Use of the Whip

Excessive and/or misuse of the whip maybe considered abuse of Horse and will be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury according to but not limited to the following principles:

- a) The whip is not to be used to vent an Athlete temper.
- b) The whip is not to be used after elimination.
- c) The whip is not to be used after a Horse has jumped the last fence on a course.
- d) The whip is not to be used overhand, (i.e. a whip in the right hand being used on the left flank).
- e) The whip is not to be used on a Horse head.
- f) The whip is not to be used more than two times for any one incident.
- g) Multiple excessive uses of a whip between fences.
- h) If a Horse's skin is broken or has visible marks the use of whip will always be deemed to be excessive.

### 526.4 Blood on Horses

Blood on Horses must be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury. Not all cases of blood will lead to elimination.

**Dressage Test:** If the Ground Jury suspects bleeding on the Horse during the test, he will stop the Horse to check. If the Horse shows fresh blood, it will be eliminated. The elimination is final. If the Judge through examination clarifies that the Horse has no fresh blood, the Horse may resume and finish its test (refer to article 430 of the FEI Dressage Rules).

**Cross Country Test:** For the Cross Country Test, all blood on the horse, if induced by athlete (spurs, bit, and whip), must be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury. Non-minor cases of blood will result in Elimination. In minor cases of blood in the mouth, such as where a Horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip, or fresh bleeding, after investigation in consultation with the Veterinarian, the Ground Jury may authorise the Athlete to continue.

**Jumping Test:** Horses with blood on the flank(s) and/or bleeding in the mouth will be eliminated. In minor cases of blood, such as where a Horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip, Officials may authorize the rinsing or wiping of the mouth and allow the Athlete to continue; any further evidence of blood in the mouth will result in Elimination (refer article 241).

For all minor cases (\*) of blood induced by the Athlete in the mouth or related to spurs a Recorded Warning will be issued by the Ground Jury after providing the Athlete the opportunity to have a hearing.

(\*)The cases indicating Abuse of Horse will be dealt with according to the provision of Art. 526.2 (Abuse of Horse – Warnings and Penalties).

## 527 Yellow Warning Cards and Recorded Warning

The following actions will automatically result in the following sanction for the Athlete:

- 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).
- 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.

Before issuing a Yellow Warning card or a "Recorded Warning", the Ground Jury has the duty to hear the Athlete, if available. At any time, the Athlete has the right to seek out the Ground Jury for any explanation related to the Yellow Warning Card.

If after reasonable efforts the Athlete cannot be notified during the Period of the Event that s/he has received a Yellow Warning Card, the Athlete must be notified in writing within fourteen (14) days of the Event.

In the case of a Yellow Warning Card being issued, after the decision of the Ground Jury, a notice stating the name of the Athlete and the reason of the warning must be posted on the Official notice board.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the General Regulations, should the same Person Responsible receive one more Yellow Warning Card at the same or any other international Event within one year of the delivery of the first Yellow Warning Card for the same offence, the Person Responsible shall automatically be suspended for a period of four months after official notification from FEI Secretary General.

## Chapter 7 GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

### 528 Classification

#### 528.1 Individual Classification

##### 528.1.1 Dressage Test

Each Athlete's good marks awarded by the Judges are converted into penalty points. They are recorded and published after the test for inclusion in the Dressage and final classification.

##### 528.1.2 Cross Country Test

Each Athlete's penalties for faults at obstacles are added to the penalties for excess time and to any other penalty that he may have incurred on Cross Country. They are recorded and published after the test for inclusion in the Cross Country and final classification.

##### 528.1.3 Jumping Test

Each Athlete's penalties for faults at obstacles are added to the penalties that he may have incurred for excess time. They are recorded and published after the test for inclusion in the Jumping and final classification.

##### 528.1.4 Elimination

Elimination from one of the tests entails immediate elimination from the Competition.

##### 528.1.5 Final Classification

The winner is the Athlete with the lowest total of penalty points from the three tests.

##### 528.1.6 Final Classification Tie (Individual)

In the Event of equality between two or more Athletes, the classification is decided by:

- a) The best cross-country score including penalties for faults at obstacles, time penalties and any other penalty that he may have incurred on the Cross Country Test.
- b) If there is still equality, the classification is decided in favour of the Athlete whose cross-country time was closest to the optimum time.
- c) If there is still equality, the Athlete with the best Jumping score including penalties at obstacles and time penalties.
- d) If there is still equality, the Athlete with the fastest time in the Jumping Test.
- e) If there is still equality, the classification will be decided in favour of the Athlete with the best Overall Impression of Athlete & Horse mark in the Dressage Test.
- f) If there is still equality the tie will remain in the final classification.

#### 528.2 Team Classification

##### 528.2.1 Final Classification

Teams will consist of either three or four Athletes.

The winning team is the team with the lowest total of penalty points, after adding together the individual final scores of the three highest placed Athletes in the team.

For the purposes of the final team classification only, a team member who fails for any reason to complete the Competition will be awarded 1000 penalty points.

##### 528.2.2 Final Classification Tie (Team)

In the Event of equality between any two or more teams, the classification will be decided by the best combined highest three placing.



### 528.3 Disqualification

Disqualification means that the Athlete, the Horse(s), and/or a combination of both is/are disqualified from the Competition at issue or from the entire Event. Disqualification may also be retroactive.

Disqualification in Eventing can apply during the Competition at the discretion of the Ground Jury:

- a) For the most serious cases of abuse of Horse.
- b) For the most serious cases of Athletes misbehaviour.

Disqualification in Eventing will apply automatically after the Competition:

- a) For having participated in a Competition without the appropriate eligibility requirements (Athlete or Horse).
- b) For having participated in a Competition without the appropriate registration (Athlete or Horse.)

#### 528.3.1 Positive Test(s) for Substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substance list of an Athlete or Horse (refer the FEI EADCMRs and ADRHA)

### 529 Declaration of Starters

The declaration of starters will take place at a time to be announced by the Organising Committee. It will be after Athletes have inspected the Cross Country and after the first Horse Inspection.

If there is only an individual classification, the Organising Committee may announce that presentation at the first Horse Inspection will be assumed to be a declaration to start.

If there is a team classification, the Chefs d'Equipe must declare, in writing, the composition of the team, the starting order of the Athletes within the team and, in the case of a team with three members, which starting position shall remain vacant.

If an Athlete has presented at the first Horse Inspection more Horses than he is allowed to ride, he, or his Chef d'Equipe where applicable, must declare in writing the names of the Horse or Horses definitely starting.

If for the same level there are two or more sections the Athletes with more than one Horse have the right to have their Horses split between sections. The procedure by which Athletes are divided between sections must be specified in the Schedule.

### 530 Substitutions

#### 530.1 CIs

After the closing date for entries only properly qualified Athlete/Horses, subject to the agreement of the Organising Committee, can be substituted up to one hour before the first Horse Inspection (if not applicable two hours before the start of the Dressage Test).

#### 530.2 CIOs and Championships

After the declaration of starters, a change in the composition of a team must comply with the following:

- a) The substitution must be made at least two hours before the first Athlete is scheduled to perform his Dressage Test on the day on which the Athlete in question has been drawn to take part.
- b) In the Event of an accident or illness of an Athlete, a certificate from an officially recognised doctor must be presented.

- c) In the Event of lameness or illness of a Horse, permission from the Veterinary Delegate must be obtained.
- d) The Technical Delegate, in consultation with the Ground Jury, must approve the substitution.

### **531 Draw**

#### **531.1 Approval of Method of Draw**

The method of draw must be approved by the Technical Delegate having consulted, if possible, with the Ground Jury. He may also approve rearrangement of the order or number of blocks of teams or individual Athletes where the number of Athletes makes it necessary.

#### **531.2 CIs**

If there is only an Individual Competition, the draw will be conducted by the Organising Committee and will decide the starting order published in the programme.

#### **531.3 CIOs and Championships**

If there is a Team and an Individual Classification the draw will take place to determine the order of countries for the first and second Horse Inspection. This order is also the team running order for the Dressage and Cross Country Tests.

This draw will take place prior to the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chefs d'Equipe. All countries participating in the Competition, whether by teams or individuals, will be included in this draw.

### **532 Allocation of Starting Positions (CIOs and Championships)**

If there is a Team and an Individual Classification the allocation of the starting positions for all Athletes in the Competition will be made after the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chefs d'Equipe, according to the following method.

The total starting places will be divided into eight blocks (A to H) and the Athletes will be allocated to each block as follows:

- a) Block A - first Athlete in each team
- b) Block B - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- c) Block C - second Athlete in each team
- d) Block D - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- e) Block E - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- f) Block F - third Athlete in each team
- g) Block G - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- h) Block H - fourth Athlete in each team

#### **532.1 Team Members Positions**

The team members positions will be filled first according to the draw of countries (art. 531.3) and the starting order within each team previously declared, after the Horse Inspection, by its Chef d'Equipe. The Chef d'Equipe of a team with only three members must declare which starting position shall remain vacant.

#### **532.2 Individuals Positions**

The individuals positions will then be determined as follows:

- a) Athletes with one Horse in the Team Competition, second Horses will be placed by the Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of Block G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (art. 531.3).
- b) Athletes with two Horses in the Individual Competition will be placed by Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of Block B and G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (art. 531.3). Only one such Athlete's Horses may be placed by a Chef d'Equipe until his turn in the sequence recurs.
- c) Athletes with one Horse in the Individual Competition without a representative team will be placed by the Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of blocks B, D, E, or G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (art. 531.3).
- d) Athletes with one Horse in the Individual Competition with a representative team will be placed by the Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of blocks B, D, E, or G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (art. 531.3).

More than one member of a team will be permitted to ride two Horses only if there are enough Athletes in the Event to allow both Horses to be fitted into the time schedule in accordance with the above paragraph.

### **533 Starting Order**

#### **533.1 Long Competitions**

##### **533.1.1 Dressage and Cross Country Tests**

The drawn starting order will be used for both these tests.

##### **533.1.2 Jumping Test**

The starting order must follow the reverse order of classification at the end of the Cross Country Test (i.e. the lowest placed Athlete will start first, and the last Athlete to jump will be the one placed highest).

#### **533.2 Short Competitions**

##### **533.2.1 Dressage and Jumping Tests**

The drawn starting order will used for both these tests.

##### **533.2.2 Cross Country Test**

At the discretion of the Organising Committee:

- a) May follow the same draw starting order of the Dressage and Jumping Tests.
- b) May be run in reverse order of classification for the best 25 percent of competitors. The same draw starting order of the Dressage and Jumping Tests will be followed for the remaining competitors.

If two Horses ridden by the same Athlete are classified too close to each other, the starting order of the lower placed one must be adjusted.

##### **533.2.3 Athletes with multiple rides**

An athlete with multiple rides cannot change the relative order of his horses. However, if required by the timetable and agreed by the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate, he may start one or more horses at other than the normally scheduled starting time for both Jumping and Cross Country tests.

### **534 Timetable**

#### **534.1 Dressage Test**

A timetable showing each Athlete's starting time for the Dressage Test will be available to each

Athlete. The interval between starting times will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee, with the approval of the Technical Delegate.

### **534.2 Cross-Country Test**

A timetable, showing each Athlete's starting time must be available to each Athlete no later than one hour after the end of the Dressage Test.

The interval between starting times will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee, with the approval of the Technical Delegate.

### **534.3 Jumping Test**

A time schedule showing the start and the approximate finish of the Jumping Test shall be published. If the time schedule is split, for example between morning and afternoon sessions, the number of Athletes that will jump in the second session shall be noted.

### **534.4 Minimum Interval Between Tests**

If the Cross Country Test takes place before the Jumping Test, the minimum interval between Tests must be 60 minutes.

## **535 Exercising and Warming Up**

### **535.1 Identification Number**

Upon arrival, each Horse is issued with an identification number, which must be worn at all times. It may be replaced by the draw number, which must then be worn until the end of the Competition.

Failure to display either number incurs first a warning and, in the case of a repeated offence, a fine imposed on the Athlete by the Ground Jury.

### **535.2 Restrictions on Schooling Horses**

#### **535.2.1 Period of Restriction**

During the three days before the start of the first Horse Inspection or the Dressage Test, as applicable, and for the entire duration of the Competition it is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, for anyone to school a Horse other than the Athlete who will ride the Horse in the Competition.

#### **535.2.2 Hacking and Exercising**

A groom, while mounted, is not permitted to school the Horse but only to hack it, or ride it on long reins. A groom may also work the Horse on the lunge.

#### **535.2.3 Forbidden Areas**

Under penalty of elimination, riding close to Cross Country obstacles, or riding in the dressage or jumping arenas prior to the actual Competition is forbidden, unless specifically authorised by the Ground Jury or the Technical Delegate.

### **535.3 Exercise Areas**

Appropriate areas suitable for the general exercise of Horses must be made available by the Organising Committee and must be open throughout the hours of daylight.

The Organising Committee must inform Athletes of the areas that are available for this purpose. Horses may be exercised only in such designated areas and/or in the practice and warm areas up for Dressage, Cross Country and Jumping.

### **535.4 Practice Areas**

#### **535.4.1 Practice Dressage Areas**

At least one dressage practice arena of 60 by 20 meters must be put at the disposal of the Athletes two days before the first day of the Dressage Test. If possible, this arena should be of the same footing as the Competition arena.

#### **535.4.2 Practice Jumping Areas**

The Organising Committee must provide one or more practice areas with both fixed and knock down obstacles. The following will apply:

- a) The only practice obstacles that Athletes may jump are those provided by the Organising Committee.
- b) All obstacles must be marked with red and white flags.
- c) The practice obstacles shall only be jumped at times laid down by the Organising Committee.
- d) The Organising Committee must provide at least two fixed cross country practice obstacles
- e) The dimensions of any fixed practice obstacle, either in the practice or warm up areas, may never exceed those of the relevant Cross Country Test.
- f) The knock down obstacles, either in Cross Country or Jumping practice / warm up areas may never be raised more than 10 centimetres above the maximum height permitted by the relevant Test and the spread may never exceed the maximum permitted by the relevant Test.
- g) No part of a knock down obstacle may ever be held by anyone.

### **535.5 Warm Up Areas**

Warm up areas must be provided by the Organising Committee in the vicinity of the relevant Competition arenas for the Dressage and Jumping Tests and close to the start for the Cross Country Test.

Warm up areas may be the same of the practice areas if the dimensions, layout and quality of the footing can allow for it with the following minimum requirements.

#### **535.5.1 Dressage**

At least one practice arena of 60 by 20 meters must be put at the disposal of the Athlete next to compete.

#### **535.5.2 Cross Country**

At least two fixed or knock down obstacles marked with red and white flags.

#### **535.5.3 Jumping**

At least two knock down obstacles marked with red and white flags.

### **535.6 Dressage Familiarization**

#### **535.6.1 Dressage familiarization**

In order to familiarize the Horse with the Competition arena prior to the Dressage Test, Athletes and Grooms may, if conditions and the timetable allow, be permitted at a time agreed by the Organising Committee to walk and lead the Horse on a long rein outside the boards of the Competition arena.

In the case of all-weather surfaces the Organising Committee may, if timetable allows, permit schooling inside (with Athletes only) and/or outside the boards.

### **535.7 Stewarding**

One or more Stewards must be appointed to ensure that the rules regarding exercising and

warming up are obeyed.

The jumping obstacles can only be used if supervised by a Steward.

Other practice and exercise areas may be patrolled by Stewards in a random manner. Violation of any of the provisions relating to practice obstacles is forbidden under penalty of elimination.

### **536 Access to Courses and Arenas**

#### **536.1 Dressage Arena**

Unless permission is given by the Ground Jury, it is forbidden for Athletes, under penalty of elimination, to enter the arena mounted at any time other than when performing their test during the Competition. The arena may be inspected on foot prior to the start or during breaks in the Competition.

##### **536.1.1**

In Eventing, it is not compulsory to close the Dressage arena.

#### **536.2 Cross Country Course**

It is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, to the Athletes to inspect the obstacles or the course before it is officially open.

##### **536.2.1 Opening Time**

The Cross Country Course will be opened to all Athletes at the latest the day before the Cross Country Test. After the course has been officially opened Athletes are allowed to revisit the course and examine the obstacles during the hours of daylight. This examination must take place on foot only unless special permission is given by the Ground Jury.

##### **536.2.2 Flags and Markers**

All obstacles, flags and markers must be exactly in position when the course is opened to Athletes. They may not be moved or altered by Athletes under penalty of elimination.

#### **536.3 Jumping Course**

The course for the Jumping Test will be open to Athletes not less than 15 minutes before the start of the Jumping Test. Permission to enter the arena will be given by the Ground Jury and an announcement must be made over the public address system.

Athletes will be only admitted to inspect the course on foot between the opening of the course and the start of the Jumping Test.

Unless special permission is given by the Ground Jury, it is forbidden for Athletes, under penalty of elimination, to enter the arena on foot once the Jumping Test has started.

### **537 Interruptions and Modifications**

#### **537.1 Interruptions**

The timetable may be interrupted due to dangerous conditions. If necessary, the start of any test or phase may be interrupted, postponed or cancelled.

The decision to interrupt, postpone or cancel a test will be made by the President of the Ground Jury, if possible, after consultation with the other members of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate.

In the case of an interruption, the Competition will be resumed as soon as possible at the point of the interruption. Every affected Athlete must receive sufficient warning before the resumption of the Competition.

### **537.2 Modifications**

After the courses have been officially shown to the Athletes, alterations may be made only in exceptional circumstances and/or when specifically requested by the Athlete representative or Chef d'Equipes and agreed by the Ground Jury in consultation with the Technical Delegate and Course Designer.

Any such modification must be notified to the Athletes at the Cross Country briefing.

After the Cross Country Test has started alterations may be made only when exceptional circumstances (such as heavy rain or hot weather) make obstacles or a test unfair or dangerous.

The decision will be taken by the President of the Ground Jury after consultation, if possible, with the other members of the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate.

In such cases, the Chefs d'Equipe and every Athlete must be officially and personally informed of the alteration before the start of the phase or the test concerned. Where appropriate, an Official must also be stationed at the place where the alteration has been made in order to warn the Athletes.

### **538 Dress**

#### **538.1 General**

Whist riding in Competition, Athletes must ensure that long hair is tied and neat.

##### **538.1.1 Protective Headgear**

While riding on the show grounds, the use of a properly fastened Protective Headgear will be mandatory Protective headgear must comply with any of the European (EN), British (PAS), North American (ASTM), Australian/New Zealand tested standards applicable at the time of the competition.

Failure to wear such Protective Headgear where and when required after being notified to do so by an Official, shall result in a Yellow Warning Card, being issued to the Athlete unless exceptional circumstances apply.

As an exception, Senior Athletes may be allowed to remove their Headgear while accepting prizes or during the national anthem. It is recommended that Athletes not remove their Headgear during the lap of honour.

##### **538.1.2 Whips**

- a) Training - A whip no longer than one 120 centimetres including lash is allowed when riding on the flat at any time. A whip no longer than 75 centimetres and not weighted at the end is allowed while jumping any obstacle.
- b) Horse Inspections - A whip no longer than 120 centimetres including lash is allowed at the Horse Inspections.
- c) Dressage Test - A whip is not allowed entering the space around the arena and-during the Test.
- d) Cross Country and Jumping Tests - A whip no longer than 75 centimetres and not weighted at the end is allowed during these tests.

##### **538.1.3 Spurs**

- a) General - Spurs are optional for all three Tests. Spurs capable of wounding a Horse are forbidden. Spurs must be of smooth material (metal or plastic). If there is a shank it must not be more than four centimetres long (the overall shank must be measured from the boot to the end of the spur) and must point only towards the rear. The end of the shank must be blunt to prevent wounding a Horse. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards. Metal or plastic spurs with round hard plastic or metal knobs "Impulse spurs" and "Dummy spurs" with no shank are allowed.

- b) Rowel Spurs - Spurs with rowels are allowed in the three Tests and when practising/warming up. If they are used, rowels must be free to rotate and the rowel must be round and smooth (no tines allowed). For pony competition, rowel spurs are not allowed for all tests.

### **538.1.4 Boots**

Boots worn during the Dressage and Jumping Tests (other than as part of regulation service dress) must be black, brown or black with a brown top.

## **538.2 Dressage Test**

### **538.2.1 Civilian**

Hunting dress or uniform of a riding club; white shirt and tie; gloves; white, fawn or cream breeches; long riding boots (or short boots with matching full grain smooth leather chaps); hunting cap, protective headgear or top hat.

At CCIs–S 1, 2&3 star level civilian may also wear a tweed jacket with fawn or beige breeches and black or brown boots.

Please refer to Dressage Rules in regard to use of protective headgear and top hat/bowler, as well as entering the arena with whip, with boots on Horse's leg or with discrepancy in dress.

### **538.2.2 Members and employees of military establishments and national studs**

Service dress and gloves, regulation headgear are compulsory for members and employees of military establishments and national studs.

Please refer to Dressage Rules in regard to use of protective headgear and top hat/bowler.

## **538.3 Cross-Country Test**

Body protectors are compulsory for this Test, including when schooling over Cross-Country fences, at any time.

## **538.4 Jumping Test**

### **538.4.1 Civilian**

Hunting dress or uniform of a riding club; white shirt and tie; white, fawn or cream breeches; boots are compulsory for this Test. At CCI1\*-Intro and CCI2\*-L and 3\*-L level civilian may also wear a tweed jacket with fawn or beige breeches and black or brown boots.

### **538.4.2 Members of Armed and Police Forces**

Service dress are compulsory for members and employees of military establishments and national studs.

## **538.5 Inspection of Dress**

A Steward can be appointed to inspect whips, spurs and item of dress before any Test.

He has the authority to refuse permission to start for any Athlete, whose whip or spurs contravene articles 538.1.3 and 538.1.2. He will immediately report the circumstances to the Ground Jury for confirmation.

An Athlete who competes with illegal whip(s), spurs or incorrect items of dress is liable to elimination, at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

## **539 Saddlery / Dress**

Please also refer to FAQ guidelines on Tack, Equipment and Dress for latest clarifications, published on the FEI website. See also Art. 538.2.1.



### 539.1 Training and Exercising

#### 539.1.1 Compulsory

An English type saddle and any form of bridle, including double bridle, snaffle, gag or hackamores are compulsory.

#### 539.1.2 Permitted

Running martingales, Irish martingales, bit guards, boots, bandages, fly shields, nose covers and saddle covers are permitted.

#### 539.1.3 Permitted for Lunging

Single direct side reins are permitted only while lunging (only with one lunge line) as are running reins and chambons.

#### 539.1.4 Forbidden

Other martingales, any other kind of gadget (such as bearing, side or balancing reins, etc.) and any form of blinkers, are forbidden under penalty of elimination.

### 539.2 Dressage Test

#### 539.2.1 Compulsory

An English type saddle and a permitted bridle are compulsory.

#### 539.2.2 Permitted

- a) A double bridle with cavesson noseband i.e. bridoon and curb with curb chain (made of metal or leather or a combination), (Cover for curb "chain" can be made of leather, rubber or sheep skin) is permitted, as authorized in Annex A. Double bridle is not allowed for one and two star level CCIs-L and S. Bridoon and curb must be made of metal and/or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber/latex. The lever arm of the curb bit is limited to ten centimetres (10 cm) (length below the mouth piece). The upper cheek must not be longer than the lower cheek. If the curb has a sliding mouthpiece, the lever arm of the curb bit below the mouth piece should not measure more than ten centimetres (10 cm) when the mouth piece is at the uppermost position. Curb "chain" can be made of metal or leather or a combination. Cover for curb "chain" can be made of leather, rubber or sheep skin. The diameter of the mouthpiece of the bridoon and/or curb must be such so as not to hurt the Horse. Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be twelve millimetres (12 mm) for curb bit and ten millimetres (10 mm) for bridoon bit.
- b) A snaffle bridle of which the bit is made of metal, rubber or plastic material is also permitted as authorised in Annex A. Snaffles are permitted and must have a minimum diameter of fourteen millimetres (14 mm). For Ponies the minimum diameter shall be ten millimetres (10 mm). The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece. The reins must be attached to the bit.
- c) The bridle must be made entirely of leather, except for a small disc of sheepskin, which may be used under the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.
- d) A breast plate may be used.
- e) 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 (with the exception of prize giving ceremonies). The ear hoods should be discreet in colour and design. Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband.

**Note:** For sponsor logo and national identification on Ear hoods - see General Regulations art. 135.

For drawings of permitted bits and nosebands, see Annex A – Saddlery, table Bits and table Nosebands. Certain tests may specify that only a snaffle bridle is allowed.

### **539.2.3 Forbidden**

Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, etc.), any form of blinkers, earplugs, nose covers and saddle covers, are under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden.

False tails are permitted provided they are not weighted or otherwise enhanced in any way whatsoever.

### **539.3 Cross Country and Jumping Tests**

#### **539.3.1 Permitted**

The type of saddlery is optional. Gags or "bitless bridles" 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.

#### **539.3.2 Forbidden**

Any form of blinkers, side, running or balancing reins; tongue straps and/or tying down the Horse's tongue; any other restrictions, any bit or other item of saddlery likely to wound a Horse. Sheepskin (or other material) may not be used as addition on cheek pieces of the bridle.

For Cross Country, any device which does not allow an immediate and unrestricted separation of the Athlete's boot from the stirrup in case of a fall is forbidden.

Neck straps, if used on Cross Country, must be attached either to the breastplate or to the saddle.

For Cross Country, hackamores without bits are not allowed and the lower cheek (lever arm) may not exceed 10 cm on any bit.

#### **539.3.3 Jumping Test - Boots**

For the Jumping Test, the total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be added to a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings etc), is five hundred (500) grams (shoe excluded).

For Young Horses Competition with regard to boots on hind legs the Jumping Rules (Art.257.2.4) will apply.

Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur elimination.

### **539.4 Inspection of Saddlery**

A Steward can be appointed to check the saddlery of each Horse before it enters the arena or starts a test.

In the Dressage Test the checking of the bridle must be done with the greatest caution.

If the Athlete so requests, the bridle and bit may be checked immediately after the test has been completed. However, should the bridle or bit in such a case be found not to be permitted, the Athlete will be eliminated.

## **540 Unauthorised Assistance**

Any intervention by a third party, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Athlete or of helping his Horse, is considered unauthorised assistance and the Athlete is liable to be eliminated at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

Officials or spectators who draw the attention of an Athlete to a deviation from the course will be considered giving unauthorised assistance which may result in the elimination of the Athlete.

In particular in the Cross Country Test the following will be considered unauthorised assistance:

- a) To take intentionally a lead from another Athlete.
- b) To be followed, preceded or accompanied, on any part of the course, by any vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian, or Horseman not in the Competition.
- c) To post friends at certain points to call directions or make signals in passing.
- d) To have someone at an obstacle to encourage the Horse by any means whatsoever.
- e) To tamper with the obstacles or any part of the course, including, for instance, flags, indicators, markers, notices, ropes, trees, branches, wire or fences, whether temporary or permanent.

### **540.1 Exceptions**

- a) Whip, headgear or spectacles may be handed to an Athlete without dismounting during the Cross Country Test.
- b) An Athlete, after having knocked a flag at an obstacle as a consequence of a run out, may ask the fence Judge for the flag to be repositioned, but no time will be deducted.

### **540.2 Receiving Apparatus / Cameras**

The use of any receiving apparatus by Athletes is strictly forbidden while mounted during the test.

Automatic recording of data during the test (e.g. heart beat monitoring, temperature, etc.) to be used for research purposes after the completion of the test is allowed.

For use of cameras on athletes or equipment – see General Regulations. For FEI Named-Events request for use of cameras must be approved by FEI HQ, request for approval for other events must be reviewed by the Technical Delegate in consultation with the Organiser.

## **541 Advertising and Publicity on Athletes and Horses**

Subject to the provisions of article 135 General Regulations, the manufacturer logo can appear, specifically for Eventing: at all Events, except Regional and Olympic Games under the patronage of the IOC, Athletes may wear clothing and use equipment (including, but not limited to, riding equipment) which identify the manufacturer, the Athlete's sponsor(s), the Athlete's team sponsor(s), the National Federation's sponsor(s), the Athlete's nation, and/or the Athlete himself, but only under the specific conditions set forth below.

### **541.1 Identification of a Non-Sponsor Manufacturer**

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies names or logos identifying a non-sponsoring manufacturer of the clothing, and equipment may appear only once per item of clothing, and/or equipment and solely on a surface area not exceeding: - three square centimetres (3 cm<sup>2</sup>) for clothing and equipment

### **541.2 Identification of a Sponsor**

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), his team sponsor(s) and/or his National Federation's sponsor(s) may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

- a) Two hundred square centimetres (200 cm<sup>2</sup>) on each side of saddle cloth;
- b) Eighty square centimetres (80 cm<sup>2</sup>) on each of the two sides of jackets or top garment at the height of breast pockets for Jumping Events, Dressage Events and for Jumping and Dressage Tests of Eventing;
- c) Eighty square centimetres (80 cm<sup>2</sup>) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches during the Dressage, Cross-Country and Jumping tests of Eventing. In any case, the surface area on the riding breeches should be dedicated to the visibility of the following only: the Athlete's name, identification of the Athlete's nationality, the name

- and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), his team sponsor(s) and/or his National Federation's sponsor(s);
- d) Sixteen square centimetres (16 cm<sup>2</sup>) on both sides of the shirt collar;
  - e) Either two hundred square centimetres (200 cm<sup>2</sup>) on one arm of jackets or top garment or one hundred square centimetres (100 cm<sup>2</sup>) on each arm of jackets or top garment for the Cross-Country tests of Eventing
  - f) One hundred twenty five square centimetres (125 cm<sup>2</sup>) vertically in the middle of the hard hat for the Jumping and Cross-Country tests of Eventing;
  - g) Seventy five square centimetres (75 cm<sup>2</sup>) for the logo on ear hoods in Dressage, Jumping and Cross Country Tests of Eventing.

### **541.3 Use at FEI Championships**

Notwithstanding the above, OCs of FEI Championships may prohibit such names and logos in the schedule, with the exception of the names and logos of the team sponsors and/or of the National Federation sponsor(s) under the limitations as set forth in Article 135.2.2.1 of the General Regulations.

### **541.4 OC Sponsor**

The OC may display the name and/or logo of a Competition and/or Event sponsor(s) on members of the OC crew present in the Competition area and on numbers present on front and back of the bibs worn by Athletes during the Cross-Country tests of Eventing, as well as on stable rugs when they are in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies at all FEI Events. The size of name and/or logo on Athlete's number shall not exceed 100 cm<sup>2</sup>.

### **541.5 Athlete's National Identification**

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name or logo of the Athlete's nation, its national symbol and/or its national flag, and/or the Athlete's National Federation logo or name may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

- a) A reasonable size on each of the two (2) sides of jackets or top garment, at the height of breast pockets and on the collar for Jumping and Dressage Tests of Eventing.
- b) Two hundred square centimetres (200 cm<sup>2</sup>) on each side of saddle cloth.
- c) Either two hundred square centimetres (200 cm<sup>2</sup>) on one arm of jackets or top garment or one hundred square centimetres (100 cm<sup>2</sup>) on each arm of jackets or top garment for the Cross-Country tests of Eventing
  - Vertically in the middle part of the hard hat for the Jumping Events;
  - Vertically in the middle part of the protective head gear of Dressage;
  - Vertically in the middle part of the protective head gear of Eventing National colors may appear on the entire surface of such protective headgear.
- d) Seventy five square centimetres (75cm<sup>2</sup>) for the logo on ear hood in Dressage, Jumping and Cross Country Tests of Eventing.

In any case, the Athlete's national identification can be combined in the same surface area with the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), his team sponsor(s) and/or the National Federation's sponsor(s) as long as their presence and visibility are in compliance with the surface areas mentioned in art.135 2.2.1 and 2.3.1 of the General Regulations.

For Championship and Official team competitions Cross Country test, members of the national teams are required to use national identification colours for equipment, dress and saddle pads to clearly identify and differentiate visually the competing countries. Colours and pattern are to be registered in advance with the FEI.

The Athlete's national flag or the Official three letter IOC abbreviation for the nation may appear on the back of the Athlete's jacket for Jumping centred between the shoulders. The top of the flag, or the three letter abbreviation (as applicable) must be placed 4cm below the collar. The flag may not be more than 25cm wide, with a height in proportion to the width; the three letter

IOC abbreviation must appear in standard IOC typeface and not exceed a height of 8 cm.”

**Note 2019:** All Athletes and horses should wear a minimum of one item with national identification per Athlete and Horse

### **541.6 Athlete's Name**

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the Athlete's name may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

- a) Eighty square centimetres (80 cm<sup>2</sup>) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches during the Jumping and Cross Country Tests of Eventing.

### **541.7 National Federation Logo**

Unless otherwise specified in this Article, no advertisement or publicity is permitted on any Athlete, Official, Horse, or riding equipment while present in any Competition area or during the performance. However, Athletes inspecting the course may wear the logo of their sponsor, their team sponsor(s), and/or of their National Federation's sponsor(s) and/or their nationality within a frame not exceeding four hundred square centimetres (400 cm<sup>2</sup>) on the front and back of their top garments and within a frame not exceeding fifty square centimetres (50 cm<sup>2</sup>) on head gear.

### **541.8 Advertising in Field of Play**

Unless otherwise provided in the Sport Rules, advertising may appear on obstacles, fences and on the sides of the arena provided any applicable broadcast, internet, or similar law or agreement permits such advertising.

### **541.9 Definition of competition area**

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the FEI, for the purpose of this Article, the Competition area shall include all areas where the Athlete is being judged or his/her Horse is undergoing a Horse inspection. It shall not include collecting rings and start and finish box.

### **541.10 (as per General Regulations 135.8)**

The Chief Steward is responsible for ensuring that the above provisions are respected by Athletes before entering the arena. Athletes not complying with the above will not be permitted to enter the arena during competition. An official clothing approved by a NF not complying with the requirements of this Article will not be authorised by the FEI.

## Chapter 8 DRESSAGE TEST

### 542 FEI Dressage Rules

The FEI Dressage Rules apply for the Eventing Dressage Test except where otherwise provided in these Eventing Rules. Any modification introduced to the FEI Dressage Rules during the year will be evaluated for inclusion in these Eventing Rules from 1st January the following year.

### 543 Administration

#### 543.1 Type and level of Test

The type and level of the test will be determined by the type and level of the Competition and will, therefore, be related to the quality and the standard of preparation of the Athletes and Horses.

##### 543.1.1 CIs and CIOs

Organising Committees are free to select the specific test to be used within the one shown in Dressage Annex table Dressage Tests according to the level of the Competitions.

##### 543.1.2 Championships and Games

For all Championships and Games the "B" test will be used unless specified differently by the FEI.

#### 543.2 Number of Tests to be judged by day

The Organising Committee may include a maximum of fifty (50) Horses per day to be judged by one Ground Jury, with an additional flexibility of maximum ten (10) percent, if agreed by the Technical Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury.

#### 543.3 Judges Positions

Two of the three Judges must be placed along the short side, on the outside of and five metres from the arena. The president (C) shall be on the prolongation of the centre line, the other (M or H) two point fifty metres from and on the inside of the prolongation of the long sides.

The third Judge will be at either E or B, outside and five to ten metres from the arena. The three positions shall be either C, H, B or C, M, E, as determined by the Technical Delegate, taking into account the test and the position of the sun.

In the case of only two Judges they will be positioned at C and either B or E, as determined by the Technical Delegate, taking into account the test and the position of the sun.

A separate hut must be provided for each Judge. They must be raised not less than fifty (50) centimetres above the ground, in order to give the Judges a good view of the arena.

### 544 Scoring

#### 544.1 Marking

##### 544.1.1 Good Marks

Judges will award good marks from zero to ten (10) including half marks for each numbered movement and for each of the collective marks.

##### 544.1.2

For 4\* Championships and higher level Events, if the score only of the flying changes varies by 3 points or more from the average of the scores of the other judges for the same movement,

the Ground Jury must review the official video after the Dressage test on the same day. Corrections must only be made to the flying change, based on the average of the other two scores.

## **544.2 Calculation of Scores**

### **544.2.1 Good Marks & Errors**

The good marks from zero to ten (10) awarded by each Judge to an Athlete for each numbered movement of the Dressage Test together with the collective marks are added together deducting any error of course or test.

### **544.2.2 Judges Percentages**

For each Judge the percentage of maximum possible good marks obtainable is then calculated. Percentage is obtained dividing total good marks and errors of the Judge by maximum possible good marks obtainable and then multiplying by 100 and rounding the result to two decimal digits. This value is shown as the individual mark for that Judge.

Rounding the result to two decimals includes any score of "x.xx5" and above is round up and any score less than "x.xx5" is rounded down.

### **544.2.3 Athletes Percentage**

Athlete's percentage is calculated on the average good marks and errors obtained by adding together the total good marks for each Judge and dividing by the number of Judges. The Athletes percentage will always be rounded to two decimal digits.

### **544.2.4 Penalty Points**

In order to convert Athletes percentage into penalty points, this must be subtracted from 100 with the resulting figure being rounded to one decimal digit. The result is the score in penalty points for the test.

Rounding the result to one decimal includes any score of "x.x5" and above is round up and any score less than "x.x5" is rounded down

1st time	Two (2) points
2nd time	Four (4) points
3rd time	Elimination
Other errors:	Two (2) points per error to be deducted

**Note:** The Eventing Rules will not line up with the Dressage modifications, and maintains the 2015 ruling on error penalties for the Eventing Dressage Test.

### **544.2.5 Overall Impression of Athlete and Horse Mark**

In all Eventing Dressage Tests, one overall mark will be awarded for the Overall Impression of Athlete and Horse with a double coefficient.

## Chapter 9 CROSS COUNTRY TEST

### 545 Rules Governing the Cross Country Test

#### 545.1 Starting

##### 545.1.1 Starting Procedure

Athletes at the start of the Cross Country must be under the control of the starter and may not deliberately start until instructed to do so, under penalty of elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

The Horse does not have to stand absolutely immobile, but the Athlete must not get any advantage from a flying start.

Each Athlete should be given reasonable warning before the time he is due to start, but it is the Athlete's responsibility to ensure that he is ready to start at the correct time.

##### 545.1.2 Starting Box

In order to simplify the task of the starter, an enclosure approximately five meters per five meters will be built at the start of the Cross Country, with an open front through which Horses will start and a gap in one or both sides from which the Horses will enter.

Each Athlete must start from within the enclosure and is at liberty to move around and through the enclosure as he pleases.

An attendant may lead the Horse into the enclosure and may hold the Horse until the signal to start is given. From that instant, the Athlete is considered to be on the course and no further assistance may be given.

#### 545.2 Optimum Time and Timing

##### 545.2.1 Optimum Time / Time Limit

The distance chosen, carried out at the chosen speed, gives the optimum time. Completing in less than the optimum time is not rewarded. An Athlete exceeding the optimum time will be penalised in accordance with art. 548.2 up to the time limit.

The time limit is twice the optimum time.

##### 545.2.2 Timing

Each Athlete will be timed on the Cross Country Test from the moment the signal to start is given or from the moment he crosses the starting line which ever happens first to the moment he crosses the finishing line.

If an Athlete is stopped by an Official, e.g. for a broken fence, accident, being overtaken, for medical or veterinary examination, etc., the time during which he is prevented from continuing until he is cleared to start will be recorded and deducted from the total time taken to complete the Cross Country Test.

#### 545.3 Error of Course

All compulsory passages on Cross Country and all obstacles, including all elements and/or options, must be passed or jumped in order under penalty of elimination.

All red or white flags must be respected wherever they occur on course under penalty of elimination except as provided in art. 549.2 & 549.4.

Retaking an obstacle already jumped is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, except as provided for in art. 549.2 & 549.4.



#### **545.4 Pace and Dismounting**

Between the start and finish of the Cross Country Test, Athletes are free to choose their own pace.

Athletes may voluntarily dismount without incurring elimination according to art. 549.5.1 to check on Horse, adjust saddlery or equipment, or when held on course.

#### **545.5 Overtaking**

Any Athlete who is about to be overtaken by a following Athlete must quickly clear the way.

Any Athlete overtaking another Athlete must do so only at a safe and suitable place.

When the leading Athlete is before an obstacle and about to be overtaken, he must follow the directions of the Officials.

When the leading Athlete is committed to jump an obstacle, the following Athlete may jump that obstacle only in such a way that will cause no inconvenience or danger for either.

#### **545.6 Athlete in Difficulty**

If, in attempting to negotiate an obstacle, a Horse should be trapped in such a way that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself, the Athlete will be instructed by the fence Judge to dismount and will be eliminated.

The fence Judge will decide if parts of the obstacle need to be dismantled or if any other assistance needs to be given to extricate the Horse.

#### **545.7 Stopping Athletes**

If any part of an obstacle is obstructed by an Athlete in difficulty, or if any obstacle has been dismantled to release a fallen Horse, or if an obstacle has been broken and is not yet rebuilt, or in any other similar circumstances, subsequent Athletes must be halted.

In such a case, an Official should be posted in the path of the oncoming Athlete. He shall wave a red flag, which indicates that the Athlete must stop.

Failure to stop is penalised by elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

The Official will stop Athletes only upon the instruction of the Control Centre or during an emergency at his own obstacle.

Athletes may be stopped on the course at obstacles or at designated timing/stopping points.

##### **545.7.1 Timing**

The time during which the Athlete was stopped, from the moment he passed the timing point until he passes that same point after being given the order to restart, will be recorded and it will be deducted from the total time taken by the Athlete to complete the course.

It is clearly intended that the time shall be taken as the Athlete gallops past the timing point, not after he halts nor after a start from the halt.

#### **545.8 Leaving the Course After Elimination**

An Athlete eliminated for any reason must leave the course at once and has no right to continue. The Athlete must walk his Horse off the course, either mounted or dismounted.

Athletes who fail to comply will be disciplined at the discretion of the Ground Jury in accordance with Art.525 (Dangerous Riding).

## **546 Courses**

### **546.1 Marking**

#### **546.1.1 Red or White Boundary Flags**

Red or white boundary flags shall be used to mark the starting and finishing lines, to mark compulsory passages, and to define obstacles. They are placed in such a way that an Athlete must leave a red flag on his right and a white flag on his left.

#### **546.1.2 Numbers and Letters**

Each obstacle on Cross Country shall be numbered. Obstacles with elements or options (art. 547.5.1) shall, in addition, be lettered (A, B, C, etc.). Each compulsory passage shall be marked and numbered consecutively.

#### **546.1.3 Start and Finish Signs**

In addition to the red or white boundary flags, the starting and finishing line shall also be marked by distinct signs.

### **546.2 Distances and Speeds**

The distances and speeds demanded for the different levels are determined by the intended difficulty of the whole test.

Course Designers, within the limits shown in Table of Distances, Speeds, Times and Jumping Efforts for the relevant level of Competition see Annex B table Distances, will choose the most suitable distance for the specific Competition.

Any exceptional modification to the distances and speeds specified in Annex B table Distances must be approved by the Eventing Committee, except as provided for in Art. 537.2.

### **546.3 Finishing Lines**

The last obstacle of Cross Country shall be not less than 20 metres no more than 50 metres from the finishing line.

### **546.4 Course Plans**

Each Athlete will be given in advance a plan showing the track of the course.

The course plan must include the following:

- a) The position of the start and finish
- b) The numbered obstacles and compulsory passages
- c) The distance
- d) The optimum time and time limit

## **547 Obstacles**

### **547.1 Definition**

An obstacle is considered as such if and only if its extremities are marked with a red and white flag or flags and it is numbered and/or lettered accordingly. All significant jumping efforts that the average Horse may be expected to attempt to negotiate must be defined as an obstacle or element and flagged, numbered and/or lettered accordingly.

### **547.2 Type of Obstacles**

#### **547.2.1 General**

The obstacles must be fixed and imposing in shape and appearance. When natural obstacles are

used, they should, if necessary, be reinforced so that they remain in the same state throughout the test. All reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent the possibility of an Athlete being able to pass mounted under an obstacle. Portable fences must be secured to the ground in a way that they have no possibility to move if hit by a Horse.

### **547.2.2 Construction**

The obstacles at which a Horse, in falling, is likely to be trapped or to injure itself, must be built in such a way that part of the obstacle can be quickly dismantled and can be quickly rebuilt exactly as before. Such a construction must not in any way detract from the solidity of the obstacle.

### **547.2.3 Brush**

Brush on top of fences must be made of flexible and deformable material. The fence must be constructed so that a Horse clearing the fixed and solid part is unlikely to be injured by the brush or hedge. Bullfinches, i.e. thin brushes or hedges through which a Horse can be expected to jump are permitted, provided they can be maintained in consistent condition throughout the test.

### **547.2.4 Frangible/Deformable Obstacles**

Obstacles can be provided with frangible/deformable technology only if such technology has been approved by the FEI according to the FEI Standard for the minimum strength of frangible/deformable cross country fences. A list of approved technologies is published on the FEI website.

### **547.2.5 Water Crossings**

In all water crossings the bottom should be firm and consistent.

## **547.3 Dimensions**

The dimensions of obstacles must be within the limits shown in the Table of Obstacle Heights and Spreads for the relevant level of Competition see Annex B table Dimensions.

Obstacles must comply with the permitted fence dimensions as per Annex B at the time of the approval by the Ground Jury (in case of change of ground conditions).

### **547.3.1 Fixed Part**

The fixed and solid part of an obstacle may not exceed the specified height or spread at any of the points at which an Athlete might reasonably attempt to negotiate the obstacle.

### **547.3.2 Brush**

The overall height and the height of the solid part of a hedge or brush fence must never exceed the relative dimension set in the Table of Obstacle Heights and Spreads for the relevant level of Competition see Annex B table Dimensions.

### **547.3.3 Water**

At obstacles involving water crossings (ford, lake or wide river), the depth of water, from the entrance to the exit must not exceed 35 centimetres. The length of any water crossing must be at least six meters between entry and exit, except where an exit step(s) or fence is jumped directly out of the water, in which case the minimum length must be nine meters.

### **547.3.4 Obstacles with Spread Only**

At an obstacle with spread only (dry or water filled ditch), a guard rail or hedge in front that facilitates jumping is permitted. It may not exceed 50 centimetres in height and must be included in the measurement of the spread.

### **547.3.5 Drops**

At 2 star level, no drops over 160 centimetres are permitted. At 3, 4 & 5 star level drops with a flat landing exceeding 160 centimetres are limited to two.

## **547.4 Measurement**

### **547.4.1 Height**

The height of an obstacle is measured from the point where the average Horse would take off.

### **547.4.2 Spread**

The spread of an open obstacle (e.g. oxer or ditch) is measured from the outside of the rails or other material making up the obstacle on the line where the average Horse is expected to jump. The spread of a closed obstacle with a solid top (e.g. Tables) is measured from the highest point to the highest point on the line where the average Horse is expected to jump.

### **547.4.3 Drop**

The drop on the landing side of an obstacle is measured from the highest part of the obstacle, including from the top of a brush fence, to the point where the average Horse would land.

### **547.4.4 Natural Obstacles**

When the height of an obstacle cannot be clearly defined (e.g. natural hedge, bullfinch), the height is measured to the solid part of the obstacle through which a Horse cannot pass with impunity.

## **547.5 Obstacles with Elements and/or Options**

### **547.5.1 Obstacles Composed of Several Elements**

If two or more jumping efforts, sited closely together, are designed as one integral test, they will be designated as "elements" of a single numbered obstacle. Each element will be marked with a different letter (A, B, C, etc.) and must be negotiated in the correct order.

Where two or more jumping efforts are sited so closely together that after a refusal or run out it would be unreasonably difficult to attempt to negotiate the second or subsequent effort without retaking one or more earlier efforts, these jumping efforts must be designated as one numbered obstacle and lettered accordingly.

### **547.5.2 Obstacles with Alternatives**

Where an obstacle may be jumped in one effort but has alternatives involving two or more efforts, each of these alternatives must be lettered or numbered as an element.

### **547.5.3 Black Flagged Alternatives**

Alternative obstacles or elements may be flagged separately and must be identified by the same number/letter as on the direct route. In this case, both sets of flags must be marked with a black line.

## **547.6 Number of Jumping Efforts**

The total number of jumping efforts shall be within the limits (minimum and maximum) shown in the Table of Distances, Speeds, Times and Jumping Efforts for the relevant level of Competition see Annex B table Distances.

The efforts to be counted are the efforts on the route expected to be taken by the average Horse.

## 548 Scoring

### 548.1 Faults at Obstacles

Fault	Penalty
First refusal, run-out or circle	20 penalties
Second refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle	40 penalties
Third refusal, run-out or circle on XC Course	elimination
Fall of Athlete or Horse on Cross Country Course	elimination
Activating a frangible device	11 penalties
Dangerous Riding	25 penalties
Missing a flag as per art. 549.2	15 penalties

In line with the GRs (Art 159), there will be no Appeal against a decision of the Ground Jury arising from the field of play, where the Decision is based on factual observation of the performance during a competition.

In this case a detailed report explaining the reasons for removing the penalty must be produced by the Course Designer/Technical Delegate and signed by the President of the Ground Jury must be returned to the FEI.

**Evidence:** Only official video recording can to be used as evidence. Officials will clarify before start of Cross Country and inform Chefs d'Equipe/riders at meeting/briefing which video recording will represent the official view, to avoid any misunderstanding.

### 548.2 Time Faults

Fault	Penalty
Exceeding optimum time	zero point four (0.4) penalty per commenced second
Exceeding time limit	elimination

### 548.3 Additional Reasons for Elimination

#### 548.3.1 Compulsory Elimination

Elimination must be applied in the following cases:

- a) Competing with improper saddlery (art. 539).
- b) Error of course not rectified (art. 545.3).
- c) Omission of obstacle or compulsory passage (art. 545.3).
- d) Jumping or incurring a fault at an obstacle in the wrong order or passing through a compulsory passage in the wrong order (art. 545.3).
- e) Jumping an obstacle in the wrong direction (art. 545.3).
- f) Retaking an obstacle already jumped (art. 545.3).
- g) Athlete in difficulty (art. 545.6).

#### 548.3.2 Ground Jury Discretion

Elimination is left to the discretion of the Ground Jury in the following cases:

- a) Dangerous riding (art. 525).
- b) Abuse of Horse (art. 526).
- c) Deliberately starting before being given the signal to start (art. 545.1.1).

- d) Jumping or attempting to jump any obstacle without headgear, or with an unfastened retention harness (art. 538.1.1).
- e) Wilful obstruction of an overtaking Athlete, or failure to follow the instructions of the Officials while being overtaken (art. 525).
- f) Causing danger to another Athlete while overtaking that Athlete (art. 525).
- g) Failure to stop when signalled (art. 545.7).
- h) Unauthorised assistance (art. 540).

### **549 Definition of Faults**

The following faults at obstacles (refusal, run-out and circle) will be penalised unless, in the opinion of the relevant Official, they are clearly not connected with the negotiation or attempted negotiation of a numbered obstacle or element.

In the case of black flag alternatives only one obstacle/element has to be jumped and an Athlete is permitted to change without penalty from one black flagged line to another (e.g. jumping 6a left hand route then 6b right hand route) provided he has not presented his Horse at the next element of the original line.

In the case of black flags alternatives the faults at obstacles (refusal, run-out and circle) will only be penalised if related to the obstacle/elements attempted or negotiated (elements not attempted or negotiated will be irrelevant for the judging of such alternatives).

#### **549.1 Refusal**

##### **549.1.1 Obstacles With Height**

At obstacles or elements with height (i.e. exceeding 30 centimetres), a Horse is considered to have refused if it stops in front of the obstacle to be jumped.

##### **549.1.2 Obstacles Without Height**

At all other obstacles (i.e. 30 centimetres or less in height) a stop followed immediately by a standing jump is not however penalised, but if the halt is sustained or in any way prolonged, this constitutes a refusal. The Horse may step sideways but if it steps back, this is a refusal.

##### **549.1.3 Multiple Refusals**

After a refusal, if an Athlete redoubles or changes his efforts without success, or if the Horse is represented at the obstacle after stepping back and stops or steps back again, this is a second refusal; and so on.

#### **549.2 Run out - missing a flag**

a) Run-Out: A Horse is considered to have run out (20 penalties) if, having been presented at an element or obstacle on the course, it avoids it in such a way that the body of the Horse (head, neck, shoulders and pelvis – legs are not included) fail to pass between the extremities of the element or obstacle as originally flagged. Continuing on course without representing will incur elimination.

b) Missing a flag: A Horse is considered to have missed a flag (15 penalties) if the Horse jumps the dimension of the obstacle and the majority of the Horse's body (as defined above) passes through the flags. This means that some part of the body is not inside the flags (e.g. one shoulder, or one shoulder and part of one hip).

c) The Horse will have successfully negotiated the fence, if the body of the Horse (as defined above) has passed the fence as originally flagged (i.e. the body but not all the legs are inside the flag is considered clear).

### **549.2.1 Change of Intention**

An Athlete is permitted to change his mind as to where he jumps an obstacle or element at any time, without penalty, including as a result of a mistake at a previous obstacle or element. If, however, the Horse avoids part of the obstacle at which it has been presented, he will be considered to have run out.

### **549.2.2 Judging of Bounce Obstacles**

At any obstacle where the distance between elements is 5 meters or less (i.e. a "bounce"), when a Horse has negotiated the first element without penalty, he will be deemed to have been presented at the second element and similarly if the "bounce" is for example the second and third elements of a combination. Thus if an Athlete "changes his mind" while negotiating the first element of a "bounce" and, for example, then goes a longer route, he will still be penalised 20 penalties for a run-out.

## **549.3 Circle**

### **549.3.1 Separately Numbered Obstacles**

At separately numbered obstacles, an Athlete may circle or cross his tracks between or around them without penalty provided he has not presented his Horse at the second or subsequent obstacles.

### **549.3.2 Obstacles Composed of Several Elements**

At an obstacle composed of several elements (A, B, C, etc.) a Horse will be penalised once it has jumped the first element and before it has jumped the last element if:

- a) It passes around the back of any element of the lettered combination that it subsequently jumps.
- b) It crosses its tracks between the elements.

## **549.4 Representing After a Disobedience**

After being penalised for a refusal, run-out or circle, an Athlete, in order to make another attempt, is permitted to circle one or more times without penalty, until he again presents his Horse at the obstacle.

At an obstacle composed of several elements if the Athlete refuses, runs out or circles at any element, he is permitted to retake any elements already jumped, although he is liable to be penalised for any fault even if he has previously jumped an element successfully.

If after a refusal, run-out or circle, he wishes to pass through flags in the wrong direction in order to retake an element, he may do so without penalty.

## **549.5 Fall**

### **549.5.1 Athlete**

An Athlete is considered to have fallen when he is separated from his Horse in such a way as to necessitate remounting.

### **549.5.2 Horse**

A Horse is considered to have fallen when, at the same time, both its shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground or when it is trapped in a fence in such a way that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself.

## Chapter 10 JUMPING TEST

### 550 FEI Jumping Rules

The FEI Jumping Rules apply for the Eventing Jumping Test except where otherwise provided in these Eventing Rules. Any modification introduced to the FEI Jumping Rules during the year will be evaluated for inclusion in these Eventing Rules from 1st January the following year.

### 551 Object

This test is similar to an ordinary Jumping Competition, but without any attempt to find a winner of this test on its own. Its main objective is to prove that, the Horse and Athlete are well trained in the specialist discipline of Jumping.

The nature of the course, its length, the speed demanded and the dimensions of the obstacles will be in accordance to the level of the Competition.

### 552 Course and Obstacles

Within the limits shown in Jumping Annex C, the Course Designer is free to plan a track suitable to the level of the Competition.

The dimensions of the obstacles shall not exceed the limits shown in Jumping Annex C. At least two thirds shall be of maximum height for the level offered.

A tolerance of five centimetres in height is acceptable, if dictated by the terrain or by the spacing of the cups as authorised by the FEI Jumping Rules.

#### 552.1 Type of Obstacles

The obstacles will be standard Jumping obstacles.

The obstacles should have a balance of vertical and spread obstacles and shall include two or three doubles or a double and a treble.

Closed combinations are not permitted. A water jump is not permitted, but a water ditch with rails over is allowed.

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.

Alternative obstacles are permitted. These jumps are to be marked on the course plan with the same number and with the word "Alternative".

### 553 Scoring

#### 553.1 Faults at Obstacles

Fault	Penalty
Knocking down an obstacle	4 penalties
First run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test	4 penalties
Second run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test	elimination
Fall of Athlete or Horse	elimination



## **553.2 Time Faults**

The length of the course and the speed demanded determine the time allowed.

Completing the course in less than the time allowed is not rewarded, but exceeding the time allowed, Athletes are penalized with 0.4 penalty per commenced second.

Exceeding the time limit involves elimination.

# Annexes

## Annex A Dressage – Annexes

**Note:** For Eventing, the bits permitted for the Dressage test have been reformulated to take into account the wide use of snaffles in Eventing (different to the Dressage Rules) as well as defining the action.

Any approved mouthpiece may be combined with any approved cheek piece.

### 1 Permitted Bits for the Dressage Test

#### 1.1 Action of Bits

- a) Snaffle bits work on the corners, tongue and bars of the mouth depending on their shape and the rein effect produced by the Athlete
- b) Single jointed bits may also work on the roof of the mouth if not fitted and used correctly.
- c) Straight bar snaffles cause more tongue pressure
- d) Double jointed snaffles conform to the shape of the mouth and tongue creating more even pressure
- e) Rounded or moving centrepieces encourage movement of the tongue and salivation
- f) Curved mouthpieces with joints and Mullen mouth bits conform to the shape of the tongue and mouth.
- g) Cheek Pieces
- h) Full cheek, egg butt and D ring snaffles are more stable and also work on the sides of the mouth
- i) Loose ring snaffles have a more moveable mouthpiece to encourage mouthing of the bit and salivation
- j) Hanging cheek snaffles have a slight leverage action and work more on the corners of the mouth and poll

#### 1.2 Material:

- a) Durable enough to be safe
- b) Must keep smooth and solid surface, not to be altered by the chewing of the horse in order to prevent horse from injuries
- c) Not health-damaging
- d) Snaffles: can be made of metal, flexible rubber or synthetic, or plastic or leather material, and may be covered with rubber/latex.
- e) Bridoon and curb: must be made of metal and/or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber/latex.

#### 1.3 Permitted Snaffles (see diagrams)




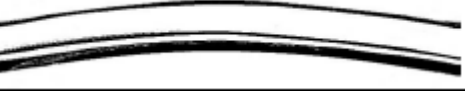












- a) May have one or two joints
- b) May be double-jointed with rounded or rotating mouthpiece allowing for better fit and comfort.
- c) May have a slightly curved port, allowing more room for the tongue. The maximum height is 30mm from the lower part of the side of the tongue to the highest point of the deviation.
- d) A coupling is permitted as the centre link and must be solid with no moveable parts other than a roller.
- e) The centre link must be smooth and rounded

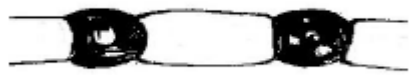


f) The diameter of the mouthpiece must be a minimum of 10mm at the rings or cheeks.

### 1.4 Illegal Bits







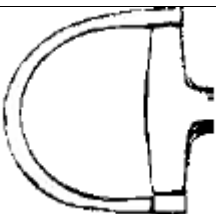



- a) Snaffles with a control plate (i.e Dr Bristol: if put incorrectly the edge of the plate causes excess pressure on tongue).
- b) Any single or double jointed cable bits (may cause pinching of the tongue or cheeks)
- c) Bits which place mechanical restraint on tongue (large immovable centre link causes excessive pressure on tongue)

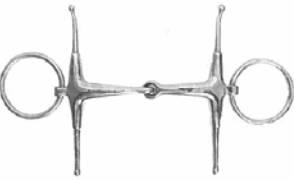




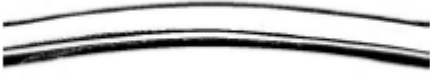




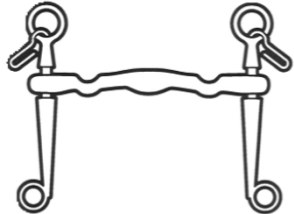
### 1.5 Permitted Mouthpieces


<p>1. _____ single-jointed</p> 	<p>10.</p> 
<p>2. _____ double-jointed</p> 	<p>11.</p> 
<p>3. shaped _____ single-jointed</p> 	<p>12.</p> 
<p>4. single-jointed with rubber coating</p> 	<p>13.</p> 
<p>5. double jointed with rotating middle-piece _____</p> 	<p>14.</p> 
<p>6. double jointed with plastic middle piece</p> 	<p>15.</p> 
<p>7. _____ ball _____ jointed</p> 	<p>16.</p> 
<p>8. multiple _____ ball _____ jointed</p> 	<p>17.</p> 

	
<p>9. shaped                      double                      jointed</p> 	<p>18.</p> 

**1.6 Permitted Cheek pieces:**

<p>1. Loose Ring</p> 	<p>7. D-Ring</p> 
<p>2. Egg-Butt</p> 	<p>8. D-Ring</p> 
<p>3. Egg-Butt</p> 	<p>9. Loose ring with sleeves</p> 
<p>4. D-Ring</p> 	<p>10. Snaffle with full cheeks</p> 
<p>5. D-Ring</p> 	<p>11. Snaffle with full cheeks</p> 

	<p>12. Traditional snaffle cheek piece</p> 
<p>6. Hanging-cheek</p> 	<p>13. Hanging-cheek</p> 
<p>7. Permitted Curb Mouthpieces:</p>	<p>8. Permitted Curb Cheekpieces</p>
<p>1.</p> 	<p>1. Straight cheek</p> 
<p>2.</p> 	<p>2. Straight cheek</p> 
<p>3.</p> 	<p>3. S-Shape cheek</p> 
<p>4.</p> 	<p>4. Sliding Cheek Curb</p> 

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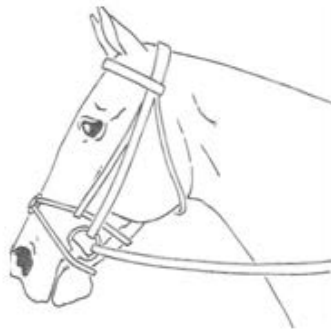
## 2 Permitted Nosebands for the Dressage Test

All Nosebands must be correctly fitted, and cannot be so tight to cause unnecessary discomfort to the Horse, ref. Code of Conduct.

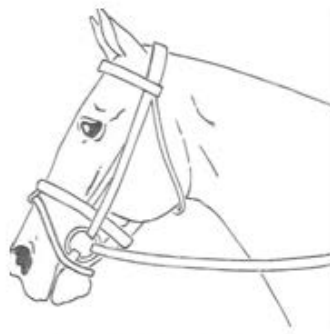
1) Cavesson



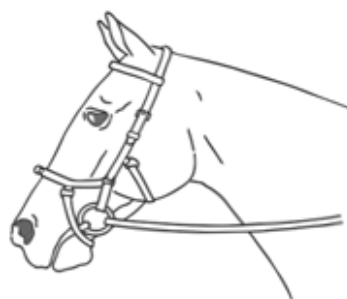
2) Crossed noseband



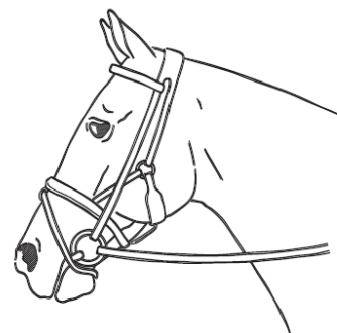
3) Dropped noseband



4) Flash noseband



5) Micklem Bridle



6) Stotztem (combined noseband – no throat lash)

Nosebands 2, 3, 4 and 5 are not permitted when a double bridle is used

Noseband 6 if used as a double bridle, the lower strap of the nose band is not allowed



### 3 Dressage Tests for Eventing

#### Dressage Tests

Valid as from 1st January 2019

One star Competitions	2018 1* Test	Approx. 4 ½ mn
Two star Competitions	2015 A 2* test	Approx. 4 ½ mn
	2015 B 2* test	Approx. 4mn
Three star Competitions	2015 A 3* test	Approx. 5mn
	2015 B 3* test	Approx. 5mn
Four star Competitions	2015 A 4* test	Approx. 5mn
	2015 B 4* test	Approx. 5mn
Five star Competitions	2017 A 5* test	Approx 5 mn
	2017 B 5* test	Approx. 5 mn
Olympic Games	Olympic Games Short Test	Approx. 3 ½ mn
Pony CCIP1	2014 CCIP1-L ( <i>special Pony test</i> )	Approx. 5 ½ mn
Pony CCIP2	2015 B 2* Test ( <i>regular B 2* test</i> )	Approx. 4mn

In all Eventing Dressage Tests, the Collective Marks to be replaced by one overall mark (Overall Impression of Athlete and Horse with coefficient 2) as of 2019.

## Annex B Cross Country - Annexes

### 1 Cross Country Obstacles Maximum Dimensions

	One star	Two star	Three star	Four star	Five star
Fixed	1.05 m	1.10 m	1.15 m	1.20 m	1.20 m
Brush	1.25m	1.30 m	1.35 m	1.40 m	1.45 m
Top Spread	1.20m	1.40 m	1.60 m	1.80 m	2.00 m
Base Spread	1.80m	2.10 m	2.40 m	2.70 m	3.00 m
Without Height	2.40m	2.80 m	3.20 m	3.60 m	4.00 m
Drop	1.40m	1.60 m	1.80 m	2.00 m	2.00 m

### 2 Distances - Speeds - Jumping Efforts

<b>CCI 1*- Intro (unified)</b>		
Distance	Min	2000
	Max	3000
Efforts	Min	20
	Max	25
Speed		500
Time	Min	4'00''
	Max	6'00''

#### CCI-L (Long) Cross Country Distances - Jumping Efforts – Speeds

Level		Two star	Three star	Four star	Five star	W-CH/Olympic Games
Distance	Min	3640	4400	5700	6270	5600 m
	Max	4680	5500	6270	6840	5800 m
Efforts	Min	25	30	35	40	38
	Max	30	35	40	45	42
Speed		520	550	570	570	570
Time	Min	7'00	8'00''	10'00''	11'00	9'50''
	Max	9'00	10'00''	11'00''	12'00	10'10''

#### CCI-S (Short) Cross Country Distances - Jumping Efforts – Speeds

Level		Two star	Three star	Four star
Distance	Min	2600	3025	3420
	Max	3120	3575	3990
Efforts	Min	25	27	30
	Max	30	32	35
Speed		520	550	570
Time	Min	5'00''	5'30''	6'00''
	Max	6'00''	6'30''	7'00''

Within the above limits, the CD and TD may adjust in either direction to take account of the terrain, the number of efforts should be broadly proportional to the length of the course.

### **3 Diagram of Cross Country Obstacles and Faults**

All additional explanatory diagrams can be found in a separate document published on FEI website, and is regularly updated.

## Annex C Jumping - Annexes

### 1 Obstacles Maximum Dimensions - Distances - Speeds - Jumping Efforts

#### Maximum Dimensions - Distances - Speeds - Efforts

CCI – L & S	Intro Level	Two star	Three star	Four star	Five star
Height	1.10	1.15 m	1.20 m	1.25 m	1.30 m
Oxer spread	1.25	1.35 m	1.40 m	1.45 m	1.45 m
Triple Bar spread	1.45	1.55 m	1.60 m	1.65 m	1.65 m
Distance	600m	600 m	600 m	600 m	600 m
Speed	350m	350 m	350 m	375 m	375 m
Nb Obstacles/ Max Efforts	10-11/12	10-11/13	10-11/14	11-12/15	11-13/16

If the arena is less than 5000 square meters, the maximum speed for Four & Five star level Competitions shall be 350 meters/min.

In arenas less than 2300 square meters the maximum speed for any level shall be 325/min.

## **Annex D Medical Services**

### **Recommendations for Medical Services at FEI Competitions**

#### **1 Medical Attendance at Event**

The on-site provision of medical care must be available during the hours of the Competition and must include the training areas, stables and on-site accommodation.

First aid must also be provided for spectators during the hours of Competition.

A qualified physician with Advanced Trauma Life Support certification ("ATLS"), a paramedic with Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) or International Trauma Life Support ("ITLS") certification, or a nurse with Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum ("TNCC") or the equivalent of any of the above in the country in which the Event takes place (hereinafter a "Pre-Hospital Trauma Care Specialist") must have credentials allowing access to the entire facility at all times including the stable area and finish area during Competition.

#### **2 Chief Medical Officer**

A Chief Medical Officer, suitably experienced and with local knowledge must be appointed well in advance, to act in liaison with the Organising Committee and the emergency services for the adequate provision of medical resources.

A meeting of medical officers or delegates should be held at the Cross Country venue to familiarise them with the Event plan and services available by the host physicians or the Pre-Hospital Trauma Care Specialist in case of emergency.

A list of phone numbers of medical officers for each team should be obtained at every Competition.

For teams with no physician, the physiotherapist, or trainer, or lay person designated as a contact in the Event of a medical emergency should give a contact phone number to the host physicians or the Pre-Hospital Trauma Care Specialist.

#### **3 Cross Country and Jumping Test**

During the Cross Country and Jumping Test, a fully equipped Pre-Hospital Trauma Care Specialist with trauma and resuscitation skills must be available on site and must have the capability of rapid deployment to any part of the arena or course in adverse conditions.

Radio communication must be made available to alert the emergency services and a telephone line or cell phone must be reserved for immediate communication with the designated accident and emergency hospital.

The Cross Country Test will require Pre-Hospital Trauma Care Specialist. The required number will depend on the layout of the courses and the accessibility of the site. However, there must be at least one Pre-Hospital Trauma Care Specialist present throughout all the tests.

A Medical Centre or ambulance should be established on site during Competition hours for the treatment of minor ailments and for the observation and initial treatment of serious injuries or illness.

Rapid routes for access and departure must be prepared and safeguarded for the expeditious transfer of the seriously injured to the hospital.

Depending on the access to the site and the distance to hospital, helicopter evacuation may be required. A suitable landing area should be provided for the helicopter ambulance.

If an Athlete falls at a Competition, he will not be allowed to continue without a medical assessment, even if the Athlete has no obvious injury. Frustrated Athletes who fall and then refuse medical attention create an issue for the host medical service providers.

Athletes have the right to refuse treatment, but not the right to compete with injuries that may be undetected.

## Annex E Organising Requirements for Eventing 5 star Level Events

Five star level Events are believed to be the pinnacle of the sport representing Eventing on the world stage and as such it is felt that there should be some guidelines for potential OCs to ensure that the image of the sport and the presentation of the Event are of the highest possible quality.

The FEI will only recognise a few Events at this level and this recognition will be subject to some strict criteria.

### Application process:

- a) Before being awarded an Event of five star level status the Organising Committee must have run, at the venue, a lower level international Eventing Competition of at least Four star level, and demonstrated the ability to stage an Event of the highest level.
- b) Application from the host National Federation to the FEI to stage a five star level Event must to be accompanied by a proposal including detailed information about the venue (access, facilities, etc) and the suitability of the footing, the Organising Committee, the financial viability (including proposed levels of sponsorship income), budget and cash-flow, local accommodation availability, and proposed level of prize money.
- c) The Organising Committee must have a proven track record of success. A business plan must be presented as well as a motivation letter on the reasons to transfer to the CC15\* category.
- d) Details in regard to the Organising Committees Broadcast strategy must be provided as well as expressions of interest in regard to Broadcast coverage and live streaming.
- e) The venue needs to be approved by an FEI appointed Delegate, who will visit the proposed Event at the OC's/National Federation's expense.
- f) The National Federation will be responsible for supporting the application and overseeing the success of the Event, and a representative of the National Federation must be included in the Board of the Organising Committee.
- g) The proposal must include the proposed Course Designer who must be an Eventing Level 3 Course Designer. The Course Designer in question must support the proposal and endorse that the venue is suitable for the Five star level.
- h) The Event has to be approved by the FEI Eventing Committee who reserve the right to ask for as much information as is considered necessary. The FEI Eventing Committee also reserves all rights to not accept the five star denomination request of any Organiser.
- i) Dates must fit in to the overall Eventing calendar, not clash with any major Event/Championship and be consistent from year to year in order to allow the other Events to position themselves in consequence.
- j) Applications shall be sent to the FEI at the latest by July the year preceding the Event applied for.

### Requirements:

- k) Minimum level of prize money: €125'000 for 2020 and 2021, € 150'000 by 2022.
- l) Mandatory CCTV for public, Athletes, owners and the Ground Jury and for safety reasons.
- m) An all-weather dressage arena is strongly recommended.
- n) It is strongly encouraged that the OC appoints a Course Advisor, in consultation with the FEI and the Course Designer in charge.

### Technical Standards:

- o) 5\* Dressage and Show Jumping  
11-12 minutes Cross Country / 6270-6840 m / 40-45 efforts  
5\* Fence heights and fence technical standards
- p) Risk Management: the fall rate at 5\*Events to be included in the evaluation (100%) to be set. Cross Country penalties rate if higher or lower than the set benchmark to be

## ANNEX E ORGANISING REQUIREMENTS FOR EVENTING 4 STAR LEVEL EVENTS - ANNEXES

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analysed with OC and Course Designer.

- q) Spectator & athlete experience: to be defined
- r) Organising Committee to appoint President of Ground Jury and Technical Delegate for 5 star events in consultation with the FEI.

### **Yearly Review:**

- s) A review committee composed of representatives of the FEI Eventing Committee, FEI Delegate and the FEI Secretary General will assess existing five star level Events on a yearly basis. Should any Event not fulfil requirements it will be possible to re-evaluate the star level.
- t) Risk Management: Yearly review (fall rate) of all 5\* Events to be conducted.
- u) All Events will be reviewed on yearly basis.

**Note:** Ranking points: same as 4\* Championships in 2019.



## **Annex F Consultation with Athletes**

### **1 Appointment of Athlete Representative**

Prior to the Athletes' first opportunity to inspect the Cross Country course every Organising Committee of an international Event must appoint an Athlete Representative from among the Athletes taking part in the Competition having first obtained that Athlete's consent.

This Athlete Representative has the task of acting as a channel of communication between the Athletes and the Officials on any matter directly connected with the Event without in any way removing the right of any Athlete to speak to the Organising Committee, Technical Delegate, Ground Jury, or Course Designer. The name of this Athlete must be notified to the Athletes at the briefing if one is held or posted prominently on the Event notice board if no briefing takes place.

### **2 Chairman of Arbitration and Investigation Panel**

The Organising Committee will appoint prior to the start of the Competition the Chairman of an Arbitration and Investigation Panel (see point 9 below).

### **3 First meeting of Athletes called by the Athlete Representative - 1st Horse Inspection**

At the end of the day on which the First Horse Inspection is held there will be a meeting of all Athletes should they so wish to be called by the Athlete Representative. The Technical Delegate and representative of the Organising Committee should attend although not the Ground Jury unless specifically requested by the Technical Delegate, Organising Committee or the Athlete Representative.

### **4 Second meeting of Athletes called by the Athlete Representative - after 1st day of Dressage Test**

If the Event is a Long Format Competition (CCI-L) with two days of Dressage the Athlete Representative has the right, if there are any concerns amongst the Athletes, to ask for an Athletes' meeting to take place at the end of the first day of Dressage to discuss major issues concerning the obstacles on the course and/or the distances of the course.

This meeting must be attended by the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate, Course Designer, and a senior representative from the Organising Committee (If there are no issues the Athlete Representative may advise the Technical Delegate who will contact the Organising Committee and the Ground Jury and cancel the meeting).

### **5 Meeting Minutes**

At this meeting any such issues must be recorded in writing (the Technical Delegate & Athlete Representative have this responsibility) and the response of the Ground Jury also recorded in writing and signed by the President of the Ground Jury and the Athlete Representative.

### **6 Additional Athlete Representative**

At this stage the Athletes may appoint two additional people (to join the already appointed Athlete Representative) as Athlete Representative's to continue the discussions with the Officials and the Organising Committee. These additional two people can be anyone that the Athletes choose and do not necessarily have to be competing at the Competition.

## **7 Final Athletes Meeting of the Athletes before the Cross Country**

A further and final Athletes' meeting, attended, as before, by all the Officials and a representative from the Organising Committee, is now required.

Ahead of this meeting the written response by the Ground Jury to any written concerns of the Athletes raised the previous evening shall be given to the Athlete Representative's. At this meeting any final briefing of the Athletes will take place.

If the Athletes are still dissatisfied with the decisions of the Ground Jury a vote will be taken. This should be a secret vote and the Organising Committee should assist the Athletes in conduct of the meeting. The issue to be voted on is "Do you accept the responses of the Event Officials, or should they be referred to the Arbitration and Investigation Panel for final decision?"

If a majority of the Athletes actually taking part in the Competition (50 percent plus one) so agree the outstanding issue(s) will be referred immediately to the Arbitration and Investigation Panel for a final decision against which there will be no appeal.

At this meeting any such issues must be recorded in writing (Technical Delegate & Athlete Representative responsibility) and the response of the Arbitration and Investigation Panel also recorded in writing and signed by the Chairman of the Arbitration and Investigation Panel and the Athlete Representative.

## **8 Athletes Briefing**

The usual Athletes briefing on routine matters to do with last minute changes due to meteorological conditions, ground, etc must still take place on the evening before the Cross Country Test. In case of dispute on such issues, the procedure with the Arbitration and Investigation Panel is available for use.

## **9 Arbitration and Investigation Panel**

The Arbitration and Investigation Panel will consist of three people appointed on the first day of the Event by the Organising Committee in conjunction with the Athlete Representative.

The Arbitration and Investigation Panel shall include: (a) a non-competing current or recent Athlete experienced at the level of the Event, (b) an FEI qualified Official, and an independent person experienced in the sport who is not involved in any way with the Event, e.g. an Organiser.

If such people are not available at the Event, after reasonable efforts to engage them, the Organising Committee, in consultation with the Technical Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury, must appoint an Arbitration and Investigation Panel of similarly experienced people likely to have the confidence of both the Athletes and Officials alike.

Any one of these three people can be appointed as President of the Arbitration and Investigation Panel. The President or a member of the Appeal Committee may be appointed to this Arbitration and Investigation Panel if suitably qualified.

## **10 Events with only 1 day of Dressage**

At a Competition with only one day of Dressage it will be necessary to modify the above procedure. In these circumstances the above timetable may be compressed and/or certain steps omitted but the most important principles must be retained, i.e.:

- a) Concerns and responses recorded in writing.
- b) The opportunity for Athletes to vote if dissatisfied.
- c) Final decision by the Arbitration and Investigation Panel, provided a majority of starters so request.

The above procedure for consultation with Athletes will not apply for Championships, Team Events, Young Riders or Juniors Events (Athlete Representative replaced by Chef d'Equipe)

## **Annex G FEI Badges for Honour**

Badges of Honour will be awarded to Athletes who complete Olympic Games and World Championships to the following scale:

- a) A Gold Badge for three completions.
- b) A Silver Badge for two completions.
- c) A Bronze Badge for one completion.

# Annex H Rules for Eventing Pony Rider & Events

Pony Rider Competitions are an important element in the development of equestrian sport in certain regions of the world. The Eventing Rules apply for the Eventing Pony Competitions except where otherwise provided in this annex. Pony rules have been integrated in the overall Eventing rules in regard to entries, participation, Officials appointment etc, according to the Long Format (CCI) 2 star Competition and championship.

## 1 International Pony Events and Qualification

### 1.1 Pony Competitions

Events limited to Pony competitors are designated with a "P" level 1 or 2: "L-Long" or "S-Short". These events are only reserved for pony riders according to age limitation.

- a) CCIP1 - Introductory level
- b) CCIP2 - Experienced level

The Pony European Championship will be held at the CCIP2 star level.

### 1.2 Qualifications

Pony Riders and ponies must be certified by their national federation as qualified to compete at the required level.

For Championships, Pony Riders and Ponies must have obtained as a combination a Minimum Eligibility result at a CCIP2-L, CCI2\*-Long or Short.

## 2 Pony Measurement

Provisions in Veterinary Regulations apply.

## 3 Saddlery

Exercise Areas Article 539.1 applies except that hackamore, curb and double bridle are not allowed. Dressage Test " Article 539.2 applies except that curb and double bridle are not allowed (only snaffle bits). Cross-country and Jumping Tests - Article 539.3 applies except that curb, double bridle, hackamores and bit less bridle are not allowed. (See reference in FAQ Tack, Equipment and Dress on Eventing Rules page published on FEI Website).

- a) Pelham is allowed for XC and Jumping.
- b) A Pelham is not considered a Curb bit if it has a mouthpiece ring and a ring at the top and bottom of the bit.
- c) Pelham must be on a single rein (with a connecting piece from the mouthpiece ring to the bottom ring) – double reins not allowed.
- d) Pelham can be used with curb chain or leather strap.

## 4 Dressage Test

2014 CCIP1-L Test to apply for Eventing Dressage for Pony Events (CCIP1-L or S)

CCI2\* B Test to apply for Eventing Dressage for Pony Events (CCIP2-L or S)

CCI2\* B Test to apply for Eventing Dressage for Pony Championships

## 5 Cross-country Test

### 5.1 Types of Obstacles

- a) Bull finches are not allowed.
- b) Bounce fences (combination of upright obstacles with no stride) are allowed but must not be into water and must be of an appropriate distance, and degree of difficulty, for ponies and Pony Riders.
- c) The drop on the landing side of an obstacle, or of those obstacles that are jumped as a ski jump, may never exceed 1.45m. The number of such obstacles is limited to two. The number of drop fences less than 1.45m is left to the discretion of the Technical Delegate.

Table below to be replaced by the following:

Cross Country Obstacle – maximum - dimensions

	<b>Pony P1</b>	<b>Pony P2</b>
Fixed	1,00 m	1,05m
Brush	1,20m	1,25m
Top Spread	1,20m	1,30m
Base Spread	1,70m	1,90m
Without height	2,00m	2.50m
Drop	1,35m	1,45m

Cross Country Distances – Speeds – Jumping efforts (as per 2014 Rules)

Level	Distance		Efforts		Speed m/min		Meters/Effort	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
<b>CCIP1</b>	2300	3000	20	25	450	500	100	120
<b>CCIP2</b>	2700	3700	25	30	500	520	100	120

For Pony Championships the distance and speed should be the maximum allowed.

Jumping Obstacle Dimensions – Distances – Speed - Efforts

	<b>CCIP1</b>	<b>CCIP2</b>
Height	1,05m	1,10m
Oxer Spread	1,20m	1,25m
Triple Bar Spread	1,40m	1,50m
Distance	Max 500m	Max 500 m
Speed	350 m/min	350 m/min
Max Obstacles/efforts	10-11/13	10-11/14

## Annex I Indoor / Arena Cross Country Rules

### 1 Rules for National and International competitions

FEI Rules apply to all Eventing Classes held within or in direct relation with, OR shortly before or after a FEI International Jumping/Dressage Event. The following minimum requirements are to be implemented by ALL OCs organising this type of competition to manage and limit risk at these events.

NFs/OCs have two (2) options for the organisation of Indoor/Arena Eventing competitions:

1. Apply to the FEI to organise this class as an International competition with inclusion in the FEI Calendar using the competition code *CIX-Arena*. The competition schedule to be submitted to the FEI for approval (specific form available).

Or

2. Organise the competition under National rules under the responsibility of the National Federation to enforce the below compulsory minimum requirements.

The following minimum requirements are mandatory:

1. **Qualification of Athletes:** Competition open **only** to A, B and C FEI categorised Athletes (to ensure all Athletes have adequate experience)
2. **Level of competition:** maximum (current) 3\* star level obstacles with speed related to the size of the arena.
3. **Competition Format:**
  - Optimum time if competition runs over fixed obstacles
  - Against the clock: **ONLY** with knockable fences or hedges (min. 1/3 of the height of the obstacle)
4. **FEI Officials:** One experienced FEI Eventing Course Designer or FEI Eventing Technical Delegate

### 2 Prizemoney & expenses

At the discretion of the Organising Committee, however the principle of this Competition is a demonstration class and should not be considered a high level Competition

### 3 The FEI Eventing Rules for Horse Welfare / Risk management

FEI Rules in regards to Dangerous Riding, sanctions etc, apply.

### 4 Promotion of Eventing as Discipline

**Commentators:** it is recommended that commentators with experience in Eventing are involved during the competition to explain Eventing, video clips are available for big screen to show the "real sport" (outdoor, 3 disciplines etc).

## GLOSSARY

### **Arbitration and Investigation Panel:**

Is a body composed by 3 members (a non-competing current or recent Athlete experienced at the level of the Event, an FEI Official, and a third independent person experienced in the sport, e.g. an Organiser) appointed on the first day of the Event by the Organising Committee in consultation with the Technical Delegate and President of the Ground Jury.

The Arbitration and Investigation Panel will render a decision in the case of a dispute between Athletes and Officials according to Annex F and make a report on the circumstances surrounding the accident to the President of the Ground Jury in the Event of a serious accident to Horse or Athlete.

### **Competition:**

As defined in the General Regulations, Competition refers to Refers to each individual class in which Athletes are placed in an order of merit and for which prizes may be awarded.

### **Cross Country Controller:**

Is an experienced Official, who devises with the OC a communication plan for the Cross Country Test and organises the control of the Competition. He liaises with the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate and advise of any situation development.

### **Elimination:**

As defined in the General Regulations, Elimination means that an Athlete and/or a Horse may not continue in the Competition at issue and/or in any further Competition(s) of the Event, unless the Sport Rules provide otherwise.

### **Event:**

As defined in the General Regulations, Event means a complete meeting, "Show", "Championship" or "Games". Events may be organised for one or more than one Discipline.

### **Disqualification:**

As defined in the General Regulations, and unless the Sport Rules provide otherwise, Disqualification means that an Athlete and/or the Horse(s), is/are disqualified from the Competition at issue or from any further Competition(s) of the Event. Disqualification may also be retroactive.

### **Long Format Competitions:**

Refer to Eventing Competitions that may take place over three or more days. The Dressage Test will be spread over one or more consecutive days, depending on the number of Athletes, directly followed on the next day by the Cross Country Test that will be directly followed on the next day by the Jumping Test. In the Long Format Competitions the Cross Country course will be of such a length that the Horse is required to be supremely fit and stamina will be required for success. The Cross Country Test will always take place before the Jumping Test



**Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER):**

Refers to the prerequisites and conditions that need to be fulfilled by an Athlete to be allowed to compete at certain level of Eventing Competitions. A MER is achieved by completing an Eventing Competition within minimum parameters specified in the Eventing Rules.

**Medical Information:**

Athletes with medical conditions that may be relevant in the case of a medical emergency have the responsibility, at every Event when riding, of wearing a system provider able to communicate information at least in English. Alternatively (and at the minimum) a medical armband of good quality can be used. Athletes who chose to wear an armband should download and fill the form available for this purpose on the FEI's website.

**National Safety Officer:**

Is a liaison between the NF and the FEI for obtaining the information regarding any international or national (including regional) Events. He is responsible to spread FEI Eventing Risk Management vision and ideas (awareness) regarding the sport in the NF.

**Short Format Competition:**

Refer to Eventing Competitions that may take place over one or more days. The Dressage Test will always take place first and will be followed on the same or following days by the Jumping and Cross Country Test. In the Short Format Competition the level of difficulty of the Cross Country course is similar to the Long Format according to the star system, but the course is shorter and the intensity of efforts will be higher. The Cross Country Test will preferably take place after the Jumping Test.