

FAQ FRANGIBLE DEVICES

As per article 547.2.4 of the FEI Eventing rules, Cross Country obstacles can be provided with frangible/deformable technology when such technology has been approved by the FEI according to the FEI Standard for the minimum strength of frangible/deformable cross-country fences.

A combination activating a frangible device during the Cross Country test will automatically be awarded 11 penalty points where the dimension of the fence is modified.

Please find below frequently asked questions about the application of the penalties related to the activation of frangible devices.

Frequently asked question	FEI Eventing Committee's answer
<p>Q: If an Athlete was clear on first attempt but was not sure and represents, breaks a frangible device on second attempt. How many penalties should be given?</p>	<p>A: No penalties should be given to the combination and no time should be removed from the final time.</p>
<p>Q: If a combination has a refusal and breaks a frangible device:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the penalty? Should additional time be added as per the Jumping rules (6 seconds)? What is the penalty, should the combination jump a fence element before it has been rebuilt and continues in view of completing the Cross Country? 	<p>A:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20 penalties for the refusal will be awarded to the combination. No additional time will be added to the final time. The time must be stopped/ deducted during the time the obstacle is rebuilt. The combination should be eliminated. (art. 525 Dangerous Riding should apply) No activated frangible fence element should be jumped if not correctly set up. Article 549.4.1 Representing a frangible fence after a Disobedience: Reattempting an activated frangible fence element not correctly restored to its original condition will result in elimination.
<p>Q: Does a Cross Country round with one broken frangible device (11 penalties) still count as an MER?</p>	<p>A: Yes as long as the Dressage, XC time and Jumping obstacle penalties are all within the MER parameters.</p>
<p>Q: Does a Cross Country score of 26 points (11 frangible device + 15 missed flag) also count as an MER?</p>	<p>A: No, any cross country score on obstacles above 19 penalty points cannot be considered as a qualifying result for the next level.</p>