

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 |
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| Q: If an Athlete was clear at first attempt but was not sure and represents, breaks a frangible device at second attempts. How many penalties should be given? | A: No penalties should be given to the combination and no time should be removed to the final time. |
| Q: If a combination has a refusal and breaks a frangible device, does additional time be added as per the Jumping rules (6 seconds)? | A: No time will be added to the final time and the time must be stopped/ deducted when the obstacle needs to be rebuilt. |
| Q: Does a Cross Country round with one frangible device broken (11 penalties) still count as an MER? | A: Yes as long as the Dressage, XC time and Jumping obstacle penalties are all within the MER parameters. |
| Q: As a Cross Country course penalised with 15 points (flag rule) can also count as an MER, does a Cross Country score of 26 points (11+15) can count as an MER? | A: No, any cross country score on obstacles above 19 penalty points cannot be considered as a qualifying result for the next level. |