

Memo : Application of 2020 FEI Eventing Sanction System

Following the approval of the 2020 FEI Eventing rule proposals by the 2019 FEI General Assembly, the updated Eventing sanction system will be implemented as of 1 January 2020.

The Eventing Sanction system was updated to line-up the sanctions arising from Yellow Warning Cards in Eventing with the other FEI disciplines as defined in the [FEI General Regulations](#) (Article 164.3).

Eventing Recorded Warning sanctions will apply only to Eventing and will be issued for offences including Dangerous Riding. See Article 527.1 for the list of offences that will entail an Eventing Recorded Warning.

For full details on the new Yellow Warning Card and Eventing Recorded Warning system, please refer to chapter 6 of the [FEI Eventing rules](#).

The above described sanction system, which applies for Yellow Warning Cards and Eventing Recorded Warnings as of 1 January 2020, will require a transition period.

Under the new system, an Athlete who obtains:

- 3 Eventing Recorded Warnings (for any offence) during a rolling period of two years; or
- 2 Yellow Warning Cards (for any offence) during a rolling period of twelve months,

will be suspended for two months.

The below is to provide clarification to Athletes, National Federations, Eventing Officials and Organisers on the implementation of the system in 2020 in regard to the integration of sanctions obtained up to 31 December 2019. The principle prevails that Athletes must have been aware at the time that breach of the FEI rule in question would result in the imposition of a sanction. Therefore:

- No Eventing Recorded Warning given in 2018 or 2019 will be taken into account for the application of Article 527 of the FEI Eventing Rules (*Eventing Recorded Warning, Yellow Warning Cards & Suspension*). Only Eventing Recorded Warnings obtained after 1 January 2020 can lead to a suspension of 2 months (if 3 are obtained in the following 2 years).
- Only Yellow Warning Cards issued for an Abuse of Horse in 2019 will remain in the system and will lead to a suspension of two months if another Yellow Warning Card is obtained in 2020.

- Yellow Warning Cards related to Dangerous Riding or non-compliance with the Eventing rules that were incurred prior to 1 January 2020 will be re-classified as Eventing Recorded Warnings.

In addition to the updated sanction table available now on the [FEI website](#), an Eventing Recorded Warning card is now available on the [FEI website](#) and must be used to record the offences listed in Article 527.1 of the FEI Eventing Rules 2020, including Dangerous Riding at FEI Events.