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# GUIDELINES FOR CATEGORY B CROSS COUNTRY COURSE

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The indications provided below are an integral part of the rules and must be followed in accordance with the present guidelines. Failure to comply may cause for the results of the competition not to be acceptable.

This includes the number of fences, the profiles of the fences, their type and the order in which they are jumped. If absolutely necessary, a fence can be replaced by another fence of the same type. Adjustments to the fence type, profile and/or order based on security purposes due to positioning may exceptionally be granted if deemed necessary by the TD. Any adjustments not within these mandatory guidelines need to be discussed and agreed on by the TD and CD, and proper justification must be provided along with the TD report.

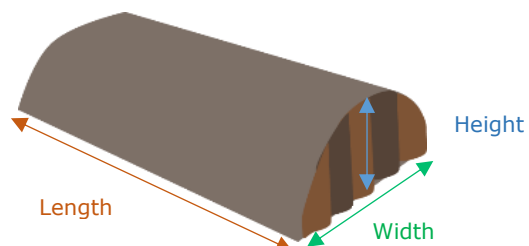
There will be NO exception/adjustment however regarding the number of fences included in the course which MUST comply with these guidelines.

## MANDATORY TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- # of Fences:** 10 + water without jump (11 jumping efforts, including one combination with no more than 2 strides between combination fences) of 90cm high maximum.
- Meters/Efforts:** Should not be more than an average of one jumping effort per commenced 100 meters, but a minimum distance of 80m between some fences is acceptable. Although there is no maximum imposed, it is strongly recommended not to have more than 140m between fences.
- Length:** 1000 m
- Speed:** 425 m/min
- Optimum Time:** 142 seconds

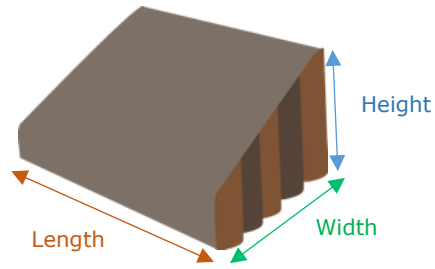
## FENCES' PROFILE:

Fence #	Fence Type	Height	Width	Length
1	Half Moon / Round	80cm	90cm	4.00m

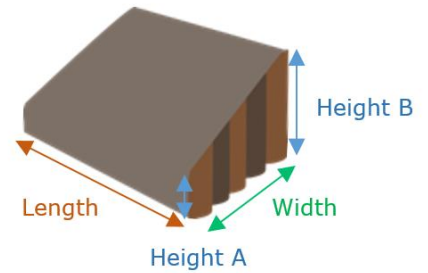


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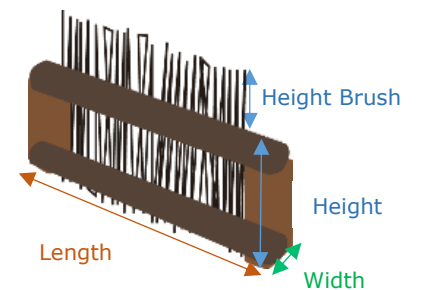
Fence #	Fence Type	Height	Width	Length
2	Roof / Ascending Spread	90cm	1.00m	4.00m



Fence #	Fence Type	Height	Width	Length
3	Spread – Veg display	A - 55cm B - 90cm	100-110cm	4.00m



Fence #	Fence Type	Height	Width	Length
4	Brush	70cm / 20cm (brush)	80cm	4.00m

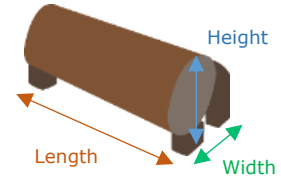
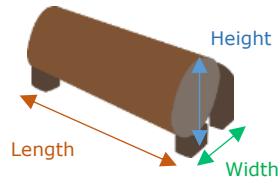


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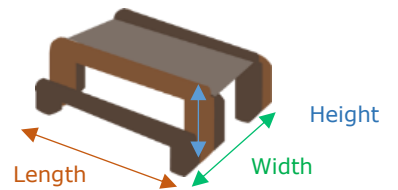
Fence #	Fence Type	Height	Width	Length
5a	Log	90cm	80cm	4.00m

Distance between 5a-5b: 18.00m

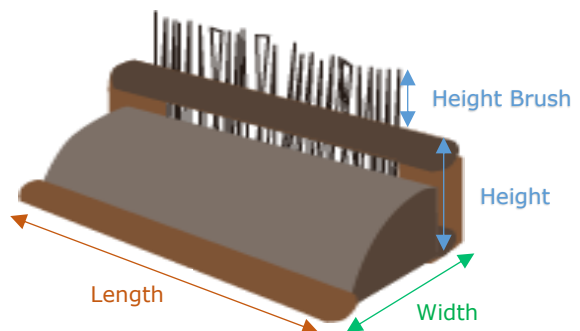
5b	Log	90cm	90cm	4.00m
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Fence #	Fence Type	Height	Width	Length
6	Table / Square Spread	90cm	1.00m	4.00m

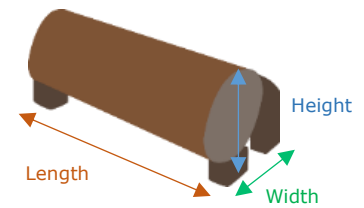


Fence #	Fence Type	Height	Width	Length
7	Quarter Moon + Brush	80cm / 20cm (brush)	90cm	4.00m



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Fence #	Fence Type	Height	Width	Length
8	Double Barrel / Round	90cm	70cm	1.90-2.10m

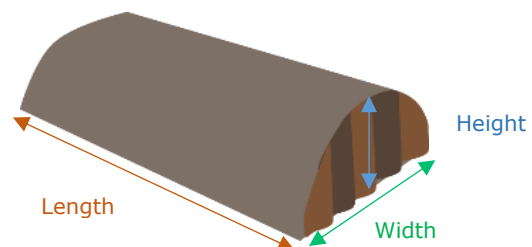


Fence #	Fence Type	Length/Distance
9a	Water 15cm deep max.	No Jump – 12 to 14 meters



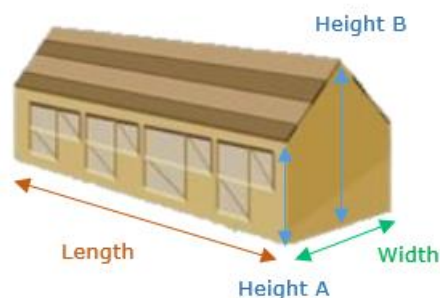
**NOTE:** The distance for the position of fence 9b should be calculated from the edge of the water on exit. The fence should be positioned 4 – 6 meters from the edge.

Fence #	Fence Type	Height	Width	Length
9b	Half Moon / Round	80cm	90cm	4.00m



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Fence #	Fence Type	Height	Width	Length
10	House	A - 55cm B - 90cm	100cm	4.00m



### HOW TO BUILD THE COURSE

On the basis of the information provided in this document as well as the Guidelines for Course Builders, each country will be responsible for building their Cross Country course in accordance with the rules and requirements.

No course will be identical because of the different nature of the terrain, path, etc., however the following conditions must be respected:

- Course length: 1000m
- Speed: 425 m/min
- Optimum time: 142 seconds

### Guidelines about the metres per effort (mpe)

#### Start and Finish:

The first & last obstacle of Cross Country shall be not less than 20 metres no more than 50 metres from the starting and/or finishing line.

#### Distance between fences:

In general there should not be more than an average of one jumping effort per commenced 100m over the entire length of the course. Taking into consideration the terrain (turns, slopes, etc.), this distance may need to be slightly adjusted to make sure fences are positioned in such a way that it is safe for the horses to jump them. The minimum distance should however be of 80 meters and preferably maximum 140 meters in between fences. Any adjustments not within these mandatory guidelines need to be discussed and agreed on by the TD and CD, and proper justification must be provided along with the TD report. As stated in the "Cross Country Guide for Officials", too much distance between fences can also have a negative effect on a Horse's performance, causing the Horse to "switch off". Strong consideration should be given to at least a moderate bend approaching a fence after a long gallop.

Although the distances between fences may vary in each country the overall length of the course will be the same.

**Since each course might be different in each country, it is the responsibility of the Officials (TD, CD and PGJ) to make sure the course is of the appropriate length from start to finish in order for the Optimum Time to be respected as it will be the basis of scoring all around the world. The same is true for the order of the fences and their profile.**

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Per reminder the calculation of the Optimum Time is based on the distance chosen, carried out at the chosen speed (FEI ERs 545.2.1).

After identifying the area/path/field which will be used for the Derby and preparing the footing, the course builders and their crew may start to build the course according to the plans.

1. Draw the place of each fence on the plan to facilitate the positioning/construction on the ground.  
Make copies of the plan for each assistant.  
If you have enough people with knowledge in course building, divide up the course among them.  
If not, at least one course builder should be available to lead the group.
2. Each builder will try to build in his own area/field.  
They have to find the middle point of the fences (middle of the pole) to measure the distances between fences, then do the same for combinations.

**Anchoring or Securing of Portable Fences** – Refer to Guidelines for Course Builders.