

EVENTING

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Judges

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Judges

Job title

FEI Levels 1-4 Eventing Judge

Job analysis

All levels

The FEI Eventing Judge:

As a Member of the Ground Jury, shares the responsibility for the technical running of International Competitions or Events according to the conditions of the approved schedule in accordance with the FEI Rules and Regulations.

As President of the Ground Jury, has the overall responsibility to ensure that all FEI Rules and Regulations, conditions of the schedule, technical requirements for the running of all Competitions, and the continuous cooperation between all Officials and other principal stakeholders are respected and upheld in order to achieve the best possible outcome of the Event.

Profile

All levels, Members of the Ground Jury

- To have an English proficiency adapted to Levels 1-2-3 and 4 respectively A2-B1-B2 and C1.
- To be current with the FEI maintenance status for Officials.
- To have good interpersonal skills.
- To be a team player.
- To be able to take responsibility.
- To have good communication skills.
- To be comfortable dealing with Media.
- To be able to assess situations and take prompt and appropriate decisions.
- To be physically able to carry out the FEI Eventing Judge's tasks – which includes walking the Cross Country course at any level.
- To have good knowledge and understanding in the following areas:
 - FEI Rules and Regulations and specific Eventing-related Guidelines.
 - Eventing Risk management programme with up-to-date information.
 - Cross Country rules regarding level, type, dimensions of fences, length of course and acceptable degree of difficulty. (including combinations, terrain and degree of difficulty).
 - Course flow, including distances and lines within the combinations, the spread of combinations and the intensity of effort.

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- Principles of frangible technology.
- Horsemanship and horse management that is appropriate to the level of responsibility.
- Saddlery and other equipment and their correct use.
- Equine and equestrian terminology.
- EADCMP procedures.
- The responsibility of Athlete Representatives.
- The Serious Incident Management Plan.

All levels President of the Ground Jury:

Supplemental to the above-mentioned characteristics:

- Technically very knowledgeable, able to challenge the Course Designer if needed and/or Required.
- Good understanding of Athlete and equine biomechanics – able to challenge a Course Designer's choice of combination/distances/lines – able to recognise a clear Course Designer's philosophy with a correct spread of combinations/efforts intensity.
- Thorough understanding of risk management.
- Thorough understanding of how media works, and able to deal with them.

Work area

According to the FEI Eventing Rules.

Reports to

Ground Jury members report to the President of the Ground Jury.

The President of the Ground Jury reports to the FEI.

Team management

The President of the Ground Jury is responsible for the organisation and deployment of the Ground Jury.

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Key responsibilities

As a Ground Jury member, all levels

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 as a team will also be responsible for monitoring and taking action in any case of Dangerous Riding (art. 525), Abuse of Horse (526) and Incorrect Behaviour (GR 169.6.3).

They are:

- To respect the FEI Officials' Code of Conduct
- Responsible for the application of the Eventing Rules during the Competition

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

- **Before the start of each Competition**

- The Ground Jury team ensures that the Dressage Arena, the letters, the placing of the huts, as well as the set-up of the Horse Inspection, are correct.
- The Ground Jury team inspects the Cross Country and Jumping courses with the Technical Delegate and the Course Designer.

- **During each Competition**

- To be present for the duration of the Event.
- To conduct the first and second Horse Inspection with one Ground Jury Member and the Veterinary Delegate.
- To judge the Dressage Test.
- To be responsible for determining queries, objections against decisions by technical personnel, including fence Judges and timekeepers, on the Cross Country Test. Together with the Technical Delegate, they are responsible for gathering evidence and reviewing any videos for an informed decision.
- To be responsible for the judging of the Jumping Test.
- To attend Athlete's briefings and Chef d'Equipe meetings.

- **After each Competition**

- To take part with the Technical Delegate, Course Designer and Chief Steward to the debrief at the end of the competition.

As President of the Ground Jury, all levels

Supplemental to the above-mentioned responsibilities:

- **Before the start of each Competition**

- To be aware of any frangible devices on Cross Country, and understand the procedure used if activated.

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- **During each Competition**

- To assume a position of Team Leader.
- To ensure that channels of communication with team of Officials (Veterinarians, Chief Steward and Rider Representatives) are effective.
- To review the results with the Technical Delegate immediately after the competition finishes.
- To discuss with Ground Jury members the Dressage scorings with 5% difference (flying changes if score varies by three points); check video footage of competition if necessary when available.
- To be able to challenge the Technical Delegate and Course Designer on the Cross Country course when deemed necessary during the Cross Country Test. They should assess the ridability and judgeability, ie the application of the rules on the Cross Country.

- **After each Competition**

- To complete the Judge report and return it to the FEI or provide it to the Technical Delegate.