

FEI Eventing Safety Forum



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Introduction

Safety for Horse and Rider is a top priority in all Equestrian sports

- Rules and regulations promote safety in Eventing
- Safe course design and construction
- Evaluation of all competitions
- Education and training



Rules and Regulations

New in 2009:

- Dressage and jumping results count towards promotion points
 - Dressage min. score of 4.5 to proceed to show jumping
 - Dressage min. score of 5.5 for promotion points
 - Max. 20 faults in show jumping to proceed to cross country
 - Max 12 faults in show jumping for promotion points
 - Max 20 faults in cross country for promotion points



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New in 2009:

- 1 rider fall = elimination (used to be 2 falls)
- Time to prepare for a re-start when rider is stopped during cross country
- Addition of a new level under the current lowest novice level
- Shorter cross country course



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Existing rules:

 Judging on style (safe riding) for all novice competitions: low score means no promotion points



Cross Country design and Construction

New in 2009:

- Frangible/ breakable fence constructions allowed at international Events
- Video taping at fences with breakable poles (competitions)



Cross Country design and Construction

Existing measures:

- TD for all competitions
- Standardization: focus on ground- line and fences not in vertical
- Use of breakable poles: see presentation Dutch delegation at the Copenhagen Forum '08



Evaluation of all competitions

Annual evaluation:

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Evaluation of competitions (information and statistics):

- Reporting of all falls (riders, horses or both)
- Injury registration (rider falls)



Education and training

Annual schooling of TD's and course designers

Regional training for all (novice) combinations

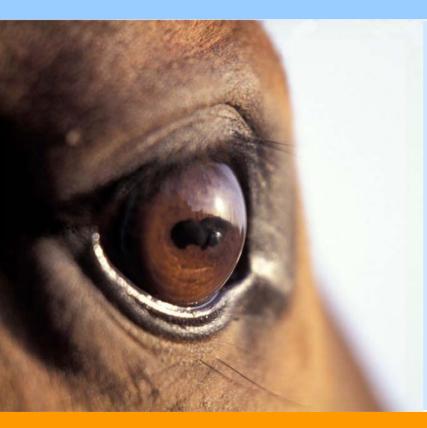


Conclusions:

- Safety remains a priority in Eventing sport
- For all parties involved at a competition "Situational Awareness".
- FEI and FN's: Incident management system no handbooks but <u>"checklist"</u>.
- Mistakes at an Eventing Competition themselves don't have to be dangerous to cause a catastrophe, but when certain mistakes come together you can have a real catastrophe. (Bad riding, slippery grounds, problem fence, fatigue horse etc.).



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Thank you for your attention

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