

# 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

## Rules and regulations 2

### **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:**

- Annual evaluation of all competitions

### **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 "checklist".
- 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.).

# Eventing National safety officers Forum



**Thank you for your  
attention**

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