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EVENTING



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Consideration for future Rules revision / discussion

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Tired and Exhausted Horses

simplification and consistency in explanation and penalties in the rules

- Tired Horse VS Exhausted Horse
- *Article 526 Abuse of Horse:*
“Excessive pressing of a tired Horse.”
“Riding an exhausted Horse.”
- “Continued pressing” of a tired Horse



Officials' proactive role during XC

- Image of the sport required that Ground Jury needs to be more proactive
- Pre-planning is essential - Stopping Horses during XC (stopping points) - Last third of the course
- Spotters (such as Athletes or Officials not involved in the event) could be included to support the Ground Jury
- Biggest challenge = communication
Time between decision and action (Horse stopped)



Officials' location during XC

- Ground Juries during Cross country test especially at widely attended by public events should not be only sitting in Control center.
- One member of the Ground Jury should be out on the Cross country course, at a strategic point on the course
- One member of the Ground Jury should be in the Riders' tent



Removal of XC fences after multiple Horse falls

(public perception)

- Should be happening more often
- Should trigger a decision making process
- Decision should not be based only on number of Horse falls
- Judgement to be made on experience of Officials rather than number of falls
- Balance of the decision
- Fairness of the competition if the course is changed
- Class with a large number of starters



Retroactive sanctions

Recommended by the Eventing Committee

- Was the sanction given strong enough – review to be done after the event
- Review serious cases and sanctions could be issued after the event



Thank you ! Any questions?