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PREAMBLE

These Eventing Rules are effective as of 1 January 2026.

The Eventing Rules will be substantively reviewed every four (4) years unless urgent clarifications or modifications are required for risk management purposes.

As of this date, all other texts of the Eventing Rules or amendments to them dated prior to this date are superseded.

Although these Eventing Rules set out the detailed rules of the FEI for international Eventing Competitions, they must be read in conjunction with any other FEI Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to:

- FEI Statutes
- FEI General Regulations
- FEI Dressage Rules
- FEI Jumping Rules
- FEI Veterinary Regulations
- FEI Eventing Memorandum
- FEI Cross Country Guide for Officials
- FEI TackApp
- EADCMR (Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations)
- ADRHA (Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes)

The FEI Jumping and Dressage Rules apply for the Eventing Jumping and Dressage Tests except where otherwise provided in these Eventing Rules. Any modification introduced to the FEI Jumping and Dressage Rules during the year will be evaluated for application in Eventing from 1 January the following year.

Tack and Equipment requirements have been removed from the Rules. Please refer to the FEI Tack & Equipment Requirements documents and the FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database or the FEI TackApp.

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Eventing Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the appropriate person or body to make a decision in a sporting spirit, by approaching as near as possible the intention of the Eventing Rules and of the General Regulations. Should there remain any omissions in the Eventing Rules, such omission shall be interpreted in a manner compatible to the fullest extent with the other provisions of these Eventing Rules, other rules and regulations of the FEI, and sporting spirit.

Terms with a capitalized first letter are defined in the Glossary of the Eventing Rules, in the General Regulations, in the Statutes or in other Rules of the FEI.

THE FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The FEI requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount. Welfare of the Horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences. The following points must be particularly adhered to:

1. General Welfare:

a) Good Horse management

Stabling and feeding must be compatible with the best Horse management practices. Clean and good quality forage, feed and water must always be available.

b) Training methods

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to methods which are abusive or cause fear.

c) Farriery and tack

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

d) Transport

During transportation, Horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and driven by competent personnel. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the Horses.

e) Transit

All journeys must be planned carefully, and Horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

2. Fitness to compete:

a) Fitness and competence

Participation in Competition must be restricted to fit Horses and Athletes of proven competence. Horses must be allowed suitable rest period between training and Competitions; additionally rest periods should be allowed following travelling.

b) Health status

No Horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete; veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

c) Doping and Medication

Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitutes a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before Competition.

d) Surgical procedures

Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing Horse's welfare or the safety of other Horses and/or Athletes must not be allowed.

e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares

Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.

f) Misuse of aids

Abuse of a Horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

3. Events must not prejudice Horse welfare:

a) Competition areas

Horses must be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles and Competition conditions must be designed with the safety of the Horse in mind.

b) Ground surfaces

All ground surfaces on which Horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injuries.

c) Extreme weather

Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions that may compromise welfare or safety of the Horse. Provision must be made for cooling conditions and equipment for Horses after competing.

d) Stabling at Events

Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the Horse. Washing-down areas and water must always be available.

4. Humane treatment of Horses:

a) Veterinary treatment

Veterinary expertise must always be available at an Event. If a Horse is injured or exhausted during a Competition, the Athlete must stop competing and a veterinary evaluation must be performed.

b) Referral centres

Wherever necessary, the Horse should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured Horses must be given full supportive treatment before being transported.

c) Competition injuries

The incidence of injuries sustained in Competition should be monitored. Ground surface conditions, frequency of Competitions and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimise injuries.

d) Euthanasia

If injuries are sufficiently severe a Horse may need to be euthanized by a veterinarian as soon as possible on humane grounds, with the sole aim of minimising suffering.

e) Retirement

Horses must be treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from Competition.

5. Education:

The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the Competition Horse.

This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.

EVENTING VISION STATEMENT

Eventing constitutes the most complete combined equestrian Competition, demanding of the Athlete considerable experience in all branches of equitation and a precise knowledge of their Horse's ability, and of the Horse a degree of general competence, resulting from intelligent and progressive training.

The Cross Country Test constitutes the most exciting and challenging all-round test of riding ability and horsemanship where correct principles of training and riding are rewarded. This test focuses on the ability of Athletes and Horses to adapt to different and variable conditions of the Competition (weather, terrain, obstacles, footing, etc.) showing jumping skills, harmony, mutual confidence, and in general "good pictures".

This test requires by all involved special awareness and acceptance of a certain level of risk inherent to the particular challenging and exciting nature of the test.

Every effort must be made to ensure that, at each level, responsible Athletes are participating with progressively trained Horses in order not to be exposed to a higher risk than which is strictly inherent to the nature and level of the Competition.

Chapter 1 GENERAL

500 Introduction

500.1 Definition

An Eventing Competition consists of three distinct tests during which an Athlete rides the same Horse throughout, namely: Dressage, Cross Country and Jumping.

500.2. Responsibility

500.2.1. Athletes

An Athlete is ultimately responsible for knowing these Eventing Rules and complying with them. The appointment of a Steward or Official, whether or not provided for in these Eventing Rules, does not absolve the Athlete from such responsibility.

500.2.2. National Federations

National Federations are responsible for selecting and entering eligible Athletes and Horses for all international Competitions taking responsibility for their fitness and competence to compete.

500.2.3. National Safety Officers

All National Federations organising international Eventing Events must appoint an active National Safety Officer (NSO) to liaise with the FEI with regards to all matters directly relating to Eventing Risk Management, including annual data reporting and attendance of the yearly Risk Management Seminar.

500.2.4. Registration

All Athletes and Horses participating in international Competitions must be annually registered with the FEI.

500.2.5. Horses Passport and Microchips

Please refer to General Regulations (GRs), Art. 137.

Chapter 2 STRUCTURE OF COMPETITIONS

501 Competitions and Series

501.1 International (CIs)

Competitions with an individual classification. Location, date and level of CIs must be approved by the FEI. Special requirements may apply for 4*- and 5*-Level Competitions at new venues.

501.2 Official International (CIOs)

Competitions with an official team and individual classification. Each member of a team will automatically be considered for the individual classification. Teams will always be composed of Athletes from the same country.

If less than five (5) NFs have entered teams for a CIO, the invitation may be extended to include two (2) teams per NF (including the host team). Before the start of the Event, each NF with two teams must decide which team competes for the final team classification.

Location, date, level and qualifications of CIOs must be approved by the FEI. Each National Federation may only organize one Senior CIOs in any calendar year.

501.2.1 Nations Cup™

The Nations Cup (also referred as "NC") is the official international team Competition. Its object is to compare the merit of Athletes and Horses from different NFs and may only be organised on the occasion of a CIO.

At least three NFs must take part in this Competition for it to be recognised as an FEI Nations Cup™.

If less than five NFs have entered teams for an FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ Competition, the invitation may be extended to include two teams per NF (including the host team). Before the start of the Event, at the latest at the draw of nations starting order, each NF with two teams must decide which team competes for FEI Nations Cup™ points.

501.3 Championships (CHs)

Competitions with an official team and individual classification. Each member of a team will automatically be considered for the individual classification. Teams will always be composed of Athletes from the same country.

Geographical representation, age group of Athletes and Horses, location, date and level are decided by the Board.

In exceptional cases teams at a Continental Championships may be regional and if so, the territorial scope must have been previously approved by the Eventing Committee.

Pony, Junior and Young Rider Championships must be organised during the long school holidays. Junior & YR Championships will preferably be organised jointly.

Aside from the U25 Championships, all Championships must be organised in the long format at all levels. Exceptions can be considered by the Eventing Committee

501.3.1 Minimum Participation

Continental Championships can only be held if at least three National Federations and/or Regional Teams are represented at the first Horse Inspection.

Outside of Europe Continental Championships for Young Riders and Juniors may be held with any number of Regional Teams from at least two National Federations.

501.3.2 Individuals in Addition to Teams

At all Championships and Games, the host country will be limited to the same number of Athletes and Horses as the maximum number permitted for the foreign countries.

At least three (3) nations must pass the Horse Inspection for this Event to be recognised as an FEI Championship (minimum nine (9) Athletes). 90 Athletes in the Championship Event is the maximum.

The number of individual Athletes authorised to take part in addition to each team is:

- a) Seven (7) or more teams entered - two (2) individuals per country
- b) Five (5) or six (6) teams entered – three (3) individuals per country.
- c) Four (4) or less teams entered – four (4) individuals per country.

National Federations will be advised by the Organising Committee at the closing of nominated entries.

501.3.3 Levels of difficulty

The level of difficulty of Championships will be as follows:

- a) Ponies - CCIP2*-L
- b) Young Horses (six-year-olds) - CCI2*-L
- c) Young Horses (seven-year-olds) - CCI3*-L
- d) Junior - CCI2*-L
- e) Young Riders - CCI3*-L
- f) U25s – CCI4*-S (the order of Tests will be Dressage – Cross Country – Jumping)
- g) Continental/Regional Championships and Games will be decided by the Eventing Committee after consultation with the relevant National Federations
 - i) A Hybrid format with Dressage and Jumping Tests of a higher star level than the Cross Country Test will be reviewed and approved by the FEI Eventing Committee. In this case, the MER requirements will be aligned with the Cross Country Test's technical level
- h) World Championships - please refer to Art. 501.3.4

501.3.4 World Individual and Team Championships

The World Championships are for Seniors.

World Championships can only be held if at least six (6) National Federations are represented.

If the World Championships are conducted separately, the number of Athletes will be in accordance with Art. 501.3.2 for Championships.

Participation in World Championships when combined with other disciplines:

- a) Maximum 5 Athletes to take part from one nation.
- b) Maximum of 2 individuals for Nations not represented by a team.
- c) A Team will consist of 3 or 4 Athletes.

Technical Level of World Championships:

- a) 5*-Level Dressage and Jumping Tests
- b) Cross-Country Test at World CH/Olympic Games level technicality (10min 38-42 efforts)
- c) World CH/Olympic Games to count as CCI5*-L MER

501.4 Games

501.4.1 Regional and Continental Games

Eventing may be organised at Regional or Continental Multi sport games (e.g., Pan American, Asian, South American, South East Asian, etc.) with an official team and individual classification.

These games are organised by NOC confederations, responsible for general regulations with the exception of the technical aspects. The age group, format and level must be approved by the FEI Eventing Committee.

501.4.2 Olympic Games

Olympic Games are organised by the International Olympic Committee in accordance with the FEI Special Regulations for Olympic Games and current Eventing Rules.

501.5 FEI Eventing Series

FEI Eventing Series can be established further to approval by the Board. (e.g., FEI Eventing Nations Cup).

For all Series separate Rules for qualification and participation must be approved by the Board.

502 Formats and Levels

Competitions are also defined by their format and level.

502.1 Formats

502.1.1 Definition

Formats define some of the technical aspects of the Competition (duration of the Competition, intensity of the Cross Country Test, order of tests, etc.)

502.1.2 Long Format Competition (CCIs-L)

A Long Format Competition may take place over three or more days. The Dressage Test will be spread over one or more consecutive days, depending on the number of competitors, directly followed on the next day by the Cross Country Test that will be directly followed on the next day by the Jumping Test. When multiple Competitions are running simultaneously a gap day between the Dressage Test and the next test is permitted, with the approval of the FEI, in order to accommodate the timetable.

In the Long Format Competitions, the Cross Country course will be of such a length that the Horse is required to be supremely fit and stamina will be required for success.

The Cross Country Test will always take place before the Jumping Test.

502.1.3 Short Format Competition (CCIs-S)

A Short Format Competition may take place over one or more days. The Dressage Test will always take place first and will be spread over one or more consecutive days, depending on the number of competitors. It will be followed on the same or following days by the Jumping and Cross Country Tests. When multiple Competitions are running simultaneously, a gap day between the Dressage Test and the next test is permitted, with the approval of the FEI, in order to accommodate the timetable

In the Short Format Competition the level of difficulty of the Cross Country course is similar to the Long Format according to the star system, but the course is shorter and the intensity of efforts will be higher.

The Cross Country Test will preferably take place after the Jumping Test.

502.1.4 Unified Format Competition (CC1*-Intro)

CCI1*-Intro may take place as a Short or Long Format as to the order of tests and Horse Inspection requirements.

502.2 Levels of difficulty

The levels indicate the degree of difficulty of the Competition and are defined by a progressive star system ranging from the lower level 1* to the higher 5*.

The 5*-Level Competitions require the maximum level of training and experience from both Athlete and Horse.

503 Categories

503.1 Pony, Junior, Young Rider and U25 Competitions

Pony, Junior, Young Riders and U25 Competitions may be organised according to the age group of the Athletes.

503.1.1 Pony Competitions

An Athlete may compete as a Pony Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 12 until the end of the year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 16.

A Pony Rider may compete in Eventing Competitions not limited to Ponies if appropriately qualified without losing their status as a Pony Rider.

503.1.2 Junior Competitions

An Athlete may compete as a Junior from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 18.

503.1.3 Young Rider Competitions

An Athlete may compete as a Young Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 21.

503.1.4 U25 Competitions

An Athlete may compete in the U25 category from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which the Athlete reach the age of 25.

503.2 Age of Athletes

An Athlete is considered a Senior from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 18.

Championships and Games are limited to senior Athletes unless specifically organised for U25s, Juniors, Young Riders or Pony Riders with the following exceptions.

- a) With the express permission of their National Federation, an Athlete may compete in the Eventing World Breeding Championship for Young Horses (7YO) from the year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 16.
- b) With the express permission of their National Federation, an Athlete may compete in the Eventing World Breeding Championship for Young Horses (6YO) from the year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 14.

International Competitions are limited to Senior Athletes unless specifically organised for Junior, Young Riders, U25s or Pony Riders with the following exceptions:

- a) With the express permission of their National Federation, an Athlete may compete in a 3*-Level Competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete

reaches the age of 16.

- b) With the express permission of their National Federation, an Athlete may compete in a 2*-Level Competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 14.
- c) With the express permission of their National Federation, an Athlete may compete in a 1*-Level Competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 12.

503.3 Young Horses Competitions

Young Horses Competition may be organised according to the age of Horses for six- and seven-year-old Horses.

Such Competitions may take place at CCI2*- & CCI3*- Long or Short for six- and seven-year-old Horses and CCI1*-Intro for five-year-old Horses.

503.4 Age of Horses

The following minimum age of Horses will apply for all Competitions.

- a) CCI1*-level Competitions: a Horse may compete in 1* Competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of five (5).
- b) CCI2*/3*-level Competitions: a Horse may compete in 2*and 3* Competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of six (6).
- c) CCI4*-level Competitions: a Horse may compete in 4* Competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of seven (7).
- d) CCI5*-level Competitions and CCI4*-level Championships: a Horse may compete in 5* Competitions or 4* Championships from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of nine (9).

503.5 Ponies

Except for Competitions limited to Ponies (CCIPs), all international Eventing Competitions are open to Horses and Ponies, provided the Ponies and their Athletes meet all relevant qualifications.

503.5.1 Definition

For the definition of a Pony and the Pony measuring protocol, refer to Veterinary Regulations.

503.5.2 Age of Pony

A Pony may compete in CCIP1* Pony Competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Pony reaches the age of five and in CCIP2* from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Pony reaches the age of six. A Pony may only compete in an FEI European Pony Championship from the beginning of the Calendar year in which it reaches the age of seven.

504 Participation Restrictions

504.1 Number of Horses per Athlete

504.1.1 Championships and Games

An Athlete may only ride one Horse.

504.1.2 CIOs

An Athlete may ride only one Horse as a member of a team and may ride in only one team.

504.1.2.1 CIOs included in the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ Series

The Team competition must be included in the Dressage and Cross Country starting lists as a block. Individual Athletes will be included as a separate block preferably before the Team block or after according to the OC's decision. This information will be included in the Schedule

504.1.3 CIs

There is no limitation to the number of Horses an Athlete may ride in an Individual Competition, with the following exceptions:

- a) The Organising Committee may impose a balloting procedure, in its absolute discretion, whether for time-tabling or any other reason. Such a procedure must be published in the Schedule of the Competition.
- b) If a Competition has more entries than it can accommodate, no Athlete may ride more than two Horses (or one Horse, if so decided by the Organising Committee).

National Federations are anyway responsible in entering Athletes in international Competitions, to ensure that no Athlete rides more Horses than their abilities in any one day of Cross Country.

504.2 Other Participation Restrictions

504.2.1 Championships

Athletes and Horses may only take part in either a Pony, Junior, Young Rider or Senior Championship in any calendar year. This provision does not apply to Championships for Young Horses.

Athletes and Horses taking part in the U25 Championship may also take part in the Senior Championship in the same year, but not in Pony, Junior, or Young Rider Championships.

504.2.2 Junior Championships

Junior Championships are open to all Horses except those which have obtained a MER in a CCI5*-L Competition or at the Olympic Games or W-CH during the current year.

Once an Athlete has taken part in an Eventing Championship for Seniors or in Eventing at a Regional or Olympic Games, the Athlete can no longer go back to an Eventing Junior Championship.

Chapter 3 ADMINISTRATION OF COMPETITIONS

505 Expenses, Entry Fees, Prize Money, Responsibility

505.1 CIs and CIOs

The entry fee and expenses to be offered is at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

All Athletes from the host country, including foreign Athletes residing in the host country, must be offered the same allowances.

All other foreign Athletes must be offered the same allowances that may be different from the one offered to national or resident foreign Athletes.

505.2 Championships

The entry fee to be charged to participants and the expenses to be covered by the Organising Committee for FEI Championships shall be set out in the Host Agreement between the Organiser, its National Federation and the FEI.

505.2.1 Responsibility

Chefs d'Equipe are responsible to be present and represent their Athletes at all Official Chef d'Equipe meetings.

The Chefs d'Equipe are responsible for the behaviour of their teams and/or individuals throughout the Event. They and their National Federation are responsible for any damages that occur. If the Athletes are not lodged in private homes, the Chefs d'Equipe must stay with their teams and/or individuals.

The Ground Jury has the authority to assess any costs for damages. According to the FEI legal system, the Ground Jury may impose a fine and has the right to disqualify the team and/or individuals with unacceptable behaviour at any stage throughout the Event.

505.3 Prize Money

505.3.1 Distribution

The total amount of prize money published for each Competition in the schedule must be distributed as per the breakdown shown for each Competition in the schedule. The total prize money listed for each Competition must be distributed in full and represents the minimum amount to be distributed.

Organising Committees must state the details of the distribution of prizemoney in the Event schedule. Organising Committees may include multiple prize money distribution options in the schedule to enable the amount and number of prizes to be adjusted to the definite number of starters.

The minimum number of prizes offered for each Competition must be allocated on the basis of one prize for every commenced four Athletes (Dressage starters), with a minimum of five prizes.

If less than five Athletes complete the Competition, the minimum number of prizes to be distributed shall be amended to equal the number of Athletes completing.

The value of the first prize for individuals, either in cash or in kind easily convertible into cash, may not exceed one third of the total value of the prize money and prizes convertible into cash offered for the Competition, unless there are three (3) finishers or less. Organising Committees have the possibility to adjust the prize-money according to the number of starters received by the definite entries date (at the latest four (4) days before the 1st Horse Inspection).

505.3.2 Competitions with several Sections

Prize money must be the same for each section and must be specified in the Schedule.

505.3.3 Pony Competitions

Prize money is not allowed at Pony Competitions.

505.3.4 Prize giving

Prize winners must take part in the prize giving ceremony and should do so with the placed Horses (however, if Cross Country takes place as the last test, Horses are not required to take part).

The Organising Committee must officially inform competitors of the prize giving protocol and the number of prize winners required to take part in the ceremony.

If a prize winner fails to take part at the prize giving ceremony, without plausible excuse and notification to the Organising Committee, the Ground Jury, at its discretion, may decide to allow the Organising Committee to withhold the Athlete's prize.

506 Closed-Circuit Television

The provision of closed-circuit television of the Cross Country Test in the Athlete enclosure close to the start and at the Control Centre for the use of the Ground Jury and Cross Country Controller is mandatory for all 5*-level Competitions and 4*- and 5*-level Championships.

507 Schedule and Results

507.1 Schedule

For all Competitions, the schedule of the Competition drafted in the form prescribed by the FEI must be sent to the FEI for approval at the latest:

- a) Four weeks before the Competition for CCI1*-Intro, CCI2* & 3* Long or Short level
- b) Ten weeks before the Competition for CCI4* Long or Short, CCI5* Long, CCIOs and CH all levels

Failure to respect the above deadlines will be dealt according to the General Regulations provisions.

No Schedule can be approved after the closing date of the entries.

507.2 Results

Full result of the Competitions must be forwarded to the FEI by the Organising Committee preferably immediately at the end of the Event and up to a maximum of two days after the Event is finished according to the electronic format described by FEI.

Failure to respect the above deadline will be dealt according to the General Regulations provisions.

508 Invitations

All invitations must be sent to National Federations and not to individual Athletes.

508.1 CIs

The National Federations to be invited, and the number of Athletes and Horses per country, are at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

One groom per Athlete must be invited.

508.2 CIOs

At least five foreign countries must be invited. The number of Athletes from the host country is unlimited.

The Organising Committee may only restrict the number of nations to be invited with the agreement of the Secretary General and the Eventing Committee.

One groom per Athlete and one Official per country must be invited.

508.3 Championships

Championships are open to all eligible Athletes and Teams. Invitations must be sent to all eligible National Federations.

One groom per Athlete and two Officials per country must be invited.

509 Entries

509.1 CIs and CIOs

Entries must be made by the National Federations according to the conditions published by the Organising Committee in the approved schedule of the Competition.

509.1.1 Definite Entries

Definite Entries must be made at the latest four (4) days preceding the beginning of the Event. These represent the final selection of Athletes and Horses that may participate in the Event. Substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses may be only made in accordance to these rules.

509.2 Championships

Entries for FEI Championships and FEI World Equestrian Games must be made in accordance with the FEI General Regulations Art. 116.2.

The exact dates by which entries must be received will be published in the approved schedule of the Competition.

Entries must be made by the National Federations in two phases as follows.

509.2.1 Nominated Entries

At latest four weeks before the Competition, each National Federation:

- a) May enter through the FEI Online Entry System, up to three times the number of Horses and Athletes that are entitled to start. Within this limit, there is no restriction on the number of Horses that may be entered for each Athlete.

509.2.2 Definite Entries

At the latest four days before the first Horse Inspection of the Competition, the definite entries must be validated through the FEI Online Entry System.

Each National Federation must choose from its list of nominated entries and confirm up to the maximum of its entitlement of starters.

These are the Athletes and Horses that will travel to the Competition.

After the definite entries have been sent in, substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses from the list of nominated entries may only be made with the express permission of the Organising Committee, but never less than two hours preceding the first Horse Inspection.

509.3 Certificate of Capability

For all Championships and Games (when applicable), National Federations must download their Certificate of Capability through the FEI Online Entry System, and send a signed version to the FEI declaring that their Athlete and Horse have fulfilled their national requirements and reached FEI requirements by the date of the nominated entries or a different date set by the FEI.

Chapter 4 OFFICIALS

Code of Conduct for Officials

All FEI Officials are bound by the FEI Code of Conduct (refer to General Regulations Annex H).

510 Categories of Officials

510.1 Judges

International Judges are divided into four categories:

- a) Level 1 Judges
- b) Level 2 Judges
- c) Level 3 Judges
- d) Level 4 Judges

510.2 Technical Delegates

International Technical Delegates are divided into four categories:

- a) Level 1 Technical Delegates
- b) Level 2 Technical Delegates
- c) Level 3 Technical Delegates
- d) Level 4 Technical Delegates

510.3 Course Designers

International Course Designers are divided into four categories:

- a) Level 1 Course Designers
- b) Level 2 Course Designers
- c) Level 3 Course Designers
- d) Level 4 Course Designers

510.4 Stewards

Stewards are divided into four categories:

- a) Level 1 Stewards
- b) Level 2 Stewards
- c) Level 3 Stewards
- d) Level 4 Stewards

511 Requirements for Officials Transfer

The Eventing Committee will review the Eventing Officials Education System on a yearly basis to ensure the best practice standards. All updates will be published on the FEI website in the beginning of each calendar year.

Transfer requests must be clearly documented by the National Federation responsible in accordance with the published requirements.

511.1 Eventing Stewards specifics

All FEI listed Judges and Technical Delegates will automatically be listed as FEI Stewards.

512 Requirements for Maintenance of Status

The Eventing Education System documents provide details on the requirements on the maintenance of FEI Officials status.

Officials not fulfilling the Eventing Official Education system requirements will be transferred down or dropped from the Eventing Officials list.

513 Appointment of Officials

Officials will be appointed by the FEI or by the Organising Committee according to the different types and level of Competitions and in accordance with the following tables.

Note: For events with several competitions/sections, Organising Committees can offer alternative composition of Officials to the requirements listed in the below tables and/or provisions in Art 513.9 with the objective to reduce costs. Such proposals shall be provided with the Schedule and approved by FEI HQ.

513.1 CCI 1*-Intro (Unified Level)

	CCI 1*-Intro
	2 or 3 Judges
Ground Jury	L2, L3 or L4 Judges list (all Judges can be L1 Judges if a FEI TD L2, L3 or L4 is appointed)
Technical Delegate	L2, L3 or L4 TD list (or L1 TD if one Judge L2, L3 or L4 is appointed)
	Foreign requirements not compulsory
Course Designer	From FEI list
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from National list recommended
Veterinary Delegate	FEI Official Veterinarian in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required
Chief Steward	From FEI list
Steward	From FEI list

513.2 Short Format (CCIs-S and CCIOs-S)

Short Format Competition	4 star	3 star	2 star
Ground Jury	2 or 3 Judges		
	L2, L3 or L4 Judges President GJ – L3 or L4	President GJ- L2, L3 or L4	
Technical Delegate	L3 or L4 TD	L2, L3 or L4 TD	From FEI list
	Either Foreign TD or Foreign Member of GJ compulsory	Foreign requirement not compulsory	
Assistant Technical Delegate	L1, L2, L3 or L4 TD	If appointed, TD from FEI list	
AUS & NZL Exceptional case only for cost reasons	Foreign requirement not compulsory, however 2 Judges, TD and CD must L3 or L4		
Course Designer	L3 or L4 CD	L2, L3 or L4 CD	From FEI list
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from National List	Jumping CD from National list recommended	
Veterinary Delegate	FEI Official Veterinarian(s) in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations		
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required		
Chief Steward	L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	
Steward	From FEI list	From FEI list	

513.3 Long Format (CCIs-L and CCIOs-L)

Long Format Competition	5 star	4 star	3 star	2 star
Ground Jury	3 Judges		2 or 3 Judges	
	L3 or L4 Judges President GJ – L4	L3 or L4 Judges	Judges from L2, L3 or L4 List	FEI list Judges President GJ - L2, L3 or L4
	Foreign member of GJ compulsory		Foreign Official compulsory (either GJ, TD or CD)	
Technical Delegate	L4 TD	L3 or L4 TD	L2, L3 or L4 TD	
Assistant Technical Delegate	L3 or L4 TD	L2, L3 or L4 TD	If appointed, TD from FEI list	
Course Designer	L4 CD	L3 or L4 CD	L2, L3 or L4 CD	From FEI list
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from FEI 3&4 Jumping list	Jumping CD from National list	Jumping CD from National list recommended	
Veterinary Delegate	FEI Official Veterinarian(s) in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations			
Veterinary Services Manager	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required			
Chief Steward	L4 Eventing Steward	L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	
Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	From FEI list	From FEI list	

513.4 Ground Jury President Appointment - Additional Requirements

513.4.1 CCI5*-L

The Ground Jury and Technical Delegate for CCI5*-L Competitions will be appointed by the Organising Committee in consultation with the FEI according to requirements set by the Eventing Committee and published on the FEI Website.

513.5 Championships & Games

Championships & Games	W-CH & Olympic Games	4-star	3-star	2-star
Ground Jury	L4 Judges	L3 or L4 Judges President GJ –L4	L2, L3 or L4 Judges President GJ – L3 or L4	
	Minimum one Foreign GJ member			
	Jumping Judge from FEI list is compulsory			
Technical Delegate	L4 TD		L3 or L4 TD	
Assistant Technical Delegate	L2, L3 or L4 TD		From FEI TD list	
Course Designer	L4 CD		L3 or L4 CD	
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from 3 & 4 FEI Jumping list		Jumping CD from national list	
Veterinary Commission	Foreign Veterinary Delegate and additional Veterinary delegate in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations			
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarian Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required			
Chief Steward	L4 Eventing Steward		L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	
Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward			

513.5.1 Championships and Games

The Ground Jury and Foreign Technical Delegate will be appointed by the FEI in consultation with the Organising Committee. All Eventing Officials must be selected in accordance with the above table, unless otherwise decided by the FEI Board. The Veterinary Commission and/or Foreign Veterinary Delegate will be appointed in accordance with the VRs.

513.6 Veterinarians (please refer to Veterinary Regulations)

For Eventing Nations Cup, the Veterinary Officials required are the following:

Veterinary Officials	Minimum Level	Number
Veterinary Delegate	Level 3 Eventing OV	1
Additional Veterinary Delegates*	If appointed, Level 2 Eventing OV	
Veterinary Services Manager	Level 1 OV	1

* Please refer to Veterinary Regulations, additional Veterinary Delegates will be compulsory if more than 400 horses at the Event/venue

513.7 Stewards

513.7.1 Chief Steward

For each Event, a Chief Steward must be chosen from the FEI list of Stewards and appointed by the Organising Committee to be responsible for all Stewarding matters related to that Event. The Chief Steward is a key member of the team of Officials working with the Technical Delegate and Organising Committee.

513.7.2 Stewards

According to the size (number of overall competitors at the Event) and type of Event, a sufficient number of Stewards must be appointed by the Organising Committee in consultation with the Chief Steward.

All Stewards at international Events must hold at least a Level 1 status.

At CCI4*-&5*-L (Long) Format international Events, Stewards to whom important tasks such as warm-up arenas, boot and bandage control, stable duties are allocated, must hold at least a Level 2 status.

513.8 Appointment Additional Requirements and Restrictions

513.8.1 Ground Jury

The same combination of members of a Ground Jury may not be appointed at the same venue for two (2) consecutive years or three (3) consecutive Events, at the same level of Competition.

Two consecutive years at the same venue are defined as two Events organised in the same place, in the same week of the year (+/- 10 days) regardless of the level of Competition.

No Judge may serve as a member of a Ground Jury at more than five (5) CCI-L at 4*- and 5*- level Competitions in any calendar year.

513.8.2 Technical Delegates

A Technical Delegate cannot officiate at the same venue for more than three (3) consecutive years or four (4) consecutive Events.

Two consecutive years at the same venue are defined as two Events organised in the same place, in the same week of the year (+/- 10 days) regardless of the level of Competition.

A Technical Delegate cannot officiate at more than five Long Format Competitions in any calendar year, excluding Long Format Pony Competitions. Officiating at multiple Long Format Competitions in the same Event will only count as one.

513.8.3 Number of Technical Delegates per Event

In the case of more than one Competition at the same Event:

- a) One Technical Delegate must be appointed for two Competitions.
- b) Two Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of three or four Competitions.
- c) Three Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of five Competitions or more.

The main Technical Delegate must be selected from the FEI TD list in accordance with the requirements set out in Articles 513.1, 513.2, 513.3 and 513.5, additional Technical Delegates can be appointed from FEI TD list (L1 to L4).

Different sections are considered to be the same Competition.

In case of more than one Technical Delegate appointed at the same Event, one overall Technical Delegate will be selected. The Overall Technical Delegate will be the Technical Delegate officiating at the highest level of Competition, and will be responsible for coordinating the job of the Technical Delegates and the reporting to the FEI for the whole Event.

513.8.4 Assistant Technical Delegate

An Assistant Technical Delegate must be appointed by the Organising Committee for all Games, Championships, Series Finals, CIOs and 4*- & 5*-level CCIs and may be appointed at other international Competitions.

At Games, Championships, Series Finals and 5*-level Competitions the Assistant Technical Delegate must be of a different nationality to the Technical Delegate.

513.8.5 Balance of Experience and Expertise

For CIs at 4*- & 5*-level in special circumstances, the FEI has the right, in a timely manner, to consult with the Organising Committee and ask for a different balance of experience and expertise within the team of Officials proposed in the schedule of the Competition.

513.8.6 Course Designers

A Course Designer must not officiate at the same Venue for more than six (6) consecutive years at CCI4*-S and CCI4*-L including Championships and for more than eight (8) consecutive years at CCI5*-L. The Course Designer may officiate again after a break of three (3) years.

Note: this requirement is included as of 1st January 2023 and will not apply retroactively.

513.9 1*, 2* & 3* Competitions with Several Sections of the Same Level

1*, 2* and 3* Competitions can be divided in several sections of the same level and be treated as a single entity according to specific provisions.

If several sections of Competitions at the same level are organised, the whole Competition will be treated as a single entity and Officials will be appointed as follows:

- a) Where there is more than one section of an Event, it is possible to appoint only one Ground Jury for the Event, consisting of a President and one or two members who will be responsible for all decisions common to the various sections.
- b) Additional Judges will be appointed to assist in the judging of the Dressage Test, if necessary to make up the Horse Inspection panels and if required, to help judge the Jumping Test.
- c) At a Long Format Competition (CCIs-L), at least one member of the Ground Jury must officiate at each Horse Inspection. All Horses in any section must be inspected by the same Veterinarian and Ground Jury member at all inspections.
- d) There must be only one Technical Delegate to officiate in all sections of an Event organised at the same star level.
- e) The Ground Jury must consist of members selected by the Organising Committee in accordance with the rules for the relevant star level.

513.10 Conflict of Interest

Conflicts must be avoided whenever practicable. However, conflicts may be linked to experience and expertise that is necessary to qualify Officials.

The FEI will review requests (on a case-by-case basis) from Officials to act as a Course Designer in a situation where they might otherwise have an actual or perceived conflict of interest (as described in the FEI Officials' Code of Conduct) and where the conflict is unavoidable provided that the Course Designer declares the conflict and makes the request in writing to the FEI Eventing Department in good time (and no later than four (4) weeks prior to the Event).

The exemption from the general rule for conflicts of interest cannot be granted to Course Designers acting as a Chef d'Equipe or Official Trainers of teams and/or individuals participating at that Event (Official Code of Conduct).

In the case the exemption is granted, the duty of building the Jumping course must be delegated to a Jumping Course Designer according to tables in Art. 513.

514 Officials Remunerations

Per diem for Judges, Technical Delegates and Chief Stewards:

A per diem of minimum EUR 120 per day is mandatory (remuneration for miscellaneous costs). This amount is net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC). The per diem is due for all officiating days, plus one. At the discretion of the Official, the per diem may be forfeited.

515 Duties of Officials

The Ground Jury, Technical Delegate(s), Course Designer and Veterinary Delegate, in conjunction with the Organising Committee, shall endeavour to ensure that all the arrangements for the Competition are fair, safe and appropriate.

This shall include the arenas, courses, obstacles and footing with special regard to the level of difficulty of the Cross Country and Jumping courses that must in all cases fully respect the level of the Competition.

Ensuring the correct level of difficulty of the Cross Country and Jumping courses according to the relative star level of the Competition is paramount in order to achieve a correct and effective technical progression of Horses and Athletes throughout the levels.

515.1 Jurisdiction of Officials

The period of jurisdiction of the Ground Jury commences one hour before the beginning of the first Horse Inspection or one hour prior to the start of the Dressage Test, whichever is earlier, and terminates half an hour after the announcement of the final results.

However, the Ground Jury has full jurisdiction also from when they inspect and approve the Cross Country course.

515.2 Ground Jury

515.2.1 General Duties

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

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 will also be responsible for monitoring and taking action in any case of

Dangerous Riding (Art. 525.1) and Abuse of Horse.

515.2.2 Inspection and Approval of Courses

The Ground Jury inspects and approves the Cross Country and Jumping courses with the Technical Delegate and the Course Designer. If, after consultation with the Technical Delegate, the Ground Jury is not satisfied with the courses, it is authorised to modify them.

515.2.3 Horse Inspection

The Ground Jury will conduct the first and second Horse Inspections with the Veterinary Delegate.

515.2.4 Dressage Test

The Ground Jury will judge the Dressage Test.

515.2.5 Cross Country Test

The Ground Jury will be responsible for determining objections against decisions by technical personnel, including Fence Judges and Timekeepers, on the Cross Country Test and may substitute their judgement for that of any Judge or Official, whether in favour of the Athlete or not.

During Cross Country, either the President of the Ground Jury must be in Cross Country Control or, if the President of the Ground Jury does not speak or understand the language which is being used for communication purposes, one of the members of the Ground Jury who does speak and understand the language must be there instead.

The President, in consultation with the Technical Delegate, shall make this decision and will decide about the role and positioning of the other Ground Jury members during the Cross Country Test.

The President and the members of the Ground Jury shall retain the same task throughout the Cross Country Test.

515.2.6 Jumping Test

The Ground Jury will be responsible for the judging of the Jumping Test.

At all Games and Championships, the Ground Jury must be assisted by a Jumping Judge from the FEI list.

At all other Events such assistance is optional. Should any member of the Ground Jury be also a qualified Jumping Judge, no additional member is required.

It is essential that the President of the Ground Jury or appointed Jumping Judge be in control of the bell.

At Short Format Competitions (CCIs-S), if the Jumping takes place while other phases are also happening, this task may be delegated to a qualified national Jumping Judge with an understanding of FEI rules.

515.3 Technical Delegate

515.3.1 General Duties

The Technical Delegate will approve the technical and administrative arrangements for the conduct of the Competition including examinations and inspections of Horses, accommodation of Horses and Athletes, stewarding of the Competition, liaison with the Chief Medical Officer in regard to the medical plan as well as the implementation of the Serious Incident Management Protocol.

The authority of the Technical Delegate shall be absolute until the Technical Delegate has reported to the Ground Jury that the Technical Delegate is satisfied with all the arrangements. Thereafter, the Technical Delegate will continue to supervise the technical and administrative conduct of the Event and will advise and assist the Ground Jury, Veterinary Commission and the

Organising Committee.

515.3.2 Courses and Arenas

For all three tests, the Technical Delegate will inspect and approve the courses, arenas and facilities for exercising and training, including the type and dimensions of obstacles and measurements of courses, with particular reference to their suitability for the level of the Competition.

The Technical Delegate is specifically required to measure all courses with a mechanical wheel to ensure they are of the indicated distances. The Technical Delegate must be able to inspect the courses early enough to allow for modifications to be made.

The Technical Delegate will supervise the briefing and conduct of all technical personnel (i.e., fence Judges, timekeepers).

515.3.3 Instruction to Officials

Where there is any doubt as to the correct interpretation of the rules of judging any element, obstacle or combination of obstacles, it is recommended that the Technical Delegate, in consultation with the Ground Jury if possible, should approve the instructions to the Officials, providing a rough sketch if necessary, and all Athletes will be informed at the briefing or as soon as possible after the Technical Delegates decision, if later.

515.3.4 Scoring

The Technical Delegate will investigate all enquiries regarding scoring, including penalties awarded, and report to and advise the Ground Jury on any decisions they are required to make. The Technical Delegate shall be responsible for signing off the final results of the Competition(s).

515.3.5 Abuse of Horse and/or Dangerous Riding

The Technical Delegate has the authority to warn or stop an Athlete on Cross Country course for dangerous riding (Art. 525), riding an exhausted Horse, continued pressing of a tired Horse, riding an obviously lame Horse, excessive use of whip and/or spurs (Art. 526).

515.3.6 Reporting to the FEI

The Technical Delegate is responsible for reporting back to FEI Headquarters within 10 days following the end of the Event.

If the Technical Delegate has not reported back to FEI Headquarters within 10 days following the end of the Event, a formal warning will be issued. If, after several reminders, the Technical Delegate still has not reported back to the FEI, a fine of CHF 500 will be issued by FEI Headquarters, and continued failure to do so will result in the Technical Delegate being ineligible to officiate until the required report(s) have been received by the FEI.

515.4 Course Designer

All Course Designers designing a 4* or 5* course for the first time must be mentored and shadowed by an experienced Course Designer at the same level.

The Course Designer must be present at the Cross Country course inspection with the specific Ground Jury for the Cross Country course for which the Course Designer is responsible. If for any serious reason, the appointed Course Designer cannot be present also during the Cross Country Test, this information needs to be reported to the FEI with a proposal for replacement before the start of the Event.

Any infringement of this article will be reported to the FEI Secretary General.

515.4.1 Cross Country

The Course Designer is responsible for the layout, measurement, preparation and marking of the route for the Cross Country and for the design, construction and marking of the obstacles on Cross Country.

The Course Designer role during the Cross Country Test is to work with the Technical Delegate

and Ground Jury to deal with judging queries, sanctions (Dangerous Riding, Abuse of Horse, incorrect behaviour, welfare of the Horse), reviewing of course/fences during XC in case of repetitive falls or weather situations.

The Course Designers are responsible to ensure that all frangible technology are fitted in accordance to the rules and up-to-date guidelines.

515.4.2 Jumping

The Course Designer is ultimately responsible for the layout, design and construction of the Jumping course and the Course Designer must ensure that the course complies with all the current Eventing Rules.

The duty of building the Jumping course will be eventually be delegated to a Jumping Course Designer according to tables in Art. 513.

515.4.3 Reporting to the FEI

The Course Designer is responsible for providing the Cross Country-related reports to FEI Headquarters within 10 days following the end of the Event.

If the Course Designer has not reported back to FEI Headquarters within 10 days following the end of the Event, a formal warning will be issued. If, after several reminders, the Course Designer still has not reported back to the FEI, a fine of CHF 500 will be issued by FEI Headquarters, and continued failure to do so will result in the Course Designer being ineligible to officiate until the required report(s) have been received by the FEI.

515.5 Veterinary Delegate/Commission (refer to Veterinary Regulations)

515.6 Stewards (Stewarding Team)

The duties of the Stewarding team are to assist the Organising Committee, Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Athletes in the conduct of the Competition according to the FEI Rules, paying due respect to the guidelines defined in the Code of Conduct for Welfare of the Horse and that a level playing field is provided for all Athletes participating in the Event.

During the three days before the start of the first Horse Inspection or the Dressage Test, as applicable, the Stewarding team are responsible for the application of the FEI Rules.

Specifically, but not exclusively, their duties cover planning and supervision of work in all exercise, practice, warm-up, and stable areas, checking of dress and saddlery, assistance with Horse examinations and Inspections, and will be involved in the Medication control of Horses (EADCMR) and for Athletes (ADRHA) if required. They are expected to work closely with the Organising Committee, Athletes, Technical Delegates and other Officials.

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516 Principles

In order to be entered in an international Competition Athletes and Horses must first and foremost fulfil the criteria set by their National Federation.

In addition to the criteria set by National Federations the eligibility to compete will be determined by the achievement of a number of Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs) (Art. 517) in international Competitions. MERs have to be achieved by the Horse or by the Athlete/Horse as a combination according to the level of competence/experience (Art. 519) of the Athlete and the level of the Competition.

National Federations are encouraged to set stronger and additional criteria to the FEI's minimum requirements for Horses and Athletes.

Organising Committees, with the approval of the FEI and their own National Federation, may also impose additional criteria for Horses and/or Athletes, which must be published in the schedule approved by the FEI.

The Technical Delegate, or their nominee, shall check that all Horses and Athletes are correctly entered by their National Federation and registered with the FEI.

517 Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)

A Minimum Eligibility Requirement is achieved by completing a Competition within minimum parameters of all round performance as follows:

- a) Dressage Test: not more than 45 penalty points (or 55%).
- b) Cross Country test:
 - i) A clear round at obstacles (activating a maximum of one frangible device or having a maximum of one missing flag will maintain the MER result on Cross Country).
 - ii) Not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross Country Test for, 1*-, 2*-, 3*- and 4*-level Competitions and 100 seconds in the case of 5*-level Competitions.
- c) Jumping test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

Note: All MERs obtained in previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.

518 Minimum Eligibility Requirement Validity period

518.1 Championships

The valid period for obtaining a Minimum Eligibility Requirement is from the preceding calendar year to the closing date of the nominated entries.

518.2 CIs & CIOs:

The valid period for obtaining a Minimum Eligibility Requirement is anytime until:

- a) At least 24 days before the Cross Country Test of the Competition for which is needed if the MER has been achieved at a Long Format Competition (CCIs-L).
- b) At least 10 days before the Cross Country Test of the Competition for which is needed if it has been achieved at a Short Format Competition (CCIs-S).

518.3 CCI4*-S/L and CCI5*-L additional requirements

Horses having not completed the Cross Country Test of an FEI Competition for a period* of 13 consecutive months or more will have to fulfil the below additional requirement(s) before entering a CCI4*-S/L or CCI5*-L Event as follows:

Horses having obtained a MER at CCI4*-S or CCI3*-S/L:

- to enter a CCI4*-S: must complete the Cross Country Test of a CCI3*-S/L
- to enter a CCI4*-L: must complete the Cross Country Test of a CCI4*-S and a CCI3*-S/L

Horses having obtained a MER at CCI4*-L:

- to enter a CCI4*-L or CCI5*-L: must complete the Cross Country Test of a CCI4*-S

Horses having obtained a MER at CCI5*-L:

- to enter a CCI5*-L: must complete the Cross Country Test of a CCI4*-S/L

**Period calculated from the date of the Cross Country Test of the first Event to the date of the Cross Country Test of the following Event.*

519 Athletes Categories

FEI Athlete categories for Eventing define a recognition of proven competence of the Athlete at a certain level.

Athletes will be categorised (Uncategorised International, D, C, B, A) according to their performance in a rolling four year period as defined in the following table.

W-CH and OG to count as 5*-level MER towards Athlete categorisation.

D	Ten (10) MERs at FEI CCI Short (CCIs-S) or Long (CCIs-L) Format Competitions of 2*-level or above; or three (3) MERs at FEI CCI Short (CCIs-S) or Long (CCIs-L) Format Competitions at higher level.
C	Ten (10) MERs at FEI CCI Short (CCIs-S) or Long (CCIs-L) Format Competitions of 3*-level or above; or three (3) MERs at FEI CCI Short (CCIs-S) or Long (CCIs-L) Format Competitions at higher level.
B	Ten (10) MERs at FEI CCI Short (CCIs-S) or Long (CCIs-L) Format Competitions of 4*-level or above; or three (3) MERs at FEI Long Format (CCIs-L) Competitions at 5*-level.
A	Ten (10) MERs at FEI CCI Short (CCIs-S) or Long (CCIs-L) Format Competitions of 4*-level or above of which three (3) were at 5*-level.

The Athlete category will be updated according to the performances at the end of each month (after the results for the relevant month have been processed) taking into account the rolling four year (4) period.

The Athlete category at the closing date of definite entries prevails.

520 Minimum Eligibility Requirements for CIs and CIOs

The following table details the requirements needed to be entered in the different formats, categories and levels of international Competitions. NFs are required to set national participation requirements as per Art. 516 to apply for all categorisations.

Exceptions for MERs:

- a) The first activation of a frangible/deformable device or having one Missed flag will still allow a MER.

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b) When multiple Minimum Eligibility Requirements are required (for CIs and CIOs), one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements can be achieved incurring a maximum of 20 penalties at the obstacles of the Cross Country Test (See below for Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Championships & Games).

Athletes already categorised at the corresponding level or above, can either use the full requirements for uncategorised Athletes as a combination or the Minimum Eligibility Requirements according to their Athlete categorisation.

The Minimum Eligibility Requirements must be achieved as a combination (unless specified otherwise) according to the following tables:

Unified Format:

CCI1* -Intro	All Athletes	NF requirements only
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Short Format: incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

CCI2*-S	All Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI3*-S	Uncategorised Athletes	1 CCI2*-S
	D Athletes	NF requirements only
	C or B or A Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI4*-S	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	3 CCI3*-S
	B or A Athletes	1 CCI3*-S (Horse only)

Long Format: incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

CCI2*-L	All Athletes	NF requirements only 1 MER at CCI1* for NFs without a national Eventing MER system
CCI3*-L	Uncategorised Athletes	2 CCI3*-S and (1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S)
	D Athletes	1 CCI3*-S or 1 CCI2*-L
	C or B or A FEI Athletes	1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S (Horse only)
CCI4*-L	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	2 CCI3*-L and 1 CCI4*-S or 1 CCI3*-L and 2 CCI4*-S
	B or A Athletes	1 CCI3*-L (Horse only)
CCI5*-L	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	2 CCI4*-L and 3 CCI4*-S
	B Athletes	1 CCI4*-L and 3 CCI4*-S
	A Athletes with Horses having not obtained yet a MER at a CCI5*-L Competition	1 CCI4*-L
	A Athletes with Horses having already obtained a MER at a CCI5*-L Competition	2 CCI4*-S or 1 CCI4*-L

NOTE: NFs have the option to apply to use CNs (National Competitions) for qualification purposes only to replace Events cancelled due weather conditions and/or exceptional circumstances.

Targeted CNs are those for which the FEI has received and approved a request from the relevant NF for this specific purpose. MERs obtained at the specific targeted national Events will only

count for upgrade in the same year and not for Athletes categorisation.

The application must be sent a minimum of 10 days before the Event. An FEI Level 3 Technical Delegate must function at the Event taking responsibility for the technical standards/level of the Competition and must report to the FEI (TD report) including full results.

521 Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Championships & Games

For Championships & Games all Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERS) must be achieved as a combination and must be clear on the obstacles of the Cross Country Test. The first activation of a frangible /deformable device or having one (1) Missed flag will still allow a MER.

This includes MERS obtained as per NF Requirements.

CH 2*	1 CCI2*-L
CH 3*	1 CCI3*-L
CH 4*-S	1 CCI4*-S
CH 4*-L	1 CCI4*-L
W-CH	1 CCI5*-L or (1 CCI4*-L + 1 CCI4*-S)

For the valid period of obtaining a MER, refer to Art. 518.

Qualification for Young Horse Championships will be established separately by the Eventing Committee on an annual basis.

The qualification criteria for the Olympic Games will be set out in the relevant Qualification System document to be approved by the FEI General Assembly and the IOC. Please refer to the qualification system document.

Qualification for continental/regional Games not following a CCI-L format will be established separately by the Eventing Committee.

522 Reverse Qualification

522.1 Reverse Qualification – Horse

A reverse qualification is the obligation for a Horse to show restored competence at a lower level (MER) after a number of unsuccessful attempts at a certain level. Reverse qualification only applies to the Horse.

A reverse qualification is triggered by:

- a) by two (2) consecutive Cross Country eliminations, or
- b) a total of three (3) Cross Country eliminations within a twelve (12) months rolling period of time in international Competitions.

For this purpose, the relevant reasons of elimination on Cross Country would be:

- a) Three (3) refusals
- b) Fall of Horse or Athlete
- c) Dangerous riding
- d) Elimination by the Ground Jury

Reverse qualifications remain unless cleared by a MER.

In the case of a reverse qualification at a certain level, the Horse must obtain a Minimum Eligibility Requirement in an international Competition at the level below before being allowed to compete again at the original level (e.g., Horse with two (2) eliminations at 3*-level (any format) must obtain a MER at 2*-level (any format) before going back to 3*- level (any format).

If a reverse qualification is triggered by eliminations that occur at different levels (any format), then the Horse must obtain a MER at the level below (any format) the highest level of

Competition at which an elimination occurred.

If a reverse qualification is triggered following eliminations at 2*-level (any format) then the NF must assess the Horse at National level or at a CCI1* Competition and provide a written report to the FEI Eventing Department before the Horse may again take part in any international Eventing Competition. The same principle applies to Ponies reverse qualified at CCIP2 level.

If a reverse qualification is triggered following eliminations at 1*-level, then the NF must assess the Horse at a National Competition and provide a written report to the FEI Eventing Department before the Horse may again take part in any international Eventing Competition. The same principle applies to Ponies reverse qualified at CCIP1 level.

522.2 Reverse Qualification - Athlete

In addition to the above, should an Athlete be fully involved with two (2) reverse qualifications within a twelve (12) month rolling period of time, their category (Art 519) will drop down one (1) level for one (1) year, as of the date of the second reverse qualification.

One Cross Country elimination can trigger 2 reverse qualifications if it fulfils the criteria of two consecutive Cross Country eliminations and three Cross Country eliminations within a twelve month rolling period.

Chapter 6 ATHLETES AND HORSES WELFARE

523 Athletes Welfare

523.1 Medical Information

To ensure that vital information is available to first aid or medical personnel in case of emergency, Athletes must comply with the following:

- a) Providing a valid contact information is mandatory for all Athletes.
 - i) The telephone number of an accompanying person/next-of-kin must be provided to the Event secretariat upon arrival (Organising Committees and medical officer to ensure all information has been received before the Cross Country).
- b) Declaration of medical condition.
 - i) Athletes with medical conditions that may be relevant in the case of a medical emergency are responsible, at every Event when riding, for wearing a medical data carrier* from a system provider able to communicate information at least in English. Alternatively (and at the minimum), a medical armband of good quality can be used. Athletes who chose to wear an armband should download and fill the form available for this purpose on the FEI's website.

** Medical data carrier (also called "medical identification tag"): small emblem or tag worn on a bracelet, neck chain, or on the clothing, intended to alert paramedics/physicians/first responders that the wearer has an important medical condition.*

Conditions that are relevant include recent:

- Serious head/spinal injury
- Concussion having occurred during the last three months
- Chronic health problems such as diabetes, epilepsy
- Anticoagulation (blood thinners)
- Serious allergies

If in doubt, the Athlete should discuss this with their own treating physician.

523.2 Medical Fitness

If there is any doubt with regard to the fitness to compete of an Athlete, the Ground Jury, in consultation with the Official Medical Officer, may at its own discretion, eliminate the Athlete and decide also about their ineligibility to take part in any other Competition at that Event.

Any such elimination must be reported to the FEI through the Technical Delegate report.

523.3 Examination After a Fall

All Athletes that have had a fall during training on the Competition site or in Competition must be examined by the Official Medical Officer before they either take part in another test, Competition or leave the venue. Athletes should not re-mount their horse until the examination has been completed. The Athlete is fully responsible for ensuring that this examination takes place.

Any Athlete who leaves the venue after a fall without submitting to the examination required under this Article will automatically be issued an Eventing Recorded Warning, which will be delivered to their National Federation.

523.4 Concussion

When an Athlete has an accident that results in concussion, the Athlete must be eliminated from the Competition and is ineligible to take part in any other Competition at that Event.

524 Horse Welfare

The FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse should be respected at all times including and not limited to during training, preparation, travel competition, recovery and otherwise.

524.1 Veterinary Examination on Arrival

This takes place on the arrival of Horses at the Event. It is performed by the Veterinary Delegate or their deputy, who must be a qualified veterinarian. The object is to establish: first each Horse's identity, vaccination history (vaccination, etc.), other passport details and second, each Horse's state of health.

The Organising Committee must fix the place and timetable for this examination in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate and inform the Chefs d'Equipe and/or the Athletes in advance.

Doubtful cases must be reported to the Ground Jury as soon as practicable and, normally, before the first Horse Inspection.

524.2 Horse Inspections

The Horse Inspections shall be open to viewing by the public.

524.2.1 First Horse Inspection

This takes place before the Dressage Test, not more than 24 hours prior to the beginning of the Dressage Test. It is conducted by the Ground Jury and the Veterinary Delegate acting together as an Inspection Panel with the President of the Ground Jury in charge.

The Horses, presented by their respective Athlete, must be inspected in hand, at rest and in movement on a firm level, clean but not slippery surface.

The Inspection Panel has the right and the duty to eliminate from the Competition any Horse that they judge is unfit, whether on account of lameness, lack of condition or for any other reason.

In the case that the fitness to compete is questionable the Ground Jury may refer the Horse to the Holding box for examination by the Holding Box Veterinarian.

Should the Athlete decide to present the Horse for re-inspection, the Holding Box Veterinarian will report any findings to the Inspection Panel prior to the Horse being re-inspected.

Horses in the Holding Box will be under the supervision and control of a Steward and the Holding Box Veterinarian.

In the Event of equality of votes within the Inspection Panel, the President of the Ground Jury will have a second and casting vote, and the decision will be announced immediately.

524.2.2 Second Horse Inspection

This takes place before the Jumping Test. It is conducted by the same Inspection Panel and under the same conditions as the first Horse Inspection.

524.2.3 Horse Inspections at Short Format Competitions (CCI-S)

At a Short Format Competitions, the First Horse Inspection is optional, however if one is to be held the details must be published in the schedule of the Competition.

In the Event that there is no First Horse Inspection, an FEI Official Veterinarian must assess the Horse's fitness to compete including a brief trot within the Examination on Arrival pursuant to Art. 524.1 of these Eventing rules. Horses deemed by the FEI Official Veterinarian to be unfit to

compete must be reported to the Ground Jury.

In a Short Format Competition, the Second Horse Inspection will be compulsory if the Jumping Test is the last test.

524.3 Horse Fall Systematic Interview

Following any Horse Fall on Cross Country, a systematic interview/discussion must take place between the Athlete and the Ground Jury (President or Member) and/or the Technical Delegate.

524.4 Horse Welfare During the Competition

At any time during the Competition, the Ground Jury, in consultation with the Veterinary Delegate, has the right and the duty to eliminate any Horse which, in their opinion, is lame or is unfit to continue.

524.4.1 Cross Country - Warm Up

There will be a veterinarian, appointed by the Organising Committee in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate, near the start of the Cross Country to report any doubtful cases to the Ground Jury.

524.4.2 Cross Country - Finishing Area

A veterinary examination will take place after the Horse has finished the Cross Country. It is conducted by a qualified veterinarian appointed by the Organising Committee in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate.

In addition to carrying out any immediate treatment required by an injured or exhausted Horse, this veterinarian will decide if each Horse:

- a) Is fit to return immediately on foot to its own stable.
- b) Should remain for further treatment before returning to its stable.
- c) Should be transported by vehicle either directly to its stable or to a veterinary hospital.

This veterinarian has no authority to eliminate any Horse from the Competition, but must report any doubtful case of abuse of horse to the Ground Jury and to the Veterinary Delegate.

An Athlete who has retired, has been eliminated or stopped during the Cross Country Test is responsible to make sure their Horse has been checked by the Veterinary Delegate or an appointed veterinarian before leaving the venue.

Any Athlete who leaves the venue without submitting to the veterinary check required under this Article will automatically be issued an Eventing Recorded Warning, which will be delivered to their National Federation.

524.5 Appeal

At the two Horse Inspections and at any time during the Competition where a Horse may be eliminated for Horse welfare reasons, there can be no appeal against the decision of the Ground Jury.

However, if requested, the Ground Jury President must give a reason for the decision.

524.6 Equine Anti-doping and Controlled Medication Testing

Refer to Veterinary Regulations and EADCMRs.

525 Eventing Recorded Warning

525.1 Dangerous Riding

All cases of Dangerous Riding, as defined in Art. 525.1.1 will incur an Eventing Recorded Warning. In addition, depending on the circumstances of the case, either of the following measures may be imposed:

- a) 25 penalties
- b) Elimination

Note: 25 penalties are considered as an addition to scores and can be given at any time during the Competition. The penalties must be reported in the results as Cross Country obstacle penalties, Dressage penalties, or Jumping obstacle penalties. Any of the above sanctions applied must always be reported by the Technical Delegate to the FEI and added onto the Athlete sanction list.

525.1.1 Definition

Any Athletes who, at any time during the Competition deliberately or unintentionally by incompetence are exposing themselves, their Horse or any third party to a higher risk than what is strictly inherent to the nature of the Competition will be considered to have acted dangerously and will be penalised accordingly to the severity of the infringement.

Such acts may include without limitation any of the following:

- a) Riding out of control (Horse clearly not responding to the Athletes restraining or driving aids).
- b) Riding fences too fast or too slow.
- c) Repeatedly standing off fences too far (pushing the Horse to the foot of the fence, firing the Horse to the fence).
- d) Repeatedly being ahead or behind the Horse movement when jumping.
- e) Series of dangerous jumps.
- f) Lack of responsiveness from the Horse or the Athlete.
- g) Continuing after three clear refusals, a fall, or any form of elimination.
- h) Endangering the public in any way (e.g. jumping out of the roped track).
- i) Jumping obstacles not part of the course.
- j) Wilful obstruction of an overtaking Athlete and/or not following the instructions of the Officials causing danger to another Athlete.
- k) Pressing a tired Horse.

Any individual member of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate has the right and the duty to monitor possible cases of Dangerous Riding and, if appropriate and practical, to stop and eliminate an Athlete on the Cross Country course for Dangerous Riding. In addition, the Course Designer has the right and the duty to monitor possible cases of Dangerous Riding on the Cross Country course and to report the case to the Ground Jury who will take a decision regarding the elimination of the combination.

If not directly witnessed by the Ground Jury, the incident must be reported as soon as possible to the Ground Jury who will decide if and how to penalise the Athlete.

The President of the Ground Jury can in addition designate one or more assistants (e.g. experienced Eventing Officials who are not in an Official function at the Competition, experienced Athletes or/and trainers not directly involved in the Competition) to help to monitor possible cases of dangerous riding in the cross country.

The President of the Ground Jury will decide their specific role, authority and reporting procedure. It is recommended that these additional Officials be grouped in pairs on the Cross Country course.

525.1.2 Pressing a Tired Horse

For cases of pressing a tired Horse (Art. 525.1.1 k)), an Eventing Recorded Warning will be issued, along with 25 penalties.

525.2 Inappropriate Use of the Whip

An Eventing Recorded Warning will systematically be issued for all cases of inappropriate use of the whip.

A whip may only be used to support the natural aids in encouraging the Horse forward.

Inappropriate use of the whip will be considered Abuse of horse and will be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury according to but not limited to the following principles:

- a) The whip is not to be used after a Horse has jumped the last fence on a course.
- b) The whip is not to be used more than two times for any one incident.

525.3 Elimination Before Cross Country

As a preventive risk management measure, the Ground Jury, at any time throughout the Competition, has the right and the duty to eliminate an Athlete to prevent the Athlete from starting the Cross Country Test, if there is a serious concern regarding their ability to control the Horse in that test. In addition, the Athlete must receive an Eventing Recorded Warning.

525.4 Blood on Horses

Blood on Horses must be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury. Not all cases of blood will lead to elimination an Eventing Recorded Warning or a Yellow Warning Card.

Dressage Test: If the Ground Jury suspects bleeding on the Horse during the test, the Ground Jury will stop the Horse to check. If the Horse shows fresh blood, it will be eliminated. The elimination is final. If the Judge through examination clarifies that the Horse has no fresh blood, the Horse may resume and finish its test (refer to the FEI Dressage Rules).

Cross Country Test: For the Cross Country Test, all Athlete-induced (spurs, bit and whip) blood on the Horse, must be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury. If the Horse shows fresh blood, Officials may authorize the rinsing or wiping of the mouth and if there is no further evidence of bleeding, the Athlete is allowed to continue. Cases of significant blood will result in Elimination.

Jumping Test: Any blood on the Horse caused by tack or equipment or any Athlete induced blood will result in an Eventing Recorded Warning.

- a) In other cases of blood on the Horse (for example where a Horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip or in cases where a Horse is bleeding from the nose), the Officials may authorise the rinsing or wiping of the blood and allow the Athlete/Horse combination to continue the Competition, provided that the horse is deemed fit to compete in accordance with the paragraph below. The Athlete will not receive an Eventing Recorded Warning if this Article applies.
- b) In all cases of blood on the Horse, the Horse may only be permitted to continue in a Competition or participate in any subsequent Competition(s) at the Event if the Ground Jury, in consultation with the Veterinary Delegate, has deemed the Horse to be fit to compete.

For all minor cases (*) of blood induced by the Athlete in the mouth or related to spurs an Eventing Recorded Warning will be issued by the Ground Jury after providing the Athlete the opportunity to have a hearing.

(*)The cases indicating Abuse of Horse will be dealt with according to the provision of Art. 526.1 (Abuse of Horse – Warnings and Penalties).

525.5 Administrative Reasons

An Eventing Recorded Warning will be systematically issued for the following offences:

- a) An Athlete not seeing a doctor after a fall (Art. 523.3).
- b) Athlete leaving the venue after having retired, been eliminated or stopped during the Cross Country Test without having their Horse checked by the Veterinary Delegate or appointed veterinarian (Art. 524.4.2).

526 Yellow Warning Cards

526.1 Abuse of Horse

Any act or series of actions that in the opinion of the Ground Jury can be considered as Abuse of Horse, as defined in Art. 526.1.1, will incur a Yellow Warning Card. In addition, depending on the circumstances of the case, one of the following measures will also be imposed:

- a) 25 penalties
- b) Elimination
- c) Disqualification

526.1.1 Definition

Abuse of Horse means an action or omission which causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a Horse included but not limited to:

- a) Rapping.
- b) Riding an exhausted Horse.
- c) Continued pressing of a tired Horse.
- d) Riding an obviously lame Horse.
- e) Excessive use of whip, bit and/or spurs.
- f) Horses bleeding indicating excessive use of the whip and/or spurs.
- g) Overriding: abuse of horse that does not necessarily induce visible marks.
- h) Serious case of dangerous riding.

If not directly witnessed by the Ground Jury, the incident must be reported as soon as possible to the Ground Jury through the Secretary of the Organising Committee or Cross Country Control Centre as appropriate. Where possible the report should be supported by a statement from one or more witnesses.

The Ground Jury must decide if there is a case to be answered.

526.1.2 Riding an Exhausted Horse

All cases of riding an exhausted Horse (Art. 526.1.1b)) will incur a Yellow Warning Card and Disqualification and the case will be referred to the FEI for further disciplinary action.

526.1.3 Excessive Use of the Whip

A Yellow Warning Card will systematically be issued for all cases of excessive use of the whip. A stronger sanction(s) may also be imposed.

A whip may only be used to support the natural aids in encouraging the Horse forward.

Excessive and/or misuse of the whip will be considered Abuse of Horse and will be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury according to but not limited to the following principles:

- a) The whip is not to be used to discipline the Horse or vent an Athlete's temper.
- b) The whip is not to be used after elimination.
- c) The whip is not to be used overhand, (i.e., a whip in the right hand being used on the left flank).
- d) The whip is not to be used on a Horse's head.

- e) Excessive use of a whip between fences.
- f) If a Horse's skin is broken or has visible marks the use of whip will always be deemed to be excessive.

527 Eventing Recorded Warning, Yellow Warning Cards & Suspension

Before issuing an Eventing Recorded Warning or a Yellow Warning card, the Ground Jury has the duty to hear the Athlete, if available. At any time, the Athlete has the right to seek out the Ground Jury for any explanation related to an Eventing Recorded Warning or a Yellow Warning Card.

In the case of an Eventing Recorded Warning or a Yellow Warning Card being issued, after the decision of the Ground Jury, a notice stating the name of the Athlete and the reason of the warning must be posted on the Official notice board.

If, after reasonable efforts, the Athlete cannot be notified during the period of the Event that the Athlete has received an Eventing Recorded Warning or a Yellow Warning Card, the Athlete must be notified in writing within fourteen (14) days of the Event.

Should the same Person Responsible receive three (3) or more Eventing Recorded Warning at the same or any other International Event within two (2) years (24 months) of the delivery of the first Eventing Recorded Warning, for any offence, the Person Responsible shall be automatically suspended for a period of two (2) months after official notification from, or on behalf of, the FEI Secretary General. The start date of the suspension shall be decided in accordance with the FEI General Regulations and confirmed in the notification.

Should the same Person Responsible receive one (1) more Yellow Warning Card at the same or any other International Event within one (1) year (12 months) of the delivery of the first Yellow Warning Card for any offence, the Person Responsible shall automatically be suspended for a period of two (2) months after official notification from or on behalf of, the FEI Secretary General. The start date of the suspension shall be decided in accordance with the FEI General Regulations and confirmed in the notification.

Chapter 7 GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

528 Classification

528.1 Individual Classification

528.1.1 Dressage Test

Each Athlete's good marks awarded by the Judges are converted into penalty points. They are recorded and published after the test for inclusion in the Dressage and final classification.

528.1.2 Cross Country Test

Each Athlete's penalties for faults at obstacles are added to the penalties for excess time and to any other penalty that the Athlete may have incurred on Cross Country. They are recorded and published after the test for inclusion in the Cross Country and final classification.

528.1.3 Jumping Test

Each Athlete's penalties for faults at obstacles are added to the penalties that the Athlete may have incurred for excess time. They are recorded and published after the test for inclusion in the Jumping and final classification.

528.1.4 Elimination

Elimination from one of the tests entails immediate elimination from the Competition.

528.1.5 Final Classification

The winner is the Athlete with the lowest total of penalty points from the three tests.

528.1.6 Final Classification Tie (Individual)

In the Event of equality between two or more Athletes, the classification is decided by:

- a) The best Cross Country score including penalties for faults at obstacles, time penalties and any other penalty that the Athlete may have incurred on the Cross Country Test.
- b) If there is still equality, the classification is decided in favour of the Athlete with the highest positive Dressage points.
- c) If there is still equality, the classification is decided in favour of the Athlete whose Cross Country time was closest to the optimum time.
- d) If there is still equality, the Athlete with the best Jumping score including penalties at obstacles and time penalties.
- e) If there is still equality, the Athlete with the fastest time in the Jumping Test.
- f) If there is still equality, the classification will be decided in favour of the Athlete with the best Overall Impression of Athlete & Horse mark in the Dressage Test.
- g) If there is still equality, the tie will remain in the final classification.

528.2 Team Classification

528.2.1 Final Classification

Teams will consist of either three or four Athletes.

The winning team is the team with the lowest total of penalty points, after adding together the individual final scores of the three highest placed Athletes in the team.

For the purposes of the final team classification only, a team member who fails for any reason to complete the Competition will be awarded 200 penalty points.

528.2.2 Final Classification Tie (Team)

In the Event of equality between any two or more teams, the classification will be decided by the best combined highest three placing.

528.3 Disqualification

Disqualification means that the Athlete and their Horse(s) are disqualified from the entire Event. Disqualification may also be retroactive.

Disqualification in Eventing can apply during the Competition at the discretion of the Ground Jury:

- a) For the most serious cases of Abuse of Horse.
- b) For the most serious cases of Athletes misbehaviour.

Disqualification in Eventing will apply automatically after the Competition:

- a) For having participated in a Competition without the appropriate eligibility requirements (Athlete or Horse).
- b) For having participated in a Competition without the appropriate registration (Athlete or Horse).

528.3.1 Positive Test(s) for Substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substance list of an Athlete or Horse (refer to the FEI EADCMRs and ADRHA)

529 Declaration of Starters

The declaration of starters will take place at a time to be announced by the Organising Committee. It will be after Athletes have inspected the Cross Country and after the first Horse Inspection.

If there is only an individual classification, the Organising Committee may announce that presentation at the first Horse Inspection will be assumed to be a declaration to start.

If there is a team classification, the Chefs d'Equipe must declare, in writing, the composition of the team, the starting order of the Athletes within the team and, in the case of a team with three members, which starting position shall remain vacant.

If an Athlete has presented at the first Horse Inspection more Horses than the Athlete is allowed to ride, the Athlete, or their Chef d'Equipe where applicable, must declare in writing the names of the Horse or Horses definitely starting.

If, for the same level there are two or more sections the Athletes with more than one Horse have the right to have their Horses split between sections. The procedure by which Athletes are divided between sections must be specified in the Schedule.

530 Substitutions

530.1 CIs

After the closing date for entries, only properly qualified Athlete/Horses, subject to the agreement of the Organising Committee, can be substituted up to one hour before the first Horse Inspection (if not applicable two hours before the start of the Dressage Test).

530.2 CIOs and Championships

After the declaration of starters, a change in the composition of a team must comply with the following:

- a) The substitution must be made at least two hours before the first Athlete is scheduled to perform their Dressage Test on the day on which the Athlete in question has been drawn to take part.
- b) In the Event of an accident or illness of an Athlete, a certificate from an officially recognised doctor must be presented.

- c) In the Event of lameness or illness of a Horse, permission from the Veterinary Delegate must be obtained.
- d) The Technical Delegate, in consultation with the Ground Jury, must approve the substitution.

531 Draw

531.1 Approval of Method of Draw

The method of draw must be approved by the Technical Delegate having consulted, if possible, with the Ground Jury. The Technical Delegate may also approve rearrangement of the order or number of blocks of teams or individual Athletes where the number of Athletes makes it necessary.

531.2 CIs

If there is only an Individual Competition, the draw will be conducted by the Organising Committee and will decide the starting order published in the programme.

531.3 CIOs and Championships

If there is a Team and an Individual Classification, the draw will take place to determine the order of nations for the first and second Horse Inspections. This order is also the nations running order for the Dressage and Cross Country Tests.

This draw will take place prior to the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chefs d'Equipe. All nations participating in the Competition, whether by teams or individuals, will be included in this draw.

532 Allocation of Starting Positions (CIOs and Championships)

If there is a Team and an Individual Classification, the allocation of the starting positions for all Athletes in the Competition will be made after the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chefs d'Equipe, according to the following method.

The total starting places will be divided into eight blocks (A to H) and the Athletes will be allocated to each block as follows:

- a) Block A - first Athlete in each team
- b) Block B - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- c) Block C - second Athlete in each team
- d) Block D - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- e) Block E - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- f) Block F - third Athlete in each team
- g) Block G - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- h) Block H - fourth Athlete in each team

532.1 Team Members Positions

The team members positions will be filled first according to the draw of countries (Art. 531.3) and the starting order within each team previously declared, after the Horse Inspection, by its Chef d'Equipe. The Chef d'Equipe of a team with only three members must declare which starting position shall remain vacant.

532.2 Individuals Positions

The individuals' positions will then be determined as follows:

- a) Athletes with one Horse in the Team Competition, second Horses will be placed by the Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of Block G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (Art. 531.3).
- b) Athletes with two Horses in the Individual Competition will be placed by Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of Block B and G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (Art. 531.3). Only one such Athlete's Horses may be placed by a Chef d'Equipe until their turn in the sequence recurs.
- c) Athletes with one Horse in the Individual Competition without a representative team will be placed by the Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of blocks B, D, E, or G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (Art. 531.3).
- d) Athletes with one Horse in the Individual Competition with a representative team will be placed by the Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of blocks B, D, E, or G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (Art. 531.3).

More than one member of a team will be permitted to ride two Horses only if there are enough Athletes in the Event to allow both Horses to be fitted into the time schedule in accordance with the above paragraph.

533 Starting Order

533.1 CCI-L and CCI-S with order of tests Dressage-Cross Country-Jumping

533.1.1 Dressage and Cross Country Tests

The drawn starting order will be used for both these tests.

533.1.2 Jumping Test

The starting order must follow the reverse order of classification at the end of the Cross Country Test (i.e. the lowest placed Athlete will start first, and the last Athlete to jump will be the one placed highest).

533.2 CCI-S with order of tests Dressage-Jumping-Cross Country

533.2.1 Dressage and Jumping Tests

The drawn starting order will be used for both these tests.

533.2.2 Cross Country Test

At the discretion of the Organising Committee:

- a) May follow the same draw starting order of the Dressage and Jumping Tests.
- b) May be run in reverse order of classification for the best 25% of competitors. The same draw starting order of the Dressage and Jumping Tests will be followed for the remaining competitors.

533.3 Athletes with Multiple Rides

An Athlete with multiple rides cannot change the relative order of their Horses. However, if required by the timetable and agreed by the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate, the Athlete may start one or more Horses at other than the normally scheduled starting time for both Jumping and Cross Country Tests.

If an Athlete is starting multiple Horses in different classes, if possible the starting time of the lower class should be adjusted.

534 Timetable

534.1 Dressage Test

A timetable showing each Athlete's starting time for the Dressage Test will be available to each Athlete. The interval between starting times will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee, with the approval of the Technical Delegate.

534.2 Cross Country Test

A timetable, showing each Athlete's starting time must be available to each Athlete no later than one hour after the end of the Dressage Test.

The interval between starting times will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee, with the approval of the Technical Delegate.

534.3 Jumping Test

A time schedule showing the start and the approximate finish of the Jumping Test shall be published. If the time schedule is split, for example between morning and afternoon sessions, the number of Athletes that will jump in the second session shall be noted. For the avoidance of doubt, it is not permitted to split the Jumping Test over 2 (or more) days.

535 Exercising and Warming Up

535.1 Identification Number

Upon arrival, each Horse is issued with an identification number, which must be worn at all times. It may be replaced by the draw number, which must then be worn until the end of the Competition.

Failure to display either number incurs first a warning and, in the case of a repeated offence, a fine imposed on the Athlete by the Ground Jury.

535.2 Restrictions on Schooling Horses

535.2.1 Period of Restriction

During the three days before the start of the first Horse Inspection or the Dressage Test, as applicable, and for the entire duration of the Competition it is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, for anyone to school a Horse other than the Athlete who will ride the Horse in the Competition.

535.2.2 Hacking and Exercising

A groom, while mounted, is not permitted to school the Horse but only to hack it, or ride it on long reins. A groom may also work the Horse on the lunge.

535.2.3 Forbidden Areas

Under penalty of elimination, riding close to Cross Country obstacles, or riding in the Dressage or Jumping arenas prior to the actual Competition is forbidden, unless specifically authorised by the Ground Jury or the Technical Delegate.

535.3 Exercise Areas

Appropriate areas suitable for the general exercise of Horses must be made available by the Organising Committee and must be open throughout the hours of daylight.

The Organising Committee must inform Athletes of the areas that are available for this purpose. Horses may be exercised only in such designated areas and/or in the practice and warm up areas for Dressage, Cross Country and Jumping.

535.4 Practice Areas

535.4.1 Practice Dressage Areas

At least one Dressage practice arena of 60 by 20 metres must be put at the disposal of the Athletes two days before the first day of the Dressage Test. If possible, this arena should be of the same footing as the Competition arena.

535.4.2 Practice Jumping Areas

The Organising Committee must provide one or more practice areas with both fixed and knock down obstacles. The following will apply:

- a) The only practice obstacles that Athletes may jump are those provided by the Organising Committee.
- b) All obstacles must be marked with red and white flags.
- c) The practice obstacles shall only be jumped at times laid down by the Organising Committee.
- d) The Organising Committee must provide at least two fixed cross country practice obstacles
- e) The dimensions of any fixed practice obstacle, either in the practice or warm up areas, may never exceed those of the relevant Cross Country Test.
- f) The knock down obstacles, either in Cross Country or Jumping practice / warm up areas may never be raised more than 10 centimetres above the maximum height permitted by the relevant Test and the spread may never exceed the maximum permitted by the relevant Test.
- g) No part of a knock down obstacle may ever be held by anyone.

535.5 Warm Up Areas

Warm up areas must be provided by the Organising Committee in the vicinity of the relevant Competition arenas for the Dressage and Jumping Tests and close to the start for the Cross Country Test.

Warm up areas may be the same as the practice areas if the dimensions, layout and quality of the footing can allow for it with the following minimum requirements.

535.5.1 Dressage

At least one practice arena of 60 by 20 metres must be put at the disposal of the Athlete next to compete.

535.5.2 Cross Country

At least two fixed or knock down obstacles marked with red and white flags. Warm-up fences should be dressed as if they are Competition fences and must be secured properly. Officials must check the warm-up fences as though they are Competition fences.

535.5.3 Jumping

At least two knock down obstacles marked with red and white flags.

535.6 Dressage Familiarisation

535.6.1 Dressage familiarisation

In order to familiarise the Horse with the Competition arena prior to the Dressage Test, Athletes may, if conditions and the timetable allow, be permitted at a time agreed by the Organising Committee to school the Horse inside or outside the boards of the Competition arena. Grooms may walk and/or lead the Horse outside the boards of the Competition arena.

535.7 Stewarding

One or more Stewards must be appointed to ensure that the rules regarding exercising and warming up are obeyed.

Obstacles can only be jumped if supervised by a Steward.

Other practice and exercise areas, including the use of poles on the ground, may be patrolled by Stewards in a random manner. Violation of any of the provisions relating to practice obstacles is forbidden under penalty of elimination.

536 Access to Courses and Arenas

536.1 Dressage Arena

Unless permission is given by the Ground Jury, it is forbidden for Athletes, under penalty of elimination, to enter the arena mounted at any time other than when performing their test during the Competition. The arena may be inspected on foot prior to the start or during breaks in the Competition.

536.1.1

In Eventing, it is not compulsory to close the Dressage arena.

536.2 Cross Country Course

It is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, for the Athletes to inspect the obstacles or the course before it is officially open.

536.2.1 Opening Time

The Cross Country Course will be opened to all Athletes at the latest the day before the Cross Country Test. After the course has been officially opened, Athletes are allowed to revisit the course and examine the obstacles during the hours of daylight. This examination must take place on foot only unless special permission is given by the Ground Jury.

536.2.2 Flags and Markers

All obstacles, flags and markers must be exactly in position when the course is opened to Athletes. They may not be moved or altered by Athletes under penalty of elimination.

536.3 Jumping Course

The course for the Jumping Test will be open to Athletes not less than 15 minutes before the start of the Jumping Test. Permission to enter the arena will be given by the Ground Jury and an announcement must be made over the public address system.

Athletes will be only admitted to inspect the course on foot between the opening of the course and the start of the Jumping Test.

Unless special permission is given by the Ground Jury, it is forbidden for Athletes, under penalty of elimination, to enter the arena on foot once the Jumping Test has started.

537 Interruptions and Modifications

537.1 Interruptions

The timetable may be interrupted due to dangerous conditions. If necessary, any test or phase may be interrupted, postponed or cancelled.

The decision to interrupt, postpone or cancel a test will be made by the President of the Ground Jury, if possible, after consultation with the other members of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate.

In the case of an interruption, the Competition will be resumed as soon as possible at the point of the interruption. Every affected Athlete must receive sufficient warning before the resumption of the Competition.

In case the Competition is not resumed, all Athlete/Horse combinations having completed all three Tests prior to the interruption will retain their scores and MERs (if achieved) in the results.

537.2 Modifications

After the courses have been officially shown to the Athletes, alterations may be made only in exceptional circumstances and/or when specifically requested by the Athlete representative or Chef d'Equipes and agreed by the Ground Jury in consultation with the Technical Delegate and Course Designer.

Any such modification must be notified to the Athletes at the Cross Country briefing.

After the Cross Country Test has started, alterations may be made only when exceptional circumstances (such as heavy rain or hot weather) make obstacles or a test unfair or dangerous.

The decision will be taken by the President of the Ground Jury after consultation, if possible, with the other members of the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate.

In such cases, the Chefs d'Equipe and every Athlete must be officially and personally informed of the alteration before the start of the phase or the test concerned. Where appropriate, an Official must also be stationed at the place where the alteration has been made in order to warn the Athletes.

538 Dress

538.1 General

538.1.1 Protective Headgear

While riding anywhere on the show grounds, the use of a properly fastened Protective Headgear is mandatory. Such protective headgear must comply with the list of the applicable international testing standards published on the FEI website.

Failure to wear such Protective Headgear where and when required after being notified to do so by an Official, shall result in a Yellow Warning Card, being issued to the Athlete unless exceptional circumstances apply.

As an exception, Senior Athletes may be allowed to remove their Headgear while accepting prizes or during the national anthem. It is recommended that Athletes not remove their Headgear during the lap of honour.

538.1.2 Earphones

During any warmup or training session Athletes or grooms may wear only one earphone while mounted. Earphones and/or other electronic communication devices are strictly prohibited in all Competition arenas, and such usage will result in a Warning, with the exception of medical devices, e.g., Hearing aid devices.

538.2 Inspection of Dress

A Steward can be appointed to inspect whips, spurs and item of dress before any Test.

The Steward has the authority to refuse permission to start for any Athlete, whose whip or spurs or safety equipment contravene the FEI Tack & Equipment Requirements document. The Steward will immediately report the circumstances to the Ground Jury for confirmation.

An Athlete who competes with illegal whip(s), spurs or incorrect items of dress is liable to elimination, at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

539 Tack & Equipment

Please refer to the FEI Tack and Equipment Requirements document and the FEI TackApp.

539.1 Inspection of Saddlery

A Steward can be appointed to check the saddlery of each Horse before it enters the arena or starts a test.

In the Dressage Test, the checking of the bridle must be done with the greatest caution.

If the Athlete so requests, the bridle and bit may be checked immediately after the test has been completed. However, should the bridle or bit in such a case be found not to be permitted, the Athlete will be eliminated.

540 Unauthorised Assistance

Any intervention by a third party, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Athlete or of helping their Horse, is considered unauthorised assistance and the Athlete is liable to be eliminated at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

Officials or spectators who draw the attention of an Athlete to a deviation from the course will be considered giving unauthorised assistance which may result in the elimination of the Athlete.

In particular in the Cross Country Test the following will be considered unauthorised assistance:

- a) To take intentionally a lead from another Athlete.
- b) To be followed, preceded or accompanied, on any part of the course, by any vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian, or Horseman not in the Competition.
- c) To post friends at certain points to call directions or make signals in passing.
- d) To have someone at an obstacle to encourage the Horse by any means whatsoever.
- e) To tamper with the obstacles or any part of the course, including, for instance, flags, indicators, markers, notices, ropes, trees, branches, wire or fences, whether temporary or permanent.

540.1 Exceptions

- a) Whip, headgear or spectacles may be handed to an Athlete without dismounting during the Cross Country Test.
- b) An Athlete, after having knocked a flag at an obstacle as a consequence of a run-out, may ask the fence Judge for the flag to be repositioned, but no time will be deducted.

540.2 Receiving Apparatus / Cameras

The use of any receiving apparatus by Athletes is strictly forbidden while mounted during the test.

Automatic recording of data during the test (e.g. heart beat monitoring, temperature, etc.) to be used for the Welfare of the Horse and research purposes after the completion of the test is allowed.

For use of cameras on Athletes or equipment – see General Regulations. For FEI Named-Events, requests for use of cameras must be approved by FEI HQ, request for approval for other Events must be reviewed by the Technical Delegate in consultation with the Organiser.

541 Advertising and Publicity on Athletes and Horses

Subject to the provisions of General Regulations Art. 135, the manufacturer logo can appear, specifically for Eventing: at all Events, except Regional and Olympic Games under the patronage of the IOC. Athletes may wear clothing and use equipment (including, but not limited to, riding

equipment) which identify the manufacturer, the Athletes' sponsor(s), the Athletes' team sponsor(s), the National Federation's sponsor(s), the Athletes' nation, and/or the Athletes themselves, but only under the specific conditions set forth below.

541.1 Identification of a Non-Sponsor Manufacturer

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies names or logos identifying a non-sponsoring manufacturer of the clothing, and equipment may appear only once per item of clothing, and/or equipment and solely on a surface area not exceeding three square centimetres (3 cm²) for clothing and equipment.

541.2 Identification of a Sponsor

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name and/or logo of the Athletes' sponsor(s), their team sponsor(s) and/or their National Federation's sponsor(s) may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

- a) 200 cm² on each side of saddle cloth;
- b) 80 cm² on each of the two sides of jackets or top garment at the height of breast pockets for Jumping Events, Dressage Events and for Jumping and Dressage Tests of Eventing;
- c) 80 cm² only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches during the Dressage, Cross Country and Jumping Tests of Eventing. In any case, the surface area on the riding breeches should be dedicated to the visibility of the following only: the Athlete's name, identification of the Athlete's nationality, the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), their team sponsor(s) and/or their National Federation's sponsor(s);
- d) 16 cm² on both sides of the shirt collar;
- e) Either 200 cm² on one arm of jackets or top garment or 100 cm² on each arm of jackets or top garment for the Cross Country Tests of Eventing;
- f) 125 cm² vertically in the middle of the hard hat for the Dressage, Jumping and Cross Country Tests of Eventing;
- g) 75 cm² for the logo on ear hoods in Dressage, Jumping and Cross Country Tests of Eventing.

541.3 Use at FEI Championships

Notwithstanding the above, Organising Committees of FEI Championships may prohibit such names and logos in the schedule, with the exception of the names and logos of the team sponsors and/or of the National Federation sponsor(s) under the limitations as set forth in Article 135.2.2.1 of the General Regulations.

541.4 Organising Committee Sponsor

The Organising Committee may display the name and/or logo of a Competition and/or Event sponsor(s) on members of the Organising Committee crew present in the Competition area and on numbers present on the front and back of the bibs worn by Athletes during the Cross-Country tests of Eventing, as well as on stable rugs when they are in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies at all FEI Events. The size of name and/or logo on Athlete's number shall not exceed 100 cm².

541.5 Athlete's National Identification

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name or logo of the Athlete's nation, its national symbol and/or its national flag, and/or the Athlete's National Federation logo or name may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

- a) A reasonable size on each of the two (2) sides of jackets or top garment, at the height of breast pockets and on the collar for Jumping and Dressage Tests of Eventing.
- b) 200 cm² on each side of saddle cloth.

- c) Either 200 cm² on one arm of jackets or top garment or 100 cm² on each arm of jackets or top garment for the Cross Country Test of Eventing:
 - i) Vertically in the middle part of the hard hat for the Jumping Events;
 - ii) Vertically in the middle part of the protective head gear of Dressage;
 - iii) Vertically in the middle part of the protective head gear of Eventing National colours may appear on the entire surface of such protective headgear.
- d) 75cm² for the logo on ear hood in Dressage, Jumping and Cross Country Tests of Eventing.

In any case, the Athlete's national identification can be combined in the same surface area with the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), their team sponsor(s) and/or the National Federation's sponsor(s) as long as their presence and visibility are in compliance with the surface areas mentioned in Articles 135.2.2.1 and 135.2.3.1 of the General Regulations.

For Championship and Official team Competition Cross Country Tests, members of the national teams are required to use national identification colours for equipment, dress and saddle pads to visually clearly identify and differentiate the competing countries. Colours and patterns are to be registered in advance with the FEI.

The Athlete's national flag or the Official three letter IOC abbreviation for the nation may appear on the back of the Athlete's jacket for Jumping centred between the shoulders. The top of the flag, or the three-letter abbreviation (as applicable) must be placed 4 cm below the collar. The flag may not be more than 25cm wide, with a height in proportion to the width; the three-letter IOC abbreviation must appear in standard IOC typeface and not exceed a height of 8 cm.

All Athletes and horses should wear a minimum of one item with national identification per Athlete and Horse.

541.6 Athlete's Name

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the Athlete's name may appear on a surface area not exceeding 80 cm² only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches during the Jumping and Cross Country Tests of Eventing.

541.7 National Federation Logo

Unless otherwise specified in this Article, no advertisement or publicity is permitted on any Athlete, Official, Horse, or riding equipment while present in any Competition area or during the performance. However, Athletes inspecting the course may wear the logo of their sponsor, their team sponsor(s), and/or of their National Federation's sponsor(s) and/or their nationality within a frame not exceeding 400 cm² on the front and back of their top garments and within a frame not exceeding 50 cm² on head gear.

541.8 Advertising in Field of Play

Unless otherwise provided in the Sport Rules, advertising may appear on obstacles, fences and on the sides of the arena provided any applicable broadcast, internet, or similar law or agreement permits such advertising.

541.9 Definition of competition area

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the FEI, for the purpose of this Article, the Competition area shall include all areas where the Athlete is being judged or their Horse is undergoing a Horse inspection. It shall not include collecting rings and start and finish box.

541.10 (as per General Regulations 135.8)

The Chief Steward is responsible for ensuring that the above provisions are respected by Athletes before entering the arena. Athletes not complying with the above will not be permitted to enter the arena during Competition. An official clothing approved by a NF not complying with the requirements of this Article will not be authorised by the FEI.

Chapter 8 DRESSAGE TEST

542 FEI Dressage Rules

The FEI Dressage Rules apply for the Eventing Dressage Test except where otherwise provided in these Eventing Rules. Any modification introduced to the FEI Dressage Rules during the year will be evaluated for inclusion in these Eventing Rules from 1 January the following year.

543 Administration

543.1 Type and level of Test

The type and level of the test will be determined by the type and level of the Competition and will, therefore, be related to the quality and the standard of preparation of the Athletes and Horses.

543.1.1 CIs and CIOs

Organising Committees are free to select the specific test to be used within the ones shown on the FEI Eventing Dressage Tests [online page](#), according to the level of the Competitions.

534.1.1 CCI5*-L

The Dressage Tests for all CCI5*-L Competitions taking place in the year shall be selected and published by the Eventing Committee, taking into account the preferences of the relevant Organising Committees by 1 January.

543.1.2 Championships and Games

The Dressage Test for all Championships and Games taking place in the year shall be selected and published by the Eventing Committee, taking into account the preferences of the relevant Organising Committees, by 1 January.

543.2 Number of Tests to be judged by day

The Organising Committee may include a maximum of 50 Horses per day to be judged by one Ground Jury, with an additional flexibility of maximum 10%, if agreed by the Technical Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury.

543.3 Judges Positions

Two of the three Judges must be placed along the short side, on the outside of and five (5) metres from the arena. The president (C) shall be on the prolongation of the centre line, the other (M or H) two and a half (2.5) metres from and on the inside of the prolongation of the long sides.

The third Judge will be at either E or B, outside and five (5) to ten (10) metres from the arena. The three positions shall be either C, H, B or C, M, E, as determined by the Technical Delegate, taking into account the test and the position of the sun.

In the case of only two Judges they will be positioned at C and either B or E, as determined by the Technical Delegate, taking into account the test and the position of the sun.

A separate hut must be provided for each Judge. They must be raised not less than 50 centimetres above the ground, in order to give the Judges a good view of the arena.

544 Scoring

544.1 Marking

544.1.1 Good Marks

Judges will award good marks from zero (0) to ten (10) including half marks for each numbered movement and for the harmony mark.

544.1.2 Scoring Flying Changes, Halts, Rein-Backs, and Walk Pirouettes

For 4*-level Championships and Higher Level Events, if the score for a flying change, halt, rein-back, or walk pirouette varies by 3 points or more between the Judges, the Ground Jury will review the official video as soon as possible after the Dressage test. The review must be on the same day.

Corrections may only be made to the flying change, halt, rein-back, or walk pirouette score with the agreement of the Ground Jury and should be based on one or more of the original scores.

544.1.3 Paperless Judging

Organisers have the option to use paperless judging systems.

If used, any paperless judging system is subject to FEI approval and must be stated in the Event schedule.

FEI approved paperless judging systems as per the FEI requirements are posted on the FEI Website.

In any event, a paper version of the Dressage tests must be available to the Judges during competition as backup.

544.2 Calculation of Scores

544.2.1 Good Marks & Errors

The good marks from zero (0) to ten (10) awarded by each Judge to an Athlete for each numbered movement of the Dressage Test together with the harmony mark are added together deducting any error of course or test.

A fall of an Athlete or Horse during the period from when the bell rings to the end of their Test will lead to elimination.

Eventing Dressage test error penalties:

1st time	Two (2) points
2nd time	Four (4) points
3rd time	Elimination
Other errors:	Two (2) points per error to be deducted

All of the following are considered technical faults:

- a) Entering the space around the arena with a whip or with boots/bandages on the Horse's legs or with discrepancy in dress (e.g., lack of gloves).
- b) Entering the Dressage arena with a whip or with boots/bandages on the Horse's legs or with discrepancy in dress (e.g., lack of gloves).
 - i) If the Test has already started before the discrepancy has been noticed, the Judge at C stops the Athlete and, if needed and possible, an assistant may enter the arena to remove the item(s). The Athlete then continues the Test from the movement where they were stopped. The marks given before they were stopped are not changed.
- c) Entering the Dressage arena before the sound of the bell.
- d) Not entering the arena within 45 seconds after the bell, but within 90 seconds.

- e) Using voice or clicking the tongue repeatedly.
- f) Athletes not taking the reins in one (1) hand at the salute.

544.2.2 Judges Percentages

For each Judge, the percentage of maximum possible good marks obtainable is then calculated. Percentage is obtained dividing total good marks and errors of the Judge by maximum possible good marks obtainable and then multiplying by 100 and rounding the result to two decimal digits. This value is shown as the individual mark for that Judge.

Rounding the result to two decimals implies that any score of "x.xx5" and above is rounded up, and any score less than "x.xx5" is rounded down.

544.2.3 Athlete's Percentage

Athlete's percentage is calculated on the average good marks and errors obtained by adding together the total good marks for each Judge and dividing by the number of Judges. The Athletes percentage will always be rounded to two decimal digits.

544.2.4 Penalty Points

In order to convert Athletes percentage into penalty points, this must be subtracted from 100 with the resulting figure being rounded to one decimal digit. The result is the score in penalty points for the test.

Rounding the result to one decimal implies that any score of "x.x5" and above is rounded up, and any score less than "x.x5" is rounded down.

544.2.5 Overall Impression of Athlete and Horse Mark

In all Eventing Dressage Tests, one overall mark will be awarded for the Harmony of Athlete and Horse with a double coefficient.

Chapter 9 CROSS COUNTRY TEST

545 Rules Governing the Cross Country Test

545.1 Starting

545.1.1 Starting Procedure

Athletes at the start of the Cross Country must be under the control of the starter and may not deliberately start until instructed to do so, under penalty of elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

The Horse does not have to stand absolutely immobile, but the Athlete must not get any advantage from a flying start.

Each Athlete should be given reasonable warning before the time the Athlete is due to start, but it is the Athlete's responsibility to ensure that the Athlete is ready to start at the correct time.

545.1.2 Starting Box

In order to simplify the task of the starter, an enclosure approximately 5x5 metres will be built at the start of the Cross Country, with an open front through which Horses will start and a gap in one or both sides from which the Horses will enter.

Each Athlete must start from within the enclosure and is at liberty to move around and through the enclosure as the Athlete pleases.

An attendant may lead the Horse into the enclosure and may hold the Horse until the signal to start is given. From that instant, the Athlete is considered to be on the course and no further assistance may be given.

545.2 Optimum Time and Timing

545.2.1 Optimum Time / Time Limit

The distance chosen, carried out at the chosen speed, gives the optimum time. Completing in less than the optimum time is not rewarded. An Athlete exceeding the optimum time will be penalised in accordance with Art. 548.2 up to the time limit.

The time limit is twice the optimum time.

545.2.2 Timing

Each Athlete will be timed on the Cross Country Test from the moment the signal to start is given or from the moment the Athlete crosses the starting line which ever happens first to the moment the Athletes crosses the finishing line.

If an Athlete is stopped by an Official (e.g., for a broken fence, accident, being overtaken, for medical or veterinary examination, etc.), the time during which the Athlete is prevented from continuing until the Athlete is cleared to start will be recorded and deducted from the total time taken to complete the Cross Country Test.

545.3 Error of Course

All compulsory passages on Cross Country and all obstacles, including all elements and/or options, must be passed or jumped in order under penalty of elimination.

All red or white flags must be respected wherever they occur on course under penalty of elimination except as provided in Articles 549.2 and 549.4.

Retaking an obstacle already jumped is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, except as provided for in Articles 549.2 and 549.4.

545.4 Pace and Dismounting

Between the start and finish of the Cross Country Test, Athletes are free to choose their own pace.

Athletes may voluntarily dismount (without incurring elimination according to Art. 549.5.1) to check on the Horse, adjust saddlery or equipment, or when held on course.

545.5 Overtaking

Any Athlete who is about to be overtaken by a following Athlete must quickly clear the way.

Any Athlete overtaking another Athlete must do so only at a safe and suitable place.

When the leading Athlete is before an obstacle and about to be overtaken, the Athlete must follow the directions of the Officials.

When the leading Athlete is committed to jump an obstacle, the following Athlete may jump that obstacle only in such a way that will cause no inconvenience or danger for either.

545.6 Athlete in Difficulty

If, in attempting to negotiate an obstacle, a Horse should be trapped in such a way that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself, the Athlete will be instructed by the fence Judge to dismount and will be eliminated.

The fence Judge will decide if parts of the obstacle need to be dismantled or if any other assistance needs to be given to extricate the Horse.

545.7 Stopping Athletes

If any part of an obstacle is obstructed by an Athlete in difficulty, or if any obstacle has been dismantled to release a fallen Horse, or if an obstacle has been broken and is not yet rebuilt, or in any other similar circumstances, subsequent Athletes must be halted.

In such a case, an Official should be posted in the path of the oncoming Athlete. The Official shall wave a red flag, which indicates that the Athlete must stop.

Failure to stop is penalised by elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

The Official will stop Athletes only upon the instruction of the Control Centre or during an emergency at their own obstacle.

Athletes may be stopped on the course at obstacles or at designated timing/stopping points.

545.7.1 Timing

The time during which the Athlete was stopped, from the moment the Athlete passed the timing point until the Athlete passes that same point after being given the order to restart, will be recorded and it will be deducted from the total time taken by the Athlete to complete the course.

It is clearly intended that the time shall be taken as the Athlete gallops past the timing point, not after the Athlete halts nor after a start from the halt.

545.8 Leaving the Course After Elimination

An Athlete eliminated for any reason must leave the course at once and has no right to continue. The Athlete must walk their Horse off the course, either mounted or dismounted.

Athletes who fail to comply will be disciplined at the discretion of the Ground Jury in accordance with Art.525.1.

546 Courses

546.1 Marking

546.1.1 Red or White Boundary Flags

Red or white boundary flags shall be used to mark the starting and finishing lines, to mark compulsory passages, and to define obstacles. They are placed in such a way that an Athlete must leave a red flag on their right and a white flag on their left.

546.1.2 Numbers and Letters

Each obstacle on Cross Country shall be numbered. Obstacles with elements or options (art. 547.5.1) shall, in addition, be lettered (A, B, C, etc.). Each compulsory passage shall be marked and numbered consecutively.

546.1.3 Start and Finish Signs

In addition to the red or white boundary flags, the starting and finishing line shall also be marked by distinct signs.

546.2 Distances and Speeds

The distances and speeds demanded for the different levels are determined by the intended difficulty of the whole test.

Course Designers, within the limits shown in the Table of Distances, Speeds, Times and Jumping Efforts for the relevant level of Competition in Annex A, will choose the most suitable distance for the specific Competition.

Any exceptional modification to the distances and speeds specified in Annex A must be approved by the Eventing Committee, except as provided for in Art. 537.2.

546.3 Finishing Lines

The last obstacle of Cross Country shall be not less than 20 metres, and no more than 50 metres from the finishing line.

546.4 Course Plans

Each Athlete will be given in advance a plan showing the track of the course.

The course plan must include the following:

- a) The position of the start and finish
- b) The numbered obstacles and compulsory passages
- c) The distance
- d) The optimum time and time limit

547 Obstacles

Please refer to the [Cross Country Guide for Officials](#) for further information.

547.1 Definition

An obstacle is considered as such if and only if its extremities are marked with a red flag and a white flag and it is numbered and/or lettered accordingly. All significant jumping efforts that the average Horse may be expected to attempt to negotiate must be defined as an obstacle or element and flagged, numbered and/or lettered accordingly.

547.2 Type of Obstacles

547.2.1 General

The obstacles must be fixed and imposing in shape and appearance. When natural obstacles are used, they should, if necessary, be reinforced so that they remain in the same state throughout the test. All reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent the possibility of an Athlete being able to pass mounted under an obstacle. Portable fences must be secured to the ground in a way that they have no possibility to move if hit by a Horse.

547.2.2 Construction

The obstacles at which a Horse, in falling, is likely to be trapped or to injure itself, must be built in such a way that part of the obstacle can be quickly dismantled and can be quickly rebuilt exactly as before. Such a construction must not in any way detract from the solidity of the obstacle.

547.2.3 Brush

Brush on top of fences must be made of flexible and deformable material. The fence must be constructed so that a Horse clearing the fixed and solid part is unlikely to be injured by the brush or hedge. Bullfinches, i.e., thin brushes or hedges through which a Horse can be expected to jump are permitted, provided they can be maintained in consistent condition throughout the test.

547.2.4 Frangible/Deformable Obstacles

Obstacles can be provided with frangible/deformable technology only if such technology has been approved by the FEI according to the FEI Standard for the minimum strength of frangible/deformable Cross Country fences. A list of approved technologies is published on the FEI website.

For all levels, all open oxers, open corners, verticals or near verticals with open rails, top rail on triple bars and gates where the rail dimensions and weight fit the acceptable parameters of an FEI approved frangible device, must be fitted with frangible devices.

547.2.5 Fences Related to Water

Each Cross Country course must have at least one obstacle (effort) related to water.

547.2.6 Sloping & Round Leading Edges

Spread fences, including corners must not have an upright or vertical leading edge. The top of the front of the fence must be rounded or sloped. All other fences, including gates and fences using square and/or sawn materials, must not have any sharp or square edges. Brush fences are excluded provided there is at least 20cm of brush above the solid part of the fence.

547.2.7 Ground lines

Ground lines must be used on fences at all levels.

An additional ground line is not compulsory for fences with a leading edge of 50 cm or less.

547.3 Dimensions

The dimensions of obstacles must be within the limits shown in the Table of Obstacle Heights and Spreads for the relevant level of Competition provided in Annex A.

Obstacles must comply with the permitted fence dimensions as per Annex A at the time of the approval by the Ground Jury (in case of change of ground conditions).

547.3.1 Fixed Part

The fixed and solid parts of an obstacle may not exceed the specified height or spread at any of the points at which an Athlete might reasonably attempt to negotiate the obstacle.

547.3.2 Brush

The overall height and the height of the solid part of a hedge or brush fence must never exceed the relative dimension set in the Table of Obstacle Heights and Spreads for the relevant level of Competition provided in Annex A.

547.3.3 Water

At obstacles involving water crossings (ford, lake or wide river), the depth of water, from the entrance to the exit must not exceed 35 centimetres. The length of any water crossing must be at least six (6) metres between entry and exit, except where an exit step(s) or fence is jumped directly out of the water, in which case the minimum length must be nine meters.

A fence must not be less than two strides before a step out of water or three strides after a drop in water.

Water to water with a drop is not a permitted obstacle question at any level.

547.3.4 Obstacles with Spread Only

At an obstacle with spread only (dry or water filled ditch), a guard rail or hedge in front that facilitates jumping is permitted. It may not exceed 50 centimetres in height and must be included in the measurement of the spread.

547.3.5 Drops

At 2*-level, no drops over 160 centimetres are permitted. At 3*, 4* & 5*-level drops with a flat landing exceeding 160 centimetres are limited to two.

547.4 Measurement

547.4.1 Height

The height of an obstacle is measured from the point where the average Horse would take off.

547.4.2 Spread

The spread of an open obstacle (e.g., oxeer or ditch) is measured from the outside of the rails or other material making up the obstacle on the line where the average Horse is expected to jump. The spread of a closed obstacle with a solid top (e.g., Tables) is measured from the highest point to the highest point on the line where the average Horse is expected to jump. Base spread measurements include all solid element/rails, including solid ground lines (please refer to Cross Country Guidelines for details).

547.4.3 Drop

The drop on the landing side of an obstacle is measured from the highest part of the obstacle, including from the top of a brush fence, to the point where the average Horse would land.

547.4.4 Natural Obstacles

When the height of an obstacle cannot be clearly defined (e.g. natural hedge, bullfinch), the height is measured to the solid part of the obstacle through which a Horse cannot pass with impunity.

547.5 Obstacles with Elements and/or Options

547.5.1 Obstacles Composed of Several Elements

If two or more jumping efforts, sited closely together, are designed as one integral test, they will be designated as "elements" of a single numbered obstacle. Each element will be marked with a different letter (A, B, C, etc.) and must be negotiated in the correct order.

Where two or more jumping efforts are sited so closely together that after a refusal or run-out it would be unreasonably difficult to attempt to negotiate the second or subsequent effort without retaking one or more earlier efforts, these jumping efforts must be designated as one numbered obstacle and lettered accordingly.

547.5.2 Obstacles with Alternatives

Where an obstacle may be jumped in one effort but has alternatives involving two or more efforts, each of these alternatives must be lettered or numbered as an element.

An alternative obstacle must be sited in such a way that the Horse/Athlete must make a new attempt/approach after a refusal or run-out.

547.5.3 Black Flagged Alternatives

Alternative obstacles or elements may be flagged separately and must be identified by the same number/letter as on the direct route. In this case, both sets of flags must be marked with a black line on both sides of the flag.

547.6 Number of Jumping Efforts

The total number of jumping efforts shall be within the limits (minimum and maximum) shown in the Table of Distances, Speeds, Times and Jumping Efforts for the relevant level of Competition provided in Annex A.

The efforts to be counted are the efforts on the route expected to be taken by the majority of Horses.

For all classes at all levels, it is possible to have a maximum of an additional 2 efforts whereby steps and ditches do not necessarily count as efforts under the following conditions:

- a) 2 steps as part of a combination/related fences may only count as one effort, e.g., a sunken road with what would traditionally be 4 efforts (fence before, step down, step up, fence after) may count as 3 efforts.
- b) 3 steps up or down may count as 2 efforts.
- c) a ditch as part of a combination (e.g. a hollow/coffin type fence) does not count as an effort.
- d) a step down as part of a combination need not necessarily be counted as an effort provided that any such step does not exceed the maximum permitted height of an obstacle for the Competition. Steps up that do not exceed 75% of the maximum permitted height of an obstacle for the Competition need not necessarily count. The CD and TD need to agree, in advance of the competition, how many of such efforts, if any, are appropriate for the particular competition given the nature of the terrain and the balance, flow, and intensity of the course. If a step or a ditch is clearly an 'effort', it should be counted as such.

548 Scoring

548.1 Faults at Obstacles

Fault	Penalty
First refusal, run-out or circle	20 penalties
Second refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle	40 penalties
Third refusal, run-out or circle on Cross Country Course	elimination
Fall of Athlete or Horse on Cross Country Course	elimination
Activating a frangible device where the dimension of the fence is modified	11 penalties
Dangerous Riding	25 penalties
Missing a flag as per Art. 549.2	9 penalties

Note: For instances in which a Fall has occurred in the same movement as a refusal, activation of a breakable device, or missing a flag, the points related to the additional fault will not be counted towards the results (e.g., a Horse refuses, causing the Athlete to fall will not cause the combination to incur 20 penalties for the refusal). These must, however, be reported in the Cross Country Fence Analysis.

For the avoidance of doubt, in no case should the points related to activating a frangible device be removed, unless specified in the previous note.

Evidence: Only official video recording can be used as evidence. Officials will clarify before the start of Cross Country and inform Chefs d'Equipe/riders at meeting/briefing which video recording will represent the official view, to avoid any misunderstanding.

548.2 Time Faults

Fault	Penalty
Exceeding optimum time	0.4 penalties per commenced second
Exceeding time limit	elimination

548.3 Additional Reasons for Elimination

548.3.1 Compulsory Elimination

Elimination must be applied in the following cases:

- a) Competing with improper saddlery (Art. 539).
- b) Error of course not rectified (Art. 545.3).
- c) Omission of obstacle or compulsory passage (Art. 545.3).
- d) Jumping or incurring a fault at an obstacle in the wrong order or passing through a compulsory passage in the wrong order (Art. 545.3).
- e) Jumping an obstacle in the wrong direction (Art. 545.3).
- f) Retaking an obstacle already jumped (Art. 545.3).
- g) Athlete in difficulty (Art. 545.6).

548.3.2 Ground Jury Discretion

Elimination is left to the discretion of the Ground Jury in the following cases:

- a) Dangerous Riding (Art. 525.1).
- b) Abuse of Horse (Art. 526.1).
- c) Deliberately starting before being given the signal to start (Art. 545.1.1).
- d) Jumping or attempting to jump any obstacle without headgear, or with an unfastened retention harness (Art. 538.1.1).
- e) Wilful obstruction of an overtaking Athlete, or failure to follow the instructions of the Officials while being overtaken (Art. 525).
- f) Causing danger to another Athlete while overtaking that Athlete (Art. 525.1.1).
- g) Failure to stop when signalled (Art. 545.7).
- h) Unauthorised assistance (Art. 540).

549 Definition of Faults

The following faults at obstacles (refusal, run-out and circle) will be penalised unless, in the opinion of the relevant Official, they are clearly not connected with the negotiation or attempted negotiation of a numbered obstacle or element.

In the case of black flag alternatives, only one obstacle/element has to be jumped and an Athlete is permitted to change without penalty from one black flagged line to another (e.g. jumping 6a

left-hand route then 6b right-hand route) provided the Athlete has not presented their Horse at the next element of the original line.

In the case of black flag alternatives, the faults at obstacles (refusal, run-out and circle) will only be penalised if related to the obstacle/elements attempted or negotiated (elements not attempted or negotiated will be irrelevant for the judging of such alternatives).

For all faults at obstacles, the review process will be explained by the Technical Delegate during the Event briefing.

549.1 Refusal

549.1.1 Obstacles with Height

At obstacles or elements with height (i.e., exceeding 30 centimetres), a Horse is considered to have refused if it stops in front of the obstacle to be jumped.

549.1.2 Obstacles without Height

At all other obstacles (i.e., 30 centimetres or less in height) a stop followed immediately by a standing jump is not however penalised, but if the halt is sustained or in any way prolonged, this constitutes a refusal. The Horse may step sideways but if it steps back, this is a refusal.

549.1.3 Multiple Refusals

After a refusal, if an Athlete redoubles or changes their efforts without success, or if the Horse is represented at the obstacle after stepping back and stops or steps back again, this is a second refusal; and so on.

549.2 Run-out - Missing a Flag

a) Clear (0 penalties): A Horse is considered to have cleared the fence when the head, neck and points of both shoulders pass between the extremities of the obstacle as flagged. If a flag is dislodged, the hindquarters must jump the height of the solid part of the obstacle.

b) Missing a flag (9 penalties): A Horse is considered to have missed a flag when the point of a shoulder fails to pass between the extremities of the obstacle as flagged. The head and neck must pass inside the extremities of the obstacle as flagged. If a flag is dislodged, the hindquarters must jump the height of the solid part of the obstacle.

c) Run-Out (20 penalties): A Horse is considered to have run-out if, having been presented at an obstacle on the course, it avoids it in such a way that the head, neck and point of either shoulder fail to pass between the extremities of the obstacle as flagged or the hindquarters have not jumped the height of the solid part of the obstacle. Continuing on course without representing will incur elimination.

549.2.1 Change of Intention

An Athlete is permitted to change their mind as to where the Athlete jumps an obstacle or element at any time, without penalty, including as a result of a mistake at a previous obstacle or element. If, however, the Horse avoids part of the obstacle at which it has been presented, the Combination will be considered to have run-out.

549.2.2 Judging of Bounce Obstacles

At any obstacle where the distance between elements is 5 metres or less (i.e., a "bounce"), when a Horse has negotiated the first element without penalty, the Horse will be deemed to have been presented at the second element, and similarly if the "bounce" is for example the second and third elements of a combination. Thus, if an Athlete "changes their mind" while negotiating the first element of a "bounce" and, for example, then goes a longer route, the Athlete will still be penalised 20 penalties for a run-out.

549.3 Circle

549.3.1 Separately Numbered Obstacles

At separately numbered obstacles, an Athlete may circle or cross their tracks between or around them without penalty provided the Athlete has not presented their Horse at the second or subsequent obstacles.

549.3.2 Obstacles Composed of Several Elements

At an obstacle composed of several elements (A, B, C, etc.) a Horse will be penalised once it has jumped the first element and before it has jumped the last element if:

- a) It passes around the back of the next element of the lettered combination that it subsequently jumps.
- b) It crosses its tracks between the elements.
- c) It circles back around any element that it has already jumped before jumping any subsequent element of a lettered combination.

549.4 Representing After a Disobedience

After being penalised for a refusal, run-out or circle, an Athlete, in order to make another attempt, is permitted to circle one or more times without penalty, until the Athlete again presents their Horse at the obstacle.

At an obstacle composed of several elements if the Athlete refuses, runs out or circles at any element, the Athlete is permitted to retake any elements already jumped, although the Athlete is liable to be penalised for any fault even if the Athlete has previously jumped an element successfully.

If after a refusal, run-out or circle, the Athlete wishes to pass through flags of a fence without height (i.e., step or ditch) in the wrong direction in order to retake an element, the Athlete may do so without penalty.

549.4.1 Representing a frangible fence after a Disobedience

Reattempting an activated frangible fence element not correctly restored to its original condition will result in elimination.

549.5 Fall

549.5.1 Athlete

An Athlete is considered to have fallen when the Athlete is separated from their Horse in such a way as to necessitate remounting.

549.5.2 Horse

A Horse is considered to have fallen when, at the same time, both its shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground or when it is trapped in a fence in such a way that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself.

Chapter 10 JUMPING TEST

550 FEI Jumping Rules

The FEI Jumping Rules apply for the Eventing Jumping Test except where otherwise provided in these Eventing Rules. Any modification introduced to the FEI Jumping Rules during the year will be evaluated for inclusion in these Eventing Rules from 1 January the following year.

551 Object

This test is similar to an ordinary Jumping Competition, but without any attempt to find a winner of this test on its own. Its main objective is to prove that the Horse and Athlete are well trained in the specialist discipline of Jumping.

The nature of the course, its length, the speed demanded and the dimensions of the obstacles will be in accordance to the level of the Competition.

552 Course and Obstacles

Within the limits shown in Jumping Annex B, the Course Designer is free to plan a track suitable to the level of the Competition.

The dimensions of the obstacles shall not exceed the limits shown in Jumping Annex B. At least two thirds shall be of maximum height for the level offered.

A tolerance of five (5) centimetres in height is acceptable, if dictated by the terrain or by the spacing of the cups as authorised by the FEI Jumping Rules.

552.1 Type of Obstacles

The obstacles will be standard Jumping obstacles.

The obstacles should have a balance of vertical and spread obstacles and shall include two or three doubles or a double and a treble.

Closed combinations are not permitted. A water jump is not permitted, but a water ditch with rails over is allowed.

FEI approved safety cups must be used as support for back poles of spread obstacles, and in the case of a triple bar, to support the centre and back pole of the obstacle.

The jumping cups must have a depth of minimum 20 mm and maximum 25 mm. This also applies for safety cups.

Alternative obstacles are permitted. These jumps are to be marked on the course plan with the same number and with the word "Alternative".

553 Scoring

553.1 Faults at Obstacles

Fault	Penalty
Knocking down an obstacle	4 penalties
First run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test	4 penalties
Second run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test	elimination
Fall of Athlete or Horse	elimination

Note: For instances in which a Fall has occurred in the same movement as a refusal or knocking down an obstacle, the points related to the additional fault will not be counted towards the results (e.g., a Horse refuses, causing the Athlete to fall will not cause the combination to incur 4 penalties for the refusal).

For Short Format Competitions (when the Jumping Test is before the Cross Country Test), an Athlete incurring 20 or more Obstacles penalties during the Jumping test will not be authorized to start in the Cross Country Test and will be automatically eliminated from the Competition.

553.2 Time Faults

The length of the course and the speed demanded determine the time allowed.

Completing the course in less than the time allowed is not rewarded, but exceeding the time allowed, Athletes are penalised with 0.4 penalties per commenced second.

Exceeding the time limit involves elimination.

Annexes

Annex A Cross Country

1 Cross Country Obstacles Maximum Dimensions

	One star	Two star	Three star	Four star	Five star	W-CH/ Olympic Games
Fixed (m.)	1.05	1.10	1.15	1.20	1.20	1.20
Brush (m.)	1.25	1.30	1.35	1.40	1.45	1.40
Top Spread (m.)	1.20	1.40	1.60	1.80	2.00	1.80
Base Spread (m.)	1.80	2.10	2.40	2.70	3.00	2.70
Without Height (m.)	2.40	2.80	3.20	3.60	4.00	3.60
Drop (m.)	1.40	1.60	1.80	2.00	2.00	2.00

2 Distances - Speeds - Jumping Efforts

CCI-S (Short) Cross Country Distances - Jumping Efforts – Speeds

Level		One star	Two star	Three star	Four star
Distance (m.)	Min	2000	2600	3025	3420
	Max	3000	3120	3575	3990
Efforts	Min	20	25	27	30
	Max	25	30	32	35
Speed (m./min.)		500	520	550	570
Time (m.)	Min	4'00"	5'00"	5'30"	6'00"
	Max	6'00"	6'00"	6'30"	7'00"

CCI-L (Long) Cross Country Distances - Jumping Efforts – Speeds

Level		Two star	Three star	Four star	Five star	W-CH/Olympic Games
Distance (m.)	Min	3640	4400	5700	6270	5600
	Max	4680	5500	6270	6840	5800
Efforts	Min	25	30	35	40	38
	Max	30	35	40	45	42
Speed (m./min.)		520	550	570	570	570
Time (min.)	Min	7'00"	8'00"	10'00"	11'00"	9'50"
	Max	9'00"	10'00"	11'00"	12'00"	10'10"

Within the above limits, the CD and TD may adjust in either direction to take account of the terrain, the number of efforts should be broadly proportional to the length of the course.

3 Diagram of Cross Country Obstacles and Faults

Explanatory diagrams can be found in a separate document published on FEI website, and is regularly updated.

Annex B Jumping

1 Obstacles Maximum Dimensions - Distances - Speeds - Jumping Efforts

Maximum Dimensions - Distances - Speeds - Efforts

CCI – L & S	One star	Two star	Three star	Four star	Five star
Height (m.)	1.10	1.15	1.20	1.25	1.30
Oxer spread (m.)	1.25	1.35	1.40	1.45	1.45
Triple Bar spread (m.)	1.45	1.55	1.60	1.65	1.65
Distance (m.)	600	600	600	600	600
Speed (m./min.)	350	350	350	375	375
Nb Obstacles/ Max Efforts	10-11/12	10-11/13	10-11/14	11-12/15	11-13/16

If the arena is less than 5000m², the maximum speed for 4*- and 5*-level Competitions shall be 350 m./min.

In arenas less than 2300m², the maximum speed for any level shall be 325 m/min.

Annex C Medical Services

Requirements for Medical Services at FEI Eventing Competitions

This Annex outlines the medical service coverage to be implemented by Organising Committees (OCs) of FEI Eventing Events.

It must be read in conjunction with article 109.10.1 FEI General Regulations, the General Medical Coverage requirements for FEI Events in accordance with article 109.10.1, the FEI Key Event Requirements No.11 available on the FEI website and any guidance issued by the FEI for the medical coverage of Events.

I. MEDICAL SERVICES REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE THROUGHOUT THE EVENT

1. Chief Medical Officer (CMO)

1.1 Role

The CMO is appointed well in advance of the Event and works closely with the Organizing Committee when planning for Event medical coverage and participate in the preparation of the Serious Incident Management Plan (SIMP) for the Event.

At Championships, the CMO will arrange a meeting for the international team doctors and medical personnel in order to familiarise them with the venue and available medical resources and provide the necessary contact information to access the medical services.

1.2 Qualifications

The CMO does not have to be a physician, but is suitably experienced in the planning of medical coverage for equestrian events and has knowledge of the available local emergency medical resources and applicable local regulations.

2. First aid for spectators and workforce

First aid services for spectators and workforce must be provided in compliance with the locally applicable legislation and guidelines and following consultation with the CMO and local emergency medical service personnel.

3. On-site medical personnel

On-site medical personnel as detailed in Table 1 below must be available during the hours of competition and training periods.

They must be able to cover all riding and competition areas, stables, and on-site accommodations.

Table 1

AVAILABILITY	MEDICAL PERSONNEL	NUMBERS OF MEMBERS IN EACH TEAMS	QUALIFICATIONS
Cross-Country test: at least 1 team	Advanced Medical Response Team	At least: 2	1. At least: one (1) member with the minimum necessary skills to: a. perform advanced airway management; b. decompress a tension pneumothorax; c. acquire intravenous access; d. apply cervical and spinal stabilization and place suitable splints for fractures; 2. Training in basic life support and appropriate equipment for airway support, bleeding and fracture management.
Dressage, Jumping and Cross Country tests: At least 1 team	Standard Medical Response Teams	Minimum: 1 Ideally: 2	1. Training in basic life support and appropriate equipment for airway support, bleeding and fracture management. 2. At least one (1) member with the minimum necessary skills to: a. perform airway management b. apply cervical and spinal stabilization.
Transportation			1. Whenever possible, a medically appropriate vehicle shall be on-site for the transportation of seriously injured or sick persons to a medical facility. If this is not possible, a medically appropriate vehicle must be available on call. 2. A system must be in place for the safe removal of injured Athletes from the field of play. 3. The personnel must be adequately trained to use the available equipment.

4. Medical personnel access to the venue

All medical personnel with their emergency equipment and transport must have credentials and access to the entire venue at all times, including the stable area and finish during the competition.

They must be familiar prior to the competition with all access routes to the competition areas and anticipate alternatives in the event of inclement weather conditions which may necessitate the use of all-terrain vehicles for transport to ensure rapid evacuation.

5. Communications

- A reliable communication system must be in place throughout the entire Event, to alert the on-site emergency medical providers and/or the local emergency medical service, including communication with the Event Officials.

II. MEDICAL SERVICES REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE DURING COMPETITION TIME (INCLUDING DESIGNATED WARM-UP TIMES)

1. Medical response - DRESSAGE and JUMPING tests

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT		
Medical personnel type	Response time	Logistical considerations
1 x Standard Medical Response Team available on site	Strongly recommended: maximum 3 minutes ^(***) from notification of accident	Should have an immediate access to any part of the competition arena and warm up areas.
+		
Additional medical personnel required for adequate coverage		
As pre-determined by the CMO and OC depending on the layout and number of arenas		

2. Medical response – CROSS COUNTRY Test

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT		
Medical personnel type	Response time	Logistical considerations
1 x Advanced Medical Response Team available at all times on site	Maximum 5 minutes from notification of accident	Capability of rapid deployment to any part of the course (including warm-up area) and all obstacles on the cross country course
+		
Additional medical personnel required for adequate coverage		
As pre- determined by the CMO depending on the layout of the Cross Country courses and the accessibility of the site.		

3.1 Evacuation of injured athletes from the field of play

Provisions should be clearly established before the start of the competition for intermediate transport of any injured athletes off the field of play to the transport medically appropriate vehicle.

Possible adverse transport conditions due to weather conditions should be anticipated. This may include all wheel drive transport options which will require pre-positioning at the direction of the CMO and on-site medical providers.

3.2 Plan for the transportation of injured athletes to hospital

- In determining the number of medically appropriate vehicles, the CMO and OC should consider the distance to the nearest trauma hospital in case one vehicle has to leave the competition site, making sure that another vehicle is still readily available to cover the competition. Otherwise the competition must be delayed until a replacement ambulance in on-site.
- Rapid routes for access and departure must be prepared in advance and safeguarded during the competition for the expeditious transfer of the seriously injured to an

appropriate medical facility. This should also include pre-determined plans for access and egress for jumps that are deemed potentially high risk.

- Depending on the access to the site and the distance to a trauma hospital (greater than 60 minutes by land transport), helicopter evacuation should be strongly considered for seriously injured Athlete at the discretion of on-site medical personnel. A suitable landing zone should be identified and secured in advance for the medical evacuation helicopter. This information should be relayed by the CMO to the appropriate medical evacuation helicopter service in advance of the competition.

III. MANDATORY MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AFTER A FALL

If an Athlete falls at a Competition, the Athlete will not be allowed to continue without a medical assessment by on-site medical personnel, even if the Athlete has no obvious injury. Please see applicable FEI rules if an Athlete refuses medical evaluation which will result in immediate elimination for the remainder of the competition.

Article 523.3 All Athletes that have had a fall during training on the Competition site or in Competition must be examined by the Official Medical Officer before they either take part in another test, Competition or leave the venue. The Athlete is fully responsible for ensuring that this examination takes place.

Article 523.3: Any Athlete who leaves the venue after a fall without submitting to the examination required under this Article will automatically be issued an Eventing Recorded Warning for incorrect behaviour, which will be delivered to their National Federation.

Annex D Organising Requirements for Eventing 5*-Level Events

5*-level Events are believed to be the pinnacle of the sport representing Eventing on the world stage and as such it is felt that there should be some guidelines for potential Organising Committees to ensure that the image of the sport and the presentation of the Event are of the highest possible quality.

The FEI will only recognise a few Events at this level and this recognition will be subject to some strict criteria.

Application process:

- a) Before being awarded an Event of 5*-level status the Organising Committee must have run, at the venue, a lower level international Eventing Competition of at least Four star level, and demonstrated the ability to stage an Event of the highest level.
- b) Application from the host National Federation to the FEI to stage a five star level Event must to be accompanied by a proposal including detailed information about the venue (access, facilities, etc) and the suitability of the footing, the Organising Committee, the financial viability (including proposed levels of sponsorship income), budget and cash-flow, local accommodation availability, and proposed level of prize money.
- c) The Organising Committee must have a proven track record of success. A business plan must be presented as well as a motivation letter on the reasons to transfer to the CC15* category.
- d) Details in regard to the Organising Committees Broadcast strategy must be provided as well as expressions of interest in regard to Broadcast coverage and live streaming.
- e) The venue needs to be approved by an FEI appointed Delegate, who will visit the proposed Event at the OC's/National Federation's expense.
- f) The National Federation will be responsible for supporting the application and overseeing the success of the Event, and a representative of the National Federation must be included in the Board of the Organising Committee.
- g) The proposal must include the proposed Course Designer who must be an Eventing Level 4 Course Designer. The Course Designer in question must support the proposal and endorse that the venue is suitable for the 5*-level.
- h) The Event has to be approved by the FEI Eventing Committee who reserve the right to ask for as much information as is considered necessary. The FEI Eventing Committee also reserves all rights to not accept the 5* denomination request of any Organiser.
- i) Dates must fit in to the overall Eventing calendar, not clash with any major Event/Championship and be consistent from year to year in order to allow the other Events to position themselves in consequence.
- j) Applications shall be sent to the FEI at the latest by July the year preceding the Event applied for.

Requirements:

- a) Minimum level of prize money: € 150'000 by 2025.
- b) Mandatory CCTV for public, Athletes, owners and the Ground Jury and for safety reasons.
- c) An all-weather Dressage arena is strongly recommended.
- d) It is strongly encouraged that the OC appoints a Course Advisor, in consultation with the FEI and the Course Designer in charge.

Technical Standards:

- a) Level of Tests:
 - i) 5* Dressage and Show Jumping
 - ii) 11-12 minutes Cross Country / 6270-6840 m / 40-45 efforts
 - iii) 5* fence heights and fence technical standards
- b) Risk Management: the fall rate at 5*-level Events to be included in the evaluation (100%) to be set. Cross Country penalties rate if higher or lower than the set benchmark to be analysed with OC and Course Designer.
- c) Spectator & Athlete experience: to be defined.
- d) Organising Committee to appoint President of Ground Jury and Technical Delegate for 5*-level Events in consultation with the FEI.

Yearly Review:

- a) A review committee composed of representatives of the FEI Eventing Committee, FEI Delegate and the FEI Secretary General will assess existing five star level Events on a yearly basis. Should any Event not fulfil requirements it will be possible to re-evaluate the star level.
- b) Risk Management: Yearly review (fall rate) of all 5*-level Events to be conducted.
- c) All Events will be reviewed on yearly basis.

Annex E Athlete Representative

1 Appointment of Athlete Representatives

Prior to the Athletes' first opportunity to inspect the Cross Country course, every Organising Committee of an international Event must appoint an Athlete Representative among the Athletes taking part in the Competition having first obtained that Athlete's consent.

This Athlete Representative has the task of acting as a channel of communication between the Athletes and the Officials on any matter directly connected with the Event without in any way removing the right of any Athlete to speak to the Organising Committee, Technical Delegate, Ground Jury, or Course Designer. The name of this Athlete must be notified to the Athletes at the briefing if one is held or posted prominently on the Event notice board if no briefing takes place.

2 Athletes Briefing

The usual Athletes briefing on routine matters to do with last minute changes due to meteorological conditions, ground, etc. must still take place on the evening before the Cross Country Test.

Annex F FEI Badges of Honour

Badges of Honour will be awarded to Athletes who complete Olympic Games and World Championships to the following scale:

- a) A Gold Badge for three completions.
- b) A Silver Badge for two completions.
- c) A Bronze Badge for one completion.

Annex G Rules for Eventing Pony Rider & Events

Pony Rider Competitions are an important element in the development of equestrian sport in certain regions of the world. The Eventing Rules apply for the Eventing Pony Competitions except where otherwise provided in this Annex. Pony rules have been integrated in the overall Eventing rules in regard to entries, participation, Officials appointments etc., according to the CCI2*-L Competition and Championship.

1 International Pony Events and Qualification

1.1 Pony Competitions

Events limited to Pony competitors are designated with a "P" level 1 or 2: "L-Long" or "S-Short". These events are only reserved for Pony riders according to age limitation.

- a) CCIP1 - Introductory level
- b) CCIP2 - Experienced level

The Pony European Championship will be held at the CCIP2*-level.

1.2 Qualifications

Pony riders and Ponies must be certified by their National Federation as qualified to compete at the required level.

For Championships, Pony riders and Ponies must have obtained as a combination a Minimum Eligibility result at a CCIP2-L or S, or CCI2*-Long or Short.

2 Pony Measurement

For maximum height and measuring, please refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations CHAPTER IX - PONY MEASURING.

3 Dressage Test

CCIP1 Tests (A/B) to apply for Eventing Dressage for Pony Events (CCIP1-L or S).

CCI2* B Test to apply for Eventing Dressage for Pony Events (CCIP2-L or S).

CCI2* B Test to apply for Eventing Dressage for Pony Championships.

4 Cross Country Test

4.1 Types of Obstacles

- a) Bull finches are not allowed.
- b) Bounce fences (combination of upright obstacles with no stride) are allowed but must not be into water and must be of an appropriate distance, and degree of difficulty, for Ponies and Pony riders.
- c) The drop on the landing side of an obstacle, or of those obstacles that are jumped as a ski jump, may never exceed 1.45m. The number of such obstacles is limited to two. The number of drop fences less than 1.45m is left to the discretion of the Technical Delegate.

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Cross Country Obstacles – maximum dimensions

	Pony P1	Pony P2
Fixed	1,00 m	1,05m
Brush	1,20m	1,25m
Top Spread	1,20m	1,30m
Base Spread	1,70m	1,90m
Without height	2,00m	2.50m
Drop	1,35m	1,45m

Cross Country Distances – Speeds – Jumping efforts (as per 2014 Rules)

Level	Distance		Efforts		Speed m/min		Meters/Effort	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
CCIP1	2300	3000	20	25	450	500	100	120
CCIP2	2700	3700	25	30	500	520	100	120

For Pony Championships the distance and speed should be the maximum allowed.

Jumping Obstacle Dimensions – Distances – Speed – Efforts

	CCIP1	CCIP2
Height	1,05m	1,10m
Oxer Spread	1,20m	1,25m
Triple Bar Spread	1,40m	1,50m
Distance	Max 500m	Max 500 m
Speed	350 m/min	350 m/min
Max Obstacles/efforts	10-11/13	10-11/14

Annex H Indoor / Arena Cross Country Rules

1 Rules for National and International Competitions

FEI Rules apply to all Eventing classes held within or in direct relation with, OR shortly before or after a FEI International Jumping/Dressage Event. The following minimum requirements are to be implemented by ALL Organising Committees organising this type of Competition to manage and limit risk at these Events.

NFs/OCs have two (2) options for the organisation of Indoor/Arena Eventing Competitions:

- a) Apply to the FEI to organise this class as an International Competition with inclusion in the FEI Calendar using the Competition code *CIX-Arena*. The Competition schedule to be submitted to the FEI for approval.

Or

- b) Organise the Competition under National rules under the responsibility of the National Federation to enforce the below compulsory minimum requirements.

The following minimum requirements are mandatory:

- a) **Qualification of Athletes:** Competition open **only** to A, B and C FEI categorised Athletes (to ensure all Athletes have adequate experience).
- b) **Qualification of Horses:** minimum 7 years old and having 1 MER in CCI-3* minimum.
- c) **Level of competition:** maximum (current) 3*-level obstacles with speed related to the size of the arena.
- d) **Competition Format:**
 - i) Optimum time if Competition runs over fixed obstacles
 - ii) Against the clock: **ONLY** with knockable fences or hedges (min. 1/3 of the height of the obstacle)
 - iii) Two phases:
 - 1st phase: fixed obstacles possible, Table A format not against the clock
 - 2nd phase: knockable fences, Table A against the clock
- e) **FEI Officials:** One experienced FEI Eventing Course Designer or FEI Eventing Technical Delegate. Veterinarians: it is mandatory that the VSM or TV appointed be regularly involved in the treatment of Horses in Eventing Competitions.

2 Prize Money & Expenses

At the discretion of the Organising Committee, however the principle of this Competition is a demonstration class and should not be considered a high-level Competition.

For prize-givings held after 10pm, only the top-three placed Athletes are required to attend mounted.

3 The FEI Eventing Rules for Horse Welfare / Risk Management

FEI Rules in regards to Dangerous Riding, sanctions etc., apply.

4 Promotion of Eventing as Discipline

Commentators: it is recommended that commentators with experience in Eventing are involved during the Competition to explain Eventing, video clips are available for big screen to show the “real sport” (outdoor, three disciplines etc.).

Annex I Sanctions in Case of FEI Eventing Rules Violations

In addition to the (non-exhaustive) listed sanctions, other sanctions may also be imposed by the appropriate body in accordance with the FEI General Regulations. For sanctions in case of FEI Veterinary Regulation violations, please refer to Annex VI of the Veterinary Rules.

Mandatory Sanction(s)	Additional Optional Sanction(s)	Violation	Related Article
Eventing Recorded Warning	25 penalties, or Elimination	Dangerous riding, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Riding out of control (Horse clearly not responding to the Athletes restraining or driving aids). b) Riding fences too fast or too slow. c) Repeatedly standing off fences too far (pushing the Horse to the foot of the fence, firing the Horse to the fence). d) Repeatedly being ahead or behind the Horse movement when jumping. e) Series of dangerous jumps. f) Lack of responsiveness from the Horse or the Athlete. g) Continuing after three clear refusals, a fall, or any form of elimination. h) Endangering the public in any way (e.g., jumping out of the roped track). i) Jumping obstacles not part of the course. j) Wilful obstruction of an overtaking Athlete and/or not following the instructions of the Officials causing danger to another Athlete. 	525.1
Eventing Recorded Warning		Administrative reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Athlete not seeing a doctor after a fall (Art. 523.3). b) Athlete leaving the venue after having retired, been eliminated or stopped during the Cross Country Test without having their Horse checked by the Veterinary Delegate or appointed veterinarian (Art. 524.4.2). 	525.4
Eventing Recorded Warning + 25 penalties		Pressing a tired Horse	525.1.2

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Mandatory Sanction(s)	Additional Optional Sanction(s)	Violation	Related Article
Eventing Recorded Warning	May be escalated depending on the case	<p>Blood on Horses: All minor cases of blood induced by the Athlete in the mouth or related to spurs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jumping Test: Any blood on the Horse caused by tack or equipment or any Athlete induced blood. <p><i>For other cases of blood on the Horse, please refer to Article 525.4 of the Eventing Rules.</i></p> <p>Inadequate use of the whip, according to but not limited to the following principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The whip is not to be used after a Horse has jumped the last fence on a course. b) The whip is not to be used more than two times for any one incident. 	525.2 525.4
<p>Yellow Warning Card AND one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + 25 penalties + Elimination + Disqualification 		<p>Abuse of Horse, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Rapping. b) Riding an exhausted Horse. c) Continued pressing of a tired Horse. d) Riding an obviously lame Horse. e) Excessive use of whip, bit and/or spurs. f) Horses bleeding indicating excessive use of the whip and/or spurs. g) Overriding: abuse of Horse that does not necessarily induce visible marks. h) Serious case of dangerous riding. <p>Excessive use of the whip, according to but not limited to the following principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The whip is not to be used to discipline the Horse or vent an Athlete temper. b) The whip is not to be used after elimination. c) The whip is not to be used overhand, (i.e., a whip in the right hand being used on the left flank). d) The whip is not to be used on a Horse's head. e) Excessive uses of a whip between fences. 	526.1 526.1.3

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Mandatory Sanction(s)	Additional Optional Sanction(s)	Violation	Related Article
		f) If a Horse's skin is broken or has visible marks the use of whip will always be deemed to be excessive.	
Yellow Warning Card + Disqualification + Case will be referred to the FEI for further disciplinary action		Riding an exhausted Horse	526.1.2
Yellow Warning Card		a) Incorrect Behaviour by the Person Responsible and/or Incorrect Behaviour by a member of their entourage. For the purpose of this article, the term "entourage" shall mean the Person Responsible's parent, spouse or partner, family member, coach, trainer, groom, crew or other person directly connected with the Person Responsible and includes the owner(s) of the Person Responsible's Horse. b) Non-compliance with applicable Sport Rules. c) Non-Compliance with Protective Headgear Rules.	GRs Art. 140 & 164.3

GLOSSARY

Competition:

As defined in the General Regulations, Competition refers to Refers to each individual class in which Athletes are placed in an order of merit and for which prizes may be awarded.

Cross Country Controller:

Is an experienced Official, who devises with the OC a communication plan for the Cross Country Test and organises the control of the Competition. Cross Country Controller liaises with the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate and advise of any situation development.

Elimination:

As defined in the General Regulations, Elimination means that an Athlete and/or a Horse may not continue in the Competition at issue and/or in any further Competition(s) of the Event, unless the Sport Rules provide otherwise.

Event:

As defined in the General Regulations, Event means a complete meeting, "Show", "Championship" or "Games". Events may be organised for one or more than one Discipline.

Disqualification:

As defined in the General Regulations, and unless the Sport Rules provide otherwise, Disqualification means that an Athlete and/or the Horse(s), is/are disqualified from the Competition at issue or from any further Competition(s) of the Event. Disqualification may also be retroactive.

Long Format Competitions:

Refer to Eventing Competitions that may take place over three or more days. The Dressage Test will be spread over one or more consecutive days, depending on the number of Athletes, directly followed on the next day by the Cross Country Test that will be directly followed on the next day by the Jumping Test. In the Long Format Competitions the Cross Country course will be of such a length that the Horse is required to be supremely fit and stamina will be required for success. The Cross Country Test will always take place before the Jumping Test.

Lower-Level Event

Lower-Level Events are defined as the competitions for 1* to 3* Competitions, Long or Short Format, as specified in Appendix E of the FEI General Regulations

Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER):

Refers to the prerequisites and conditions that need to be fulfilled by an Athlete to be allowed to compete at certain level of Eventing Competitions. A MER is achieved by completing an Eventing Competition within minimum parameters specified in the Eventing Rules.

Medical Information:

Athletes with medical conditions that may be relevant in the case of a medical emergency have the responsibility of wearing a medical data carrier from a system provider, able to communicate information at least in English at every Event when riding. Alternatively (and at the minimum) a medical armband of good quality can be used. Athletes who chose to wear an armband should download and fill the form available for this purpose on the FEI's website.

National Safety Officer:

Is a liaison between the NF and the FEI for obtaining the information regarding any international or national (including regional) Events. The National Safety Officer is responsible to spread FEI Eventing Risk Management vision and ideas (awareness) regarding the sport in the NF.

Short Format Competition:

Refer to Eventing Competitions that may take place over one or more days. The Dressage Test will always take place first and will be followed on the same or following days by the Jumping and Cross Country Test. In the Short Format Competition the level of difficulty of the Cross Country course is similar to the Long Format according to the star system, but the course is shorter and the intensity of efforts will be higher. The Cross Country Test will preferably take place after the Jumping Test.