

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

The intent of the rule change proposal is to address the challenges that the term "flying start" creates. There is no definition or penalty for a "flying start" and due to the challenges of how to define and assess this penalty, the proposal is to remove the language.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

1. STARTING.

a. Athletes must be directed by a starter at the start box. The Horse does not have to stand immobile, ~~but the Athlete must not gain an advantage from a “flying” start.~~ Athletes should be given reasonable warning before their start time, but it is ultimately the Athlete’s responsibility to be ready.

b. An enclosure approximately 5 m by 5 m must be built at the start with an open front through which Horses will start and a gap in one or both sides through which Horses may enter. Athletes must start from within the enclosure and may move around and through the enclosure. An attendant may lead the Horse into the enclosure and may hold the Horse until the Horse leaves the enclosure. From that instant, the Athlete is on course and the time is recorded from when the signal to start is given. ***Leaving the start box in a way that puts any Horse or human at risk may subject the Athlete to penalties per EV113.2.***

c. If an Athlete starts early, time will be recorded from the moment they crossed the start line.

d. Under exceptional circumstances, the Ground Jury may permit an Athlete to start at other than their posted start time. The new, agreed upon start time will become the Athlete’s official revised start time.

e. If an Athlete is not ready to start at their correct time (original or revised), they may be permitted, at the discretion of the starter, to start when they are ready, subject to the following conditions:

1. A late Athlete will not be permitted to start if there is any risk of interfering with the subsequent Athlete.

2. Starting time will be recorded as if they had started at the correct time.