

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

The adoption of the FEI's Dangerous Riding rule provides a more robust definition within the USEF Eventing Rules. This will provide licensed officials with clearer parameters of when to assess the Dangerous Riding penalty, in turn, promoting the safety and welfare of our horses and athletes. While it is not the intention to duplicate FEI language within the Eventing Rules, there were discrepancies between the national rule and the FEI that have caused enough confusion that an amended adoption will address. E.g., Willful Obstruction is penalized as an Elimination or Disqualification for national competition. Pressing a tired horse is Disqualification for national competition. Jumping Obstacles not part of the course is contradictory to EV122.

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Linked Rules	Comments

Committee Actions

EV113 Dangerous Riding

1. Dangerous Riding is considered any Athlete who rides in such a way as to constitute a hazard to the safety or well-being of the Athlete, Horse, other Athletes, their Horses, spectators, or others ***during the competition***. ***Dangerous Riding may include but is not limited to the following:***

- a. Riding out of control (Horse clearly not responding to the Athletes restraining or driving aids).***
- b. Riding Obstacles too fast or too slow.***
- c. Repeatedly standing off fences too far (pushing the Horse to the base of the Obstacle, firing the Horse to the fence).***
- d. Repeatedly being ahead or behind the Horse's movement when jumping.***
- e. Series of dangerous jumps.***
- f. Severe 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).***