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## Rule Change Intent

The intent of this proposal is to update the Appendix to align with the Eventing Chapter Style Formatting Guide created by the Eventing Chapter Task Force.

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## Linked Rules

## Comments

## Committee Actions

## APPENDIX 1 - LEVELS OF HORSE TRIALS

For an additional description of the types of obstacles that may be presented at a given level, please refer to the USEA Cross-country Obstacle Design Guidelines, which are not specifically incorporated by reference.

1. Beginner Novice: The Beginner Novice level is designed to introduce green horses **Horses** and riders **Athletes** to Horse Trials, combining dressage, cross-country and Beginner jumping tests. It **Beginner Novice** is *intended* for competitors **Athletes** and horses **Horses** that have already had experience in schooling competitions **Events** in all three disciplines **phases**. The goal for the experience should be *is an* educational **experience** to build confidence and a desire to progress.
  - a. Dressage: Competitors **Athletes** should be prepared to do a walk, trot, and canter dressage **Dressage** test with 20 meter figures, and a halt.
  - b. Cross-Country: Obstacles, solid in appearance, with ground lines where appropriate to enhance the fence profile.
    1. There must be no jumps **Obstacles** before or after a water crossing within 78 feet-**ft** (25 meters) before and 54 feet-**ft** (16 meters) after.
    2. A step up and down, but not in combination, may be included.
    3. Ditches must be riveted and include a visible ground line that has **with** rounded edges and is at least 6 inches (15 cm) above grade.
    4. The track of the course must avoid turns of less than a 20 meter radius.
    5. The course may **must** not include more than one combination composed of two elements, where the fences **Obstacles** must be a minimum of 33 feet-**ft** apart or 54 feet-**ft** after a ditch or step up.
  - c. Show Jumping: The jumping course should be inviting and straightforward, preferably with lines of 82 feet-**ft** or more and may include only one double set on two strides, a minimum of 34 feet-**ft**, which may include only one oxer at the "a)" part **element** of the combination.
2. Novice: The Novice Level **level** is a continuing introduction to Horse Trials. It is designed for competitors **Athletes** and horses **Horses** with some experience at lower levels or for experienced **Athletes** and horses **Horses who are** new to the sport **discipline**.
  - a. Dressage: The dressage will not differ greatly from Beginner Novice. **Athletes should be prepared to do a walk, trot, and canter Dressage test with 20 m figures, and a halt.**
  - b. Cross-Country: Obstacles, solid in appearance, with ground lines where appropriate to enhance the fence profile.
    1. Obstacles **Obstacles** in combinations should be a minimum of 33 feet-**ft** apart, and an obstacle **Obstacle** after a ditch or step up at no less than 42 feet-**ft** apart.
    2. Steps in combination may include: a step up followed by a step down at a minimum of 30 feet-**ft**, two steps up at a minimum of 33 feet-**ft**, or an obstacle **Obstacle** after a step up of a minimum 30 feet-**ft**.
    3. Water obstacles **Obstacles** may include a step or single fence **Obstacle** out of water or a single fence **Obstacle** 45 feet-**ft** before the water and a single fence **Obstacle** 30 feet-**ft** after water.
  - c. Show Jumping: The jumping course should be inviting and straightforward, preferably with lines of 82 feet-**ft** or more and shall **must only** include **only** one or two doubles, set on two strides of a minimum of 34 feet-**ft**. Each combination may **only** include **only** one oxer at the "a)" part **element** of the combination.
3. Training: The Training Level **level** is an elementary examination of competitors **Athletes** and horses **Horses** with some experience and training.
  - a. Dressage: The dressage test may ask for further development of the basic gaits, including lengthening at the trot and canter, as well as 10 meter-**m** trot and 15 meter-**m** canter figures.
  - b. Cross-Country: The cross-country **course** may include:
    1. Combinations with upright obstacles **Obstacles** a minimum of 24 feet-**ft** from one another, and an obstacle **Obstacle** before and/or after a ditch at a minimum of 30 feet-**ft**.
    2. Steps in combination may include: a step down followed by a step up at a minimum of 30 feet-**ft**, two steps down a minimum of 18 feet-**ft**, two steps up at a minimum of 18 feet-**ft**, or obstacle **Obstacle** after a step up a minimum of 18 feet-**ft**.
    3. Water may include **an** jump **Obstacle** into water or **an** jump **Obstacle** out of water or an jump **Obstacle** jumped from water to water.
  - c. Show Jumping: The jumping course must include either (i) two doubles; or a (ii) simple triple combination in the

second part of the course with only one oxer.

1. If the oxer is at the “b” or “c” ~~parts~~ **elements** of any combination it should be set on two strides at a minimum of 35 feet-**ft**.
2. The course should introduce simple technical questions with some related jumps ~~Obstacles~~ set at a minimum of 70 feet-**ft**.
3. If a liverpool is used it must be built as a vertical over the center of the liverpool tray and a straight forward alternative **Obstacle** must be offered.
4. ~~MODIFIED~~ **Modified**: The Modified Level ~~level~~ is for the training ~~Training~~ level horse with the intention ~~of~~ progressing to the FEI CCI1\* and/or Preliminary level.
  - a. Dressage: The ~~dressage test~~ may include medium paces at ~~the~~ trot and canter, as well as the introduction of leg yielding, and **simple** changes of lead through trot.
  - b. Cross-Country: The ~~cross-country~~ course should introduce tests of accuracy, agility, and boldness, control, judgment, and jumping ability.
  - c. Show Jumping: The ~~show jumping~~ course ~~shall~~ **must** include two doubles, or a double and a triple combination.
    1. If a triple combination is used, it should be in the second part of the course and with only one oxer.
    2. It should be more technical than the training ~~Training~~ level with any related jumps ~~Obstacles~~, set at a minimum of 70 feet-**ft**.
5. Preliminary: The Preliminary Level ~~level~~ is a moderate examination of competitors ~~Athletes~~ and horses ~~Horses~~ in a regular training program preparing for Two-Star Events ~~the FEI CCI2\* and/or the Intermediate level~~.
  - a. Dressage: The ~~dressage test~~ may include medium paces at the trot and canter, as well as the introduction of leg yielding, shoulder in, rein back, and **simple** changes of lead through the trot.
  - b. Cross-Country: The ~~cross-country~~ **course** should include tests of accuracy, agility, boldness, control, judgment, and jumping ability. Obstacles may be on a bounce distance.
  - c. Show Jumping: The ~~jumping~~ course must include either (i) two or three doubles; or (ii) a double and a triple combination.
    1. The ~~jumping~~ course should be more technical than the Training ~~Modified Level level~~ and may require lengthening or shortening of stride.
6. Intermediate: The Intermediate Level ~~level~~ is an examination of increasing technical difficulty, preparing competitors ~~Athletes~~ and horses ~~Horses~~ for Three-Star Events ~~CCI3\* and/or the Advanced level~~.
  - a. Dressage: The ~~dressage test~~ may include canter to halt and walk to canter transitions, as well as turns on the haunches, simple changes, counter canter, and half pass.
  - b. Cross-Country: The ~~cross-country~~ **course** should now combine in more elaborate settings the tests introduced at the Preliminary Level ~~level~~, such as combinations with more than one question to be solved.
  - c. Show Jumping: The ~~jumping~~ course must include either (i) a double and a triple combination; or (ii) three doubles, with more related distances, and technical questions than the preliminary ~~Preliminary course~~.
7. Advanced: The Advanced Level ~~level~~ is the highest national level of Horse Trials. It offers tests of significant difficulty designed to prepare competitors and horses for either Four or Five-Star Events ~~the FEI CCI4\* or CCI5\* level~~.
  - a. Dressage: The ~~dressage test~~ may include extensions in all three paces, half pass at the trot and/or canter, and single flying changes.
  - b. Cross-Country: The ~~cross-country~~ **course** should be clearly **be** a test of boldness and scope as it now combines size with technical difficulty.
  - c. Show Jumping: The ~~jumping~~ course must include either (i) a double and a triple combination; or (ii) three

doubles. The jumping course must be the most technical ~~Division~~***division*** of the national competition ~~Event~~***Event***.