

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

To improve safety and mitigate horse and rider falls in competition by requiring additional experience before moving to the next level of difficulty. Review of data revealed that 1) riders with more experience at a level fall less and 2) riders with more runs at the level below, fall less at the next level of difficulty.

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Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Eventing

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Draft 1: The Eventing Sport Committee approved with the following non-substantive edits throughout the rule change: "Competition" to "Event", "Riders" to "Athletes", "horse" to "Horse", "horses" to "Horses", "Level" to "level" and in 3.6: "Competitions" to "Events" and "Off" to "from"

All Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER), except Classic Three-day Events, must be obtained within a 4-year period. One MER must be obtained within 12 weeks of the competition for which it is needed when moving from one level to the next.

Classic Three-Day Events For at the Preliminary, Modified, and Training **levels**, Classic Three-Day Events, qualifying competitions must be completed within a 24-month period of the start of the competition.

A competitor and/or a horse may be entered in a Horse Trial without having fulfilled the qualifications noted below, provided the qualifications have been fulfilled at least 10 days before the Cross-Country Test of the competition for which it is needed if the MER has been achieved at a Horse Trial or CCI-S or at least 24 days if the MER has been achieved at a CCI-L. ~~For Preliminary, Modified, and Training Classic Three-Day Events, qualifying competitions must be completed within a 24-month period of the start of the competition.~~

At the CCI* level and above, at least one MER must be obtained in the twelve-month period prior to the competition. e.g. a horse and/or rider who have achieved a MER at a CCI4* level of competition and who have not competed for over twelve months must first achieve a MER at the next lowest height level.

3. LEVELS OF HORSE TRIALS AND EVENTS

All MER requirements for Modified, Preliminary, Intermediate, and Advanced levels (except Classic Three-day Events), are required for horses and riders to move from one level to the next. After obtaining an MER at the Intro level or above horses and riders are established at the level. Horses and riders having achieved an MER at the level and have not competed at the level over twelve-months must achieve a MER at the next lowest height level – see EV105.1.

3.1 BEGINNER NOVICE (B) - Open to competitors of any age, on horses four years of age and older.

3.2 NOVICE (N) - Open to competitors of any age, on horses four years of age or older.

3.3 TRAINING (T) - Open to competitors of any age, on horses four years of age or older.

3.4 MODIFIED (M) – Open to competitors of any age, on horses four years of age or older. The competitor must have obtained an MER at two Horse Trials at the Training Level or higher.

3.5 PRELIMINARY (P) - Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year of their 14th birthday, on horses five years of age or older. The competitor must have obtained an MER at ~~six~~ **four** Horse Trials at the Training Level or higher. **The horse must have obtained an MER at four Horse Trials at the Training Level or higher: One of the four MERs must be as a combination. Competitors with more than 10 MERs at the Preliminary Level or higher are exempt from one MER in combination.**

3.6 TRAINING CLASSIC THREE-DAY EVENT- Open to competitors of any age, on horses four years of age or older. Both the competitor and the horse as a combination must have obtained MER's at three Horse Trials at the Training Level or higher, plus an additional MER at the Training Level or higher with no more than 20 jumping penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country test. A competitor established at the Preliminary Level may compete on a horse which has obtained 2 MER's at the Training Level or higher. **Qualifying competitions must be completed within a 24 month period of the start of the Classic Competition.**

3.8 PRELIMINARY CLASSIC THREE-DAY EVENT- Open to competitors beginning the calendar year of their 14th birthday,

on horses five years of age or older. Both the competitor and the horse as a combination, must have obtained an MER at three Horse Trials at the Preliminary Level or higher, plus an additional MER at the Preliminary Level or higher with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country test. ***Qualifying competitions must be completed within a 24 month period of the start of the Classic Competition.***

3.9 INTERMEDIATE (I) - Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year of their 16th birthday, on horses six years of age or older. ~~Both~~ ***The competitor must have obtained an MER at six Horse Trials at the Preliminary Level or higher.*** and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have obtained an MER at three Horse Trials at the Preliminary Level or higher, plus an additional MER at the Preliminary Level or higher with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country test. ~~–~~ ***The horse must have obtained an MER at four Horse Trials at the Preliminary Level or higher: One of the four MERs must be as a combination. Competitors with more than 10 MERs at the Intermediate Level or higher are exempt from one MER in combination.***

3.10 ADVANCED (A) ~~3.10.1 UNCATEGORIZED RIDERS~~ - Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year of their 18th birthday, on horses six years of age or older. ~~Both~~ ***The competitor must have obtained an MER at six Horse Trials at the Intermediate Level or higher.*** ~~competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have obtained a minimum of one MER with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country test, at either a CCI3* or Intermediate Level plus three MERs at the Intermediate Level or higher. –~~ ***The horse must have obtained an MER at four Horse Trials at the Intermediate Level or higher: One of the four MERs must be as a combination. Competitors with more than 10 MERs at the Advanced Level or higher are exempt from one MER in combination.***

~~3.10.2 CATEGORIZED RIDERS~~ - Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year of their 18th birthday, on horses six years of age or older. Both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have obtained a minimum of one MER with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country test, at either a CCI3* or Intermediate Level plus two MERs at the Intermediate Level or higher.

4. LEVELS OF INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS AND EVENTS – Section to remain as written.