

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

To align with the FEI's exception for MERs. It should not be more difficult for horses competing at the national level to move forward when one of the two penalties has been incurred.

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**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/26/2024      **Draft 1:** The Committee approves in concept but a second draft is needed to align with standard formatting style of the Chapter.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Completion: means having completed the entire Horse Trial with a numerical score.

2.2 Minimum Eligibility Requirement

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

2.2.1 When achieved at a National Horse Trials an MER is achieved by completing the entire Horse Trial and scoring. -not more than 45 penalty points in the Dressage Test; and - No jumping penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country Test unless specified otherwise, and not more than 75 seconds (30 penalty points) exceeding the optimum time; and - not more than 16 penalties at obstacles in the Jumping Test. -25 penalty points received for Dangerous Riding will not achieve a National Qualifying result. Exceptions to the national qualification requirements noted below for the Advanced, CCI4\*, and CCI5\* levels may only be approved by an Ad Hoc Committee of the ESC. Requests for exceptions should be made 14 days prior to the closing date for the Advanced level and 14 days prior to the definite entry date for the CCI4\* and CCI5\* levels.

*Exceptions for MERs: The ~~1st~~ first activation of a frangible/deformable device (11 penalties) or having 4 one missed marker flag (15 penalties) will maintain the MER result on Cross-Country-allow for an MER.*