

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2021	3/8/2021	

Rule Change Intent

The intent of this proposal is to include a reference to the new Annex 5 in the USEF Eventing Rulebook. Annex 5 will house the USEF/USEA Eventing Competition Standards which were written, reviewed and approved by the USEA and the USEF Eventing Sport Committees. The implementation of Competition Standards is a step in requiring the National levels of USEF/USEA Competitions to operate on a level playing field, which would lead to fairness in the choice of competitions available to the membership throughout the country. These Competition Standards also encourage facilities to make or maintain improvements to the venue infrastructure that lead to increased safety for the membership and their horses involved with the competition. The Competition Standards look to raise the quality of competitions in the U.S. and provide a method of evaluation for the compliance and calendar process.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions
Council - Intl Discipline
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/13/2021
Council - Member Services
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/27/2021
Eventing
Safety
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/12/2021
USEA

2. EVENTING COMPETITION STANDARDS. *The Eventing Competition Standards apply to all National levels of Eventing Competitions. Refer to Annex 5 on the Federation Website for the USEF/USEA Eventing Competition Standards.*

2.3. AREA CHAIRMEN. These individuals are appointed by the USEA Board of Governors to serve as liaisons between the Federation Eventing Sport Committee, organizers and competitors, in order to encourage the development of the sport. Scheduling of competitions below those mentioned above are coordinated Intra- and Inter-Area by the Area Chairmen.

USEF/USEA EVENTING COMPETITION STANDARDS

VENUE INFRASTRUCTURE	Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	Intermediate/Advanced
Restrooms (one per 25 horses/per day or cleaned daily)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Veterinarian	On site for cross country and jumping tests (USEF EV177.1.a)	On site for cross country and jumping tests (USEF EV177.1.a)	On site for cross country and jumping tests (USEF EV177.1.a)
Qualified Farrier (USEF EV178.6)	ON CALL	On site for cross country and jumping tests	On site for cross country and jumping tests
Ambulance	ON CALL	ON CALL	ON CALL
Medical Personnel	Requirements per USEF EV113.5	Requirements per USEF EV113.5	Requirements per USEF EV113.5
Emergency Horse Transport: Ability to transport horse at competition site and to veterinary hospital off site	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Physical scoreboard on site	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Minimum stall size: 10'X10'	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Minimum stall door opening of at least 90 degrees concurrently	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Electrical outlets in stabling (Click for link and instructions to calculate heat index)	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	Required if competition's heat index is over 90 (as an average of the high from previous 3 years)
Lighting in Stabling	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
Designated treatment area: A designated well-lit area that is available to all competitors for evaluation, treatment and/or diagnostic work.	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Wash area: Designated area with drainage and appropriate surface to prevent flooding	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Adequate water supply (USEF GR1216.1)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
COMMUNICATION	Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	Intermediate/Advanced
Radios must be ample in number and effective (i.e. able to hold charge or enough to change out for charging).	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Speakers in stabling area sufficient to communicate throughout stabling.	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Speakers in parking area sufficient to communicate throughout parking area	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Source for online competitor communication (list in Omnibus and post at show office)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
DRESSAGE			
Warm-Up Arena(s)	Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	Intermediate/Advanced
Warm-up arena(s) must be within 250 feet from competition arena(s)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Minimum size: 20,000 square feet, plus 10,000 additional square feet per additional competition arena using the same warm-up	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Monitoring: If enclosed, the warm-up must be monitored.	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Effective drainage: Ability to drain in order to maintain consistent footing (through installed drainage, grading or natural slope)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Sufficient staff to maintain footing (applies to surface and grass arenas)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Schedule to maintain footing with equipment appropriate to the type of footing to ensure quality (excludes grass)	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: dragging
Practice arena available: 60m x 20m (USEF EV108.3)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Competition Arena(s)	Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	Intermediate/Advanced
Effective drainage: Ability to drain in order to maintain consistent footing (through installed drainage, grading or natural slope)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED

Schedule to maintain arenas with equipment appropriate to the type of footing to ensure consistent footing (excludes grass)	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: dragging
CROSS COUNTRY			
Warm-Up	Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	Intermediate/Advanced
Minimum size	25,000 square feet	30,000 square feet	35,000 square feet
Portable jumps must be secured as outlined in the USEF Eventing Rules (EV140.3.a and FEI Eventing Article 547.2.1).	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Schedule to maintain footing with equipment appropriate to the type of footing to ensure quality.	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Ability to irrigate	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jumps presented in a manner consistent with the jumps on course	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Warm-up fences: minimum of one solid cross country fence and three show jumps, including one oxer (EV108.3)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Safety cups must be used per the USEF Eventing Rules (EV149.9)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Warm-up fences must be of good quality and in good repair	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Course	Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	Intermediate/Advanced
Footing maintenance plan that outlines year-round care and strategy for improvement	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
Footing aerated/aggravated as appropriate to ensure quality footing	N/A	N/A	REQUIRED
Sufficient staff to maintain footing (take off and landing) and repair fences in a timely manner	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Privacy screens readily available	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
SHOW JUMPING			
Warm-Up Arena(s)	Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	Intermediate/Advanced

Warm-up arena(s)	Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	Intermediate/Advanced
Minimum size	16,000 square feet	20,000 square feet	20,000 square feet
Ability to monitor warm-up to prevent overcrowding	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Schedule to maintain footing with equipment appropriate to the type of footing to ensure quality (excludes grass)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Safety cups must be used per the USEF Eventing Rules (EV149.9)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Minimum of four warm-up fences: two verticals, two oxers (USEF EV108.3.c)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Fences must be of good quality and in good repair (USEF EV149.4)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Competition Arena(s)	Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	Intermediate/Advanced
Appropriate size	20,000 square feet	25,000 square feet	25,000 square feet
Sufficient number of poles/ standards available to facilitate course design with varying questions and types of fences	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Fences built and maintained as directed in the USEF Eventing Rules (EV149) and FEI Jumping Rule Chap. III	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Quality footing appropriate to the level	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Effective drainage: Ability to drain in order to maintain consistent footing (through installed drainage, grading or natural slope)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Schedule to maintain arenas with equipment appropriate to the type of footing to ensure consistent footing (excludes grass)	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: dragging
Privacy screens readily available	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Event Communications	Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	Intermediate/Advanced
Competition website to provide information including announcements, live scoring link and ride times	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Real time information: including announcements, live-scoring, and scheduling changes on competition website and/or social media	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Announcements to ensure scheduling and key information is shared immediately via: PA System, office staff, text messaging, or email	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED
Competition improvement plan with objectives for the next competition year(s)	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
Marketing Initiatives	Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	Intermediate/Advanced
Social media/email announcements for pre-event exposure, in-competition updates, and post-event results	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
Media center with electricity and dedicated internet access for use during the competition and for end-of-day press conferences	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
Sponsorship packet to outline available sponsorship opportunities	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
Amenities and credentials for owners, sponsors and patrons	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
Prize money (separate from in-kind prizes)	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
Venue Preparation	Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	Intermediate/Advanced
Trade fair with sufficient equestrian shops and food vendors for the number of people on site	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
Directional information for competitors, volunteers, sponsors, owners, vendors, media and wheelchair users	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
Secure FEI stabling area accessible only by riders, owners, grooms and essential team members	N/A	N/A	N/A
Riders' lounge with live streaming CCTV and hospitality	N/A	N/A	RECOMMENDED