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| GR 207.0 | 383-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 1/1/2019 | Eventing | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: HP fees | | | | | | |
| DC App. 8 | 374-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 1/1/2019 | Driving | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: cones | | | | | | |
| DC 920.0 | 378-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 1/1/2019 | Driving | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: substitutions | | | | | | |
| DC 925.0 | 377-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 1/1/2019 | Driving | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: ear hoods | | | | | | |
| DC 939.0 | 376-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 1/1/2019 | Driving | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: driven dressage | | | | | | |
| DC 957.0 | 375-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 1/1/2019 | Driving | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: water and bridges | | | | | | |
| DR 117.6 | 392-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 2/1/2019 | Dressage | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: use of voice | | | | | | |
| DR 121.0 | 388-18 | 2 | FEI Rule Change | 2/1/2019 | Dressage | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: permitted bridoon, curb, and snaffle bits | | | | | | |
| DR 121.0 | 389-18 | 2 | FEI Rule Change | 2/1/2019 | Dressage | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: permitted snaffles | | | | | | |
| DR 121.1 | 391-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 2/1/2019 | Dressage | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: saddlery and equipment | | | | | | |
| DR 121.7 | 390-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 2/1/2019 | Dressage | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: fly hoods and masks | | | | | | |
| DR 122.3 | 386-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 2/1/2019 | Dressage | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: voice | | | | | | |
| DR 122.5 | 385-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 2/1/2019 | Dressage | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: judging of tests | | | | | | |
| DR 129.7 | 393-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 2/1/2019 | Dressage | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: musical freestyle | | | | | | |
| EV 104.0 | 384-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 1/1/2019 | Eventing | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: FEI star system | | | | | | |

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| EV 111.0 | 379-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 1/1/2019 | Eventing | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: whip | | | | | | |
| EV 115.2 | 380-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 1/1/2019 | Eventing | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: saddlery - dressage tests | | | | | | |
| EV 142.0 | 382-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 1/1/2019 | Eventing | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: cross-country faults | | | | | | |
| EV 153.0 | 381-18 | 1 | FEI Rule Change | 1/1/2019 | Eventing | Approved (12/21/2018) |
| Description: show jumping time faults | | | | | | |

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Proposed Change

GR207 High Performance Fees [CHAPTER 2D - Federation Fees and Dues]

GR207 High Performance Fees

d. Eventing FEI Recognized Events [CCIO/CCI's-**L** and **CCIs-S** CIC's, including the North American ~~Youth Junior and Young Rider~~ Championships (**NAYC NAJYRC**)].

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Rule Change Intent

To align with the new language from the FEI for long and short format competitions as well as update the name for the North American Youth Championships

| Linked Rules | Comments |
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| | Web: HP fees |

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Annex 8 Cones Oxer [CHAPTER Annex 8]

Annex 8

8.1 An oxer will be composed of 2 pairs of cones in a straight line. The distance between the first set of cones and the second set will be between 1.5 and 3 metres, at the option of the Course Designer. The oxer counts as a single obstacle and the maximum penalty points for knocking down up to 4 balls is 3 penalty points in total. The first set of cones will have the number of the obstacle and be marked with red and white flags and the second set of cones will be marked with red and white flags. This obstacle will be judged as a single obstacle. The oxer may be crossed. A maximum of five oxers are allowed in a Cones course. The ~~width~~ **distance between the two pairs** ~~between the two pair~~ of cones has to be measured from the balls.

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Rule Change Intent

To adopt 2019 FEI rule change: Minor clarification to Annex 8, describing the Cones Oxer

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DC 920 & DC 931 [CHAPTER DC-6 HORSES & DC-9 SUBSTITUTIONS]

DC920 Examinations and Inspections of Horses

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5. In-Harness Inspection before Cones

5.1 The In-Harness Inspection must be carried out before any horse starts Cones, only when Cones follows Marathon. It must be performed by an Inspecting Committee consisting of one member of the Ground Jury together with the Veterinary Delegate, or the Veterinary Commission. The Inspection is obligatory at all Events when Cones follow Marathon. The Horse(s) must be presented by the Athlete himself; Competing without presenting will result in an Elimination.
 5.2 Horses will be inspected harnessed to their carriages. Leg bandages, over reach boots and brushing boots are permitted, but must be removed if required.
 5.3 Only the Ground Jury member has the authority to disqualify the horse if considered to be unfit to continue the event. **It is permitted to substitute a Horse who has failed the In-Harness Inspection before Cones, upon re-presentation, the Athlete may start the Cones Competition and therefore change the declaration.**

DC 931 Substitutions

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2. Substitutions during an Event

2.1 Substitution of Horses or Athletes during a Competition is not permitted. The penalty will be Disqualification. **Substitution is allowed in case of a Horse that is not fit to compete, as decided during the In-Harness Horse Inspection before Cones (DC 920.5.3)**
 2.2 Athletes in Four-in-Hand classes may start each Competition with any four (4) of their five (5) declared entries.
 2.3 Athletes in Pair classes may start each Competition with any two (2) of their three (3) declared entries.
 2.4 Athletes in Single classes must start each Competition with their single declared entry.
 2.5 A horse may be used by another Athlete in the same class after the first Horse Inspection if that Athlete has not presented a spare horse and providing the borrowed horse has not already been used in a Competition at the Event. This horse must then stay with that new Athlete for the whole Event. In CAIOs and Championships, such Horse must be entered by the same NF as the competing Athlete.

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Rule Change Intent

To align with 2019 FEI rule changes: If a horse in Pairs/Team fails the in-harness horse inspection before Cones, Athletes may substitute a horse & re-present with substituted horse. (Affects DC 920 Examinations and Inspections of Horses, and DC 931 Substitutions)

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| | Web: substitutions |

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Proposed Change

DC 925 Harness, Carriage and Horses [CHAPTER DC-7 CARRIAGES AND HARNESS]

DC 925 Harness, Carriage and Horses

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11. Application or use of devices, substances or implements

11.1 An attachment to the pole, traces or shafts, application or use of any substance, device, or implement which may cause irritation or discomfort to the horse is forbidden within the Showgrounds.

11.2 Ear muffs **hoods** and plugs are permitted. **Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband and must allow free movement of the ears of the Horse. Failure to comply will result in 5 penalty points.**

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13. Penalties

13.1 Contravention of any paragraph in this DC in Competition will incur Elimination of the Athlete, exception for Rules ~~DC 940.1.1 to DC 940.1.15.~~ **which note a penalty.**

13.2 For contravention at any other time within the Showgrounds, with the exception of ~~DC 940.2.1~~ **rules noting penalties**; will result in a Yellow Warning Card. A second offence at the same event, will result in a higher penalty, up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

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Rule Change Intent

To adopt 2019 FEI rule change: Not permitting ear hoods to be attached to the noseband, resulting in 5 penalty points. (previous FEI rule required elimination). In 925.13.1 & 2, corrections to rule references - also to adopt FEI change.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: ear hoods

Committee Actions

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Proposed Change

DC 939 General Impression [CHAPTER DC-11 DRIVEN DRESSAGE]

DC939 General Impression

1. For FEI Driven Dressage tests:

1.1 Principle

There are two boxes at the end of the Judges Score Sheets for marks on: Athlete and General Impression & Presentation observed by the judges throughout the whole test.

1.2 Athlete

Use of aids, handling of reins and whip, position on the box, accuracy of figures. The mark must reflect the consistent level of accuracy and quality of transitions.

1.3 Para-Driving Athletes in able-bodied competitions Athletes may salute with a nod of their head only. Hats must not be removed at the salute, and contact must be maintained on the reins during the halt and salute.

1.4 General impression & Presentation

Appearance of driver Athlete and grooms, correctness, cleanliness harmonizing with of harness and carriage. Fitness, matching and condition of Horse(s), balanced picture of the complete turnout. Clearance and fit of harness. Harmony between Horse(s) and Athlete.

2. For ADS Driven Dressage tests:

2.1 Principle

There are five boxes at the end of the Judges Score Sheets for marks on General Impression observed by the judges throughout the whole test.

2.2 Paces

Regularity and freedom (if Four-in-Hand, or Pair, maintenance of pace by all horses). The quality of paces in each movement is marked under the appropriate movement. The mark for the general impression must reflect paces and transitions during the whole test.

2.3 Impulsion

Moving forward, engagement of the hind quarters (if Four-in-Hand or Pair, all Horses working). The level of impulsion may vary between movements and pace, but the mark for impulsion must reflect the performance of the Horses throughout the Test, in all trot and canter paces.

2.4 Obedience and Lightness

Response to aids - willing and without resistance, correctness of bend, suppleness, acceptance of the bit.

2.5 Athlete

Use of aids, handling of reins and whip, position on the box, accuracy of figures. The mark must reflect the consistent level of accuracy and quality of transitions.

2.5.1 Para-Equestrian

Athletes in able-bodied competitions may salute with a nod of their head only. Hats are not required to be removed at the salute and contact may be maintained on the reins during the halt and salute.

2.6 Presentation

2.6.1 Dress of Athlete and Grooms, cleanliness, fitness, matching and condition of Horses, carriage and fitting and correctness of harness.

2.6.2 If the OC chooses to have Presentation at the Halt, a Judge may be appointed and work under the direction of the President of the Ground Jury.

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Rule Change Intent

To adopt 2019 FEI rule changes: Adding new rule for two General Impression scores when using the FEI Driven Dressage tests. Leaving current rule for lower levels (Preliminary & Intermediate) as the ADS is not adopting this change, therefore their tests will still have 5 general impression scores. / Update numeration.

| Linked Rules | Comments |
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| | Web: driven dressage |

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Proposed Change

DC 957 Obstacles [CHAPTER DC-13 CONES]

DC 957 Obstacles

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4. Water and bridges

- 4.1 Where Water Obstacles and Bridge Obstacles are included in the course, prior notification must be given in the Schedule for the event.
- 4.2 Water Obstacles must be at least 3m wide, with a depth between 20 and 40 cm and sloping sides. There must be a pair of cones at the entrance (flag lettered A) and exit (flag lettered B) with the cones 2.0m apart.
- 4.3 Knocking down a ball or balls on either A or B will be penalized as 3 penalties for each pair of cones.
- 4.4 Wooden bridges, or bridges of similar suitable construction approved by the Technical Delegate, with fan shaped wings at the entrance, with the bridge surface not more than 20- 35 cm above the ground with a usable width of three metres and a maximum length of ten metres are permitted, boarded or rail sides are essential. The Technical Delegates may grant an exception if the bridge is of a permanent solid construction with strong side rails. There must be a pair of cones at the entrance (flag lettered A) and exit (flag lettered B) with the cones at least 2.0m apart.
- 4.5 A size-adjusted bridge may be offered for VSEs. Bridge dimensions may not be smaller than 2.5 meters wide. 7.5 meters long, 15cm. high. Entrance cones and exit cones shall be at least 2.0m apart.
- 4.6 Water obstacles may not be used as part of a Preliminary level course.

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Rule Change Intent

To adopt 2019 FEI rule changes: change allowed height of bridge surface above ground to 35 cm.

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Proposed Change

DR117 The Position and Aids of the Rider [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR117 The Position and Aids of the Rider. Change to read:

6. The use of the voice in any way whatsoever or clicking the tongue once or repeatedly is a fault involving the deduction of ~~at least~~ 2 marks from those that would otherwise have been awarded for the movement where this occurred. ~~Use of voice should also be considered in the collective mark for the rider.~~

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Rule Change Intent

To incorporate 2019 FEI DR Rule Changes

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| | Web: use of voice |

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Proposed Change

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment Figure 1.B [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:

Figure 1

B. PERMITTED BRIDOOON, CURB AND SNAFFLE BITS* (Bits pictured and described below (under #1 and 2 below) are required for FEI Tests.

* Bits pictured under B1 or B2 are required in FEI Tests. Bits must be smooth with a solid surface. A bridoon is defined as a snaffle bit used together with a curb bit to form a double bridle. Bridoons where the center link(s) of the bits can lock, and have the effect of a mullen-mouth snaffle, are not permitted. Bits (including Curb and/or bridoon bits of a double bridle) must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber (in manufactured state); flexible rubber **or synthetic curb or bridoon** bits are not permitted, **however, flexible rubber or synthetic snaffle bits are permitted. Bits must not place mechanical restraint upon the tongue. The mouthpiece of a snaffle may have up to two joints. A bridoon must have one or two joints. A bushing, barrel/ coupling or ball joint is permitted as the center link in a double jointed snaffle or bridoon, however, the surface of the center piece must be solid with no moveable parts, other than a roller. The center link of a snaffle may be tilted in a different orientation from the mouthpiece but must have rounded edges and (for both snaffle and bridoon) may not have the effect of a tongue plate.** The lever arm of the curb bit is limited to ten centimetres (10 cm) (length below the mouth piece). The upper cheek must not be longer than the lower cheek. **Curbs may have straight or S-shaped cheeks and rotating lever arms.** The snaffle or bridoon mouthpiece must be minimum 10 mm diameter at the rings or cheeks of the mouthpiece. The diameter of the curb mouthpiece must be minimum 12 mm at the cheeks of the mouthpiece. Snaffles used in Young Horse and Children classes must have a minimum diameter of 14 mm. **A double jointed snaffle, a snaffle with rotating mouthpiece, and a curb mouthpiece may be shaped to allow tongue relief. The maximum height of the deviation is 30mm from the lower part of tongue side to the highest part of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must have a minimum width of 30 mm. (See illustration under Figure 1 A above.) The mouthpiece of a jointed or unjointed snaffle may be shaped in a slight curve within the dimensions specified above.** The type of bit should not vary from those pictured below except where specified, and bits should be attached only as pictured in diagram. FEI Level horses may be warmed up only in a double bridle (with both bit and/or bridoon made of metal or rigid plastic) or a metal or rigid plastic snaffle pictured under B. A cavesson, dropped, crossed or flash noseband is allowed when a snaffle bridle is used in warmup or competition, except as prohibited for some tests. Curb chain hooks can be fixed or not fixed. The curb chain may never be so tightly fixed as to harm the horse. Note: For FEI tests ridden at national competitions, a plain snaffle bridle or simple double bridle may be used, as described in DR121.2-.3. However, for USEF High Performance qualifying and championship classes, USEF Young Adult qualifying and championship classes, a double bridle is mandatory.

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Rule Change Intent

To incorporate 2019 FEI DR Rule changes

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| | Web: permitted bridoon, curb, and snaffle bits |

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Proposed Change

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:

Figure 1

A. PERMITTED SNAFFLES

*Snaffle bits must be smooth with a solid surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited. A mouthpiece with more than one rolling part is prohibited. Bits may be made with a rubber or plastic covering, but the bit may not be modified by adding latex or other material. Bits with mouthpieces made of synthetic material are permitted, provided that the contours of the bit conform to the contours of one of the bits pictured above. Flexible rubber or synthetic mouthpieces are permitted. **Bits must not place mechanical restraint upon the tongue.** A double jointed bit or snaffle with rotating mouthpiece may be shaped to allow tongue relief. The maximum height of the deviation is 30mm from the lower part of tongue side to the highest part of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must have a minimum width of 30 mm. (See illustration below.) The mouthpiece of a jointed or unjointed snaffle may be shaped in a slight curve within the dimensions specified above, but other ported snaffles are prohibited. The mouthpiece of a snaffle may have up to two joints. A bushing, **barrel/ or-coupling or ball joint** is permitted as the center link in a double jointed snaffle, however, the surface of the center piece must be solid with no moveable parts, **other than a roller and** except as pictured above. The center link may be tilted in a different orientation from the mouthpiece but must have rounded edges **and may not have the effect of a tongue plate.** The diameter of the snaffle mouthpiece must be minimum 10mm diameter at rings or cheeks of the mouthpiece (exception: for ponies, the diameter may be less than 10 mm). Any bit combining a mouthpiece with any cheekpiece pictured above is permitted. The type of bit should not vary from those pictured above except where specified, and bits should be attached only as pictured in diagram. A cavesson, dropped, crossed or flash noseband is allowed when a snaffle bridle is used in warmup or competition, except as prohibited for some tests.

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Proposed Change

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:

1. An English type saddle with flaps and stirrups is compulsory for all tests and classes other than FEI tests. Stirrups must have closed branches. An English type saddle may be constructed with or without a tree but cannot have a horn, swell, gallerie, or open gullet. Australian, Baroque, Endurance, McClellan, Spanish, Stock, or Western saddles are not permitted nor are modified versions of these saddles (exception: competitors with a current approved Federation Dispensation Certificate). A Dressage saddle which must be close to the horse and have long, near-vertical flaps and stirrups is compulsory for FEI tests. Saddle pads are optional, but should be white or of conservative color. **Contrast coloring and piping are allowed. Striped or multi colored pads are not permitted.** English-style stirrups, without attachments, or safety stirrups are compulsory. **The foot must not be fully or partially enclosed and must in no way be attached to the stirrups (for example with magnets).** Safety stirrups must have closed branches of metal or other breakaway material.

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Proposed Change

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:

- Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running, balancing reins, neck straps, nasal strips, tongue tied down, etc.), any kind of boots (including "easy-boots") or bandages (including tail bandages) and any form of blinkers, earmuffs or plugs, nose covers, seat covers, hoods are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. One small identification tag, no larger than 1.5" diameter, such as the Ver Tag, may be attached to the horse's mane. The use of equine body tape or bands (equi-taping, Kinesio tape) is prohibited. Shoes (with or without cuffs) that are attached with nails or glue, or wraps that do not extend past the hair line of the hoof are permitted. Fly hoods (ear covers) are permitted for all classes in order to protect horses from insects. The fly hoods should be discreet in color and design and should not cover the horse's eyes. **Fly hoods may not be attached to the noseband.** After completion of the test, the rider or his representative is responsible for removing the fly hood to present to the designated ring steward for inspection to ensure that nothing prohibited has been added (for example, ear plugs). **Blinkers and fly masks that cover the horse's eyes are permitted in warmup but are forbidden in the competition arena.**

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Proposed Change

DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. Change to read:

3. Voice. The use of the voice or other intentional audio aids in any way whatsoever or clicking the tongue once or repeatedly is a serious fault involving the deduction of at least two marks from those that would otherwise have been awarded for the movement where this occurred. In movements with a coefficient, judges may choose to deduct only one mark so that the final mark, after the coefficient is applied, is deducted by two vs. four points.

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DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. Change to read:

5. j. Other Errors. For USEF High Performance qualifying and selection trials, all of the following are considered errors (faults), and two (2) points will be deducted per error (fault) **by each judge**, but they are not cumulative and will not result in elimination (including for Freestyle tests):

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Dressage

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DR129 Musical Freestyle Ride. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR129 Musical Freestyle Ride. Change to read:

7c. Riders should note that it is compulsory to come into and out of the canter pirouette in canter ~~in a straight line~~ for the technical mark to be given. Walking into and out of the canter pirouette ~~or pirouettes performed from lateral movements~~ will be considered only in the artistic marks.

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CHAPTER EV EVENTING DIVISION

SUBCHAPTER EV-1 GENERAL RULES FOR ALL EVENTING COMPETITIONS

SUBCHAPTER EV-5 RULES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

EV161 Horse Trials Championships

EV162 ~~One-Two~~ Star Championships

EV163 ~~Two-Three~~ Star Championships

EV164 ~~Three-Four~~ Star

Championships

EV165 ~~Four-Five~~ Star Championships

CHAPTER EV EVENTING DIVISION**SUBCHAPTER EV-1 GENERAL RULES FOR ALL EVENTING COMPETITIONS****EV104 Participation**

1. JUNIORS. An Organizer may offer a competition for Juniors at Tests, at Horse Trials at the Beginner Novice through Preliminary Levels and at ~~One~~-Two Star Events. Competitors in Beginner Novice, Novice, Training and Modified Horse Trials shall compete as Juniors until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Competitors in Preliminary Horse Trials and ~~One~~-Two Star Events shall compete as Juniors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18.
2. YOUNG RIDERS. An Organizer may offer a competition for Young Riders at Tests, at Horse Trials at the Preliminary and Intermediate Level and at ~~One~~-Two Star and ~~Two~~-Three Star Events. Competitors shall compete as Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21.

EV105 Loss of Qualifications**1. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUALIFICATION.**

When a horse and/or rider obtains a Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) at a level, then they are “established” (qualified to compete) at that level. This “establishment” does not expire; however, it is important to remember that in all cases, when entering an Event at the ~~C1~~CCI1* level or above, at least one MER must be obtained in the 12month period prior to the competition.

2. LOSS OF QUALIFICATION (Preliminary/~~C1~~CCI1* Level and up)

3. At the Advanced, ~~C3~~CCI4* and ~~C4~~CCI5* levels, riders subject to the provisions of this rule may request in writing to have their Loss of Qualifications reviewed by the USEF Eventing Credentials Committee.

EV106 Entries - Withdrawals**1. ENTRY FORMS.**

- a. Entry forms must be complete. All entry and stabling fees must accompany the entry form.
- b. Mailed entries must be postmarked either on or after the opening date for entries and mailed to the appropriate Event Secretary. On-line entries must be time stamped by the designated collection agent on or after the opening date in the time zone of the relevant competition.
- c. Those entries that are incomplete, or postmarked or time stamped before the opening date, will either be returned to the competitor or placed at the bottom of the list of entries.
- d. Entries involving competitors or horses not yet qualified for the level of competition, but which are otherwise complete, will be accepted as complete pending qualification.
- e. Entries must be received by the end of the day on the closing date. Qualifications must 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 ~~C1~~CCI-S, or at least 24 days if the MER has been achieved at a CCI-L.

SUBCHAPTER EV-4 RULES FOR EVENTS

(SEE ALSO APPENDIX 8)

EV155 Three-Day Events—Introduction

1. CATEGORIES. Categories indicate the extent of foreign participation in a Three-Day Event. The four categories of Three-Day Events are:

- a. National Three-Day Event (CCN)
- b. International Three-Day Event (CCI-~~S~~ or CCI-~~L~~)
- c. Official International Three-Day Event (CCIO-~~L~~)
- d. International Championship Three-Day Event (CH)

2. LEVELS. The levels of Three-Day Events are indicated by stars. The four levels of Three-Day Events are:

- a. Training Three-Day Event - An educational introduction to the Three-Day Event at the Training Level.

b. One Star

~~b.c.~~ ***One-Two Star*** (**)—An introduction to the Three-Day Event for competitors and horses.

~~c.d.~~ ***Two-Three Star*** (***)—For competitors with some experience in Three-Day Events on horses just beginning International competition.

~~d.e.~~ ***Three-Four Star*** (****)—For competitors and horses with some International experience.

~~e.f.~~ ***Four-Five Star*** (*****)—For experienced and successful combinations of International competitors and horses.

3. All Three-Day Events in the United States will be denoted by their Category and their Level, for example: a CCN** is a National Three-Day Event at the Two Star Level. Events limited to Seniors are indicated by the letters noted above, for example: a CCN***. Events limited to Young Riders are indicated by the addition of the letter “Y”, for example: CCN-Y*. Events limited to Juniors are indicated by the addition of the letter “J”, for example: CCN-J.

EV156 Three-Day Events - Rules

1. OFFICIALS

- a. The Ground Jury, Technical Delegate, Course Designer, Veterinary Commission of a CCN shall be appointed in accordance with Chapter Six.

4. INSPECTION & EXAMINATION OF HORSES Examination upon Arrival

- a. If a CCN and CNC area held together at the same venue, a horse that is not accepted at the CCN inspection cannot start in the CNC competition.

SUBCHAPTER EV-5 RULES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

EV162 ~~One~~-Two Star Championships

1. National Junior and Young Rider Championship for the Harry T. Peters Trophy.

Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National Junior and Young Rider Eventing Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 14 until the end of the year in which they reach the age of 21. The competition shall be an Autumn CCI1-~~L~~* designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with the Federation and FEI Rules for a CCI1-~~L~~*.

2. National ~~One~~-Two Star Championship for the Richard Collins Trophy.

Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National ~~One~~-Two Star Eventing Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22. The competition shall be an Autumn ~~CCI1~~-CCI2*-~~L~~ designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with Federation and FEI Rules for a ~~CCI1~~-CCI2*-~~L~~.

EV163 ~~Two-Three~~ Star Championships

1. National Young Riders Championships for the John H. Fritz Trophy.

Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National Young Rider Eventing Championships who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21. The competition shall be an Autumn ~~CCI2~~CCI3*-L designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in compliance with the Federation and FEI Rules for a ~~CCI2~~CCI3*-L.

2. National Young Horse Championship for the Jonathan R. Burton Trophy.

Awarded to the owner of the highest placed horse in the USEF National Young Horse Eventing Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to six and seven year old horses. The competition shall be an Autumn ~~CCI2~~CCI3*-L designated by the Federation. Horses and competitors shall qualify in accordance with Federation and FEI Rules for a ~~CCI2~~CCI3*-L.

3. National ~~Two-Three~~ Star Championship for the USEF Combined Training Trophy.

Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National ~~Two-Three~~ Star Eventing Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22. The competition shall be an Autumn ~~CCI2~~CCI3*-L designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with Federation and FEI Rules for a ~~CCI2~~CCI3*-L.

EV164 ~~Three-Four~~ Star Championships

1. National Developing Rider Championship for the Alexander MacKay Smith Trophy.

Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National Developing Rider Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18 who have not completed a ~~CCI4~~CCI5*-L. The competition shall be an autumn ~~CCI3~~CCI4*-L designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with the Federation and FEI rules for a ~~CCI3~~CCI4*-L.

2. National ~~Three-Four~~ Star Championship for the Guy V. Henry Memorial Trophy.

Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National Three Star Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. The competition shall be an Autumn ~~CCI3~~CCI4*-L designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with the Federation and FEI Rules for a ~~CCI3~~CCI4*-L.

EV165 ~~Four-Five~~ Star Championships

National ~~Four-Five~~ Star Championship.

Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the National ~~Four-Five~~ Star Championship who is a U.S. citizen and a member of the Federation. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the ~~aa~~age of 18. The competition shall be a ~~CCI4~~CCI5*-L designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with the Federation and FEI Rules for a ~~CCI4~~CCI5*-L.

APPENDIX 1 - LEVELS OF HORSE TRIALS

4. MODIFIED - The Modified Level is for the training level horse with the intent on progressing to the ~~FEI Introductory-~~CCI1* level and Preliminary level. The dressage may include medium paces at trot and canter, as well as the introduction of leg yielding, and changes of lead through trot. The cross-country course should introduce tests of accuracy, agility and boldness, control, judgment and jumping ability. Combinations should be more complex than training but still be obvious and inviting to the horse. Obstacles should now involve angled lines, corners, varied terrain and combinations with water or narrow fences. The show jumping course shall include two doubles, or a double and a triple combination. If a triple combination is used, it should be in the second part of the course and with only one oxer. It should be more technical than the training level with any related jumps on five strides or

more.

5. Preliminary—The Preliminary Level is a moderate examination of competitors and horses in a regular training program preparing for ~~One~~ Two Star Events. 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 changes of lead through the trot. The cross-country should include tests of accuracy, agility, boldness, control, judgment and jumping ability. Obstacles may now include angled lines, corners, simple bounces, slopes, and combinations involving water or narrow fences. The jumping course must include either (i) two or three doubles; or (ii) a double and a triple combination. The jumping course should be more technical than the Training Level and may require lengthening or shortening of stride.
6. Intermediate—The Intermediate Level is an examination of increasing technical difficulty, preparing competitors and horses for ~~Two~~ Three Star Events. The dressage test may include canter to halt and walk to canter transitions, as well as turns on the haunches, simple changes, and counter canter. The cross-country should now combine in more elaborate settings the tests introduced at the Preliminary Level, such as combinations with more than one question to be solved. Obstacles to be expected include banks, ditches, or water with narrow elements, a bounce combined with other elements, or corners in a combination. 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.
7. Advanced—The Advanced Level is the highest national level of Horse Trials. It offers tests of significant difficulty designed to prepare competitors and horses for either ~~Three~~ Four or ~~Four~~ Five Star Events. The dressage test may include extensions in all three paces, half pass at the trot and canter, and single flying changes. The cross-country should be clearly a test of boldness and scope as it now combines size with technical difficulty. Combinations with multiple questions are to be expected, such as bounces into water, coffins with short distances or significant slopes, and bending lines or related distances between narrow questions. 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 of the national competition.

APPENDIX 3 - PARTICIPATION IN HORSE TRIALS

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 ~~CIC~~ CCI-S or at least 24 days if the MER has been achieved at a CCI-L. At the ~~Introductory~~ 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 ~~CIC~~ CCI4* level of competition and who have not competed for over twelve months must first achieve a MER at the next lowest height level.

1. SECTIONS

1.4 For the purposes of this rule, in differentiating eligibility for Horse and Rider sections, FEI divisions are considered to be one level higher than the equivalent National division, e.g. FEI ~~One~~ Two Star is one level higher than a Preliminary Horse Trial. A rider who has completed an event at the Advanced Level is not eligible to compete as an Intermediate rider.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1.1 When achieved at an FEI Competition 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 for one, ~~one~~ two, ~~two~~ three and ~~three~~ four star competitions and 100 seconds (40 penalty points) exceeding the optimum time for ~~four~~ five star competitions; and - not more than 16 penalties at obstacles in the Jumping Test (see Article 517 of the FEI Eventing Rules).

2.2 Uncategorized Rider: Riders who have not been categorized through proven competence at certain levels of competition i.e. A rider, B riders, etc. by the FEI per Article 520 of the FEI Eventing Rules for the purpose of determining rider eligibility for International Horse Trials and Events. All requirements of the FEI must be achieved as a

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combination. Where FEI requirements refer to a “CC” this may be satisfied by achieving an MER at a CCI-L or CICCCI-S of the level stated. When multiple Minimum Eligibility Requirements are required, one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements can be achieved incurring 20 penalties at the obstacles of the Cross Country Test. All USEF requirements do not need to be achieved as a combination.

2.3 Categorized Riders: Riders who have been categorized through proven competence at certain levels of competition A riders, B riders, etc. by the FEI per Article 520 of the FEI Eventing Rules for the purpose of determining rider eligibility for International Horse Trials and Events. Where FEI requirements refer to a “CC” this may be satisfied by achieving an MER at a CCI-L or CICCCI-S of the level stated. When multiple Minimum Eligibility Requirements are required, one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements can be achieved incurring 20 penalties at the obstacles of the Cross Country Test. All USEF requirements do not need to be achieved as a combination.

3. LEVELS OF HORSE TRIALS AND EVENTS

3.8 ADVANCED (A)

3.8.1 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 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 **CCI 23*** or Intermediate Level plus three MERs at the Intermediate Level or higher.

3.8.2 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 **CCI 23*** or Intermediate Level plus two MERs at the Intermediate Level or higher.

4. LEVELS OF INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS AND EVENTS

4.1 UNCATEGORIZED RIDERS Listed below are the USEF requirements to compete in an FEI Competition. Additionally, all horses and riders must meet the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) published by the FEI which must be achieved by competitor and horse as a combination. Where FEI requirements refer to a “CC” this may be satisfied by achieving an MER at a CCI-L or CICCCI-S of the level stated. When multiple MERs are required, one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements can be achieved incurring 20 penalties at the obstacles of the Cross Country Test. All USEF requirements do not need to be achieved as a combination.

At the **CCI**** level and above, at least one MER must be obtained in the twelvemonth period prior to the competition. e.g. a horse and/or rider who have achieved a MER at a **CICCCI4*** **CICCCI4*** level of competition and who have not competed for over twelve months must first achieve a MER at the next lowest height level.

4.1.1 ~~Introductory~~ **CCI1*** Both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 1 MER at the Preliminary level or higher.

| FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Introductory CCI1* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Preliminary |

4.1.2 ~~CIC1~~ **CCI2**-S*** Both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 1 MER at the Preliminary level or higher.

| FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|--------------------------------|---|
| CIC1 CCI2*-S | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Preliminary or higher (MER) |

4.1.3 ~~CIC2*~~ **CCI3*-S** Having met the minimum requirements (MER) of the FEI, both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 2 MERs 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, plus 1 MER at the Intermediate level or higher.

| | FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| GIG 2* <u>CCI3*-S</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 GIG 2* <u>CCH2*</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Preliminary or higher (MER)+ 1 Preliminary or higher (MER) with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country test + 1 Intermediate or higher (MER) |

4.1.4 ~~GIG 3*~~ CCI4*-S Having met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI, both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 2 MERs at the Intermediate level or higher.

| | FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| GIG 3* <u>CCI4*-S</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 GIG 2* <u>CCI23*</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Intermediate or higher (MER) |

4.1.5 ~~GIG 1*~~ CCI2*-L Both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 3 MERs at the Preliminary level or higher plus and additional MER at the Preliminary level or higher with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties on the Cross Country test.

| | FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--|
| CCI 2* <u>CCI 2*-L</u> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Preliminary or higher (MER) 1 Preliminary or higher (MER) with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country test |

4.1.6 CCI32*-L

4.1.6.1 UNCATEGORIZED RIDERS

Having met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI, both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 2 MERs at the Intermediate level or higher.

| | FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| CCI 23* <u>CCI 23*-L</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 (GIG 1* <u>or 1 GIG 2* CCI2*L or 1 CCI3*-S</u>) + 1 GIG 2* <u>CCI3*-S*</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Intermediate or higher (MER) |

4.1.6.2 D CATEGORIZED RIDERS

Having met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI as a combination, both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 2 MERs at the Intermediate level or higher.

| | FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|--|------------------|-------------------|
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| CCI 23 *-L | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 CCI 4*2*-L or • 1 CCI 2*3*-S | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Intermediate or higher (MER) |
|-----------------------|--|--|

4.1.7 ~~CCI3~~CCI4*-L Having met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI, both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved one MER at the Advanced level or higher.

| | FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| CCI 34 *-L | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 CCI 23*-L+ • 1 CCI 3*4*-S | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Advanced HT or higher (MER) |

4.1.8 ~~CCI4~~CCI5*-L

4.1.8.1 CATEGORIZED OR “D” OR “C” RIDERS

Both the competitor and the horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI.

| | Rider Category | FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|-----------------------|----------------|---|--|
| CCI 45 *-L | C-D | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 CCI 34*-L+ • 2 CCI 3*4* | The competitor and horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI |

4.1.8.2 CATEGORIZED RIDERS

Both the competitor and the horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI.

| | Rider Category | FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|-----------------------|----------------|---|--|
| CCI 45 *-L | B | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 CCI 34*-L+ • 3 CCI 3*4* | The competitor and horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI |

4.2 CATEGORIZED RIDERS

Listed below are the USEF requirements to compete in an FEI Competition. Additionally, all horses and riders must meet the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) published by the FEI. ~~Where FEI requirements refer to a “CCI” this may be satisfied by achieving an MER at a CCI L or CCI C-S of the level stated.~~ When multiple Minimum Eligibility Requirements are required, one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements can be achieved incurring 20 penalties at the obstacles of the Cross Country Test. All USEF requirements do not need to be achieved as a combination.

At the ~~Introductory~~CCI1* level and above, at least one Qualifying Result must be obtained in the twelve-month period prior to the competition. e.g. a horse and/or rider who have achieved a QR at a ~~CI3~~CCI4* level of competition and who have not competed for over twelve months must first achieve a QR at the next lowest height level.

4.2.1 ~~Introductory~~CCI1*. The horse must have achieved 1 MER at the Preliminary level or higher.

| Introductory CCI1* | FEI Requirements |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 1 Preliminary or higher (MER) |

4.2.2 ~~CI1~~CCI2*-S There are no requirements for horses ridden by categorized riders at this level.

4.2.3 ~~CI2~~CCI3*-S The horse must have achieved 3 MERS 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

| Rider Category | FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|----------------|------------------|---|
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Preliminary or higher (MER) + • 1 Preliminary or higher (MER) with |

4.2.4 ~~CIC3~~**CCI4*-S** All “C” & “D” categorized riders must use the eligibility requirements for uncategorized riders. The Horse

must have achieved 2 MERs at the Intermediate level or higher.

| | Rider Category | FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| CIC CCI 34-S* | A-B | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 C12*CCI3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Intermediate or higher (MER) |

4.2.5 ~~CIC1~~**CCI2*-L** The horse must have achieved 3 MERs 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

| | Rider Category | FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------|---|
| CCI 32*-L | A-B-C-D | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Preliminary or higher (MER) + 1 Preliminary or higher (MER) with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country test. |

4.2.6 ~~CIC2~~**CCI3*-L** All “D” categorized riders must meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 4.1.5.2 above. For “A, B & C” categorized riders, the horse must have achieved 2 MERs at the Intermediate level or higher.

| | Rider Category | FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|----------------------|----------------|--|--|
| CCI 23*-L | A-B-C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1 CCI 42*-L or 1 CIC CCI3*-S2*) <u>(Horse Only)</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Intermediate or higher (MER) |

4.2.7 ~~CIC3~~**CCI4*-L** All “C & D” categorized riders must use the eligibility requirements for uncategorized riders. The horse must have achieved 1 MER with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country test at a ~~CIC3~~**CCI4*-S** or higher.

| | Rider Category | FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|----------------------|----------------|--|--|
| CCI 34*-L | A-B | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 CCI 23*-L <u>(Horse only)</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 CIC CCI 34*-S- or higher with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross |

4.2.8 ~~CCI4~~CCI5*-L Both the competitor and the horse, as a combination must have met the minimum eligibility requirements of the FEI.

| | Rider Category | FEI Requirements | USEF Requirements |
|----------------------|----------------|---|---|
| CCI 45*-L | A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 CCI 34*-L (as a combination) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The competitor and horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI <u>1 Advanced Horse Trial</u> |

APPENDIX 8 - SPECIFICATIONS FOR THREE DAY EVENTS

1. Objective- Three-Day Events provide experience for competitors and horses in the four-phase cross-country test.
2. Participation-A horse may be entered in a Three Day Event without having fulfilled the qualifications noted in Appendix 3 provided the qualifications have been fulfilled by the closing date for entries.
3. Tables of Speeds, Times, Distances and Jumping Efforts -
4. Dimensions—For cross-country and jumping obstacles - see Appendix 2. The height of the fixed part of steeple-chase obstacles shall not exceed 1 meter (3'3").

| Cross Coun-try | Training | CCN 12* Preliminary |
|------------------|--|---|
| A | 220 mpm, 10-16 min. 2200-3520m | 220 mpm, 16-20 min. 3520-4400m |
| B | 500-520 mpm, 2.5 or -3 min. 1250 -1560m | 570-640 mpm, 3 or-3.5 min. 1710-2240m |
| Jumping Efforts | 4-6 Height of Brush fence 3'11" | 5-7 Height of Brush fence 4. 3" |
| C | 160 or 220 mpm, 15-25 min. 2400-5500m | 160 or 220 mpm, 20-30 min. 3200-6600m |
| D | 450-470 mpm 5-7 min. 2250-3150m @450mpm or 2350-3290m @470 mpm | 520 mpm, 6-8 min. 3120-4160m |
| Efforts, maximum | 20-28 There should not be more than one effort per commenced 120 m @ 470 m or no more than one effort per commenced 110m @450m. | 24-32 There should not be more than one effort per commenced 130m. |

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| Jumping | Training Level | Preliminary |
| Speed Allowed Length Height | See Appendix 2 | See Appendix 2 |

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EV111 Abuse of Horses [CHAPTER EV1 General Rules for All Eventing Competitions]

EV111 Abuse of Horses

3. WHIP. The use of the whip must be for a good reason, at an appropriate time, in the right place, and with appropriate severity.

1. Reason—the whip must only be used either as an aid to encourage the horse forward, or as a reprimand. It must never be used to vent a rider's temper. Such use is always excessive.
2. Time—As an aid, the only appropriate time is when a horse is reluctant to go forward under normal aids of the seat and legs. As a reprimand, the only appropriate time is immediately after a horse has been disobedient, e.g. napping or refusing. The whip should not be used after elimination. The whip should not be used after a horse has jumped the last fence on a course. **The whip should not be used multiple times between fences.**
3. Place—As an aid to go forward, the whip may be used down the shoulder or behind the rider's leg. As a reprimand, it must only be used behind the rider's leg. It must never be used overhand, e.g. a whip in the right hand being used on the left flank. The use of a whip on a horse's head, neck, etc., is always excessive use.
4. Severity—As a reprimand only, a horse may be hit hard. However, it should never be hit more than ~~two~~^{three} times for any one incident. ~~If a horse is marked by the whip, e.g. the skin is broken, its use is excessive.~~ **If a Horse's skin is broken or has visible marks the use of whip will always be deemed to be excessive**

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EV115 Saddlery [CHAPTER EV1 General Rules for All Eventing Competitions]

2. DRESSAGE TEST.

a. The following are compulsory: an English type saddle and a permitted bridle.

b. A double bridle with cavesson noseband, i.e. bridoon and curb bits with curb chain (made of metal or leather or a combination), is permitted for some tests. Cover for curb chain can be made of leather, rubber or sheep skin.

1. Cavesson noseband may never be so tightly fastened as to harm the horse.
2. Lipstrap and rubber or leather covers for the curb chain are optional.
3. Bridoon and curb must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber/*latex*(flexible rubber bridoons and/or curbs are not allowed).
4. The lever arm of the curb bit is limited to 10 cm (length below the mouth piece).
5. **The upper cheek must not be longer than the lower cheek.**
6. If the curb has a sliding mouthpiece, the lever arm of the curb bit below the mouthpiece must not measure more than 10 cm when the mouthpiece is in the uppermost position.
7. The diameter of the ring of the bridoon **and/or curb** must be such as to not hurt the horse
8. **Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be twelve millimeters (12 mm) for curb bit and then millimeters (10 mm) for bridoon bit.**

c. A rounded snaffle bit made of metal, leather, rubber or plastic material is permitted for all tests.

d. Snaffles are permitted and must have a minimum diameter of fourteen millimeters (14 mm). For ponies the minimum diameter shall be ten millimeters (10 mm). The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece. The reins must be attached to the bit.

e. It may have a cavesson noseband, dropped noseband, crossed noseband, or flash noseband. The noseband must be made entirely of leather or leather like material, except for a small disc of sheepskin, which may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.

f. A breast plate may be used. For drawings of permitted bits and nosebands see Annex 1 on the USEF website for Approved Bits for National Competitions. Permitted bits for a particular test are specified on each test.

g. Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, etc.), reins with any loops or hand attachments, any kind of boots or leg bandages and any form of blinkers, including earmuffs, earplugs, hoods, and seat covers are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. **h.** Shoes (with or without cuffs) that are attached with nails or glue, or wraps that do not extend past the hair line of the hoof are permitted.

i. Ear hoods are permitted for all Tests and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must **allow for ears to move freely and must** not cover the horse's eyes and ear plugs are not permitted (**exception for prize giving ceremonies**). The ear hoods should be discreet in color and design. ~~It must not reach inside the auricle or ear canal, and must not impair the movement of the ears.~~ **Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband.**

j. Nose nets are permitted under the following conditions:

1. The entry must be accompanied by a letter signed by the horse's veterinarian on letterhead, stating that the horse has been diagnosed with head shaking syndrome and that the horse's condition is improved with the use of a nose net.
2. The Nose net must be made of a transparent material and cover only the top half of the muzzle, not the bit or the horse's mouth.

3. CROSS-COUNTRY TEST AND JUMPING TEST.

1. The following are compulsory: an English type saddle and bridle or hackamore. Any form of blinkers are forbidden.
2. Only unrestricted running martingales with rein stops or Irish martingales are allowed. Reins must be free of any loops or hand attachments and must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Exception: u-shaped bit converters may be used so that a bit designed for use with two reins may be controlled with a single rein. Gags or hackamores are allowed. In the interest of safety, the stirrup iron and stirrup leathers must hang free from the bar of the saddle and outside the flap. **For cross-Country, any device which does not allow an immediate and unrestricted separation of the Athlete's boot from the stirrup in case of a fall is forbidden.** There must be no other restrictions or attachments of any kind.

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EV142 Cross-Country Definitions of Faults [CHAPTER EV1 General Rules for All Eventing Competitions]

3. CIRCLES.

a. At an obstacle composed of several elements (A, B, C, etc.) a horse will be penalized if ~~it passes around~~ **once it has jumped the first element and before it has jumped the last element if:**

1. ***It passes around the back of any element of the lettered combination that it subsequently jumps.***

2. ***It crosses its tracks between the elements.*** ~~any element, circles or crosses his tracks between elements at any time between first being presented at the obstacle and finally completing the last element.~~

See diagrams App. 7. Also, see EV140.2.c for possible exceptions at black-flagged alternatives.

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Show Jumping Time Faults [CHAPTER EV1 General Rules for All Eventing Competitions]

Exceeding the time allowed
a-second

0.4 penalty *per commenced second* for each second or commenced fraction of

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