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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	4/1/2026	10/23/2025	Approved 1/18/2026

Extraordinary Change Reason

In EV105 and SUBCHAPTER EV-9 DRESS, the option of penalties (Elimination or a Yellow Warning Card) gives discretion to the Ground Jury to apply the appropriate penalty based on the circumstances and/or severity of the violation or behavior. The implementation of the new warning system in April, without the update of warnings in the Eventing chapter, negatively impacts Athletes and Licensed Officials by limiting the penalties for certain infractions or behavior, which could result in a more severe penalty being applied for minor offenses as defined in GR1037.

Rule Change Intent

Effective April 1, 2025, the approval of the rule change proposal to GR1037 Warning Card System (Tracking #067-24) introduced a second warning option, the Recorded Warning, in addition to a Yellow Warning Card. Previously, a Yellow Warning Card was the sole option for a written warning. Therefore, the Eventing Chapter currently only references “Yellow Warning Card”. Due to the new changes to the Warning Card System, the references in the Eventing Chapter are affected as certain instances are automatically considered, “misconduct [that] is not a minor offense but not severe enough to warrant formal disciplinary action through the Federation Regulation Department” as defined in GR1037. However, this was not the original intent of EV105, Subchapter EV-9 1.e., and Subchapter EV-9.8. The options provided in the rules gives discretion to the Ground Jury to apply the appropriate penalty based on the severity of the violation or action. The Recorded Warning option is being added to provide flexibility for the Ground Jury to address less egregious behavior.

A Record Warning is being added to EV105 to cover “minor offenses”, which could include but is not limited to: accidental use of a cellular phone or accidental improper saddlery, such as using a whip of the incorrect length.

A Record Warning is being added to the Subchapter EV-9 1.e., to cover “minor offenses” of headgear violations, which could include but is not limited to: forgetting to refasten their headgear prior to the lap of honor or when someone is wearing a ball cap and forgets to switch to a helmet before mounting.

A Record Warning is being added to the Subchapter EV-9.8 as most dress violations are considered “minor offenses”, such as not wearing a jacket when required or wearing dress that is the incorrect color. The option for a Yellow Warning Card is being kept for cases where the behavior or violation is continued despite a previous warning.

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Comments

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EV105 Disqualification Summary Table

The Ground Jury may disqualify an Athlete in the following cases when, in its discretion, the conduct is determined to be unsportsmanlike or abusive. Alternatively, the Ground Jury may apply a penalty of Elimination***, Recorded Warning,*** or a Yellow Warning Card, in its discretion.

Conduct	Rule Reference
Allowing someone other than the Athlete to school their Horse	EV111.1
Riding in the Dressage or Show Jumping arena or close to the Cross-Country Obstacles prior to the Event	EV111.3
Jumping practice fences: • that are not marked • in the wrong direction • while they are being held • that have been raised above the height or spread permitted • at other time than those permitted by the Organizer	EV111.5
Unethical Treatment of the Horse and Rapping	EV112
Willful Obstruction of an overtaking Athlete, failure to follow the instructions of the appointed personnel, or causing danger to another Athlete	EV121.6.c
Inspecting Cross-Country Obstacles before they are open	EV136.1a
Inspecting Show Jumping Obstacles when the arena is closed	EV136.2
Exercising with improper saddlery	Subchapter EV-10.1
Use of a radio or cellular phone while competing	EV139

SUBCHAPTER EV-9 DRESS

1. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR.

a. At Federation licensed and endorsed Events, Athletes must wear headgear as follows, except as may otherwise be mandated by local law (see also GR801):

b. Upon arrival, anyone c must wear properly fitting protective headgear. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. See GR801.

c. It is the responsibility of the Athlete, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the Junior Athlete to ensure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, is properly fitted, and in good condition. The Federation, Organizer, and Licensed Officials are not required to verify compliance.

d. The Federation, Organizer, and Licensed Officials make no representation or warranty, express or

implied, about any protective headgear. Athletes are cautioned that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk. No helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.

e. Violation of this rule at any time, at the discretion of the Ground Jury, must be penalized by a ***Recorded Warning,*** Yellow Warning Card or Elimination.

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8. DRESS COMPLIANCE. Appointed personnel should inspect whips and spurs before any phase. The appointed personnel may refuse permission for an Athlete to start the phase whose whip or spurs are not permitted. The appointed personnel must immediately report the suspected violation to the Ground Jury, or Technical Delegate if the Ground Jury is unavailable, for confirmation. An Athlete who competes with an illegal whip or spurs must be Eliminated. An Athlete who competes with prohibited dress in the CrossCountry and Show Jumping phases may be Eliminated or issued a ***Recorded Warning or*** Yellow Warning Card, at the discretion of the Ground Jury. See EV120 for Dressage.