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Rule Change Intent

At dually licensed USEF/ FEI competitions, the same jump judges/volunteers, Licensed Officials, cross country courses, and scoring software may be used for both the FEI and USEF levels. In order to ensure consistent application of penalties, especially when the FEI and USEF levels are running concurrently, the proposed aligns with the FEI rule change on penalties for missing a marker (FEI Art. 548.1).

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Comments

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Member Comments

EV122 Cross-Country Phase Definitions of Faults

c. MISSED MARKER. To clear an Obstacle, the Horse's head, neck, and points of both shoulders must pass between the Obstacle markers. If the marker is dislodged, the hindquarters must jump the height of the solid part of the Obstacle. If the Obstacle is not navigated as described a ~~15~~ ***9***-point penalty must be assessed.

EV123 Cross-Country Phase Scoring

1. FAULTS AT OBSTACLES, DISOBEDIENCES AND FALLS. To facilitate accurate administration of EV109.2 (Loss of Qualification) Athlete Falls will be denoted as "RF" on official score sheets and results.

Fault	Penalty	Applicable Level	Reference
[...]			
Missed Marker	~~15~~ ***9*** penalties	All	EV122.5

APPENDIX 2 - PARTICIPATION IN HORSE TRIALS

2. DEFINITIONS

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 phase 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 Show Jumping phase.
-25 penalty points received for Dangerous Riding will not achieve a national MER. 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 first activation of a frangible device (11 penalties) or one missed marker (~~15~~ ***9*** penalties) will maintain the MER result on Cross-Country.