



Annex 2: EVENTING SHOWCASES AND ARENA EVENTING

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Purpose: To promote the sport of Eventing in a different environment and take it to a new and diverse audience.

Note: Competitions must be licensed per USEF Rules for Competition Licensing as they pertain to Eventing competitions. Competitions must comply with [USEF Eventing Rules](#). For Dress, Eventing Showcases and Arena Eventing are considered a Cross-Country phase. Protective vests must be worn in accordance with the Rules.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENTING SHOWCASES AND ARENA EVENTING DIMENSIONS

Cross-Country Fences: as per USEF Rules for Eventing at each level

Show Jumping Fences: as per USEF Rules for Eventing at each level

Note: For Eventing Showcases, it is at the Organizer's discretion whether whips may be carried for Dressage.

EVENTING SHOWCASES (OUTDOORS ONLY)

Showcase Events may consist of:

- 3 phases **or**
- 2 phases including Dressage and Cross-Country **or** Show Jumping & Cross Country

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – EVENTING SHOWCASES: All Athletes and Horses, though not necessarily as a combination, must be qualified per USEF Eventing Rules (Appendix 2) to compete in a CCI-L of the same height level e.g. Preliminary Eventing Showcase: 3 Preliminary or higher (MER) plus 1 Preliminary or higher (MER) with not more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross-Country Course. In all cases one MER must be obtained in the twelve-month period prior to the competition. USEF MER Requirements apply to all U.S. and foreign athletes.

	Preliminary	Intermediate	Advanced
Dressage			
USEF Eventing Dressage Tests	Preliminary A or B	Intermediate A or B Or C	Advanced A or B, Freestyle which must include required movements from Advanced tests or an Advanced, or 4* or 5* test approved by the Eventing Sport Committee.
Show Jumping			
	1.10m	1.15m	1.25m after Cross-Country 1.30m before Cross-Country
Cross-Country			
Fixed Height	1.10m	1.15m	1.20m
Distances	750-1250m	1000-1750m	1500-2500m
Efforts	30-50 mpe	50-80 mpe	80-100 mpe
Speeds	420-470 mpm	450-500 mpm	500-535 mpm



ARENA EVENTING

Arena Eventing competitions can include two rounds. It is suggested that the first round have an optimum time and the second **round**, for all combinations with clear rounds or a number to be determined by the Organizer e.g. top 25% or top 10 from the first round. ***For additional specifications on second rounds, refer to USEF Jumper Rules, JP146. It is at the discretion of the Organizer which format is used, and it must be stated in the prize list.***

Arena Eventing courses must be comprised of a minimum of 50% Cross Country fences. It is suggested that the course starts and finishes with two or three Show Jumping obstacles. Additional Show Jumping obstacles may be added in the middle section of the course. Details regarding the competition format must be included in the prize list.

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – ARENA EVENTING

Eventing competitors: Both Athlete and Horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have obtained two MERs at the applicable level or above in the twelve-month period prior to the competition. USEF MER Requirements apply to all U.S. and foreign athletes.

Jumping Competitors: Both Athlete and Horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have completed two Jumper classes with no more than 4 jumping faults, 15cm above the fixed height of Cross Country jumps for the applicable division (or higher) in the six month period prior to the competition in question e.g. Intermediate Eventing Competition: a 1.30 Jumper Class with no more than 4 Jumping faults.

Arena Eventing Scoring

Scoring of refusals, knock downs, and time per USEF Eventing Show Jumping rules.

	Preliminary	Intermediate	Advanced (Indoors, Outdoors, or Indoors/Outdoors)
Cross-Country			
Fixed Height	1.10m	1.15m	1.20m
Distances	750m-1000m	750-1250m	1000-2000m
Efforts (Minimum)	30-50 mpe	40-60 mpe	50-75 mpe
Speeds	375-425 mpm	400-475 mpm	450-550 mpm

It is at the discretion of the Course Designer, in consultation with the Technical Delegate, to design to the specifications appropriate for the venue.





Officials permitted for Eventing Showcases and Arena Eventing

Showcases	Preliminary	Intermediate	Advanced
Ground Jury	President minimum USEF "R" Eventing or equivalent foreign license with a Guest Card	President USEF "S" Eventing or equivalent foreign license with a Guest Card	President USEF "S" Eventing or equivalent foreign license with a Guest Card
Additional Judges (Optional)	Dressage: Judge must be either "R" Eventing or "r" Dressage Judge Jumping: Must be selected from the current roster of Eventing, Jumping or Eventing Technical Delegates	Dressage: Judge must be either "S" Eventing or "R" Dressage Judge Jumping: Must be selected from the current roster of Eventing, Jumping or Eventing Technical Delegates	Dressage: Judge must be either "S" Eventing or "R" Dressage Judge Jumping: Must be selected from the current roster of Eventing, Jumping or Eventing Technical Delegates
Technical Delegate	Minimum USEF "R"	USEF "S"	USEF "S"
Course Designer	Minimum USEF "R" Eventing CD or equivalent foreign license	USEF "S" Eventing CD or equivalent foreign license	USEF "S" Eventing CD or equivalent foreign license
SJ Course Designer	N/A	EVJCD or SJCD	EVJCD or SJCD
Additional Requirements	Either President or TD must be USEF "S" Eventing or "S" Technical Delegate		

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Technical Delegate	Minimum USEF "R"	USEF "S"	USEF "S"
Course Designer	Minimum USEF "R" Eventing CD or equivalent foreign license	USEF "S" Eventing CD or equivalent foreign license	USEF "S" Eventing CD or equivalent foreign license

The competition will be judged by:

- Technical Delegate or Licensed Jumper Judge.
- A Judge with a FEI Eventing or Jumper License
- A Judge with a USEF Eventing or Jumper License