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Rule Change Intent

To provide consistent application of Dangerous Riding across competitions. Currently, Dangerous Riding may receive three different penalties: 25 penalties, Elimination, and/or issued a Recorded Warning Card. To ensure fairness for all competitors, the proposed amends the penalties so that all cases of Dangerous Riding must receive a Recorded Warning. In addition to a Recorded Warning, 25 penalties or Elimination may be applied, at the discretion of the Ground Jury. The proposed penalties also align with the FEI rules for Dangerous Riding.

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Member Comments

EV113 Dangerous Riding

1. Dangerous Riding is considered any Athlete who rides in such a way as to constitute a hazard to the safety or well-being of the Athlete, Horse, other Athletes, their Horses, spectators, or others during the competition. Dangerous Riding may include but is not limited to the following:

a. Riding out of control (Horse clearly not responding to the Athletes restraining or driving aids).
b. Riding Obstacles too fast or too slow.
c. Repeatedly standing off fences too far (pushing the Horse to the base of the Obstacle, firing the Horse to the fence).
d. Repeatedly being ahead or behind the Horse's movement when jumping.
e. Series of dangerous jumps.
f. Severe lack of responsiveness from the Horse or the Athlete.
g. Continuing after three clear refusals, a fall, or any form of Elimination. h. Endangering the public in any way (e.g., jumping out of the roped track).

2. ~~Dangerous Riding will be penalized accordingly, at the discretion of the Ground Jury. Athletes who engage in Dangerous Riding must receive 25 penalties, be Eliminated, and/or issued a Recorded Warning. The overall score for the Horse/Athlete combination must not count as a qualifying MER.~~ ***All cases of Dangerous Riding must receive a Recorded Warning. The Ground Jury, in its discretion, may apply an additional penalty of Elimination or 25 penalties. If Dangerous Riding is reported, the Ground Jury must evaluate the evidence and determine if a penalty is appropriate. There is no appeal against a Ground Jury's decision in a case of Dangerous Riding.***

~~3. If Dangerous Riding is reported, the Ground Jury must evaluate the evidence and determine if a penalty is appropriate. If a member of the Ground Jury observes Dangerous Riding, they may Eliminate or penalize the Athlete. There is no appeal against a Ground Jury's decision in a case of Dangerous Riding.~~

~~4.~~ 3. The Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate, and the Course Designer for the Event, when present solely in their role as Course Designer, have the authority to stop an Athlete on the Cross-Country course for Dangerous Riding.

~~5.~~ 4. The President of the Ground Jury may designate one or several deputies (i.e., Eventing Licensed Officials up to the level for which they are licensed and not in an official function at the Event, any Level IV or V USEA ECP Instructor or any Athlete who has represented the USA in a World Championship, Olympic Games, or Pan American Games) for the Cross-Country phase to advise the Ground Jury regarding any action described in 1 or ***4 3*** (above). Deputies and fence judges will be provided with a red flag to be waved at the Athlete, at the direction of Ground Jury, to stop the Athlete if the situation continues or for infringement of the above.