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Rule Change Intent

Align with FEI Rules.

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Comments

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Member Comments

DC945 Obstacles in Section B

1. Number of Obstacles
   1.1 Refer to the chart in DC 944.
2. Sketches of Obstacles
   Accurate sketches of each obstacle, showing the location of the compulsory gates, dislodgeable/detachable elements and entry/exit flags must be made available to athletes, team and event officials before the first inspection of the course. In order to avoid Athletes driving a dangerous and unsafe route through an Obstacle, the Course Designer may draw a double line of any color on the course map and on the ground to indicate a track which cannot be crossed at any time by an athlete. If the athlete crosses the area of the course marked by the double line, they will incur 20 penalty points. A Course Designer cannot draw more than 8 double lines on the course map in total. The double lines to be used in the course must be drawn on the ground at least 48 hours before the first start of the Marathon competition.
3. Design and Construction of Obstacles
   3.1 The number of each obstacle must be clearly displayed on the post supporting the red entry flag.
   3.2 The entry and exit of each obstacle must be marked by red and white flags (red on the right and white on the left), not less than 20 m from the nearest lettered gate, unless the Technical Delegate grants an exception. After the finish line of each obstacle, a 30m sign must be established. A dismounted groom in an obstacle must be back on the carriage before the rear axle passes the sign.
   3.3 The track through an obstacle should not exceed 250m on the shortest, 2.5m drivable route. That is not narrower than 2.5m at any point, between the entry and exit flags. ~~The track may exceed 250m in exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Technical Delegate.~~ A legal drivable route for VSE entries through an obstacle must not be narrower than 200cm at any point.