



September 25, 2026

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Dear Bill:

Thank you for submitting your request for a Presidential Modification to the application of GR114.1f, GR205.2, Chapter 3 and the Eventing Chapter. A Presidential Modification is granted in cases of extraordinary, special circumstances. When measured against that criterion, it has been determined that your request meets the standard for a Presidential Modification and therefore is approved.

As a result, the above-mentioned rules will be modified as outlined in the attached extraordinary rule change proposals for the 2027 competition year, beginning 12/1/2026.

Please feel free to contact the Federation office if you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas F. X. O'Mara'.

Thomas F. X. O'Mara
President

cc: Katlynn Wilbers, Competition Operations Director
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Attachments: Extraordinary Rule change proposal to GR114.1f (confirmation #7687)
Extraordinary Rule Change Proposal to GR205.2 (confirmation #7692)
Extraordinary Rule Change Proposal to Chapter 3 (confirmation #7693)
Extraordinary Rule Change Proposal to Eventing Chapter (confirmation #7694)

Submission Receipt		CONFIRMATION#7687
RULE CHANGE TYPE	EFFECTIVE	PROPONENT
Extraordinary	April 1, 2027	CEO - Bill Moroney
RULE REFERENCE / SUBCHAPTER	EO Reason	
SUBCHAPTER 1-A DEFINITIONS	This Extraordinary Rule Change is necessary to effectuate the new approach to USEF Lite competitions beginning in December 2026. Without this EO, we would have to wait another year to implement the Board's actions from the 2026 Mid-Year Board Meeting causing undue hardship to organizers seeking a low-cost, low-barrier intro to the sport.	
GR114 - Competition Terminology		
INTENT		

This rule change clarifies how nomenclature typically used in Eventing ("Level") interacts with the new Lite program rules.

SUBCHAPTER 1-A DEFINITIONS

GR114 Competition Terminology

1. For the purposes of Federation rules, the following definitions apply to Federation Licensed Competitions.
 - a. Rated class - any class held on a Licensed Competition date that counts towards the division or section rating. (See Chapter 3).
 - b. Unrated class - any class held on a Licensed Competition date that does not count towards the division or section rating, or any class held at an unrated Licensed Competition. (See GR307.3)
 - c. Recognized class - any class held on a Licensed Competition date for which there are Federation division rules. (See GR301 or GR902.3).
 - d. Unrecognized class - any class held on a Licensed Competition date in accordance with the requirements of GR301.1 or GR902.3. (See GR902.2).
 - e. Division - group of rules pertaining to a specific breed or discipline (i.e. Morgan, Jumping).
 - f. Section - group of rules within a specific breed or discipline division that pertains to a type of class (i.e. Working Western Section within the Arabian Division, ***Intermediate Level of Eventing***).

Submission Receipt		CONFIRMATION#7693
RULE CHANGE TYPE	EFFECTIVE	PROPONENT
Extraordinary	April 1, 2027	CEO - Bill Moroney

RULE REFERENCE / SUBCHAPTER	EO Reason
SUBCHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION	This Extraordinary Rule Change is necessary to effectuate the new approach to USEF Lite competitions beginning in December 2026. Without this EO, we would have to wait another year to implement the Board's actions from the 2026 Mid-Year Board Meeting causing undue hardship to organizers seeking a low-cost, low-barrier intro to the sport.
GR310 Restrictions on Local Competitions	

INTENT

The intent of this EO is to rewrite GR310 (Local Competitions) and clean up other areas of the Chapter to implement the new approach to USEF Lite competitions.

SUBCHAPTER 3-A COMPETITION LICENSE APPLICATIONS

GR301 Agreement

1. All applications for a Federation license are accepted with the explicit agreement of competition Licensee that all classes (rated or unrated) to be held on a Federation licensed date must be recognized by the Federation and are governed by all applicable Federation rules, and that no unrecognized classes will be held on any date for which Federation recognition is requested, except:
 - a. ~~Horse Trials at Eventing competitions below the Modified Level.~~
 - b. Eventing Tests at all levels.

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4. Eventing competitions offering Intermediate level and/or below without mileage conflict, **excluding Lite competitions:**

SUBCHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION

GR307 Classification

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4. ~~Federation Endorsed competitions, Divisions, or Levels or those events receiving approval pursuant to the Federation Bylaws. A Regular Competition may offer Lite Divisions or Lite Sections (See GR114).~~
 - a. ~~Eventing competitions may be eligible for either licensure or endorsed designation. The Federation may endorse Eventing competitions at the Training Level and below. The Federation may license Eventing competitions at the Modified Level and above. An Eventing licensed competition and an Eventing Endorsed competition may run concurrently.~~

GR310 Restrictions on Local Competitions and Lite Competitions

For purposes of this Chapter the term "Lite Competitions" collectively refers to Lite competitions and Regular competitions offering Lite Divisions or Lite Sections, unless otherwise stated herein.

1. *Local competitions benefit from all the general rules of the Federation and must abide by applicable division rules unless class specifications are printed otherwise in the prize list. Lite competitions are a subtype of the Local competition license category.*
2. *The applicable Federation Recognized Affiliate Association non-member fee will not apply.*
3. *The following competitions are eligible to be licensed as Lite Competitions:*
 - a. *A first-time competition;*
 - b. *A competition that has only ever been run as a Lite competition in the past three (3) years;*
 - c. *A competition that has not been Federation licensed in the past three (3) years;*
 - d. *An Eventing Division offering Sections below modified; or*
 - e. *A competition that meets the criteria listed on the Federation website.*
 - f. *A competition that does not meet the above criteria may submit a request to be licensed as Lite. The licensing request will be reviewed and a decision will be rendered in the Federation's Chief Executive Officer's sole discretion.*
4. *Lite Competitions must be conducted in accordance with the following rules:*
 - a. *Licensing Requirements (this section "a" does not apply to Regular competitions offering Lite Divisions or Lite Sections):*
 - i. *License applications and a copy of the prize list must be submitted thirty (30) days*

- prior to the first day of competition.
 - ii. Competitions may operate under a Lite license for no more than three (3) consecutive years. Exception: competitions that meet the criteria listed on the Federation website.
 - iii. The Licensees of (i) Lite licensed competitions that have operated for three (3) consecutive years or (ii) competitions that have operated under a regular competition license in any of the previous three (3) year(s) are prohibited from submitting a new application for comparable dates in an attempt to downgrade to a Lite license by the same Licensee or any entity associated with the Licensee for a period of two (2) years. Exceptions: competitions that meet the criteria listed on the Federation website and an Eventing Division offering Sections below modified. If the Licensee is a business entity, this provision includes all persons listed as principals of the business entity.
- b.—SafeSport Requirements:
- i. Any individual signing and/or acting as a Trainer or Coach, must have completed SafeSport Training prior to the first day of competition.
 - ii. The Competition Manager(s), Secretary, and any other person acting in the role of a licensed official are bound by all requirements of the USEF Safe Sport Policy, including SafeSport Training.
- c. Steward and Technical Delegate requirements: Competitions must have at least one Steward or Technical Delegate who meets the following criteria:
- i. Enrolled in and pursuing a Federation Steward or Technical Delegate license and have completed the Designated Applicant Training; or
 - ii. A Licensed Federation Steward or Technical Delegate.
- d. (National HOTY) Points:
- i. For HOTY Points Associated with the Horse. Lite competitions will award half-value points to all USEF Recorded horses, whose owner is a Federation Active Competing Member and meets any applicable breed/discipline required memberships. Exception: No Federation National or USHJA Zone HOTY points will be awarded at Hunter and/or Jumper Lite competitions.
 - ii. For HOTY Points Associated with the Rider. Lite competitions will award half-value points to all riders who are Federation Active Competing Members and meet any applicable breed/discipline required memberships. Exception: No Federation National or USHJA Zone HOTY points will be awarded at Hunter and/or Jumper Lite competitions.
- e. Prize List requirements:
- i. A Prize List is required to be submitted to the Federation for review thirty (30) days prior to the start of the competition.
 - ii. Prize Lists are required to include all statements listed under GR901. (Exceptions: GR901.9 and 901.12)
- f. For Regular competitions offering Lite Divisions or Lite Sections, the total prize money offered in the Lite Divisions or Lite Sections may not exceed \$500.00.
- i. Unless otherwise approved by the Federation no later than 60 days prior to the start of the competition, the total cash prizes shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), except 100% sweepstakes, and Reining competitions; not including value of trophies offered.
 - ii. Western Division competitions may retain Local competition status regardless of the amount of prize money offered.
 - iii. For Hunter and/or Jumper Lite competitions, the value of any in-kind gifts and awards shall count toward the total amount of prize money offered and unless otherwise approved by the Federation no later than 60 days prior to the start of the competition, cannot exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) total for the competition.
- g. The designation Local competition must be stated on the cover of the prize list. For Regular competitions offering Lite Divisions or Lite Sections, Lite Divisions or Lite

Sections must be clearly identified in the class listing.

- h. Hunter Division competitions or competitions restricted to Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation must obtain a Regular competition license or a Lite competition license. Competitions offering any Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Medal classes with a National Year-End Final are not eligible for Lite competition status and must obtain a Regular competition license.*

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- ~~2. The designation Local competition must be stated on the cover of the prize list.~~
- ~~3. The Federation and applicable Federation Recognized Affiliate Association non-member/ShowPass fees will not apply. Exception: Any individual signing and/or acting as a Trainer or Coach must be a Senior Active Member of the Federation in good standing. See GR202.~~
- ~~4. The applicable Federation Recognized Affiliate Association non-member fee will not apply. The following Federation membership and USEF Safe Sport requirements apply at Local competitions:~~
 - ~~a. Any individual acting as a Trainer or Coach or signing an entry blank as Trainer or Coach, must be an Active Competing Member of the Federation and must have completed the SafeSport Training prior to the first day of competition.~~
- ~~5. Local competitions benefit from all the general rules of the Federation and must abide by applicable division rules unless class specifications are printed otherwise in the prize list.~~
- ~~6. Hunter Division competitions or competitions restricted to Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation must obtain a Regular competition license or a Lite competition license. Competitions offering any Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Medal classes with a National Year-End Final are not eligible for Lite competition status and must obtain a Regular competition license.~~
- ~~7. Lite. Beginning December 1, 2022, Lite competitions are a subtype of the Local competition license Category and are to be conducted in accordance with the General Rules Chapters and applicable breed/discipline Chapter, except as stated otherwise below (Exception: Open Dressage classes are not permitted to be held at Lite competitions):~~

~~B. License requirements~~

- ~~a. Eligibility Requirements. The following competitions are eligible to be licensed as Lite:~~
 - ~~1. A first-time competition;~~
 - ~~2. A competition that has only ever been run as a Lite competition in the past three (3) years;~~
 - ~~3. A competition that has not been Federation licensed in the past three (3) years; or~~
 - ~~4. A competition that meets the criteria listed on the Federation website;~~
 - ~~5. A competition that does not meet the above criteria may submit a request to be licensed as Lite. The licensing request will be reviewed and a decision will be rendered in the Federation's Chief Executive Officer's sole discretion.~~
- ~~b. Licensing Requirements.~~

- ~~1. License applications and a copy of the prize list must be submitted thirty (30) days prior to the first day of competition.~~
- ~~2. Competitions may operate under a Lite license for no more than three (3) consecutive years. Exception: competitions that meet the criteria listed on the Federation website.~~
- ~~3. The Licensees of (i) Lite licensed competitions that have operated for three (3) consecutive years or (ii) competitions that have operated under a regular competition license in any of the previous three (3) year(s) are prohibited from submitting a new application for comparable dates in an attempt to downgrade to a Lite license by the same Licensee or any entity associated with the Licensee for a period of two (2) years. Exception: competitions that meet the criteria listed on the Federation website. If the Licensee is a business entity, this provision includes all persons listed as principals of the business entity.~~

~~C. SafeSport Requirements~~

- ~~a. Any individual signing and/or acting as a Trainer or Coach, must have completed the SafeSport Training prior to the first day of competition.~~
- ~~b. The Competition Manager(s), Secretary, and any other person acting in the role of a licensed official are bound by all requirements of the USEF SafeSport Policy, including SafeSport Training.~~

~~D. Steward and Technical Delegate requirements~~

- ~~a. Competitions must have at least one Steward or Technical Delegate who meets the following criteria:~~
 - ~~1. Enrolled in and pursuing a Federation Steward or Technical Delegate license and have completed the Designated Applicant Training; or~~
 - ~~2. Licensed Federation Steward or Technical Delegate.~~

~~E. (National HOTY) Points~~

- ~~a. For HOTY Points Associated with the Horse. Lite competitions will award half-value points to all USEF Recorded horses, whose owner is a Federation Active Competing Member and meets any applicable breed/discipline required memberships. Exception: No Federation National or USHJA Zone HOTY points will be awarded at Hunter and/or Jumper Lite competitions.~~
- ~~b. For HOTY Points Associated with the Rider. Lite competitions will award half-value points to all riders who are Federation Active Competing Members and meet any applicable breed/discipline required memberships. Exception: No Federation National or USHJA Zone HOTY points will be awarded at Hunter and/or Jumper Lite competitions.~~

~~F. Prize List requirements~~

- ~~a. A Prize List is required to be submitted to the Federation for review thirty (30) days prior to the _____ start of the competition.~~
- ~~b. Prize Lists are required to include all statements listed under GR901~~
 - ~~1. Exceptions: GR901.9 and 901.12~~

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RULE REFERENCE / SUBCHAPTER	EO Reason
SUBCHAPTER 2-C NON-MEMBERS	This Extraordinary Rule Change is necessary to effectuate the new approach to USEF Lite competitions beginning in December 2026. Without this EO, we would have to wait another year to implement the Board's actions from the 2026 Mid-Year Board Meeting causing undue hardship to organizers seeking a low-cost, low-barrier intro to the sport.
GR205 Participation	

INTENT

The intent of this EO is to create a new cateogry of participation for non-members, the "Annual Lite Pass".

SUBCHAPTER 2-C NON-MEMBERS

GR205 Participation

1. **Show Pass:** A non-member, who wishes to participate as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee or agent, at Federation Licensed Competitions, ~~is~~ **are** eligible to obtain no more than one non-member Show Pass per competition year and must pay the requisite fee. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this requirement. The amount of the non-member Show Pass fee will be established annually by the Federation. Payment of Show Pass fees for purposes of competing does not entitle the individual to any other privileges of Federation membership.
2. **Annual Lite Pass:** *A non-member who wishes to participate as a trainer and/or coach at Lite Competitions (defined in GR 310) is eligible to obtain a non-member Annual Lite Pass for the competition year by paying the requisite fee and completing SafeSport Training. The amount of the non-member Annual Lite Pass will be established annually by the Federation. The Annual Lite Pass does not entitle the holder to any other privileges of Federation membership.*

Submission Receipt		CONFIRMATION#7694
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RULE REFERENCE / SUBCHAPTER	EO Reason
SUBCHAPTER EV-1 GENERAL RULES	This Extraordinary Rule Change is necessary to effectuate the new approach to USEF Lite competitions beginning in December 2026. Without this EO, we would have to wait another year to implement the Board's actions from the 2026 Mid-Year Board Meeting causing undue hardship to organizers seeking a low-cost, low-barrier intro to the sport.
EV101 INTRODUCTION	

INTENT

This EO implements this new approach to USEF Lite Competitions and Starter into the Eventing Chapter.

SUBCHAPTER EV-1 GENERAL RULES

EV101 Introduction

1. GENERAL. An Event includes one or more phases from: Dressage, Cross-Country, and Show Jumping. The Federation and the United States Eventing Association ("USEA") recognize three types of Events: Tests (Individual or Combined), Horse Trials, and Classic Three-Day Events.
 - a. TESTS. Tests consist of one or more Dressage, Cross-Country, or Show Jumping phases. Tests may be offered as a separate Event or organized in conjunction with a Federation licensed ~~or endorsed~~ Event.
 - b. HORSE TRIAL. Horse Trials are comprised of three phases: Dressage, Cross-Country, and Show Jumping. Typical Horse Trials are held over one or more days, during which the Athlete rides the same Horse throughout. The Dressage phase must be first. The Cross-Country and Show Jumping phases may follow in either order. The following ~~Federation licensed and endorsed~~ levels ~~may~~ **must** be offered **at a Regular Competition**: Modified, Preliminary, Intermediate, and Advanced. **The following levels may be offered at Lite Competitions or at Regular Competitions as Lite Levels: Starter, Beginner Novice, Novice, and Training.**
 - c. CLASSIC THREE-DAY EVENT. The Classic Three-Day Event is comprised of three phases, taking place on separate days, during which the Athlete rides the same Horse throughout. The Dressage phase is held over one or more consecutive days, depending on the number of entries, followed by Cross-Country. Cross-Country is comprised of four phases: Phase A and C (Roads and Tracks), Phase B (Steeplechase), Phase D (Cross-Country Obstacles). Show Jumping is the last phase. The following levels are offered: Training, Modified, and Preliminary.

SUBCHAPTER EV-2 ATHLETE

EV107 Membership for Athletes

1. ATHLETES. Athletes entered in Horse Trials and Classic Three-Day Events must comply with current Federation and USEA membership requirements. ***Athletes entered in Lite levels at Regular competitions or Lite competitions do not need to be members of the Federation, but must comply with USEA membership requirements.*** Athletes entered in Tests do not need to be members of the Federation or the USEA.
2. HORSES. Horses entered in Horse Trials and Classic Three-Day Events must comply with current USEA registration requirements and must be life recorded with the Federation upon entering FEI level Events. Horses entered in Tests do not need to be registered with the USEA.

EV108 Participation

2. JUNIORS. An Organizer may offer a competition for Juniors at Tests, at Horse Trials at the **Starter** ~~Beginner Novice~~ through Preliminary levels, and at CCI1* and CCI2*. Athletes in **Starter**, Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, and Modified Horse Trials and CCI1* will be considered as Juniors until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Athletes in Preliminary Horse Trials and CCI2* Events will be considered as Juniors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18.

EV121 Cross-Country Phase Rules

2. TIME.

- a. Optimum Time – The distance divided by the designated speed.
 1. Completing the course in less than the Optimum Time results in zero time penalties.
 2. An Athlete exceeding the Optimum Time will be penalized in accordance with EV123.1.
- b. Speed Fault Time – The distance divided by the speed fault speed. Speed Fault Time is applied at the **Starter**, Beginner Novice, Novice, and Training levels.

EV133 Division of Entries

1. DIVISION OF ENTRIES.

- a. If the number of entries in a division warrant, it may be divided by sections or draw. If the number of entries in one division of **Starter** ~~Beginner Novice~~ through Preliminary Horse Trial exceeds 40, it must be divided. Entries in the Advanced and Intermediate divisions which exceed 40 may be divided once, at the Organizer's discretion. Championships and Federation Selection Trials must not be divided.

EV144 Cross-Country Phase Courses

1. MARKING OF THE COURSE.

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- d. Numbers and letters must be colored as follows:
 1. Advanced - white letters, blue background;
 2. Intermediate - white letters, red background;
 3. Preliminary - white letters, green background;
 4. Modified - orange letters, blue background;
 5. Training - white letters, black background;
 6. Novice - black letters, white background;
 7. Beginner Novice - black letters, yellow background;
 8. **Starter – As designated by the Organizer and printed on the course map.**

EV145 Cross-Country Phase Obstacles

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5. NUMBER OF JUMPING EFFORTS.

- a. Within the limits outlined in Appendix 3, the total number of jumping efforts must be related to the length of the course.
- b. To calculate the number of jumping efforts, the efforts on the route expected to be taken by the average Horse must be totaled.
- c. At the **Starter**, Beginner Novice and Novice levels, water crossings must be marked, numbered, and subject to penalties but must not be counted in the number of jumping efforts.

EV 150 Show Jumping Phase Obstacles

8. Within the limits outlined in Appendix 3, at least one third of the Obstacles must be maximum height, except for the **Starter**, Beginner Novice and Novice levels where there is no minimum requirements. The overall spread of an oxer may be no more than 20 cm wider than the maximum height for that division. The overall spread of a triple bar may be no more than 40 cm wider than the maximum height for that level. At Preliminary Championship Events, one vertical and one ascending oxer, not part of a combination, and preferably in the second part of the course, may be built 5 cm higher than the maximum height allowed for that level.

EV153 Licensed Officials for Horse Trials

1. The following Licensed Officials are the minimum required at Horse Trials. Higher level Licensed Officials may serve in the roles listed below. A second Eventing Technical Delegate of any level is required if an Event has more than 300 entries, any day where Cross-Country and Show Jumping phases will be running concurrently and a member of the Ground Jury will not be present on the course during the Cross-Country phase. Entries include horses entered in the ~~Endorsed~~, Licensed and FEI levels at the Event.

A. **Starter**, Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Modified and Preliminary

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4. Cross-Country Course Designer:

1. **Starter**, Beginner Novice, Novice, Training - The Cross-Country Course Designer must be a Federation licensed Certified Cross-Country Course Designer.
2. Modified and Preliminary - The Cross-Country Course Designer must be a Federation licensed 'r' Eventing Course Designer.

SUBCHAPTER EV-9 DRESS

5. DRESSAGE PHASE.

- a. Protective Headgear. Any color helmet is permitted. Tasteful and discreet accents, such as a different color piping or crystal decorations are acceptable, including national flags.
- b. Jackets. Intermediate and Advanced – Jackets are required unless all three phases of a Horse Trials are run over one day, which case a jacket is not required. A jacket may be any solid color, tweed, or pinstripe. Tasteful, discreet accents, piping, and crystal decorations are permitted. Tailcoats are permitted. ~~Beginner Novice~~ **Starter** through Preliminary – Jackets are not required. If an Athlete wears a jacket, it may be any solid color, tweed, or pinstripe. Tasteful, discreet accents, piping, and crystals are permitted. Tailcoats are not permitted.

6. SHOW JUMPING PHASE.

- a. Protective headgear. Any color helmet is permitted. Tasteful and discreet accents, such as a different color piping or crystal decorations are acceptable, including national flags.
- b. Jackets. Intermediate and Advanced – Jackets are required unless all three phases of a Horse Trials are run over one day, in which case a jacket is not required. The jacket may be of a single color, tweed, or pinstripe with tasteful, discreet accents, piping or crystal decorations.

~~Beginner Novice~~ **Starter** through Preliminary – Jackets are not required. If an Athlete wears a jacket, it may be any solid color, tweed, or pinstripe. Tasteful, discreet accents, piping, and crystal decorations are permitted.

Appendices

APPENDIX 1 - LEVELS OF HORSE TRIALS

1. ***Starter—The Starter level is designed to provide an introduction into the sport for green Horses and beginner Athletes. The goal is to provide a fun and educational experience for Athletes and Horses.***
 - a. ***Dressage: Athletes should be prepared to do a walk, trot and canter Dressage test with 20 m figures and a halt.***
 - b. ***Cross-Country: Obstacles, solid in appearance, with ground lines where appropriate to enhance the fence profile.***
 1. ***There must be no Obstacles before or after a water crossing within 78 ft (25 m) before and 54 ft (16 m) after.***
 2. ***If a ditch or water Obstacle is used, an option should be provided.***
 3. ***Combinations are prohibited at this level.***
 4. ***Turns must have a minimum of 20 m radius.***
 - c. ***Show Jumping: The course should be inviting and straightforward, preferably with lines of 25 m (82 ft) or more.***
 1. ***Combinations, liverpools, and triple bars are prohibited at this level.***

3.1 STARTER (S) - Open to Athletes of any age, on Horses four years of age and older.

3.2 3.1-BEGINNER NOVICE (BN) - Open to Athletes of any age, on Horses four years of age and older.

3.3 3.2 NOVICE (N) - Open to Athletes of any age, on Horses four years of age or older.

APPENDIX 3 - SPECIFICATIONS FOR HORSE TRIALS

For other specifications, such as depth of water, widths of water crossings, etc., See EV145.

	<i>Starter</i>	Beginner Novice	Novice	Training	Modified	Preliminary	Intermediate	Advanced
Dressage								
Federation Eventing Tests	<i>Starter A</i> <i>Starter B</i>	BN A BN B	Novice A Novice B	Training A Training B	Modified A Modified B Modified C	Preliminary A Preliminary B Preliminary C	Intermediate A Intermediate B Intermediate C	Advanced A Advanced B
Cross- Country								
Distances	1200 – 1800m	1400 - 2000m	1600 - 2200m	2000 - 2600m	2200m - 3000m	2200 - 3120m	2600 - 3575m	3200 - 3990m
Speeds Optimum Time	300-350mpm	300 - 350mpm	350 - 400mpm	420 - 470mpm	500mpm	520mpm	550mpm	570mpm
Speed Faults	420mpm	420mpm	450mpm	520mpm	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Efforts	12 – 16	14-18	16-20	20-24	22-28	22-30	26-34	32-40
Heights Fixed Brush	.70m (2'3") .85m (2'9")	.80m (2'7") .91m (3')	.90m (2'11") 1.10m (3'7")	1.00m (3'3") 1.20m (3'11")	1.05m (3'5") 1.25m (4'1")	1.10m(3'7") 1.30m(4'3")	1.15m (3'9") 1.35m (4'5")	1.20m (3'11") 1.40m (4'7")
Spreads Highest Point Base Without Height	.70m (2'3") 1.00m (3'3") 1.15m (3'9")	84m (2'9") 1.22m (4') 1.22m (4')	1.00m (3'3") 1.50m (4'11") 2.00m (6'7")	1.20m (3'11") 1.8m (5'11") 2.40m (7'11")	1.20m (3'11") 1.80m (5'11") 2.40m (7'11")	1.40m (4'7") 2.10m (6'11") 2.80m (9'2")	1.60m (5'3") 2.40m (7'11") 3.20m (10'6")	1.80m (5'11") 2.70m (8'10") 3.60m (11'10")
Drops	.9 m (3'0")	1.01m (3'3")	1.20m (3'11")	1.40m (4'7")	1.40m (4'11")	1.60m (5'3")	1.80m (5'11")	2.00 (6'7")
Show Jumping								
Lengths	Maximum 500m	Maximum 500m	Maximum 500m	Maximum 600m	Maximum 600m	Maximum 600m	Maximum 600m	Maximum 600m
Speeds	300mpm	300mpm	325mpm	325mpm	350mpm	350mpm	350mpm	375mpm
Efforts	8 – 10	9-11	9-11	10-12	10-13	11-13	12-14	13-15
Heights	.70m (2'3")	.80m (2'7")	.90m (2'11")	1.0m (3'3")	1.05m (3'5")	1.10m (3'7")	1.20m (3'11")	1.25m (4'1")

Overall Spreads of Oxers	.75m (2'6")	0.90m (2'11")	1.00m (3'3")	1.15m (3'9")	1.25m (4'1")	1.30m (4'3")	1.40m (4'7")	1.45m (4'9")
Overall Spreads of Triple Bar	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.40m (4'7")	1.45m (4'9")	1.50m (4'11")	1.60m (5'3")	1.65m (5'5")

APPENDIX 5 – USEF/USEA EVENTING COMPETITION STANDARDS

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VENUE INFRASTRUCTURE	Starter/Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	FEI: CCI1*/CCI2*-L/CCI2*-S	Intermediate/Advanced	FEI: CCI3*-L/CCI3*-S	FEI: CCI4*-S/CCI4*-L/CCI5*-L
Restrooms (one per 25 horses/per day or cleaned daily)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Veterinarian	On site for cross country and jumping phases (USEF EV155)	On site for cross country and jumping phases (USEF EV155)	On site for entire competition (FEI Eventing Article 1.4)	On site for cross country and jumping phases(USEF EV155)	On site for entire competition (FEI Eventing Article 1.4)	On site for entire competition (FEI Eventing Article 1.4)
Qualified Farrier (USEF EV163.6)	ON CALL	On site for cross country and jumping phases	Not required per rules but strongly recommended	On site for cross country and jumping phases	Not required per rules but strongly recommended	Not required per rules but strongly recommended
Ambulance	ON CALL	ON CALL	On site for cross country and jumping phases (FEI Eventing Annex D.3)	ON CALL	On site for cross country and jumping phases (FEI Eventing Annex D.3)	On site for cross country and jumping phases (FEI Eventing Annex D.3)
Medical Personnel	Requirements per USEF EV138.4	Requirements per USEF EV138.4	Requirements per FEI Eventing Annex D	Requirements per USEF EV138.4	Requirements per FEI Eventing Annex D	Requirements per FEI Eventing Annex D
Emergency Horse Transport: Ability to transport horse at competition site and to veterinary hospital off site	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Physical scoreboard on site	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Minimum stall size: 10'X10'	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Minimum stall door opening of at least 90 degrees concurrently	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Electrical outlets in stabling (Click for link and instructions to calculate heat index)	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended	Required if competition's heat index is over 90 (as an average of the high from previous 3	Required if competition's heat index is over 90 (as an average of the high from previous 3	Required if competition's heat index is over 90 (as an average of the high from previous 3	Required if competition's heat index is over 90 (as an average of the high from previous 3
Lighting in Stabling	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Wash area: Designated area with drainage and appropriate surface to prevent flooding	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Adequate water supply (USEF GR1216.1)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
COMMUNICATION	Starter/Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	FEI: CCI1*/CCI2*-L/ CCI2*-S	Intermediate/Advanced	FEI: CCI3*-L/CCI3*-S	FEI: CCI4*-S/CCI4*-L/ CCI5*-L
Radios must be ample in number and effective (i.e. able to hold charge or enough to change out for charging).	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Speakers in stabling area sufficient to communicate throughout stabling.	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Speakers in parking area sufficient to communicate throughout parking area	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Source for online competitor communication (list in Omnibus and post at show office)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
DRESSAGE						
Warm-Up Arena(s)	Starter/Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	FEI: CCI1*/CCI2*-L/ CCI2*-S	Intermediate/Advanced	FEI: CCI3*-L/CCI3*-S	FEI: CCI4*-S/CCI4*-L/CCI5*-L
Warm-up arena(s) must be within 250 feet from competition arena(s) (USEF EV135.2b)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Minimum size: 20,000 square feet, plus 10,000 additional square feet per additional competition arena using the same warm-up	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Monitoring: If enclosed, the warm-up must be monitored.	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Effective drainage: Ability to drain in order to maintain consistent footing (through installed drainage, grading or natural slope)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Sufficient staff to maintain footing (applies to surface and grass arenas)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Schedule to maintain footing with equipment appropriate to the type of footing to ensure quality (excludes grass)	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: water and dragging	REQUIRED: water and dragging
Practice arena available: 60m x 20m (USEF EV142)	N/A	N/A	REQUIRED	N/A	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Competition Arena(s)	Starter/Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	FEI: CCI1*/CCI2*-L/CCI2*-S	Intermediate/Advanced	FEI: CCI3*-L/CCI3*-S	FEI: CCI4*-S/CCI4*-L/CCI5*-L
Effective drainage: Ability to drain in order to maintain consistent footing (through installed drainage, grading or natural slope)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED

Schedule to maintain arenas with equipment appropriate to the type of footing to ensure consistent footing (excludes grass)	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: water and dragging	REQUIRED: water and dragging
CROSS COUNTRY						
Warm-Up	Starter/Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	FEI: CCI1*/CCI2*-L/CCI2*-S	Intermediate/Advanced	FEI: CCI3*-L/CCI3*-S	FEI: CCI4*-S/CCI4*-L/CCI5*-L
Minimum size	25,000 square feet	30,000 square feet	30,000 square feet	35,000 square feet	35,000 square feet	35,000 square feet
Portable jumps must be secured as outlined in the USEF Eventing Rules (EV145.2a).	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Schedule to maintain footing with equipment appropriate to the type of footing to ensure quality.	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Ability to irrigate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	REQUIRED
Jumps presented in a manner consistent with the jumps on course	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Warm-up fences: minimum of one solid cross country fence and three show jumps, including one oxer (EV135.2.4)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Safety cups must be used per the USEF Eventing Rules (EV150.9)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Warm-up fences must be of good quality and in good repair	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Course	Starter/Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	FEI: CCI1*/CCI2*-L/CCI2*-S	Intermediate/Advanced	FEI: CCI3*-L/CCI3*-S	FEI: CCI4*-S/CCI4*-L/CCI5*-L
Footing maintenance plan that outlines year-round care and strategy for improvement	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended	REQUIRED
Footing aerated/aggravated as appropriate to ensure quality footing	N/A	N/A	N/A	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Sufficient staff to maintain footing (take off and landing) and repair fences in a timely manner	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Privacy screens readily available	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
SHOW JUMPING						
Warm-Up Arena(s)	Starter/Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	FEI: CCI1*/CCI2*-L/CCI2*-S	Intermediate/Advanced	FEI: CCI3*-L/CCI3*-S	FEI: CCI4*-S/CCI4*-L/CCI5*-L
Minimum size	16,000 square feet	20,000 square feet	20,000 square feet	20,000 square feet.	20,000 square feet.	20,000 square feet.
Ability to monitor warm-up to prevent overcrowding	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Schedule to maintain footing with equipment appropriate to the type of footing to ensure quality (excludes grass)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Safety cups must be used per the USEF Eventing Rules (EV150.9)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Minimum of four warm-up fences: two verticals, two oxers (USEF EV135.2.d)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Fences must be of good quality and in good repair (USEF EV150.1)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Competition Arena(s)	Starter/Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	FEI: CCI1*/CCI2*-L/CCI2*-S	Intermediate/Advanced	FEI: CCI3*-L/CCI3*-S	FEI: CCI4*-S/CCI4*-L/CCI5*-L
Appropriate size	20,000 square feet	25,000 square feet	25,000 square feet	25,000 square feet	25,000 square feet	25,000 square feet
Sufficient number of poles/ standards available to facilitate course design with varying questions and types of fences	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Fences built and maintained as directed in the USEF Eventing Rules (EV150)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Quality footing appropriate to the level	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Effective drainage: Ability to drain in order to maintain consistent footing (through installed drainage, grading or natural slope)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Schedule to maintain arenas with equipment appropriate to the type of footing to ensure consistent footing (excludes grass)	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: dragging	REQUIRED: water and dragging	REQUIRED: water and dragging
Privacy screens readily available	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Event Communications	Starter/Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	FEI: CCI1*/CCI2*-L/CCI2*-S	Intermediate/Advanced	FEI: CCI3*-L/CCI3*-S	FEI: CCI4*-S/CCI4*-L/CCI5*-L
Competition website to provide information including announcements, live scoring link and ride times	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Real time information: including announcements, live-scoring, and scheduling changes on competition website and/or social media	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED

Announcements to ensure scheduling and key information is shared immediately via: PA System, office staff, text messaging, or email	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Feedback solicitation: Post-event outreach to riders, owners, sponsors, and vendors.	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Competition improvement plan with objectives for the next competition year(s)	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Marketing Initiatives	Starter/ Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	FEI: CCI1*/CCI2*-L/CCI2*-S	Intermediate/Advanced	FEI: CCI3*-L/CCI3*-S	FEI: CCI4*-S/CCI4*-L/CCI5*-L
Social media/email announcements for pre-event exposure, in-competition updates, and post-event results	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED
Media center with electricity and dedicated internet access for use during the competition and for end-of-day press conferences	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED
Sponsorship packet to outline available sponsorship opportunities	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Amenities and credentials for owners, sponsors and patrons	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED 4*/REQUIRED 5*
Prize money (separate from in-kind prizes)	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED 4*/REQUIRED 5*
Venue Preparation	Starter/ Beginner Novice/ Novice/Training	Modified/Preliminary	FEI: CCI1*/CCI2*-L/CCI2*-S	Intermediate/Advanced	FEI: CCI3*-L/CCI3*-S	FEI: CCI4*-S/CCI4*-L/CCI5*-L
Trade fair with sufficient equestrian shops and food vendors for the number of people on site	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Directional information for competitors, volunteers, sponsors, owners, vendors, media and wheelchair users	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED
Secure FEI stabling area accessible only by riders, owners, grooms and essential team members	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED
Riders' lounge with live streaming CCTV and hospitality	N/A	N/A	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED 4*/REQUIRED 5*