

GR1040 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions - Judges

Proponent: USEA Eventing Licensed Officials Committee

Standard: Effective 12/1/24

Rule Change Intent: As the Ground Jury is ultimately responsible for approving all courses, this helps mitigate the appearance of a conflict of interest.

1.c. Be a family member of a competition licensee, steward, Technical Delegate, or competition manager. **For Eventing, this restriction also applies to Ground Jury members related to Course**

EV104.8 Definitions

Proponent: USEA Eventing Licensed Officials Committee

Standard: Effective 12/1/24

Rule Change Intent: To add clarity to a horse's performance record and assist the ground jury in making decisions regarding granting permission to ride in subsequent phases.

8. ELIMINATION. Unless otherwise specified, Elimination means that the Athlete/Horse combination in question may not continue to participate in the current Event.

a. **Technical Elimination:** Any elimination may be recorded as a TE (technical elimination) if the fault is a rider error (i.e. omission of obstacle, third error of course in dressage, or missing start or finish flags), and not caused directly or indirectly by the horse's disobedient, weak, or aberrant performance.

EV122 and EV122.5 Cross-Country Phase Definitions of Faults

Proponent: USEA Competitions, Calendar & Rules Committee

Standard: Effective 12/1/2024

Rule Change Intent: To remove the confusion of elimination at the national level for either retaking a jump or continuing. For consistency, the FEI

wording/definition of a missed flag is being proposed as is the FEI wording/definition for a run-out.

EV122 Cross-Country Phase Definitions of Faults

2. DISOBEDIENCES (REFUSALS and RUN-OUTS).

~~b. Runouts. It is considered a Disobedience if a Horse runs out, avoids the Obstacle or element to be jumped in such a way that it must be represented. An Athlete is permitted to change their mind as to where they jump an Obstacle or element at any time without penalty for a run-out, including because of a mistake at a previous Obstacle or element.~~

b. Runouts. A Horse is considered to have run-out if, having been presented at an obstacle on the course, it avoids it in such a way that the head, neck and point of either shoulder fail to pass between the extremities of the obstacle as flagged or the hindquarters have not jumped the height of the solid part of the obstacle. Continuing on course without representing will incur elimination.

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5. MISSED FLAG

1. Clear: A horse is considered to have cleared the fence when the head, neck and points of both shoulders pass between the extremities of the obstacle as flagged. If a flag is dislodged, the hindquarters must jump the height of the solid part of the obstacle.

2. Missing a flag: A horse is considered to have missed a flag when the point of a shoulder fails to pass between the extremities of the obstacle as flagged. The head and neck must pass inside the extremities of the obstacle as flagged. If a flag is dislodged, the hindquarters must jump the height of the solid part of the obstacle.

Renumber remaining

EV123 Cross-Country Phase Scoring – Chart

Add: Missed Flag, 15 penalties, All EV122.5

Appendix 3 – Participation in Horse Trials

Proponent: USEA Competitions, Calendar & Rules Committee

Standard: Effective 12/1/2024

Rule Change Intent: To align with the FEI's exception for MERs. It should not be more difficult for horses competing at the national level to move forward when one of the two penalties has been incurred.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Completion: means having completed the entire Horse Trial with a numerical score.

2.2 Minimum Eligibility Requirement

2.3 All MERs obtained in previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.

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 Test 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 Jumping Test. -25 penalty points received for Dangerous Riding will not achieve a National Qualifying result. 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 1st activation of a frangible/deformable device (11 penalties) or having 1 missed flag (15 penalties) will allow for an MER.

EV153 Licensed Officials for Horse Trials

Proponent: USEA Eventing Licensed Officials Committee

Standard: Effective 12/1/24

Rule Change Intent: Eventing Ground Jury Members have equal authority and responsibilities, and more flexibility is needed for positioning officials.

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 ~~the President of the Ground Jury~~ a **member of the ground jury** will not be present on the course during the Cross-Country phase.

EV160 Eventing Jumping Course Designer/GR1026

Eventing Course Designers

Proponent: USEA Eventing Licensed Officials Committee

Standard: Effective 12/1/2024

Rule Change Intent: To provide safe and appropriate courses for all levels of eventing, and encourage enrollment, education, participation, and licensing for the recorded EVJCD level.

EV160 Eventing Jumping Course Designer

A Federation licensed **Registered (R)** Eventing Jumping Course Designer or Jumper Course Designer **or any level USEF licensed Course Designer** or **any level** FEI licensed Jumping Course Designer is required to design Show Jumping at the Advanced levels at Federation Licensed Events. **A Federation licensed Recorded (r) Eventing Jumping Course Designer or any level USEF Jumper Course Designer or any level FEI licensed Jumping Course Designer is required to design Show Jumping at the Intermediate levels at Federation Licensed Events.** For mixed level sections (EV133.1d), the Eventing Jumping Course Designer must be licensed to officiate at the level for which they are responsible.

GR1026 Eventing Course Designers

1. A minimum of a Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designer is required for Beginner Novice, Novice, and Training Horse Trials.
2. A minimum of a Recorded ('r') license is required to officiate at Preliminary Horse Trials, Modified Horse Trials, and National Three-Day Events.
3. A minimum of a Registered ('R') license is required to officiate at Intermediate Horse Trials.

4. A minimum of a Senior ('S') license is required to officiate at Advanced Horse Trials.
5. See Chapter EV - Eventing EV153 for officiating eligibility for 'S', 'R' and 'r' Eventing Course Designers.
6. A minimum of a recorded (r) Eventing Jumping Course Designer is required to design courses at the Intermediate level at Federation licensed Horse Trials.
7. A minimum of a Registered (R) Eventing Jumping Course Designer is required to design courses at the Advanced level at Federation licensed Horse Trials.

APPENDIX 2 – SPECIFICATIONS FOR HORSE TRIALS

Proponent: USEA Eventing Licensed Officials Committee

Standard: Effective 12/1/24

Rule Change Intent: .80 does not affect the height but keeps the sequence between Starter at .70 to Novice at .90.

Cross Country

Beginner Novice

Heights – Fixed ~~.79m (2'7")~~ .80m (2'7")

Jumping

Heights - ~~.79m (2'7")~~ .80m (2.7")

EV108 Participation

Proponent: Katie Murphy, Melissa Alaimo and Linnea Ackerman, USEA Members

Standard: Effective 12/1/2024

Rule Change Intent: Within Area 1, there have been numerous concerns regarding competitor and horse safety. Competitors and volunteers have witnessed horses competing extensively in back-to-back events (ex. some competing up to 10 consecutive weekends) in addition to schooling shows and other venues. There have been numerous injuries to horse and competitor, specifically falls and exhaustion, some resulting in death.

The following rule is intended to ensure the well-being of the horse in situations where the owner and/or rider does not practice mindful care, does not abide by professional recommendations (trainer, vet, etc.), and professionals that do not speak to the concern of the horse's well-being.

E108 Participation

6. CONSECUTIVE COMPETITION. No horse shall compete more than three (3) consecutive weekends at endorsed/licensed recognized competitions.

Appendix 3 – Participation In Horse Trials

Proponent: Katie Murphy, Melissa Alaimo and Linnea Ackerman, USEA Members

Standard: Effective 12/1/2024

Rule Change Intent: The following rule changes are intended to support the well-being and safety of the Horse and Competitor by requiring additional experience at a previous level prior to moving up. These rule changes also support the USEA Blue Ribbon Club recognition of Horse and Competitor combination accomplishment(s). These rules are proposed after extensive conversations with competitors (adult amateur, young rider, and aspiring upper level), volunteers, spectators and their families who want to support safety in Eventing.

3. Levels of Horse Trials and Events

All MER requirements for Modified, Preliminary, Intermediate, and Advanced levels (except Classic Three-day Events), are required for Horses and Athletes to move from one level to the next. After obtaining an MER at the Intro level or above horses and riders are established at the level. Horses and athletes having achieved an MER at the level and have not competed at the level over twelve-months must achieve a MER at the next lowest height level – see EV109.1.

All Competitor and Horse combinations competing at Beginner Novice or Novice level that have incurred one or more Mandatory Retirement (MR), Compulsory Retirement (CR) or Dangerous Riding (DR) must enter their next Horse Trial at the same level or lower, and must complete the Horse Trials without incurring an MR, CR or DR. This will serve as the qualification to move up to the next level above

the Horse Trial most recently entered. Any Competitor and Horse combination competing above Starter Level that has incurred two or more MR, DR, CR or RF at the same level within 12 months, must complete one Horse Trial at the preceding level without incurring a MR, DR, CR or RF. An exemption for levels below Novice may be granted by the Organizer when Starter is not available.

For example: A Competitor and Horse enter at Novice level and incurred either an MR, CR or DR. Their next Horse Trial must be entered at Beginner Novice or Novice. If they enter Beginner Novice and complete the Horse Trials without an MR, CR or DR, they then qualify to move back to Novice. This does not qualify them to move up to Training level (the next level above the level in which the MR, CR or DR was originally incurred).

3.3 TRAINING (T) – Open to competitors of any age, on horses four years of age or older. The competitor must have obtained an MER at two Horse Trials at the Novice Level or higher. The Horse must have obtained an MER at two Horse Trials at the Novice level or higher.

3.4 MODIFIED (M) - Open to competitors of any age, on horses four years of age or older. The competitor must have obtained an MER at three Horse Trials at the Training Level or higher. The Horse must have obtained an MER at three Horse Trials at the Novice level or higher.

EV118 Dressage Phase Rules

Proponent: USEA Eventing Licensed Officials Committee

Standard: Effective 12/1/24

Rule Change Intent: To correct an apparent omission / typo.

11. ERRORS OF COURSE. If an Athlete makes an error of course (e.g., takes the wrong turn, omits a movement, etc.) the Judge at C warns them by sounding the signal. The Judge may tell the Athlete where to resume the test and the next movement to be executed.

a. If the Athlete makes a subsequent error of course, and the sounding of the signal would unnecessarily impede the fluency of the test (e.g., if an Athlete makes a transition at V instead of K), it is at the discretion of the Judge at C to

sound the signal.

b. If the Athlete makes an error of course and the Judge does not sound the signal, the Athlete may only be penalized **once** if the movement is repeated, and the same error occurs.

EV120 Dressage Phase Elimination Summary Chart

Proponent: USEA Eventing Licensed Officials Committee

Standard: Effective 12/1/24

Rule Change Intent: To clarify an existing contradiction

EV119.2 The following are considered errors, and two points will be deducted per error, but they are not cumulative and will not result in Elimination.

a. Entering the arena with a whip (when they are forbidden) or with boots or bandages on the horse's legs or with a discrepancy in dress (e.g. lack of gloves at the intermediate and advanced levels).

EV120 Performing the test in incorrect dress: Elimination, **or 2 point deduction**, at the discretion of the ground jury. reference Subchapter EV- 9.9, **see also EV 119.2**

EV163 Additional Personnel

Proponent: USEA Eventing Licensed Officials Committee

Standard: Effective 12/1/24

Rule Change Intent: To correct an apparent typographical error.

6. FARRIER. At Horse Trials and Classic Three-Day Events offering the Preliminary ~~through Advanced~~ **and above levels**, a farrier must be present on the grounds during the Cross-Country and Show Jumping phases. For Modified levels and below refer to GR1211.6c.