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Re: 2010 Rules for Eventing – updates

Further to the 2009 updates of the Rules for Eventing including *Guidance notes** sent out to all NFs in April and June 2009, please find below the final proposals for changes to the 2010 Rules for Eventing. These proposals have been discussed by the Riders, Officials and all involved in the sport in the past months and the following changes should reflect these changes. All updates to the June version have been highlighted for your convenience.

Guidance notes: *Guidance notes were provided by the FEI Sports Department in 2009 as clarification or as an aid to interpretation of Sport Rules (as defined in the FEI Statutes). Their application was recommended in the interest of uniformity, fairness and if inconsistencies occur to approach as nearly as possible the intention of the rules*

C. Typographical errors. Typographical and cross reference errors have been listed at the end of the document and will be included in the 2010 Rules for Eventing when all changes have been formally approved by the General Assembly.

A. Amendments/clarifications to the 2010 Rules for Eventing

Art 500.1 Introduction – General (Vision statement for Eventing): amend in last line:

“Eventing constitutes the most complete equestrian combined competition, demanding of the athlete considerable experience in all branches of equitation and a precise knowledge of his horse’s ability, and of the horse a degree of general competence, resulting from intelligent and rational progressive training.”

Art. 500.3 Introduction – General: add new para 3.

“National Safety Officers: *All National Federations organizing International Eventing Events must appoint an active national safety officer (NSO), to liaise with the FEI with regard to all matters directly relating to the Eventing discipline by 2010.”*

Art 501.1.3 Definition of CCI-Three Day Event - Clarification for events still organizing phase A, B & C, add after 1.3:

“(For events organizing International CCI with Phase A, B and C, 2008 Rules for Eventing articles referring to Steeple-chase & roads and tracks will apply. Penalties received on phases A, B & C will not be included in FEI results or count for Qualification results

Art 505.8 Qualifications/ Restriction on horses participating in one ~~two~~ star events: amend 1st para to read:

“~~At any International event, No~~ A horse that has obtained a Qualifying result **at a Four star level CCI in the current or preceding year may **not** be entered for a one star ~~or a two star~~ event, unless the athlete **has** not completed a three star or a four star Three day Event.**

Art 506: Qualification of Athletes and Horses: *all reference throughout the rules to qualification of Athletes and horses definition to be changed to “Minimum eligibility requirements”*

Art 506.8: Permanent Athlete Qualification: *The reason is that permanent 1 & 2 star qualification is not meaningful.*

*Add in paragraph: When an athlete has, since January 1st 2002, achieved 5 QRs at a **4 or 3 star** type/level of event, he can compete at that type/level (or lower) for life without further QRs.*

Art 506.10.1.2- Extension of Establishment for maintaining qualification – CCI - To be clarified to avoid misinterpretations:

*10.2.1 "When establishment has expired for CCI, it can be renewed at any time with 2 clear rounds on **Cross Country obstacles and fulfilment of Qualification parameters as defined above for Dressage and Jumping** (e.g. 2/3 year later) with 2 CIC/CNC of same level or higher during the 12 months before the event in question.*

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Art.508.1 EXPENSES - CCIs/CCIOs/CICs

*Add: The scale of expenses to be offered is at the discretion of the Organising Committee. However, all athletes from the host nation, including foreign athletes resident in the host nation, must be offered the same scale of **reasonable** expenses. All other foreign athletes must be offered the same scale of expenses. However, this may be a different scale from that offered to national or resident foreign athletes.*

Art 518.2 Horse Inspections: proposal for lining up Horse Inspections for CCI and for CICs for 2010. Change to read:

New para: 518.2- HORSE INSPECTION at all CIC competitions

*"At all CIC competitions there must be an Official Horse Inspection, as per Article 518.1.2 for CCI's. This must be published in the schedule, and may take place at an appointed time on the day before the 1st day of dressage, or early in the morning of the dressage day[s] or **alternatively before the 1st jumping effort.***

For CIC organised according to the CCI format (Dressage test - Cross Country test - Jumping test) an additional horse inspection must take place before the final Jumping test.

In either case, the procedure and arrangements must conform to FEI Veterinary Regulation Art 1011 – Horse Inspections"

Art 519 Horse & Athlete Welfare (Vision statement for Eventing - Risk Management Policy): add to beginning of Article:

"Eventing constitutes an exciting and challenging all-round test of riding ability and horsemanship within an accepted and acceptable level of risk. Every effort must be made to ensure that, at each level, responsible athletes are participating with progressively trained horses in order not to be exposed to a higher risk than which is strictly inherent to the nature of the competition and acceptable to stakeholders."

Art 519.3.1 Examination after a fall – Medical fitness: change necessary due to delay in FEI IT development of the Eventing safety database: amend to read:

*"3.1 If there is any doubt ~~in~~ **with** regard to fitness to compete the Ground Jury may eliminate the athlete at its discretion.*

All Athletes that have had a fall during training or competition must be examined by the Official Medical Officer before they either take part in another test, competition or leave the event site. The rider is ~~also~~ fully responsible for ensuring that this examination takes place and ~~in case of a horse fall~~, that the horse is examined by the Official Veterinarian.

3.2 The following will apply to all registered athletes taking part in FEI Eventing competitions:

1. Unconsciousness and/or **Concussion**: ~~In the event that~~ **When an athlete has an accident that results in unconsciousness and/or concussion must be automatically disqualified from the competition and is ineligible to either take part in any other test or competition ~~of at~~ that event.**

Art 520 1. Abuse of Horse – blood on horse during competition -Add an additional para end of Art 520.1:

"Horses bleeding on the flank(s) or bleeding in the mouth, nose or marks indicating excessive use of the whip on the flank(s) or the horse's back, will result in disqualification. (In minor cases of blood in the mouth, such as where a horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip – Officials MAY authorize the rinsing or wiping of the mouth and allow the rider to continue – any further evidence of blood in the mouth will result in disqualification."

Art 521.2 Dress – Whips Dressage test – to bring in line with the Rules for Dressage Art 430:

Dressage Test: It is forbidden to carry a whip of any kind while competing in the arena. However, the use of one whip, with a total maximum length of 120 cm (Pony competitions maximum 100 cm); in the practice area is allowed. The whip must be dropped before entering the space around the competition arena or the athlete will entail a penalty.

All of the following are considered errors as Rules for Dressage Art. 430.3 & 430.4:

- Error of course or
- Entering the space around the arena with whip or
- Entering the dressage arena with whip or
- Not entering the arena within 45 seconds after the bell or
- Entering the arena before the sound of the bell

First error -2 Points

Second error -4 Points

Third error – Elimination

New Art 521.10 – Advertising & Publicity on Athletes and Horses: include the reference Gen.Reg's 135.1 with the following addition to line up with the Rules of Jumping:

"Subject to the provisions of article 135 of the General Regulations, the manufacturer logo can appear:

- 3cm² once per item - therefore ok on any clothing item - breeches, gloves, shirt, helmet for the Dressage, Cross Country and Jumping tests

The Individual sponsor logo may appear:

- 80cm² on each of the two sides of jackets at the height of breast pockets for Dressage & Jumping tests
- 200cm on arm of top garment for Cross country"

Add: For the Jumping test, athletes are allowed to bear the logo of their sponsor vertically in the middle of their hard hat. The said logo must not be longer than 25cm or wider than 5 cm."

Art 522.3.1 – Saddlery – Cross Country & Jumping Test: re-included the following paragraph of the 2006 rules:

Add after 2nd sentence: **"Sheepskin may not be used on cheek-pieces of the bridle."**

Art 524.1 Dressage test – Junior Championships: Article to be amended in 2010 to read:

"At Games, Championships and Cup Finals the dressage test to be used will be decided by the FEI.

- **A** Dressage tests would apply for all championships all **star** levels in uneven years.
- **B** Dressage tests would apply for all championships of all star levels in even years.

Exception: However, for Junior Championships only the B" test will be used."

Art. 527 Object of Cross Country test: - replace current article by:

"The Cross Country Test constitutes the most exciting and challenging all-round test of riding ability and horsemanship where correct principles of training and riding are rewarded. This test focuses on the ability of athletes and horses to adapt to different and variable conditions of the competition (weather, terrain, obstacles, footing, etc.) showing jumping skills, harmony, mutual confidence, and in general "good pictures".

Art. 529 Rules governing the Cross Country Test: - further to new rule in regard to 1 fall of rider – elimination on Cross country –amended to read:

Amend paragraph 4 to be

"4. Pace & Dismounting - between the start and finish of the Cross Country, athletes are free to choose their own pace. They must be mounted to pass all red and white boundary flags. Dismounting as a result of attempting an obstacle, whether voluntary or not, is penalised in accordance with Art. 533.

*Elsewhere on the courses, Athletes may **voluntarily** dismount without incurring elimination according to Art 533 **to check on horse, adjust saddlery or equipment.** without incurring elimination as penalty other than possible penalties for exceeding the optimum time."*

"8.6.1 After a fall or if an athlete dismounts, he may be assisted to catch his horse, to adjust his saddlery, to remount or be handed any part of his saddlery or equipment while he is dismounted or after he has remounted.

Art. 531.2.1 Cross Country Obstacles: - **Obstacles composed of several elements**
2nd para further to new rule in regard to 1 fall of rider – elimination on Cross country – amended to read:

2.1 2nd para: *"Where two or more jumping efforts are sited so closely together that after a refusal, **or** run out ~~or fall~~ it would be unreasonably difficult to attempt to negotiate the second or subsequent effort without retaking one or more earlier efforts, these jumping efforts must be designated as one numbered obstacle and lettered accordingly (Diagram, Annex 5)."*

Art 532.1.1 Cross-Country scoring – Faults at obstacles, "Breaking a frangible obstacle/device... **25 penalties**":

Ground Juries have the discretion to decide if the 25 penalties apply, when such device, deformable structure or any obstacle breaks (without a fall of horse & rider). As a reminder, Appeals are not admissible against decisions by the Ground Jury in relation to dangerous riding **(This article will be reviewed end 2010 further to more evidence.)***

Art 533.1-Definition of Faults XC: 1st para to be corrected to read

*"The following faults at obstacles (refusal, run-out **or** circle ~~fall~~) will be penalized unless, in the opinion of the responsible official, they are clearly not connected with the negotiation or attempted negotiation of a numbered obstacle or element.*

Art 532.1.1-Penalty for broken frangible obstacle/device: to be transferred to Art 519.6 Dangerous riding

Art 549.3.3 & 550.2 & 3 - Jumping Course Designers requirements for low level events: table to be amended to read:

"1 & 2 star level CCI & CICs, Nationally recognized Jumping Course designers recommended".)

Art 549.2 Duties of Technical Delegates: add of para 2.7 to read:

"The Technical Delegate is responsible for reporting-back after competitions to FEI Headquarters".

Art 550.9 Number of Technical Delegates per event: add to end of para to read:

*"One TD can officiate at a maximum of 2 categories/star levels per event. If one or two additional categories/levels are included, and **when the number of entries in the overall event exceeds 100 horses**, 1 additional TD must be appointed and 2 additional TDs are required should 5 categories be organized at the same event. The status of additional TDs can be national.")*

Annex 12 – P11 Continental Championships – Teams: to be clarified in line with Art 510.2

P11 – Teams: "Each NF may enter one team of not more than six competitors and six ponies from which four may start in the Team Championship. Teams of three are allowed. An NF which cannot send a Team may enter one or two individual competitors with one pony each.

Add: Individuals in addition to Teams: two individuals per nation are authorised to take part in the Championship in addition to each team.

For each team, the Organising Committee must extend its invitation to a Chef d'Equipe and a Veterinarian who will be given the same privileges as the competitors.

Add New Annex 13: Stable Security – further to provision being deleted from the Veterinary Regulations and referred back to Specific discipline rules the following is added after amendment.

1. FEI Stable Security

Requirements for Continental/Regional Games, FEI Eventing Championships, World Cup Final, World Cup Qualifiers, 4/3 star CCI events, please refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations Art 1005 and Annex.

2. Reduced Stable Security

The following measures for CCI2*/1*; CIC3*/2*/1* events apply. **Measures can be reviewed on an annual basis according to necessity and experience.**

Minimum Requirements – see also Eventing Memorandum 2004

- a. The welfare of horses must not be compromised in any way.
- b. Stabling must be provided, if possible, on the showground site for all competing horses. In Western Europe, this will be temporary or permanent stables. Elsewhere, other arrangements may be the custom. However the requirements of ensuring safe stabling and equal and fair treatment for all competitors remain for all forms of stabling.
- c. At a CCI and CICs run over more than 2 days all competing horses must use the official event accommodation. For a CIC, stabling on site is not always required, since for competitions held on a single day, horses are sometimes not stabled at all. However, veterinary supervision and stewarding of horses applies to horses not stabled in the event facilities (Veterinary Regulations) as it does to those stabled at the event.
- d. Stables must satisfy the requirements of any local health/safety authorities. They must have appropriate fire-fighting equipment readily available, and emergency exits must be planned and kept clear at all times. Good stable management practice should be emphasised to the users – visible no smoking signs, advice to keep all gangways unobstructed, not to leave material in a position tempting to theft, etc.
- e. Stables (especially temporary ones) must be checked for physical safety and solidity.

- f. Whenever possible, horses from the same country should be stabled together. The provision of adequate isolation for horses, particularly those arriving from other countries should be ensured. In regard to Equine Influenza, if an event is held in conjunction with a National event (classes), the vaccinated horses must be separately stabled from the non-vaccinated ones
- g. Isolation boxes are required at some distance from the other stables, as well as boxes for medication control, wash down areas with hoses and space for the storage of tack and equipment.
- h. The layout and surroundings to the stables must be such that they can be properly managed with good order, that within reason the public can be kept out and that the stables may be "closed" at night.
- i. A Stable Manager and stewards must be appointed to assist the competitors on a 24 hour basis, to guard against horses getting colic, being cast in their boxes and e.g. the risk of fire, etc.
- j. The effective management of the stables will be greatly enhanced by a system of Control of Access – this includes defining a "secure area". This is obligatory in CCI*** and CCI**** events (see Vet Regs). For all other events, it is optional; but this does not relieve OC from their normal responsibilities as defined above.
- k. Security fences and access control will not be compulsory, however, the Vet. Delegate or the Technical Delegate have the right to require these measures or that a rope limit be set in order to ensure that vehicles are not parked too close etc. should it be needed for practical reasons.

Correction of typographical errors, contradictions and updated cross references in 2009 Rules for Eventing – to be formally approved by General Assembly and implemented 1 January 2010. (already sent out in April 2009 – revision in red)

- **Art 502 – Classification:** adjust paragraph numbering
- **Art 504.1 – Individual & Team Competition:** take out CICs in title in 1st para.
- **Art 505.1.2 Participation of Athletes & Horses Young Riders:** take out last sentence as redundant with 505.1.4
- **Art 515.5 Exercising & Warm-up - Practice Obstacles:** update to read:

The only practice obstacles that athletes may jump are those provided by the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee must provide at least two fixed practice obstacles which must be marked with red and white flags, of which the dimensions may not exceed those of the cross country phase. ~~There shall be no practice obstacles available on the cross-country day between the start of Phase A and the finish of Phase D at events with Steeple Chase.~~ For all any competitions without Steeple Chase, there will be a practice warm-up area near the start of the Cross Country with both fixed and knock down obstacles, the specifications for the latter being as set out below.

- **Art 518 Horse Inspections:** add in title: Inspection & examination of Horses (CH,CIO, CCI & CICs)

Art 518.1.6 Horse Inspections – Appeal –update to read:

At the ~~three~~ two inspections where a horse may be eliminated from the competition, there can be no appeal against the decision of the committee concerned. However, if requested, the president must give a reason for the committee's decision after the completion of the whole inspection. The Veterinary Delegate will be a member of the committee present at these ~~three~~ two horse inspections.

- **Art 519.6 (3rd bullet point) – Dangerous riding:** change counter reference end of para to: “Also refer of Art 549.4-7 to 549.1.12)
- **Art 521.2 Whips – clarification** (to line up with Dressage rules): to read
Training: A whip no longer than **120cm** ~~110cm (43.3 inches)~~ including lash may be carried when riding on the flat at any time. While jumping any obstacle before the Cross-Country and/or Jumping Test, a whip, if carried, must not be weighted at the end or exceed 75cm (30 inches) in length.
- **Art 521.3 Spurs – clarification** (contradiction in article): 2nd sentence to read
 “Rowels are ~~not only~~ **permitted for dressage**, as per 5.5. below. The end of ~~a the~~ shank must be blunt ~~in order~~ to prevent wounding a horse. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards.
 Metal ~~or plastic~~ spurs with round hard plastic or metal knobs ~~are allowed~~ (“Impuls” spurs) and “Dummy spurs”, with no shank, are allowed.
 See para 5.5 for exception for Dressage Test.”
- **Art 521.5.5. Spurs-Dressage test:** correct to read, 2nd sentence
 “Spurs with rowels are allowed for the Dressage Test and when practicing / warming up for dressage. If rowels are used, they must be free to rotate and **the** rowel must be round and smooth (no tines allowed).
- **Art 521.9.2 Inspection of Dress, clarification to line up with Dressage provision)** correct to read:
 An athlete who competes with illegal whip(s) will be ~~eliminated~~ penalized according to Art 521.2. An athlete who competes with illegal spurs or with incorrect items of dress is liable to elimination, at the discretion of the Ground Jury.
- **Art 524 – Dressage Test:** update reference (**Annex 4-2**)
- **Art 530.2.1 XC Course- Speeds & distances:** amend Annex 5 to 3b
- **Art. 531.2.1– XC Obstacles composed of several elements:** Amend 2nd sentence to read:
 “Where two or more jumping efforts are sited so closely together that after a refusal **or** run out ~~or fall~~”
- **Art 531.4.1 – XC Number of Jumping Efforts:** Update reference Annex 5-3b.
- **Art 537.4 Jumping type of Obstacles – Safety cups: delete in 4th sentence to read:**
 “FEI safety cups ~~of 25mm~~ must be used as support for back poles....”
- **Art 549. Duties of Officials- Ground Jury Cross country test:** amend numbering of para 1.9 to **1.8** and renumber following paragraphs.
- **Art 549.3.3 Duties of Officials – Course Designers:** add 2nd sentence:
 “For one **and two** star events, a nationally.....”
- **Art 549.4.1.2 Duties of Officials – Veterinarians:** change 2nd sentence:
 “.... Officiate in the Holding box at the First and ~~Third~~ **Second** Inspections.....”
- **Annex 3b - maximum Jumping Efforts**

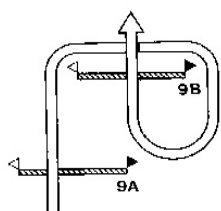
CCI CROSS COUNTRY	Four Star (4*)	Three Star (3*)	Two Star (2*)	One Star (1*)
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Distance	6270-6840 m	5700-6270 m	4400-5500 m 4950-5500m	4160-4680 m
Speed	570 mpm	570 mpm	550 mpm	520 mpm
Time	11-12 min	10-11 min	8-10 9-10 min	8-9 min
Jump. Efforts	Max 42-45	Max 40	Max 37	Max 32
Alternative				
Distance	5700-6270 m	5130-5700 m	4400-4950 m	3640-4160 m
Time	10-11 min	9-10 min	8-9 min	7-8 min
Jump. Efforts	Max 42-43	Max 38	Max 35	Max 30

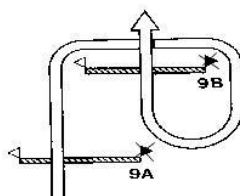
CIC Cross-Country	Three Star (3*)	Two Star (2*)	One Star (1*)
Distance	3200-4000 m	2800-3600 m	2400-3200 m
Speed	570 mpm	550 mpm	520 mpm
Time	5mn30s-7mn	5mn-6mn30s	4mn30s-6mns
Jump. Efforts	Max 40 36	Max 36 32	Max 32 29

As a guideline, for CICs the ration of efforts is max. 1 effort per every commenced 110 meters (to be gradually enforced until 2010)

➤ **Annex 5 Diagram of Cross Country Obstacles & faults**



Art. 533.3.1
20 Penalties - obstacle composed of several elements



Art. 533.3.1
0 Penalties - Obstacle composed of several elements - black flagged

Right hand diagram to be revised

➤ **Annex 9 – change in title: Directives for One, Two Star CCI/CIC with several.....**

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

With best regards

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