

EVENTING

YELLOW CARDS (WARNING CARDS)

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INFORMATION FOR PRESIDENT OF GROUND JURIES, APPEAL COMMITTEE AND CHIEF STEWARDS

Please find hereunder the different articles related to the use of Yellow (Warning) cards in Eventing.

These **Yellow (Warning) cards** are available for download on our website under the reference http://www.horsesport.org/c/documents/for_officials.htm

The **list of Eventing riders** having received a Yellow (Warning) Cards will be available on our website under the reference http://www.horsesport.org/c/documents/for_officials.htm

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Article 174 - PENALTIES

7.1. In cases of offences mentioned in paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 above and which are of a less serious nature, the President of the Ground Jury, the President of the Appeal Committee and the Chief Steward, instead of instituting the procedures foreseen in the legal system, may deliver to the Person Responsible a yellow warning card, either by hand or by any other suitable means. The acceptance of a warning card suspends any penalty until new offences take place.

7.2. The Person Responsible may or may not accept the warning card. If the PR does not accept a card which was delivered or presented during or after the Event, the Event officials may take any action within their capacities deemed necessary and shall report the case to the Secretary General for any further action deemed necessary. Should the same Person Responsible receive one more warning card at the same or any other International Event within one year of the delivery of the first card, the case shall be submitted to the FEI Tribunal.

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Article 520 ABUSE OF HORSES AND DANGEROUS RIDING (see also "General Regulations", Art. 143)

Any act or series of actions that in the opinion of the Ground Jury can be defined as abuse of a horse or dangerous riding shall be penalised by disqualification and such other penalties in accordance Art. 532.1 of the present Rules as the Ground Jury may determine.

Such acts include, for example:

- rapping
- riding an exhausted horse
- excessive pressing of a tired horse
- riding an obviously lame horse
- excessive use of whip and/or spurs
- dangerous riding

Officials must report such actions as soon as possible to the Ground Jury through the Secretary of the Organising Committee or Control Centre of the event as appropriate, supported where possible by a statement from one or more witnesses. The Ground Jury must decide if there is a case to be answered. Any individual member of the Ground Jury who observes such actions, has the right and the duty to disqualify the competitor forthwith on his own authority.

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Issue a Warning (Yellow) Card

The procedure for this is detailed in General Regulations Article 174 7.

Its use is restricted to minor cases of Abuse of Horse or incorrect behavior towards an official.

Attention is drawn to the fact that a Warning Card may only be issued by the President of the Ground Jury or the FEI Chief Steward (who would be prudent to discuss first with the President of the Ground Jury before issuing one).

The FEI Chief Steward should make sure that he has a supply of Warning Cards.