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Re: 2009 Rules for Eventing – Clarifications and Amendments

We firstly wish to thank the NFs involved in Eventing for having submitted very constructive comments at a very short notice on the clarification and amendment proposals from the Eventing Committee.

A. Amendments to the 2009 Rules for Eventing: The FEI Bureau reviewed the list of changes for all disciplines at their recent meeting on 1 April 2009 and it was decided that no changes unless introduced for safety reasons and necessary to run the sport would be enforced during the year. Please find below changes that have been approved for Eventing for immediate implementation, further to strong request of NFs and articles leading to misinterpretation.

B. Guidance notes: Guidance Notes are provided by the FEI Sports Department in order to provide clarification or as an aid to interpretation of Sport Rules (as defined in the FEI Statutes). They constitute an executive interpretation of the Sport Rules, and at times provide solutions to the judging of situations either not specifically provided for in the Sport Rules, or where the latter may appear inconsistent. Guidance Notes therefore do not have the binding nature of Sport Rules and may be applied at the discretion of the FEI Official judging a given competition, though the FEI recommends their application in the interests of consistency and fairness. In the event of conflict between the text of Guidance Notes and that of the Rules for Eventing, the latter shall prevail.

These notes contain the other proposed changes listed below together with the typographical and cross reference errors to be considered as Guidance notes to be read in conjunction with the 2009 Rules for Eventing until formally approved by the General Assembly for 2010

A. Amendments/clarifications to the 2009 Rules for Eventing - for immediate implementation 15 April 2009 and 1st July 2009.

1. **Qualification Results rules:** to be clarified in line with the Eventing risk management policy:

Art 506.2 + 5 (& sentence under table) **Qualifying Result (QR):** clarify to read:

“A qualifying result (QR) is achieved by completing a competition within minimum parameters of all round performance, as follows:

- *Cross-Country Test: From 2009 onwards, the results at International events need to include: where applicable, ~~a minimum of one~~*
 - *clear rounds (0 penalties) at obstacles for CIC events*
 - *maximum 20 penalties at obstacles for CCI events. (15 April 2009).*

To apply also for Eventing Rankings – all CIC results must have a clear XC Qualifying Result to count for the rankings.

2. **Penalty for Broken frangible obstacle/device:** to be changed to a penalty of 25 points for any broken frangible pins and deformable structures, and not elimination as per the current rules on strong request of NFs:

Art 532.1.1 Cross-Country scoring – Faults at obstacles, amend to read:

"Breaking a frangible obstacle/device....~~elimination~~ 25 penalties" (15 April 2009)

3. **Art 532.1.2 Cross-Country scoring Falls of Athlete:** *amend in line with risk management policy to count on overall course and not related to an obstacle. The medical evidence received on concussion related injuries for all falls motivate this change to be implemented as urgently as possible. It has been agreed that 1 July 2009 was the earliest possible to allow all NFs, riders, Officials and OCs to be informed. The comment made by several NFs in regard to the difficulty to determine if a fall has taken place between fences – it has been established that riders need to take the responsibility of such a fall: Amend to read:*

– **Faults at obstacles, Falls**

*"Fall of athlete and/or horse **on Cross Country course** ~~at an obstacle~~ Elimination" (1 July 2009)*

4. **Circle penalty at a combination obstacle on Cross Country:** to be clarified as follows further to strong request of NFs:

Art. 531.2.3 – Obstacles - with Options or Alternatives: *"Alternative obstacles or elements may be flagged separately and must be identified by the same number/letter as on the direct route. In this case both sets of flags must be marked with a black line. Such 'black flag' alternatives are to be judged as separate obstacles or elements, only one of which has to be jumped. An athlete is permitted to change without penalty from one black flagged line to another (e.g. jumping 6a left hand route then 6b right hand route) provided he has not presented his horse at the next element of the original line. (15 April 2009)*

Art 533.3.1 Obstacles Circle –*"At an obstacle composed of several elements (A, B, C, etc...) a horse will be penalized if it passes around any element or circles between elements at any time between first being presented at the obstacle and finally completing the last element. See updated diagrams in Annex 5. However, at an obstacle where any of the elements is black flagged, passing around the last element will not be penalised. (15 April 2009)*

B. Official Interpretation of 2009 Rules for Eventing – to be formally approved by General Assembly and implemented 1 January 2010.

- 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 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, as agreed with TD.*

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. a veterinarian and/or an Official Medical Officer as appropriate examines all horses and athletes before, this as of 1st July 2009.~~

~~3.2 Accidents Involving Athletes (effective 1st July 2009)~~

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.”

~~2. Concussion. In the event that an athlete has an accident that results in an apparent concussion, the athlete must be automatically disqualified from the competition.~~

~~3. Injury. In the event that an athlete has an accident that results in an injury necessitating treatment by or admission to a medical facility, the athlete is ineligible to compete until a “Federation Release to Compete Form” is properly submitted to the competition at which he wishes to compete.~~

~~4. Medical Suspension. Any athlete who is disqualified from a competition or ineligible to compete under any of the preceding paragraphs will be placed on the Federation Medical Suspension List that will be posted on the Federation’s website.~~

~~5. Return to Competition. In the event that an athlete is disqualified from a FEI competition under one of the preceding paragraphs, the athlete must submit a “Federation Release to Compete Form” certified by a physician in order to be eligible to once again compete in FEI competitions. Where applicable, the “Federation Release to Compete Form” must be certified by a physician who holds a current Board certification in the specific specialty for which the athlete was treated (e.g. a neurologist must provide certification if the athlete was treated by one).~~

~~(NFs may obtain the “FEI Release to Compete Form” from the FEI Eventing Department).~~

~~Refusal of Entry. Organisers shall refuse entries of any athlete who is on the Federation Medical Suspension List, unless he submits a proper Federation Medical Release Form as described in the preceding paragraph.”~~

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 – the Rules for Dressage Art 430, have been revised and are now not in line with the Rules for Eventing. **For 2009 the Rules for Eventing will apply** and the following clarification will be brought in for 2010.

Clarification for 2010::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

Art 524.1 Dressage test – Junior Championships: Article to be amended 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."

The below change will be made in 2010 – however for the European Eventing Junior Championship 2009 in Waregem (BEL) the One star 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 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 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."

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

1. Minimum FEI Stable Security

Requirements for Eventing Championships/Games World Cup Finals/CCI4*/3* refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

2. Reduced Stable Security

The following measures for CCI2*/1*; CIC3*/2*/1* events are implemented to be reviewed annually. Reports from events will be reviewed.

Requirements

1. Horses must be stabled at the venue.
2. 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.
3. The welfare of horses must not be compromised in any way.
4. Organisers will be required to ensure that the stable area(s) at their events are controlled by Stable Manager(s) and Stewards on a 24 hour basis, to guard against horses getting colic, being cast in their boxes and e.g. the risk of fire, etc.
5. Security fences and access control will not be compulsory, however, the Vet. Delegate or the Foreign Judge/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 typographical errors, contradictions and updated cross references in 2009 Rules for Eventing – to be formally approved by General Assembly and implemented 1 January 2010.

- **Art 502 – Classification:** adjust numbering of paragraphs
- **Art 505.1.2 Participation of Athletes & Horses Young Riders:** take out last sentence as redundant with 505.1.4
- **Art 518 Horse Inspections:** add in title: Inspection & examination of Horses (CH, CIO, CCI & CICs)
- **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 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”

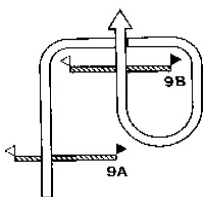
- **Art 531.4.1 – XC Number of Jumping Efforts:** Amend Annex 5 to 3b.
- **Art 537.4 Jumping type of Obstacles – Safety cups: delete in 4th sentence to read:**
“FEI safety cups of ~~25mm~~ must be used as support for back poles....”
- **Art 549. Duties of Officials- Ground Jury Cross country test:** 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**

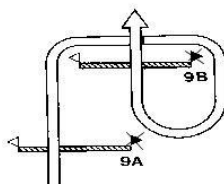
CCI CROSS COUNTRY	Four Star (4*)	Three Star (3*)	Two Star (2*)	One Star (1*)
Distance	6270-6840 m	5700-6270 m	4400-5500 m 4950-5500m	4160-4680 m
Speed	570 mpm	570 mpm	550 mpm	520 mpm
Time	11-12 min	10-11 min	8-10 9-10 min	8-9 min
Jump. Efforts	Max 42-45	Max 40	Max 37	Max 32
Alternative				
Distance	5700-6270 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	Approx. 5mn30s- 7mn	Approx. 5mn- 6mn30s	Approx. 4mn30s- 6mns
Jump. Efforts	Max-40	Max 36	Max 32

➤ **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

- **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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