

IMPORTANT TO ALL EVENTING OFFICIALS / 1st January 2014

Warnings and Penalties

If it is considered that the offence is not strong enough to be given a yellow card, 25 penalties, disqualification or a verbal warning must be given.

If a verbal warning is given to the rider, it must be recorded and sent to the FEI.

For all offenses:

- Recorder verbal warning
- Yellow Warning card
- 25 penalties
- 25 penalties + Yellow Warning Card
- Elimination
- Elimination + Yellow Warning Card

Please state exactly the reason of the sanction. It is very important to have accurate information on the FEI list of riders sanctions published on the website: <https://next.fei.org/fei/your-role/athletes/warning-cards>

In addition, please note the rules in the General Regulations as well as in the 2014 Eventing Rules:

General Regulations (23rd edition, effective 1st January 2014)

Art 169.7.2 Penalties

Should the same Person Responsible receive one (1) more Yellow Warning Card at the same or any other International Event within one year of the delivery of the first Yellow Warning Card, the Person Responsible shall be automatically suspended for a period of two (2) months after official notification from the FEI Secretary General.

2014 Eventing Rules (24th edition, 1st January 2014)

Art 525.2 Dangerous Riding

Different cases of dangerous riding will be dealt with one of the following provisions:

- a) Recorded Verbal Warning.
- b) Yellow Warning Card.
- c) 25 penalties.
- d) 25 penalties + Yellow Warning Card.
- e) Elimination.
- f) Elimination + Yellow Warning Card.

25 penalties will count as Cross Country obstacles penalties in the results.

Any of the above sanctions applied must always be reported by the Technical Delegate to be added on the Athlete sanction list.

Article 527 Warning "Yellow" Cards

(See General Regulations Art. 169.7.2)

Before issuing a Yellow Warning card, the Ground Jury has the duty to hear the athlete, if available. At any time, the athlete has the right to seek out the Ground Jury for any explanation related to the Yellow Warning Card.

In the case of a Yellow Warning Card being issued, immediately after the decision of the Ground Jury, a notice stating the name of the Athlete and the reason of the warning must be posted on the Official notice board.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the General Regulations, should the same Person Responsible receive one more Yellow Warning Card at the same or any

other international Event within one year of the delivery of the first Yellow Warning Card for the same offence, the Person Responsible shall automatically be suspended for a period of two months from the day following the Event at which the Person Responsible is competing. The FEI Secretary General shall be responsible to notify the Person Responsible of such suspension.

GENERAL REGULATIONS (23rd edition, 1 January 2009, updates effective 1 January 2014)

Article 169 – PENALTIES

6.2. Abuse of Horses Abuse of Horses in any form (rapping, abnormal sensitisation or desensitisation of limbs, banned schooling methods etc.) may entail a fine of up to 15,000.- and/or a Suspension of a minimum of three (3) months up to life;

6.3. Incorrect behaviour Incorrect behaviour towards Event Officials or any other party connected with the Event (other Athlete, journalist, public etc.) may entail a fine of CHF 200.- to 10,000.- and/or a Suspension of a minimum of three (3) months up to twelve (12) months;

7. In cases of offences mentioned in paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 above and which are of a less serious nature and/or in cases specified in the Sport Rules and/or as mentioned in Article 140:

7.1. The President of the Ground Jury, the President of the Appeal Committee, the Chief Steward or the Technical Delegate must notify the Person Responsible during the Period of the Event that he will receive a Yellow Warning Card, which will be delivered either by hand or by any other suitable means. If after reasonable efforts the Athlete cannot be notified during the Period of the Event that he has received a Yellow Warning Card, the Athlete must be notified in writing within fourteen (14) days of the Event.

7.2. Should the same Person Responsible receive one (1) more Yellow Warning Card at the same or any other International Event within one year of the delivery of the first Yellow Warning Card, the Person Responsible shall be automatically suspended for a period of two (2) months after official notification from the FEI Secretary General.

RULES FOR EVENTING (24 th edition, effective 1 st January 2014)
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525.1 Dangerous Riding

Any Athlete who, at any time during the Competition deliberately or unintentionally by incompetence is exposing himself, his Horse or any third party to a higher risk than what is strictly inherent to the nature of the Competition will be considered to have acted dangerously and will be penalised accordingly to the severity of the infringement.

Such acts may include without limitation any of the following:

- a) Riding out of control (Horse clearly not responding to the Athletes restraining or driving aids)
- b) Riding fences too fast or too slow
- c) Repeatedly standing off fences too far (pushing the Horse to the foot of the fence, firing the Horse to the fence)
- d) Repeatedly being ahead or behind the Horse movement when jumping
- e) Series of dangerous jumps
- f) Severe lack of responsiveness from the Horse or the Athlete

- g) Continuing after three clear refusals a fall or any form of elimination
- h) Endangering the public in any way (e.g. jumping out of the roped track)
- i) Jumping obstacles not part of the course
- j) Wilful obstruction of an overtaking Athlete and/or not following the instructions of the Officials causing danger to another Athlete

Any individual member of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate have the right and the duty to monitor possible cases of dangerous riding and, if appropriate and practical, to stop and eliminate an Athlete on the cross country course for dangerous riding.

If not directly witnessed by the Ground Jury, the incident must be reported as soon as possible to the Ground Jury who will decide if and how to penalise the Athlete.

The President of the Ground Jury can in addition designate one or more assistants (e.g. experienced Eventing Officials who are not in an Official function at the Competition, experienced Athletes or/and trainers not directly involved in the Competition) to help to monitor possible cases of dangerous riding in the cross country.

The President of the Ground Jury will decide their specific role, authority and reporting procedure. It is recommended that these additional Officials be grouped in pairs on the Cross Country course.

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525.3 Elimination Before Cross Country

As a preventive risk management measure, the Ground Jury, at any time throughout the Competition, has the right and the duty to eliminate an Athlete to prevent him from starting the Cross Country Test, if there is a serious concern regarding his ability to control the Horse in that test.

Any such elimination must be associated with an recorded verbal warning or Yellow Warning Card.

526.1 Abuse of Horse

(see also General Regulations)

Abuse of Horse means an action or omission which causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a Horse included but not limited to:

- a) Rapping
- b) Riding an exhausted Horse
- c) Excessive pressing of a tired Horse
- d) Riding an obviously lame Horse
- e) Excessive use of whip, bit and/or spurs
- f) Horses bleeding on the flank(s) or back indicating excessive use of the whip and/or spurs

If not directly witnessed by the Ground Jury, the incident must be reported as soon as possible to the Ground Jury through the Secretary of the Organising Committee

or Cross Country Control Centre as appropriate. Where possible the report should be supported by a statement from one or more witnesses.

The Ground Jury must decide if there is a case to be answered.

526.2 Warnings and Penalties

Any act or series of actions that in the opinion of the Ground Jury can be defined as abuse of Horse will be dealt with one or more of the following provisions:

- a) Recorded Verbal Warning.
- b) Yellow Warning Card.
- c) Elimination.
- d) Fine.
- e) Disqualification.

527 Yellow Warning Cards

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