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<u>2013 Eventing Rules - Yellow cards and Article 523.3 Examination after a fall -</u> Clarification

Further to questions received in regard to the implementation of the automatic issuing of Yellow cards to athletes having not presented themselves to the Chief Medical Officer after a fall, we wish to highlight the following:

The 2013 Eventing Rules state:

523.3 Examination After a Fall: All Athletes that have had a fall during training on the Competition site or in Competition must be examined by the Official Medical Officer before they either take part in another test, Competition or leave the venue. The Athlete is fully responsible for ensuring that this examination takes place.

Any Athlete who leaves the venue after a fall without submitting to the examination required under this Article will automatically be issued a Yellow Warning Card for incorrect behaviour, which will be delivered to his or her National Federation.

Please make sure that the procedure is explained to the Athletes at each event briefing, on where they or the horse will be checked by the Medical Chief Officer or Veterinary services if they have a fall.

In addition we would be grateful if you could please check with the Medical Chief Officer or Veterinary Delegate before the end of the event if any athlete has failed to present himself and inform the FEI Eventing Department as for any other incident or sanction within 2 days of the end of the event. As much as practical please try to ensure that the athlete is informed of any such sanction before leaving the event.