

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES FROM 1ST March 2015

Changes to Officials (still_needs to be correctly added in the Rule Book)

It is proposed that the position of Cross Country Judge is done away with and replaced by the Event Steward. The attached documents refer:

- Officials to be appointed at affiliated events
- Duties of the Technical Delegate
- Duties of the Ground Jury
- Duties of the Event Steward

MOTIVATION

To bring our rules more in line with current FEI practice.

42.2.0 Qualifying

Delete the reference to Eventing 100 to CNC*/CCN*/CIC*/CCI* in the first table for "Qualifications required to compete at the next higher standard". Replace the second table with the following:

	CIC/ CNC (Short Format)	CCI/CCN (Long Format)
1*	3 x QR's at 1m	3 x QR's at 1m and 1 x QR at CNC* or CIC*
2*	Minimum 2 QR's required: 1 x CIC 1* plus 1 x CIC 1* or 1 x CNC 1*	Minimum 3 QR's required: 1 x CCI 1* or 1 x CIC 2* Plus 1 x CIC 2* or 2 x CNC 2* Plus 1 x CNC 2*
3*	Minimum 3 QR's required: 1 x CIC 2* Plus 2 x CIC 2* or 1 x CCN/I 2* Plus 1 x CIC 2*	Minimum 3 QR's required: 1 x CCI 2* Plus 1 x CIC 3* Plus 1 x CIC 3* or 2 x CNC 3*
4*	AS per FEI	

Pony Rider Classes are not permitted in any of these categories

MOTIVATION

The FEI changed the QR regulations and with that incorporated the National Federations QR's as well.

With these changes they dramatically increased the amount of QR's a rider needs before he or she could upgrade. Table below illustrates, for short format we needed 6 QR's previously now we need 12, and for long format we needed 8 QR's now we need 13 in total.

CIC OLD Rules NEW Rules

From	To	Required No of shows (OLD)	Required No of shows (NEW)
1*	2*	1	4
2*	3*	2	5
3*	4*	3	3
Total		6	12

CCI

From	To	Required No of shows (OLD)	Required No of shows (NEW)
1*	2*	2	4
2*	3*	3	6
3*	4*	3	3
Total		8	13

Riders in South Africa don't have access to as many show as let's say UK riders have, therefore we feel our National QR's can be revised in order to make it fair, realistic and still stringent enough to ensure safe upgrading by genuine qualified horse and riders.

The below table shows what we think the QR's should be before a rider can upgrade.

The amount of QR's proposed is more than the original amount before the FEI changes thus still incorporating the effect of what we think the intention was by FEI with these changes.

Thus this is in essence how our proposal compares to previous qualifications and current FEI qualifications.

CIC OLD Rules Current Rules PROPOSAL

From	To	OLD RULES	CURRENT RULES	PROPOSED RULE
1*	2*	1	4	2
2*	3*	2	5	3
3*	4*	3	3	3
Total		6	12	8

CCI

From	To	OLD RULES	CURRENT RULES	PROPOSED RULE
1*	2*	2	4	3
2*	3*	3	6	3
3*	4*	3	3	3
Total		8	13	9

New Rule add to 42.3.0

"Riders who have obtained a MER at CIC**/CCI** level, in the 5 years preceding the date of an event, are exempt from having to get QR's at EV80 and EV90 level, for their horses, for that Event."

MOTIVATION

As occurs in British Eventing

3QR Deadline Rule 42.3.3

Change:

"QRs for Eventing 80 where required, Eventing 90 and Eventing 100 must be obtained at least three weeks before the event for which it is needed, or by closing date of entries for that event, whichever is the earlier.

QRs for a CNC* and above must be obtained at least two weeks before the event for which it is needed.

QRs for a CCN* and above must be obtained at least four weeks before the event for which it is needed. "

To Read:

"QR's for EV 90, EV 100, CNC*, CNC** and CNC*** must be obtained by the closing date of entries of the show. Should athletes anticipate getting a QR, and wish to enter the higher grade, they must cross enter.

QR's for CCN classes must be obtained at least 2 weeks before the date of the show"

MOTIVATION

The extra time currently given is not required.

Cross Entry Rule – New Rule [Where to add?](#)

Cross Entries are permitted between a grade that a combination of horse and rider have qualified in, and the immediate grade above that, should the combination have achieved the necessary QR.

The cost of the cross entry is the full entry of the lower class (including levies) and the entry fee of the higher class (excluding levies) added together

MOTIVATION

To clarify cross entries.

46.2.3.1 Dressage scores

Half marks are allowed

MOTIVATION

To come in line with current SA Dressage and FEI practice.

Changes to General Regulations

01.9.0 Age Classification

The Age Categories of riders will be as follows:

Pony Rider 0-16 (Must ride a pony)

Juniors 12 - 18

Adults 18 up

MOTIVATION

To come in-line with the other RSA Disciplines and FEI.

05.2.1 Height Restrictions of horses

Heights of ponies.

1. All ponies registered as such as at 31st December 2014 (including those up to 1.50m) will be allowed to continue as a pony until they retire.
2. As from 1st Jan 2015 all new ponies registered must measure 1.48m without shoes and 1.49m with shoes upon initial registration. If measured during competition they may measure 1.50m without shoes and 1.51 with shoes.
3. No life height certificates will be issued.
4. Ponies who had a valid life height certificate as at 1st August 2012 will retain their life status until they retire.

All other ponies must be measured on an annual basis by the recognized SASJ measurers.

MOTIVATION

To come in-line with the other RSA Disciplines and FEI.

01.12.0 Prize Money

The awarding of prize money or other prizes is at the discretion of the Show Holding Body.

This needs to be discussed with the other Disciplines. But has been included for comment.

NEW RULE Reverse Qualifications

A reverse qualification is the obligation for a Horse to show restored competence at a lower level (MER) after a number of unsuccessful attempts at a certain level. Reverse qualification only applies to the Horse.

A reverse qualification is triggered by two consecutive Cross Country eliminations or a total of three Cross Country eliminations within a 12 months rolling period of time in competition. For this purpose the relevant reasons of elimination on Cross Country would be:

- Three refusals
- Fall of Horse or Athlete
- Dangerous riding

In the case of a reverse qualification at certain level the Horse must obtain a Minimum Eligibility Requirement in a Competition at a lower level before being allowed to compete again at the original level (e.g. Horse with 2 eliminations at 100cm must obtain MER at 90cm before going back to 100cm).

If a reverse qualification is triggered by eliminations that occur at different levels, then the Horse must obtain a MER at the level below the highest level of Competition at which elimination occurred.

NEW RULE Helmet camera

A helmet camera is not allowed in any phase of an Eventing Competition

CHANGES TO APPENDIX EV/A

The changes to distances and maximum dimensions for Eventing standards - Appendix EV/A are proposed as in the table.

MOTIVATION

Following workshops held under the guidance of Eric Winter, International TD and CD, these changes were agreed upon by our senior Technical Delegates and Course Designers.

NEW RULE Long hair

Whilst riding in Competition, Athletes must ensure that long hair is tied and neat.

MOTIVATION

To clarify a potential problem as per FEI.

45.7.3 MEDICAL INFORMATION Revised rule

Athletes must comply with the following:

a) Providing a valid contact information is mandatory for all Athletes.

The telephone number of an accompanying person/next-of-kin must be provided to the Event secretariat upon arrival (OC and medical officer to ensure all information has been received before the Cross Country).

b) Declaration of medical condition

Athletes with medical conditions that may be relevant in the case of a medical emergency are responsible, at every Event when riding, for wearing a medical data carrier* from a system provider able to communicate information at least in English. Alternatively (and at the minimum) a medical armband of good quality can be used. Athletes who chose to wear an armband should download and fill the form available for this purpose on the FEI's website.

** Medical data carrier (also called "medical identification tag"): small emblem or tag worn on a bracelet, neck chain, or on the clothing, intended to alert paramedics/physicians/first responders that the wearer has an important medical condition.*

Conditions that are relevant include recent head injury, serious past injuries/surgery, chronic health problems such as diabetes, long-term medications and allergies. If in doubt, the Athlete should discuss this with his own treating physician.

MOTIVATION

To ensure that vital information is available to first aid or medical personnel in case of emergency, in line with the new (2015) FEI rule.