



EVENTING RULES

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Rules related to Eventing South Africa and National Federation competitions are reflected in this document in blue text, and are prefixed with "ESA". All other rules follow the official FEI text.

In this document, the "National Federation" means either the South African Equestrian Federation ("SAEF") or the Eventing discipline representatives empowered by SAEF to run and manage the sport of Eventing in South Africa: The Eventing Association of South Africa ("Eventing South Africa", "Eventing SA", or "ESA") where relevant. The different functions of these two organisations are detailed in their relevant constitutions.

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ESA 503.1.1A Pony Competitions (Ev65 - Ev95)

An Athlete may compete in Ev65 - Ev95 level competitions as a Pony Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 8 until the end of the year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 16.

a) An Athlete may compete in CCNP1* competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete turns 12 until the end of the year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 16.

b) An Athlete may compete in CCNP2* competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete turns 14 until the end of the year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 16.

A Pony Rider may compete in Eventing Competitions not limited to Ponies only for levels Ev65 to Ev95, if appropriately qualified, without losing their status as a Pony Rider.

Pony riders may not To compete at any levels higher than Ev95 the star levels, competitions must specifically be designated as CCNP status.

ESA 503.2.1 Age of Athletes (National Federation Competitions)

Juniors may ride in National Federation Competitions, subject to achieving the appropriate number of MERs required according to ESA 520.1:

a) Ev65, Ev75, Ev85, Ev854 and CCN 1*: From the beginning of the year in which the athlete turns 12.

b) CCN2*: From the beginning of the year in which the athlete turns 14.

c) CCN3*: From the beginning of the year in which the athlete turns 16.

d) Junior athletes are not permitted to compete at CCN4* level.

ESA 503.2.2 Nomination for National Team Championships

Provincial Eventing Councils may nominate Junior Athletes to compete in the Adult Eventing Team Championship of South Africa only if there are insufficient Senior Athletes available to fill the positions. Such Junior Athletes must be qualified to compete at the level of the Championship Competition.

Junior Athletes who have ridden in the Adult Eventing Team Championships of South Africa may not compete on the same horse in the Junior Eventing Team Championships within 12 months of competing in the Adult Eventing Team Championship.

503.4 Age of Horses

The following minimum age of Horses will apply for all Competitions.

- a) CCI1* Level Competitions: a Horse may compete in 1* Competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of five.
- b) CCI2*/3* level Competitions: a Horse may compete in 2*, 3* Competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of six.
- c) CCI4* level Competitions: a Horse may compete in Competitions of four star level from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of seven.
- d) CCI5* level Competitions and Four star Level Championships: a Horse may compete in Competitions of five star level or four star Championship from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of eightnine.

513 Appointment of Officials

Officials will be appointed by the FEI or by the Organising Committee according to the different types and level of Competitions and in accordance with the following tables.

Note: National Officials can only be appointed for CCI1*, 2* and 3* if specifically mentioned in the tables below until 31.12.~~2023~~2024. If National Officials are appointed, these must be from the Host country (except for Assistant Technical Delegate, Assistant Course Designer & Assistant Steward providing they have insurance coverage) unless directly appointed by the FEI for the purpose of an Educational Program.

Note: For events with several competitions/sections, Organising Committees can offer alternative composition of Officials to the requirements listed in the below tables and/or provisions in Art 513.9 with the objective to reduce costs. Such proposals shall be provided with the Schedule and approved by FEI HQ.

To ensure that International standards are respected, proposals must comply with the following minimum requirements:

- a) For the overall event, a minimum of one International Official shall be appointed for each category of Officials (Judge, TD and Course Designer) of the level of the highest competition organised. These Officials will be responsible and will report back to FEI on the overall event.

Note: National Officials can still be appointed where specified in the tables below until 31.12.~~2023~~2024.

~~**Note:** Transition Period: from 01 January 2-23 until the 14 December 2023.~~

~~Existing Level 3 Eventing Judges, Technical Delegates & Course Designers fulfilling the L4 Transfer-up requirements can officiate as Level 4 Officials.~~

~~Such provision does not apply for Championships and Games of any level.~~

513.7.2 Assistant Stewards

According to the size (number of overall competitors at the Event) and type of Event, a sufficient number of Assistant Stewards must be appointed by the Organising Committee in consultation with the Chief Steward.

All Assistant Stewards at international Events ~~should preferably~~ must hold at least a Level 1 status. National Officials can still be appointed until 31.12.2024 and if this is ~~not~~ the case, they must have received formal instruction in their specific responsibility from the Chief Steward.

At CCI 4&5*-L (Long) format international Events, Assistant Stewards to whom important tasks such as warm-up arenas, boot and bandage control, stable duties are allocated, must hold at least a Level 2 status.

513.8.3 Number of Technical Delegates per Event

In the case of more than one Competition (international and national) at the same Event:

- a) One Technical Delegate must be appointed for two Competitions.
- b) Two Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of three or four Competitions.
- c) Three Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of five Competitions or more.

~~In the case of an Event with 100 or more competitors, at least two Technical Delegates must be appointed~~

The main Technical Delegate must be selected from the FEI TD list in accordance with the requirements set out in this Article 513, additional Technical Delegates can be appointed from the national* list or FEI Technical Delegates list (L1 to L4).

*Note: National TD still allowed until 31.12.20232024.

Different sections are considered to be the same Competition.

In case of more than one Technical Delegate appointed at the same Event, one overall Technical Delegate must be selected. The Technical Delegate will be responsible for coordinating the job of the Technical Delegates and the reporting to the FEI for the whole Event.

513.8.4 Assistant Technical Delegate

An Assistant Technical Delegate must be appointed by the Organising Committee for all Games, Championships, Series Finals, CIOs and 4&5 star level CCIs and may be appointed at other international Competitions.

The Assistant Technical Delegate may be selected from the FEI lists or may be a national* Technical Delegate. *Note: National TD still allowed until 31.12.20232024.

At Games, Championships, Series Finals and 5 star level Competitions the Assistant Technical Delegate must be of a different nationality to the Technical Delegate.

513.9 1, 2 & 3 star Competitions with Several Sections of the Same Level

One, two and three star Competitions can be divided in several sections of the same level and be treated as a single entity according to specific provisions.

If several sections of Competitions at the same level are organised, the whole Competition will be treated as a single entity and Officials will be appointed as follows:

- a) Where there is more than one section of an Event, it is possible to appoint only one Ground Jury for the Event, consisting of a President and one or two members who will be responsible for all decisions common to the various sections.
- b) Additional Judges will be appointed to assist in the judging of the Dressage Test, if necessary to make up the Horse Inspection panels and if required, to help judge the Jumping Test. These additional Judges may be taken from the FEI lists of Officials, or may be national* Judges.
*Note: national Officials still allowed until 31.12.20232024.
- c) At a Long Format Competition (CCIs-L), at least one member of the Ground Jury must officiate at each Horse Inspection. All Horses in any section must be inspected by the same Veterinarian and Ground Jury member at all inspections.
- d) There must be only one Technical Delegate to officiate in all sections of an Event organised at the same star level.
- e) The Ground Jury must consist of members selected by the Organising Committee in accordance with the rules for the relevant star level.

513.10 Conflict of Interest

Conflicts must be avoided whenever practicable. However, conflicts may be linked to experience and expertise that is necessary to qualify Officials.

~~The specific balance between conflict and expertise shall be regulated by the relevant Sport Rules. (FEI General Regulations, Appendix H – FEI Officials' code of conduct).~~

The FEI will review requests (on a case by case basis) from Officials to act as a Course Designer at a lower level Event (i.e. below 4* level) in a situation where they might otherwise have an actual or perceived conflict of interest (as described in the FEI Officials' Code of Conduct) and where the conflict is unavoidable provided that the Course Designer declares the conflict and makes the request in writing to the FEI Eventing Department in good time (and no later than 4 weeks prior to the Event).

515.4.3 Reporting to the FEI

The Course Designer is responsible for providing the Cross-Country related reports to FEI Headquarters within 10 days following the end of the Event.

518.3 CCI4*-S/L and CCI5*-L additional requirements

Horses having not ~~competed at~~completed the Cross Country test of an FEI competition for a period* of 13 consecutive months or more will have to complete an Event at a lower level before entering a CCI4*-S/L or CCI5*-L Event as follows:

Horses having obtained a MER at CCI4*-S: ~~must complete a~~ or CCI3*-S/L:

- ~~CCI4*-L: must complete~~To enter a CCI4*-S: must complete the Cross Country test of a CCI3*-S/L

Horses having obtained a MER at CCI4*-L:

- To enter a CCI4*-L or CCI5*-L: must complete the Cross Country test of a CCI4*-S/L

Horses having obtained a MER at CCI5*-L:

- To enter a CCI5*-L: must complete the Cross Country test of a CCI4*-S/L

* Period calculated from the date of the Cross Country test of the first event to the date of the Cross Country test of the following event.

520 Minimum Eligibility Requirements for CIs and CIOs

The following table details the requirements needed to be entered in the different formats, categories and levels of international Competitions. NFs are required to set national participation requirements as per Art 516 to apply for all categorisations.

Exceptions for MERs:

- a) The 1st activation of a frangible/deformable device (11 penalties) or having 1 missed flag (15 penalties) will still allow a MER.
- b) When multiple Minimum Eligibility Requirements are required (for CIs and CIOs), one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements can be achieved incurring 20 penalties at the obstacles of the Cross Country Test (See below for Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Championships & Games).

Athletes already categorised at the corresponding level or above, can either use the full requirements for uncategorised Athletes as a combination or the Minimum Eligibility Requirements according to their Athlete's categorisation.

The Minimum Eligibility Requirements must be achieved as a combination according to the following table:

Unified Format:

Level	All Athletes	Requirements
CCI1*	All athletes	NF Requirements only

Short format: incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

Level	All Athletes	Requirements
CCI2*-S	All athletes	NF Requirements only
CCI3*-S	Uncategorised athletes	1 CCI2*-S
	D FEI Athletes	NF Requirements only
	C, B or A FEI Athletes	NF Requirements only
CCI4*-S	Uncategorised, D or C FEI Athletes	3 CCI3*-S
	B or A FEI Athletes	1 CCI3*-S (Horse only)

Long format: incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

Level	All Athletes	Requirements
CCI2*-L	All athletes	NF Requirements only 1 MER at CCI1* for NFs without a national Eventing MER system
CCI3*-L	Uncategorised athletes	2 CCI3*-S and (1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S)
	D FEI Athletes	1 CCI3*-S or 1 CCI2*-L
	C, B, or A FEI Athletes	1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S (Horse only)
CCI4*-L	Uncategorised, D or C FEI Athletes	2 CCI3*-L and 1 CCI4*-S, or 1 CCI3*-L and 2 CCI4*-S
	B or A FEI Athletes	1 CCI3*-L (Horse only)
CCI5*-L	Uncategorised, D or C FEI Athletes	2 CCI4*-L and 3 CCI4*-S
	B FEI Athletes	1 CCI4*-L and 3 CCI4*-S
	A FEI Athletes with Horses not obtained yet a MER at CCI5*-L competition	1 CCI4*-L (as a combination)
	A FEI Athletes with Horses having already obtained a MER at a CCI5*-L competition	2 CCI4*-S (as a combination) or 1 CCI4*-L (as a combination)

NOTE: NFs have the option to apply to use CNs (National Competitions) for qualification purposes only to replace events cancelled due weather conditions and/or exceptional circumstances.

Targeted CNs are those for which the FEI has received and approved a request from the relevant NF for this specific purpose. MERs obtained at the specific targeted national Events will only count for upgrade in the same year and not for Athletes categorisation.

The application must be sent a minimum of **4 weeks 10 days** before the Event. An FEI Level 3 Technical Delegate must function at the Event taking responsibility for the technical standards/level of the Competition and must report to the FEI (TD report) including full results.

ESA 520.1 National Federation Competitions

Horses and Riders Athletes can compete at any Standard Level up to, and including, that for which they have qualified. In order to progress to the next Standard Level above that for which they are qualified, both Rider Athlete and Horse/Pony, are required to achieve the prescribed number of Minimum Eligibility

Requirements MER's individually or combined. ~~These requirements are set out in the following table~~ MERs are required by both Athlete and Horse, individually or combined, to compete at the next higher level.

~~MERs are required by both Athlete and Horse combined, unless otherwise indicated, to compete at the next highest level.~~

A Long format MER ~~may be substituted for~~ equally acceptable as a short format MER ~~at the same level,~~

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An FEI MER is considered equivalent to a National MER (but not vice-versa).

~~GCI MERs may be substituted for CCN MERs, but not vice-versa.~~

Ponies are not permitted to ride in CCN competitions, and Horses may not compete in CCNP competitions.

ESA 520.1.1 National Federation Levels and National Federation Short Format Competitions

Level	Adult	Junior	Pony Rider	
Ev65, Ev75	None	None	None	
Ev85	None	None	None	
Ev95	2 MERs at Ev85 level	2 MERs at Ev85 level	Achieve a minimum of 2 MERs at Ev85 level	
CCN1*	2 MERs at Ev95 level	2 MERs at Ev95 level	Not permitted	
CCN2*-S	2 MERs at CCN1* (1 as a combination)	3 MERs at CCN1* level, all as a combination.	Not permitted	
CCN3*-S		2 MERs at CCN2*-S (1 as a combination)	3 MERs at CCN2*-S, all as a combination.	Not permitted
CCN4*-S		2 MERs at CCN3* (1 as a combination)	Not permitted	Not permitted
CCNP1*	Not permitted	Not permitted	2 MERs at Ev95 level as a combination.	
CCNP2*	Not permitted	Not permitted	3 MERs at CCNP1* level as a combination.	

ESA 520.1.2 National Federation Long Format Competitions

Level	Adult	Junior	Pony Rider
CCN2*-L	2 MERs at CCN1* and 1 MER at CCN2*-S (as a combination)	2 MERs at CCN1* and 2 MER at CCN2*-S, all as a combination.	Not permitted
CCN3*-L	3 MERs required: 2 x CCN3*-S and 1 x CCN2*-L	2 MERs at CCN3*-S and 1 MER at CCN2*-L, all as a combination.	Not permitted
CCN4*-L	3 MERs required: 2 x CCN4*-S and 1 x CCN3*-L (1 as a combination)	Not permitted	Not permitted

539 Saddlery / Dress

Please also refer to ~~FAQ guidelines on Tack, Equipment and Dress for latest clarifications, published on the FEI website.~~ the FEI Tack App. See also Art. 538.2.1.

539.2.3 Forbidden

Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, etc.), any form of blinkers, earplugs, ~~nose covers~~ and saddle covers, are under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden.

False tails are permitted provided they are not weighted or otherwise enhanced in any way whatsoever.

Bits where the mouthpieces rings restrict the reins to move freely are not permitted as well as bits that can slide vertically creating a gag effect.

Any pieces of tack that impairs the ears to move freely is forbidden.

541.2 Identification of a Sponsor

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name and/or logo of the Athletes' sponsor(s), their team sponsor(s) and/or their National Federation's sponsor(s) may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

- a) Two hundred square centimetres (200 cm²) on each side of saddle cloth;
- b) Eighty square centimetres (80 cm²) on each of the two sides of jackets or top garment at the height of breast pockets for Jumping Events, Dressage Events and for Jumping and Dressage Tests of Eventing;
- c) Eighty square centimetres (80 cm²) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches during the Dressage, Cross-Country and Jumping tests of Eventing. In any case, the surface area on the riding breeches should be dedicated to the visibility of the following only: the Athlete's name, identification of the Athlete's nationality, the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), their team sponsor(s) and/or their National Federation's sponsor(s);
- d) Sixteen square centimetres (16 cm²) on both sides of the shirt collar;
- e) Either two hundred square centimetres (200 cm²) on one arm of jackets or top garment or one hundred square centimetres (100 cm²) on each arm of jackets or top garment for the Cross-Country tests of Eventing
- f) One hundred twenty five square centimetres (125 cm²) vertically in the middle of the hard hat for the Dressage, Jumping and Cross-Country tests of Eventing;
- g) Seventy five square centimetres (75 cm²) for the logo on ear hoods in Dressage, Jumping and Cross Country Tests of Eventing.

549.4.1 Representing a frangible fence after a Disobedience

Reattempting an activated frangible fence element not correctly restored to its original condition will result in elimination.

552.1 Type of Obstacles

The obstacles will be standard Jumping obstacles.

The obstacles should have a balance of vertical and spread obstacles and shall include two or three doubles or a double and a treble.

Closed combinations are not permitted. A water jump is not permitted, but a water ditch with rails over is allowed.

FEI approved safety cups must be used as support for back poles of spread obstacles, and in the case of a triple bar, to support the centre and back pole of the obstacle.

The jumping cups must have a depth of minimum 20 mm and maximum 25 mm. This also applies for safety cups.

Alternative obstacles are permitted. These jumps are to be marked on the course plan with the same number and with the word "Alternative".

Annex D Medical Services

~~Recommendations~~Requirements for Medical Services at FEI Competitions

Medical Services Coverage at FEI Competitions

This Annex outlines the medical service coverage to be implemented by Organising Committees (OCs) of FEI Eventing Events. It must be read in conjunction with the “Guidelines for the Medical Coverage at Events” available on the FEI website.

~~Note: This Annex is considered as recommendation for 2 years before mandatory implementation. Feedback from NFs and OCs from events in the next year will be reviewed by the Eventing and Medical Committee.~~

I. MEDICAL SERVICES REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE THROUGHOUT THE EVENT

1. Chief Medical Officer (CMO)(*)

1.1 Role

The CMO is appointed well in advance of the event and works closely with the Organising Committee when planning for event medical coverage and participates in the preparation of the Serious Incident Management Plan (SIMP) for the event.

At Championships where, the CMO will arrange a meeting for the international team doctors and medical personnel in order to Familiarise them with the venue and available medical resources provide the necessary contact information to access the medical services.

1.2 Qualifications

The CMO does not have to be a physician, but is suitably experienced in the planning of medical coverage for equestrian events and has knowledge of the available local emergency medical resources and applicable local regulations.

2. First aid for spectators and workforce

First aid services for spectators and workforce must be provided in compliance with the locally applicable legislation and guidelines and following consultation with the CMO and local emergency medical service personnel.

3. On-site medical personnel

On-site medical personnel as detailed below must be available during the hours of competition and training periods.

They must be able to cover all riding and competition areas, stables, and on-site accommodations.

AVAILABILITY	MEDICAL PERSONNEL	NUMBERS OF MEMBERS IN EACH	QUALIFICATIONS

		TEAM	
Cross-Country test: At least 1 team	Advanced Medical Response Team	At least: 2	At least: 1 member with the minimum necessary skills to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Perform advanced airway management, preferably with rapid sequence anaesthesia, intubation and rescue airway techniques; ii. Decompress a tension pneumothorax; iii. Insert intravenous and intraosseous lines to administer fluids and analgesia; iv. Apply pelvic binders, vertical collars and place suitable splints for fractures; and v. Perform procedural sedation to allow rapid and humane limb reduction, splintage, extraction and transport
Dressage, Jumping and Cross Country tests: At least 1 team	Standard Medical Response Teams	Minimum: 1; Ideally: 2	Training in immediate care and appropriate equipment for airway support, wound, bleeding and fracture management.
Mandatory for the Cross Country test, optional for the Dressage and Jumping tests	<p><u>Cross Country Test:</u> Ambulance for the transportation of injured or sick athletes to an appropriate treatment facility.</p> <p>In countries where stationing ambulances at an event is not permitted by the law, a plan must be in place for medically appropriate transport available as soon as possible on site (target: 15 minutes, maximum 30 minutes).</p> <p><u>Jumping & Dressage Tests:</u> As above, or, at the minimum, a plan must be in place for medically appropriate transport available as soon as possible on site (target: 15 minutes, maximum 30 minutes).</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For events, ambulances should contain equipment for advanced airway support including oxygen, treatment of pneumothorax, intravenous access and fluids, management of cervical spine and other back injuries, long bone fractures. • The ambulance personnel must be adequately trained to use all such equipment.

4. Medical personnel access to the venue

All medical personnel with their emergency equipment and transport must have credentials and access to the entire venue at all times, including the stable area and finish during the competition.

They must be familiar prior to the competition with all access routes to the competition areas and anticipate alternatives in the event of inclement weather conditions which may necessitate the use of all-terrain vehicles for transport to ensure rapid evacuation.

Reliable radios must be available to ensure coordination with competition officials.

5. Radio & telephone communications

- Radio communications must be made available throughout the entire competition, to alert the on-site emergency medical providers
- A telephone line or cell phone must be reserved for immediate communication with the designated local emergency medical service and emergency hospital for additional needed resources or notification of transport from the event site.

II. MEDICAL SERVICES REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE DURING COMPETITION TIME (INCLUDING DESIGNATED WARM-UP TIMES)

1. Medical response - DRESSAGE and JUMPING tests

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT		
Medical personnel type	Response time	Logistical considerations
1 x Standard Medical Response Team available on site	Strongly recommended: maximum 3 minutes(***) from notification of accident	Should have an immediate access to any part of the competition arena and warm up areas.
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Additional medical personnel required for adequate coverage		
As pre-determined by the CMO and OC depending on the layout and number of arenas		
+		
If possible: ambulance or equivalent arrangement (see table in II.3 for details) for:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treatment of minor ailments - Observation and initial treatment of serious injuries or illness - Transportation to appropriate medical facilities. 		

2. Medical response – CROSS COUNTRY test

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT		
Medical personnel type	Planned recommended Response time	Logistical considerations
1 x Advanced Medical Response Team available at all times on site	Maximum 5 minutes(***) from notification of accident	Capability of rapid deployment to any part of the course (including warm-up area) and all obstacles on the cross country course
+		
Additional medical personnel required for adequate coverage		

As pre-determined by the CMO depending on the layout of the Cross Country courses and the accessibility of the site.

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If possible: ambulance or appropriate transportation plan (see II.3 (below) for details) for:

- Treatment of minor ailments
- Observation and initial treatment of serious injuries or illness
- Transportation to appropriate medical facilities.

Note: (***) The timing is a new requirement.

3. Transport

3.1 Evacuation of injured athletes from the field of play

Provisions should be clearly established before the start of the competition for intermediate transport of any injured athletes off the field of play to the transport ambulance.

Possible adverse transport conditions due to weather conditions should be anticipated. This may include all wheel drive transport options which will require pre-positioning at the direction of the CMO and on-site medical providers.

3.2 Plan for the transportation of injured athletes to hospital

- In determining the number of ambulances, the CMO and OC should consider the distance to the nearest trauma hospital in case an ambulance has to leave the competition site, making sure that another appropriately equipped ambulance is still readily available to cover the competition. Otherwise the competition must be delayed until a replacement ambulance is on-site.
- Rapid routes for access and departure must be prepared in advance and safeguarded during the competition for the expeditious transfer of the seriously injured to an appropriate medical facility. This should also include pre-determined plans for access and egress for jumps that are deemed potentially high risk.
- Depending on the access to the site and the distance to a trauma hospital (greater than 60 minutes by land transport), helicopter evacuation should be strongly considered for seriously injured Athlete at the discretion of on-site medical personnel. A suitable landing zone should be identified and secured in advance for the medical evacuation helicopter. This information should be relayed by the CMO to the appropriate medical evacuation helicopter service in advance of the competition.

III. MANDATORY MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AFTER A FALL

If an Athlete falls at a Competition, the Athlete will not be allowed to continue without a medical assessment by on-site medical personnel, even if the Athlete has no obvious injury. Please see applicable FEI rules if an Athlete refuses medical evaluation which will result in immediate elimination for the remainder of the competition

Article 523.3 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.

Article 527.1.d: Any Athlete who leaves the venue after a fall without submitting to the examination required under this Article will automatically be issued an Eventing Recorded Warning for incorrect behaviour, which will be delivered to their National Federation.

Annex E Organising Requirements for Eventing 5 star Level Events

Five star level Events are believed to be the pinnacle of the sport representing Eventing on the world stage and as such it is felt that there should be some guidelines for potential Organising Committees to ensure that the image of the sport and the presentation of the Event are of the highest possible quality.

The FEI will only recognise a few Events at this level and this recognition will be subject to some strict criteria.

Application process:

- a) Before being awarded an Event of five star level status the Organising Committee must have run, at the venue, a lower level international Eventing Competition of at least Four star level, and demonstrated the ability to stage an Event of the highest level.
- b) Application from the host National Federation to the FEI to stage a five star level Event must be accompanied by a proposal including detailed information about the venue (access, facilities, etc) and the suitability of the footing, the Organising Committee, the financial viability (including proposed levels of sponsorship income), budget and cashflow, local accommodation availability, and proposed level of prize money.
- c) The Organising Committee must have a proven track record of success. A business plan must be presented as well as a motivation letter on the reasons to transfer to the CC15* category.
- d) Details in regard to the Organising Committees Broadcast strategy must be provided as well as expressions of interest in regard to Broadcast coverage and live streaming.
- e) The venue needs to be approved by an FEI appointed Delegate, who will visit the proposed Event at the OC's/National Federation's expense.
- f) The National Federation will be responsible for supporting the application and overseeing the success of the Event, and a representative of the National Federation must be included in the Board of the Organising Committee.
- g) The proposal must include the proposed Course Designer who must be an Eventing Level 3 Course Designer. The Course Designer in question must support the proposal and endorse that the venue is suitable for the Five star level.
- h) The Event has to be approved by the FEI Eventing Committee who reserve the right to ask for as much information as is considered necessary. The FEI Eventing Committee also reserves all rights to not accept the five star denomination request of any Organiser.
- i) Dates must fit in to the overall Eventing calendar, not clash with any major Event/Championship and be consistent from year to year in order to allow the other Events to position themselves in consequence.
- j) Applications shall be sent to the FEI at the latest by July the year preceding the Event applied for.

Requirements:

- a) Minimum level of prize money: €125'000 for ~~2020 and 2021~~2024, € 150'000 by ~~2022~~2025.
- b) Mandatory CCTV for public, Athletes, owners and the Ground Jury and for safety reasons.
- c) An all-weather dressage arena is strongly recommended.
- d) It is strongly encouraged that the OC appoints a Course Advisor, in consultation with the FEI and the Course Designer in charge.

Technical Standards:

- a) 5* Dressage and Show Jumping
11-12 minutes Cross Country / 6270-6840 m / 40-45 efforts 5* Fence heights and fence technical standards
- b) Risk Management: the fall rate at 5*Events to be included in the evaluation (100%) to be set. Cross Country penalties rate if higher or lower than the set benchmark to be analysed with OC and Course Designer.
- c) Spectator & athlete experience: to be defined

- d) Organising Committee to appoint President of Ground Jury and Technical Delegate for 5 star events in consultation with the FEI.

Yearly Review:

- a) A review committee composed of representatives of the FEI Eventing Committee, FEI Delegate and the FEI Secretary General will assess existing five star level Events on a yearly basis. Should any Event not fulfil requirements it will be possible to re-evaluate the star level.
- b) Risk Management: Yearly review (fall rate) of all 5* Events to be conducted.
- c) All Events will be reviewed on yearly basis.

Annex H Rules for Eventing Pony Rider & Events

Pony Rider Competitions are an important element in the development of equestrian sport in certain regions of the world. The Eventing Rules apply for the Eventing Pony Competitions except where otherwise provided in this annex. Pony rules have been integrated in the overall Eventing rules in regard to entries, participation, Officials appointment etc, according to the Long Format (CCI) 2 star Competition and championship.

1. International Pony Events and Qualification

1.1 Pony Competitions

Events limited to Pony competitors are designated with a "P" level 1 or 2: "L-Long" or "S-Short". These events are only reserved for pony riders according to age limitation.

- a) CCIP1 - Introductory level
- b) CCIP2 - Experienced level

The Pony European Championship will be held at the CCIP2 star level.

1.2 Qualifications

Pony Riders and ponies must be certified by their national federation as qualified to compete at the required level.

For Championships, Pony Riders and Ponies must have obtained as a combination a Minimum Eligibility result at a CCIP2-L or S, CCI2*-Long or Short.

2. Pony Measurement

~~Provisions in~~ For maximum height and measuring, please refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations apply. CHAPTER IX - PONY MEASURING

3. Saddlery

Exercise Areas Article 539.1 applies except that hackamore, curb and double bridle are not allowed. Dressage Test " Article 539.2 applies except that curb and double bridle are not allowed (only snaffle bits). Cross-country and Jumping Tests - Article 539.3 applies except that curb, double bridle, hackamores and bit less bridle are not allowed. ~~(See reference in FAQ Tack, Equipment and Dress on Eventing Rules page published on FEI Website)~~ (Please refer to FEI Tack App).

- a) Pelham is allowed for XC and Jumping.
- b) A Pelham is not considered a Curb bit if it has a mouthpiece ring and a ring at the top and bottom of the bit.
- c) Pelham must be on a single rein (with a connecting piece from the mouthpiece ring to the bottom ring) – double reins not allowed.
- d) Pelham can be used with curb chain or leather strap.

4. Dressage Test

2014 CCIP1-L Test to apply for Eventing Dressage for Pony Events (CCIP1-L or S)

CCI2* B Test to apply for Eventing Dressage for Pony Events (CCIP2-L or S)

CCI2* B Test to apply for Eventing Dressage for Pony Championships

5. Cross-country Test

5.1 Types of Obstacles

- Bull finches are not allowed.
- Bounce fences (combination of upright obstacles with no stride) are allowed but must not be into water and must be of an appropriate distance, and degree of difficulty, for ponies and Pony Riders.
- The drop on the landing side of an obstacle, or of those obstacles that are jumped as a ski jump, may never exceed 1.45m. The number of such obstacles is limited to two. The number of drop fences less than 1.45m is left to the discretion of the Technical Delegate.

Table below to be replaced by the following:

Cross Country Obstacle – maximum - dimensions

	Pony P1	Pony P2
Fixed	1,00 m	1,05 m
Brush	1,20 m	1,25 m
Top Spread	1,20 m	1,30 m
Base Spread	1,70 m	1,90 m
Spread without height	2,00 m	2,50 m
Drop	1,35 m	1,45 m

Cross Country Distances – Speeds – Jumping efforts (as per 2014 Rules)

Level	Distance		Efforts		Speed m/min		Metres/Effort	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
CCIP1	2300	3000	20	25	450	500	100	120
CCIP2	2700	3700	25	30	500	520	100	120

For Pony Championships the distance and speed should be the maximum allowed.

Jumping Obstacle Dimensions – Distances – Speed - Efforts

	CCIP1	CCIP2
Height	1,05 m	1,10 m
Oxer spread	1,20 m	1,25 m
Triple bar spread	1,40 m	1,50 m
Distance	Max 500 m	Max 500 m
Speed	350 m/min	350 m/min
Max Obstacles / Efforts	10-11 / 13	10-11 / 14