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PREAMBLE

The Eventing Rules will be substantively reviewed every four (4) years unless urgent clarifications or modifications are required for risk management purposes.

As of this date, all other texts of the Eventing Rules or amendments to them dated prior to this date are superseded.

Although these Eventing Rules set out the detailed rules of the FEI for international Eventing Competitions, they must be read in conjunction with any other FEI Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to:

- FEI Statutes
- FEI General Regulations
- FEI Dressage Rules
- FEI Jumping Rules
- FEI Veterinary Regulations
- FEI Eventing Memorandum
- FEI Cross Country Guide for Officials
- FEI Eventing Guidelines on Use of Tack, Equipment and Dress
- EADCMR (Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations)
- ADRHA (Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes)

- [SAEF General Regulations](#)
- [Dressage South Africa Rules](#)
- [South African Show Jumping Rules](#)
- [South African Drug-Free Sport Association](#)
- [World Anti Doping Alliance](#)

The FEI Jumping and Dressage Rules apply for the Eventing Jumping and Dressage Tests except where otherwise provided in these Eventing Rules. Any modification introduced to the FEI Jumping and Dressage Rules during the year will be evaluated for application in Eventing from 1st January the following year.

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Eventing Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the appropriate person or body to make a decision in a sporting spirit, by approaching as near as possible the intention of the Eventing Rules and of the General Regulations. Should there remain any omissions in the Eventing Rules, such omission shall be interpreted in a manner compatible to the fullest extent with the other provisions of these Eventing Rules, other rules and regulations of the FEI, and sporting spirit.

Terms with a capitalized first letter are defined in the Glossary of the Eventing Rules, in the General Regulations, in the Statutes or in other Rules of the FEI.

THE FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The FEI requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount. Welfare of the Horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences. The following points must be particularly adhered to:

1. General Welfare:

a) Good Horse management

Stabling and feeding must be compatible with the best Horse management practices. Clean and good quality forage, feed and water must always be available.

b) Training methods

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to methods which are abusive or cause fear.

c) Farriery and tack

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

d) Transport

During transportation, Horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and driven by competent personnel. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the Horses.

e) Transit

All journeys must be planned carefully, and Horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

2. Fitness to compete:

a) Fitness and competence

Participation in Competition must be restricted to fit Horses and Athletes of proven competence. Horses must be allowed suitable rest period between training and Competitions; additionally rest periods should be allowed following travelling.

b) Health status

No Horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete; veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

c) Doping and Medication

Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitutes a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before Competition.

d) Surgical procedures

Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing Horse's welfare or the safety of other Horses and/or Athletes must not be allowed.

e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares

Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.

f) Misuse of aids

Abuse of a Horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

3. Events must not prejudice Horse welfare:

a) Competition areas

Horses must be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles and Competition conditions must be designed with the safety of the Horse in mind.

b) Ground surfaces

All ground surfaces on which Horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injuries.

c) Extreme weather

Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions that may compromise welfare or safety of the Horse. Provision must be made for cooling conditions and equipment for Horses after competing.

d) Stabling at Events

Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the Horse. Washing-down areas and water must always be available.

4. Humane treatment of Horses:

a) Veterinary treatment

Veterinary expertise must always be available at an Event. If a Horse is injured or exhausted during a Competition, the Athlete must stop competing and a veterinary evaluation must be performed.

b) Referral centres

Wherever necessary, the Horse should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured Horses must be given full supportive treatment before being transported.

c) Competition injuries

The incidence of injuries sustained in Competition should be monitored. Ground surface conditions, frequency of Competitions and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimise injuries.

d) Euthanasia

If injuries are sufficiently severe a Horse may need to be euthanized by a veterinarian as soon as possible on humane grounds, with the sole aim of minimising suffering.

e) Retirement

Horses must be treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from Competition.

5. Education:

The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the Competition Horse.

This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.

EVENTING VISION STATEMENT

Eventing constitutes the most complete combined equestrian Competition, demanding of the Athlete considerable experience in all branches of equitation and a precise knowledge of their Horse's ability, and of the Horse a degree of general competence, resulting from intelligent and progressive training.

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".

This test requires, by all involved, special awareness and acceptance of a certain level of risk inherent to the particular challenging and exciting nature of the test.

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 and level of the Competition.

Chapter 1 - General

500 Introduction

500.1 Definition

An Eventing Competition consists of three distinct tests during which an Athlete rides the same Horse throughout, namely: Dressage, Cross Country and Jumping.

500.2. Responsibility

500.2.1. Athletes

An Athlete is ultimately responsible for knowing these Eventing Rules and complying with them. The appointment of a Steward or Official, whether or not provided for in these Eventing Rules, does not absolve the Athlete from such responsibility.

500.2.2. National Federations

National Federations are responsible for selecting and entering eligible Athletes and Horses for all international Competitions taking responsibility for their fitness and competence to compete.

500.2.3. National Safety Officers

All National Federations organising international Eventing Events must appoint an active National Safety Officer (NSO) to liaise with the FEI with regards to all matters directly relating to Eventing Risk Management, including annual data reporting and attendance of the yearly FEI Risk Management Seminar.

500.2.4. Registration

All Athletes and Horses participating in international Competitions must be annually registered with the FEI.

ESA 500.2.4A National Registration

All Athletes and Horses must be registered with the South African Equestrian Federation ("SAEF") as well as the Eventing Association of South Africa ("Eventing South Africa", "Eventing SA", "ESA").

500.2.5. Horses Passport and Microchips

Please refer to General Regulations (GRs), art 137.

ESA 500.2.5A Horses Passport and Microchips

For National Federation competitions, SAEF General and Veterinary Regulations will be applied in place of FEI General and Veterinary regulations respectively.

Chapter 2 - Structure of Competitions

501 Competitions and Series

501.1 International (CIs)

Competitions with an individual classification. Location, date and level of CIs must be approved by the FEI. Special requirements may apply for 4&5 star level Competitions at new venues.

501.2 Official International (CIOs)

Competitions with an official team and individual classification. Each member of a team will automatically be considered for the individual classification. Teams will always be composed of Athletes from the same country.

Location, date, level and qualifications of CIOs must be approved by the FEI and Eventing Committee. Each National Federation may only organise one Senior CIOs in any calendar year.

501.2.1 Nations Cup

The Nations' Cup (also referred as "NC") is the official international team Competition. Its object is to compare the merit of Athletes and Horses from different NFs and may only be organised on the occasion of a CIO.

"At least three NFs must take part in this Competition for it to be recognised as an FEI Nations Cup™.

If less than five NFs have entered teams for a CCIO, the invitation may be extended to include two teams per NF (including the host team). Before the start of the Event, at the latest at the draw of nations starting order, each NF with two teams must decide which team competes for FEI Nations Cup™ points."

501.3 Championships (CHs)

Competitions with an official team and individual classification. Each member of a team will automatically be considered for the individual classification. Teams will always be composed of Athletes from the same country.

Geographical representation, age group of Athletes and Horses, location, date and level are decided by the Board.

In exceptional cases teams at a Continental Championships may be regional and if so the territorial scope must have been previously approved by the Eventing Committee.

Pony, Junior and Young Rider Championships must be organised during the long school holidays. Junior & YR Championships will preferably be organised jointly.

"All Championships must be organised in the long format at all levels. (Exceptions can be considered by the Eventing Committee)."

501.3.1 Minimum Participation

Continental Championships can only be held if at least three National Federations and/or Regional Teams are represented at the first Horse Inspection. Outside Europe Continental Championships for Young Riders and Juniors may be held with any number of Regional Teams from at least two National Federations.

501.3.2 Individuals in Addition to Teams

At all Championships and Games, the host country will be limited to the same number of Athletes and Horses as the maximum number permitted for the foreign countries.

At least 3 nations must pass the Horse inspection for this event to be recognised as an FEI Championship (minimum 9 athletes). 90 athletes in the Championship event is the maximum.

The number of individual Athletes authorised to take part in addition to each team is:

- a) Seven or more teams entered - two individuals per country
- b) Five or six teams entered - three individuals per country.
- c) Four or less teams entered - four individuals per country. National Federations will be advised by the Organising Committee at the closing of nominated entries.

501.3.3 Levels of difficulty

The level of difficulty of Championships will be as follows:

- a) Ponies - CCIP2*-L
- b) Young Horses (six year) - CCI2*-L
- c) Young Horses (seven year) - CCI3*-L
- d) Junior - CCI2*-L
- e) Young Riders - CCI3*-L
- f) Continental/Regional Championships and Games will be decided by the Eventing Committee after consultation with the relevant National Federations
A hybrid format with Dressage and Jumping tests of a higher star level than the Cross country test will be reviewed and approved by the Technical Committee. In this case the MER requirements will be aligned with the Cross Country test technical level.
- g) World Championships - please refer to Art. 501.3.4

501.3.4 World Individual and Team Championships

The World Championships are for Seniors.

World Championships can only be held if at least six National Federations are represented.

If the World Championships are conducted separately, the number of Athletes will be in accordance with art. 501.3.2 for Championships.

Participation in World Championships when combined with other disciplines:

- a) Maximum 5 Athletes to take part from one nation.
- b) Maximum of 2 individuals for Nations not represented by a team.
- c) A Team will consist of 3 or 4 Athletes.

Technical Level of World Championships:

- a) 5 star level Dressage and Jumping Test,
- b) Cross-Country Test World CH/Olympic Games level technicality (10min 38-42 efforts)
- c) World CH/Olympic Games to count as 5 star level MER

501.4 Games

501.4.1 Regional and Continental Games

Eventing may be organised at Regional or Continental Multi sport games (e.g. Pan American, Asian, South American, South East Asian, etc.) with an official team and individual classification.

These games are organised by NOC confederations, responsible for general regulations with the exception of the technical aspects. The age group, format and level must be approved by the FEI Eventing Committee.

501.4.2 Olympic Games

Olympic Games are organised by the International Olympic Committee in accordance with the FEI Special Regulations for Olympic Games and current Eventing Rules.

501.5 FEI Eventing Series

FEI Eventing Series can be established further to approval by the Board. (e.g. FEI Eventing World Cup, FEI Eventing Nations Cup, etc.)

For all Series separate Rules for qualification and participation must be approved by the Board.

ESA 501.6 South African Championship Competitions

Competitions with an official team and individual classification. Each member of a team will automatically be considered for the individual classification.

Geographical representation, age group of Athletes and Horses, location, date and level are decided by the National Federation Council.

Pony, Junior and/or Young Rider Championships must be organised during the school holidays. Dispensation may be given by ESA in exceptional circumstances for these events to be held during the school term time.

Athletes and Horses must be registered with a body affiliated to an FEI recognised National Federation.

ESA 501.6.1 Minimum Participation

National Team Championships can only be held if at least two Provincial Teams are represented at the first Horse Inspection.

Provincial Individual Championships can only be held if at least three Athletes are represented at the first Horse Inspection or, if no Horse Inspection, start the Dressage Test.

ESA 501.6.2 Individuals in Addition to Teams

There is no maximum number of Athletes allowed competing as Individuals in a Competition with a Team Competition.

ESA 501.6.3 Format and Levels of Difficulty

The level of difficulty of Championships will be as follows:

- a) Pony Rider Individual – Ev95
- b) Pony Rider Team (“Interprovincials”) – Ev95
- c) Junior Individual – CCN1*
- d) Junior Team (“Interprovincials”) – CCN1*
- e) Adult Individual – CCN3*
- f) Adult Team (“Interprovincials”) - CCN2*

The Championship Levels may be revised by the National Federation each year and varied as required.

National Championships may be run as Long or Short Format Competitions, and shall always have Jumping as the last Test.

Provincial Championships shall be run as Short Format Competitions and may have Jumping or Cross Country as the last Test.

Although Team Championship Levels are given, it should be borne in mind that the Cross Country must be designed in such a way as to encourage all participating Teams to finish.

ESA 501.6.4 Team Nominations

Teams should be composed of Athletes from the same province, but a maximum of two Athletes from a different province may be allowed to join a Team if there are insufficient Athletes from the province to make up a full team.

Team Nominations must be submitted to the National Federation and to the Organising Committee one week before the closing date of entries for verification.

Where a Province is able to field more than one Team, the *Chef d'Equipe* must nominate the Team to Compete for the Championship after the first Horse Inspection.

Athletes nominated by their Provincial Council to compete in the Adult Team Championship on a Horse qualified to compete in CCN1* must make an application in writing through the Provincial Council to the National Federation for permission to do so.

ESA 501.6.5 Juniors Participating in Adult National Individual Championships

A Combination of Junior Athlete and Horse that obtains an MER in an Adult National Individual Championship may not participate in any future Junior Individual Championships.

502 Formats and Levels

Competitions are also defined by their format and level.

502.1 Formats

502.1.1 Definition

Formats define some of the technical aspects of the Competition (duration of the Competition, intensity of the Cross Country Test, order of tests, etc.)

502.1.2 Long Format Competition (CCIs-L)

A Long Format Competition may take place over three or more days. The Dressage Test will be spread over one or more consecutive days, depending on the number of competitors, directly followed on the next day by the Cross Country Test that will be directly followed on the next day by the Jumping Test. When multiple Competitions are running simultaneously a gap day between the Dressage Test and the next Test is permitted, with the approval of the FEI, in order to accommodate the timetable.

In the Long Format Competitions the Cross Country course will be of such a length that the Horse is required to be supremely fit and stamina will be required for success.

The Cross Country Test will always take place before the Jumping Test.

502.1.3 Short Format Competition (CCIs-S)

A Short Format Competition may take place over one or more days. The Dressage Test will always take place first and will be followed on the same or following days by the Jumping and Cross Country Test. When multiple Competitions are running simultaneously a gap day between the Dressage Test and the next Test is permitted, with the approval of the FEI, in order to accommodate the timetable.

In the Short Format Competition the level of difficulty of the Cross Country course is similar to the Long Format according to the star system, but the course is shorter and the intensity of efforts will be higher.

The Cross Country Test will preferably take place after the Jumping Test.

502.1.4 Unified format Competition (CC1*-Intro)

CC1*-Intro may take place as a Short or Long format as to the order of tests and Horse Inspection requirements.

ESA 502.1.5 National Federation Competitions

As above for CCNs-L (Art 502.1.2), CCNs-S (Art 502.1.3) and CCN1*-Intro (Art 502.1.4).

Eventing 65 (Ev65), Eventing 75 (Ev75), Eventing 85 (Ev85) and Eventing 95 (Ev95) are Short Format competitions that may take place over one or more days, according to the provisions of Art. 502.1.3.

In National Federation competitions, a gap day between Dressage and the next Test is allowed in order to accommodate the timetable.

502.2 Levels of difficulty

The levels indicate the degree of difficulty of the Competition and are defined by a progressive star system ranging from the lower level one star to the higher 5 star.

The Five star level Competitions require the maximum level of training and experience from both Athlete and Horse.

ESA 502.2.1 Ev65 to Ev95 Levels

National Federation levels Ev65 to Ev95 are designed to prepare horses for one star competition through progressive levels of height and difficulty.

503 Categories**503.1 Pony, Junior, Young Rider and U25 Competitions**

Pony, Junior, Young Riders and U25 Competitions may be organised according to the age group of the Athletes.

503.1.0 Age Categories for Competitions held in South Africa

Unless by special arrangement, Competitions (both those held as National Federation Competitions and International Competitions) in South Africa will be held in the following categories:

- Pony Competitions (art. ESA 503.1.1A)
- Junior Competitions (art. ESA 503.1.2A)
- Senior Competitions (art. 503.2)

503.1.1 Pony Competitions

An Athlete may compete as a Pony Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 12 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 if appropriately qualified without losing their status as a Pony Rider.

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. To compete at the star levels, competitions must specifically be designated as CCNP status.

503.1.2 Junior Competitions

An Athlete may compete as a Junior from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 18.

ESA 503.1.2A National Federation Junior Competitions

An Athlete may compete in National Federation competitions as a Junior from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 12 until the end of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 18.

503.1.3 Young Rider Competitions

An Athlete may compete as a Young Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 21.

503.1.4 U25 Competitions

An Athlete may compete in the U25 category from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of sixteen (16) until the end of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of twenty-five (25).

503.2 Age of Athletes

An Athlete is considered a Senior from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 18.

Championships and Games are limited to senior Athletes unless specifically organised for Juniors, Young Riders or Pony Riders.

International Competitions are limited to Senior Athletes unless specifically organised for Junior, Young Riders or Pony Riders with the following exceptions:

- With the express permission of their National Federation, an Athlete may compete in a Three Star Competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 16.
- With the express permission of their National Federation, an Athlete may compete in a two star level Competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 14.
- With the express permission of their National Federation, an Athlete may compete in a one star level Competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of 12.

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:

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

503.3 Young Horses Competitions

Young Horses Competition may be organised according to the age of Horses for six and seven year old Horses. Such Competitions may only take place at CCI2* & 3* - Long or Short.

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 nine.

ESA 503.4.1 Age of Horses for National Federation Competitions

Ev65, Ev75, Ev85, Ev95, CCN1* Level Competitions: as per art. 503.4 (a).

CCN2*/3* level Competitions: as per art. 503.4 (b).

CCN4* level Competitions: as per art. 503.4 (c).

503.5 Ponies

Except for Competitions limited to Ponies (CCIPs), all international Eventing Competitions are open to Horses and Ponies, provided the Ponies and their Athletes meet all relevant qualifications.

“Competitions limited to ponies” will also include national Pony competitions at Ev65 to Ev95.

503.5.1 Definition

For the definition of a Pony and the Pony measuring protocol, refer to Veterinary Regulations.

503.5.2 Age of Pony

A Pony may compete in CCIP1* Pony Competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Pony reaches the age of five and in CCIP2* Pony Competitions from the beginning of the Calendar year in which reaches the age of six.

ESA 503.5.3 Age of Ponies for National Federation Competitions

Ev65, Ev75, Ev85, Ev95 Level Competitions: a Pony may compete in these Competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Pony reaches the age of five.

504 Participation Restrictions

504.1 Number of Horses per Athlete

504.1.1 Championships and Games

An Athlete may only ride one Horse.

504.1.2 CIOs included in the FEI Eventing Nations Cup Series

An Athlete may ride only one Horse as a member of a team and may ride in only one team. The Team competition must be included in the Dressage and Cross country starting lists as a block. Individual athletes will be included as a separate block preferably before the Team block or after according to the OC decision. This information will be included in the schedule

504.1.3 CIs

There is no limitation to the number of Horses an Athlete may ride in an Individual Competition, with the following exceptions:

- a) The Organising Committee may impose a balloting procedure, in its absolute discretion, whether for time-tabling or any other reason. Such a procedure must be published in the schedule of the Competition.
- b) If a Competition has more entries than it can accommodate, no Athlete may ride more than two Horses (or one Horse if so decided by the Organising Committee). National Federations are anyway responsible, in entering Athletes in international Competitions, to ensure that no Athlete rides more Horses than their abilities in any one day of Cross Country.

ESA 504.1.4 National Federation Competitions

The same provisions apply to National Federation competitions as per art. 504.1.3

ESA 504.1.5 National Federation Championships

An Athlete may not ride more than two Horses in a National Federation Eventing Championship Competition.

504.2 Other Participation Restrictions

504.2.1 One and Two star Level Competitions

A Horse that has obtained a Minimum Eligibility Requirement at W-CH/OG/5*-L level Competition in the current or preceding year may not be entered in a CCI1* or CCI2* Long or Short Competition unless the Athlete is non-categorised.

504.2.2 Championships

Athletes and Horses may only take part in either a Pony, Junior, Young Rider or Senior Championship in any calendar year. This provision does not apply to Championships for Young Horses.

504.2.3 Junior Championships

Junior Championships are open to all Horses except those which have obtained a MER in CCI5*- L Competition or at the Olympic Games or W-CH during the preceding or current year.

Once an Athlete has taken part in an Eventing Championship for Seniors or in Eventing at a Regional or Olympic Games, the Athlete can no longer go back to an Eventing Junior Championship.

Chapter 3 Administration of Competitions

505 Expenses, Entry Fees, Prize Money, Responsibility

ESA 505.0 National Federation Competitions (Ev65 - Ev95, CNs), National Federation Championships

ESA 505.0.1 Entry Fees

The entry fee is at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

ESA 505.0.2 Cross Entries

The cost of the cross entry is the full entry Fee of both classes (including levies) ESA will refund the levy of the class not competed in. The organising committee, at its discretion, may refund the entry fee net of levies of the class not competed in. The policy on cross entry refunds must be stated in the Schedule.

ESA 505.0.3 Refunds of Entry Fees on the Cancellation of National Federation Competitions

When a Competition is cancelled in accordance with article 537.1 and through no fault of the Organising Committee, and the Competition cannot be rescheduled, then the Organising Committee may only retain up to 20% of the net entry fee, excluding levies. The balance, including levies, is refunded to competitors.

505.1 CIs and CIOs

The entry fee and expenses to be offered is at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

All Athletes from the host country, including foreign Athletes resident in the host country, must be offered the same allowances.

All other foreign Athletes must be offered the same allowances that may be different from the one offered to national or resident foreign Athletes.

505.2 Championships

505.2.1 Continental Championships

The Organising Committee is responsible for organising and covering the expenses for quarantine and customs duties (if applicable) including agent and veterinary fees for entering and leaving the border of the organising country and/or the show grounds. The Organising Committee has then the option to:

- a) Request a reasonable entry fee for Individuals and/or Teams and additionally provide the following from the day before the first Horse Inspection until the day after the Jumping Test:
 - i) living expenses for Athletes, Grooms, Chef d'Equipes and Team Veterinarian (accommodation, food and local transportation). If accommodation is not offered for free, then suitable accommodation should be arranged or recommended at reasonable prices and must be quoted in the Schedule.
 - ii) stabling, bedding and fodder for the Horses
- b) Waive the entry fee and not meet the additional expenses. In this case, the Organising Committee is not obliged to provide neither living expenses nor stabling and fodder for the Horses.

For Junior, Young Rider, and Senior Championships an entry fee may be charged only if prize money is awarded.

In case the Continental Championships is held as part of a multidisciplinary Championship, Article 1001 of the FEI General Regulations applies.

505.2.2 World Championships

The entry fee and expenses to be offered for World Championships will be according to FEI agreement with the Organising Committee.

505.2.3 Responsibility

Chefs d'Equipe are responsible to be present and represent their athletes at all Official Chef d'Equipe meetings.

The Chefs d'Equipe are responsible for the behaviour of their teams and/or individuals throughout the Event. They and their National Federation are responsible for any damages that occur. If the Athletes are not lodged in private homes, the Chefs d'Equipe must stay with their teams and/or individuals.

The Ground Jury has the authority to assess any costs for damages. According to the FEI legal system, the Ground Jury may impose a fine and has the right to disqualify the team and/or individuals with unacceptable behaviour at any stage throughout the Event.

505.3 Prize Money

ESA 505.3.0 Distribution (National Federation Competitions)

Organising Committees may elect to award prize money for NF competitions.

Prizes and prize money must be awarded according to the provisions of the SAEF General Regulations.

505.3.1 Distribution

The total amount of prize-money published for each Competition in the schedule must be distributed as per the breakdown shown for each Competition in the schedule.

Organising Committees must state the details of the distribution of prize money in the Event schedule. Organising Committees may include two prize money distribution options in the schedule to enable the amount and number of prizes to be adjusted to the definite number of starters.

The minimum number of prizes offered for each Competition must be allocated on the basis of one prize for every commenced four Athletes (Dressage starters), with a minimum of five prizes.

If less than five Athletes complete the Competition, the minimum number of prizes to be distributed shall be amended to equal the number of Athletes completing.

The value of the first prize for individuals, either in cash or in kind easily convertible into cash, may never exceed one third of the total value of the prize money and prizes convertible into cash offered for the Competition.

505.3.2 Competitions with several Sections

Prize Money must be the same for each section and must be specified in the Schedule.

505.3.3 Pony Competitions

Prize money is not allowed at Pony Competitions.

ESA 505.3.3A National Federation Pony Competitions

Prize money may be awarded at Pony Competitions

505.3.4 Prize-giving

Prize winners must take part in the prize giving ceremony and should do so with the placed Horses (however if Cross Country takes place as the last test, horses are not required to take part).

The Organising Committee must officially inform competitors of the prize giving protocol and the number of prize winners required to take part in the ceremony.

If a prize winner fails to take part at the prize giving ceremony, without plausible excuse and notification to the Organising Committee, the Ground Jury, at its discretion, may decide to allow the Organising Committee to withhold the Athlete's prize.

506 Closed Circuit Television

The provision of closed-circuit television of the Cross Country Test in the Athlete enclosure close to the start and at the Control Centre for the use of the Ground Jury and Cross Country Controller is mandatory for all Five Star level Competitions (CCI5*-L star) and four and five star level Championships (CH 4&5 star).

507 Schedule and Results

507.1 Schedule

For all Competitions the schedule of the Competition drafted in the form prescribed by the FEI must be sent to the FEI for approval at the latest:

- a) Four weeks before the Competition for CCI1*-Intro, CCI2* & 3* Long or Short level
- b) Ten weeks before the Competition for CCI4* Long or short, CCI5* Long, CCIOs and CH all levels.

Failure to respect the above deadlines will be dealt according to the General Regulations provisions.

No Schedule can be approved after the closing date of the entries.

ESA 507.1.1 National Competition Schedules

For all NF Competitions, the schedule of the Competition must be sent to ESA for approval at the latest:

- a) Three weeks before the Competition, or
- b) Four weeks before the Competition for all Championship or Team Championship events.

507.2 Results

Full results of Competitions must be forwarded to the FEI by the Organising Committee preferably immediately at the end of the Event and up to a maximum of two days after the Event is finished according to the electronic format described by FEI.

Failure to respect the above deadline will be dealt according to the General Regulations provisions.

ESA 507.2.1 National Federation Competition Results

Full results of NF Competitions must be submitted to ESA by the Organising Committee immediately at the end of the Event and up to a maximum of two days after the Event is finished, or captured on ESA's Live Scoring system.

508 Invitations (International Competitions)

All invitations must be sent to National Federations and not to individual Athletes.

508.1 CIs

The National Federations to be invited, and the number of Athletes and Horses per country, are at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

One groom per Athlete must be invited.

508.2 CIOs

At least five foreign countries must be invited. The number of Athletes from the host country is unlimited.

The Organising Committee may only restrict the number of nations to be invited with the agreement of the Secretary General and the Eventing Committee.

One groom per Athlete and one Official per country must be invited.

508.3 Championships

Championships are open to all eligible Athletes and Teams. Invitations must be sent to all eligible National Federations. One groom per Athlete and two Officials per country must be invited.

509 Entries

509.0 National Federation Competitions

Entries must be made by individuals according to the conditions published by the Organising Committee in the approved schedule for the competition in the manner set out by ESA including, where applicable, on the online entry system on the ESA website.

509.1 CIs and CIOs

Entries must be made by the National Federations according to the conditions published by the Organising Committee in the approved schedule of the Competition.

509.1.1 Definite Entries

Definite Entries must be made at the latest four (4) days preceding the beginning of the Event. These represent the final selection of Athletes and Horses that may participate in the Event. Substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses may be only made in accordance to these rules.

509.2 Championships

Entries for FEI Championships and FEI World Equestrian Games must be made in accordance with the FEI General Regulations art. 116.2

Entries must be made by the National Federations in two phases as follows.

The exact dates by which entries must be received will be published in the approved schedule of the Competition.

509.2.1 Nominated Entries

At latest four weeks before the Competition each National Federation, that has made an entry in principle, including the host National Federation:

- a) May enter through the FEI Online Entry System, up to three times the number of Horses and Athletes that are entitled to start. Within this limit, there is no restriction on the number of Horses that may be entered for each Athlete.

- b) Must include the registration number for all nominated Athletes and the Horses registration and passport number if not entered through the FEI online entry system.

509.2.2 Definite Entries

At the latest four days before the first Horse Inspection of the Competition the definite entries must be validated through the FEI Online Entry System.

Each National Federation must choose from its list of nominated entries and confirm up to the maximum of its entitlement of starters.

These are the Athletes and Horses that will travel to the Competition.

After the definite entries have been sent in, substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses from the list of nominated entries may only be made with the express permission of the Organising Committee, but never less than two hours preceding the first Horse Inspection.

509.3 Certificate of Capability

For all Championships and Games, National Federations must download their Certificate of Capability through the FEI Online Entry System, and send a signed version to the FEI declaring that their Athlete and Horse have fulfilled their national requirements and reached FEI requirements by the date of the nominated entries or a different date set by the FEI.

Chapter 4 - Officials

Code of Conduct for Officials

All FEI Officials are bound by the FEI Code of Conduct (refer to General Regulations Annex H).

510 Categories of Officials

510.1 Judges

International Judges are divided into four categories:

- a) Level 1 Judges
- b) Level 2 Judges
- c) Level 3 Judges
- d) Level 4 Judges

ESA 510.1.1 National Federation Dressage Judges

National Judges for NF Competitions are divided into four categories:

- a) DSA Provincial ~~D or C Panel Judges (to become DSA Provincial Level 1)~~ List 1
- b) DSA Provincial ~~B or A Panel Judges (to become DSA Provincial Level 1)~~ List 2
- c) DSA National ~~Panel Judges~~ Lists 1 and 2
- d) FEI Dressage Judges & FEI Eventing Ground Jury Members

510.2 Technical Delegates

International Technical Delegates are divided into two categories:

- a) Level 1 Technical Delegates
- b) Level 2 Technical Delegates
- c) Level 3 Technical Delegates
- d) Level 4 Technical Delegates

ESA 510.2.1 National Technical Delegates

National Federation Technical Delegates are divided into ~~four~~ three categories:

- a) Learner Technical Delegate
- b) Provincial Technical Delegate
- c) National Technical Delegate

510.3 Course Designers

International Course Designers are divided into two categories:

- a) Level 1 Course Designers
- b) Level 2 Course Designers
- c) Level 3 Course Designers
- d) Level 4 Course Designers

ESA 510.3.1 National Course Designers

National Federation Course Designers are divided into ~~four~~three categories:

- a) Learner Course Designer
- b) Provincial Course Designer
- c) National Course Designer

Jumping Course Designers must be approved SASJ Course Designers at Provincial or National level.

510.4 Stewards

Stewards are divided into ~~three~~four Levels:

- a) Level 1
- b) Level 2
- c) Level 3
- d) Level 4

ESA 510.5 Event Judges

At National Federation Competitions, Event Judges are divided into three Levels:

- a) Learner Event Judge
- b) Provincial Event Judge
- c) National Event Judge

ESA 510.6 Jumping Judges

National Judges for National Federation Competitions are divided into three categories:

- a) SASJ Provincial Judges
- b) SASJ National Judges
- c) FEI Jumping

511 Requirements for Officials Transfer

The Eventing Committee will review the Eventing Officials Education System on a yearly basis to ensure the best practice standards. All updates will be published on the FEI website in the beginning of each calendar year.

Transfer requests must be clearly documented by the National Federation responsible in accordance with the published requirements.

511.1 Eventing Stewards specifics

All FEI listed Judges and Technical Delegates will automatically be listed as Level 1 FEI Stewards.

ESA 511.2 Event Judge specifics

A member of the National Federation council will hold the responsibility for publishing the requirements for Event Judges and for revising these requirements on a regular basis.

512 Requirements for Maintenance of Status

Note: The Eventing Education System documents provide details on the requirements on the maintenance of FEI Officials status.

Officials not fulfilling the Eventing Official Education system requirements will be transferred down or dropped from the Eventing Officials list.

ESA 512.1 Training of National Officials

The procedure for the Training and Promotion of Officials must be available from ESA to detail the steps of qualification for each type of official.

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 31.12.2024. 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 31.12.2024.~~

ESA 513.0 National Federation Competitions

The Technical Delegate will act as the ESA Representative at all Recognised Events.

ESA 513.0.1 The ESA Team

The ESA Team comprises of:

- The Technical Delegate, who is the official representative of ESA at the Event who has particular responsibility for all technical matters
- The Event Judge or Ground Jury shares with the ESA Provincial and National Technical Delegate responsibility for the interpretation and application of the ESA Rules and Guidelines.

ESA 513.0.2 Ev65 - Ev95 Levels

	Ev95	Ev85	Ev75	Ev65
Dressage Judges	1 or 2 Judges			
	At least 1 Provincial B, Provincial A or higher Dressage Judge <u>Judges must officiate at the Event; others be selected from Provincial D</u> <u>List 1 or higher.</u>			

	Ev95	Ev85	Ev75	Ev65
Event Judge	At least 1 Provincial or higher Event Judge must officiate for each Competition.			
Technical Delegate	At least 1 Provincial or higher Technical Delegate must officiate at each Event.			
Course Designer	At least 1 Provincial or higher Course Designer must officiate at the Event.			
Jumping Judge	At least 1 Provincial or higher Jumping Judge must officiate at the Event.			
Jumping Course Designer	At least 1 Provincial or higher Jumping Course Designer must officiate at the Event.			
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	Qualified and registered veterinarian, with equine veterinary experience			

ESA 513.0.3 CCN 1* and Short Format (CCNs-S)

	4 star	3 star	2 star	1 star
Dressage Judges	2 or 3 Judges			1, 2 or 3 Judges
	At least 1 from National Judges Panel, List 1 or higher, others from Provincial List 2, or higher		At least 1 judge From Provincial A and B panels, List 2 or higher	
Event Judge	National Event Judge			Provincial EJ
Technical Delegate	National TD or higher		Provincial TD or higher	
Course Designer	National Course Designer or higher		Provincial Course Designer or higher	
Jumping Judge	National Jumping Judge or higher		Provincial Jumping Judge or higher	
Jumping Course Designer	Provincial Jumping Course Designer or higher			
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	Qualified and registered veterinarian, with equine veterinary experience			

ESA 513.0.4 Long Format (CCNs-L)

	4 star	3 star	2 star
Dressage Judges	2 or 3 Judges		
	At least 1 from National Judges Panel <u>List 1 or National Ground Jury, or higher, others from Provincial B-Panel Judge</u> <u>List 2 or higher</u>		From Provincial B-Panel Judges <u>List 2 or higher</u>
Event Judge	National Panel EJ		
Technical Delegate	National Panel TD		
Course Designer	National Panel CD		
Jumping Judge	National Panel Jumping Judge		
Jumping Course Designer	National Panel Jumping Course Designer or higher		
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	Qualified and registered veterinarian, with equine veterinary experience		

ESA 513.0.5 National Championship Competitions

Where a Competition carries a "Championship" title, the following shall be the minimum requirement if the level of the Competition does not already require more senior officials.

	Championship Competition
Dressage Judges	At 2 or 3 Judges At least 1 Judge from National Judges Panel <u>List 1</u> or National Ground Jury or higher, others from Provincial B-Panel <u>List 2</u> or higher
Event Judge	National Panel EJ
Technical Delegate	National Panel TD
Course Designer	National Panel CD
Jumping Judge	National Panel Jumping Judge
Jumping Course Designer	Provincial Panel Jumping Course Designer or higher
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	Qualified and registered veterinarian, with equine veterinary experience

513.1 CCI 1*-Intro (Unified Level)

	CCI1*-Intro
Ground Jury	2 or 3 judges L2, L3 or L4 Judges list (all Judges can be national* /L1 Judges if a FEI L2, L3, or L4 TD is appointed).
Technical Delegate	L2, L3 or L4 TD list (or national* /L1 TD if one FEI L2, L3 or L4 Judge is appointed) Foreign requirements not compulsory
Course Designer	Can be national* CD or From FEI list
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from national list recommended
Veterinary Delegate	FEI Official Veterinarian in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required
Chief Steward	From FEI Eventing
Assistant Steward	Can be national* or From FEI list

~~*Note: National Officials can still be appointed where specified in the tables until 31.12.2024.~~

513.2 Short Format (CCIs-S and CCIOs-S)

	4 star	3 star	2 star
Ground Jury	2 or 3 judges L2, L3 or L4 Judges President GJ: L3 or L4	President GJ: L2, L3 or L4	
Technical Delegate	L3 or L4 TD Either Foreign TD or Foreign Member of GJ compulsory	L2, L3 or L4 TD	From FEI list Foreign requirement not compulsory

	4 star	3 star	2 star
Assistant Technical Delegate	L2, L3 or L4 TD	If appointed, TD from FEI list or national* Technical Delegate	
AUS and NZ Exceptional case only for cost reasons	Foreign requirement not compulsory, however 2 Judges, TD and CD must L3 or L4		
Course Designer	L3 or L4 CD	L2, L3 or L4 CD	National* CD or From FEI list
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from National list	Jumping CD from National list recommended	
Veterinary Delegate	FEI Official Veterinarian(s) in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations.		
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required		
Chief Steward	L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	
Assistant Stewards	From FEI list	National* Assistant Stewards or From FEI list	

~~*Note: National Officials can still be appointed where specified in the tables until 31.12.2024.~~

513.3 Long Format (CCIs-L and CCIOs-L)

	5 star	4 star	3 star	2 star
Ground Jury	3 Judges		2 or 3 Judges	
	L3 or L4 Judges President GJ – L4	L3 or L4 Judges	Judges from L2, L3 or L4 list	National* /L1 of FEI list Judges President GJ – L2, L3 or L4
	Foreign member of GJ compulsory		Foreign Official compulsory (either GJ, TD or CD)	
Technical Delegate	L4 TD	L3 or L4 TD	TD from FEI Level 2 or 3 list	
Assistant Technical Delegate	L2, L3 or L4 TD		If appointed, TD from FEI list or National* Technical Delegate	
Course Designer	L4 CD	L3 or L4 CD	L2, L3 or L4 CD	CD may be national* or From FEI list
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from FEI 3&4 Jumping list	Jumping CD from National List	Jumping CD from National List recommended	
Veterinary Delegate	FEI Official Veterinarian(s) in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations.			
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required			

	5 star	4 star	3 star	2 star
Chief Steward	L4 Eventing Steward	L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	
Assistant Stewards	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	From FEI list or National* Eventing Steward	From FEI list or National* Eventing Steward	

~~*Note: National Officials can still be appointed where specified in the tables until 31.12.2024~~

513.4 Ground Jury President Appointment - Additional Requirements

For 4 & 5 star Competitions the highest FEI Level 3 or 4 Judge must be appointed as President of the Ground Jury.

513.4.1 CCI5*-L

The Ground Jury and Technical Delegate for 5 star events will be appointed by the Organising Committee in consultation with the FEI according to requirements set by the Eventing Committee and published on the FEI Website.

The Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Course Designer must be selected from the FEI Level 3 Lists.

513.5 Championships & Games

	W-CH & Olympic Games	4 star	3 star	2 star
Ground Jury	L4 Judges	L3 or L4 Judges President GJ – L4	L3 or L4 Judges	
	Minimum one Foreign GJ member			
	Jumping Judge from FEI list is compulsory			
Technical Delegate	L4 TD		L3 or L4 TD	
Assistant Technical Delegate	L2, L3 or L4 TD		From FEI TD list or National* Technical Delegate	
Course Designer	L4 CD		L3 or L4 CD	
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from 3&4 FEI Jumping list		Jumping CD from national list	
Veterinary Commission	Foreign Veterinary Delegate and additional Veterinary delegate in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations			
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of Level 1 Veterinarian Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/or Course Veterinarian(s), as required.			
Chief Steward	L4 Eventing Steward		L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	
Assistant Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward			

~~*Note: National Officials can still be appointed where specified in the tables until 31.12.2024~~

513.5.1 Championships and Games

The Ground Jury, Foreign Technical Delegate will be appointed by the FEI in consultation with the Organising Committee. All Eventing Officials must be selected from the FEI Level 3 list. The Veterinary Commission and/or Foreign Veterinary Delegate will be appointed in accordance with the VRs

513.6 Veterinarians (please refer to Veterinary Regulations)

For Eventing Nations Cup, the Veterinary Officials required are the following:

Veterinary Officials	Minimum Level	Number
Veterinary Delegate	Level 3 Eventing OV	1
Additional Veterinary Delegates*	If appointed, Level 2 Eventing OV	
Veterinary Services Manager	Level 1 OV	

* Please refer to Veterinary Regulations, additional Veterinary Delegates will be compulsory if more than 400 horses at the event/venue

513.7 Stewards

513.7.1 FEI Chief Steward

For each Event a Chief Steward must be chosen from the FEI list of Stewards and appointed by the Organising Committee to be responsible for all Stewarding matters related to that Event. The Chief Steward is a key member of the team of Officials working with the Technical Delegate and Organising Committee.

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 must hold at least a Level 1 status. ~~National Officials can still be appointed until 31.12.2024 and if this is 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 Appointment Additional Requirements and Restrictions

513.8.1 Ground Jury

The same combination of members of a Ground Jury may not be appointed for two (2) consecutive years or three (3) consecutive Events at the same venue. No Judge may serve as a member of a Ground Jury at more than five (5) CCI-L at 4* and 5* Star level events in any calendar year.

513.8.2 Technical Delegates

A Technical Delegate cannot officiate at the same venue for more than three (3) consecutive years or four (4) consecutive Events. A Technical Delegate cannot officiate at more than five Long Format Competitions in any calendar year.

513.8.3 Number of Technical Delegates per Event

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

- One Technical Delegate must be appointed for two Competitions.
- 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.

The main Technical Delegate must be selected from the FEI TD list in accordance with the requirements set out in ~~this Article~~ Articles 513.1, 513.2, 513.3 and 51.3.5, additional Technical Delegates can be appointed from the ~~national* list or~~ FEI Technical Delegates list (L1 to L4).

~~*Note: National TD still allowed until 31.12.2024.~~

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 31.12.2024.~~

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

513.8.5 Balance of Experience and Expertise

For CIs at 4&5 star level in special circumstances, the FEI has the right, in a timely manner, to consult with the Organising Committee and ask for a different balance of experience and expertise within the team of Officials proposed in the schedule of the Competition.

513.8.6 Course Designers

A Course Designer must not officiate at the same Venue for more than six (6) consecutive years at CCI4*-S and CCI4*-L including Championships and for more than eight (8) consecutive years at CCI5*-L. The Course Designer may officiate again after a break of 3 years.

Note: this requirement is included as of 1 January 2023 and will not apply retroactively.

ESA 513.8.7 ESA Team Requirements

The ESA Team, appointed for a National Competition, consists of Technical Delegate, Ground Jury or Event Judge and Course Designer.

To ensure that officials work with different officials, the same combination of members of an ESA Team may not be appointed for more than three (3) events before each member must be appointed to an ESA Team with another combination of people. It is not sufficient to merely switch roles between the same people.

Where an Organising Committee cannot find officials that meet these criteria, they must approach ESA for written approval to waive these restrictions. Any such waiver will apply to the event in question only and must be applied for separately for each subsequent event, if required.

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 31.12.2024.~~
- 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 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).

~~This exemption from the general rule for conflicts of interest cannot be granted to Course Designers acting as Chef d'Equipe or Official Trainers of teams and/or individuals participating at that Event (Official Code of Conduct).~~

~~In the case the exemption is granted, the duty of building the Jumping course must be delegated to a Jumping Course Designer according to tables in Art 513.~~

514 Officials Remunerations

Per-diem for Judges, Technical Delegates and Chief Stewards:

A per diem of EUR 100 per day is recommended (remuneration for miscellaneous costs). This amount is net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC). The per diem is due for all officiating days, plus one. At the discretion of the Official, the per-diem may be forfeited.

515 Duties of Officials

The Ground Jury, Technical Delegate(s), Course Designer and Veterinary Delegate, in conjunction with the Organising Committee, shall endeavour to ensure that all the arrangements for the Competition are fair, safe and appropriate.

This shall include the arenas, courses, obstacles and footing with special regard to the level of difficulty of the Cross Country and Jumping courses that must in all cases fully respect the level of the Competition.

Ensuring the correct level of difficulty of the Cross Country and Jumping courses according to the relative star level of the Competition is paramount in order to achieve a correct and effective technical progression of Horses and Athletes throughout the levels.

515.1 Jurisdiction of Officials

The period of jurisdiction of the Ground Jury commences one hour before the beginning of the first Horse Inspection or one hour prior to the start of the Dressage Test, whichever is earlier, and terminates half an hour after the announcement of the final results. However, the Ground Jury has full jurisdiction also from when they inspect and approve the cross country course.

515.2 Ground Jury

515.2.1 General Duties

The Ground Jury is ultimately responsible for the judging of the Competition and for settling all problems that may arise during its jurisdiction.

Any member of the Ground Jury shall have the duty and full authority at any time during the Competition to eliminate from the Competition any Horse that is lame, sick or exhausted and any Athlete that is unfit to continue.

The Ground Jury will also be responsible for monitoring and taking action in any case of dangerous riding (art. 525) and abuse of Horse.

515.2.2 Inspection and Approval of Courses

The Ground Jury inspects and approves the Cross Country and Jumping courses with the Technical Delegate and the Course Designer. If, after consultation with the Technical Delegate, the Ground Jury is not satisfied with the courses, it is authorised to modify them.

515.2.3 Horse Inspection

The Ground Jury will conduct the first and second Horse Inspections with the Veterinary Delegate.

515.2.4 Dressage Test

The Ground Jury will judge the Dressage Test.

515.2.5 Cross Country Test

The Ground Jury will be responsible for determining objections against decisions by technical personnel, including Fence Judges and Timekeepers, on the Cross Country Test and may substitute their judgement for that of any Judge or Official, whether in favour of the Athlete or not.

During Cross Country either the President of the Ground Jury must be in Cross Country Control or, if the President of the Ground Jury does not speak or understand the language which is being used for communication purposes, one of the members of the Ground Jury who does speak and understand the language must be there instead.

The President, in consultation with the Technical Delegate, shall make this decision and will decide about the role and positioning of the other Ground Jury members during the Cross Country Test.

The President and the members of the Ground Jury shall retain the same task throughout the Cross Country Test.

515.2.6 Jumping Test

The Ground Jury will be responsible for the judging of the Jumping Test.

At all Games and Championships the Ground Jury must be assisted by a Jumping Judge from the FEI list.

At all other Events such assistance is optional. Should any member of the Ground Jury be also a qualified Jumping Judge, no additional member is required.

It is essential that the President of the Ground Jury or appointed Jumping Judge be in control of the bell.

At Short Format Competitions (CCI-S), if the Jumping takes place while other phases are also happening, this task may be delegated to a qualified national Jumping Judge with an understanding of FEI rules.

ESA 515.2A Event Judge

In National Federation Competitions, an Event Judge may be appointed in the place of a Ground Jury. Wherever these rules otherwise require a Ground Jury or the President of the Ground Jury insofar as a National Federation Competition is concerned, such functions or duties of the Ground Jury will be undertaken by the ESA Team as defined in art. ESA 513.0.1.

ESA 515.2A.1 General Duties

The Event Judge will assume responsibility for ensuring that ESA and SAEF Rules are followed, and that the welfare of the horse is held paramount.

The Event Judge will, in all Competitions at an Event not being judged by a Ground Jury:

- a) Walk the Cross Country course and reach agreement with the Technical Delegate and Course Designer with all aspects in terms of the judging of the various obstacles.
- b) Supervise the scoring and recording throughout all of the Tests.
- c) Be responsible for the supervision of the Fence Judges, Time Keepers, Scorers and Recorders.
- d) Brief Fence Judges and other Officials ahead of the Cross Country Test.
- e) Determine the final placings, and be responsible with the Show Organiser, for the prize giving.
- f) Adjudicate on objections and disciplinary matters with the assistance of the Technical Delegate as part of the ESA Team.

515.3 Technical Delegate

515.3.1 General Duties

The Technical Delegate will approve the technical and administrative arrangements for the conduct of the Competition including examinations and inspections of Horses, accommodation of Horses and Athletes, stewarding of the Competition, liaison with the Chief Medical Officer in regard to the Medical plan as well as the implementation of the Serious Incident Management Protocol.

The authority of the Technical Delegate shall be absolute until the Technical Delegate has reported to the Ground Jury that the Technical Delegate is satisfied with all the arrangements. Thereafter, the Technical Delegate will continue to supervise the technical and administrative conduct of the Event and will advise and assist the Ground Jury, Veterinary Commission and the Organising Committee.

515.3.2 Courses and Arenas

For all three tests the Technical Delegate will inspect and approve the courses, arenas and facilities for exercising and training, including the type and dimensions of obstacles and measurements of courses, with particular reference to their suitability for the level of the Competition.

The Technical Delegate is specifically required to measure all courses with a mechanical wheel to ensure they are of the indicated distances. The Technical Delegate must be able to inspect the courses early enough to allow for modifications to be made.

The Technical Delegate will supervise the briefing and conduct of all technical personnel (i.e. fence Judges, timekeepers).

515.3.3 Instruction to Officials

Where there is any doubt as to the correct interpretation of the rules of judging any element, obstacle or combination of obstacles, it is recommended that the Technical Delegate, in consultation with the Ground Jury if possible, should approve the instructions to the Officials, providing a rough sketch if necessary, and all Athletes will be informed at the briefing or as soon as possible after the Technical Delegates decision, if later.

515.3.4 Scoring

The Technical Delegate will investigate all enquiries regarding scoring, including penalties awarded, and report to and advise the Ground Jury on any decisions they are required to make. The Technical Delegate shall be responsible for signing off the final results of the Competition(s).

515.3.5 Abuse of Horse and/or Dangerous Riding

The Technical Delegate has the authority to warn or stop an Athlete on Cross Country course for dangerous riding (art. 525), riding an exhausted Horse, excessive pressing of a tired Horse, riding an obviously lame Horse, excessive use of whip and/or spurs (art. 526).

515.3.6 Reporting to the FEI

The Technical Delegate is responsible for reporting back to FEI Headquarters within 10 days following the end of the Event.

ESA 515.3.7 Reporting to the National Federation

The Technical Delegate is responsible for reporting back to ESA within 10 days following the end of the Event in the format prescribed by ESA including, where applicable, the online reporting form.

515.4 Course Designer

All Course Designers designing a 4 or 5 star course for the first time must be mentored and shadowed by an experienced Course Designer at the same level.

The Course Designer must be present at the Cross Country course inspection with the specific Ground Jury for the Cross Country course for which the Course Designer is responsible. If for any serious reason, the appointed Course Designer cannot be present also during the Cross Country Test, this information needs to be reported to the FEI with a proposal for replacement before the start of the Event.

Any infringement of this article will be reported to the FEI Secretary General

515.4.1 Cross Country

The Course Designer is responsible for the layout, measurement, preparation and marking of the route for the Cross Country and for the design, construction and marking of the obstacles on Cross Country.

The Course Designer role during the Cross country test is to work with the Technical Delegate and Ground Jury to deal with judging queries, sanctions (dangerous riding, abuse of horse, incorrect behaviour, welfare of the horse), reviewing of course/fences during XC in case of repetitive falls or weather situations.

The Course Designers are responsible to ensure that all frangible technologies are fitted in accordance to the rules & up to date guidelines.

515.4.2 Jumping

The Course Designer is ultimately responsible for the layout, design and construction of the Jumping course and the Course Designer must ensure that the course complies with all the current Eventing Rules.

The duty of building the Jumping course will eventually be delegated to a Jumping Course Designer according to tables in Art 513.

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.

515.5 Veterinary Delegate/Commission (refer to Veterinary Regulations)

ESA 515.5.1 National Federation Competitions (refer to SAEF Veterinary Regulations)

For National Federation Competitions, a qualified and currently registered Veterinarian must be appointed by the Organising Committee for the duration of the competition according to the prevailing SAEF Veterinary Guidelines.

The Veterinarian must be on the Cross Country track for the full duration of the Cross Country Test. While it is preferable that the Veterinarian is on site during the Jumping Test, it is permissible that they be no more than 15 minutes away.

515.6 Stewards (Stewarding Team)

The duties of the Stewarding team is to assist the Organising Committee, Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Athletes in the conduct of the Competition according to the FEI Rules, paying due respect to the guidelines defined in the Code of Conduct for Welfare of the Horse and that a level playing field is provided for all Athletes participating in the Event.

During the three days before the start of the first Horse Inspection or the Dressage Test, as applicable, the Stewarding team is responsible for the application of the FEI rules.

Specifically, but not exclusively, their duties cover planning and supervision of work in all exercise, practice, warm-up, and stable areas, checking of dress and saddlery, assistance with Horse examinations and Inspections, and will be involved in the Medication control of Horses (EADCMR) and for Athletes (ADRHA) if required. They are expected to work closely with the Organising Committee, Athletes, Technical Delegates and other Officials.

ESA 515.6.1 Stewards at National Federation Competitions

The appointment of Stewards or a Stewarding Team is not required for National Federation Competitions where their role will be assumed by the Technical Delegate and Event Judge.

ESA 515.7 Fence Judges

Fence Judges must be appointed for all obstacles on the course, but one Fence Judge may take charge of more than one obstacle, provided that they are all clearly visible, and the Fence Judge is in a position to maintain adequate control in case of needing to stop a Horse, replace a knocked flag or inspect frangible devices.

Chapter 5 Technical Requirements for Participation

516 Principles

In order to be entered in an international Competition Athletes and Horses must first and foremost fulfil the criteria set by their National Federation.

In addition to the criteria set by National Federations the eligibility to compete will be determined by the achievement of a number of Minimum Eligibility Requirements (art. 517) in international Competitions. MERs have to be achieved by the Horse or by the Athlete/Horse as a combination according to the level of competence/experience (Art. 519 Athletes Categories) of the Athlete and the level of the Competition.

National Federations are encouraged to set stronger and additional criteria to FEIs minimum requirements for Horses and Athletes.

Organising Committees, with the approval of the FEI and their own National Federation, may also impose additional criteria for Horses and/or Athletes, which must be published in the schedule approved by the FEI.

The Technical Delegate, or their nominee, shall check that all Horses and Athletes are correctly entered by their National Federation and registered with the FEI.

ESA 516.1 Additional Qualification Requirements

With the approval of the National Eventing Council, in the case of CCN2* and above, and their own Provincial Eventing Council in respect of other classes, OCs may impose additional qualifications for horses and/or riders, which must be published in the schedule.

517 Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)

A Minimum Eligibility Requirement is achieved by completing a Competition within minimum parameters of all round performance as follows:

- a) Dressage Test: not more than 45 penalty points (or 55%).
- b) Cross Country test:
 - i) Cross Country Test: A clear round at obstacles (activating a maximum of one frangible device or having a maximum of one missing flag will maintain the MER result on Cross Country)
 - ii) Not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross Country Test for one, two, three and four star level Competitions and 100 seconds in the case of five star level Competitions.
- c) Jumping test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

Note: All MERs obtained in previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.

ESA 517.1 MER Parameters for ~~Ev85 and Ev95~~ NF Competitions

~~For Ev85 and Ev95 Where MERs are required for NF Levels, the only requirement is a clear round at obstacles~~ MER parameters as given in Art 517 will apply, including the time limit of not more than 75 seconds exceeding the Optimum Time in the Cross Country test, ~~and to complete the other two Tests in the Competition.~~

518 Minimum Eligibility Requirement Validity Period

518.1 Championships

The valid period for obtaining a Minimum Eligibility Requirement is from the preceding calendar year to the closing date of the nominated entries.

518.2 CIs & CIOs

The valid period for obtaining a Minimum Eligibility Requirement is anytime until:

- At least 24 days before the Cross Country Test of the Competition for which is needed if the MER has been achieved at a Long Format Competition (CCIs-L).
- At least 10 days before the Cross Country Test of the Competition for which is needed if it has been achieved at a Short Format Competition (CCIs-S).

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

Horses having not 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~~ fulfil the below additional requirement(s) before entering a CCI4*-S/L or CCI5*-L Event as follows:

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

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

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.*

ESA 518.4 CNs and Ev95

MER's must be achieved before the closing date of entries of the Event for which it is required and in the Calendar Year in question or in the preceding two (2) Calendar Years.

519 Athletes Categories

FEI Athlete categories for Eventing define a recognition of proven competence of the Athlete at a certain level.

Athletes will be categorised (Uncategorised International, D, C, B, A) according to their performance in a rolling four years period as defined in the following table.

W-CH and OG to count as 5star level MER towards Athlete categorisation.

D	Ten (10) MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of two star level or above; or three (3) MERs at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format competitions at higher level.
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C	Ten (10) MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of three star level or above; or three (3) MERs at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format competitions at higher level
B	Ten (10) MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of four star level or above; or three (3) MERs at FEI long format (CCIs-L) competitions at five star level.
A	Ten (10) MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of four star level or above of which three (3) at five star level.

The Athlete category will be updated according to the performances on at the end of each month taking into account the rolling four and a half years (4.5) in order to take into consideration the cancellation of events due to the 2020 Covid pandemic.

The Athlete category at the closing date of definite entries prevails.

ESA 519.1 National Federation Athletes Categories

Athlete categorisation will not be considered for MERs towards National Federation levels.

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:

- The 1st activation of a frangible/deformable device (11 penalties) or having 1 missed flag (15 penalties) will still allow a MER.
- 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

Level	All Athletes	Requirements
	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 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 Athletes can compete at any Level up to, and including, that for which they have qualified. In order to progress to the next Level above that for which they are qualified, both Athlete and Horse are required to achieve the prescribed number of Minimum Eligibility Requirements MER's individually or combined. MERs are required by both Athlete and Horse, individually or combined, to compete at the next higher level.

Any new combination of Athlete and Horse must achieve all Combination MERs required to compete at the lower of the qualification levels of Horse and Athlete. For example, if a Senior Athlete, qualified to ride at 2* Level, wishes to ride a new Horse, qualified to ride at 3*, the Combination must first achieve the necessary combination MERs at 1* level before the combination is permitted to ride at 2*.

A Long format MER is equally acceptable as a short format MER.

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

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

A Horse, who fails to obtain an MER from 5 consecutive competitions in which at least the Dressage test is completed, will lose its qualification to ride at the highest of the levels started. The Horse must requalify for that level by obtaining, again, the MERs required. Any MERs obtained prior to the run of consecutive non-MER results will not count towards requalification.

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 <u>2 MERs at Ev75 level</u>	None <u>2 MERs at Ev75 level</u>
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 <u>3 MERs at Ev95 level as a combination</u>
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

ESA 520.2 Certification of Qualification for Events

In order to facilitate this certification, ESA will keep on record for a period of 5 years, for each and every event the following documents:

- Show Schedule;
- Official Programme with advertised Prize Money;
- Full Official Computerised Result Sheets with Prize Money; and
- The Technical Delegate's Report which is available to all TDs for future reference. This Report is also available to the SHB/OC

All qualifying events must be identified, and any National or Provincial events must be certified by the Technical Delegate as of at least the equivalent standard of difficulty as the international star competition of the same level and in compliance with the specifications set out in Annexures B and C.

Should an event be declared by the Technical Delegate to be unsuitable for qualifying, an announcement to this effect should be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Event.

521 Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Championships & Games

For Championships & Games all Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs) must be achieved as a combination and must be clear on the obstacles of the Cross Country Test. The 1st activation of a frangible /deformable device (11 penalties) or having 1 Missed flag (15 penalties) will still allow a MER.

This includes MER obtained as per NF Requirements

Level	Requirements
CH 2*	1 CCI2*-L
CH 3*	1 CCI3*-L
CH 4*	1 CCI4*-L
W-CH & Olympic Games	1 CCI5*-L or (1 CCI4*-L + 1 CCI4*-S)

For the valid period of obtaining a minimum eligibility, refer to article above: Minimum Eligibility Requirement Validity period.

Qualification for Young Horse Championships will be established separately by the Eventing Committee on an annual basis.

ESA 521.1 Additional Requirements for National Federation Championships

The additional MER requirements listed in Article 521 shall apply only for International Championships and Games. There may be special requirements, approved by the National Federation, for Championship Events, which must be advertised in the Schedule.

522 Reverse Qualification

522.1 Reverse Qualification – Horse

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 (2) consecutive Cross Country eliminations; or
- a total of three (3) Cross Country eliminations within a twelve (12) months rolling period of time in international Competitions.

For this purpose the relevant reasons of elimination on Cross Country would be:

- Three (3) refusals
- Fall of Horse or Athlete
- Dangerous riding

Reverse qualifications remain unless cleared by a MER.

In the case of a reverse qualification at certain level the Horse must obtain a Minimum Eligibility Requirement in an international Competition at the level below before being allowed to compete again at the original level (e.g. Horse with 2 eliminations at 3 star level (any format) must obtain MER at 2 star level (any format) before going back to 3 star level (any format).

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

If a reverse qualification is triggered following eliminations at 2 star level (any format) then the NF must assess the Horse at National level or at a CC11* competition and provide a written report to the FEI Eventing Department before the Horse may again take part in any international Eventing Competition. The same principle applies to ponies reverse qualified at CCIP2 level.

ESA 522.1.1 Reverse Qualifications for National Federation Competitions

The provisions in Art. 522.1 shall apply, except for the following:

A reverse qualification is triggered by:

- a) two (2) consecutive Cross Country eliminations; or
- b) a total of three (3) Cross Country eliminations within a twelve (12) month rolling period of time across National and International Competitions.

For this purpose, the relevant reasons of elimination on Cross Country would be:

- a) Elimination due to cumulative refusals
- b) Fall of Horse or Athlete
- c) Dangerous riding

522.2 Reverse Qualification - Athlete

In addition to the above, should an Athlete be fully involved with two (2) reverse qualifications within a twelve (12) months rolling period of time, their category (Art 519) will drop down one (1) level for one (1) year, as of the date of the second reverse qualification.

One XC elimination can trigger 2 reverse qualifications if it fulfils the criteria of two consecutive Cross Country eliminations and three within a twelve months rolling period.

Chapter 6 Athletes and Horses Welfare

523 Athletes Welfare

523.1 Medical Information

To ensure that vital information is available to first aid or medical personnel in case of emergency, 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 (Organising Committees 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:

- Serious head/spinal injury
- Concussion having occurred during the last three months
- Chronic health problems such as diabetes, epilepsy
- Anticoagulation (blood thinners)
- Serious allergies

If in doubt, the Athlete should discuss this with their own treating physician.

523.2 Medical Fitness

If there is any doubt with regard to fitness to compete of an Athlete, the Ground Jury, in consultation with the Official Medical Officer, may at its own discretion, eliminate the Athlete and decide also about their ineligibility to take part in any other Competition at that Event.

Any such elimination must be reported to the FEI through the Technical Delegate report.

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. Athletes should not re-mount their horse until the examination has been completed. 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 an Eventing Recorded Warning, which will be delivered to their National Federation.

523.4 Concussion

When an Athlete has an accident that results in concussion, the Athlete must be eliminated from the Competition and is ineligible to take part in any other Competition at that Event.

524 Horses Welfare

The FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse should be respected at all times including and not limited to during training, preparation, travel competition, recovery and otherwise.

524.1 Veterinary Examination on Arrival

This takes place on the arrival of Horses at the Event. It is performed by the Veterinary Delegate or their deputy, who must be a qualified veterinarian. The object is to establish: first each Horse's identity, vaccination history (vaccination, etc.) other passport details and second, each Horse's state of health.

The Organising Committee must fix the place and timetable for this examination in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate and inform the Chefs d'Equipe and/or the Athletes in advance. Doubtful cases must be reported to the Ground Jury as soon as practicable and, normally, before the first Horse Inspection.

ESA 524.1.1 Examination on Arrival at National Federation Competitions

A veterinary examination on arrival is not required.

524.2 Horse Inspections

The Horse Inspections shall be open to viewing by the public.

524.2.1 First Horse Inspection

This takes place before the Dressage Test, not more than 24 hours prior to the beginning of the Dressage test. It is conducted by the Ground Jury and the Veterinary Delegate acting together as an Inspection Panel with the President of the Ground Jury in charge.

The Horses, presented by their respective Athlete, must be inspected in hand, at rest and in movement on a firm level, clean but not slippery surface.

The Inspection Panel has the right and the duty to eliminate from the Competition any Horse that they judge is unfit, whether on account of lameness, lack of condition or for any other reason.

In the case that the fitness to compete is questionable the Ground Jury may refer the Horse to the Holding box for examination by the Holding Box Veterinarian.

Should the Athlete decide to present the Horse for Re-inspection, the Holding Box Veterinarian will report any findings to the Inspection Panel prior to the Horse being re-inspected.

Horses in the Holding Box will be under the supervision and control of a Steward and the Holding Box Veterinarian.

In the Event of equality of votes within the Inspection Panel, the President of the Ground Jury will have a second and casting vote, and the decision will be announced immediately.

524.2.2 Second Horse Inspection

This takes place before the Jumping Test. It is conducted by the same Inspection Panel and under the same conditions as the first Horse Inspection.

524.2.3 Option for Horse Inspection at Short Competitions (CCI-S)

At a short Competition the First Horse Inspection is optional, however if one is to be held the details must be published in the schedule of the Competition.

In the Event that there is no First Horse Inspection, an FEI Official Veterinarian must assess the Horse's fitness to compete including a brief trot within the Examination on Arrival pursuant to 524.1 of these

Eventing rules. Horses deemed by the FEI Official Veterinarian to be unfit to compete must be reported to the Ground Jury.

In a Short Format competition, the Second Horse Inspection will be compulsory if the Jumping Test is the last test.

ESA 524.2.4 Horse Inspections at National Federation Competitions

The provisions of article 524.2 will apply only to National Federation Competitions at CCN2*-L and higher Competitions. The Horse Inspection will be undertaken by the Veterinarian appointed on the schedule with the ESA Team. This Veterinarian will also undertake the role of the Holding Box veterinarian as contemplated above. The Veterinarian will recommend to the ESA Team whether the horse is fit to compete.

Where a Horse Inspection may be listed as optional in these provisions, Athletes must be notified in the Schedule that a Horse Inspection is to take place.

524.3524.4 Horse Fall systematic interview

Following any Horse Fall on Cross Country, a systematic interview/discussion must take place between the Athlete and the Ground Jury (President or Member) and/or the Technical Delegate.

524.4 Horse Welfare During the Competition

At any time during the Competition, the Ground Jury, in consultation with the Veterinary Delegate, has the right and the duty to eliminate any Horse which, in their opinion, is lame or is unfit to continue.

524.34.1 Cross Country - Warm Up

There will be a veterinarian, appointed by the Organising Committee in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate, near the start of the Cross Country to report any doubtful cases to the Ground Jury.

524.34.2 Cross Country - Finishing Area

A veterinary examination will take place after the Horse has finished the Cross Country. It is conducted by a qualified veterinarian appointed by the Organising Committee in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate. In addition to carrying out any immediate treatment required by an injured or exhausted Horse, this veterinarian will decide if each Horse:

- a) Is fit to return immediately on foot to its own stable.
- b) Should remain for further treatment before returning to its stable.
- c) Should be transported by vehicle either direct to its stable or to a veterinary hospital.

This veterinarian has no authority to eliminate any Horse from the Competition, but must report any doubtful case of abuse of horse to the Ground Jury and to the Veterinary Delegate.

An Athlete who has retired, has been eliminated or stopped during the Cross Country Test is responsible to make sure their Horse has been checked by the Veterinary Delegate or an appointed veterinarian before leaving the venue.

Any Athlete who leaves the venue without submitting to the veterinary check required under this Article will automatically be issued an Eventing Recorded Warning, which will be delivered to their National Federation.

ESA 524.34.3 Examination after Fall

Following a fall or injury of a Horse whilst not competing, the official Veterinarian must clear the Horse to compete further. A Horse who has fallen during a Test may not be ridden in any subsequent Tests, even *hors concours*.

524.45 Appeal

At the two Horse Inspections and at any time during the Competition where a Horse may be eliminated for Horse welfare reasons, there can be no appeal against the decision of the Ground Jury.

However, if requested, the president must give a reason for the decision.

ESA 524.45.1 Appeal at National Federation Competitions

The ESA Team acts in place of the Ground Jury when welfare decisions are made. For competitions held without a Ground Jury, if requested, the Technical Delegate or Event Judge may give a reason for the decision.

524.56 Equine Anti-doping and Controlled Medication Testing

Refer to Veterinary Regulations and EADCMRs.

ESA 524.56.1 Testing at National Federation Competitions

Testing may take place at all recognised events under SAEF Veterinary Regulations.

ESA 524.67 Veterinary Services Required

A Veterinarian must be on site for the Cross Country and recommended for the Show Jumping Test.

An appointed Veterinarian must be on call at all other times during and event.

ESA 524.67.1 Horse Ambulance at the Event

A horsebox must be present at the Cross Country Test and attached to a vehicle, preferably with 4x4 capabilities, located near or at the start of Cross Country Track.

The horsebox must be equipped with screens to surround a horse that might be injured. Additional screens should be given to a rapid response vehicle that is likely to arrive before the horse ambulance.

ESA 524.67.2 SAEF Veterinary Regulations

Organising Committees are advised to consult the SAEF Veterinary Regulations for additional requirements for Veterinary Control at SAEF Events (Chapter IV) and should be familiar with the requirements for Emergency Procedures (Chapter VIII).

525 Dangerous Riding

525.1 Definition

Any Athletes who, at any time during the Competition deliberately or unintentionally by incompetence are exposing themselves, their 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.
- k) Pressing a tired Horse.

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. In addition, the Course Designer has the right and the duty to monitor possible cases of dangerous riding on the cross country course and to report the case to the Ground Jury who will take a decision regarding the elimination of the combination.

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.

ESA 525.1.1 Definition of dangerous riding at National Federation Competitions

Dangerous riding at National Federation Competitions shall be as set out in 525.1 above in all respects except in respect of item g) where in the levels Ev65 to Ev95 inclusive, the number of clear refusals allowed is "four".

525.2 Warnings and Penalties

All cases of Dangerous Riding will incur an Eventing Recorded Warning. In addition, depending on the circumstances of the case, either of the following measures may be imposed:

- a) 25 penalties
- b) Elimination

Note: 25 penalties are considered as an addition to scores and can be given at any time during the competition. The penalties must be reported in the results as Cross Country obstacle penalties, Dressage penalties or Jumping obstacle penalties. Any of the above sanctions applied must always be reported by the Technical Delegate to the FEI and added on the Athlete sanction list.

ESA 525.2.1 Warnings and Penalties at National Federation Competitions

In National Federation Competitions, the sanctions must be reported by the Technical Delegate to the National Federation within 24 hours of the completion of the Competition.

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 their ability to control the Horse in that test. In addition, the Athlete must receive an Eventing Recorded Warning.

526 Abuse of Horse

526.1 Definition

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~~Continued pressing of a tired Horse.
- d) Riding an obviously lame Horse.
- e) Excessive use of whip, bit and/or spurs.
- f) Horses bleeding indicating excessive use of the whip and/or spurs.
- g) Overriding: abuse of horse that does not necessarily induce visible marks
- h) Serious case of dangerous riding

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 considered as abuse of Horse will incur a Yellow Warning Card. In addition, depending on the circumstances of the case, one or more of the following measures may also be imposed:

- a) 25 penalties
- b) Elimination
- c) Fine
- d) Disqualification.

All cases of riding an exhausted horse will incur a Yellow Warning Card and Disqualification and the case will be referred to the FEI for further disciplinary action.

ESA 526.2.1 Warnings and Penalties at National Federation Competitions

In the case of National Federation Competitions, the case may be referred to the National Federation for further disciplinary action.

526.3 Use of the Whip

Excessive and/or misuse of the whip maybe considered abuse of Horse and will be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury according to but not limited to the following principles:

- a) The whip is not to be used to vent an Athlete temper.
- b) The whip is not to be used after elimination.
- c) The whip is not to be used after a Horse has jumped the last fence on a course.
- d) The whip is not to be used overhand, (i.e. a whip in the right hand being used on the left flank).
- e) The whip is not to be used on a Horse head.
- f) The whip is not to be used more than two times for any one incident.
- g) Multiple excessive uses of a whip between fences.
- h) If a Horse's skin is broken or has visible marks, the use of whip will always be deemed to be excessive.

526.4 Blood on Horses

Blood on Horses must be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury. Not all cases of blood will lead to elimination, an Eventing Recorded Warning or a Yellow Warning Card.

Dressage Test: If the Ground Jury suspects bleeding on the Horse during the test, the Ground Jury will stop the Horse to check. If the Horse shows fresh blood, it will be eliminated. The elimination is final. If the Judge through examination clarifies that the Horse has no fresh blood, the Horse may resume and finish its test (refer to FEI Dressage Rules).

Cross Country Test: For the Cross Country Test, all athlete induced (spurs, bit and whip) blood on the horse, must be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury. If the horse shows fresh blood, Officials may authorize the rinsing or wiping of the mouth and if there is no further evidence of bleeding, the athlete is allowed to continue. Cases of significant blood will result in Elimination

Jumping Test: Horses with blood on the flank(s) and/or bleeding in the mouth will be eliminated. In minor cases of blood, 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 Athlete to continue; any further evidence of blood in the mouth will result in Elimination (refer article 241).

For all minor cases (*) of blood induced by the Athlete in the mouth or related to spurs an Eventing Recorded Warning will be issued by the Ground Jury after providing the Athlete the opportunity to have a hearing.

(*)The cases indicating Abuse of Horse will be dealt with according to the provision of Art. 526.2 (Abuse of Horse – Warnings and Penalties).

527 Eventing Recorded Warning, Yellow Warning Cards & Suspension

The following actions will automatically result in the following sanction for the Athlete:

- a) An Eventing Recorded Warning will be systematically awarded for the following offence:
 - i) Athlete continues after clear 3 refusals, a fall, or any form of elimination.
 - ii) Any other case of Dangerous Riding
 - iii) Athlete not seeing a doctor after a fall
 - iv) Athlete leaving the venue after having retired, been eliminated or stopped during the Cross Country Test without having their Horse checked by the Veterinary Delegate
 - v) All cases of minor Blood on Horse caused by the Athlete either in the mouth or on flanks from spurs as a minimum or by stronger sanction(s) (as provided for under Art. 526.2).
 - vi) for pressing a tired horse together with 25 penalties
- b) Yellow Card Warning Card will be systematically awarded for the following offence:
 - i) All cases of excessive use of whip, as defined above, or by stronger sanction(s) (as provided for under Art. 526.2).
 - ii) Any other cases of Abuse of Horse
 - iii) ~~Excessive~~Continued pressing of a tired horse
 - iv) Riding an Exhausted horse coupled in addition to Disqualification

Before issuing an Eventing Recorded Warning or 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 an Eventing Recorded Warning or a Yellow Warning Card.

In the case of an Eventing Recorded Warning or a Yellow Warning Card being issued, 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.

If after reasonable efforts the Athlete cannot be notified during the Period of the Event that the Athlete has received an Eventing Recorded Warning or a Yellow Warning Card, the Athlete must be notified in writing within fourteen (14) days of the Event.

Should the same Person Responsible receive three (3) or more Eventing Recorded Warning at the same or any other International Event within two (2) years (24 months) of the delivery of the first Eventing Recorded Warning, for any offence, the Person Responsible shall be automatically suspended for a period of two (2) months after official notification from, or on behalf of, the FEI Secretary General. The start date of the suspension shall be decided in accordance with the FEI General Regulations and confirmed in the notification.

Should the same Person Responsible receive one (1) more Yellow Warning Card at the same or any other International Event within one (1) year (12 months) of the delivery of the first Yellow Warning Card for any offence, the Person Responsible shall automatically be suspended for a period of two (2) months after official notification from or on behalf of, the FEI Secretary General. The start date of the suspension shall be decided in accordance with the FEI General Regulations and confirmed in the notification.

ESA 527.1 Sanctions for National Federation Competitions

In the case of an Eventing Recorded Warning or a Yellow Warning Card being issued, after the decision of the Ground Jury or Event Judge, a notice stating the name of the Athlete and the reason of the warning may either be posted on the Official Notice Board, or on an agreed electronic communication channel established in place of the Official Notice Board.

Should the same Person Responsible receive three (3) or more Eventing Recorded Warning at the same or any other National or International Event within two (2) years (24 months) of the delivery of the first Eventing Recorded Warning, for any offence, the Person Responsible shall be automatically suspended for a period of two (2) months after official notification from, or on behalf of, the National Federation's Secretary General. The start date of the suspension shall be decided in accordance with the FEI General Regulations and confirmed in the notification.

Should the same Person Responsible receive one (1) more Yellow Warning Card at the same or any other National or International Event within one (1) year (12 months) of the delivery of the first Yellow Warning Card for any offence, the Person Responsible shall automatically be suspended for a period of two (2) months after official notification from or on behalf of, the National Federation's Secretary General. The start date of the suspension shall be decided in accordance with the FEI General Regulations and confirmed in the notification.

Chapter 7 General Competition Rules

528 Classification

528.1 Individual Classification

528.1.1 Dressage Test

Each Athlete's good marks awarded by the Judges are converted into penalty points. They are recorded and published after the test for inclusion in the Dressage and final classification.

528.1.2 Cross Country Test

Each Athlete's penalties for faults at obstacles are added to the penalties for excess time and to any other penalty that the Athlete may have incurred on Cross Country. They are recorded and published after the test for inclusion in the Cross Country and final classification.

528.1.3 Jumping Test

Each Athlete's penalties for faults at obstacles are added to the penalties that the Athlete may have incurred for excess time. They are recorded and published after the test for inclusion in the Jumping and final classification.

528.1.4 Elimination

Elimination from one of the tests entails immediate elimination from the Competition.

528.1.5 Final Classification

The winner is the Athlete with the lowest total of penalty points from the three tests.

528.1.6 Final Classification Tie (Individual)

In the Event of equality between two or more Athletes, the classification is decided by:

- a) The best cross-country score including penalties for faults at obstacles, time penalties and any other penalty that the Athlete may have incurred on the Cross Country Test.
- b) If there is still equality, the classification is decided in favour of the Athlete with the highest positive Dressage points.
- c) If there is still equality, the classification is decided in favour of the Athlete whose cross country time was closest to the optimum time.
- d) If there is still equality, the Athlete with the best Jumping score including penalties at obstacles and time penalties.
- e) If there is still equality, the Athlete with the fastest time in the Jumping Test.
- f) If there is still equality, the classification will be decided in favour of the Athlete with the best Overall Impression of Athlete & Horse mark in the Dressage Test.
- g) If there is still equality the tie will remain in the final classification.

528.2 Team Classification

528.2.1 Final Classification

Teams will consist of either three or four Athletes.

The winning team is the team with the lowest total of penalty points, after adding together the individual final scores of the three highest placed Athletes in the team.

For the purposes of the final team classification only, a team member who fails for any reason to complete the Competition will be awarded 1000 penalty points.

528.2.2 Final Classification Tie (Team)

In the Event of equality between any two or more teams, the classification will be decided by the best combined highest three placing.

528.3 Disqualification

Disqualification means that the Athlete, the Horse(s), and/or a combination of both is/are disqualified from the Competition at issue or from the entire Event.

Disqualification may also be retroactive. Disqualification in Eventing can apply during the Competition at the discretion of the Ground Jury:

- a) For the most serious cases of abuse of Horse.
- b) For the most serious cases of Athletes misbehaviour.

Disqualification in Eventing will apply automatically after the Competition:

- a) For having participated in a Competition without the appropriate eligibility requirements (Athlete or Horse).
- b) For having participated in a Competition without the appropriate registration (Athlete or Horse.)

528.3.1 Positive Test(s) for Substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substance list of an Athlete or Horse

Refer the FEI EADCMRs and ADRHA

529 Declaration of Starters

The declaration of starters will take place at a time to be announced by the Organising Committee. It will be after Athletes have inspected the Cross Country and after the first Horse Inspection.

If there is only an individual classification, the Organising Committee may announce that presentation at the first Horse Inspection will be assumed to be a declaration to start.

If there is a team classification, the Chefs d'Equipe must declare, in writing, the composition of the team, the starting order of the Athletes within the team and, in the case of a team with three members, which starting position shall remain vacant.

If an Athlete has presented at the first Horse Inspection more Horses than the Athlete is allowed to ride, the Athlete, or their Chef d'Equipe where applicable, must declare in writing the names of the Horse or Horses definitely starting.

If for the same level there are two or more sections the Athletes with more than one Horse have the right to have their Horses split between sections. The procedure by which Athletes are divided between sections must be specified in the Schedule.

530 Substitutions

ESA 530.0 Substitutions at National Federation Competitions

After the closing date for entries, only properly qualified Athletes/Horses, subject to the agreement of the Organising Committee, can be substituted up until the time of the Declaration of Starters. The time of the Declaration of Starters must be published on the Schedule.

530.1 CIs

After the closing date for entries only properly qualified Athlete/Horses, subject to the agreement of the Organising Committee, can be substituted up to one hour before the first Horse Inspection (if not applicable, two hours before the start of the Dressage Test).

530.2 CIOs and Championships

After the declaration of starters, a change in the composition of a team must comply with the following:

- a) The substitution must be made at least two hours before the first Athlete is scheduled to perform their Dressage Test on the day on which the Athlete in question has been drawn to take part.
- b) In the Event of an accident or illness of an Athlete, a certificate from an officially recognised doctor must be presented.
- c) In the Event of lameness or illness of a Horse, permission from the Veterinary Delegate must be obtained.
- d) The Technical Delegate, in consultation with the Ground Jury, must approve the substitution.

531 Draw

531.1 Approval of Method of Draw

The method of draw must be approved by the Technical Delegate having consulted, if possible, with the Ground Jury. The Technical Delegate may also approve rearrangement of the order or number of blocks of teams or individual Athletes where the number of Athletes makes it necessary.

ESA 531.1A Method of the Draw at National Federation Competitions

The Organising Committee of the Event shall draw the order of starting for each competition. If two or more horses ridden by the same Athlete are drawn within fifteen places of each other, then the order may be adjusted as far as it is practical. Such Athletes may, at the time of entry, nominate in which order they wish to ride their various horses. Failure to do this will result in the Athlete having to ride in the order of the draw.

531.2 CIs

If there is only an Individual Competition, the draw will be conducted by the Organising Committee and will decide the starting order published in the programme.

531.3 CIOs and Championships

If there is a Team and an Individual Classification the draw will take place to determine the order of nations for the first and second Horse Inspection. This order is also the nations running order for the Dressage and Cross Country Tests.

This draw will take place prior to the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chefs d'Equipe. All nations participating in the Competition, whether by teams or individuals, will be included in this draw.

ESA 531.3A National Federation Championship Competitions

If there is a Team and an Individual Classification the draw will take place to determine the order of teams for the first and second Horse Inspection. This order is also the teams running order for the Dressage and Cross Country Tests.

This draw will take place prior to the first Horse Inspection, or, in the absence of a Horse Inspection, at the Declaration of Riders, in the presence of the Ground Jury or Event Judge, Technical Delegate and Chefs

d'Equipe. All Athletes participating in the Competition, whether by teams or individuals, will be included in this draw.

532 Allocation of Starting Positions (CIOs and Championships)

If there is a Team and an Individual Classification the allocation of the starting positions for all Athletes in the Competition will be made after the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chefs d'Equipe, according to the following method.

The total starting places will be divided into eight blocks (A to H) and the Athletes will be allocated to each block as follows:

- a) Block A - first Athlete in each team
- b) Block B - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- c) Block C - second Athlete in each team
- d) Block D - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- e) Block E - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- f) Block F - third Athlete in each team
- g) Block G - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes
- h) Block H - fourth Athlete in each team

532.1 Team Members Positions

The team members positions will be filled first according to the draw of countries (art. 531.3) and the starting order within each team previously declared, after the Horse Inspection, by its Chef d'Equipe. The Chef d'Equipe of a team with only three members must declare which starting position shall remain vacant.

532.2 Individuals Positions

The individuals positions will then be determined as follows:

- a) Athletes with one Horse in the Team Competition, second Horses will be placed by the Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of Block G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (art. 531.3).
- b) Athletes with two Horses in the Individual Competition will be placed by Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of Block B and G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (art. 531.3). Only one such Athlete's Horses may be placed by a Chef d'Equipe until their turn in the sequence recurs.
- c) Athletes with one Horse in the Individual Competition without a representative team will be placed by the Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of blocks B, D, E, or G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (art. 531.3).
- d) Athletes with one Horse in the Individual Competition with a representative team will be placed by the Chefs d'Equipe in any of the remaining unallocated starting places of blocks B, D, E, or G, free choice in sequence according to the draw of countries (art. 531.3).

More than one member of a team will be permitted to ride two Horses only if there are enough Athletes in the Event to allow both Horses to be fitted into the time schedule in accordance with the above paragraph.

533 Starting Order

ESA 533.0 National Federation Competitions

The starting order for National Federation competitions will be the same as per CCI competitions as discussed in articles 533.1 (CCN-L, CCN-S and Ev65 - Ev95 where the order of tests is Dressage, Cross

Country and then Jumping) and 533.2 (CCN-S and Ev65 - Ev95 where the order of tests is Dressage, Jumping and then Cross Country) below.

533.1 CCI-L and CCI-S with order of tests Dressage, Cross Country, and then Jumping

533.1.1 Dressage and Cross Country Tests

The drawn starting order will be used for both these tests.

533.1.2 Jumping Test

The starting order must follow the reverse order of classification at the end of the Cross Country Test (i.e. the lowest placed Athlete will start first, and the last Athlete to jump will be the one placed highest).

533.2 CCI-S with order of tests Dressage, Jumping, and then Cross Country,

533.2.1 Dressage and Jumping Tests

The drawn starting order will be used for both these tests.

533.2.2 Cross Country Test

At the discretion of the Organising Committee:

- a) May follow the same draw starting order of the Dressage and Jumping Tests.
- b) May be run in reverse order of classification for the best 25 percent of competitors. The same draw starting order of the Dressage and Jumping Tests will be followed for the remaining competitors.

533.3 Athletes with multiple rides

An athlete with multiple rides cannot change the relative order of their horses. However, if required by the timetable and agreed by the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate, the Athlete may start one or more horses at other than the normally scheduled starting time for both Jumping and Cross Country tests.

If an athlete is starting multiple horses in different classes, if possible, the starting time of the lower class should be adjusted.

534 Timetable

534.1 Dressage Test

A timetable showing each Athlete's starting time for the Dressage Test will be available to each Athlete. The interval between starting times will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee, with the approval of the Technical Delegate.

534.2 Cross-Country Test

A timetable, showing each Athlete's starting time must be available to each Athlete no later than one hour after the end of the Dressage Test. The interval between starting times will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee, with the approval of the Technical Delegate.

534.3 Jumping Test

A time schedule showing the start and the approximate finish of the Jumping Test shall be published. If the time schedule is split, for example between morning and afternoon sessions, the number of Athletes that will jump in the second session shall be noted.

535 Exercising and Warming Up

535.1 Identification Number

Upon arrival, each Horse is issued with an identification number, which must be worn at all times. It may be replaced by the draw number, which must then be worn until the end of the Competition. Failure to display either number incurs first a warning and, in the case of a repeated offence, a fine imposed on the Athlete by the Ground Jury.

ESA 535.1.1 Identification at National Federation Competitions

Horse identification numbers need not be worn while exercising or warming up, but must be worn during each Test.

Bridle numbers must be worn for Dressage and Jumping tests. Bridle numbers must be clearly visible and attached either to both sides of the bridle, to only the left side of the bridle, or on the left of the horse attached to the numnah.

The Athlete will be issued with two large identification numbers that must be worn on their front and back during the Cross Country test, and, at the OC's request, during the Jumping test in place of a bridle number.

535.2 Restrictions on Schooling Horses

535.2.1 Period of Restriction

During the three days before the start of the first Horse Inspection or the Dressage Test, as applicable, and for the entire duration of the Competition it is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, for anyone to school a Horse other than the Athlete who will ride the Horse in the Competition.

535.2.2 Hacking and Exercising

A groom, while mounted, is not permitted to school the Horse but only to hack it, or ride it on long reins. A groom may also work the Horse on the lunge.

535.2.3 Forbidden Areas

Under penalty of elimination, riding close to Cross Country obstacles, or riding in the dressage or jumping arenas prior to the actual Competition is forbidden, unless specifically authorised by the Ground Jury or the Technical Delegate.

535.3 Exercise Areas

Appropriate areas suitable for the general exercise of Horses must be made available by the Organising Committee and must be open throughout the hours of daylight.

The Organising Committee must inform Athletes of the areas that are available for this purpose. Horses may be exercised only in such designated areas and/or in the practice and warm areas up for Dressage, Cross Country and Jumping.

535.4 Practice Areas

535.4.1 Practice Dressage Areas

At least one dressage practice arena of 60 by 20 metres must be put at the disposal of the Athletes two days before the first day of the Dressage Test. If possible, this arena should be of the same footing as the Competition arena.

535.4.2 Practice Jumping Areas

The Organising Committee must provide one or more practice areas with both fixed and knock down obstacles. The following will apply:

- a) The only practice obstacles that Athletes may jump are those provided by the Organising Committee.
- b) All obstacles must be marked with red and white flags.
- c) The practice obstacles shall only be jumped at times laid down by the Organising Committee.
- d) The Organising Committee must provide at least two fixed cross country practice obstacles
- e) The dimensions of any fixed practice obstacle, either in the practice or warm up areas, may never exceed those of the relevant Cross Country Test.
- f) The knock down obstacles, either in Cross Country or Jumping practice / warm up areas may never be raised more than 10 centimetres above the maximum height permitted by the relevant Test and the spread may never exceed the maximum permitted by the relevant Test.
- g) No part of a knock down obstacle may ever be held by anyone.

ESA 535.4.3 Practice Areas at National Federation Competitions

For National Federation Competitions, the Organising Committee is not obliged to provide Practice Areas for Dressage or Jumping, but must have an area suitable for the general exercise of the horses.

535.5 Warm Up Areas

Warm up areas must be provided by the Organising Committee in the vicinity of the relevant Competition arenas for the Dressage and Jumping Tests and close to the start for the Cross Country Test.

Warm up areas may be the same of the practice areas if the dimensions, layout and quality of the footing can allow for it with the following minimum requirements.

535.5.1 Dressage

At least one practice arena of 60 by 20 metres must be put at the disposal of the Athlete next to compete.

In National Federation Competitions, a separate practice arena for the Athlete next to compete is not required.

535.5.2 Cross Country

At least two fixed or knock-down obstacles marked with red and white flags.

535.5.3 Jumping

At least two knock down obstacles marked with red and white flags.

535.6 Dressage Familiarisation

535.6.1 Dressage familiarisation

In order to familiarise the Horse with the Competition arena prior to the Dressage Test, Athletes and Grooms may, if conditions and the timetable allow, be permitted at a time agreed by the Organising Committee to walk and lead the Horse outside the boards of the Competition arena.

In the case of all-weather surfaces, the Organising Committee may, if timetable allows, permit schooling inside (with Athletes only) and/or outside the boards.

535.7 Stewarding

One or more Stewards must be appointed to ensure that the rules regarding exercising and warming up are obeyed. The jumping obstacles can only be used if supervised by a Steward. Other practice and

exercise areas may be patrolled by Stewards in a random manner. Violation of any of the provisions relating to practice obstacles is forbidden under penalty of elimination.

ESA 535.7.1 Stewarding at National Federation Competitions

At National Federation Competitions, Stewards may be appointed to ensure that the rules regarding exercising and warming up are obeyed. Jumping obstacles can only be used if supervised by a Steward or member of the ESA Team.

536 Access to Courses and Arenas

536.1 Dressage Arena

Unless permission is given by the Ground Jury, it is forbidden for Athletes, under penalty of elimination, to enter the arena mounted at any time other than when performing their test during the Competition. The arena may be inspected on foot prior to the start or during breaks in the Competition.

536.1.1 Closing the Dressage Arena

In Eventing, it is not compulsory to close the Dressage arena.

536.2 Cross Country Course

It is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, to the Athletes to inspect the obstacles or the course before it is officially open.

ESA 536.2.0 Early Access to Course

From the time that Entries close, no competing Horses may be ridden in the vicinity of the Cross Country obstacles, nor enter the Dressage or Show Jumping arenas until called upon to do so in the Competition, under penalty of elimination.

536.2.1 Opening Time

The Cross Country Course will be opened to all Athletes at the latest the day before the Cross Country Test. After the course has been officially opened, Athletes are allowed to revisit the course and examine the obstacles during the hours of daylight. This examination must take place on foot only unless special permission is given by the Ground Jury.

536.2.2 Flags and Markers

All obstacles, flags and markers must be exactly in position when the course is opened to Athletes. They may not be moved or altered by Athletes under penalty of elimination.

ESA 536.2.3 Mounted Course Walk

A Mounted Course Walk for Ev65 and Ev75 classes may be permitted at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Athletes may walk their Horses around the course in groups of 2 or more. Horses may not be ridden faster than a walk. No jumps may be attempted, but Athletes, at the discretion of the Organising Committee, may be permitted to walk their Horse through water obstacles.

Athletes on a mounted course walk must wear their Cross Country number for identification and must wear their body protector for their course walk on penalty of elimination.

536.3 Jumping Course

The course for the Jumping Test will be open to Athletes not less than 15 minutes before the start of the Jumping Test. Permission to enter the arena will be given by the Ground Jury and an announcement must be made over the public address system.

Athletes will be only admitted to inspect the course on foot between the opening of the course and the start of the Jumping Test.

Unless special permission is given by the Ground Jury, it is forbidden for Athletes, under penalty of elimination, to enter the arena on foot once the Jumping Test has started.

537 Interruptions and Modifications

537.1 Interruptions

The timetable may be interrupted due to dangerous conditions. If necessary, the start of any test or phase may be interrupted, postponed or cancelled.

The decision to interrupt, postpone or cancel a test will be made by the President of the Ground Jury, if possible, after consultation with the other members of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate.

In the case of an interruption, the Competition will be resumed as soon as possible at the point of the interruption. Every affected Athlete must receive sufficient warning before the resumption of the Competition.

537.2 Modifications

After the courses have been officially shown to the Athletes, alterations may be made only in exceptional circumstances and/or when specifically requested by the Athlete Representative or Chef d'Equipes and agreed by the Ground Jury in consultation with the Technical Delegate and Course Designer.

Any such modification must be notified to the Athletes at the Cross Country briefing.

After the Cross Country Test has started alterations may be made only when exceptional circumstances (such as heavy rain or hot weather) make obstacles or a test unfair or dangerous.

The decision will be taken by the President of the Ground Jury after consultation, if possible, with the other members of the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate.

In such cases, the Chefs d'Equipe and every Athlete must be officially and personally informed of the alteration before the start of the phase or the test concerned. Where appropriate, an Official must also be stationed at the place where the alteration has been made in order to warn the Athletes.

538 Dress

538.1 General

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

538.1.1 Protective Headgear

While riding anywhere on the show grounds, the use of a properly fastened Protective Headgear is mandatory. Such Protective headgear must comply with the list of the applicable international testing standards published on the FEI website.

Failure to wear such Protective Headgear where and when required after being notified to do so by an Official, shall result in a Yellow Warning Card, being issued to the Athlete unless exceptional circumstances apply.

As an exception, Senior Athletes may be allowed to remove their Headgear while accepting prizes or during the national anthem. It is recommended that Athletes not remove their Headgear during the lap of honour.

538.1.2 Whips

- a) Training - A whip no longer than one 120 centimetres including lash is allowed when riding on the flat at any time. A whip no longer than 75 centimetres and not weighted at the end is allowed while jumping any obstacle.
- b) Horse Inspections - A whip no longer than 120 centimetres including lash is allowed at the Horse Inspections.
- c) Dressage Test - A whip is not allowed entering the space around the arena and during the Test
- d) Cross Country and Jumping Tests - A whip no longer than 75 centimetres and not weighted at the end is allowed during these tests.

ESA 538.1.2A Whips in National Federation Competitions

Article 538.1.2 shall apply, yet in levels Ev65 to Ev95, the Athlete is permitted to carry a whip during the Test.

Whips in the Dressage Test may not be longer than 120 centimetres, including the lash, when riding a Horse, and 100 centimetres, including the lash, when riding a Pony.

538.1.3 Spurs

- a) General - Spurs are optional for all three Tests. Spurs capable of wounding a Horse are forbidden. Spurs must be of smooth material (metal or plastic). If there is a shank it must not be more than four centimetres long (the overall shank must be measured from the boot to the end of the spur) and must point only towards the rear. The end of the shank must be blunt 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 "Impulse spurs" and "Dummy spurs" with no shank are allowed.
- b) Rowel Spurs - Spurs with rowels are allowed in the three Tests and when practising/warming up. If they are used, rowels must be free to rotate and the rowel must be round and smooth (no tines allowed). For pony competition, rowel spurs are not allowed for all tests.

538.1.4 Boots

Boots worn during the Dressage and Jumping Tests (other than as part of regulation service dress) must be black, brown or black with a brown top.

538.1.5 Earphones

During any warmup or training session Athletes or grooms may wear only one earphone while mounted. Earphones and/or other electronic communication devices (with the exception of medical devices, e.g. Hearing aid) are strictly prohibited in all competition arenas, and such usage is penalised by elimination.

538.2 Dressage Test

538.2.1 Civilian

Protective Headgear: black or dark colour

Breeches: white or off white

Stock or tie: white or off- white

loves: white, off- white or same colour as coat

Riding boots: black or dark colour

Tailcoats/jackets: any single colour tailcoat or jacket (approved by the Athlete's NF) will be allowed. Striped or multi-coloured coats or jackets are not permitted. Tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar of a different hue or modest piping or crystal decorations, are acceptable.

538.2.2 Members and employees of military establishments and national studs

Service dress and gloves, protective headgear are compulsory for members and employees of military establishments and national studs.

538.3 Cross-Country Test

Body protectors* are compulsory for this Test, including when schooling over Cross-Country fences, at any time.

The use of air vests is recommended.

Boots must have a well-defined heel to avoid slipping through the stirrup.

*Back Protectors are not considered body protectors.

538.4 Jumping Test

538.4.1 Civilian

Civilians are required to wear the uniform or clothing approved by their NF, a jacket, white or light fawn breeches, black or brown boots. Other dark coloured boots may be approved at the discretion of the FEI; boots may have one contrasting colour only, around the top, heel and/or toe. Boots must have a well-defined heel to avoid slipping through the stirrup.

Shirts may have long or short sleeves and must have a white collar; long-sleeved shirts must have white cuffs. A white tie or stock must be worn.

Competition jackets may be any colour and must have outward facing buttons. If the jacket has a collar it must be a lapel collar which may be the same colour as the jacket or a different colour. Jackets without a collar are allowed providing the shirt collar and tie are visible when the jacket is closed.

538.4.2 Members of Armed and Police Forces

Service dress is compulsory for members and employees of military establishments and national studs.

538.5 Inspection of Dress

A Steward can be appointed to inspect whips, spurs and items of dress before any Test.

The Steward has the authority to refuse permission to start for any Athlete, whose whip or spurs or safety equipment contravene articles 538. The Steward will immediately report the circumstances to the Ground Jury for confirmation.

An Athlete who competes with illegal whip(s), spurs or incorrect items of dress is liable to elimination, at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

539 Saddlery / Dress

Please also refer to the FEI Tack App. See also Art. 538.2.1.

539.1 Training and Exercising

539.1.1 Compulsory

An English type saddle and any form of bridle, including double bridle, snaffle, gag or hackamores are compulsory.

539.1.2 Permitted

Running martingales, Irish martingales, bit guards, boots, bandages, fly shields, nose covers and saddle covers are permitted.

Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimetres in diameter measured from the Horse's cheek.

539.1.3 Permitted for Lunging

Single direct side reins are permitted only while lunging (only with one lunge line) as are running reins and chambons.

539.1.4 Forbidden

Other martingales, any other kind of gadget (such as bearing, side or balancing reins, etc.) and any form of blinkers, are forbidden under penalty of elimination.

539.2 Dressage Test

539.2.1 Compulsory

An English type saddle and a permitted bridle are compulsory.

539.2.2 Permitted

- a) A double bridle with cavesson noseband i.e. bridoon and curb with curb chain (made of metal or leather or a combination), (Cover for curb "chain" can be made of leather, rubber or sheep skin) is permitted, as authorized in Annex A. Use of double bridles during Dressage test allowed for 4* and 5* competitions only. Bridoon and curb must be made of metal and/or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber/latex. The lever arm of the curb bit is limited to ten centimetres (10 cm) (length below the mouth piece). The upper cheek must not be longer than the lower cheek. If the curb has a sliding mouthpiece, the lever arm of the curb bit below the mouth piece should not measure more than ten centimetres (10 cm) when the mouth piece is at the uppermost position. Curb "chain" can be made of metal or leather or a combination. Cover for curb "chain" can be made of leather, rubber or sheep skin. The diameter of the mouthpiece of the bridoon and/or curb must be such so as not to hurt the Horse. Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be twelve millimetres (12 mm) for curb bit and ten millimetres (10 mm) for bridoon bit.
- b) A snaffle bridle of which the bit is made of metal, flexible rubber or synthetic, or plastic or leather material is also permitted as authorised in Annex A. Snaffles are permitted and must have a minimum diameter of fourteen millimetres (14 mm). For Ponies the minimum diameter shall be ten millimetres (10 mm). The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece. The reins must be attached to the bit.
- c) The bridle must be made entirely of leather or leather-like material, except for a small disc of soft padding, which may be used under the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband, on the poll or underneath the noseband.
- d) A browband is required and except for the parts that attach to the crown piece or headstall, is not required to be made of leather or leather-like material
- e) A breast plate can be used.
- f) Ear hoods are permitted for all Events and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must allow for ears to move freely and must not cover the Horse's eyes and ear plugs are not permitted (with the exception of prize giving ceremonies). The ear hoods should be discreet in colour and design. Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband.

g) Nose nets are allowed.

h) Martingale stoppers are permitted

Note: For sponsor logo and national identification on Ear hoods - see General Regulations art. 135.

For drawings of permitted bits and nosebands, see Annex A – Saddlery, table Bits and table Nosebands. Certain tests may specify that only a snaffle bridle is allowed.

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 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.

539.3 Cross Country and Jumping Tests

539.3.1 Permitted

The type of saddlery is optional. Gags are allowed as are unrestricted running martingales or Irish martingales. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. The stirrup iron and stirrup leathers must hang free from the bar of the saddle and outside of the flap.

539.3.2 Forbidden

Any form of blinkers, side, running or balancing reins; tongue straps and/or tying down the Horse's tongue; any other restrictions, any bit or other item of saddlery likely to wound a Horse are forbidden.

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

For Cross Country, any addition to the cheekpiece is forbidden (sheepskin or additional material).

For Jumping only, leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimetres in diameter measured from the Horse's cheek.

Any device which does not allow an immediate and unrestricted separation of the Athlete's boot from the stirrup in case of a fall is forbidden. Any gadget which does not allow an immediate and unrestricted separation of the Athlete in case of a fall, is forbidden.

Neck straps, if used on Cross Country, must be attached either to the breastplate or to the saddle.

For Cross Country, a throat lash is compulsory to maintain the bridle in place.

For Cross Country, bitless bridles are not allowed.

For Cross Country, hackamores must be used with a bit. The maximum length of the shank is 24 cm, measured in a straight line from the middle of the higher ring to the middle of the lower ring.

For Cross Country, bits with a lever arm may not exceed 10 cm. The length of the lever arm is measured in a straight line from the lowest point where the bit is stopped to the lowest point of the lever arm.

539.3.3 Jumping Test - Boots

For the Jumping Test, the total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be added to a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings etc), is five hundred (500) grams (shoe excluded).

The use of hind boots for the Jumping test must comply with art. 257 of the Jumping rules.

Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur elimination.

539.4 Inspection of Saddlery

A Steward can be appointed to check the saddlery of each Horse before it enters the arena or starts a test.

In the Dressage Test the checking of the bridle must be done with the greatest caution.

If the Athlete so requests, the bridle and bit may be checked immediately after the test has been completed. However, should the bridle or bit in such a case be found not to be permitted, the Athlete will be eliminated.

540 Unauthorised Assistance

Any intervention by a third party, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Athlete or of helping their Horse, is considered unauthorised assistance and the Athlete is liable to be eliminated at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

Officials or spectators who draw the attention of an Athlete to a deviation from the course will be considered giving unauthorised assistance which may result in the elimination of the Athlete.

In particular in the Cross Country Test the following will be considered unauthorised assistance:

- a) To take intentionally a lead from another Athlete.
- b) To be followed, preceded or accompanied, on any part of the course, by any vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian, or Horseman not in the Competition.
- c) To post friends at certain points to call directions or make signals in passing.
- d) To have someone at an obstacle to encourage the Horse by any means whatsoever.
- e) To tamper with the obstacles or any part of the course, including, for instance, flags, indicators, markers, notices, ropes, trees, branches, wire or fences, whether temporary or permanent.

540.1 Exceptions

- a) Whip, headgear or spectacles may be handed to an Athlete without dismounting during the Cross Country Test.
- b) An Athlete, after having knocked a flag at an obstacle as a consequence of a run-out, may ask the fence Judge for the flag to be repositioned, but no time will be deducted.

540.2 Receiving Apparatus / Cameras

The use of any receiving apparatus by Athletes is strictly forbidden while mounted during the test.

Automatic recording of data during the test (e.g. heart beat monitoring, temperature, etc.) to be used for research purposes after the completion of the test is allowed.

For use of cameras on athletes or equipment – see General Regulations. For FEI Named-Events request for use of cameras must be approved by FEI HQ, request for approval for other events must be reviewed by the Technical Delegate in consultation with the Organiser.

541 Advertising and Publicity on Athletes and Horses

Subject to the provisions of article 135 General Regulations, the manufacturer logo can appear, specifically for Eventing: at all, except Regional and Olympic Games under the patronage of the IOC, Athletes may wear clothing and use equipment (including, but not limited to, riding equipment) which identify the manufacturer, the Athletes' sponsor(s), the Athletes' team sponsor(s), the National Federation's sponsor(s), the Athletes' nation, and/or the Athletes themselves, but only under the specific conditions set forth below.

ESA 541.0 Advertising and Publicity at National Federation Competitions

For National Federation Competitions, the restrictions as discussed in art 541.1-541.10, need not apply, provided that such advertising and publicity conforms with art. 538 (Dress).

The Organising Committee may, at their discretion, place restrictions on advertising, which will be published in the Schedule, and must be adhered to.

541.1 Identification of a Non-Sponsor Manufacturer

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies names or logos identifying a non-sponsoring manufacturer of the clothing, and equipment may appear only once per item of clothing, and/or equipment and solely on a surface area not exceeding: - three square centimetres (3 cm²) for clothing and equipment

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.

541.3 Use at FEI Championships

Notwithstanding the above, Organising Committees of FEI Championships may prohibit such names and logos in the schedule, with the exception of the names and logos of the team sponsors and/or of the National Federation sponsor(s) under the limitations as set forth in Article 135.2.2.1 of the General Regulations.

541.4 Organising Committee Sponsor

The Organising Committee may display the name and/or logo of a Competition and/or Event sponsor(s) on members of the Organising Committee crew present in the Competition area and on numbers present on front and back of the bibs worn by Athletes during the Cross-Country tests of Eventing, as well as on stable rugs when they are in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies at all FEI Events. The size of name and/or logo on Athlete's number shall not exceed 100 cm².

541.5 Athlete's National Identification

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name or logo of the Athlete's nation, its national symbol and/or its national flag, and/or the Athlete's National Federation logo or name may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

- a) A reasonable size on each of the two (2) sides of jackets or top garment, at the height of breast pockets and on the collar for Jumping and Dressage Tests of Eventing.
- b) Two hundred square centimetres (200 cm²) on each side of saddle cloth.
- c) 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 Vertically in the middle part of the hard hat for the Jumping Events; Vertically in the middle part of the protective head gear of Dressage; Vertically in the middle part of the protective head gear of Eventing National colours may appear on the entire surface of such protective headgear.
- d) Seventy five square centimetres (75 cm²) for the logo on ear hood in Dressage, Jumping and Cross Country Tests of Eventing.

In any case, the Athlete's national identification can be combined in the same surface area with the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), their team sponsor(s) and/or the National Federation's sponsor(s) as long as their presence and visibility are in compliance with the surface areas mentioned in art.135 2.2.1 and 2.3.1 of the General Regulations.

For Championship and Official team competitions Cross Country test, members of the national teams are required to use national identification colours for equipment, dress and saddle pads to clearly identify and differentiate visually the competing countries. Colours and pattern are to be registered in advance with the FEI.

The Athlete's national flag or the Official three letter IOC abbreviation for the nation may appear on the back of the Athlete's jacket for Jumping centred between the shoulders. The top of the flag, or the three letter abbreviation (as applicable) must be placed 4cm below the collar. The flag may not be more than 25cm wide, with a height in proportion to the width; the three letter IOC abbreviation must appear in standard IOC typeface and not exceed a height of 8 cm."

All Athletes and horses should wear a minimum of one item with national identification per Athlete and Horse

541.6 Athlete's Name

While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the Athlete's name may appear on a surface area not exceeding: e) Eighty square centimetres (80 cm²) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches during the Jumping and Cross Country Tests of Eventing. 541.7 National Federation Logo Unless otherwise specified in this Article, no advertisement or publicity is permitted on any Athlete, Official, Horse, or riding equipment while present in any Competition area or during the performance. However, Athletes inspecting the course may wear the logo of their sponsor, their team sponsor(s), and/or of their National Federation's sponsor(s) and/or their nationality within a frame not exceeding four hundred square centimetres (400 cm²) on the front and back of their top garments and within a frame not exceeding fifty square centimetres (50 cm²) on head gear.

541.8 Advertising in Field of Play

Unless otherwise provided in the Sport Rules, advertising may appear on obstacles, fences and on the sides of the arena provided any applicable broadcast, internet, or similar law or agreement permits such advertising.

541.9 Definition of competition area

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the FEI, for the purpose of this Article, the Competition area shall include all areas where the Athlete is being judged or their Horse is undergoing a Horse inspection. It shall not include collecting rings and start and finish box.

541.10 (as per General Regulations 135.8)

The Chief Steward is responsible for ensuring that the above provisions are respected by Athletes before entering the arena. Athletes not complying with the above will not be permitted to enter the arena during competition. An official clothing approved by a NF not complying with the requirements of this Article will not be authorised by the FEI.

Chapter 8 Dressage Test

542 FEI Dressage Rules

The FEI Dressage Rules apply for the Eventing Dressage Test except where otherwise provided in these Eventing Rules. Any modification introduced to the FEI Dressage Rules during the year will be evaluated for inclusion in these Eventing Rules from 1st January the following year.

542.1 National Dressage Rules

The Dressage South Africa Rules apply for Eventing Dressage Tests that are used for Ev65 to Ev95. For the sake of interpreting DSA rules, Ev65 and Ev75 shall be considered as "Preliminary" levels, and Ev85 and Ev95 shall be considered "Novice" levels.

543 Administration

543.1 Type and level of Test

The type and level of the test will be determined by the type and level of the Competition and will, therefore, be related to the quality and the standard of preparation of the Athletes and Horses.

543.1.1 CIs and CIOs

Organising Committees are free to select the specific test to be used within the one shown in Dressage Annex table Dressage Tests according to the level of the Competitions.

543.1.2 Championships and Games

The dressage test for all Championships and Games taking place in the "B" test will year, shall be used unless specified differently selected and published by the FEI Eventing Committee by the 1st of January.

543.2 Number of Tests to be judged by day

The Organising Committee may include a maximum of fifty (50) Horses per day to be judged by one Ground Jury, with an additional flexibility of maximum ten (10) percent, if agreed by the Technical Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury.

543.3 Judges Positions

Two of the three Judges must be placed along the short side, on the outside of and five metres from the arena. The president (C) shall be on the prolongation of the centre line, the other (M or H) two point fifty metres from and on the inside of the prolongation of the long sides.

The third Judge will be at either E or B, outside and five to ten metres from the arena. The three positions shall be either C, H, B or C, M, E, as determined by the Technical Delegate, taking into account the test and the position of the sun.

In the case of only two Judges they will be positioned at C and either B or E, as determined by the Technical Delegate, taking into account the test and the position of the sun.

A separate hut must be provided for each Judge. They must be raised not less than fifty (50) centimetres above the ground, in order to give the Judges a good view of the arena.

ESA 543.4 Calling of Tests

In all Competitions at Ev65 to Ev95 levels, Athletes will have the option of having the Test called.

Callers may only call out the written directions on the test and may not provide any other verbal direction to the Athlete.

544 Scoring

544.1 Marking

544.1.1 Good Marks

Judges will award good marks from zero to ten (10) including half marks for each numbered movement and for the harmony mark.

544.1.2 Scoring Flying Change

For 4* Championships and higher level Events, if the score for a flying change varies by 3 points or more between the Judges, the Ground Jury will review the official video as soon as possible after the Dressage test. The review must be on the same day. Corrections may only be made to the flying change score with the agreement of the Ground Jury and should be based on one or more of the original score(s).

544.1.3 Paperless Judging

Organiser have the option to use paperless judging systems.

If used, any paperless judging system is subject to FEI approval and must be stated in the Event schedule.

FEI approved paperless judging systems as per the FEI requirements are posted on the FEI Website.

In any event, a paper version of the Dressage tests must be available to the Judges during competition as backup.

544.2 Calculation of Scores

544.2.1 Good Marks & Errors

The good marks from zero to ten (10) awarded by each Judge to an Athlete for each numbered movement of the Dressage Test together with the harmony mark are added together deducting any error of course or test.

544.2.2 Judges Percentages

For each Judge the percentage of maximum possible good marks obtainable is then calculated. Percentage is obtained dividing total good marks and errors of the Judge by maximum possible good marks obtainable and then multiplying by 100 and rounding the result to two decimal digits. This value is shown as the individual mark for that Judge. Rounding the result to two decimals includes any score of "x.xx5" and above is round up and any score less than "x.xx5" is rounded down.

544.2.3 Athletes Percentage

Athlete's percentage is calculated on the average good marks and errors obtained by adding together the total good marks for each Judge and dividing by the number of Judges. The Athletes percentage will always be rounded to two decimal digits.

544.2.4 Penalty Points

In order to convert Athletes percentage into penalty points, this must be subtracted from 100 with the resulting figure being rounded to one decimal digit. The result is the score in penalty points for the test. Rounding the result to one decimal includes any score of "x.x5" and above is rounded up and any score less than "x.x5" is rounded down.

Eventing Dressage test error penalties:

1st time	Two (2) points
2nd time	Four (4) points
3rd time	Elimination
Other errors:	Two (2) points per error to be deducted

Note: The Eventing Rules will not line up with the Dressage modifications, and maintains the 2015 ruling on error penalties for the Eventing Dressage Test.

544.2.5 Overall Impression of Athlete and Horse Mark

In all Eventing Dressage Tests, one overall mark will be awarded for the Harmony of Athlete and Horse with a double coefficient.

Chapter 9 Cross Country Test

545 Rules Governing the Cross Country Test

545.1 Starting

545.1.1 Starting Procedure

Athletes at the start of the Cross Country must be under the control of the starter and may not deliberately start until instructed to do so, under penalty of elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

The Horse does not have to stand absolutely immobile, but the Athlete must not get any advantage from a flying start.

Each Athlete should be given reasonable warning before the time the Athlete is due to start, but it is the Athlete's responsibility to ensure that the Athlete is ready to start at the correct time.

545.1.2 Starting Box

In order to simplify the task of the starter, an enclosure approximately five metres per five metres will be built at the start of the Cross Country, with an open front through which Horses will start and a gap in one or both sides from which the Horses will enter.

Each Athlete must start from within the enclosure and is at liberty to move around and through the enclosure as the Athlete pleases.

An attendant may lead the Horse into the enclosure and may hold the Horse until the signal to start is given. From that instant, the Athlete is considered to be on the course and no further assistance may be given.

ESA 545.1.3 Failure to cross the start line

If, in a National Federation Competition, the Horse fails to cross the starting line within sixty (60) seconds of the starter's signal, the Athlete will be eliminated.

545.2 Optimum Time and Timing

545.2.1 Optimum Time / Time Limit

The distance chosen, carried out at the chosen speed, gives the optimum time. Completing in less than the optimum time is not rewarded. An Athlete exceeding the optimum time will be penalised in accordance with art. 548.2 up to the time limit.

The time limit is twice the optimum time.

545.2.2 Timing

Each Athlete will be timed on the Cross Country Test from the moment the signal to start is given or from the moment the Athlete crosses the starting line whichever happens first to the moment the Athletes crosses the finishing line.

If an Athlete is stopped by an Official, e.g. for a broken fence, accident, being overtaken, for medical or veterinary examination, etc. the time during which the Athlete is prevented from continuing until the Athlete is cleared to start will be recorded and deducted from the total time taken to complete the Cross Country Test.

ESA 545.2.3 Faster than Optimum Time in National Federation Competitions

In National Federation Competitions for levels CCN1* and lower, completing the Cross Country Test in a time quicker than the Optimum Time minus 20 seconds will be penalised for each second or part thereof quicker than this time in accordance with art. ESA 548.2.1.

545.3 Error of Course

All compulsory passages on Cross Country and all obstacles, including all elements and/or options, must be passed or jumped in order under penalty of elimination.

All red or white flags must be respected wherever they occur on course under penalty of elimination except as provided in art. 549.2 & 549.4.

Retaking an obstacle already jumped is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, except as provided for in art. 549.2 & 549.4.

545.4 Pace and Dismounting

Between the start and finish of the Cross Country Test, Athletes are free to choose their own pace.

Athletes may voluntarily dismount (without incurring elimination according to art. 549.5.1) to check on Horse, adjust saddlery or equipment, or when held on course.

545.5 Overtaking

Any Athlete who is about to be overtaken by a following Athlete must quickly clear the way.

Any Athlete overtaking another Athlete must do so only at a safe and suitable place.

When the leading Athlete is before an obstacle and about to be overtaken, the Athlete must follow the directions of the Officials.

When the leading Athlete is committed to jump an obstacle, the following Athlete may jump that obstacle only in such a way that will cause no inconvenience or danger for either.

545.6 Athlete in Difficulty

If, in attempting to negotiate an obstacle, a Horse should be trapped in such a way that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself, the Athlete will be instructed by the fence Judge to dismount and will be eliminated.

The fence Judge will decide if parts of the obstacle need to be dismantled or if any other assistance needs to be given to extricate the Horse.

545.7 Stopping Athletes

If any part of an obstacle is obstructed by an Athlete in difficulty, or if any obstacle has been dismantled to release a fallen Horse, or if an obstacle has been broken and is not yet rebuilt, or in any other similar circumstances, subsequent Athletes must be halted.

In such a case, an Official should be posted in the path of the oncoming Athlete. The Official shall wave a red flag, which indicates that the Athlete must stop.

Failure to stop is penalised by elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

The Official will stop Athletes only upon the instruction of the Control Centre or during an emergency at their own obstacle.

Athletes may be stopped on the course at obstacles or at designated timing/stopping points.

545.7.1 Timing

The time during which the Athlete was stopped, from the moment the Athlete passed the timing point until the Athlete passes that same point after being given the order to restart, will be recorded and it will be deducted from the total time taken by the Athlete to complete the course.

It is clearly intended that the time shall be taken as the Athlete gallops past the timing point, not after the Athlete halts nor after a start from the halt.

545.8 Leaving the Course After Elimination

An Athlete eliminated for any reason must leave the course at once and has no right to continue. The Athlete must walk their Horse off the course, either mounted or dismounted.

Athletes who fail to comply will be disciplined at the discretion of the Ground Jury in accordance with Art.525 (Dangerous Riding).

546 Courses

546.1 Marking

546.1.1 Red or White Boundary Flags

Red or white boundary flags shall be used to mark the starting and finishing lines, to mark compulsory passages, and to define obstacles. They are placed in such a way that an Athlete must leave a red flag on their right and a white flag on their left.

546.1.2 Numbers and Letters

Each obstacle on Cross Country shall be numbered. Obstacles with elements or options (art. 547.5.1) shall, in addition, be lettered (A, B, C, etc.). Each compulsory passage shall be marked and numbered consecutively.

546.1.3 Start and Finish Signs

In addition to the red or white boundary flags, the starting and finishing line shall also be marked by distinct signs.

546.2 Distances and Speeds

The distances and speeds demanded for the different levels are determined by the intended difficulty of the whole test.

Course Designers, within the limits shown in Table of Distances, Speeds, Times and Jumping Efforts for the relevant level of Competition see Annex B table Distances, will choose the most suitable distance for the specific Competition.

Any exceptional modification to the distances and speeds specified in Annex B table Distances must be approved by the Eventing Committee, except as provided for in Art. 537.2.

546.3 Finishing Lines

The last obstacle of Cross Country shall be not less than 20 metres no more than 50 metres from the finishing line.

546.4 Course Plans

Each Athlete will be given in advance a plan showing the track of the course.

The course plan must include the following:

- a) The position of the start and finish
- b) The numbered obstacles and compulsory passages
- c) The distance
- d) The optimum time and time limit

547 Obstacles

547.1 Definition

An obstacle is considered as such if and only if its extremities are marked with a red flag and a white flag and it is numbered and/or lettered accordingly. All significant jumping efforts that the average Horse may be expected to attempt to negotiate must be defined as an obstacle or element and flagged, numbered and/or lettered accordingly.

547.2 Type of Obstacles

547.2.1 General

The obstacles must be fixed and imposing in shape and appearance. When natural obstacles are used, they should, if necessary, be reinforced so that they remain in the same state throughout the test. All reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent the possibility of an Athlete being able to pass mounted under an obstacle. Portable fences must be secured to the ground in a way that they have no possibility to move if hit by a Horse.

547.2.2 Construction

The obstacles at which a Horse, in falling, is likely to be trapped or to injure itself, must be built in such a way that part of the obstacle can be quickly dismantled and can be quickly rebuilt exactly as before. Such a construction must not in any way detract from the solidity of the obstacle.

547.2.3 Brush

Brush on top of fences must be made of flexible and deformable material. The fence must be constructed so that a Horse clearing the fixed and solid part is unlikely to be injured by the brush or hedge. Bullfinches, i.e. thin brushes or hedges through which a Horse can be expected to jump are permitted, provided they can be maintained in consistent condition throughout the test.

547.2.4 Frangible/Deformable Obstacles

Obstacles can be provided with frangible/deformable technology only if such technology has been approved by the FEI according to the FEI Standard for the minimum strength of frangible/deformable cross country fences. A list of approved technologies is published on the FEI website.

For all levels, all open oxers, open corners, verticals or near verticals with open rails, top rail on triple bars and gates where the rail dimensions and weight fit the acceptable parameters of an FEI approved frangible device, must be fitted with frangible devices.

547.2.5 Fences related to water

Each cross-country course must have at least one obstacle (effort) related to water

547.2.6 Sloping & Round Leading Edges

Spread fences including corners must not have an upright or vertical leading edge. The top of the front of the fence must be rounded or sloped. All other fences, including gates and fences using square and/or sawn materials, must not have any sharp or square edges. Brush fences are excluded provided there is at least 20cms of brush above the solid part of the fence.

547.2.7 Ground lines

Ground lines must be used on fences at all levels.

An additional ground line is not compulsory for fences with a leading edge of 50 cm or less.

Note: Please refer to the Cross Country guide for Officials for further information about the use of Ground lines

547.3 Dimensions

The dimensions of obstacles must be within the limits shown in the Table of Obstacle Heights and Spreads for the relevant level of Competition see Annex B table Dimensions. Obstacles must comply with the permitted fence dimensions as per Annex B at the time of the approval by the Ground Jury (in case of change of ground conditions).

ESA 547.3.0 Dimensions for Fences at Ev95 and lower levels

The dimensions allowed are listed in Annexure H.

547.3.1 Fixed Part

The fixed and solid part of an obstacle may not exceed the specified height or spread at any of the points at which an Athlete might reasonably attempt to negotiate the obstacle.

547.3.2 Brush

The overall height and the height of the solid part of a hedge or brush fence must never exceed the relative dimension set in the Table of Obstacle Heights and Spreads for the relevant level of Competition see Annex B table Dimensions.

547.3.3 Water

At obstacles involving water crossings (ford, lake or wide river), the depth of water, from the entrance to the exit must not exceed 35 centimetres. The length of any water crossing must be at least six metres between entry and exit, except where an exit step(s) or fence is jumped directly out of the water, in which case the minimum length must be nine metres.

A fence must not be less than two strides before a step out of water or three strides after a drop in water.

Water to water with a drop is not a permitted obstacle question at any level.

547.3.4 Obstacles with Spread Only

At an obstacle with spread only (dry or water filled ditch), a guard rail or hedge in front that facilitates jumping is permitted. It may not exceed 50 centimetres in height and must be included in the measurement of the spread.

547.3.5 Drops

At 2 star level, no drops over 160 centimetres are permitted. At 3, 4 & 5 star level drops with a flat landing exceeding 160 centimetres are limited to two.

547.4 Measurement

547.4.1 Height

The height of an obstacle is measured from the point where the average Horse would take off.

547.4.2 Spread

The spread of an open obstacle (e.g. oxer or ditch) is measured from the outside of the rails or other material making up the obstacle on the line where the average Horse is expected to jump. The spread of a closed obstacle with a solid top (e.g. Tables) is measured from the highest point to the highest point on the line where the average Horse is expected to jump. Base spread measurements include all solid element/rails, including solid ground lines (please refer to Cross Country guide for Officials for details).

547.4.3 Drop

The drop on the landing side of an obstacle is measured from the highest part of the obstacle, including from the top of a brush fence, to the point where the average Horse would land.

547.4.4 Natural Obstacles

When the height of an obstacle cannot be clearly defined (e.g. natural hedge, bullfinch), the height is measured to the solid part of the obstacle through which a Horse cannot pass with impunity.

547.5 Obstacles with Elements and/or Options

547.5.1 Obstacles Composed of Several Elements

If two or more jumping efforts, sited closely together, are designed as one integral test, they will be designated as "elements" of a single numbered obstacle. Each element will be marked with a different letter (A, B, C, etc.) and must be negotiated in the correct order.

Where two or more jumping efforts are sited so closely together that after a refusal or run-out it would be unreasonably difficult to attempt to negotiate the second or subsequent effort without retaking one or more earlier efforts, these jumping efforts must be designated as one numbered obstacle and lettered accordingly.

547.5.2 Obstacles with Alternatives

Where an obstacle may be jumped in one effort but has alternatives involving two or more efforts, each of these alternatives must be lettered or numbered as an element.

An alternative obstacle must be sited in such a way that the horse/ athlete must make a new attempt/approach after a refusal or run-out.

547.5.3 Black Flagged 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 on both sides of the flag.

547.6 Number of Jumping Efforts

The total number of jumping efforts shall be within the limits (minimum and maximum) shown in the Table of Distances, Speeds, Times and Jumping Efforts for the relevant level of Competition see Annex B table Distances.

The efforts to be counted are the efforts on the route expected to be taken by the average Horse.

For all classes at all levels it is possible to have a maximum of an additional 2 efforts whereby steps and ditches do not count as efforts under the following conditions:

- a) 2 steps as part of a combination/related fences only count as one effort, eg a sunken road with what would traditionally be 4 efforts (fence before, step down, step up, fence after) will count as 3 efforts
- b) 3 steps up or down will count as 2 efforts
- c) a ditch as part of a combination (e.g. a hollow/coffin type fence) does not count as an effort

- d) the steps and ditches would be flagged/lettered as normal and judged as normal. The CD and TD need to agree, in advance of the competition, how many of such efforts, if any, are appropriate for the particular competition given the nature of the terrain and the balance, flow, and intensity of the course

548 Scoring

548.1 Faults at Obstacles

Fault	Penalty
First refusal, run-out or circle	20 penalties
Second refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle	40 penalties
Third refusal, run-out or circle on XC Course	elimination
Fall of Athlete or Horse on Cross Country Course	elimination
Activating a frangible device where the dimension of the fence is modified	11 penalties
Dangerous riding	25 penalties
Missing a flag as per art. 549.2	15 penalties

Evidence: Only official video recording can be used as evidence. Officials will clarify before the start of Cross Country and inform Chefs d'Equipe/riders at the meeting/briefing which video recording will represent the official view, to avoid any misunderstanding.

ESA 548.1.1 Faults at Obstacles at levels Ev65 - Ev95

The faults as per art. 548.1 apply, except for the following changes:

Fault	Penalty
Third refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle	elimination
Third refusal, run-out or circle on XC Course	no elimination
Fourth refusal, run-out or circle on XC Course	elimination

548.2 Time Faults

Fault	Penalty
Exceeding optimum time	Zero point four (0.4) penalty per commenced second
Exceeding time limit	Elimination

ESA 548.2.1 Time Faults at levels Ev65 - Ev95 and CCN1*

The penalties in art. 548.2 apply, in addition to the following:

Fault	Penalty
Faster than Optimum Time minus 20 seconds	1 penalty per second or part thereof faster

548.3 Additional Reasons for Elimination

548.3.1 Compulsory Elimination

Elimination must be applied in the following cases:

- a) Competing with improper saddlery (art. 539).
- b) Error of course not rectified (art. 545.3).
- c) Omission of obstacle or compulsory passage (art. 545.3).
- d) Jumping or incurring a fault at an obstacle in the wrong order or passing through a compulsory passage in the wrong order (art. 545.3).
- e) Jumping an obstacle in the wrong direction (art. 545.3).
- f) Retaking an obstacle already jumped (art. 545.3).
- g) Athlete in difficulty (art. 545.6).

548.3.2 Ground Jury Discretion

Elimination is left to the discretion of the Ground Jury in the following cases:

- a) Dangerous riding (art. 525).
- b) Abuse of Horse (art. 526).
- c) Deliberately starting before being given the signal to start (art. 545.1.1).
- d) Jumping or attempting to jump any obstacle without headgear, or with an unfastened retention harness (art. 538.1.1).
- e) Wilful obstruction of an overtaking Athlete, or failure to follow the instructions of the Officials while being overtaken (art. 525).
- f) Causing danger to another Athlete while overtaking that Athlete (art. 525).
- g) Failure to stop when signalled (art. 545.7).
- h) Unauthorised assistance (art. 540).

ESA 548.3.3 ESA Team Discretion

At a National Federation Competition where a Ground Jury is not appointed, the cases for Eliminations considered in art. 548.3.2 will be at the discretion of the ESA Team.

549 Definition of Faults

The following faults at obstacles (refusal, run-out and circle) will be penalised unless, in the opinion of the relevant Official, they are clearly not connected with the negotiation or attempted negotiation of a numbered obstacle or element. In the case of black flag alternatives only one obstacle/element has to be jumped and 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 the Athlete has not presented their Horse at the next element of the original line. In the case of black flags alternatives the faults at obstacles (refusal, run-out and circle) will only be penalised if related to the obstacle/elements attempted or negotiated (elements not attempted or negotiated will be irrelevant for the judging of such alternatives).

549.1 Refusal

ESA 549.1.0 Presentation at a Fence

An Athlete who brings their Horse, intentionally or otherwise, to the area in front of a flagged obstacle from where another Horse might otherwise be expected to jump from in order to clear the obstacle, is considered to have presented their Horse at that obstacle.

549.1.1 Obstacles With Height

At obstacles or elements with height (i.e. exceeding 30 centimetres), a Horse is considered to have refused if it stops in front of the obstacle to be jumped.

549.1.2 Obstacles Without Height

At all other obstacles (i.e. 30 centimetres or less in height) a stop followed immediately by a standing jump is not however penalised, but if the halt is sustained or in any way prolonged, this constitutes a refusal. The Horse may step sideways but if it steps back, this is a refusal.

549.1.3 Multiple Refusals

After a refusal, if an Athlete redoubles or changes their efforts without success, or if the Horse is represented at the obstacle after stepping back and stops or steps back again, this is a second refusal; and so on.

549.2 Run-out - missing a flag

a) Clear (0 penalties): A horse is considered to have cleared the fence when the head, neck and points of both shoulders pass between the extremities of the obstacle as flagged. If a flag is dislodged, the hindquarters must jump the height of the solid part of the obstacle.

b) Missing a flag (15 penalties): A horse is considered to have missed a flag when the point of a shoulder fails to pass between the extremities of the obstacle as flagged. The head and neck must pass inside the extremities of the obstacle as flagged. If a flag is dislodged, the hindquarters must jump the height of the solid part of the obstacle

c) Run-Out (20 penalties): A Horse is considered to have run-out if, having been presented at an obstacle on the course, it avoids it in such a way that the head, neck and point of either shoulder fail to pass between the extremities of the obstacle as flagged or the hindquarters have not jumped the height of the solid part of the obstacle. Continuing on course without representing will incur elimination.

549.2.1 Change of Intention

An Athlete is permitted to change their mind as to where the Athlete jumps an obstacle or element at any time, without penalty, including as a result of a mistake at a previous obstacle or element. If, however, the Horse avoids part of the obstacle at which it has been presented, the Combination will be considered to have run-out.

549.2.2 Judging of Bounce Obstacles

At any obstacle where the distance between elements is 5 metres or less (i.e. a "bounce"), when a Horse has negotiated the first element without penalty, the Horse will be deemed to have been presented at the second element and similarly if the "bounce" is for example the second and third elements of a combination. Thus if an Athlete "changes their mind" while negotiating the first element of a "bounce" and, for example, then goes a longer route, the Athlete will still be penalised 20 penalties for a run-out.

549.3 Circle

549.3.1 Separately Numbered Obstacles

At separately numbered obstacles, an Athlete may circle or cross their tracks between or around them without penalty provided the Athlete has not presented their Horse at the second or subsequent obstacles.

549.3.2 Obstacles Composed of Several Elements

At an obstacle composed of several elements (A, B, C, etc.) a Horse will be penalised once it has jumped the first element and before it has jumped the last element if:

- a) It passes around the back of any element of the lettered combination that it subsequently jumps.
- b) It crosses its tracks between the elements.
- c) It circles back around any element that it has already jumped before jumping any subsequent element of a lettered combination

549.4 Representing After a Disobedience

After being penalised for a refusal, run-out or circle, an Athlete, in order to make another attempt, is permitted to circle one or more times without penalty, until the Athlete again presents their Horse at the obstacle.

At an obstacle composed of several elements, if the Athlete refuses, runs out or circles at any element, the Athlete is permitted to retake any elements already jumped, although the Athlete is liable to be penalised for any fault even if the Athlete has previously jumped an element successfully.

If after a refusal, run-out or circle, the Athlete wishes to pass through flags of a fence without height (i.e. step or ditch) in the wrong direction in order to retake an element, the Athlete may do so without penalty.

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.

549.5 Fall

549.5.1 Athlete

An Athlete is considered to have fallen when the Athlete is separated from their Horse in such a way as to necessitate remounting.

549.5.2 Horse

A Horse is considered to have fallen when, at the same time, both its shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground or when it is trapped in a fence in such a way that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself.

Chapter 10 Jumping Test

550 FEI Jumping Rules

The FEI Jumping Rules apply for the Eventing Jumping Test except where otherwise provided in these Eventing Rules. Any modification introduced to the FEI Jumping Rules during the year will be evaluated for inclusion in these Eventing Rules from 1st January the following year.

551 Object

This test is similar to an ordinary Jumping Competition, but without any attempt to find a winner of this test on its own. Its main objective is to prove that the Horse and Athlete are well trained in the specialist discipline of Jumping. The nature of the course, its length, the speed demanded and the dimensions of the obstacles will be in accordance to the level of the Competition.

552 Course and Obstacles

Within the limits shown in Jumping Annex C, the Course Designer is free to plan a track suitable to the level of the Competition.

The dimensions of the obstacles shall not exceed the limits shown in Jumping Annex C. At least two thirds shall be of maximum height for the level offered.

A tolerance of five centimetres in height is acceptable, if dictated by the terrain or by the spacing of the cups as authorised by the FEI Jumping Rules.

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".

553 Scoring

553.1 Faults at Obstacles

Fault	Penalty
Knocking down an obstacle	4 penalties
First run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test	4 penalties
Second run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test	elimination
Fall of Athlete or Horse	elimination

For Short Format competitions (when the Jumping test is before the Cross Country test), an athlete incurring 20 or more Obstacles penalties during the Jumping test will not be authorised to start in the Cross Country test and will be automatically eliminated from the competition.

ESA 553.1.1 National Federation Competitions

An athlete incurring 20 or more Obstacles penalties during the Jumping test will only be automatically eliminated from CCN2*-S, CCN3*-S and CCN4*-S competitions. This automatic elimination will not take place in CCN1*, Ev95, Ev85, Ev75 or Ev65 Competitions.

An athlete may be eliminated for dangerous riding after the Jumping test if, in the opinion of the ESA Team, it would be unsafe for the athlete to ride in the Cross Country test.

553.2 Time Faults

The length of the course and the speed demanded determine the time allowed. Completing the course in less than the time allowed is not rewarded, but exceeding the time allowed, Athletes are penalised with 0.4 penalty per commenced second. Exceeding the time limit involves elimination.

Annex A Dressage – Annexes

Note: For Eventing, the bits permitted for the Dressage test have been reformulated to take into account the wide use of snaffles in Eventing (different to the Dressage Rules) as well as defining the action.

Any approved mouthpiece may be combined with any approved cheek piece.

National Federation Competitions at Ev95 level and lower are judged according to Dressage South Africa rules and this includes the permitted bits and tack.

1. Permitted Bits for the Dressage Test

1.1 Action of Bits

- a) Snaffle bits work on the corners, tongue and bars of the mouth depending on their shape and the rein effect produced by the Athlete
- b) Single-jointed bits may also work on the roof of the mouth if not fitted and used correctly.
- c) Straight bar snaffles cause more tongue pressure
- d) Double-jointed snaffles conform to the shape of the mouth and tongue creating more even pressure
- e) Rounded or moving centrepieces encourage movement of the tongue and salivation
- f) Curved mouthpieces with joints and Mullen mouth bits conform to the shape of the tongue and mouth.
- g) Cheek Pieces
- h) Full cheek, egg butt and D ring snaffles are more stable and also work on the sides of the mouth
- i) Loose ring snaffles have a more moveable mouthpiece to encourage mouthing of the bit and salivation
- j) Hanging cheek snaffles have a slight leverage action and work more on the corners of the mouth and poll

1.2 Material:

- a) Durable enough to be safe
- b) Must keep smooth and solid surface, not to be altered by the chewing of the horse in order to prevent horse from injuries
- c) Not health-damaging
- d) Snaffles: can be made of metal, flexible rubber or synthetic, or plastic or leather material, and may be covered with rubber/latex or leather.
- e) Bridoon and curb: must be made of metal and/or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber/latex.

1.3 Permitted Snaffles (see diagrams)

- a) May have one or two joints
- b) May be double-jointed with rounded or rotating mouthpiece allowing for better fit and comfort. The edges must be rounded and the length of the centre link must be 4.5cm long as a maximum.
- c) May have a slightly curved port, allowing more room for the tongue. The maximum height is 30mm from the lower part of the side of the tongue to the highest point of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must have a minimum width of 30mm. The mouthpiece of a jointed or unjointed snaffle may be shaped in a curve within the dimensions specified above.
- d) Wavy bits are allowed
- e) A coupling is permitted as the centre link and must be solid with no moveable parts other than a roller.
- f) The centre link must be rounded
- g) The diameter of the mouthpiece must be a minimum of 14mm for Horses and 10mm for Ponies at the rings or cheeks.




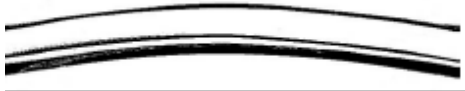








- h) The maximum length of the cheek piece of a hanging cheek snaffle is 7cm measured from the top of the mouthpiece to the top of the small ring






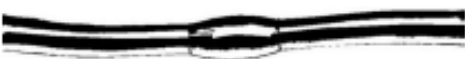

1.4 Illegal Bits

- Snaffles with a control plate (i.e Dr Bristol: if put incorrectly the edge of the plate causes excess pressure on tongue).
- Any single or double - jointed cable bits (may cause pinching of the tongue or cheeks)
- Bits which place mechanical restraint on tongue (large immovable centre link causes excessive pressure on tongue).
- Bits that can slide vertically creating a gag effect
- Mouthpiece wings that restrict the reins to move freely.







1.5 Snaffles

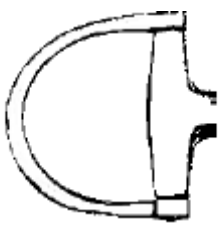




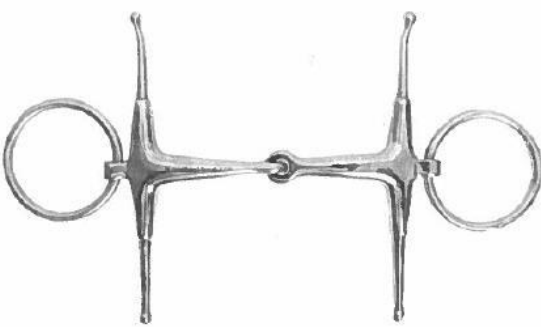
a) Permitted Mouthpieces

1. Single-jointed _ 	10. 
2. Double-jointed 	11. 
3. Shaped single-jointed 	12. 
4. Single-jointed with rubber coating 	13. 
5. Double jointed with rotating middle piece 	14. 
6. Double jointed with plastic middle piece 	15. 





7. Ball jointed 	16. 
8. Multiple ball jointed 	17. 
9. Shaped double joint 	18. 
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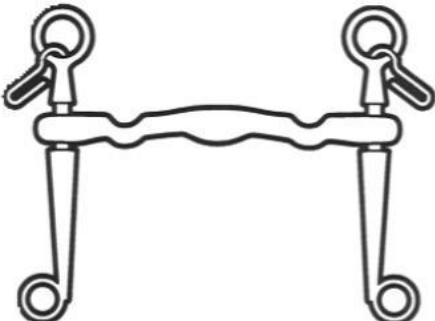

b) Permitted Cheek pieces:

1. Loose ring 	7. D-Ring 
2. Egg-butt 	8. D-Ring 
3. Egg-butt 	9. Loose ring with sleeves 






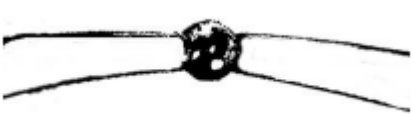


4. D-ring 	10. Snaffle with full cheeks 
5. D-ring 	11. Snaffle with full cheeks 
6. Hanging cheek 	12. Traditional snaffle cheek piece 


1.6 Double Bridle

Permitted Curb Mouthpieces	Permitted Curb Cheekpieces
1. 	1. Straight cheek 
2. 	2. Straight cheek 





<p>3.</p> 	<p>3. S-Shape cheek</p> 
<p>4.</p> 	<p>4. Sliding cheek curb</p> 
<p>5.</p> 	

Permitted mouthpieces for Bridoon

<p>1. Single-jointed</p> 	<p>5. Double-jointed with rotating middle piece</p> 
<p>2. Double-jointed</p> 	<p>6. Double-jointed with plastic middle piece</p> 
<p>3. Shaped single-jointed</p> 	<p>7. Ball-jointed</p> 
<p>4. Single-jointed with rubber coating</p> 	<p>8. Multiple ball-jointed</p> 

	9. Shaped double-jointed 
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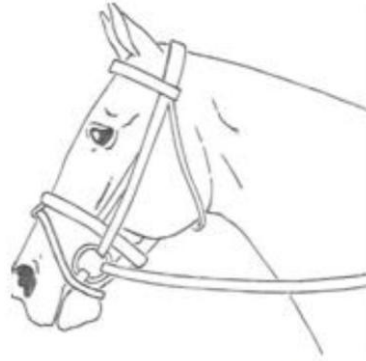
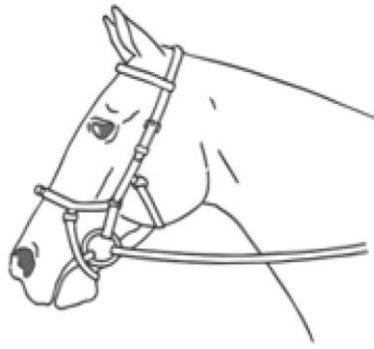
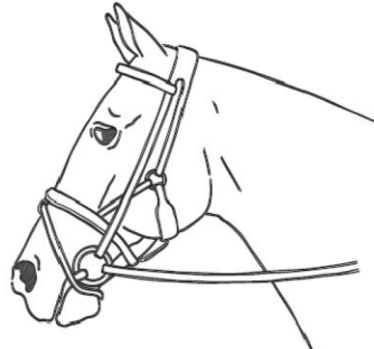
1. Loose ring 	3. Egg-butt 
2. Egg-butt 	9. Loose ring with sleeves 

2. Permitted Bridles for the Dressage Test

The images below are examples only, and similar bridles which produce the same effect on the horse are also allowed if they adhere to the art.539.

All Nosebands must be correctly fitted, and cannot be so tight to cause unnecessary discomfort to the Horse, ref. Code Article 1044.8 of Conduct the FEI Veterinary Regulations applies in relation to the permitted tightness of the noseband.

1. Cavesson 	2. Crossed noseband 
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3. Dropped noseband 	4. Flash noseband 
5. Micklem Bridle 	6. Stotztem (combined noseband, no throat lash) 

Nosebands 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are not permitted when a double bridle is used

3. Dressage Tests for Eventing

Valid as from 1st January 2024

Please refer to: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/eventing/dressage-tests>

~~In all Eventing Dressage Tests, the Collective Marks to be replaced by Harmony of Athletes and Horses describing a confident partnership created by adhering to the scale of training.~~

ESA 3.1 National Dressage Tests for Eventing

Tests other than these may be used if approved by the Provincial or National Eventing Councils, as applicable for the Competition.

Valid as of 1 January 2022.

ESA 3.1.1 Pony Rider Competitions

Ev65 / Ev75 PR Competitions	ESA Ev65/Ev75 Pony Rider Test A (2023)	Approx. 4m 00s
	ESA Ev65/Ev75 Pony Rider Test B (2023)	
Ev85 PR Competitions	ESA Ev85 Pony Rider Test A (2023)	Approx. 5m 00s
	ESA Ev85 Pony Rider Test B (2023)	
Ev95 PR Competitions	ESA Ev95 Pony Rider Test A (2023)	Approx. 5m
	ESA Ev95 Pony Rider Test B (2023)	

ESA 3.1.2 Junior, Young Rider and Senior Competitions

Ev65 / Ev75 Competitions	ESA Ev65 / Ev75 Test A (2023)	Approx. 4m 00s
	ESA Ev65 / Ev75 Test B (2023)	
Ev85 Competitions	ESA Ev85 Test A (2023)	Approx. 5m 00s
	ESA Ev85 Test B (2023)	
Ev95 Competitions	ESA Ev95 Test A (2023)	Approx. 5m 00s
	ESA Ev95 Test B (2023)	
Star classes	<i>As per FEI Tests above</i>	

Annex B Cross Country - Annexes

1. Cross Country Obstacles Maximum Dimensions

	One star	Two star	Three star	Four star	Five star	W-CH / Olympics
Fixed (m)	1,05	1,10	1,15	1,20	1,20	1,20
Brush (m)	1,25	1,30	1,35	1,40	1,45	1,40
Top Spread (m)	1,20	1,40	1,60	1,80	2,00	1,80
Base Spread (m)	1,80	2,10	2,40	2,70	3,00	2,70
Without Height (m)	2,40	2,80	3,20	3,60	4,00	3,60
Drop (m)	1,40	1,60	1,80	2,00	2,00	2,00

2. Distances - Speeds - Jumping Efforts

CCI-S (Short) Cross Country Distances - Jumping Efforts – Speeds

Level		CCI1*-Intro (unified)	Two star	Three star	Four star
Distance (m)	Min	2000	2600	3025	3420
	Max	3000	3120	3575	3990
Efforts	Min	20	25	27	30
	Max	25	30	32	35
Speed (m/min)		500	520	550	570
Time	Min	4 m 00 s	5 m 00 s	5 m 30 s	6 m 00 s
	Max	6 m 00 s	6 m 00 s	6 m 30 s	7 m 00 s

CCI-L (Long) Cross Country Distances - Jumping Efforts – Speeds

Level		Two star	Three star	Four star	Five star	W-CH / Olympic Games
Distance (m)	Min	3640	4400	5700	6270	5600
	Max	4680	5500	6270	6840	5800
Efforts	Min	25	30	35	40	38
	Max	30	35	40	45	42
Speed (m/min)		520	550	570	570	570
Time	Min	7 m 00 s	8 m 00 s	10 m 00 s	11 m 00 s	9 m 50 s
	Max	9 m 00 s	10 m 00 s	11 m 00 s	12 m 00 s	10 m 10 s

Within the above limits, the CD and TD may adjust in either direction to take account of the terrain, the number of efforts should be broadly proportional to the length of the course.

3. Diagram of Cross Country Obstacles and Faults

Explanatory diagrams can be found in a separate document published on FEI website, and is regularly updated.

Annex C Jumping - Annexes

1. Obstacles Maximum Dimensions - Distances - Speeds - Jumping Efforts

Maximum Dimensions - Distances - Speeds - Efforts

CCI - L & S	One star	Two star	Three star	Four star	Five star
Height (m)	1,10	1,15	1,20	1,25	1,30
Oxer spread (m)	1,25	1,35	1,40	1,45	1,45
Triple bar spread (m)	1,45	1,55	1,60	1,65	1,65
Distance (m)	600	600	600	600	600
Speed	350	350	350	375	375
No. Obstacles / Max Efforts	10-11 / 12	10-11 / 13	10-11 / 14	11-12 / 15	11-13 / 16

If the arena is less than 5000 square metres, the maximum speed for Four & Five star level Competitions shall be 350 metres/min.

In arenas less than 2300 square metres the maximum speed for any level shall be 325/min.

Annex D Medical Services

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.

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 TEAM	QUALIFICATIONS
Cross-Country test:	Advanced Medical	At least: 2	At least: 1 member wit the minimum necessary skills to:

At least 1 team	Response Team		<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 into 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 into 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Additional medical personnel required for adequate coverage</p> <p style="text-align: center;">As pre-determined by the CMO and OC depending on the layout and number of arenas</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If possible: ambulance or equivalent arrangement (see table in II.3 for details) for:</p> <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
<p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Additional medical personnel required for adequate coverage</p> <p style="text-align: center;">As pre-determined by the CMO depending on the layout of the Cross Country courses and the accessibility of the site.</p>		

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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.

Medical Requirements at National Federation Events

Medical Attendance at the Event

- a) A qualified physician with Advanced Trauma Life Support certification ("ATLS"); or
- b) A paramedic with Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS); or
- c) An International Trauma Life Support ("ITLS") certification; or
- d) A nurse with Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum ("TNCC") or the equivalent of any of the above.

Paramedics as above with Ambulance and other medical facilities must be on site during the Cross Country and Show Jumping Tests. Appointed Paramedics to be on call at all other times during an Event.

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 2024~~, € 150'000 by 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 F Athlete Representative

1. Appointment of Athlete Representative

Prior to the Athletes' first opportunity to inspect the Cross Country course every Organising Committee of an international Event must appoint an Athlete Representative from among the Athletes taking part in the Competition having first obtained that Athlete's consent.

This Athlete Representative has the task of acting as a channel of communication between the Athletes and the Officials on any matter directly connected with the Event without in any way removing the right of any Athlete to speak to the Organising Committee, Technical Delegate, Ground Jury, or Course Designer.

The name of this Athlete must be notified to the Athletes at the briefing if one is held or posted prominently on the Official Notice Board if no briefing takes place.

2. Athletes Briefing

The usual Athletes briefing on routine matters to do with last minute changes due to meteorological conditions, ground, etc must still take place on the evening before the Cross Country Test.

Annex G FEI Badges for Honour

Badges of Honour will be awarded to Athletes who complete Olympic Games and World Championships to the following scale:

- a) A Gold Badge for three completions.
- b) A Silver Badge for two completions.
- c) A Bronze Badge for one completion.

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

For maximum height and measuring, please refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations 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. (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

- a) Bull fences are not allowed.
- b) 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.
- c) 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

Annex I Indoor / Arena Cross Country Rules

1 Rules for National and International competitions

FEI Rules apply to all Eventing Classes held within or in direct relation with, OR shortly before or after a FEI International Jumping/Dressage Event. The following minimum requirements are to be implemented by ALL Organising Committees organising this type of competition to manage and limit risk at these events.

NFs/OCs have two (2) options for the organisation of Indoor/Arena Eventing competitions:

1. Apply to the FEI to organise this class as an International competition with inclusion in the FEI Calendar using the competition code CIX-Arena. The competition schedule to be submitted to the FEI for approval (specific form available);
- or
2. Organise the competition under National rules under the responsibility of the National Federation to enforce the below compulsory minimum requirements.

The following minimum requirements are mandatory:

1. **Qualification of Athletes:** Competition open only to A, B and C FEI categorised Athletes (to ensure all Athletes have adequate experience)
2. **Qualification of Horses:** minimum 7 years old and having 1 MER in CCI-3* minimum
3. **Level of competition:** maximum (current) 3 star level obstacles with speed related to the size of the arena.
4. **Competition Format:**
 - Optimum time if competition runs over fixed obstacles
 - Against the clock: ONLY with knockable fences or hedges (min. 1/3 of the height of the obstacle)
 - Two phases:
 - 1st phase: fixed obstacles possible, Table A format not against the clock
 - 2nd phase: knockable fences, Table A against the clock
5. **FEI Officials:** One experienced FEI Eventing Course Designer or FEI Eventing Technical Delegate. Veterinarians: it is mandatory that the VSM or TV appointed be regularly involved in the treatment of horses in Eventing competitions. It is necessary for the VD appointed to the CIX Event to be listed as a VD for Eventing.

2 Prize money & expenses

At the discretion of the Organising Committee, however the principle of this Competition is a demonstration class and should not be considered a high level Competition

3 The FEI Eventing Rules for Horse Welfare / Risk management

FEI Rules in regards to Dangerous Riding, sanctions etc, apply.

4 Promotion of Eventing as Discipline

Commentators: it is recommended that commentators with experience in Eventing are involved during the competition to explain Eventing, video clips are available for big screen to show the “real sport” (outdoor, 3 disciplines etc).

GLOSSARY

Competition:

As defined in the General Regulations, Competition refers to each individual class in which Athletes are placed in an order of merit and for which prizes may be awarded.

Cross Country Controller:

Is an experienced Official, who devises with the OC a communication plan for the Cross Country Test and organises the control of the Competition. Cross Country Controller liaises with the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate and advise of any situation development.

Elimination:

As defined in the General Regulations, Elimination means that an Athlete and/or a Horse may not continue in the Competition at issue and/or in any further Competition(s) of the Event, unless the Sport Rules provide otherwise.

Event:

As defined in the General Regulations, Event means a complete meeting, "Show", "Championship" or "Games". Events may be organised for one or more than one Discipline.

Disqualification:

As defined in the General Regulations, and unless the Sport Rules provide otherwise, Disqualification means that an Athlete and/or the Horse(s), is/are disqualified from the Competition at issue or from any further Competition(s) of the Event. Disqualification may also be retroactive.

Long Format Competitions:

Refer to Eventing Competitions that may take place over three or more days. The Dressage Test will be spread over one or more consecutive days, depending on the number of Athletes, directly followed on the next day by the Cross Country Test that will be directly followed on the next day by the Jumping Test. In the Long Format Competitions the Cross Country course will be of such a length that the Horse is required to be supremely fit and stamina will be required for success. The Cross Country Test will always take place before the Jumping Test.

Lower level event:

Lower level event are defined as the competitions for 1* to 3* Competitions, long or short format, as specified in Appendix E of the FEI General Regulations

Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER):

Refers to the prerequisites and conditions that need to be fulfilled by an Athlete to be allowed to compete at certain level of Eventing Competitions. A MER is achieved by completing an Eventing Competition within minimum parameters specified in the Eventing Rules.

Medical Information:

Athletes with medical conditions that may be relevant in the case of a medical emergency have the responsibility of wearing a medical data carrier from a system provider, able to communicate information at least in English at every Event when riding. 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.

National Safety Officer:

Is a liaison between the NF and the FEI for obtaining the information regarding any international or national (including regional) Events. The National Safety Officer is responsible to spread FEI Eventing Risk Management vision and ideas (awareness) regarding the sport in the NF.

Short Format Competition:

Refer to Eventing Competitions that may take place over one or more days. The Dressage Test will always take place first and will be followed on the same or following days by the Jumping and Cross Country Test. In the Short Format Competition the level of difficulty of the Cross Country course is similar to the Long Format according to the star system, but the course is shorter and the intensity of efforts will be higher. The Cross Country Test will preferably take place after the Jumping Test.

ESA Annex J Team Selection Procedure

The following procedure must be followed when selecting teams.

1. Selection Committees

At its Annual Meeting the Eventing SA National Council must appoint one or more National Selection Committees. Each committee shall consist of a Chairman and four selectors. Where more than one committee is appointed, the areas for which each is responsible must be clearly set out.

No person who:-

- a) Is related to,
- b) Coaches,
- c) Trains or Instructs, or
- d) Owns any horse ridden by a person under consideration for selection, may serve as a selector.

Selectors are responsible to the Eventing SA National Council by whom they were appointed.

It is important when appointing Selectors that the members of the selection committee are competent and have the time available to attend events.

2. Invitations

Invitations from National Federations, including the FEI to compete in team competitions that are received by SAEF/The Federation, shall be sent immediately to the Eventing SA National Council. The President shall then notify the Chairman of the Selectors if South Africa is going to participate.

The information required by the selectors shall include:

- a) Age Group of Team
- b) Riding own or borrowed horses ~~III. Level of competition~~
- c) ~~NF issuing~~ Level of competition
- d) Invitation
- e) Venue
- f) Date of competition
- g) Date by which team selection must be completed
- h) Any special conditions or criteria to be taken into account
- i) ~~IX.~~ Number of reserves required
- j) Chef d'Equipe or not
- k) Team Veterinarian or not

The Chairman of the Selection Committee shall decide which Selectors shall select the team required. The minimum number is 3.

3. Selection

It is the sole responsibility of the appointed selectors to select the team as required.

Their decision is not subject to query and unless requested to reconsider any selection by the Eventing SA National Council, they need not give any reasons for their selection nor how they arrived at their decision.

On completion of their selection the Chairman of the Selectors shall issue a certificate to the Eventing SA National Council President, in the prescribed format; certifying:

- a) The names of the team members and where applicable the names of the horses ii. The names of the reserves in order of preference together with the names of the reserve horses if required
- b) The name of the Chef d'Equipe if required
- c) The name of the Team Veterinarian if required.
- d) Certification that the team has been selected in accordance with the Disciplines

Selection criteria, together with any variations laid down by the Eventing SA National Council in respect of that team selection.

If there is no problem or query, the President of the Eventing SA National Council shall send a copy of the certificate to the SG, who will forward it to all members of Council for ratification. Ratification shall be by Round Robin resolution and shall require a simple majority.

Should Council or the Discipline Association President not be satisfied with any aspect of the selection, they will immediately request the Selection committee to reconsider their selection taking into account the concerns of the Discipline Association and/or those of Council.

The decision of the selectors shall then go through the same process again. Should it not be possible to reach agreement the matter must be resolved at a joint meeting of the Selectors, the Discipline Association Chairman and Council.

4. Notification to Team Members

On receipt of Council ratification, the Secretary General shall notify the Discipline

Association who in turn will notify the athletes concerned and the names of those finally selected together with the names of any team officials (Chef d'Equipe) shall be placed on the SAEF/Federation Website.

ESA Annex K Tables of Distances and Times

Cross Country Test

Only times for valid distances are given. All times are given in minutes and seconds. These tables are provided for guidance only, and the time allowed shall be the distance of the course ~~multiplied~~divided by the speed prescribed for the class.

Ev65 at 420 metres per minute

	0m	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m
1000m	2:23	2:25	2:26	2:28	2:29	2:30	2:32	2:33	2:35	2:36
1100m	2:38	2:39	2:40	2:42	2:43	2:45	2:46	2:48	2:49	2:50
1200m	2:52	2:53	2:55	2:56	2:58	2:59	3:00	3:02	3:03	3:05
1300m	3:06	3:08	3:09	3:10	3:12	3:13	3:15	3:16	3:18	3:19
1400m	3:20	3:22	3:23	3:25	3:26	3:28	3:29	3:30	3:32	3:33
1500m	3:35	3:36	3:38	3:39	3:40	3:42	3:43	3:45	3:46	3:48
1600m	3:49									

Ev75 at 440 metres per minute

	0m	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m
1300m						3:05	3:06	3:07	3:09	3:10
1400m	3:11	3:13	3:14	3:15	3:17	3:18	3:20	3:21	3:22	3:24
1500m	3:25	3:26	3:28	3:29	3:30	3:32	3:33	3:35	3:36	3:37
1600m	3:39	3:40	3:41	3:43	3:44	3:45	3:47	3:48	3:50	3:51
1700m	3:52	3:54	3:55	3:56	3:58	3:59	4:00	4:02	4:03	4:05
1800m	4:06	4:07	4:09	4:10	4:11	4:13	4:14	4:15	4:17	4:18
1900m	4:20	4:21	4:22	4:24	4:25	4:26	4:28	4:29	4:30	4:32
2000m	4:33									

Ev85 at 455 metres per minute

	0m	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m
1700m	3:45	3:46	3:47	3:49	3:50	3:51	3:53	3:54	3:55	3:57
1800m	3:58	3:59	4:00	4:02	4:03	4:04	4:06	4:07	4:08	4:10
1900m	4:11	4:12	4:14	4:15	4:16	4:18	4:19	4:20	4:22	4:23
2000m	4:24	4:26	4:27	4:28	4:30	4:31	4:32	4:33	4:35	4:36
2100m	4:37	4:39	4:40	4:41	4:43	4:44	4:45	4:47	4:48	4:49
2200m	4:51	4:52	4:53	4:55	4:56	4:57	4:59	5:00	5:01	5:02
2300m	5:04	5:05	5:06	5:08	5:09	5:10	5:12	5:13	5:14	5:16
2400m	5:17									

Ev95 at 475 metres per minute

	0m	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m
1900m	4:00	4:02	4:03	4:04	4:06	4:07	4:08	4:09	4:11	4:12
2000m	4:13	4:14	4:16	4:17	4:18	4:19	4:21	4:22	4:23	4:24
2100m	4:26	4:27	4:28	4:30	4:31	4:32	4:33	4:35	4:36	4:37
2200m	4:38	4:40	4:41	4:42	4:43	4:45	4:46	4:47	4:48	4:50
2300m	4:51	4:52	4:54	4:55	4:56	4:57	4:59	5:00	5:01	5:02
2400m	5:04	5:05	5:06	5:07	5:09	5:10	5:11	5:12	5:14	5:15
2500m	5:16	5:18	5:19	5:20	5:21	5:23	5:24	5:25	5:26	5:28
2600m	5:29	5:30	5:31	5:33	5:34	5:35	5:36	5:38	5:39	5:40
2700m	5:42	5:43	5:44	5:45	5:47	5:48				

CCN1* at 500 metres per minute

	0m	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m
2000m	4:00	4:02	4:03	4:04	4:05	4:06	4:08	4:09	4:10	4:11
2100m	4:12	4:14	4:15	4:16	4:17	4:18	4:20	4:21	4:22	4:23
2200m	4:24	4:26	4:27	4:28	4:29	4:30	4:32	4:33	4:34	4:35
2300m	4:36	4:38	4:39	4:40	4:41	4:42	4:44	4:45	4:46	4:47
2400m	4:48	4:50	4:51	4:52	4:53	4:54	4:56	4:57	4:58	4:59
2500m	5:00	5:02	5:03	5:04	5:05	5:06	5:08	5:09	5:10	5:11
2600m	5:12	5:14	5:15	5:16	5:17	5:18	5:20	5:21	5:22	5:23
2700m	5:24	5:26	5:27	5:28	5:29	5:30	5:32	5:33	5:34	5:35
2800m	5:36	5:38	5:39	5:40	5:41	5:42	5:44	5:45	5:46	5:47
2900m	5:48	5:50	5:51	5:52	5:53	5:54	5:56	5:57	5:58	5:59
3000m	6:00									

CCN2*-S and CCN2*-L at 520 metres per minute

	0m	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m
2600m	5:00	5:02	5:03	5:04	5:05	5:06	5:07	5:09	5:10	5:11
2700m	5:12	5:13	5:14	5:15	5:17	5:18	5:19	5:20	5:21	5:22
2800m	5:24	5:25	5:26	5:27	5:28	5:29	5:30	5:32	5:33	5:34
2900m	5:35	5:36	5:37	5:39	5:40	5:41	5:42	5:43	5:44	5:45
3000m	5:47	5:48	5:49	5:50	5:51	5:52	5:54	5:55	5:56	5:57
3100m	5:58	5:59	6:00							
3600m					7:00	7:02	7:03	7:04	7:05	7:06
3700m	7:07	7:09	7:10	7:11	7:12	7:13	7:14	7:15	7:17	7:18
3800m	7:19	7:20	7:21	7:22	7:24	7:25	7:26	7:27	7:28	7:29
3900m	7:30	7:32	7:33	7:34	7:35	7:36	7:37	7:39	7:40	7:41
4000m	7:42	7:43	7:44	7:45	7:47	7:48	7:49	7:50	7:51	7:52
4100m	7:54	7:55	7:56	7:57	7:58	7:59	8:00	8:02	8:03	8:04
4200m	8:05	8:06	8:07	8:09	8:10	8:11	8:12	8:13	8:14	8:15
4300m	8:17	8:18	8:19	8:20	8:21	8:22	8:24	8:25	8:26	8:27
4400m	8:28	8:29	8:30	8:32	8:33	8:34	8:35	8:36	8:37	8:39
4500m	8:40	8:41	8:42	8:43	8:44	8:45	8:47	8:48	8:49	8:50
4600m	8:51	8:52	8:54	8:55	8:56	8:57	8:58	8:59	9:00	

CCN3*-S and CCN3*-L at 550 metres per minute

	0m	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m
3000m				5:31	5:32	5:33	5:34	5:35	5:36	5:38
3100m	5:39	5:40	5:41	5:42	5:43	5:44	5:45	5:46	5:47	5:48
3200m	5:50	5:51	5:52	5:53	5:54	5:55	5:56	5:57	5:58	5:59
3300m	6:00	6:02	6:03	6:04	6:05	6:06	6:07	6:08	6:09	6:10
3400m	6:11	6:12	6:14	6:15	6:16	6:17	6:18	6:19	6:20	6:21
3500m	6:22	6:23	6:24	6:26	6:27	6:28	6:29	6:30		
4400m	8:00	8:02	8:03	8:04	8:05	8:06	8:07	8:08	8:09	8:10
4500m	8:11	8:12	8:14	8:15	8:16	8:17	8:18	8:19	8:20	8:21
4600m	8:22	8:23	8:24	8:26	8:27	8:28	8:29	8:30	8:31	8:32
4700m	8:33	8:34	8:35	8:36	8:38	8:39	8:40	8:41	8:42	8:43
4800m	8:44	8:45	8:46	8:47	8:48	8:50	8:51	8:52	8:53	8:54
4900m	8:55	8:56	8:57	8:58	8:59	9:00	9:02	9:03	9:04	9:05
5000m	9:06	9:07	9:08	9:09	9:10	9:11	9:12	9:14	9:15	9:16
5100m	9:17	9:18	9:19	9:20	9:21	9:22	9:23	9:24	9:26	9:27
5200m	9:28	9:29	9:30	9:31	9:32	9:33	9:34	9:35	9:36	9:38
5300m	9:39	9:40	9:41	9:42	9:43	9:44	9:45	9:46	9:47	9:48
5400m	9:50	9:51	9:52	9:53	9:54	9:55	9:56	9:57	9:58	9:59
5500m	10:00									

CCN4*-S and CCN4*-L at 570 metres per minute

	0m	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m
3400m			6:00	6:02	6:03	6:04	6:05	6:06	6:07	6:08
3500m	6:09	6:10	6:11	6:12	6:13	6:14	6:15	6:16	6:17	6:18
3600m	6:19	6:20	6:22	6:23	6:24	6:25	6:26	6:27	6:28	6:29
3700m	6:30	6:31	6:32	6:33	6:34	6:35	6:36	6:37	6:38	6:39
3800m	6:40	6:42	6:43	6:44	6:45	6:46	6:47	6:48	6:49	6:50
3900m	6:51	6:52	6:53	6:54	6:55	6:56	6:57	6:58	6:59	7:00
5700m	10:00	10:02	10:03	10:04	10:05	10:06	10:07	10:08	10:09	10:10
5800m	10:11	10:12	10:13	10:14	10:15	10:16	10:17	10:18	10:19	10:20
5900m	10:22	10:23	10:24	10:25	10:26	10:27	10:28	10:29	10:30	10:31
6000m	10:32	10:33	10:34	10:35	10:36	10:37	10:38	10:39	10:40	10:42
6100m	10:43	10:44	10:45	10:46	10:47	10:48	10:49	10:50	10:51	10:52
6200m	10:53	10:54	10:55	10:56	10:57	10:58	10:59	11:00		

Jumping Test

All times given in seconds.

Ev65 at 300 metres per minute

	0m	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m
300m	60	62	64	66	68	70	72	74	76	78
400m	80	82	84	86	88	90	92	94	96	98
500m	100	102	104	106	108	110	112	114	116	118
600m	120									

Ev75, Ev85 and Ev95 at 325 metres per minute

	0m	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m
300m	56	58	60	61	63	65	67	69	71	72
400m	74	76	78	80	82	84	85	87	89	91
500m	93	95	96	98	100	102	104	106	108	109
600m	111									

CCN1*, CCN2*, CCN3* at 350 metres per minute*

	0m	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m
300m	52	54	55	57	59	60	62	64	66	67
400m	69	71	72	74	76	78	79	81	83	84
500m	86	88	90	91	93	95	96	98	100	102
600m	103									

CCN5CCN4* at 375 metres per minute*

	0m	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m
300m	48	50	52	53	55	56	58	60	61	63
400m	64	66	68	69	71	72	74	76	77	79
500m	80	82	84	85	87	88	90	92	93	95
600m	96									

* Please see Annex C regarding the size of the arena: the area of the arena must be at least 5 000 m². If the area is less than 5 000 m², then the maximum speed will be 350 m/min. If the area is less than 2 400 m², then the maximum speed will be 325 m/min.

ESA Annex L Table of Dimensions

LEVEL	CROSS COUNTRY TEST												
	Distance m (Min-Max)	Height m	Spread No height	Spread with height		Brush Fences		Drop m	Narrow Fences		Max depth water	Number of efforts (Min-Max)	Speed mpm
				Top m	Base m	Fixed m	Overall m		<div>Minimum Jumpable Minimum le</div> <div>Recommended Jumpable Width</div>	Max No			
Ev65	1000 – 1600	0.65m	1.10m	0.75m	0.95m	0.60m	0.80m	0.85m	<div>2.75m— 3.00m</div> 25m	2	0.30m	10 - 15	420 mpm
Ev75	1350 – 2000	0.75m	1.30m	0.85m	1.05m	0.70m	0.90m	0.95m	<div>2.50m— 2.75m</div> 25m	2	0.30m	13 - 18	440 mpm
Ev85	1700 – 2400	0.85m	1.60m	0.95m	1.25m	0.80m	0.95m	1.05m	<div>2.25m— 2.50m</div> 00m	3	0.30m	16 - 21	455 mpm
Ev95	1900 – 2750	0.95m	2.00m	1.05m	1.55m	0.95m	1.15m	1.20m	2.00m—2.25m	3	0.30m	18 - 23	475 mpm
1*-Intro	2000 – 3000	1.05m	2.40m	1.20m	1.80m	1.05m	1.25m	1.40m	1.90m—2.00m	4	0.30m	20 - 25	500 mpm
2*-S	2600 – 3120	1.10m	2.80m	1.40m	2.10m	1.10m	1.30m	1.60m	1.65m—1.80m	4	0.30m	25 - 30	520 mpm
2*-L	3640 – 4680											25 - 30	
3*-S	3025 – 3575	1.15m	3.20m	1.60m	2.40m	1.15m	1.35m	1.80m	1.50m—1.65m	20%	0.30m	27 - 32	550 mpm
3*-L	4400 – 5500											30 - 35	
4*-S	3420 – 3990	1.20m	3.60m	1.80m	2.70m	1.20m	1.40m	2.00m	1.40m—1.50m	20%	0.30m	30 - 35	570 mpm
4*-L	5700 – 6270											35 - 40	

LEVEL	DRESSAGE TEST	JUMPING TEST						
	Tests	Obstacles	Max Efforts	Height	Oxer Spread	Triple Bar Spread	Max Distance	Speed
Ev65	ESA Ev65 / Ev75 PR Test A, B ESA Ev65 / Ev75 Test A, B	9	9	0.70 m	0.80 m	1.00 m	600 m	300 mpm
Ev75	ESA Ev65 / Ev75 PR Test A, B ESA Ev65 / Ev75 Test A, B	9	10	0.80 m	0.95 m	1.15 m	600 m	325 mpm
Ev85	ESA Ev85 PR Test A, B ESA Ev85 Test A, B	9	10	0.90 m	1.10 m	1.25 m	600 m	325 mpm
Ev95	ESA Ev95 PR Test A, B ESA Ev95 Test A, B	9 - 10	11	1.00 m	1.20 m	1.35 m	600 m	325 mpm
1 star	FEI CCI1* Test	10 - 11	12	1.10 m	1.25 m	1.45 m	600 m	350 mpm *
2 star	FEI CCI2* A, B	10 - 11	13	1.15 m	1.35 m	1.55 m	600 m	350 mpm *
3 star	FEI CCI3* A, B	10 - 11	14	1.20 m	1.40 m	1.60 m	600 m	350 mpm *
4 star	FEI CCI4* A, B	11 - 12	15	1.25 m	1.45 m	1.65 m	600 m	375 mpm *
5 star	FEI Olympic Short Test	11 - 13	16	1.30 m	1.45 m	1.65 m	600 m	375 mpm *

* Please see Annex C Jumping - Annexes (page 99) for information regarding speed and arena size for arenas smaller than 5000 m² or 2400 m².