

## 2017 EVENTING RULE CHANGES

### EV114.4. SPURS.

- a. Spurs are optional for all three tests. Spurs capable of wounding a horse are forbidden. Spurs must be of smooth metal. If there is a shank it must not be longer than 4 cm (1 9/16 inches, measured from the boot to the end of the spur) and must point only towards the rear. 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 practicing/warming up. If they are used, rowels must be free to rotate and the rowel must be round and smooth (no tines allowed). **BOD 12/12/16 Effective 1/1/17**

### EV114.5. DRESSAGE TEST.

- a. Horse Trials (Beginner Novice through Training)—protective headgear—predominantly black or dark blue; Coat—dark color or tweed, tail coats are not permitted; Shirt— of conservative color, with stock and pin, or choker, or tie; Gloves (if worn)—dark color, tan, beige or white; Jodhpurs, Breeches—light color or white; Boots—black, brown, field, jodhpur or a black or brown full grain smooth leather leg piece and matching leather boots. Chaps and/or half-chaps are not allowed. **Competitors may compete without a jacket. In such cases, shirt - long or short sleeved with collar and without neckwear, of a conservative color, neatly tucked into riding breeches. BOD 8/29/16 Effective 12/1/16**

### EV115.3. CROSS-COUNTRY TEST AND JUMPING TEST.

- a. **The following are compulsory: an English type saddle and bridle or hackamore. Any form of blinkers are forbidden. BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16**

### EV132.2. INDIVIDUAL FINAL CLASSIFICATION.

- a. The winning individual is the competitor with the lowest total of penalty points, after adding together for each competitor the penalty points incurred in the three tests.
- b. In the event of equality between any two or more competitors, the classification is decided by:
1. **The best Cross-Country score including penalties for faults at obstacles, time penalties and any other penalty that he/she may have incurred on the Cross-Country Test.**
  2. **If there is still equality, the classification is decided in favor of the Competitor whose Cross-Country time was closest to the optimum time.**
  3. **If there is still equality, the Competitor with the best Jumping score including penalties at obstacles and time penalties.**
  4. **If there is still equality, the classification will be decided in favor of the Competitor with the best collective marks in the Dressage Test.**
  5. **If there is still equality, the tie will remain in the final classification. BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16**

### EV134 Dressage Rules

3. **After the signal has been given, the Competitor must enter the arena at A within 45 seconds.**

### EV136 Dressage Scoring

#### 1. MARKING

- c. **All of the following are considered errors, and two points will be deducted per error, but they are not cumulative and will not result in Elimination.**

1. **Entering the space around the arena with a whip (when whips are forbidden) or with boots or bandages on the horse's legs or with a discrepancy in dress (e.g. lack of gloves);**

2. **Entering the arena with a whip (when they are forbidden) or with boots or bandages on started before the discrepancy has been noticed, the Judge at C stops the Competitor and if needed and possible, an assistant may enter the arena to remove the item(s). The Competitor then continues the test, either starting from the beginning (from inside the fence) or from the movement where he/she was stopped. The marks given before he/she was stopped are not changed;**
3. **Entering the arena before the sound of the bell;**
4. **Not entering the arena within 45 seconds after the bell, but within 90 seconds; gives the two point penalty (not cumulative, not counted as an error) for over 45 seconds but less than 90 seconds**

#### **EV136 Dressage Scoring**

##### 2. ADDITIONAL REASONS FOR ELIMINATION.

b. Elimination must be applied in the following cases:

1. **Competitor not entering the competition arena within 90 seconds after the signal except where a valid reason has been provided to the Judge at C (valid reason may be losing a shoe, etc.) BOD 1/16/16**

##### 3. CALCULATION OF SCORES.

d. In order to convert percentage into penalty points, the percentage if there is only one judge or the average percentage if there is more than one judge must be subtracted from 100. The result, rounded to one decimal digit, is the score in penalty points for the test. **Effective 12/1/16**

#### **EV139 Cross-Country Courses**

##### 1. MARKING OF THE COURSE.

c. Numbers and Letters - Each obstacle shall be numbered. Obstacles with elements or options (see EV140.2) shall in addition be lettered (A, B, C, etc.). Each compulsory passage shall be marked with the first letter of the level and numbered consecutively. Numbers and letters shall be painted as follows: National Levels: Advanced—white on a blue background, Intermediate—white on a red background, Preliminary—white on a green background, **Modified - orange on a blue background**, Training—white on a black background, Novice—black on a white background, Beginner Novice—black on a yellow background or as designated by the organizer and printed on the course map. **FEI Levels: CIC - Same as the equivalent National Level, but must include a white border around the edge of the flag, e.g. CIC1 white on green background with white border around the edge of the flag. CCI - Same as the equivalent National Level, but the corners must be dog-eared (triangle in shape) in white, not less than one**

#### **EV141 Cross-Country Scoring**

##### 1. FAULTS AT OBSTACLES:

a. Disobediences -

6. **Jumping outside the flag 50 penalties.**

b. Falls

3. First fall of competitor (Training, **Modified**, Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced) Elimination (RF)
6. **Activating a frangible device No Penalties. BOD 12/12/16 Effective 1/1/17**

c. Willful Delay - (Beginner Novice, Novice, Training and **Modified** Levels)

1. Between the last fence and the finish line 20 penalties **BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16**

#### **EV142 Cross-Country—Definitions of Faults (Drawings, Appendix 7)**

##### 2. DISOBEDIENCES (REFUSALS and RUN-OUTS)

b. Runouts. A horse is considered to be disobedient if it runs-out, avoids the obstacle or element to be jumped in such a way that it has to be represented. A rider is permitted to change his mind as to where he jumps an obstacle or element at any time without penalty for a run-out, including as a result of a mistake at a previous obstacle or element. **In the case the Horse has clearly attempted to jump the obstacle or element and may have missed a flag the competitor can choose whether to represent (accepting automatically 20 penalties) or to continue on course incurring 50 penalties (no elimination) in case the obstacle or element was not correctly cleared. BOD 12/12/16 Effective 1/1/17**

#### **EV149 Obstacles (Jumping)**

6. Within the limits shown in Appendix 2, at least one third of the obstacles shall be of maximum height, except for Beginner Novice and Novice Levels where there is no minimum requirements. The overall spread of an oxer may be no more than 20cm (8") wider than the maximum height for that Division. The overall spread of a triple bar may be no more than 40cm (16") wider than the maximum height for that Division. **At Preliminary Championship Events, one vertical and one ascending oxer, not part of a combination, and preferably in the second part of the course, may be built 5cm higher than the maximum height allowed for that Division. BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16**

#### **EV149 Obstacles (Jumping)**

7. However, if it should happen that a maximum dimension has been marginally exceeded as a result of the material used for construction and/or by the position of the obstacle on the ground, the maximum dimensions laid down will not be considered as having been exceeded, **providing every effort has been made not to exceed the maximum dimensions specified in the Schedule with the material available.** On obstacles with sloping rails, e.g. Swedish oxers, fans, etc. two thirds of the length of the top poles must be within the maximum height for the Division. **BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16**

#### **EV153 Faults**

4. Faults are penalized in penalty points or by elimination as set out in this section (EV153).

Second disobedience or other under rule EV154 at Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, and **Modified**  
8 penalties

Third disobedience or other under rule EV154 at Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, and **Modified**  
Elimination **BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16**

#### **EV154 Eliminations**

2. w. Third disobedience at Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, and **Modified** level (EV153.4). **BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16**

#### **EV175 Course Designer**

1. QUALIFICATIONS.

The Course Designer must be selected from the current roster of Eventing Course Designers of the Federation, or must have received training as a course designer. An individual recognized by the FEI or by another National Federation may serve as the course designer for a specific competition with the approval of the Federation Eventing Committee. A Senior (S) course designer is required for an Advanced Horse Trial. A Registered (R) or higher course designer is required for an Intermediate Horse Trial. A recorded (r) or higher course designer is required for Preliminary and **Modified** Horse Trials and National Three-Day Events. A license is not required for Beginner Novice, Novice and Training Horse Trials, however the course designer must have attended the USEA Training program on Course Design in the previous three years and every three years thereafter. **BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16**

#### **EV177 Additional Officials**

**5. FARRIER. At Horse Trials and Three-Day Events offering competition at the Preliminary Level and above, a qualified farrier shall be present on the grounds during the Cross-Country and Jumping Tests. BOD 12/1/16 Effective 12/1/16**

## APPENDIX 1 - LEVELS OF HORSE TRIALS

*While the following is meant as a basic framework, please refer to Cross Country Guideline for more detailed and comprehensive details for the cross-country and jumping phases.*

1. Beginner Novice—The Beginner Novice level is designed to introduce green horses and riders to Horse Trials, combining dressage, cross-country and Beginner jumping tests. It is for competitors and horses that have already had experience in schooling competitions in all three disciplines. The entire experience should be safe, inviting and educational to build confidence and a desire to progress. Competitors should be prepared to do a walk, trot and canter dressage test with 20-meter figures and a halt. The cross-country **shall** include simple, **straightforward obstacles, solid in appearance, with true ground lines. The course should start with the simplest of jumps, such as a log with brush ground line, and gradually progress to bigger logs, coops and small tables with a sloping face, and other natural and inviting obstacles. Water crossings, if included, should be simple and inviting in nature with consideration for an alternate jump next to it (a simple log), when possible, which could provide an option to those not ready to cross water. There must be no jumps before or after a water crossing within six strides before and four strides after. A small step up but not down may be included. Ditches, if included, must be natural in appearance with a generous take off log along with consideration for an optional jump alongside the ditch for those not ready to jump a ditch. The track of the course must be devoid of sharp turns, be inviting in nature, and encourage horses and riders to learn to gallop across country in rhythm with confidence. The course may include one combination of 2 or 3 strides in a straight line.** The jumping course should be inviting and straightforward, preferably with lines of six strides or more and may include only one double of two strides which may include only one oxer.

2. Novice—The Novice Level is a continuing introduction to Horse Trials. It is designed for competitors and horses with some experience at lower levels or for experienced riders and horses new to the sport. The dressage will not differ greatly from Beginner Novice. The cross-country should invite bold, forward movement involving galloping in balance and jumping out of stride. Combinations may include: obstacles on a two stride line, and an obstacle after a ditch at no less than two strides. Steps in combination may include: a step up followed by a step down at two strides, two steps up at two strides, or an obstacle after a step up at two strides. Waters may incorporate a simple jump out of water. **The obstacles will be more substantial and may include a drop, a double, and a simple obstacle out of water.** At such obstacles, the exit shall not be revetted. Individual obstacles may include: a simple log trakeher, or a double brush. The jumping course should be inviting and straightforward, preferably with lines of six strides or more and shall include only one or two doubles of two strides. Each combination may include only one oxer. **BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16**

## APPENDIX 2 - HORSE TRIALS SPECIFICATIONS - MODIFIED

### DRESSAGE

Modified
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### CROSS COUNTRY

Distances	2200-3000m
Speed (OT)	490 mpm
Speed Faults	NA
Efforts	22-28
Heights	Fixed - 1.05m (3'5")
	Brush - 1.25m (4'1")
Spreads	Highest Point - 1.30m (4'3")
	Base - 2.04m (6'5")
	w/o Height - 2.60m (8'6")
Drops	1.50m (4'11")

### JUMPING

Length	Max. 600m
Speed	325 mpm
Efforts	10-13 efforts
Heights	1.05m (3'5")
Overall Spread/Oxers	1.25m (4'1")
Overall Spread/Triple Bars	1.45m (4'9")

## APPENDIX 3 PARTICIPATION IN HORSE TRIALS

### 3. LEVELS OF HORSE TRIALS AND EVENTS

**3.4 MODIFIED (M) – Open to competitors of any age, on horses four years of age or older. The competitor must have obtained an NQR at two Horse Trials at the Training Level or higher.**

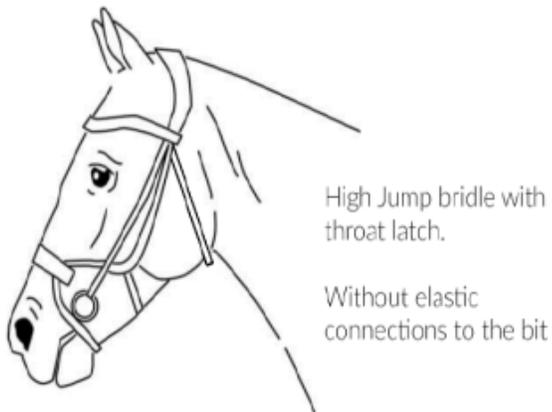
**APPENDIX 4 – EVENTING PERMITTED SADDLERY FOR DRESSAGE – PERMITTED NOSEBANDS**

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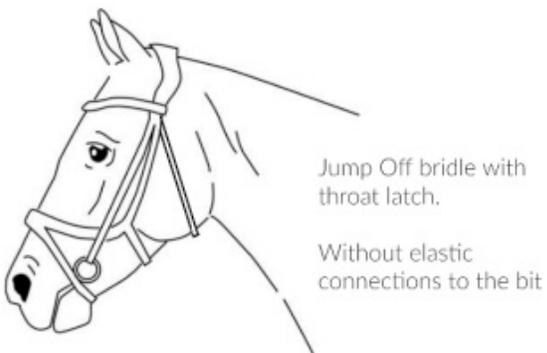
1. ***Stubben Snaffle Bridle 2500 FreedomStubben S,***



2. ***PS of Sweden High Jump bridle***



3. ***PS of Sweden Jump Off bridle***



## JANUARY 2017 CLARIFICATIONS (EFFECTIVE 2.1.2017)

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### 4.1.2017 Effective Date (BOD Approved 9.27.2016)

#### EV1055 Eventing Course Designers

#### 4. Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designer

- a. *As per EV175.1, Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designers are eligible to serve in this role for Beginner Novice, Novice, and Training Horse Trials.*
- b. *An application is not required to be a Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designer, but these individuals must have attended the USEA Training Program on Course Design in the previous three years and every three years thereafter.*