

Summary of Rule Changes

Equestrian Australia Eventing Committee

The following Eventing rule changes become effective 1 January 2025

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule		
548.1	Faults at	Changes to	Fault	Penalty	
	Obstacles	faults at obstacles ruling	First refusal, run-out or circle	20 penalties	
		a social size is a size is	Second refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle	40 penalties	
			Third refusal, run-out or circle on XC Course	Elimination	
			For CCN1* and below only – the fourth refusal run-out or circle on XC course	Elimination	
			For EvA 80cm and below – first missed obstacle	100 penalties	
			For EvA 80cm and below – second missed obstacle	100 penalties	
			For EvA 80cm and below – third missed obstacle	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	
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548.3.1	Compulsory Elimination	Changes to Compulsory	m1) For levels EvA 80cm and below, up to two obstacles may be omitted. A penal obstacle. A third missed obstacle results in elimination from the competition.	ty of 100 will be incur	red for each missed
		Elimination			

520.1	Minimum Eligibility	Change to long format to	CCI3*-L	А, В, С	1x CCI2*-L or 1x CCI3*-S (All MERs horse only) + 1x CCI/CCN3*-S In previous 12 months (All MERs horse only)		
	Requirement s for Cl's and CIO's	include CCN		D	1x CCI2*-L or 1x CCI3*-S (All MERs as a combination) + 1x CCI/CCN3*-S + 1x CCI/CCN 2*-L (All MERs as a combination)		
				uncategorised	2x CCI3*-S + 1x CCI2*-L or 1x CCI3*-S (All MERs as a combination) + 1x CCI/CCN 2* -L or 1x CCI/CCN3*-S One MER must be at long format (All MERs as a combination)		
			CCI2*-L / CCN2*-L	А	None		
				В	None		
				С	2x CCI/CCN2*-S Completed or 1x CCI/CCN2*-S + 1x CCN1*-L (Seniors -All MERs Horse only. Junior & YR – All MERs as a combination)		
				D	3x CCI/CCN2*-S or 2x CCI/CCN2*-S + 1x CCN1*-L (Seniors -All MERs Horse only. Junior & YR – All MERs as a combination)		
				Uncategorised	3x CCI/CCN2*-S or 2x CCI/CCN2*-S + 1x CCN1*-L (All MERs as a combination)		
EA 505.3.5	CCN Prize Money	Change to include classes below Ev80	starters in the cla	ficial Events, including those confined to Juniors, prizes will be awarded to horses according to their placings and the numb starters in the class. A minimum of one prize shall be awarded for every 4 competitors. A minimum of three prizes must be offered in every class. Third prize must not be less than the entry fee. CCN1* and below prize money is optional. Organisers may award additional prizes lower than the scale. Application to vary this rule must be made to the respective State Eventing Committee and approved by the SBranch NB: A starter is one which competed (i.e. started) in the dressage test.			

FA	CCN	To add the word	
EA 510.5	Categories of Officials	"at" after Assistant	Judges a) National Dressage Judges (see National Dressage rules for levels) b) EA level 3 (CCN4*) c) EA level 2 (CCN1*, CCN2* & CCN3*) d) EA level 1 (EvA95 and below) Technical Delegates a) EA level 4 (CCN4*) b) EA level 3 (CCN3*) c) EA level 2 (CCN1*, CCN2*) d) EA level 1 (EvA95 & below and/or Assistant at level 2) Course Designers a) EA level 4 (CCN4*) b) EA level 3 (CCN3*) c) EA level 3 (CCN3*) c) EA level 2 (CCN1*, CCN2* and/or Assistant at level 3) d) EA level 2 (CCN1*, CCN2* and/or Assistant at level 2) Stewards A Stewards with EA membership

	CCN	Change to		CCN4*	CCN3*	CCN2*	CCN1*	EvA95	EvA80 and	
EA	Appointment	wording in			33.10				below	
513.5.2	of Officials	column 7 to include classes below EvA80,		2 Judges	2 Judges	2 Judges	1 or 2+ See note Judges	1 Judge	1 Judge	
		also to change TD & CD requirements	Judge GJ CCN	EA Level D Judge Medium level or above	EA Level E Judge Elementary level or above	EA Level F Judge Novice level or above	EA Level F Judge Novice level or above	EA Level G Judge Preliminary level or above & see note #	EA Level G Judge Preliminary level or above & see note #	
			Technical Delegate	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 2	Level 1	Introductory with level 1 & above	
			Course Designer	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 2	Level 1	Introductory With level 1 & above	
			At CCN3* and CCN4* either the TD or CD must be from the FEI list							
				Veterinarian	Veterinary Board Registration	Veterinary Board Registration	Veterinary Board Registration	Veterinary Board Registration	Veterinary Board Registration	Veterinary Board Registration
			Jumping Judge	EA Jumping Judge	EA Jumping Judge	EA Jumping Judge	EA Jumping Judge	EA Jumping Judge	EA Jumping Judge	
			Jumping Designer	EA approved Designer	EA approved Designer	EA approved Designer	EA approved Designer	EA approved Designer	EA approved Designer	
			The Jumping Judge mo	y be the same	person as the Jum	ping Designer				
			Steward (Recommended)	EA Official	EA Official	EA Official	EA Official	EA Official	EA Official	
			_	* may be level G e familiarisation i		he side judging pos ged and available j	sition. for Riders/Coaches	~		

EA 515.2.7	CCN Objections	Add wording to protests for Cross Country to include same day requirements	Only the owner, or his authorised agent, or the rider of a horse taking part in the competition is entitled to lodge an objection. Protests must be in writing, signed by the person making the protest, and presented personally to the Event Secretary or the Technical Delegate, as the case may be, together with any supporting evidence, names of witnesses and the necessary minimum deposit of \$50. Protests concerning the eligibility of an athlete or horse or to the conditions of the arena: not later than 30 minutes before the start of the relevant competition; Protests concerning an obstacle, or the plan or length of the course for a jumping competition: not later than 15 minutes before the start of the competition; Protests concerning the cross-country obstacles or courses in Eventing not later than 6pm on the day before the relevant competition; or 2 hours before where all phases are on the same day. Protests concerning irregularities or incidents during a competition, or the classification of a competition: not later than 30 minutes after the announcement of the results or the posting of results on the event notice board. Any person making a protest should, if possible, secure witnesses to the incident and any other form of evidence, and either bring them to the body before whom the protest is lodged, or obtain written statements from them, duly signed, together with their names and addresses.
EA 515.3.8	Departure from any FEI- EA Guidelines	Change to current wording	A departure from any FEI-EA Guideline that is agreed to, in consultation with TD/CD and all relevant Officials, is not a breach of Eventing Rules. with reasoning Documentation on the TD report is not a breach of Eventing Rules.

EA 515.4.1 .2	CCN Course Designer	To add a TD or CD to assist a riding CD.	 The Course Designer must be approved by EA and have appropriate qualifications. (Refer to Annex K) In addition to Article 515.4 above: The course designer must be present during the cross country test, however the TD familiar with all aspects of that class may act on behalf of the CD whilst they are riding. The Course Designer in conjunction with the Technical Delegate (and senior Course Designer, if available) note any areas for design improvements, including safety changes for that event on the Technical Delegates report (CC Design and Safety Comments). The Course Designer in conjunction with the Technical Delegate must ensure that the following are present during the Cross Country phase: Chief Cross-Country Judge, who may be the Organiser, to supervise the jump judges, timekeepers and scorers. A Cross-Country Controller to control the dispatch of athletes on the cross country and to take appropriate action in the event of an accident to a rider, horse or obstacle.
EA 515.6.1	CCN Steward	Add the word "eventing"	 Chief Steward A Chief Steward should be appointed to assist Organising Committees and Technical Delegates. A Chief Steward and other stewards may be appointed from the National Eventing Stewards list. Steward A Steward may be appointed to check the saddlery and dress before the commencement of each phase. In the dressage test, the checking of the bridle must be done with the greatest of caution. If the athlete so requests, the bridle and bit may be checked immediately after the test has been completed. In such a case, should the bridle or bit not be a permitted bridle or bit, the athlete shall be eliminated. A rider cannot be eliminated for failure to have a gear check before a test or tests. However, should an authorised official request the rider to undergo a gear check, they comply. Payment The Organising Committee is responsible for each Steward's expenses and must pay, in addition, each Steward a minimum of \$100 per day OR by arrangement with the OC prior to the event.

523.3	Examination After a Fall	Change of wording to stop rider mounting any horse	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.					
			At National events Athletes must not re-mount any their horse until the medical examination has been completed. The Athlete is fully responsible for ensuring that this examination takes place.					
525.1	Dangerous Riding Definition	Making clearer the process after refusals at jumps and fall of rider	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. 					
			 g.1) Continuing after four clear refusals or 3 refusals at the same jump-obstacle, or a fall in CCN1* and below, by continuing after 4 clear refusals on course or 3 refusals at the same jump-obstacle, a fall, or any other form of elimination on course. g.2) Continuing after a fall of horse or rider as well as any other form of elimination. 					
EA 539.2.4	Toe Stoppers	To bring class levels up to date	Toe stoppers, made of collapsible material (plastic, rubber) are permitted in all phases for classes CCN1* EvA95, EvA80 and State Lower levels and below.					

EA 545.1.2 .2	Start Intervals	To bring class levels up to date	EA 545.1.2.2 Start Intervals Intervals between starting of each rider must, at a minimum, be the following intervals. • EvA80-2* and below 1 Minute • EvA - 3* and 4* - 2 minutes Under exceptional circumstances after the commencement of the Cross-Country Phase, the Technic in conjunction with the Cross-Country Controller and the Organising Committee, may agree the gap between riders. The Organising Committee must be informed of this decision.	
EA 546.1.4	National Colour Indicator Codes	Obstacle markers colour change to best suit state conditions	For the convenience of athletes when they are inspecting the course, colour indicators are used the obstacles for the different classes. Indicators are: PALE BLUE CCN4*-S GREEN CCN3*-S YELLOW CCN2*-S PINK CCN1*-S (Black numbers recommended on Pink) RED OR GREY OR WHITE CCN EVA95 (White numbers on Red recommended if using Red) WHITE RED CCN EVA80 For EVA65 and below; State Eventing committee to select colours best suited to state conditions.	to mark
EA 548.2	Time Faults	To bring class levels up to date	Completing cross-country course more than 20 seconds <u>under</u> optimum time for CCN3*, CCN2*, CCN1* EvA95. EvA80 and below. zero point four (0.4) per commenced second	nalty per
EA 553.1.1	Faults at Obstacles CCN1* and below	To bring class levels up to date	Second run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test (CCN18, 95,80) Third run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test (CCN1*, 95, 80) Fall of Athlete or Horse (EvA105, 95, 80)	8 penalties elimination elimination

ANNEX	Re-name Course	Requirements to attain and maintain Eventing Judge accreditation					
К		Eventing	Initial	Theory	Practical Requirements	To Maintain	
		Judge	Requirements	Requirements	Traducal Requirements	Accreditation	
		FEI Level 4	Cand		tion and maintenance requirements A B Judge to be eligible for promotion to	FFI Level 4	
		FEI Level 3		Refer to FEI promo	tion and maintenance requirements A C Judge to be eligible for promotion to		
		FEI Level 2		Refer to FEI promo	tion and maintenance requirements el 3 or D Judge to be eligible for promot		
		FEI Level 1	Candidates must be a		FEI Level 1 Judge to be eligible to be put forward to	FEI Education System.	
	Level 3 National Competition Level CCN4* S/L	Be a current EA D Level Dressage Judge.	Attended an EA Dressage Judges D Level Medium Seminar EA Dressage D Level Written Paper Pas Mark 80% Complete Eventing TD/CD ORBT 80% pass mark Complete Eventing Judge ORBT 90% pass mark. Attend EA Eventing Officials course for TD/CD with a positive assessment previous 3 years for each upgrade.	Assessed Shadow Judge - Minimum 4 entire EA Medium competitors to be judged Minimum number of horses in each competition 6 (more is recommended) Sit in at least two separate competitions with a different Mentor/JE Judge an entire EA Medium competition minimum number of horses 15	Maintain re- accreditation requirements to remain listed as a EA Dressage Judge D Level Preferably Attend an EA Eventing Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA.		
		Level 2 National Competition Level CCN3*S/L CCN2*S/L CCN1*S/L	Be a current EA E/F Level Dressage Judge	Attend an EA State Based E/F Level Dressage Judges Seminar Complete E/F written paper with 80% pass mark Attend an EA Eventing Officials Course for TD/CD with a positive assessment previous 3 years for each upgrade. Candidates are encouraged to attend XC course walks	Assessed Shadow Judge - Minimum 30 horses at EA Novice/Elementary Level Dressage or Eventing Competition - Minimum number competitions to be judge is 3 - Minimum number of horses to be judges in each competition is 10 Sit in at least two separate competitions with a different Mentor/JE Judge an entire competition Novice/Elementary minimum	Maintain reaccreditation requirements to remain listed as a EA Dressage Judge E/F Level Preferably attend an EA Eventing Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA.	

Level 1	Be a current EA	Attend an EA State	Mentored and Positive Sit in	Maintain re-
National	member and 18 years of age	Based G Level Dressage Judges	with a Judge Mentor/JE at an EA Official Dressage or	accreditation requirements to
		Seminar	Eventing competition.	remain listed as a EA
Competition	Be an EA G Level	Complete G Level		Dressage Judge G
Level	Dressage Judge	ORBT with 90% pass	Shadow Judge 1 whole class	Level
EvA95		mark • Attend EA Eventing	with a minimum 10 horse at	Preferable attend an EA Eventing Officials
EvA80		Officials Course for	Prelim Level	Update Clinic/Course
EvA60		TD/CD with a positive		every 3 years and
EvA45		assessment previous 3 years for each upgrade.	 Shadow Judge 1 whole class with a minimum 10 horse at 	other stipulated reaccreditation
Maybe side		Candidates are	Novice Level	requirements set by
Judge for		encouraged to attend		EA.
CCN1*		EA Dressage/ Eventing		
CONT		Seminars		

Requirements to attain and maintain Eventing Course Designer accreditation

Course Designer	Initial Requirements	Theory Requirements	Practical Requirements	To Maintain Accreditation
FEI Level 4		Refer to FEI promotion	and maintenance requirement	ts.
FEI Level 3		Refer to FEI promotion	and maintenance requiremen	ts
FEI Level 2	Candidates need to be curr	•	and maintenance requiremen Designer to be eligible to atter	
FEI Level 1	Candidates must be a current EA l	Level 3 Course Designe	r to be eligible to be put forwa	rd to FEI Education System.
Level 4 National Competition Level CCN4*-S/L	Be a registered EA Level 3 Eventing Course Designer for a minimum 1 year Approval form EAEC	Attend FEI Level Eventing Officials Course with a positive assessment previous 3 years	Mentored and assisted at a minimum of 2 x CCN4* by 2 different FEI Level 3 CD/TD with positive assessment in the last 2 years	 Attend an EA Eventing Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA. Have acted as a CD or assistant CD at least 2 events in the last 3 years. One event being a CCN4*S/L Have been assistant to an FEI Level 3 CD, at 1 event with a positive assessment in the previous 3 years.

Level 3 National Competition Level CCN3*-S/L	Be a registered EA Level 2 Eventing Course Designer for a minimum of 1 year. Regularly officiated min of 4 events at 1*, 2* and 3* level as a CD over 2 years Approval from EAEC Plus a minimum of one of the following: — Assistant CD 2 x CCN3* over 2 years at different venues. — Be and FEI Level 3 eventing Judge or TD	Attend an EA Eventing Officials Course for TD/CD with a positive assessment previous 3 years for each new transfer application Complete Eventing TD/CD ORBT exam 90% pass mark	Mentored and assisted at a minimum of 2 x CCN3* by 2 different FEI Level 3 CD/TD with positive assessment in the last 2 years	Attend an EA Eventing Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA. Have acted as a CD or assistant CD at least 2 events in the last 3 years. One event being CCN3*S/L Have been assistant to an FEI Level 3 CD or higher, at 1 event with a positive assessment in the previous 3 years.
Level 2 National Competition Level CCN2*S/L CCN1*S/L	Be a registered EA Level 1 Eventing Course Designer for a minimum of 1 year Plus a minimum of two of the following of which one must include the CD component: CD at least 1 x EvA80 and 1 x EvA95 and over 2 years Assisted as a CD at 2* and 3* minimum 2 events over 2 years at different venues Be a registered EA Level 2 or higher Eventing or General Coach Proof of having ridden at CCN4* or higher	EA Eventing Officials Course for TD/CD with a positive assessment previous 3 years for each new transfer application Complete Eventing TD/CD ORBT exam 90% pass mark	Acted as CD or Assistant CD at 3 events in the last 2 years. Mentored with a positive assessment by 2 different EA Level 3 CD/TD or higher at 2 x CCN2* or above events in the last 2 years	 Attend an EA Eventing Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA. Have acted as a CD or assistant CD at least 4 events in the last 3 years. One event being CCN2* S/L Have been assistant to a National Level 3 CD or higher, at 1 event with a positive assessment in the previous 3 years.
Level 1 National Competition Level EvA95 EvA80	Be a current EA member and 18 years of age Plus a minimum of one of the following: — Ridden at CNC/CCN3* or higher — Be a registered EA Level 1 or higher, General or Level 2 or higher Eventing Coach — Be a registered EA Level 1 or higher Eventing Judge or TD — Hold proof of shadowing a CD at one three-EA events	EA Eventing Officials Course for TD/CD with a positive assessment previous 3 years Complete Eventing TD/CD ORBT exam 90% pass mark Complete ASCIS Community Officiating	In the last 2 years If current or prior CCN4* rider Mentored and Positive assessment by an EA Level 2 D or higher at a minimum of 2 x Ev95 1 x CCN1*-S If not a current or prior CCN4* rider As above plus 2 extra events as an assistant TD at any level EvA95 or above	Attend an EA Eventing Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA. Have acted as a CD or assistant CD at least 4 events in the last 3 years. One event being EvA95 Have been assistant to a National Level 3 CD or higher, at 1 event with a positive assessment in the previous 3 years.

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Requirements to attain and maintain Eventing Technical Delegate accreditation

TD Level	Initial Requirements	Theory Requirements	Practical Requirements	To Maintain Accreditation				
FEI Level 4		Refer to FEI promotion ar	Refer to FEI promotion and maintenance requirements					
FEI Level 3	Refer to FEI promotion and maintenance requirements							
FEI Level 2	Refer to FEI promotion and maintenance requirements							
FEI Level 1	Candidates must be a current EA Level 3 Technical Delegate to be eligible to be put forward to FEI Education System.							
Level 4 National Competition Level CCN4*S/L	Be a registered EA Level 3 Eventing Technical Delegate for a minimum I year Approval from EAEC	Attend FEI Level 2 Eventing Officials course as a TD with a positive assessment previous 3 years	Mentored and assisted at a minimum of 2 x CCN4* by 2 different FEI Level 3 CD/TD with positive assessment in the last 3 years	Attend an EA Eventing Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA. Have acted as TD or Assistant TD at a least 2 events in the last 3 years. One event being CCN4*S/L Have been mentored at one event by an FEI level 3 TD in the last 3 years with a positive assessment				
Level 3 National Competition Level CCN3*S/L	Be a registered Level 2 Eventing Technical Delegate for a minimum 1 year Regularly officiated min of 3 events at 1*, 2* level as a TD over 2 years Approval from EAEC Plus a minimum of two of the following: Officiated as a TD at 1 x CCX2* and 1 x CCX3* Assistant TD 3 x CCX3* over 2 years Be and FEI Level 3 eventing Judge or CD Note TD/Asst TD experience must include 1 x CCI2/3*-L	Attend an EA Eventing Officials Course for TD/CD with a positive assessment previous 3 years for each new transfer application Complete Eventing TD/CD ORBT exam 90% pass mark	Mentored at a minimum of 2 x CCN3* by 2 different FEI Level 3 TD with positive assessment in the last 2 years	Attend an EA Eventing Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA. Have acted as TD or Assistant TD at a least 3 events in the last 2 years. One event being a CCN3* S/L Have been mentored at one event by an FEI level 3 TD in the last 3 years with a positive assessment				

			Level 2 National Competition Level CCN3*S/L CCN2*S/L CCN1*S/L	Be a registered EA Level 1 Eventing Technical Delegate for a minimum of 1 year Plus a minimum of two of the following: of which one must include the TD component TD at least 1 x EvA80 and 1 x EvA95 over 2 years. Been XC Control 1 x CCN1* or higher Be a registered EA Level 2 or higher Eventing or General Coach Proof of having ridden at CCN3* or higher	EA Eventing Officials Course for TD/CD with a positive assessment previous 3 years for each new transfer application Complete Eventing TD/CD ORBT exam 90% pass mark	Acted as TD or Assistant TD at 3 events in the last 2 years. Mentored with a positive assessment by 2 different EA Level 3 TD or higher at two CCN2* events in the last 2 years	Attend an EA Eventing Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA. Have acted as a TD or Assistant TD at least 2 events in the last 3 years. One being a CCN2*S/L Have been mentored at one event by a National Level 3 TD or higher with a positive assessment in last 3 years
			Level 1 National Competition Level EvA95 EvA80	Be a current EA member and 18 years of age Plus a minimum of one of the following: Ridden at CNC/CCN3* or higher Be a registered EA Level 1 or higher, General or Level 2 or higher Eventing Coach Be a registered EA Level 1 or higher Eventing Judge or CD Hold proof of shadowing a TD at one five EA events	EA Eventing Officials Course for TD/CD with a positive assessment previous 3 years Complete Eventing TD/CD ORBT exam 90% pass mark Complete AISC Community Officiating Essential Skills Principles Course	In the last 2 years If current or prior CCN4* rider Mentored and Positive assessment by 2 different EA Level 2 TD or higher at a minimum of 2 x If not a current or prior CCN4* rider As above plus 2 extra events as an assistant TD at any level EvA95 or above	 Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA. Have acted as a TD or Assistant TD at least 2 events in the last 3years. One event being a EvA95 Have been mentored at one event by a National Level 3 TD or higher with a positive assessment in last 3 years
			In exceptional circums Completion of these re Eventing Committee a	approval of the EAEC must be endorsed by the State			
EA 538.3.1	Cross Country Body Protector	Align with recommended standards	(Body protectors man become mandatory fr	ufactured after 2018 and com om 1 Jan 2027)	plying with the EN13	158 or BETA standard	ds are recommended and will