



# The Equestrian Federation of Australia



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## A BRIEF SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL EVENTING RULES

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Significant additions and amendments to these Rules since the last publication in January 2006 are highlighted in **YELLOW**. This summary is brief and selective, and readers are advised to consult the current National Eventing Rules for full details of all changes.

The National Eventing Rules may also be found on the  
EFA National Website:

[www.efanational.com](http://www.efanational.com)





## **PARTICIPATION**

### **4. COMPETITORS & OWNERS**

#### ***Foreign competitors***

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### **20. CLASSIFICATION**

The same rider must complete all three tests mounted on the same horse.

Disqualification or elimination from one test involves disqualification or elimination from the whole competition.

The classification is reached by adding together all the penalty points incurred in the different tests.

The winner is the competitor with the lowest total of penalty points.

In the case of a tie, the winner or placegetter will be the one with the best cross-country obstacle score (total of jumping and time penalties). If there is still a tie, the winner or placegetter will be the one whose cross-country time was the closest to the optimum time.

If there is still equality, the classification will be decided in favour of the competitor with the best score in the Jumping test (time and obstacles). If there is still equality, the classification will be decided in favour of the competitor with the best time (fastest) in the Jumping test. If there is still equality, the classification will be decided in favour of the competitor with the best percentage score in the Dressage test. If there is still equality the tie will remain in the Final Classification.

## **OFFICIALS**

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#### ***Medical***

- ? A first aid service must be present at all times.
- ? Emergency vehicles must be able to access all parts of the venue.

#### ***Cross Country Test***

- ? An ambulance (or paramedic equivalent) MUST be present during the cross-country test.
- ? A Doctor SHOULD be present during the cross-country tests.
- ? If the ambulance (or paramedic equivalent) is not on the ground, then the event must be halted.

#### ***Jumping Test***



- ? A Doctor (with an appropriately equipped first aid service) and/or a fully equipped emergency ambulance (or paramedic equivalent) should be present during the jumping test.

The EFA Branch or its representative (i.e. the Technical Delegate) may vary these requirements in exceptional circumstances.

## 36. DRESS & SADDLERY

### *Whip*

- Carrying a whip of any kind during the dressage test is forbidden, and will result in elimination.
- A single dressage whip, of maximum length 110cm, may be used while warming up for dressage.
- The whip must be dropped before entering the space around the competition arena or the rider will incur a penalty of 4 penalties per judge.

## 38. SCORING AND RULES GOVERNING THE DRESSAGE TEST

### *Calculation of Scores*

? Errors of course or test will be penalised as follows:

- 1st time ..... 2 points
- 2nd time ..... 4 points
- 3rd time ..... elimination.

- The whip must be dropped before entering the space around the competition arena or the rider will incur a penalty of 4 penalties per judge.

## CROSS-COUNTRY

### 44. DEFINITION OF FAULTS

#### **Circle**

- A horse is considered to have circled if, having been presented at an obstacle, it crosses the track that it created before it jumped the obstacle or before it jumped the last element of a multiple obstacle.
- After being penalised for a refusal, run-out, circle or fall, a competitor is permitted to cross his original track without penalty in order to make another attempt and may also circle one or more times without penalty, until he again presents his horse at the obstacle.
- At separately numbered obstacles, a competitor may circle between or around them without penalty provided he has not presented his horse at the second or subsequent obstacles.
- At an obstacle composed of several elements (A, B, C, etc...) a horse will be penalized if it passes around any element or circles between elements at any time between first being presented at the obstacle and finally completing the last element. See diagrams in Annex 3 (but see Rule 41 for possible exception at black flagged alternatives). Any element on the course not being attempted is completely irrelevant and must be ignored.



## **JUMPING**

### **60. COURSE & OBSTACLES**

#### **Starting and Finishing Lines**

The starting and finishing lines may not be more than 15m or less than 6 m from the first and last obstacle. These two lines must each be marked with an entirely red flag on the right and an entirely white flag on the left.

## **THREE DAY EVENTS**

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