

2009 Rules for Eventing – Summary highlights of modifications effective January 1, 2009 –

ART D102

3.1 **ADMINISTRATION OF COMPETITIONS.** – *process and timelines for EC Competition Date Approval and Officials Approval have been updated*

ART D111. 1 Abuse- *new wording added*

- excessive use of whip, spurs **and/ or bit**

ART D113.1 Medical Fitness. –*modified*

ART D 114.2 & Article D306.2 Dressage test –*modified*

Carrying a whip into the dressage ring 4 points per judge

ART D114.4.2 Dress – Cross Country Test

Competitors may not use a stop watch to time their cross country rounds in the Pre-Training division and below.

ARTICLE D115 SADDLERY - Cross-Country test and Jumping test. -*new wording*

3.3. modified last sentence “any other restrictions , any bit or other item of saddlery likely to wound or harm a horse”. The use of ear covers on horses is not recommended for cross country.

ART 302 .4.1 CLASSIFICATION - Elimination and Disqualification

- *new wording*

4.1 Elimination from one of the tests entails elimination from the overall classification.

An eliminated competitor may, at the discretion of the Organizing Committee, compete (hors concours) in the remaining tests under the provisions described below:

- 4.2. Competitors, who have been eliminated in a test shall be permitted to participate in the subsequent test(s) under the status “hors concours” with the following provisions which must take place before the competitor is scheduled to start the next test:
1. The competitor who has been eliminated due to being unseated must be examined by designated medical personnel and receive medical clearance according to Art D 112 and D113.
 2. The competitor must receive permission of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate and the Organiser
 3. The competitor and coach/trainer must sign a “waiver” of understanding. If the coach/trainer is not available to sign the waiver the competitor may not continue.
 4. If there is not sufficient time for these conditions to be met before the eliminated competitor’s scheduled start time in the next test, the

competitor may not continue. Exception – the Organiser may permit the competitor to start at an alternate time.

- 4.3. Competitors eliminated due to Art D111 Abuse of Horse and Dangerous Riding will not be permitted to continue in the competition.
- 4.4. Competitors eliminated due to fall of horse and rider will not be permitted to continue in the competition.
- 4.5. Competitors who have been eliminated in a test and are permitted to start the subsequent test on an “hors concours” basis – must retire and leave the course upon the first refusal

ARTICLE D305.4 DRESSAGE ARENA –Judges placement – *new wording*

ART D310.3.3 CROSS COUNTRY OBSTACLES: - new paragraph *Frangible Pin Technology*

As of January 1, 2009, it is strongly recommended that all obstacles at the Preliminary (1.10 meters) level and above for which approved frangible technology is *appropriate are constructed using approved Frangible technology. Obstacles constructed prior to January 1, 2009 for which the use of approved frangible technology is appropriate shall be retrofit using this technology prior to April 1, 2010. Obstacles constructed after January 1, 2009 for which approved frangible technology is appropriate, shall be constructed using this technology.

.Installation shall be made by persons who are trained and qualified in Frangible Pin Technology

*Appropriate obstacles are obstacles constructed of timbers or rails or those obstacles whose height or width are increased by the use of a rail or timber. (ie oxers, corners that are not planked)

ART D310.6 CROSS COUNTRY OBSTACLES: Measurement of cross country obstacles – MODIFIED

- 6.1 The height of an obstacle is measured from the point on the ground where the average horse would take off and where the average horse would jump. The spread of an open obstacle (eg: Oxer or Ditch) is measured from the outside of the rails or other material making up the obstacle. The spread of a closed obstacle with a solid top (eg Tables) is measured from the highest point to the highest point.

ART D311 .1.3 CROSS-COUNTRY SCORIN - DANGEROUS RIDING *new wording added*

Penalties will be determined by the Ground Jury in accordance with the Regulations; in addition to or instead of the penalties prescribed by the Regulations (Warning, Fine, Disqualification etc) the Ground Jury may penalize the competitor with 25 penalties. The 25 penalties for dangerous riding will count as obstacle penalty on the results

ART 311.1.1 CROSS COUNTRY SCORING - Disobediences

-sentence added

At Equine Canada competitions in divisions where the fixed height of the obstacle on the Cross Country test is less than 1.00m (PT & E), elimination and mandatory retirement is after the fourth disobedience. “

ARTICLE D316 JUMPING OBSTACLES –new wording

3. Type of Obstacles.Plastic Cups and Pins or FEI approved “safety” breakaway cups of 25mm must be used for the top rail of the front, centre and back poles of all show jumping obstacles including warm-up obstacles.

ARTICLE D504 TECHNICAL DELEGATE

3. Restrictions. *–new wording*

ANNEX 9 – OFFICIALS ACCREDITATION PROGRAMS –updated for 2009