

INFORMATION To: National Federations**From: FEI Eventing Committee & Department****Date: 13 November 2012****2013 EVENTING RULES – ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS
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Please find below the additional clarifications made during the General Assembly that are currently being integrated in the 2013 Eventing Rules document provided to National Federations on 11 October for General Assembly approval.

The final version will be published as soon as possible and a guidance note to NFs will be included to ask for feedback on the actual implementation.

Eventing Rules are effective as of 1 January 2013. Further to agreement at the 2012 General Assembly, certain aspects of the Rules will be implemented as specifically indicated herein and only be fully operational as of 1 January 2014.

The commitment was also made that the Eventing Committee would work closely with the Eventing nations during the first months of implementation of the new rules to monitor the progress of the new provisions and find solutions if necessary.

The FEI Veterinary Regulations have also undergone a full review this year at the same time as the Eventing Rules and further to the approval of both the Veterinary Regulations and Eventing Rules at the 2012 General Assembly, there will be a period of transition during which terminology and principles will be harmonised between these Eventing Rules and the Veterinary Regulations. Between now and 1 January 2014 during this transition process, if there is a conflict between the Veterinary Regulations and these Eventing Rules, the Eventing Rules will govern. As of 1 January 2014, if there is a conflict between the Veterinary Regulations and these Eventing Rules, the Veterinary Regulations will govern.

Art. 513.9 1&2 Star Competitions with Several Sections of the Same Level - (NOTE: transferred from Annex F)

If several sections of competitions at the same level are organized, the whole competition will be treated as a single entity and Officials will be appointed as follows:

1. where there is more than one section of an Event, there shall only be 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 (~~President and one member at CICs~~).
2. 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, 3&4 star or 1&2 star Judges or may be national Judges. ~~At a long format competition (CCIs) there must always be three Judges judging each section of Dressage; at a short format competition (CICs) there must always be two.~~

Art. 519 Matrix of Eligibility Requirements for Athletes (*change from 520*)

519.1 CIs and CIOs

The following table details the requirements needed to be entered in the different formats, categories and levels of international competitions.

When more than one Minimum Eligibility Requirement is required, one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements can be achieved incurring 20 penalties at the obstacles of the Cross Country test.

All Minimum Eligibility Requirements in the following table must be achieved as a combination ~~for Athletes not yet categorized at the corresponding level.~~

~~For Athletes already categorized at the corresponding level or above the Minimum Eligibility Requirements will apply only to the Horse.~~

NOTE: Reference to national competitions have been removed to be incorporated in National Rules requirements for international participation.

~~However the option to use CNs (national competitions) included in the previous Matrix of Eligibility Requirements (MER), can be available in 2013 for targeted CNs. Targeted CNs are those for which the FEI has received and approved a request from the relevant NF for this specific purpose. (application before the event, results as well as including an FEI Official to function at the event)~~

~~During 2013 the FEI will monitor the policy of approval of targeted CNs for MER purposes for consideration of extension for subsequent years.~~

NOTE: Modified Matrix of Eligibility Requirements

Short Format

CIC 1*	NF requirements
CIC 2*	NF requirements
	NF requirements + 1 CI 1*
CIC 3*	NF requirements + 1 CI 2*

	NF requirements + 2 CI 2*
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Long Format

CCI 1*	NF requirements
CCI 2*	NF requir. + (1 CCI1* or 1 CIC2*)
	NF requirements + (1 CCI1* or 1 CIC2*) and 1 CIC2*
CCI 3*	NF requir. + (1 CCI2*)
	NF requirements + 1 CCI2* + 1 CIC3*
CCI 4*	NF requir. + 1 CCI3*
	NF requirements + 1 CCI3* + 2 CI 3*

New numbering 519.2 Championships – no change**Art.520 Matrix of Eligibility Requirements for Categorized Athletes Categories** (change from Art 519)

FEI Athlete categories for Eventing define a recognition of proven competence of the Athlete at a certain level. Such categories will determine the different requirements of participation according to the following "Matrix of Eligibility Requirements for categorized Athletes".

Athletes will be categorized (national, D, C, B, A) according to their performance in a rolling eight years period as defined in the following table.

The Athlete category will be updated accordingly at the end of each calendar year.

For Athletes already categorized at the corresponding level or above the Minimum Eligibility Requirements will apply only to the Horse.

NOTE: Modified Table of Athlete Categories

D	twenty (20) MER at FEI short (CICs) or long (CCIs) format competitions of one star level or above
C	twenty (20) MER at FEI short (CICs) or long (CCIs) format competitions of two star level or above
B	twenty (20) MER at FEI short (CICs) or long (CCIs) format competitions of three star level or above
A	twenty (20) MER at FEI short (CICs) or long (CCIs) format competitions of three star level or above of which five at four star level

Riders with the appropriate categorisation will be able to enter competitions as follows:

Short Format

CIC 1*	all Athletes	NF requirements
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CIC 2*	A-B-C FEI Athletes	NF requirements
	D FEI Athletes	NF requirements + 1 CI 1*
CIC 3*	A-B FEI Athletes	NF requirements + 1 CI 2*
	C-D FEI Athletes	NF requirements + 2 CI 2*

Long Format

CCI 1*	all Athletes	NF requirements
CCI 2*	A-B-C FEI Athletes	NF requir. + (1 CCI1* or 1 CIC2*)
	D FEI Athletes	NF requirements + (1 CCI1* or 1 CIC2*) and 1 CIC2*
CCI 3*	A-B FEI Athletes	NF requir. + 1 CCI2*
	C-D FEI Athletes	NF requirements + 1 CCI2* + 1 CIC3*
CCI 4*	A FEI Athletes	NF requir. + 1 CCI3*
	B-C-D FEI Athletes	NF requirements + 1 CCI3* + 2 CI 3*

Art.521 Reverse Qualification

In addition to the above, in the case of an ~~second~~ ~~athlete involved with two~~ (2) reverse qualifications ~~for the same Athlete~~ his right to use the special qualification pathway according to his category will be automatically suspended for one year.

Art.523.1 Veterinary Examination ~~Upon On~~ Arrival

This takes place on the arrival of Horses at the Event. It is performed by a qualified veterinarian normally the Associate Veterinarian, appointed by the Organising Committee. The object is to establish: first each Horse's identity and veterinary history (vaccination, etc.) and second, each Horse's state of health.

~~This examination is critical in the case of at Short format competition (CIC) where no formal Horse Inspection is programmed.~~ The Organising Committee must fix the place and timetable for this examination in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate and inform in advance the Chefs d'Equipe and/or the Athletes. Doubtful cases must be reported to the Ground Jury or Appeal Committee as appropriate, as soon as practicable and, in any case, before the first Horse Inspection.

Art.523.2.3 Option for Horse Inspection at Short Competitions (CIC)

At a short competition the First Horse Inspection is optional, ~~and, if programmed~~ 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 within the Examination on Arrival pursuant to 523.1 of these Eventing Rules. Horses deemed by the FEI Official Veterinarian to be unfit to compete must be reported to the Ground Jury.

NOTE: For 2013 the Second Horse inspection will be compulsory if the Jumping Test is the last test.

~~The Ground Jury will, has the right and the duty to ask the horse to be inspected at any time during the competition by the Veterinary Delegate and, if practical, to assist at such inspection. The inspection will be carried out according to the protocol for the holding box examination provided in the FEI Veterinary Regulations.)~~

Art.537.2 Dressage Test

537.2.2 ~~Members of Armed and Police Forces~~ and employees of military establishments and national studs.

Service dress and gloves, regulation headgear are compulsory for members and employees of military establishments and national studs. Please refer to Dressage Rules in regard to use of protective headgear and top hat/bowler.

Art.546.5.3 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 **only one obstacle/element has to be jumped**, both sets of flags must be marked with a black line.

~~Such black flag alternatives are to be judged as separate obstacles or elements, only one of which has to be jumped.~~ 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 he has not presented his Horse at the next element of the original line.

Appendix B - Cross Country Annexes

2 Distances - Speeds - Jumping Efforts

NOTE: Modified Tables of Distances - Speeds - Jumping Efforts

Long Format (CCI) Cross Country Distances - Jumping Efforts - Speeds

Level	Distance		Efforts		Speed	Time	
	Min	Max	Min	Max		Min	Max
1*	3640	4680	25	30	520	7'00"	9'00"

2*	4400	5500	30	35	550	8'00"	10'00"
3*	5700	6270	35	40	570	10'00"	11'00"
4*	6270	6840	40	45	570	11'00"	12'00"

Short Format (CIC) Cross Country Distances - Jumping Efforts - Speeds

Level	Distance		Efforts		Speed	Time	
	Min	Max	Min	Max		Min	Max
1*	2600	3120	25	30	520	5'00"	6'00"
2*	3025	3575	27	32	550	5'30"	6'30"
3*	3420	3990	30	35	570	6'00"	7'00"

(no change – last column "Meters/effort" deleted as included in working document)

NOTE: The changes to the required distances are recommended for 2013 and will be compulsory from 1st January 2014.

While 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.

ANNEX H –Eventing Rules for Pony Riders and Events, *the rules for 2012 remain unchanged.*