

2008 Equine Canada Rules for Eventing – Summary

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ARTICLE D111 ABUSE OF HORSES AND DANGEROUS RIDING

1. **Definition:** Any act or series of actions that, in the opinion of the Technical Delegate or Ground Jury, can be defined as abuse of a horse or dangerous riding shall be penalized by disqualification and such other penalties in accordance with Article D311.1.3 **of the present rules as the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate may determine.** ~~"General Regulations" or Warning Report System Annex 8.~~ Such acts will be reported to Canadian Eventing Committee of Equine Canada. Such acts include but are not limited to:
 - rapping
 - riding an exhausted horse
 - excessive pressing of a tired horse
 - riding an obviously lame horse
 - excessive use of whip and/or spurs
 - dangerous riding
 - **Riding in an unsafe way or losing control of the horse**
 - **Series of dangerous jumps**
3. **Reporting.**
 - 3.1 Jump Judges or Officials must report such actions as soon as possible to the Ground Jury supported, where possible, by a statement from one or more witnesses. The Ground Jury must decide **whether or not to penalize the competitor in accordance with Art D 311.1.3 including** if there is cause for disqualification.
 - 3.2 Directions for Officials – Cases of suspected abuse **or dangerous riding** will be penalized according to the Penalties for Abuse of Horses **and Dangerous Riding** Equine Canada Warning **Red Card** Report System for Eventing Competitions outlined in Annex 8.
4. **Ground Jury/ Technical Delegate.**
 - 4.1 Any individual member of the Ground Jury who observes such actions has the right and the duty to disqualify the competitor forthwith on his own authority. The **Technical Delegate who observes such action has the right and duty to immediately notify the Ground Jury.**
 - 4.2 There is no appeal against a Ground Jury's decision in a case of abuse **or dangerous riding.**

ARTICLE D113 Medical Requirements

1. Medical Fitness.

- 1.1 In the event of a fall in which a competitor is apparently injured or concussed, **they must be examined by designated medical personnel to determine if they may take part in another test, ride another horse or if they are capable of leaving the grounds.**
~~such that he cannot immediately resume riding the horse, he must be examined by an official medical officer, The medical official will advise the Ground Jury. whether in his opinion the competitor is fit to continue.~~
- ~~1.2 In such a circumstance, the time during which the competitor is held and examined shall be recorded and deducted from his total time for the test concerned if he is permitted to continue.~~

ARTICLE D308 RULES GOVERNING THE CROSS-COUNTRY TEST

8. Unauthorized Assistance

The change removes the reference to assisting riders in re-mounting after a fall at obstacle. (8.7.1)

8.7 EXCEPTIONS.

- ~~8.7.1 After a fall or if the competitor dismounts, he may be assisted to catch the horse, to adjust his saddlery, to remount or be handed any part of the saddlery or equipment while he is dismounted or after he has remounted.~~

The following paragraphs are re-numbered

- 8.7.1** Whip, headgear or spectacles may be handed to a competitor without dismounting.
- 8.7.2** At the start of Phase D (Cross-Country), it is permitted to assist the competitor and to attend to his horse (groom, water, etc.).
- 8.7.3** A competitor may receive clarification of jumping penalties from the Fence Judge e.g. after having knocked down a flag of a corner of obstacle.

9. After Elimination/Retirement/Disqualification.

9.1 A competitor who has been eliminated on course or a competitor who has been disqualified as per Article D116 will NOT be permitted to continue and must leave the course. Competitors who are eliminated, disqualified, or who retire from any phase on the course must take every precaution to avoid disturbing other competitors. When competitors are leaving the course they must do so at a walk, either dismounted or mounted. If mounted, competitors may not jump any further obstacles.

No objection to this decision will be permitted. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in penalties as per Art D111 and Annex 8 (Dangerous Riding)

~~The Organising Committee, in conjunction with the Ground Jury, may allow eliminated riders to continue. However, Eliminated riders may be directed by the Ground Jury or their representative to leave the course at a walk, taking no further obstacles when, in the opinion of the Ground Jury, it is in the best interest of horse or rider. Exception: A competitor who has been eliminated due to falls on course or a competitor who has been disqualified as per Article D116 will NOT be permitted to continue.~~

~~9.2 The Organising Committee must make it clear to all competitors before the start of the competition what the policy will be regarding eliminated competitors (e.g. by posted notice, in programme, competitor's kit, competitors briefing etc.).~~

ARTICLE D311 CROSS-COUNTRY SCORING

1. Faults at obstacles. The following faults at an obstacle are penalized, according to the following table:

1.1 DISOBEDIENCES.

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| • First refusal, run-out or circle | 20 penalties |
| • Second refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle plus | 40 penalties |
| • Third refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle on Phase D | Elimination & Mandatory Retirement |
| • Fourth Refusal, run out or circle on Phase D | Elimination |

1.2 FALLS.

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| • First fall of competitor at an obstacle | 65 penalties | Elimination & mandatory retirement |
| • First Fall of horse at an obstacle | Elimination & Mandatory Retirement | |
| • Second fall of competitor at an obstacle on the Cross-Country | Elimination & Mandatory Retirement | |

The change removes the requirement of explanation for 2nd fall in jumping test or cross country test if held the same day (see also D 317)

~~1.2.1 At a Horse Trial where the Cross-Country and Jumping Tests are held on the same day, the second fall of the rider in either Test during the competition day results in elimination and mandatory retirement of the rider if the medical fitness of the rider is in question (see Articles D112.2 and D113.1).~~

Subsequent changes proposed to the following Eventing rules as a result to the change to Art D 311.1.2

ARTICLE D312 3.2 – Cross Country Definitions of Faults –Circles –

The change removes reference to riders having sustained a fall as they will no longer be allowed to continue

3.2 After being penalized by a refusal, run-out or 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.

ARTICLE D 312. 4.4 EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF FALLS AND MANDATORY RETIREMENT

The change removes reference to multiple falls of riders on cross country course

4.4 ~~EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF FALLS AND MANDATORY RETIREMENT.~~ A horse or competitor **that has three refusals or has** fallen once ~~or a competitor who has fallen twice~~ on the Cross-Country, and is therefore eliminated, must immediately retire and leave the course. ~~(See also Article D311.1.2.1 for Horse Trials holding Cross-Country and Jumping on the same day).~~

ARTICLE D314 RULES GOVERNING THE JUMPING TEST

16. ~~Following a fall or~~ when a rider has voluntarily dismounted, all assistance given to a competitor, for example, ~~bringing back the horse helping him readjust saddlery, handing him the whip while dismounted, or helping the competitor get back in the saddle,~~ is not considered as unauthorized assistance.

ARTICLE D317 JUMPING SCORING

1. Faults at obstacles.

- Knocking down an obstacle, 4 penalties
- First disobedience 4 penalties
- Second disobedience in the whole test Elimination
- ~~First Fall of competitor 8 penalties~~
- ~~Second fall of competitor Elimination~~
- First Fall of Horse **or competitor** Elimination & Mandatory Retirement

~~At a Horse Trial where the Cross Country and Jumping Tests are held on the same day, the second fall of the rider in either test during the competition day results in elimination & mandatory retirement.~~

ARTICLE D319 TIME CORRECTIONS

The change requires the removal of paragraph 2 as it no longer applies.

~~2. Knock down and Fall.~~

- ~~2.1 If there is a knock down and a fall together with a disobedience, the bell is rung immediately. However the clock must be stopped only when the competitor has remounted and only if the obstacle has not been rebuilt in time for the competitor to continue the round. The competitor will be penalized for a disobedience and a fall and six (6) seconds will be added to the time of the rider.~~
- ~~2.2 If, when jumping a single obstacle or the last part of a combination, there is a knock down and a fall of the rider, the clock must not be stopped and the Judge must not ring the bell. The competitor will be penalized for the fall and for knocking down the obstacle.~~
- ~~2.3 If, when jumping any element of a combination, except the last, there is a knockdown and a fall, the bell is rung immediately. The clock must be stopped only when the competitor has remounted and only if the obstacle has not been rebuilt in time for the competitor to continue his test. The competitor will be penalized for the fall and knocking down the obstacle.~~
- ~~2.4 If, at the second or third element of a combination, the refusal or run-out is the consequence of a fall with or without a knock down and/or a displacement of an obstacle and/or flag, no penalty is incurred for the disobedience and the six (6) seconds are not added to the time; the competitor is only penalized for the fall.~~

ARTICLE D320 DEFINITION OF FAULTS

. 8. Fall.

Paragraph 8.5 is re-numbered 8.4

- 8.4** Should a loose horse fall, jump an obstacle, go the wrong side of flag, or pass through the starting or finishing line, it will not be penalized.

Existing paragraphs 8.4 and 8.6 are deleted:

- ~~8.4 When a horse or competitor falls in knocking down an obstacle or in refusing to jump an obstacle, or as a result of any other disobedience, the penalties in these circumstances are added together.~~

- ~~8.6 If after the first fall, the competitor leaves the arena, he is considered to have retired.~~