

TEAM Newsletter



News and Updates

Rulebook Updates

Know Before You Go!

<https://useventing.com/news-media/news/new-eventing-rule-changes-going-into-effect-october-1-2023>



The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) has made five rule changes which will go into effect October 1, 2023. Familiarize yourself with these rule changes below to make sure you are in compliance before heading out for your next event.

APPENDIX 3.2

Intent: To align with FEI Article 517, "NOTE: All MERs obtained in previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time". As MER requirements change for both FEI and National levels, the rule clarifies how MERs are counted based on the rules in place at that time the MER is obtained.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.2.3 All MERs obtained in previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.

EV111.5

Intent: During the Eventing Chapter re-write "width" was inadvertently replaced with "height". The current language creates a safety concern as it does not accurately describe the intent for proper fence construction and specifications for a warm-up fence.

5. The only warmup fences

Athletes may jump are marked fences provided by the Organizer. No part of the fences may be held by anyone while a Horse is jumping. These fences must not be raised more than 10 cm above the maximum height permitted for the Event in progress (or about to begin). The oxer must not exceed the maximum width permitted. Ground lines may be placed directly under, or up to 1 m in front of the fence.

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Why Join TEAM?

Become a part of the thriving equestrian community and sign up for your TEAM membership now. As a member, you'll accumulate points at thrilling derbies and horse trials across Michigan. (For those competing at Preliminary level or above, you can earn points outside the state!)

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As a TEAM member, you're not just participating; you're becoming a vital part of a community that shares your passion for horsemanship.



Scan the QR Code to Get Started

Mark Your Calendars

March 12th @ 7:30 PM
Zoom Board Meeting



Wieschoff with
Sheldon aka "Sheldon"

April 20th – 21st

Eventing University & Clinic
w/ Cathy Wieschoff

*Details are still in the works,
but mark your calendars so
you don't miss out on this
awesome experience!*

Contact: TBD

AMT, R, H, O, or CH?

Choosing the Right Division for an Event

<https://useventing.com/events-competitions/resources/rules>

***ELIGIBLE SECTION:**

Write 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choice next
to the division in order of preference.

___AMT	___R	___H	___O	___CH
Amateur	Rider	Horse	Open	Championship

One of the most common issues in Eventing is unintentional registration in the wrong section, impacting your eligibility for year-end awards and creating confusion among scorers. To help you navigate this tricky topic, we present a quick summary from the USEF rulebook:

1. JUNIOR (J) - Athletes can compete as Juniors through the end of the calendar year of their 18th birthday.
2. YOUNG RIDER (YR) - Open to athletes from the beginning of the calendar year of their 16th birthday through the end of the calendar year of their 21st birthday.

3. AMATEUR (A) - Athletes in possession of a valid Amateur card issued by USEF, any senior (over 18) USEA member who has not engaged in any of the activities defined in GR1306 Section 4.
4. RIDER (R) - Open to athletes who have not completed an event above the next highest level in the past 5 years.
5. HORSE (H) - Open to athletes of any age; the horse must not have completed an event above the next highest level.
6. OPEN (O) - Both horse and athlete may have competed at any level.
7. CHAMPIONSHIP (CH) - Open to all qualified athletes on qualified horses.

Rider Rule Refresher

What To Do When Passed in XC

Source: EV121 Cross-Country Phase Rules, 5. Overtaking

In the realm of equestrian sports, overtaking is a crucial aspect governed by specific rules. When an athlete is on the verge of being overtaken (passed) by a fellow rider, the slower rider must take swift action to clear the way. The overtaking athlete, in turn, must exercise caution and execute the maneuver only in safe and suitable locations.



Navigating obstacles adds another layer of complexity. If the leading athlete is approaching an obstacle and about to be overtaken, they must adhere to the directions provided by the appointed personnel.

When the leading athlete is committed to jumping an obstacle, the following Athlete may jump that obstacle only in such a way that will cause no inconvenience or danger for either. Failure to comply with these rules, disobedience to personnel instructions, or endangering others, may lead to

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severe consequences, including Elimination or Disqualification, determined at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

2024 Tentative Schedule

Apr. 20/21 Honey Run Eventing University & Cathy Wieschhoff Course Design Clinic

Apr. 26 – 28 Kentucky 3 Day Event

May 12 Hunters Run Derby

May 18/19 Cobblestone Event at Revel Run TEAM

June 8/9 Cobblestone Event at Revel Run Event USEA 1

June 15/16 TEAM Benefit Jump Day

June 30 Hunters Run TEAM Event

July 14 Hunters Run Derby

July 15 – 21 USPC Festival/Champs at KHP

Aug. 3-4 Cobblestone Event at Revel Run USEA 2

Aug. 11 Cedar Ridge Derby

Aug. 18 Hunter's Run Horse Trials USEA

Aug. 30/1 AEC at KHP

Sept. 7/8 Cobblestone Fall Derby at Revel Run

Sept. 15 Cedar Ridge Derby

Sept. 21-22 Honey Run Horse Trials USEA

Oct. 5/6 Honey Run Team Challenge

Oct. 13 Cedar Ridge Derby

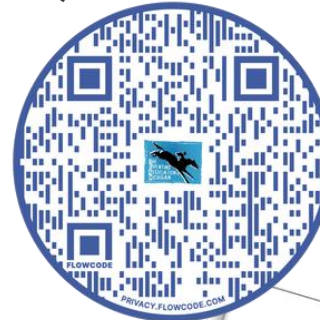
Oct. 26/27 Cobblestone Halloween Derby at Revel Run TEAM

Nov. 16 TEAM Banquet

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Peanut Butter Apple Horse Treats

Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 apple
- ¾ cup peanut butter
- ¾ cup water
- 1 cup powdered sugar (optional)
- 2 tablespoons of milk (optional)
- Sprinkles (optional)

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 325° (F).
2. Grate the apple and squeeze out excess moisture.
3. Mix dry ingredients.
4. Add the apple and peanut butter.
5. Slowly add enough of the water to form a manageable dough.
6. If the dough becomes too sticky then add additional flour.
7. Form into desired shapes and bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown.
8. You may glaze or frost with icing made by mixing 1 cup powdered sugar with 1-2 tablespoons of milk.
9. Top with sprinkles for added decoration.

From the Kitchen of


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Ground lines may not be placed on the landing side. Placement poles are not permitted at national Horse Trials. The upper ends of crossed poles must be supported by cups. If a horizontal pole is placed above crossed poles, it must be higher than the upper ends of the crossed poles. Warmup fences must be jumped in the correct direction and only jumped at times permitted by the Organizer. Violation of any of the above rules may result in Disqualification, at the discretion of the Ground Jury. EV9.2

Intent: During the re-write of the Eventing Chapter, the intent for inflatable vests was incorrectly applied. The proposed language reflects the current expectation for body protective vests and inflatable vests. In the interest of safety, inflatable vests should be permitted to be worn during every phase. The way the current language is worded, it is not clear they can be used in addition to body protecting vests during the cross-country phase. Eventing wants to provide access to whatever safety measures athletes feel necessary. Additionally, inflatable vests should be permitted for safety during the Dressage and Show Jumping phases, but not be required to be worn. 2. PROTECTIVE VESTS.

a. A body protecting vest must be worn during the warm-up for and in the Cross-Country phase. Stable, team, or club colors are permitted.

Inflatable vests are permitted when worn in addition to a body protecting vest during the Cross-Country Phase. Inflatable vests are permitted to be worn without a body protecting vest during the Dressage and Show Jumping phases. The Federation recommends that the vest should pass or surpass the current ASTM standard F1937 or be certified by the Safety Equipment Institute.

b. Violation of this rule may be penalized at the discretion of the Ground Jury and may result in Elimination.

EV155

Intent: During the Eventing Chapter re-write, the language was inadvertently changed from Jumping phases to Show Jumping phases. This removed the requirement for a Federation licensed Eventing Judge for the Cross-Country phase.

LICENSED OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL. For Tests which include Dressage and Show Jumping phases, a Federation licensed Eventing Judge is required. This Judge serves as the Ground Jury and will perform the course evaluation functions of the Technical Delegate. Other Judges may be Federation licensed Judges, participants, or graduates of the USEA Training Program, or knowledgeable horse people.

A veterinarian and qualified medical personnel must be present on the grounds during any Cross-Country or Show Jumping phases.

EV145.8

Intent: To remove the specific reference to the version and effective date so the rule will be current as new versions are introduced.

8. FRANGIBLE TECHNOLOGY.

a. Whenever possible, Obstacles for which frangible technology (e.g., frangible pins, MIM Clips, or any other load relieving device) is appropriate must be constructed or retrofitted with frangible technology for the Modified level and above.

b. The Technical Delegate must confirm with the Ground Jury and Course Designer that the frangible technology employed is consistent with the USEA Cross-Country Obstacle Design Guidelines. Frangible technology may only be installed by or under the supervision of Course Designers or course builders who have attended a USEA Seminar on frangible Obstacle construction.

c. At a minimum, frangible technology devices used at national and FEI Events must meet the FEI Updated Standard for Frangible/Deformable Cross Country Fences.



Do you have something exciting to share for our upcoming newsletter? Whether it's an upcoming clinic opportunity, a shout-out to a TEAM rider, or any other noteworthy updates, let us know! Please send your contributions via email to JessicalPhillips309@gmail.com.