

Eventing Rally Rules Summary

DRESSAGE

Positive points for each movement & each collective mark -

1-10 pts., with a 5 being "sufficient"

Collective Marks: gaits, impulsion, submission, rider's seat & use of aids

Error of test: 1st - 2 pts.

2nd - 4 pts. (total 6 pts.)

3rd - Elimination

Additional errors: 2 pts each and not cumulative:

Use of voice (includes clicking of tongue)

Entering arena before start of test unless permission from the organizer to circle inside

Entering the arena before the sound of the bell to start the test

Entering with boots or tail wrap on - allowed to remove them

Not entering the arena within 45 seconds but before 90 secs

Failing to take the reins into one hand for the salutes

May braid for Dressage, but must remove before turnbacks.

May wear fly hoods. Checked after ride for earplugs, etc.

All riders may carry a whip. May not be longer than **47.2"** (almost 4 ft.), including lash.

Spurs no longer than **1 9/16"** (slightly longer than 1½") and only smooth rowels.

*Fall of horse and/or rider does not result in elim. - zero score for that movement.

Elimination at discretion of Jury -

Unauthorized assistance

Improper dress

Mandatory elimination -

Failing to enter within **90 sec.** of signal unless valid reason.

Improper saddlery - only smooth, **not twisted**, snaffles.

Only Ds *can* use Kimberwick or Pelham bits, in addition to snaffles.

Only Ds *can* have standing martingales & grass reins.

Lame horse. No appeal from the judge's decision.

Leaving the arena with all four feet during the test.

Resistance longer than 20 seconds (except for Ds, who are never timed)

STADIUM

Knock down rail or jump - 4 penalty points

First refusal - 4 pts.

Second refusal on course - 8 pts. (total = 12 pts)

Third refusal on course - Elimination

First fall of rider - Elimination

First fall of horse - **Mandatory retirement**

Time Penalties = **0.4** penalty per second over time limit. Same as XC.

Novice speed = **320mm**; Training = 325mm, Prel. = 350mm

Elimination at discretion of Jury -

Not entering arena when called.

Not being mounted when entering or leaving arena.

Not stopping when whistle blown during test.

Unauthorized assistance

****Numbers to remember:**

4

4

8

Mandatory elimination (partial list) –

- Taking a jump before start whistle has blown.
- Failing to cross the start line within **45 sec.** of whistle
- Horse resisting for **45 sec.** anywhere on the course (except for Ds)
- Showing the horse a jump, including after a refusal
- Failure to pass between start or finish flags
- Errors of course (taking jumps out of order)
- Crossing the finish line unmounted before leaving arena
- Loose horse leaving arena (including before test started)
- Being handed a whip (helmet and eyeglasses are OK) while mounted during test
- Improper saddlery (hood, blinkers, etc)

CROSS-COUNTRY

First refusal at any jump	20 pts	**Numbers to remember:
Second refusal at same jump	40 pts	20
Third refusal at same jump	Elimination	40
<u>BN – Modified</u> -		
4th refusal <u>total</u> on course	Elimination	
<u>Pre & up-</u>		
3rd refusal <u>total</u> on course	Elimination	
<u>All</u> - First fall of rider	Elimination	
<u>All</u> - First fall of horse	Mandatory retirement	

XC is different from SJ - may be handed a whip plus helmet & eyeglasses while mounted.

Willful delay (trot allowed) - **19 pts.** at discretion of the Ground Jury

Rally only - Failure to report to vet box - **10 pts.**

Time penalties (BN-Modified) = **0.4 penalties** per second either too slow or too fast

Note: no speed faults Pre & up. ex: 11 sec x.04= 4.4 pts.

Speeds - Novice = **350-400mm** w/450 speed limit; Training = 420-470mm w/520 speed limit

Organizer of show decides which speed is used for BN, Nov & TR levels

Elimination at discretion of Jury -

- Not yielding to an overtaking rider
- Causing danger to a rider that you are overtaking
- Failure to stop when signaled (waving of red flag)

Mandatory elimination -

- Jumping with helmet **unbuckled**
- Improper saddlery (hood, blinkers, etc.)
- Errors of course - e.g. not correcting a missed fence before jumping the next numbered fence. If jumped a wrong fence, can go back to jump the correct fence.
- Unauthorized assistance, **whether encouraged or not!**

Info - **Yellow** markers are to show direction only.

Color of fence flags: Beg. Nov = **Yellow**; Novice = **White**; Training = **Black**; Prelim = **Green**

Late to Formal Inspection - **5 pts.** plus one point for each additional minute late.

***40 pts. max.** (Example: 3 min late = 7 pts)

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