



# SECTION D: EVENTING AMENDMENT SUMMARY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

## NOTE:

The following rules have been added or revised in the 2026 edition of the Equestrian Canada rules. All editions of Section d have been updated to include all of the changes in this document.

## CHAPTER 1 GENERAL RULES FOR EVENTING COMPETITIONS

### ARTICLE D114 DRESS

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#### 5. Dress

##### 5.1 Dress – Dressage test

Tests and Horse Trials:

Protective headgear as per Art D 114.1.1 - black or dark colour.

Jacket – conservative colour. Tweed jacket permitted in EV85 through EV110 divisions; Tailcoat permitted in EV115 and EV120 divisions.

Shirt – white or light colour with stock and pin or choker or tie.

Gloves (required) dark colour, tan, beige, or white;

Breeches – white, light or conservative plain, solid coloured.

Boots – long boots in one piece or a full grain smooth leather or leather-like leg piece and matching leather or leather-like boot (a small amount of matching elastic/ribbing along the zipper is permitted) - black, dark brown, or other single colour, modest piping of a different colour is permitted~~black with brown top colour~~. Jodhpur boots permitted when worn with jodhpurs.

A body protector permitted per Art D114.2.

Spurs when worn must comply with Art D114.4.

Members of armed service and police forces: service dress with protective headgear as per Art D114.1.1.

EV85 through EV100 division - Competitors may compete without a jacket. In such cases, a long or short sleeve shirt of a conservative colour with collar with or without neckwear.

5.1.1 It is not permitted for any Competitor to wear a red jacket (the traditional ‘Pinque’ jacket) except those Athletes who have represented Canada at a Pan Ams Games, Olympic Games, or at a World Championships/Games as a member of a senior team.

##### 5.2 Dress – Cross Country test:

Light weight clothing is appropriate for this test, a shirt (any colour) with suitable short or long sleeves (not sleeveless or cap sleeve).

Protective headgear as per Art D114.1 mandatory - any colour.

Breeches or jodhpurs and gloves - any colour.

Boots – long boots in one piece or a full grain smooth leather or leather-like leg piece and matching leather or leather-like boot - black, dark brown, or other single colour, modest piping of a different colour is permitted~~black with brown top colour~~. Jodhpur boots permitted when worn with jodhpurs.

Spurs when worn must comply with Art D114.4.

A body protector mandatory per Art D114.2.

##### 5.3 Dress - Jumping Test:

Hunting dress or uniform. Jacket – conservative colour (EV85 through EV110 division – tweed jacket permitted).

Shirt – stock with pin or choker or tie.

Gloves (if worn) dark colour, tan beige or white.

Jodhpurs, breeches – white, light or conservative colour.

Boots – long boots in one piece or a full grain smooth leather or leather-like leg piece and leather or leather-like boot - black, dark brown, or other single colour, modest piping of a different colour is permitted~~black with brown top colour~~. Jodhpur boots permitted when worn with jodhpurs.

Spurs when worn must comply with Art D114.4.

Protective Headgear as per Art D114.1 mandatory - solid black or dark colour.

Members of armed service and police forces: service dress with protective headgear as per Art D114.1.1

A body protector permitted per Art D114.2.

EV85 through EV100 division - Competitors may compete without a jacket. In such cases long or short sleeve shirt of a conservative colour with collar with or without.

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## CHAPTER 3 HORSE TRIALS

### ARTICLE D310 CROSS COUNTRY OBSTACLES

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#### 5. Dimensions.

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- 5.3 At obstacles involving water crossings (ford, lake, wide river), the depth of the water, from the entrance to a fair distance and from a fair distance to the exit, may not be more than 30 cm. Recommended depth is ~~10-15 cm~~ 15-25 cm. The length of a water crossing must be at least ~~6m-9m~~ between entry and exit ~~except where an exit step(s) or fence is jumped directly out of the water, in which case the minimum length must be 9 meters.~~

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### ARTICLE D316 JUMPING OBSTACLES

1. **General.** The obstacles should be standard show jumping obstacles. ~~There will be 9-12 in number with 15 efforts maximum depending on the level of the event as per limits shown in Annex 7. Refer to Annex 6 for the minimum and maximum number of obstacles and efforts allowed in each division.~~

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### ARTICLE D317 JUMPING SCORING

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#### 4. Compulsory Retirement

For short format competitions at the EV100 and above (when the jumping test is before the cross country test) an athlete incurring 20 or more obstacle penalties during the jumping test will not be authorized to start in the cross country test and will be automatically eliminated from the competition.

## CHAPTER 5 OFFICIALS

### ARTICLE D504 TECHNICAL DELEGATE

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#### 3. Restrictions.

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- 3.2 ~~A Technical Delegate may officiate at events and horse trials over consecutive events/years.~~ No Technical Delegate may officiate at the same event for more than two (2) consecutive ~~events-years~~ unless an exemption has been approved by Equestrian Canada. Exemptions are absolutely available, and organizers are strongly encouraged to request one whenever needed. Requests for exemption must be submitted to Equestrian Canada with the event's omnibus page submission. Request for exemption must be submitted to Equestrian Canada by November 1<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to the competition.

## ANNEXES

### ANNEX 1: SPECIFICATIONS FOR LEVELS OF HORSE TRIALS

#### 1. EV85 DIVISION

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##### 1.5 Description of the Tests.

- 1.5.1 Dressage Test – Competitors should be prepared to do a walk, trot and canter dressage test with 20 meter figures and a halt.
- 1.5.2 The Cross Country Course- The cross country course should include a variety of introductory straight forward obstacles including a bank up, a ditch, a brush and possibly an inviting water crossing or possibly an inviting down bank. One combination of a minimum of two strides between the two lettered (A, B) related obstacles is permitted..
- The obstacles shall be designed to be within the limits of the specifications and dimensions and speed defined in Annex 6 & 7. The fences shall be simple, straight forward, clear in definition, solid in appearance, with true ground lines and inviting to jump.
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  - ~~Corner fences or bounc~~Bounce fences are not permitted

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#### 2. EV90 DIVISION

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##### 2.5 Description of the Tests.

- 2.5.1 Dressage Test -The dressage will not differ greatly from the EV85 Division and may include the working gaits (walk, trot and canter).
- 2.5.2 The Cross Country Course Directives -The Cross Country Course will invite bold, forward movement involving galloping, balance and rhythm and jumping out of stride without encouraging excessive speed. It shall be designed within the limits of the specifications and dimensions and speed defined in Annex 6 & 7. The obstacles shall be more substantial, but remain simple, straight forward, clear



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in definition with true ground lines and inviting to jump. Obstacles may include a drop, a combination and a simple obstacle out of water. At such water obstacles the exit may be beached or revetted.

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- Corner fences are permitted with the following specifications:
  - ~~minimum face of 12'~~
  - maximum angle of 20-30 degrees
  - to be boarded in
  - top spread not to exceed 3' 3" at widest point

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ANNEX 6: TABLE OF SPEEDS, TIMES, DISTANCES AND JUMPING EFFORTS CROSS COUNTRY TEST							
Division	EV120 (Previously Advanced)	EV115 (Previously Intermediate)	EV110 (Previously Preliminary)	EV105	EV100 (Previously Training)	EV90 (Previously Pre-Training)	EV85 (Previously Entry)
<b>CROSS COUNTRY TEST</b>							
<b>Speed: Optimum Time:</b>	570 mpm	550 mpm	520 mpm	500 mpm	400-450 mpm	400 mpm	350 mpm
<b>Speed Fault Speed:</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	500 mpm	450 mpm	400 mpm
<b>Distance: (m)</b>	3420-3990	2400-3575	2200 -3120	2000-3000	1800-2500	1500-2250	1400-2000
<b>Max. Jumping Efforts:</b>	Min 30 Max 35	Min 22 Max 32	Min 18 Max 30	Min 18 Max 25	Max 16 to 24	Max 12 to 22	Max 10 to 18

Speed shown in - metres per minute (mpm)

Distances shown in metres (m)

EV90 and EV85 divisions: Technical Delegate may lower the speed for Phase D to suit local terrain, conditions and/or weather.

**Note: Per ARTICLE D309.3.2**

The distances for Phase D should not be more than 500 meters (m) shorter than those set out but may be somewhat longer (up to 10%) to suit local conditions. The given speeds are to be used in all but exceptional circumstances and may be altered only with the approval of the Technical Delegate.

Division	EV120 (Previously Advanced)	EV115 (Previously Intermediate)	EV110 (Previously Preliminary)	EV105	EV100 (Previously Training)	EV90 (Previously Pre-Training)	EV85 (Previously Entry)
<b>JUMPING TEST</b>							
<b>Speed:</b>	375	350	350	350	350	325	300
<b>Recommended Distance (m)</b>	450-550	400-500	350-450	350-450	350-450	350-450	350-450
<b>Nr of obstacles / efforts</b>	10 -12/ 13-15	10 -12/ 12-14	10- 12/ 11-13	10-11/12- <del>14</del>	10 -11/ 11-12	9 -10/ 9-11	9 -10/ 9-11
<b>NOTES</b>							
The recommended size of jumping arena is 4000 sq. m. (5000 sq.m. for EV120 level) with the short side a minimum of 50 m.							
In arenas less than 2300 sq.m. the maximum speed for EV100 and above levels shall be 325mpm.							
In arenas less than 5000 sq.m. but greater than 2300 sq m., the maximum speed for the EV120 level shall be 350mpm.							
For Combined Tests the jumping test distances may be up to 150m longer than specified.							