



# WORKING EQUITATION CANADA/ÉQUITATION DU TRAVAIL CANADA

## IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES FOR JUDGES AND COMPETITORS

### BETWEEN CANADIAN AND USA RULES

SECTION	ITEM	CANADIAN RULE
1	1.4	Horse Division: No special allowance for Gaited Horses
1	1.6.c	Level 2 – Novice A may <del>trot or</del> canter between obstacles..... Obstacles must be trotted, unless required or allowed to be walked <del>or cantered</del> .
1	1.9.1.d	Tack and Attire ADD: <del>Curb chains and leather chin straps may be used but must be at least ½” in width and lie flat against the jaws of the horse. Two fingers, placed flat, must fit between the chain/strap and jaw of horse.</del>
1	1.9.1.f	Tack and Attire ADD: <del>full chaps</del>
1	1.9.1.g	Tack and Attire ADD: <del>, providing the stirrup design does not allow the foot to pass through.</del>
1	1.9.1.i	Tack and Attire ADD: <del>Bridle, saddlery and equipment rules apply in the Paddock area as well as the competition arena.</del>
1	1.9.1	Tack and Attire DELETE: <del>Entries must use the same tack and attire in all trials. Changes in clothing are allowed provided the attire remains of the same tradition and style throughout the competition.</del>
1	1.11	<b>L6 and L7</b> Competitors will be penalized if their free hand brushes the rein or touches the horse in front of the rein hand or provides any form of assistance for up to two occurrences (5-point penalty in Dressage and EOH, 5-second penalty in Speed). <b>L6 and L7</b> Competitors will be disqualified for stroking/touching the horse in front of the rein hand three times. DOES NOT APPLY TO OTHER LEVELS>
1	1.12.2	Disqualification DELETE: <del>Not using the same tack and attire throughout the competition. The same tack must be used in the same manner in all three trials. This includes using the same rein(s) when using a Pelham or double bridle; e.g., riders may not “drop” reins for different trials. L6 and L7 competitors are not included in this restriction.</del>
2	2.5	Only riders who have lived in <b>Canada</b> for a minimum of 6 consecutive months may compete <b>for titles of National Champion</b> .
3	3.4	Technical Delegate: A-rated shows and above must have a licensed Technical Delegate. <del>The Judge may serve as the Technical Delegate at B-rated shows.</del> Rule did not change from 2018
3	3.9	Scribes: A Scribe may not compete at any A-rated or championship competition in which he/she has also scribed. <del>A Scribe may not compete under any judge for which he/she has scribed at that competition.</del>
3	3.13	Timers: The Judge does NOT act as a timer. Rule did not change from 2018.
5	5.4	<del>In the event of a possible disqualification, riders are to continue as outlined in item 5.6 Penalties.</del>
5	5.6	Even if there is a possible disqualification, the judge(s) must score the whole of a competitor’s performance in a trial, up to completion. After the final salute, the judge will notify the rider of any disqualification. The judge has the authority to end the trial at any time for safety or welfare concerns.
5	5.6	Penalties and DQ: Stroking and touching neck in front of rein hand applies to only L6 and L7.
6	6-1 table	ADD <b>T or C</b> for Level 2 between obstacles.
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6	6.6	Trial Execution CHANGE: The compulsory gait between obstacles is canter for <b>Novice B (L3)</b> riders and above; ADD <b>Novice A (L2) may trot or canter.</b>
6	6.6, 6.9 table 6-2	Penalties and DQ: Stroking and touching neck in front of rein hand applies to only <b>L6 and L7.</b>
7	7.3	Obstacles that may not be used in the Speed trial include Earthenware Jug <del>and Herding Animals.</del> (WECan does not use this obstacle.)
7	<b>7.8 Table 7-1</b>	<b>Even if there is a possible disqualification, the judge(s) must score the whole of a competitor's performance in a trial, up to completion. After the final salute, the judge will notify the rider of any disqualification. The judge has the authority to end the trial at any time for safety or welfare concerns.</b>
7	7.5, 7.8, table 7-1	Penalties and DQ: Stroking and touching neck in front of rein hand applies to only <b>L6 and L7.</b>
8	8.1	No individual tests in Cattle Trial. Team competition only
8	8.4,8.5,8.6	Reference to a horse or a cow being 'across the line' or in a 'zone', all four feet of the animal must be over the line.
8	8.7	Scoring: The top three (3) team member points are added to get the team's final point score. Team placement is determined based on the total points of the top three (3) riders earned by each team
Appendix B	9.c	Bell Corridor ADD: A higher score will be awarded for performing the obstacle well at the <b>trot or canter</b> rather than at walk when allowed.
Appendix B	9.c	Bell Corridor CHANGE: The Judge will give a lower mark if a horse <b>bumps</b> the rails
Appendix B	9.c, 10.c, 11.c	A lower score will be given if <b>the horse is positioned so that</b> the rider has to reach out of the saddle to move the cup, ring the bell etc
Appendix B	10.c	Backing up in L CHANGE: <b>The Judge will give a lower mark if a horse bumps the rails, and a negative mark if the horse displaces or knocks down any of the rails or if the horse steps over the rails. Failure of the horse to remain still will be penalized.</b>
Appendix B	11.c	Rounding Several Posts: DIFFERENCE IN WORDING: <b>Failure of the horse to remain still will be penalized. <del>Touching any of the poles will result in a negative score.</del></b> Bumping a post without knocking it over will result in a lower score.
Appendix B	15.a	<del>The jump may be set up to 1 m (39 in.) high for L7 riders.</del> No height above 0.5m (22") for any level.
Appendix B	20, 21, 22, 23	<b>None of the obstacles are used in WECan events.</b>