



PRESS RELEASE

Explanation of the new “Fall of rider requiring a first aid clearance in all instances” rule that has been brought in by the FEI & EA Jumping Rules January 2019!

Fall of rider at **anytime** at a show no matter where it occurs (competition arena, practise arena, camping/stabling area etc) now **requires the rider obtain a clearance from First Aid** before they can continue to ride at the show on any horse. Even if the fall is relatively mild – the clearance from First Aid is mandatory. **The Judge must be notified by First Aid** that this clearance has been obtained.

If the fall occurs in the practise arena, and the rider obtains the clearance, they are able to ride in that event if they can be accommodated in the draw without disruption to the competition at the discretion of the Judge.

As per the rules, if the fall occurs in the competition arena prior to or after the bell to start they are eliminated from that competition and require the first aid check prior to riding again.

If the fall is after the finish line, the rider is not eliminated. If the first aid clearance is obtained, the rider will still be eligible to ride in the second round/jump off if qualified.

See below to see rules that have been applied to formulate this explanation.

Article 224.3

In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse at any time in the Competition arena, in the practice arena or elsewhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete and/or the Horse must be cleared by the Event’s medical service, respectively the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or the Horse may be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event.

Article 235.3

Disobediences, occurring between the signal to start and the moment the Athlete/Horse combination crosses the starting line in the correct direction, are not penalised. However, in the event of a fall, of an Athlete and/or Horse from the moment the combination enters the arena up until the moment they cross the starting line in the correct direction once the signal to start has been given, the combination will not be able to take part in the round or Competition in question. Furthermore, in the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse at any time in the Competition arena, whether the signal to start has been given or not, the Athlete and/or the Horse must be cleared by the Event’s medical service, respectively by the Veterinary Delegate at the Event, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event. (Refer also to JRs Art. 224.3.)

Article 235.4

A fall of the Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination. However, in the event of a fall after the finish line, the following applies:

- 4.1 In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line in a Competition with an immediate jump-off, the Athlete/Horse combination is eliminated from the jump-off, and will be placed equal last in the jump-off with Athletes who have withdrawn, retired or been eliminated from the jump-off. The Athlete and/or the Horse must be cleared by the Event’s medical service, respectively by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in any further Competition at the Event.*
- 4.2 In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line in a Competition with a jump-off (but not an immediate jump-off) or after crossing the finish line of the first round of a two-round Competition, the Athlete and/or the Horse must be cleared by the Event’s medical service, respectively by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in the jump-off, respectively in the second round.*
- 4.3 In case of a fall of the Athlete after crossing the finish line of a jump-off, or after crossing the finish line of the initial round if the combination did not qualify for the jump off, or after crossing the finish line in a Competition with no jump-off, the Athlete and/or the Horse must be cleared by the Event’s medical service, respectively by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in any further Competition at the Event.*

Article 241.3.25

fall of Athlete or Horse during the round. Athlete eliminated as result of a fall must not remount in the competition arena (see JRs Art. 224, 236 and 239) NB: fall after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 235.4);