

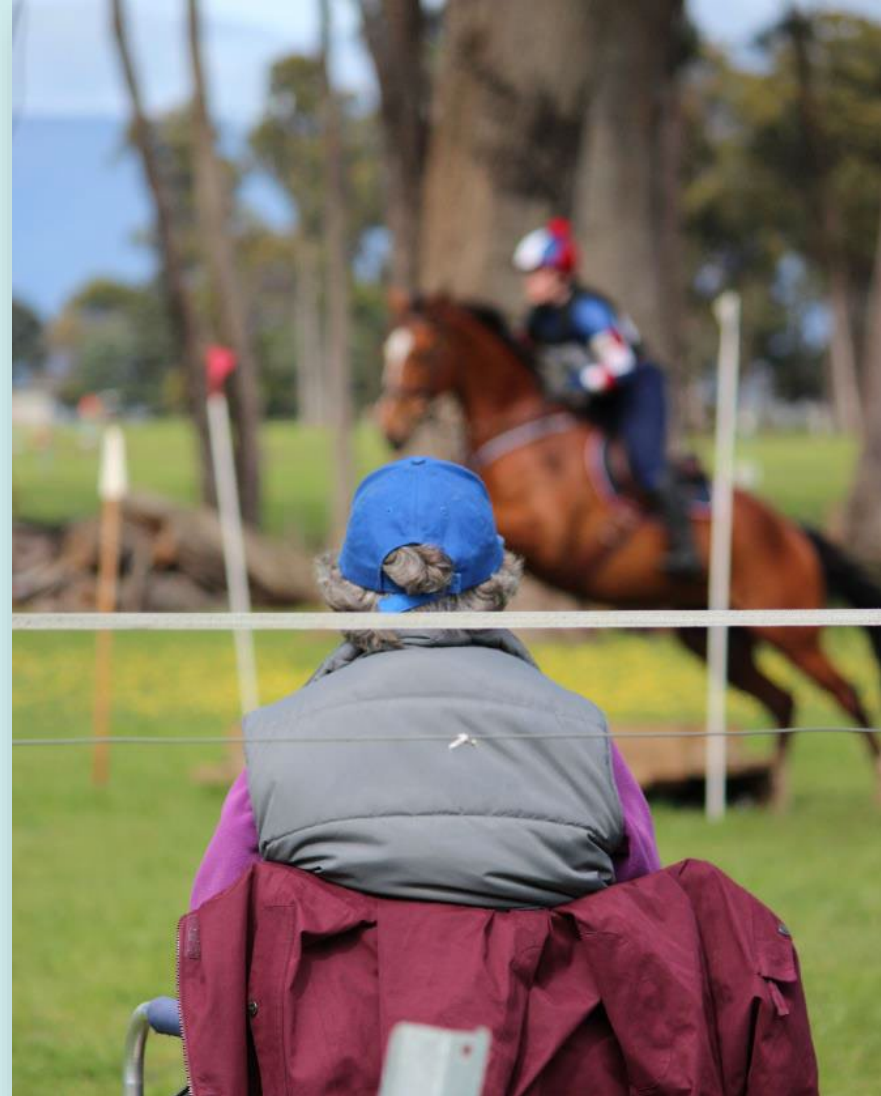


Cross Country Jump Judges' Training Program

The Basics

Version 1.0

Adapted from: Cross Country Jump Judges Briefing Eventing Tas and NSW versions



Firstly - Thank you!



Thanks for giving up
your time to be here.

We couldn't run our
events without you!

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YOUR ROLE

YOU ARE A VIP!
A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON

YOUR ROLE

As a Cross Country Jump Judge you will be assigned a jump.

Your job at the jump is to:

- ▶ **Observe**
- ▶ **Note**
- ▶ **Report**



Important role

Why?

- ▶ 1. Your scoring is essential to the final placings!
- ▶ 2. Safety. You are first on hand if there's a fall.



The TD will support you!

- ▶ You are not on your own – there is support!
- ▶ The TD (Technical Delegate) is happy to answer any of your questions
- ▶ The fence repair crew is available to come and fix fences if damaged

THE BASICS

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Before you head off to your jump ...



Find out exactly where your jump is before you leave. (If in doubt ASK !)

Take with you:

- The cross country folder and radio assigned to you
- a folding chair
- a hat, sunscreen, a jacket etc.
- food and water / thermos

THE BASICS: Setting up at the jump

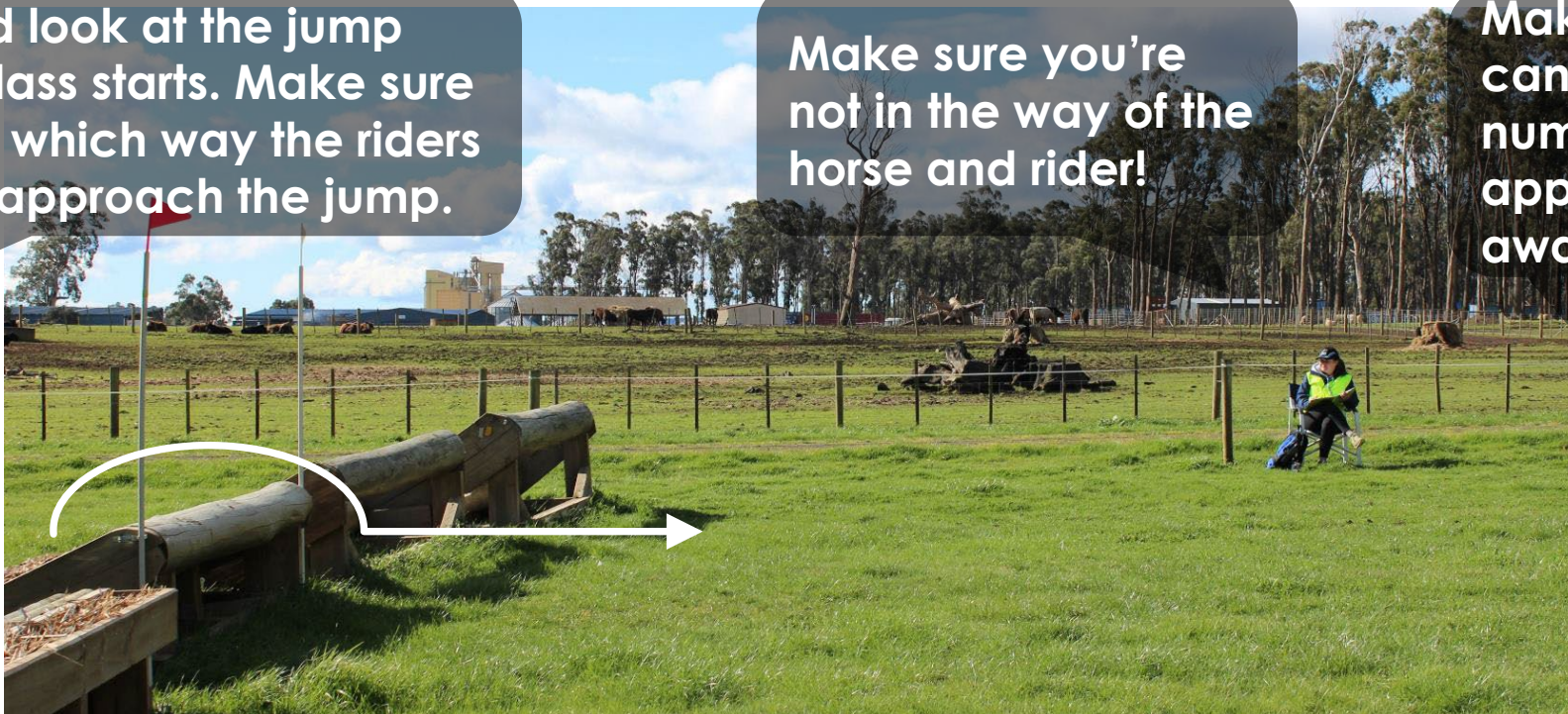
Have a good look at the jump before the class starts. Make sure you can see which way the riders are likely to approach the jump.

Make sure you're not in the way of the horse and rider!

Make sure you can see rider's number as they approach and go away.

Rider
direction

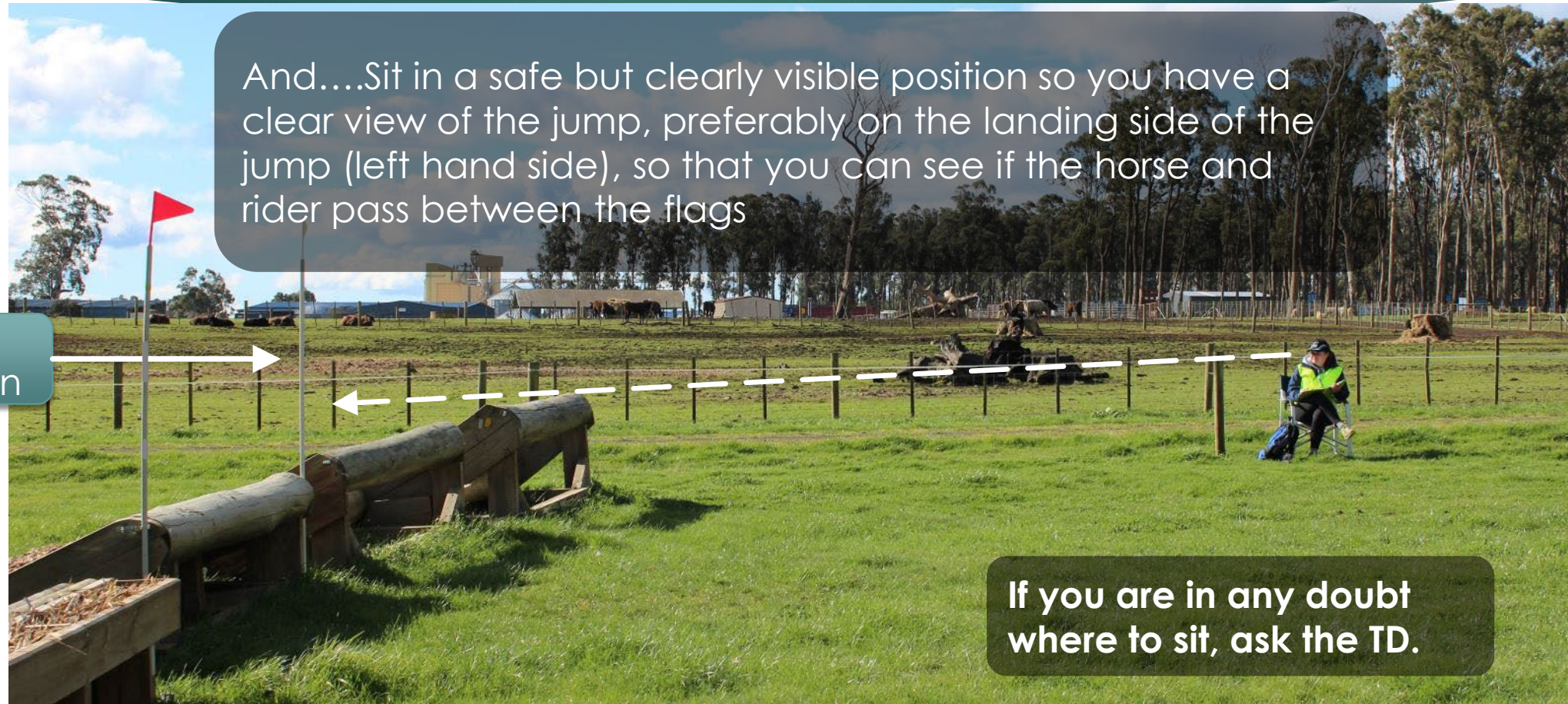
Red flag on
the right.
White flag on
the left.



THE BASICS: Setting up at the jump

And....Sit in a safe but clearly visible position so you have a clear view of the jump, preferably on the landing side of the jump (left hand side), so that you can see if the horse and rider pass between the flags

Rider
direction



**If you are in any doubt
where to sit, ask the TD.**

Stay attentive

Why?

It's important to get the scoring right!

Riders' numbers missed, or scoring the wrong column, for example, can cause major issues to the scorers and the TD.

These errors will need rectifying later on.



OBSERVING

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What are you observing at your jump?

Have the horse and rider:

- ▶ **jumped clear** or
- ▶ **had a fault at the jump** and/or
- ▶ **had a fall at the jump?**

Let's look at what each of these means and how to record them on the scoresheets.

Clear



To have jumped clear:

- ▶ the **horse's neck and both shoulders must pass through flags**
- ▶ the **hindquarters must jump the solid part of the jump**
- ▶ the **red flag** must be on the right, and **white flag** on the left.

If in doubt contact the TD and he/she will assist you.

Faults

Let's look at the types of "Faults" that can occur at a jump. That is where the horse and rider fail to negotiate the jump correctly.

There are 3 types of faults:

1. Refusal
2. Run out / Did not jump between flags
3. Circle

Let's look at each one in more detail....



Faults: what is a refusal?

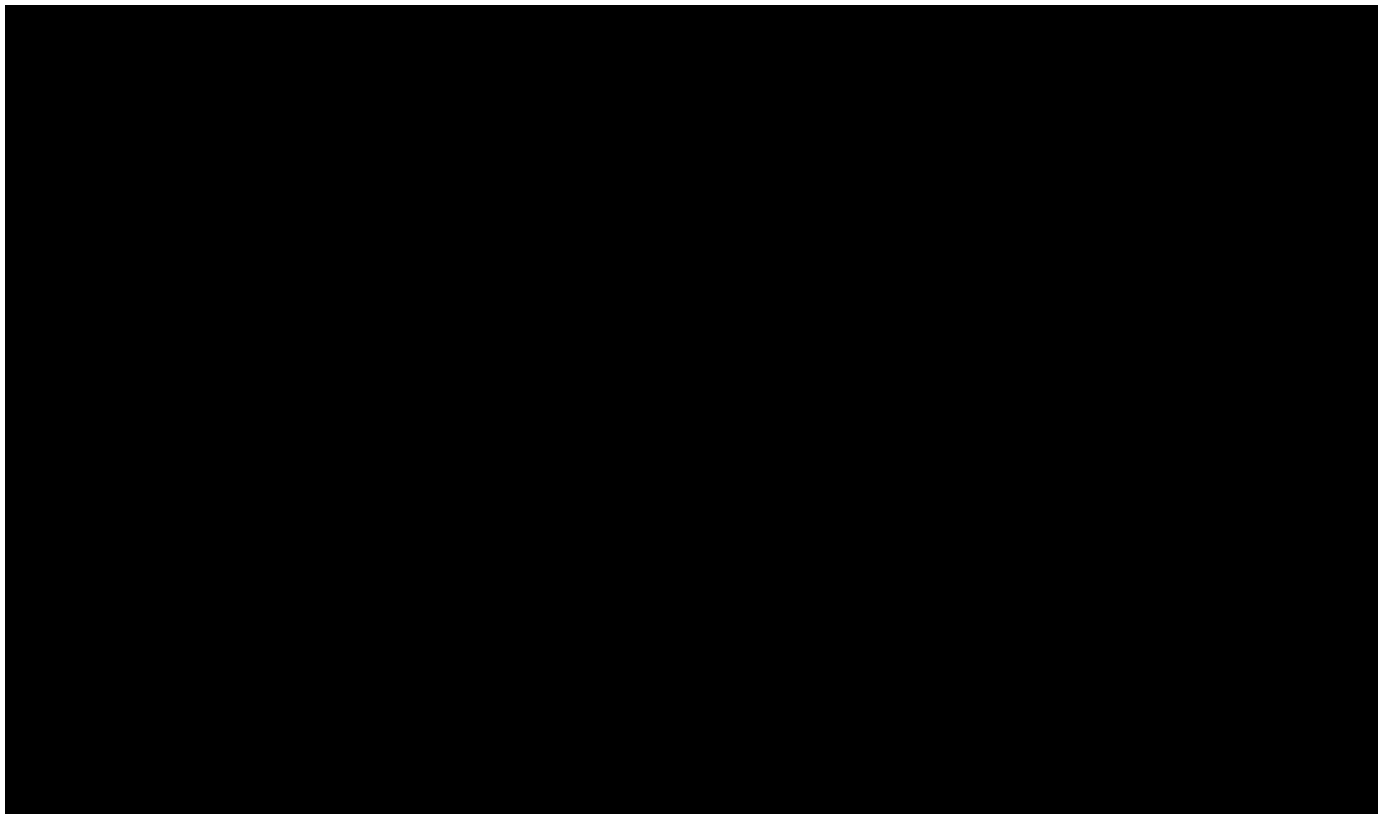


A refusal is when a **horse stops** in front of the jump.

The rider must re-present to the jump and attempt the obstacle again.

The horse must not jump from a stop.

Fault: Run out



This horse has **run out** to the side of the jump.

The rider re-presents to the jump and jumps it successfully.

Faults - What is a run out?

- ▶ So a run out is when a rider presents the horse to the jump and the horse avoids it by going either side of the jump.
- ▶ Remember, the **horse's neck and both shoulders** must pass through flags, and the **hindquarters must jump the solid part of the obstacle.**

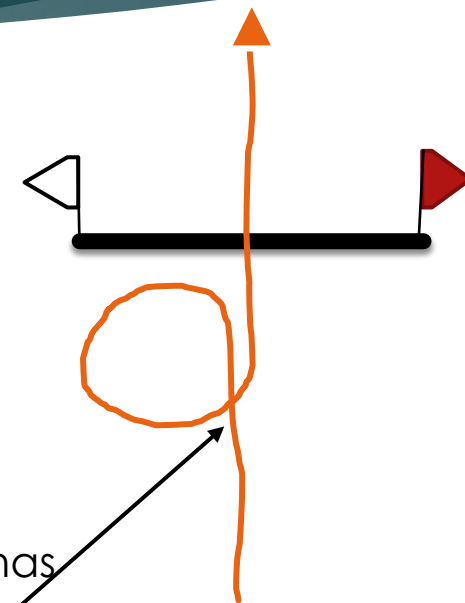
Fault: Circling or Crossing of Tracks

At separately numbered jumps, if a rider has

- presented the horse to the jump and is (in the eyes of the jump judge) **committed to jumping it**, and
- then **the horse avoids the jump by circling** and, as a result, crosses its tracks,

this is regarded as a fault.

- ▶ *Note: At combination jumps eg Jump 5A, 5B, 5C this is more complicated and will be covered separately. As a beginner jump judge you will not be put on a combination jump.*



The horse has **crossed its tracks** after the rider has presented him to the jump.

Rider changing their mind before the jump is NOT a fault

- ▶ A rider may be approaching the jump **but change their mind** and decide to pull out before the jump.
- ▶ **This is not a fault.** The horse has not refused to jump. The rider is changing their approach to the jump.
- ▶ Confusing? Watch the next video to see a rider change their mind before the jump.

Watch the second rider change her mind



Look at the second rider's actions to see if they are committed to the jump or if they have changed their mind.

The second rider turns to look away from the jump, to the direction they are turning.

You can also see the rider **pull the reins to move off the jump**

This rider has clearly changed her mind. **It is not a fault.**

Missed Jump – watch the second rider in this video!



A rider may miss a jump entirely.

If this happens at your jump, note their number and radio this in immediately as they will be **eliminated**.

On the scoresheet enter the rider number and note in the comments section that they missed the jump.

FILLING IN THE SCORESHEETS

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PC CROSS COUNTRY SCORESHEET V4.3

15

Jump No.

G4/
EVA 65

Grade

Organiser's contact: ...Faye Ellis 0459 789 456.....

Stewards name:Natalie Andrews

Mobile no:0467 123 456.....

		Refusal			Fall of rider and/or horse	Time	Remarks (for complex comments please use the back of this form)
Rider No	Clear ✓	1 st X	2 nd x	3 rd X	FR/FH	hh:mm:ss	
32		X					
34		X			FR		
35	✓						

FILLING IN THE SCORESHEETS

- ▶ Each jump has a separate score sheet for each class.
- ▶ These scoresheets are generally colour coded to the class and the colour of the fence number.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Jump number /score sheet colour</u>
PC Grade 1 and CCN 1*	Pink
PC Grade 2 and EvA 95	Red
PC Grade 3 and EvA 80	White
PC Grade 4 and EvQ 65	Blue
PC Grade 5 and EvQ 45	Green



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Organiser's contact: Bruce Ellis 0459 789 456

Stewards name: Natalie Andrews

Mobile no: 0167 123 158

Jump No. 9 Grade GV CCN 1*

Rider No	Clear	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Refusal	Fall of rider and/or horse	Time	Remarks (for complex comments please use the back of this form)
	✓	X	X	X				

Pink jump number matches pink scoresheet

Scoresheets – Pre filling

- ▶ Prefill this information before the competition starts

- ▶ **Important: Do not pre fill rider numbers!** They may be out of order so wait until you see the number of the approaching rider, then note the number on the scoresheet.

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Recording on the scoresheet

During the competition complete the scoresheet.

Do not enter the rider number until they approach the jump as riders may not ride in number order.

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Stewards name:*Natalie Andrews*.....

Mobile no:*0467 123 456*.....

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Jump No.

*G4/
EVA 65*

Grade

Rider number 32 had one refusal.

Rider number 34 had one refusal then a rider fall and was eliminated.

Rider number 35 jumped clear at the first attempt.

		Refusal			Fall of rider and/or horse	Time	Remarks (for complex comments please use the back of this form)
Rider No	Clear ✓	1 st X	2 nd x	3 rd X	FR/FH	hh:mm:ss	
<i>32</i>		<i>X</i>					
<i>34</i>		<i>X</i>			<i>FR</i>		
<i>35</i>	✓						

What if I'm not sure?

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EVA65

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Jump No.

Grade

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Rider No	Clear ✓	1 st X	2 nd x	3 rd X	FR/FH	hh:mm:ss	
32		X					
34		X			FR		
35	✓						
37	?						Rider did a circle just before the jump. Cleared after circle.
38	✓						

- ▶ If you are uncertain as to whether a fault has occurred, write notes in the comments section for that rider, and provide more detail on the back of the score sheet if necessary.
 - ▶ The scorer and TD can use this information to make a decision later in the day.
- Or
- ▶ Radio the TD at the time if necessary

FALLS



Photo from Equestrian Australia
<https://www.equestrian.org.au/news/what-happens-when-you-fall-during-cross-country>


What to do when there's a fall

- ▶ After you complete this program, watch **the short Cross Country Critical Incident Training video** at this [link](#).
- ▶ It will show you what to do if there's a fall at your jump.
- ▶ For now, here's a summary of how to respond. You will be given this reminder checklist on the day.



Eventing Critical Incident Response

TAKE YOUR RADIO



D DANGER
Look for oncoming horses & vehicles.
Is the rider trapped under horse / in water?
Fallen Horse: approach from the SPINE side NOT LEGS.

R RESPONSE
Call out to the rider: Are you OK? Move out of danger?

S SEND for HELP – RADIO
PRESS the TRANSMIT – PAUSE – SPEAK SLOWLY & CLEARLY

FENCE NUMBER
RIDER NUMBER
Course BLOCKED or CLEAR
Assistance required:
MEDICAL / VET / FENCE REPAIR

RELEASE the TRANSMIT – **CONFIRM REPLY** from CONTROL

NO REPLY – REPEAT CALL!

A AIRWAY is the rider's airway clear? Release Air Vest and Body Protector.
DO NOT remove. Wait for medical help.

FALLS



Just remember there is support!

Stay calm, follow the instructions, radio for help and you will have done your job well!

Fall Report Form

- After the fall you will need to fill in a **Fall Report**.
- The TD will help you do this.
- Make sure you report the fall as **you** saw it happen.

EA / PC Eventing Fall Report Form

Section 1. Rider and Horse Information								Fall reference number (office use only)	
Program number	Rider's name	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>		Rider PC:					
	Horses name					Event PC:			
Section 2. Attendant Circumstances (What Happened)									
Date of accident				Time of accident					
Name of Event									
Competition format		CCN-S				CCN-L			
Course	Learners	EVA65	EVA80	EVA95	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star		
	PCG5	PCG4	PCG3	PCG2	PCG1				
Accident location		Cross Country		Show Jumping		Dressage		Elsewhere	
Did the fall involve a fence?		Yes		No					
FENCE DETAILS	Number	Element (a, b, c etc.)		Route (If applicable "D" direct, "O" option)		Did frangible/deformable structure break? (if applicable "Y", "N")			
Description of fence									
Fence associated with water?		No		Yes – Fence before water		Yes – Fence after water			
Accident type		Horse and rider both fell				Rider unseated			
Did horse fall on or tread on rider?		Yes		No					
Description of accident (what happened?)									
Did the horse slip?		Yes		No					
Ground Conditions	Deep	Heavy		Slippery		Good to Soft			
	Good	Good to Firm		Hard		Rough / Rutted			
Bend		Yes		No					
Slope		Up		Down		Level Ground			

TIME TO
PRACTICE
SCORING!



Observing and filling in the score sheet

1. **You will need to fill this information in on the top of the scoresheet.**
 - ▶ Your jump number is: 14
 - ▶ The grade is: **CCN1***
 - ▶ The organiser is: **Lyndal Roos**
 - ▶ Then add **your details** in the steward's name and mobile no. section.
2. **Watch** the following video clips to try your hand at filling out the score **sheet** as each video plays.
3. **Check your answers on the next page!**

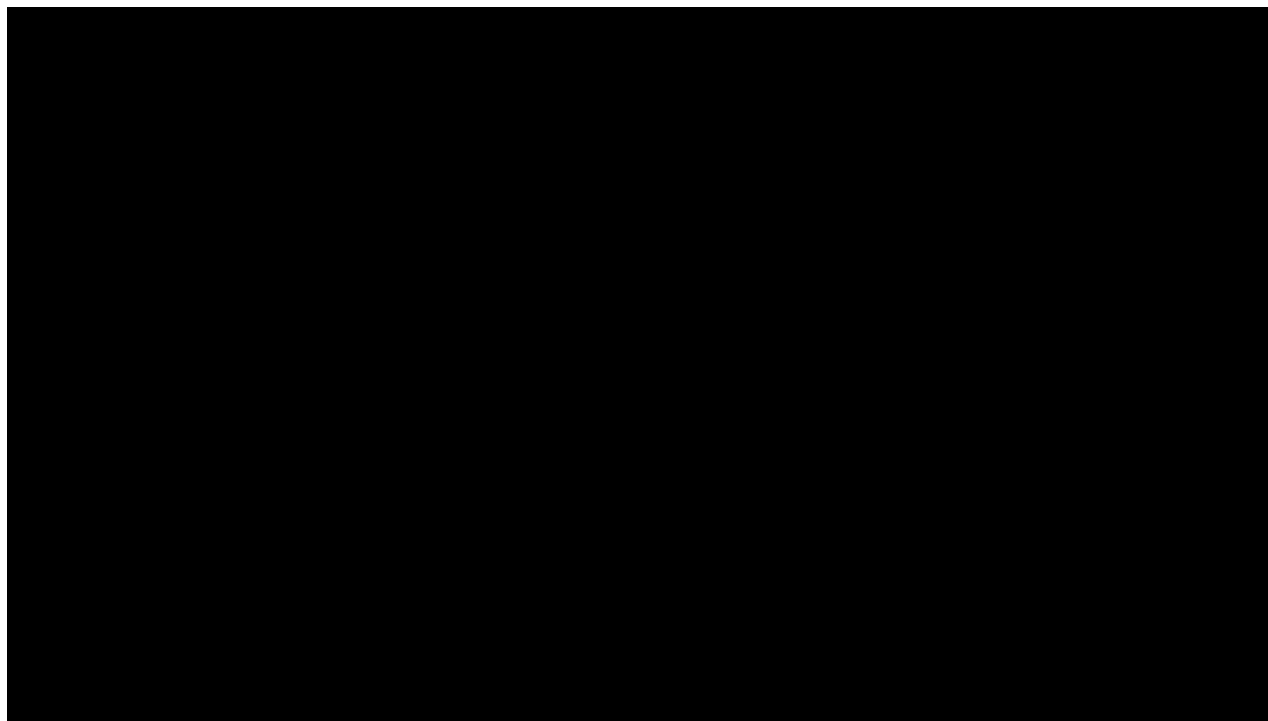
Fill in your scoresheet for Rider 101



Fill in your scoresheet for Rider 103



Fill in your scoresheet for Rider 112



Fill in your scoresheet for Rider ?

You were unable to see this rider's number.



Once you have finished your scoresheet, check your answers on the next page.

Answers

► Check your answers.

► How did you go?

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14

Jump No.

G1/
CNC 1*

Grade

Organiser's contact:Bruce Ellis 0459 789 456.....

Stewards name:your name.....

Mobile no:your phone number.....

		Refusal			Fall of rider and/or horse	Time	Remarks (for complex comments please use the back of this form)
Rider No	Clear ✓	1 st X	2 nd x	3 rd X	FR/FH	hh:mm:ss	
101	✓						
103		X	X				
112		X	X	X			
?	✓						Number? Bay horse, rider short sleeved top with white on shoulders

Or similar comment
identifying rider/
horse

OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF

OVERTAKING

ELIMINATION AND RETIRING

UNAUTHORISED ASSISTANCE

STOPPING AND STARTING
RIDERS

OVERTAKING

- ▶ A rider may overtake another competitor if they catch up to them, but **only where it is safe** to do so.
- ▶ The leading rider **must give way unless they are committed to jumping an obstacle**.
- ▶ If you have a rider in difficulty before your jump, and they are about to be overtaken, **instruct the first rider to stand aside** and allow the overtaking rider to come through.

ELIMINATION AND RETIRING

Elimination

- ▶ If a rider has **three refusals at your jump, or if you are instructed by the Cross Country Controller or TD** that a rider three or four refusals on the course (depending on the level of competition), tell the rider that they are eliminated and that they are to leave the course.

Retiring

- ▶ A rider may choose to retire and not complete the cross country course.

When a rider is eliminated or retires, they must leave the course at a walk.

UNAUTHORISED ASSISTANCE

Assistance to a rider on course by a non official person is **not allowed**.

If someone provides assistance **make a note** on your score sheet and **report it to the TD immediately**.

This includes:

- ▶ intentionally joining another rider and continue the course in company with them
- ▶ intentionally taking a lead from another rider
- ▶ to be followed or accompanied by another person not in the competition
- ▶ to have friends at certain points on the course giving advice or guidance, or helping a rider over a jump

Exceptions. Allowable assistance: adjusting the saddle if the rider dismounts; can be handed their whip, glasses etc without dismounting.

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Stewards name:Natalie Andrews.....
Mobile no:0467 123 456.....

Jump No. Grade

Rider No	Clear ✓	Refusal			Fall of rider and/or horse FR/TH	Time hh:mm:ss	Remarks (for complex comments please use the back of this form)
		1 st X	2 nd x	3 rd X			
32		X					
34		X			FR		
35	✓						
37	?						Rider did a circle just before the jump. Cleared after circle.
38	✓						
39	✓						verbal advice given to this rider by another person viewing at the jump. I asked them to not give assistance and they stopped.

Example of note on scoresheet for unauthorised assistance

Stopping and Re-starting Riders



When do I do this?

Only stop a rider if you are instructed to do so, or if there is a horse in trouble at your jump and you see the oncoming horse/rider approaching you.

Stopping.

At a safe distance, stop the rider by walking clearly towards the jump with your scoresheet folder / arm raised in the air.

****Note down the time of when the rider was stopped.

Restarting



A TD will probably attend to any restarts, however if you are instructed to do so, tell the rider that they may restart from a reasonable distance from the point where they were stopped.

The rider is entitled to warm up before restarting.

***Note the restart time on your scoresheet.

AND IN
CONCLUSION...

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?

At the end of this session you should be able to, with support:

- ❑ Understand your role and how important it is
- ❑ Organise what you need to do before you walk onto the course to your jump
- ❑ Sit in a safe place at the jump with a clear view of the horse and rider
- ❑ Recognise a fault at your jump as well as when a horse and rider jump clear
- ❑ Correctly fill in the scoresheets
- ❑ Stop and restart a horse (where required) with TD guidance
- ❑ Inform a rider of elimination, with TD guidance
- ❑ Report any unsafe overtaking and unauthorised assistance to the TD
- ❑ Access support / clarify any questions, as needed, in any of the above.

NOW WHAT?

Yes, there's **a lot here to take in** if it's your first time being a jump judge! We recognise you are still learning....

However you will be supported on competition day and will continue to learn “on the job”.

On competition day there is a **briefing by the TD. Please pay attention** and make sure you **ask** if there's anything you're not sure of.

Thank you again!

- ▶ **We're all here to help**, and we really **appreciate you volunteering** to help make the event happen!
- ▶ Thank you once again for your invaluable assistance.
- ▶ Volunteers like you are VIP's...

Very Important People



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