



EV60 DIVISION GUIDELINES: Description of Tests

DRESSAGE: The dressage phase should test a rider’s ability to pilot and control the horse at all three gaits: walk, trot and canter.

Scoring Notes: Penalties in lieu of a Technical Elimination. Stepping out of the dressage ring and riding a third error of test, which would normally give rise to a technical elimination, will result in appropriate correction/education by the judge and the rider will be allowed to continue their test. The error will be noted on the dressage test and the rider will incur 60 penalty points. The judge retains the discretion to eliminate the competitor where there are valid safety concerns for the horse and/or the rider.

Consistent with EC rules, dressage tests at the EV60-EV110 Levels may be called out for the competitor. (EC D304[1])

STADIUM JUMPING: The stadium phase should introduce horses and riders to the technical precision and obedience-related requirements associated with learning and jumping a course in a ring at a safe and controlled pace. The jumping course should be inviting and straight forward on a simple track. It should consist of single jumping efforts.

Max height	.60 m	No combinations. No triple bars. No oxers.
Max width	.60 m	
# of obstacles	7-10	
Speed	225 mpm	Verbal assistance as to the direction of the track by a coach is permitted.
Distance	350-450 m	

Scoring Notes: Penalties in lieu of a Technical Elimination (Error of course). Where a competitor goes off course the judge will stop the round and correct the rider before allowing the rider to continue. The error will be noted on the score sheet and the rider will incur 60 penalty points. The judge retains the discretion to eliminate the competitor where there are valid safety concerns for the horse and/or the rider.

Consistent with EC rules, three (3) refusals over the whole course **will** result in elimination. (D317[1]) An EV60 competitor who has been eliminated under this rule **may not** start on cross-country.

CROSS COUNTRY: The cross-country phase should encourage riders to complete a simple cross-country course in an open field, safely and under control. The course should include straightforward, natural jumps, which are solid and inviting with clear ground lines.

Max height	.60 m	Straightforward fences should be built to the height of the level being jumped. Encourage the use of natural shades of colour; avoid bright colours & shiny or reflective materials/gloss paint. Approaches to, and landings from, obstacles should be on mostly flat terrain. A dry swale (very graduated shallow depression) is permitted. No bounces, combinations or relatable distances between fences. No corner fences, drops (> 20 cm), revetted ditches or water. Small bank <i>up</i> (< 30cm) is
Max width	.60 m	
# of obstacles	8-12	
Speed*	300 mpm	
Speed 'fault' time*	375 mpm	
Distance	850-1300m	

		permitted with a mandatory option. Fences should be broad & inviting with ample distance from side to side or should include wings.
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Notes: Where an EV60 competitor rides the XC course after having been assigned 60 penalties in lieu of a technical elimination in either dressage or stadium jumping, they are required to follow EC rules that call for elimination after 3 refusals at one fence or 4 refusals over the entire course. (D311[1.1]) The Technical Delegate reserves the right to eliminate any competitor where there are valid concerns for the safety of the horse and/or the rider.

*** XC Timing.** Timing is a key component of cross-country riding. The importance of timing at this early development level is to encourage riders to learn how to complete a rudimentary cross-country course while maintaining a safe and controlled speed. **All EV60 cross country rides shall be timed, and those times made available to coaches and riders for educational purposes only.** XC maps at the EV60 level should, therefore, include an ‘optimum time’ and a reasonable speed window (noted in these Guidelines) to help riders and their coaches interpret their times in context, to learn to ride to pace. Each EV60 XC map should include the following directive so that coaches and riders are clear as to the relationship between timing and scoring: **“Speeds in the EV60 division are recorded for educational purposes (and can be used for breaking ties). No speed faults or penalties associated with posted times in EV60 cross-country will be applied for the purposes of scoring.”** At EC-sanctioned horse trials any rider may be pulled up for ‘dangerous riding’ by the Technical Delegate or Ground Jury where their speed is deemed to be unsafe.

Tack Check. The OEA recommends that Organizers direct a basic visual tack check at the start of cross-country phase with the aim of ensuring the safe fitting of key pieces of equipment (such as girths and running martingales/stoppers) and visibility of pinny numbers, for example.