



## **Additional Instructions for Fence Judges**

### **1. FLAGS**

Fence judges will be issued with a RED flag, as normal and this is to be used in event of being requested to stop a horse.

### **2. PROCEDURE FOR STOPPING COMPETITORS**

If a fence is blocked, competitors may have to be stopped at the blocked fence and/or earlier fences, but more probably at one of the stop points, this is normally on instruction from **XC Control**. (in **EXCEPTIONAL** circumstances – as highlighted at training sessions and briefings – fence judges may have to make the decision for themselves).

Stopping competitors results in considerable complications and will only be done as a last resort. Wherever possible a Fence Judge should try and clear or “patch up” his fence so that following competitors can jump it and if needed, do not delay contacting the Repair Gang by radio via control to seek help. However, if this is not possible and the fence is

blocked the following action must be taken:-

- a) At the blocked Fence
  - i. The competitor must be timed as he/she passes the yellow marker (about 50 yards prior to the obstacle), after which the red flag should be waved to stop the competitor.
  - ii. The Fence Judge must inform XC Control immediately the competitor has been stopped.
  - iii. As soon as the course is clear the Fence judge must inform XC Control who will issue instructions for horses on the course to be restarted.

**Competitors must not be restarted without this instruction from XC Control.**

- b) At Other Fences if necessary XC Control will issue instructions to a certain fence to stop the next competitor.

**Competitors must not be stopped until this instruction has been received.**

The procedure is as follows:-

- i. The Fence Judge, having been told to stop the competitor, should carry out the procedure as in a)I above.
- ii. The Fence Judge must inform XC Control immediately the competitor has been stopped.
- iii. XC Control will instruct the Fence Judge when to restart the competitor.

### **3. DANGEROUS RIDING**

Any Athlete who, at any time during the Competition deliberately or unintentionally by Incompetence is exposing himself, his Horse or any third party to a higher risk than what is strictly inherent to the nature of the Competition will be considered to have acted dangerously. And will be penalised accordingly to the severity of the infringement. You

should report the incident to the XC Control, and the Ground Jury will decide whether or not to penalize.

Such acts may include without limitation any of the following:

- a) Riding out of control (Horse clearly not responding to the Athletes restraining or driving aids).
- b) Riding fences too fast or too slow
- c) Repeatedly standing off fences too far (pushing the Horse to the foot of the fence, firing the Horse to the fence)
- d) Repeatedly being ahead or behind the Horse movement when jumping
- e) Series of dangerous jumps
- f) Severe lack of responsiveness from the Horse or the Athlete
- g) Continuing after 3 clear refusals, a fall or any form of elimination.
- h) Endangering the public in any way (e.g. jumping out of the roped track)
- i) Jumping obstacles not part of the course
- j) Wilful obstruction of an overtaking Athlete and /or not following the instructions of the Officials causing danger to another Athlete.

Any individual member of the Ground Jury and the TD have the right and the duty to monitor possible cases of dangerous riding and, if appropriate and practical, to stop and eliminate an Athlete on the cross country course for dangerous riding.

#### **4. APPEALS**

At the conclusion of the Cross Country there may be an Appeal. Therefore all cross country officials are asked to remain on site for approximately 30 mins after the last horse has finished. After that time all officials are free to leave.

#### **5. INCIDENT CONTROLLER**

The Fence Judge is in charge of all operations at his/her fence. However, in the event of an accident, the management of it will be subsequently passed to the XC Steward for the relevant sector when he/she arrives at the fence in question. This procedure establishes clear identification of authority at the location.

In the event of all falls or serious accidents XC Control will send an official to your fence to assist with the completion of the fall form and, if necessary, take relevant statements from you or any other witness.

They may be delayed in getting to your fence and in the meantime you should complete your paperwork to the best of your ability.