

UAE Equestrian & Racing Federation Arena Eventing/Hunter Trials/Eventing Rules 2024-25

These Rules to ensure that all Events are run with a fair interpretation of the discipline.

The UAEERF follows in principle the FEI Rules in all Equestrian Disciplines with annexes for National Competitions held in the UAE. It is the Athletes responsibility to be up to date with the Rules of both the National Federation & the FEI for this purpose.

Affiliation with the UAE ERF is available from the 1st October 2024 - 30th September 2025, riders may register at any time during this period before they wish to compete at an Affiliated Event in the UAE or at an International Competition.

Qualification for the UAE ERF Eventing Championships are that the Athlete must have completed two Affiliated One Day Events in the twelve months prior to the Championships. This may include Hunter Trials and Arena Eventing subject to UAEERF approval.

Please visit www.fei.org for the current F.E.I. Eventing Rules.

Welfare of the Horse

It is a requirement for all those involved in Equestrian Sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the Welfare of the Horse must be paramount. The Welfare of the Horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

Please refer to current FEI Eventing Rules for a full description.

Dressage Phase

The current Tests used this Season are on the UAE ERF National Eventing Web page.

Novice;	Preliminary Level/FEI World Eventing Challenge C
Intermediate;	Novice Level/FEI World Eventing B
Open;	Elementary Level/FEI World Eventing A
FEI Introductory;	Elementary Level

Scoring:

Each Athletes good marks awarded by the Judge are then converted into penalty points & recorded for that phase.

Show Jumping Phase

Class 1. National Novice - 40cm - 60cm

Class 2. National Intermediate - 60cm - 80cm

Class 3. National Open - 80cm - 1m

Novice Championships – 60cm - 70cm

Intermediate Championships - 80cm - 90cm

Open Championships – 1m – 1.10m

Scoring: Please refer to FEI Eventing Rules 2024 - Chapter 10 Article 550 - 553.2

Knocking down an Obstacle

4 penalties

First run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole course

4 penalties

Second run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole course

elimination

Fall of Athlete or Horse

elimination

Novice & Intermediate Speed 325 metres per minute

Open Speed 350 metres per minute

Time Faults are incurred when exceeding the Time Allowed. Competitors will be penalised by one penalty for each commenced second in excess of the time allowed, up to the Time Limit, which is twice the Time Allowed.

Exceeding the Time Limit involves elimination.

Each Athletes Scores and Time penalties are then recorded for that Phase.

Cross Country Phase/Hunter Trials

Courses from - 40cm-60cm

speed - 325mpm

Courses from - 60cm-80cm

speed - 350mpm

Courses from - 80cm-90cm

speed - 400mpm

Courses from - 90cm-1m

speed - 425mpm

Courses from - 1m-1.10m

speed - 475mpm

Novice Championships

60cm - 70cm

speed - 350mpm

Intermediate Championships

80cm - 90cm

speed - 400mpm

Open Championships

1m - 1.10m

speed - 500mpm

FEI World Eventing Championships

80cms - 400mpm

90cms - 425mpm

1m - 500mpm

Scoring: Please refer to current FEI Eventing Rules

Penalties will be awarded as follows;

First refusal, run-out or circle

20 penalties

Second refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle

40 penalties

Third refusal, run-out or circle on XC Course

elimination

Fall of Athlete or Horse on XC Course

elimination

Dangerous Riding

25 penalties

Jumping outside the flag

50 penalties

Time Faults are incurred when exceeding the Time Allowed. Athletes will be penalised by 0.4 penalty for each commenced second in excess of the Time Allowed.

Exceeding the Time Limit involves elimination.

For every commenced second in excess of 15 seconds under the Optimum Time/Time Allowed will incur 1 penalty

Please refer to current FEI Eventing Rules for; Dangerous Riding and Abuse of the Horse. Each Athletes Scores and Time penalties are then recorded for that Phase.

Elimination from any one of the Phases of the Event entails immediate elimination and will not be included in the final result of the Competition.

Arena Eventing

The Course will comprise of Show Jumps and Cross Country fences with an Optimum Time. The results will be decided by being closest to the Optimum Time.

Novice	max height 60cm	Speed	300mpm
Intermediate	max height 80cm	Speed	325mpm
Open	max height 1.05m	Speed	350mpm

The Course will comprise of 5 - 8 Show Jumps & 8 – 12 depending on the size of the arena.

Scoring

Knocking down an Obstacle	4 penalties
First run-out, refusal or unauthorized circle in the whole course	4 penalties
Second run-out, refusal or unauthorized circle in the whole course	8 penalties
Third run-out, refusal or unauthorized circle in the whole course	Elimination
Fall of Athlete or Horse	Elimination

Each Athletes Score & Time taken will be recorded & the winner will be the Athlete with the fewest penalties. In the event of a tie, the Athlete closest to the Optimum Time will be the winner.

Body Protectors must be worn. Athletes must wear the current FEI approved headgear. No fixed peaks.

Dress

General Rules

While riding on the Show Grounds, the use of a properly fastened Protective Headgear will be mandatory. Protective headgear must comply with any of the **current** European (EN), British (PAS), North American (ATSM), Australian/New Zealand tested standards.

Athletes must ensure that long hair is tied up and neat above the collar or neck of shirt.

Whips - A Whip no longer than 120cms long including lash is **only permitted** when riding on the flat at any time. A whip no longer than 75cms and not weighted at the end is permitted while jumping any obstacle.

Dressage Test - A whip is not allowed entering the space around the arena and during the test.

Jumping and Cross-Country Test - A whip no longer than 75cms and not weighted at the end is allowed during these tests.

Spurs - Spurs are optional for all three tests. Spurs capable of wounding a Horse are forbidden. Spurs must be of smooth material (metal or plastic). If there is a shank it must not be more than 4cms long (the overall shank must be measured from the boot end of the spur) and must point only towards the rear. The end of the shank must be worn only with

the shank directed downwards. Metal or plastic spurs with round hard plastic or metal knobs "Impulse spurs" and "Dummy spurs" with no shank are allowed.
Rowel Spurs - Spurs with rowels are allowed in the three tests and when practicing/warming up. If they are used, rowels must be free to rotate and the rowel must be round and smooth (no tines allowed). For pony competitions, rowel spurs are not allowed.

Boots - Boots worn during the Dressage and Jumping Tests (other than as a part of regulation service dress) must be black, brown or black with a brown top.

Hunting Dress - Black, Blue or Tweed Jackets; white shirt and tie or white stock; gloves; white, fawn or cream breeches; long riding boots (or short boots with matching full grain smooth leather chaps); protective headgear.

Cross Country Test - Body protectors are compulsory for this test, including when schooling over Cross Country fences any time.

Arena Eventing - same as the Cross Country Phase of Eventing.
Hunter Trials - same as the Cross Country Phase of Eventing.

Tack

Please refer to current FEI Eventing Rules - Annex A Permitted Nosebands
Please refer to current FEI Eventing FAQ on Use of Tack, Equipment & Dress
Please refer to current FEI Dressage Rules - Chapter II Permitted Snaffle Bits