

FAQ about ABCD

6. Explanation of Independence of Phases

- Phases A, B, C & D are quite independent of each other as far as the timekeeping is concerned. Loss of time in one
- cannot be compensated for by gain of time in another.
- The timetable will provide for the competitor to start Phase B, one minute after he is due to finish Phase A.
- If the competitor is early or late finishing Phase A, the One-minute break will be increased or decreased accordingly.
- For example, if a competitor finishes Phase A 15 seconds early, his break will be 1 minute 15 seconds; if he finishes
- Phase A 20 seconds late, his break will be 40 seconds.
- If a competitor is so late finishing Phase A that he cannot start Phase B on time, he will be started on Phase B as soon
- as possible (no allowance being made for adjustments to saddlery, etc.). The optimum time for Phase B will start from
- the actual time the starter instructs him to start.
- The competitor who is late finishing Phase A need not attempt to regain the time lost, since the time is penalized on
- Phase A only.
- The finishing time of Phase B is also the starting time of Phase C.
- Gain of 30 seconds on Phase B does not give the competitor an additional 30 seconds to complete Phase C. The
- optimum time of Phase C is not affected by the gain or loss of time on Phase B.
- The gaining of any time on Phase B and/or Phase C will result in additional resting time added to the Ten-minute compulsory
- halt provided for the Second Horse Inspection before the start of Phase D.
- The loss of any time on Phase B and/or Phase C will not reduce the Ten-minute compulsory halt except as provided
- below. The competitor's starting time for Phase D will have to be adjusted.
- It is possible that a competitor might exceed the optimum time on one or more phases. Normally, the starting time of
- Phase D will be delayed by the sum of any time lost less the sum of any time gained. However, if this delay is small
- (i.e. the competitor was only a few seconds late finishing Phase C), the competitor may be started on Phase D at his
- scheduled time, in order not to interfere unduly with the timetable.

7. TIME.

- Time Limit—On Phases A and C, the time limit is one fifth more than the optimum time. On Phase B, the time limit is
- twice the optimum time.
- Time Faults—On Phases A and C, exceeding the optimum time will be penalized at

1.0 penalty point per second. On

- Phase B, exceeding the optimum time will be penalized at the rate of 0.8 penalty point per second.

8. PACE AND DISMOUNTING. Between the starts and finishes of Phases A and C, competitors are free to choose their own pace. They may dismount and proceed on foot beside their horse at any time, including while negotiating compulsory passages, except that they must be mounted to pass through the start and finish flags of both Phases.

The rules for pace and dismounting on Phase B are the same as those for the Cross-Country Test of a Horse Trial.

9. MARKING OF THE COURSE.

Compulsory Passages on Phases A, B and C, shall be marked with the relevant letter of the Phase and numbered consecutively from the start of the Phase.

Kilometer Markers—The routes of Phases A and C will be marked at intervals of 1000 meters by signs. The signs shall indicate the distance from the start of the Phase and shall include the letter of the Phase.

10. FAULTS. Faults on steeplechase shall be scored in accordance with EV141.1.

11. ASSISTANCE. At the start of Phase B and of Phase D, and at any other point determined and announced by the

Organizing Committee, it is permitted to assist the competitor and to attend to his horse (groom, water, etc.).