

ZANEF

Arena Eventing

2024 Rules

Arena Eventing is a two-phase competition, run from 60cm to 100cm in height.

Competitors will either jump a course of (8-10) show jumps immediately followed by (10-12) cross country fences. There may be an additional compulsory last fence as a 'joker' fence, which will be approximately 10cm higher than the rest of the course.

Or

A mixed Derby-type course of show jumps and cross country jumps with or without a last 'joker' fence.

There will be no more than 20 jumping efforts in total.

The winner will be the competitor with the lowest number of penalties. In the event of a tie, the winner will be the one closest to the optimum time.

Speed

The optimum time for the cross-country phase will be based on a speeds of

375 mpm: 100cm
360 mpm: 90cm
350 mpm: 80cm
325 mpm: 70cm
300 mpm: 60cm

as agreed with the course designer depending upon the size and terrain of the arena.

Show Jumping: Time allowed will be the same as the equivalent height under ZANEF SJ rules.

Age or Riders and Horses

- Competitors at 60cm and 70cm must be at least 10 years old. For 80cm and above, competitors must be in the calendar year of their 12th birthday.
- Competitors in the year of their 10th birthday may submit a request to compete at 60cm, with the recommendation of their coach, to the Show Organiser and Judge.
- Horses must be at least 132cms in height to compete in 80cm and 90cm classes and at least 142 cm in height to compete in 100cm classes.
- Horses 4 years of age and above may compete in 60-80cm classes

- Horses must be 5 years of age and above to compete in 90cm and 100cm classes

Other Rules

- Horse/rider combinations who have completed 1*, 2* or higher competition prior to time of entry in the current season, or in the two immediately previous seasons, and horses who have relevant MERS Grading Points, may only take part in the 90cm and 100cm classes.
- Stop watches are not permitted.
- FEI eventing tack and dress rules apply, including the use of body protectors over fixed jumps in the warm up arena

Penalties

Penalties will be awarded as follows for the 2-phase competition:		
	Show Jumping Phase (including joker)	Cross Country Phase
First disobedience	4 penalties	20 penalties
Second disobedience at same fence	8 penalties	40 penalties
Third disobedience	Elimination	Elimination
Knock down of obstacle	4 penalties	6 penalties
Knock down of Joker fence	6 penalties	N/A
Fall of horse	Elimination	Elimination
Fall of rider	Elimination	Elimination
Every commenced second in excess of the optimum time	1 second	0.4 penalties
Every commenced second in excess of 5 seconds under the optimum time	NA	0.4 penalties
Exceeding time limit*	Elimination	Elimination
Error of course	Elimination	Elimination
Retaking obstacle already jumped	Elimination	Elimination

*Time allowed is twice the optimum time.

In a Derby-type competition of mixed show and cross-country jumps, FEI EWC Category C rules 2023 will be adopted (4 penalties for knockdown, 8 for each disobedience etc.), although three cumulative disobediences will be allowed before elimination on the fourth disobedience. A third disobedience at the same fence will also confer elimination.