

MSEDA Rules & Guidelines for Starter Level Events & Combined Tests
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The rules and guidelines for Eventing will follow the rules set forth by the USEF and the USEA for the Beginner Novice through Advanced levels. While Beginner Novice is recognized by USEA/USEF, Starter is not recognized by either organization. MSEDA has established the following suggested guidelines to assist organizers, Officials and competitors:

***It is strongly recommended that Safety Cups be used on the back rail of all Oxers (On course and in warm-up.) If Safety Cups are unavailable, No.2 pencils or dowel sticks will serve as substitute safety equipment. ***

STARTER GUIDELINES

Dressage:

USDF Intro Test A or B or C

Cross Country:

Length - Not to exceed 1,800 meters
Speed - Not to exceed 325 mpm
Height - 2'-3" maximum
Efforts: 10 - 14

- On Cross Country: No drops, only small step up; a simple water crossing may be used; no combinations; no ditches with revetting on landing side.
- Starter Divisions must be timed to be eligible for Year End Awards

Stadium:

Length - 600 m maximum
Height - 2'-3" maximum
Speed - 250-300 mpm
Efforts: 7 - 11

- In Stadium: A Square Oxer may not be used as the first fence; no Combinations; no Fans/Swedish Oxers
- *Unsecured poles on the ground should not be used as ground lines. Flower boxes, cedar or similar are acceptable. Gates, poles or planks that come close to the ground will serve as ground lines well.*
- Starter Divisions must be timed to be eligible for Year End Awards