

## D Exceptions for D CT and Starter-Level Eventing Rallies Only

\*D CT and Starter-level Eventing Rally are not timed in any phase. D Beginner Novice Level is timed in SJ and XC for those who indicate they want to qualify for Modified Championships.

Dressage – Non-qualifying Ds:

May have their test read to them – 2 pt. penalty added to score.

May use a snaffle, pelham, or kimberwicke bit. Dropped, flash, crescent or crossed nosebands may only be used with a snaffle bit. A cavesson noseband must be used with a pelham or kimberwicke. Ds may also use a 2- or 3-ring SJ bit with the rein on the snaffle ring only. All bits must be smooth with no twists. Dr. Bristol, French link, bumpy Happy Mouth snaffles, etc. all allowed as per USEF rules.

May use grass reins and standing martingales when riding their test and in warm-up.

May wear suede half-chaps.

XC– Non-qualifying Ds:

Penalties: same as USEF rules for Beginner Novice and Novice such as:

First fall of rider at a fence IF rider lands on feet and remains standing - 65 pts

4th refusal total on course = elimination

Safety Vest: required

### **Important note regarding these exceptions:**

D2 and D3 riders competing at the Beginner Novice level who want qualify for the Modified divisions at Eastern Championships must follow the Standard Competition rules for attire, saddlery, etc.

Note that coats are not required in the Competition Attire rules at Rally or at Champs.

See 2019 EV Rules - Chap 3, Article 36, sec 4 “Competition Attire for Eventing”, sec.5 “Basic Riding Attire; D2- and up” and Article 37 “Bits, Saddlery and Equipment”.

See EV Rules Chap 2, Article 31 for the age and rating requirements for the various Championship divisions.