

## Summary of Changes to the 2024 Standards

- During the National Examiner Seminar, the NEs emphasized that the tester is not to fail any part of the test sheet that is referenced “with assistance if needed”. That phrase indicates that the tester should teach the skill if needed.
- The new aspect in the riding parts of all Eventing track test sheets is that Riding on the Flat is now called “Phase 1” while Riding over Fences includes stadium and cross-country and is called “Phase 2” which has been the case with the upper level tests. All parts of both phases must be passed before moving on to the next level. If a rider wants to continue on just taking the flat portion of testings, they must move over to the Dressage track.

**D1** - as has always been the case, the D1 test is a “no fail” situation since they may have assistance to pass.

**D2 & D3** – besides the new Phases, no changes from 2023

**C1** – Although no changes from 2023, parallel leading has been an issue at many testings. They emphasized that no one should fail this block since it is “with assistance” so the tester should be helping lead the horse if needed in order to teach the skill. Same with the standing wraps – it’s a no-fail block.

**C2** – Standing wraps now without assistance but applied under direct supervision. Shipping wraps were dropped while tail wrap has been added with assistance.

Discuss technique used while longeing – parallel or pivot. TPRs are taken with assistance. Discuss how to condition to basic fitness but don’t have to write out a plan. C Manual lays out the information on pp. 229-230.

**C3** – Shipping wrap dropped. Now present a stable bandage without supervision and apply a hoof abscess bandage under supervision. Must have competed at one rally to be eligible to test – Stable Manager qualifies.

**B** – Must have completed the HB and the C3. The conditioning program has moved from the HB to the B with added requirement of how to build on the basic fitness that was asked in the HB. Discussion ongoing if the basic fitness part of the HB plan will count for the B if taken previously.

Should be able to pivot longe. Dropped stable and tail wraps since asked at the C3.

**HB** - Must have competed at one rally to be eligible to test. C2 HM is required. May be taken before or after the C3. Dropped the conditioning plan but added conditioning terms, types, thermoregulation, etc.

**HA** – Shipping wraps added to specialty bandages. May evaluate up to 3 horses now.