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Instructions for Stopping and Timing Stewards

Why We Use Designated Timing and Stopping Points

Timing Points – There will be designated Timing Points on both courses. The Timing Point volunteer takes the time of every horse that passes them at the same point and writes this down.

Stopping Points - If a fence is blocked, or for any other reason, competitors following may have to be stopped. We want to stop competitors at one of the Designated Stopping Points if possible because these stopping points are positioned before an obstacle that gives a horse a fair opportunity to get back in galloping and jumping form before tackling a more technical question.

Timing Equipment

1. You are utilizing a CLOCK and NOT a stopwatch.
2. The clock you are using is always going in real time and is synched with all other clocks like it on the course.
3. One number on the clock is running and is real time and the other appears static and has an arrow next to it.
4. Please take the time of EVERY horse that passes. To take the time, when the horse passes the red stake/timing point, push the START/STOP button and record the time **WITH the ARROW** (it will appear static) on the Time Sheet. Write down all six digits.
5. The other number is now running in real time.
6. The Timing Steward Time Sheet will be collected after every 12 or so horses. If this doesn't occur, advise Control that you have a time sheet(s) that needs to be picked up.
7. If you have a problem with your clock, advise Carolyn Borgert immediately and be prepared to record the entire time a horse is held - from the time the horse passes the timing point to the time that it passes the timing point after restarting.

Procedure for Stopping a Horse on Cross-Country

The tall orange traffic cones mark an imaginary line across the track and are the visual markers you will use for stopping a horse. Your position will be further along the track than the timing points to not artificially slow a horse down until necessary therefore recording a more accurate time.

The Stopping Steward will be advised **ONLY BY CONTROL** to stop the next horse(s) and the following actions should be taken:

- 1) Move into the track of the course so that you can be seen. **After** the horse passes the timing point wave the RED FLAG indicating to the rider that he/she must stop. You can yell "Stop" as the horse approaches. The rider may gallop past you at full speed, this is normal, providing they have noticed you and slow down thereafter.
- 2) As soon as the competitor is stopped, inform control via your radio that "Horse #.... has been stopped at Stopping Point #...."
- 3) Advise the competitor that the timing point recorded his stop time when they passed by and that they will record his start time when, after you give the order to restart, he/she passes back by the timing point. Advise the competitor that he/she does not have to start from the halt but may go back a distance from the timing point and pass through them at a gallop.

If there is time during the hold, explain to the competitor that the two times, stop time and start time, will be turned into the scorers who will subtract the stop time from the start time to arrive at the time the competitor was held, which time will be subtracted from the elapsed time recorded from the start and finish time.

- 4) Restart the competitor as soon as **told to do so by Control**. When the competitor passes the red stake at the timing point, the Timing Point Steward shall push the red button on the clock and record the time of restart.
- 5) On some occasions, control may ask you to move a stopped horse aside and let another horse go through. Hence only stop and start the horses when confirmed by control.

IF YOU HAVE STOPPED MORE THAN ONE HORSE, CONTROL WILL ADVISE WHEN TO START EACH HORSE SEPERATELY. CONTROL WILL MONITOR THE FLOW OF THE FIRST HORSE BEFORE CONFIRMING THE START OF A SECOND HORSE.

- 6) Inform Control when the competitor(s) (by competitor name and number) has been restarted on course.
- 7) **THE TIMING STEWARD** will have already recorded the horse's time from passing the red stake timing point prior to being stopped. As instructed by control to the stopping steward, the horse will restart before the red stake timing point and when it passes, the time will be recorded again with the competitor number.



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From the 2026 FEI Rules for Eventing (no changes from 2025):

545.7 Stopping Athletes

If any part of an obstacle is obstructed by an Athlete in difficulty, if any obstacle has been dismantled to release a fallen Horse, if an obstacle has been broken and is not yet rebuilt, or in any other similar circumstances, subsequent Athletes must be halted.

In such a case, an Official should be posted in the path of the oncoming Athlete. The Official shall wave a red flag, which indicates that the Athlete must stop.

Failure to stop is penalized by elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

The Official will stop Athletes only upon the instruction of the Control Centre or during an emergency at his own obstacle.

Athletes may be stopped on the course at obstacles or at designated timing/stopping points.

545.7.1 Timing

The time during which the Athlete was stopped, from the moment he passed the timing point until he passes that same point after being given the order to restart, will be recorded and it will be deducted from the total time taken by the Athlete to complete the course.

It is clearly intended that the time shall be taken as the Athlete gallops past the timing point, not after he halts nor after a start from the halt.