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## FEI “Blood Rules” Comparison Table

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Article Number</u>	<u>Current Wording of Blood Rule</u>
Show Jumping	242.3.1 of the FEI Jumping Rules	<p><u>Mandatory Disqualification</u></p> <p>Horses bleeding on the flank(s), in the mouth or nose or marks indicating excessive use of spurs or of the whip anywhere on the Horse (in minor cases of blood in the mouth, such as where a Horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip, Officials may authorize the rinsing or wiping of the mouth and allow the Athlete to continue; any further evidence of blood in the mouth will result in Disqualification)</p>
Dressage	430.7.6 of the FEI Dressage Rules	<p>Bleeding: If the Judge at C suspects fresh blood anywhere on the Horse during the test, he will stop the Horse to check for blood. If the Horse shows fresh blood, it will be eliminated. The elimination is final. If the Judge through examination clarifies that the Horse has no fresh blood, the Horse may resume and finish its test.</p> <p>If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood in the Horse’s mouth or in the area of the spurs during the equipment check at the end of the test (Article 430.10), he informs the Judge at C, who will eliminate the Horse and the/Athlete. If there is blood on the Horse, an FEI Veterinarian is to be called to decide if the Horse is fit to continue in following competition(s) in the Event.</p> <p>If the Horse is eliminated pursuant to the above, or if the Horse is injured during the test and starts bleeding after finishing the test, it should be examined by an FEI Veterinarian prior to the next Competition to determine if it is fit to continue in the Event the following day(s). The decision of the FEI Veterinarian is not subject to appeal.</p> <p><b>Note: this rule was added after controversy following Jerich Parzival’s (ridden by Adelinde Cornelissen) elimination at the World Equestrian Games. Previously, there was no specific blood rule in dressage. (See <a href="http://www.thehorse.com/articles/30895/fei-adopts-dressage-blood-rule-at-general-assembly">http://www.thehorse.com/articles/30895/fei-adopts-dressage-blood-rule-at-general-assembly</a>)</b></p>



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Eventing	526.1, 526.4 and 548.3.2 of the FEI Eventing Rules	<p>526.1 Definition</p> <p>Abuse of Horse means an action or omission which causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a Horse included but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Rapping.</li><li>b) Riding an exhausted Horse.</li><li>c) Excessive pressing of a tired Horse.</li><li>d) Riding an obviously lame Horse.</li><li><b>e) Excessive use of whip, bit and/or spurs.</b></li><li><b>f) Horses bleeding on the flank(s) or back indicating excessive use of the whip and/or spurs.</b></li></ul> <p>The Ground Jury must decide if there is a case to be answered.</p> <p>526.4 Blood on Horses</p> <p>Blood on Horses may be an indication of abuse of the Horse and must be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury.</p> <p>In minor cases of blood in the mouth, such as where a Horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip, or minor bleeding on limbs, after investigation the Ground Jury may authorise the Athlete to continue.</p> <p>548.3.2 Ground Jury Discretion</p> <p>Elimination is left to the discretion of the Ground Jury in the following cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Dangerous riding (art. 525).</li><li><b>b) Abuse of Horse (art. 526).</b></li><li>c) Deliberately starting before being given the signal to start (art. 545.1.1).</li><li>d) Jumping or attempting to jump any obstacle without headgear, or with an unfastened retention harness (art. 538.1.1).</li><li>e) Wilful obstruction of an overtaking Athlete, or failure to follow the instructions of the Officials while being overtaken (art. 525).</li><li>f) Causing danger to another Athlete while overtaking that Athlete (art. 525).</li><li>g) Failure to stop when signalled (art. 545.7).</li><li>h) Unauthorised assistance (art. 540).</li></ul>
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Endurance	811.1 of the FEI Endurance Rules	<p>Any act or series of actions which, in the opinion of the Ground Jury can clearly be defined as cruelty or abuse shall be penalised by disqualification and as otherwise allowed under the GRs, and the individual concerned shall be reported to the FEI.</p> <p><b>Note: Endurance has no specific “blood rule”.</b></p>
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