

Cards and Disciplinary Measures (Rules and Regulations, S18 Appendix 11)

The following tables and explanations represent the officially recognized disciplinary measures for use in FEIF Sport Competitions, including communication and judging consequences.

S18.1 Types of Cards



Yellow card: warning



Red card: major warning



Blue card: horse health card



Grey card: invalid performance card



White card: call for a judges meeting



Implications of blue cards:

- 1 blue card: a veterinary check must be made after the performance
- 2 or more blue cards: the performance must be stopped immediately



Implications of grey cards:

- 2 or more grey cards: the performance is invalid



Implications of white cards:

- The chief judge decides on the implications according to the type and severity of the reason the card was shown for



Implications of yellow and red cards:

- As described in the following chapters.



Red card: major warning card

Reasons for a Red card (or a corresponding disciplinary measure outside a performance) can be for example:

- Rider or their trainers/family/friends/persons involved shows serious disrespect to:
 - The horse
 - Judges
 - Organizers
 - Competition leader
 - Other officials, volunteers or participants of the competition
- Rider is unfair to their horse
- Rough riding
- Rough use of bits and reins
- Rough use of seat and aids, driving of horse
- Rider modifies the equipment during an oval track performance
- Rough and inappropriate/unsportsmanlike behaviour at the starting boxes in races;
- Rider does not have their horse under control
- Rider or their helpers are rough to the horse
- Rider refuses to have horse checked by a veterinarian when required

1 Red card during a performance means that the judge gives no mark.

2 or more Red cards given during a preliminary, a final or a pace test/race (2 or more judges give a Red card in the same performance) means the rider is eliminated from that test and may be disqualified from the whole competition, depending on the reason for Red card. They are registered and follow the rider through a calendar year.

The Chief Judge at a competition is responsible for deciding on the disciplinary measure for 2 or more Red cards in the same performance.

2 times 2 or more Red cards given during a calendar year result in a suspension. The length depends on the severity of the violation.

Yellow card: warning card

Reason for a Yellow card (or a corresponding disciplinary measure outside a performance) can be for example:

- Rider shows their horse disrespect
- Too rough use of a whip
- Too rough use of the reins
- Improper use of equipment (placement of the saddle too far back or forward, noseband too tight, chain on curb bit too tight)
- Too rough of seat and aids, applies for all gaits
- Transitions to and from any gait done in a rough way
- Slowing down from any gait done in a rough way
- Unsportsmanlike behaviour against the officials or other riders

1 Yellow card given by judge results in a deduction of the mark in the respective section.

The maximum mark when giving a Yellow card is 4.5 in the respective section.

2 or more Yellow cards given during a preliminary, a final or a pace test/race (2 or more judges give a Yellow card in the same performance) result in a deduction of the mark in the respective section at each judge, and in the elimination of the performance in pace track disciplines without marks given. They are registered and follow the rider through a calendar year.

3 times 2 or more Yellow cards given during a calendar year result in a suspension. The length depends on the severity of the violation.



1 Red card and 1 or more Yellow cards given during a preliminary, a final or a pace test/race result in the same disciplinary measures and communication as 2 or more Yellow cards.

Yellow card at Pace Track Disciplines without marks given

One Yellow card results in adding 0.5 sec (for pace sections ≤ 100m) and 1.25 sec (for pace sections > 100m).

If a rider receives 2 Yellow cards in the same round (2 or more judges give Yellow cards) of such a discipline, the rider is eliminated from that round (no valid time).

Blue card: horse health card



Reason for a Blue card can be for example:

- The chief judge and/or judges suspect an actively bleeding horse
- Lameness
- Coughing, signs of sickness of the horse
- Others

If a Blue card is given during the test, a judge demands a veterinary check after the test.

If 2 or more judges give a Blue card during the performance, the test must be stopped directly. If the veterinarian clears the horse, the horse may compete in any further tests registered at this competition.

Gray card: invalid performance card



If 2 or more judges give a grey card during the performance, the performance is invalid.

Reason for a Gray card can be for example:

- Rider does not ride their program correctly
- The horse loses a shoe or shoes (only 1 judge required to stop the performance)
- The horse has all four feet leave the track between entering the track and the end of the test. Judges may decide not to eliminate the combination if it is clearly seen that an exceptional external disturbance caused the horse to leave the track
- The rider falls from the horse or dismounts without permission from the speaker or a (chief) judge between entering the track and the end of the test
- Equipment fails, stirrup falls off or the bridle falls apart and the rider needs to stop their program
- Rider enters the track or begins the test in an incorrect way
- Rider does not have their horse under control
- Other things that may interrupt the program, such as outside disturbance
- Rider stops and leaves the track, before the program has been ended.
- The horse crosses its own line or turns in the opposite direction on the pace track after the horse has been called in by the speaker
- The horse is clearly asked to back unless required by the test; this rule is valid after entering the track and the end of the test - See also S2.3. – Test procedure
- The horse is ridden in a circle in a preliminary or final on the oval track unless requested by the speaker or after the speaker's request to stop circling

White Card: call for a judge's meeting card


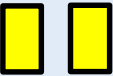


Reasons for a white card may vary widely; eventual consequences are decided by the chief judge depending on the reason and severity of the observed issue.



Judging Consequences (Rules and Regulations S18.3)



Part 1: Yellow cards

Card(s) per performance ¹⁾	Remark	Consequences on mark (section) or time			
		Preliminary	Final	Pace test round (mark)	Pace race round (time)
	One yellow card (YC)	<=4.5			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> +0.5s (150m or less) +1.25s (250m)
 or more ²⁾	>=2 YC, by >=2 judges				no time

1) A performance is a preliminary, a final or a round in a pace test/race

2) Also valid if one of the cards is a red card

Part 2: Red cards

Card(s) per performance ¹⁾	Remark	Consequences on mark (section) or time			
		Preliminary	Final	Pace test round (mark)	Pace race round (time)
	One red card (RC)	0	0	0	No time if RC on start/finish line or timed stretch
 or more	>=2 RC, by >=2 judges	0	0	0	no time

1) A performance is a preliminary, a final or a round in a pace test/race

