

Exceptions to the USEF Rules for Eventing for the Intro and Very Green Divisions ONLY

- Any bit is acceptable in the Intro & Very Green divisions.
- Grass reins, standing/running martingales are permitted in all phases for Intro and Very Green
- Readers are permitted for Intro & Very Green. Readers may NOT coach or assist the competitor during their dressage test.
- No oxers in show jumping

Exceptions to Unauthorized Assistance for Intro ONLY

The exception to the unauthorized assistance rules is ONLY to assist the very young or inexperienced Intro rider who is having trouble in the jumping phases in order for the rider to have a safe experience and to be able to complete the competition.

- Assistance will be allowed in cross country and stadium, NOT dressage.
- The competitor must start the phase unassisted and the coach may step in ONLY after it is apparent that the rider needs assistance.
- The competitor will be assessed a one time penalty of 50 points/phase, even if assistance occurs multiple times.
- Any penalties incurred before the assistance will be added to the assistance penalty
- Acceptable Assistance includes entering the XC and/or the stadium course to coach or give instruction/ direction (i.e. “Go through the finish flags”). In extreme cases, the trainer may attach a lead line to competitor’s horse and lead them around the course.