



Important Rules for Obstacles *Revised 8/11/10 (Jan 2010 Rules)*

[See Also Important Rules - All Marathon Positions](#)

[If You Observe Rule Violations](#)

1. Record on Score Sheet and Backup Sheet
2. Call for the TD or discuss with Judge at your position
3. Stay after event until released

[Violations Listed on Score Sheet – Red Dot!](#)

- Check or enter # of times in blank provided

- Record details in "Description" box

- Training Level cantered in obstacle: *Record Total Time if >=5 Secs in "Break of Pace" Box*
- Started before passing through "In" gate (E) *Check*
- Wrong course: omitted a gate or passed out of order or in wrong direction and did not correct before the "Out" gate. (E) *Check*
- Corrected course: wrong course, but made correction from point of error. (20) *Check or # of times if multiple*
- Groom(s) dismounted: both feet, each time. (10) *Check or # of times if multiple*
- Driver dismounted: both feet, each time. (20) *Check or # of times if multiple*
- Carriage Turned Over. (60) *Check or # of times if multiple*
- Knockdown marker dislodged. (2) *# of Markers dislodged*
- Knockdown touched by driver or groom. (10) *# of Markers touched*
- Both feet on an obstacle element; whip or groom. (One is okay) (10) *Check or # of times if multiple*
- Groom handled whip, reins or brake (except in retrieving fallen or spare whip & handing to Driver). (20) *Check or # of times*
- Groom led connected horse(s) through obstacle. (20) *Check or # of times if multiple*
- A horse(s) was disconnected and led thru any part of the obstacle. (E) *Check*
- Did not stop when horse down, leg over pole, leadbar or shaft – *even when ordered to stop by Official/Observer* (E) *Check*
- Did not stop to fix leg over trace - *even when whistled*. (20) *Check or # of times if multiple*
- Exceeded 5 minutes in the Obstacle (In Gate to Out Gate). (E) *Whistle twice and Check*
- Had outside assistance: from someone not riding on the carriage; not an emergency. (E) *Check*
- Train/Prel/Int did not have whip in hand; or dropped & did not have in hand by next Compulsory Turning Flag (CTF). (20) *Check*
- Person was tied to vehicle (and was not a disabled person with special quick release restraint). (E) *Check*

Violations Not Listed on Score Sheet – Red Dot!

- Record in Description Box

- Motorized vehicles or bicycles in Obstacles. (Warning, Yellow Card) *Record who, where, competitor # if known in Description Box.*
- Failing to pass through the exit flags of an Obstacle within 5 minutes. This most likely happened because they went out the “in” gate or missed the “out” gate altogether and drove off! (E) *Hold next competitor and keep time running in case they come back! After 5 minutes has elapsed, whistle twice, and record actions confirming you timed until 5 minutes. If they come back and complete or correct the obstacle before 5 minutes has elapsed, score as a normal obstacle that just had a very long Time Taken. Write detailed description and call for TD to review whether penalties apply.*
- Passing between the exit flags before completing the Obstacle (E) *Record gates missed and time taken & details after, if any. Competitor cannot come back to complete!*
- Substitution of Groom (E) *Record details of who, when and circumstance that led to switch. Call for an Official.*
- Excessive whipping or other act of cruelty (E) *Record where, when, details including any emergency situation. Call for an Official.*

Violations Entering or Leaving an Obstacle – Red Dot!

- Record Pace Violations in “Break of Pace” Box

- Record Whip Violations by checking appropriate line and recording details in “Description” Box.

<u>Level</u>	<u>Pace</u>	<u>In Obstacle</u>	<u>Last 500M</u>	<u>Whip?</u>
Train	Trot Only	Walk/Trot	Walk/Trot	Required
Prelim	Trot Only	Any Pace	Walk/Trot	Required
Interm	Any Pace	Any Pace	Walk/Trot	Required
Adv	Any Pace	Any Pace	Walk/Trot	Not Required
VSE	Same as Above	As Above	Walk/Trot	As Above