

FALL of HORSE or RIDER FIELD GUIDE

AR109 FALLS

1. The fall of horse and/or rider does not disqualify the competitor unless due to bad manners of the horse except as stated for specific classes.
2. A rider is considered to have fallen when they are separated from the horse that has not fallen, in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle. See Reining and Reined Cow horse for descriptions of fall in those classes.
3. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched the ground or an obstacle and the ground (See definitions below for Reining and Reined Cow Horse.)

Saddle Seat Eq	AR109.13	Penalized at judge's discretion
SH Under Saddle & SH Show Hack	AR109.18	Eliminated
Trail (WS, ENG, IH)	AR109.14	Zero score
Western Dressage	WD	Eliminated
Western Pleasure	AR109.15	Eliminated
Western Riding	AR109.16	Eliminated
Working Hunter	AR109.17	Eliminated

EC GR GLOSSARY, FALLS

EC G103.3. In the case of a fall of an Athlete anywhere within the grounds of the event during the hours of competition operation, the Athlete must be checked by the Competition's medical service, before the Athlete may continue to compete in the next round or Competition.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Disqualified (DQ) or Eliminated</i>
Dressage	AR109.4	Eliminated
English Show Hack	AR109.5	Eliminated
Gymkhana	AR109.6	DQ
Hunter Seat Eq. Over Obstacles	AR109.7	Eliminated
Hunter Seat NTJ	AR109.8	Eliminated
Jumper	AR109.9	Eliminated
Ranch Riding/VRH Ranch Riding	AR247.2d6 & AR262.2d7	No score (DQ)
Ranch Horse Cow Work	AR274.7b6	Zero score (DQ)
Ranch Horse Trail	AR266.8b4	No score (DQ)
Ranch Reining	AR271.3b6	No score (DQ)
Ranch Cutting	AR280.4b5	No score (DQ)
Reined Cow/ Working Cow	AR109.10	Zero score
Reining	AR109.11	Zero score
Reining Seat/ Western Seat Eq	AR109.12	Eliminated

ROLE OF THE STEWARD

- Be familiar with GR846, Accident Preparedness and Reporting, GR847, Safety Coordinator, and GR848, Use of Qualified Medical Personnel
- Be familiar with reporting procedures. USEF has educational guides online.
- Be familiar with GR849, Accidents Involving Individuals
- Be familiar with the difference between a horse fall and a horse collapse.
 - GR850.1. Definitions. For purposes of this rule, a "collapse" is defined as a fall to the ground with no apparent cause at any time from when entries arrive at the venue until departure from the venue. Other falls are not considered to be a collapse and are defined in GR122 and specified division rules. EC G517.4

RESOURCES:

- [Return to Competition Medical Release](#)
- [Online Accident/Injury Submission Guidelines](#)
- [USEF Accident/Fatality Reporting Chart](#)

REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING ACCIDENTS, INJURIES, FALLS, AND FATALITIES FOR USEF STEWARDS AND TECHNICAL DELEGATES



Please note that this chart does not completely describe all of the requirements for reporting accidents, collapses, falls, or fatalities.

Please refer to the USEF Rulebook for the most accurate information and rules. If you are unsure how an incident should be classified, please call the Federation. More than one form may be required depending on the incident.

	Call USEF Immediately	Submit Form within 24 hours	Submit Form within 48 hours of Last Day of Competition	Submit Form with Steward/TD Report	Blood Collection Required
Human Fatality or Serious Injury	X	X			
Concussion/Unconsciousness		X			
Human Accident/Injury				X	
Horse/Pony Collapse	X	X			X
Equine Fatality or Serious Injury	X	X			X
Equine Accident/Injury				X	
Eventing Cross Country Fall (Human or Equine)			X		