

## **RULE CHANGES EFFECTIVE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2009**

### **EVENT RULES**

#### **. Hors Concours**

#### **Amend Event Rule 8 to read**

#### **8. HORS CONCOURS**

8.1 The definition of Horse Concours is 'not competing for a prize'. Therefore, the competitor will not qualify for any ribbons, prize or prize money, nor will points be issued on the performance card.

8.2 For presentation of prizes and performance points, HC competitors are ignored. If a HC competitor places, the placing is ignored and all placing competitors below the HC competitor move up the placings.

8.3 Competitors wishing to compete HC must obtain permission from the Event Secretary at time of entry. All HC entries must be members of the association and comply in every way with the rules governing official competition except as provided in this rule.

8.4 Competitors may compete HC at the discretion of the organising committee in the following circumstances

8.4.1 Below assessed level

8.4.2 Ineligible to compete under the presiding judge

8.4.3 Failure to present valid performance/membership cards

8.4.4 Unforeseen or exceptional circumstances where a decision is made in a sporting spirit whilst adhering as closely as possible to the intention of the rules.

8.5 Members may not compete HC higher than their assessed level in any discipline which involves jumping.

8.6 Unassessed combinations may not compete HC in any discipline which involves jumping.

### **LEVEL ASSESSMENT RULES**

#### **Add new Rule 11.7 under**

#### **RIDERS ASSESSED ON MORE THAN ONE HORSE**

11.7 Combinations ineligible for assessment at Levels 5 or 4 in jumping disciplines may be assessed to ride at those levels Hors Concours. The combination's performance card must be noted accordingly and assessment details recorded on the Level Assessment form.

### **RULES RELATING TO FALLS**

#### **Rule changes applying to Event rules and all disciplines**

### **EVENT RULES**

#### **ADD NEW RULE**

2.4 To ensure the health and safety of horse and/or rider whilst competing, a fall of rider or horse and rider whilst in the competition arena or on the competition course, whether the rider has commenced competing or not, shall result in elimination from that class. In Dressage, this rule applies from the Judge's signal to start the test until the competitor departs the arena at A following completion of the test.

2.4.1 A fall of rider is considered to have occurred if any part of the rider's body makes unintentional contact with the ground or any solid surface. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground or an obstacle (in jumping) and the ground. Participation in subsequent classes is at the discretion of the competitor.

2.4.2 Should the fall occur outside the competition arena or off the competition course, further participation at the event is at the discretion of the competitor.

2.4.3 Notwithstanding the above, a decision by a competitor to continue to ride following a fall may be over ruled by the Ground Jury at any time during the event.

## DRESSAGE RULES

### **Amend rule 19.2 to read:**

19.2 A fall of horse and/or rider, occurring from the time the judge signals to start the test until departure from the arena at A following completion of the test, will result in elimination from the class. A fall of rider is considered to have occurred if any part of the rider's body makes unintentional contact with the ground or any solid surface. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground. Participation in subsequent classes is at the discretion of the competitor however, such a decision may be over ruled by the Ground Jury at any time during the event.

### **Amend rule 13.2 to read:**

13.2 All Tests begin with the entry at A and end after the salute at the end of the Test, as soon as the horse moves forward. Any incidents occurring before the beginning or after the end of the Test have no effect on the marks with the exception of falls of horse and/or rider which result in elimination as per rule 19.2. The Competitor should leave the arena in the way that is prescribed in the text of the test.

## SHOW JUMPING RULES

### **Amend rule 27 to read**

#### **27 FALLS**

27.1 A fall of rider is considered to have occurred if any part of the rider's body makes unintentional contact with the ground or any solid surface.

27.2 A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground or the obstacle and the ground.

27.3 A fall of a horse or rider or both, wherever it takes place after entering the arena or whatever the cause, is penalised by elimination from that class. Participation in subsequent classes is at the discretion of the competitor however, such a decision may be over ruled by the Ground Jury at any time during the event.

## COMBINED TRAINING & HORSE TRIALS RULES

### **Amend following rules to read:**

#### **21.5 FALLS**

21.5.1 A fall of rider or horse and rider whilst in the competition arena or on the competition course, shall result in elimination. The competitor must retire from that phase but may start in subsequent phases.

21.5.2 Notwithstanding the above, a decision by a competitor to continue in subsequent phases following a fall may be over ruled by the Ground Jury at any time during the event.

21.5.3 In the Dressage Phase, rule 21.5.1 applies from the Judge's signal to start the test until the competitor departs the arena at A following completion of the test.

21.5.4 A fall of rider is considered to have occurred if any part of the rider's body makes unintentional contact with the ground or any solid surface.

21.5.5 A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground or the obstacle and the ground.

## **20. PENALTIES**

Change penalties for 'Fall of horse and/or rider' to Elimination

Delete 'second fall of horse and/or rider'

## **26. ELIMINATION AND RETIRING**

26.1 Competitors eliminated or retiring from any part of the course for any reason whatsoever, shall do so at a walk and shall take every precaution to avoid disturbing other competitors. They shall not jump any obstacles after being eliminated or retiring.

26.2 delete

26.3 delete

## **NAVIGATION RIDES**

### **ADD NEW RULE**

**1.7** A fall of rider or horse and rider whilst on the competition course shall result in elimination. A fall of rider is considered to have occurred if any part of the rider's body makes unintentional contact with the ground or any solid surface. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground.

1.7.1 Falls are to be reported to the Ground Jury. Only reports submitted by the following persons shall be actioned. Witness reports must be corroborated.

- a) a member of the effected pair or
- b) officials or competitors who were witness to the fall.

1.7.2 Should a horse or rider fall at the venue prior to commencing the ride, further participation is at the discretion of the competitor. However, a decision by a competitor to continue to ride following a fall may be over ruled by the Ground Jury at any time.

## **DRESSAGE RULES**

### **. Judges on Leave of Absence**

#### **Add rule 26.4.6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A request for Leave of Absence from judging responsibilities may be granted by the Dressage Sub Committee upon written request from the judge. Each request will be considered on its merits, taking into consideration the seniority and activity of the judge in preceding years. To be reinstated, a judge will be required to complete refresher requirements.

### **. Use of double bridle by Level 2 combinations**

#### **Amend 10.3.2 to read**

Combinations assessed at Advanced and Level 1 have the option of using a bridle with a snaffle bit or a double bridle. A double bridle is an English-type bridle with a bridoon (snaffle) bit and a curb bit with curb chain, both fitted with a set of reins.

## **SHOW JUMPING RULES**

### **. Nosebands**

Delete 3.7 – re permitted nosebands.

## **EVENT RULES**

### **. Fees for Combined Training competitions**

Amend 3.2.3 to read

Clubs running Official Combined Training/Dressage only at the same Event may offer two Tests at the same Level or one Test which is used for Combined Training and Dressage only. If the second option is used the Club may charge a maximum of \$10 for Dressage only entry to Combinations who are assessed the same Level for Combined Training and Dressage.

## SHOWING RULES

### . minor administrative amendments

Amend 3.2 to read

The method of entry must be specified on the program

Amend 3.5 to read

'...A valid Membership and Showing performance card must be presented to the Card Secretary prior to entry to the first class.'

Amend Appendix 2 page 3 to read

'11) MOUNT MOST SUITABLE FOR BEGINNER'

Amend Appendix 3 para 2 to read

'...Any type of saddle is permitted with the exception of a side saddle...'

Amend Appendix 5 page 2 to read

'Membership/Performance cards must be handed to the Card Secretary prior to entry to first class.'