

# RULE CHANGES EFFECTIVE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2015

## ONLY NOMINATED RIDER ALLOWED TO RIDE HORSE AT HRCV COMPETITIONS

### Amend EVENT RULE 5.6 to read

It is forbidden, under penalty of disqualification, for anyone other than the nominated rider to be astride the horse during the Event, being from initial entry to the Event grounds until presentation of all awards. Any person may work the horse on the lunge.

**Rationale:** The current rule allows another rider to ride horse from one place to another on a long rein. This is difficult to police and is open to interpretation. Under the proposed new rule, no-one other than the nominated rider may be astride the horse for the duration of the competition.

### Amend SHOWING RULE 3.4 to read

It is forbidden, under penalty of disqualification, for anyone other than the nominated rider to be astride the horse during the Show, being from initial entry to the Show grounds until the completion of all HRCV classes. Any person may work the horse on the lunge.

**Rationale:** Aligns with changes to Event rule above. Allows other riders to compete the horse in open rings once all HRCV classes have been completed.

## PRE PLANNING FOR ACCIDENTS OR CRISES AT HORSE TRIALS AND MAJOR EVENTS

**Add EVENT RULE 42.15** A Crisis Management Plan shall be devised for all Top Team Trophy events, using Event Rules Appendix 13 as a guide. A copy of the Plan shall be provided to each member of the Crisis Management Team. The HRCV Representative is to be provided with a copy of the plan at least one week prior to the event.

**Add COMBINED TRAINING AND HORSE TRIALS RULE 37.3** A Crisis Management Plan shall be devised for all Horse Trials events, using Event Rules Appendix 13 as a guide. A copy of the Plan shall be provided to each member of the Crisis Management Team

**Rationale:** To ensure appropriate plans are in place

*Note: the new Event Rules Appendix 13 can be downloaded from the HRCV website.*

## NEW VET CHECK REQUIREMENTS AT HORSE TRIALS

Current **COMBINED TRAINING AND HORSE TRIALS rule 35.2** to be replaced with the following:

All competitors must proceed to the veterinary inspection immediately after the Cross Country phase regardless of whether the Cross Country phase was completed or not. Any rider failing to have their horse presented or arranged to have presented, may be subject to elimination and/or disciplinary measures by the HRCV, at the discretion of the Ground Jury. Competitors must not dismount until they have entered the veterinary inspection area (with the exception of riders who have been eliminated).

### **Rationale:**

To remove requirement to remain mounted until directed to dismount by official. Ensures that all horses are checked by vet so that horse welfare requirements are met

## RADIOS COMPULSORY FOR FENCE JUDGES AT TTT HORSE TRIALS

Add the underlined wording to **COMBINED TRAINING AND HORSE TRIALS rule 36.3**

'...for further personnel). It is highly recommended that all cross country fence judges are equipped with a radio for communication with the course controller. It is compulsory for all cross country fence judges to be equipped with radios at TTT Horse Trials.'

**Rationale:** risk management

## ORDER OF COMPULSORY FLAGS ON XC COURSES

Amend **COMBINED TRAINING AND HORSE TRIALS RULE 29.3**. Insert d) Measured route indicated by dotted line

**Rationale:** to eliminate confusion as to order and direction compulsory flags must be negotiated.

## XC COURSE DISTANCE AND MINIMUM FACE WIDTH FENCES

Add the underlined wording to the last line of the Table of Heights, Speeds, Distances following **COMBINED TRAINING AND HORSE TRIALS RULE 12**.

'...must have an option fence given. The course distance must be measured using the option which measure within the table of height, speeds and distances.'

**Rationale:** Clarifies which track must be measured when options are used.

## **SALUTING THE JUDGE IN SHOW JUMPING**

Replace current **SHOW JUMPING rule 2**. with the following wording

### 2. SALUTE

2.1 All riders must report to the judge immediately upon entering the arena and salute, unless the Ground Jury gives other instructions.

2.2 The Judge shall acknowledge all salutes

2.3 The Judge may refuse to start a competitor who has not saluted.

2.4 For special reasons, the Ground Jury can decide reporting to the judge or the salute is not necessary

2.5 Raising the whip or lowering the head will be considered as saluting.

### **Rationale:**

To keep ring operating efficiently. Clarification of what constitutes a salute.

## **SHOWING THE HORSE AN OBSTACLE IN SHOW JUMPING**

### **SJ Rules**

Delete **SHOW JUMPING rules 44.3.26 and 24.7**

**Rationale:** Rules indicating that showing a horse an obstacle will result in elimination to be removed to bring HRCVA rules in line with PC/EA rules

## **TRIPLE BARS**

Add new **SHOW JUMPING RULE 15.8** – In a combination obstacle, a triple bar may only be used as the first element.

**Rationale:** safety and to bring into line with EA

## **INTRODUCTION OF HALF MARKS IN DRESSAGE TEST SCORING**

Add the underlined wording to **DRESSAGE rule 25.1**

Each judge may allot from 0-10 points for each numbered movement. Half marks from 0.5 to 9.5 may also be used both for the movements and collective marks, at the discretion of the judge.

### **Rationale:**

To provide judge with greater scope in allocation of marks

## **JUDGES AT HRCVA INDIVIDUAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Amend **EVENT RULE 62.1.2** to read 'Two judges shall preside in the levels 2, 1 and Advanced Championship classes. The number of judges used in lower levels is at the discretion of the host Club. Accredited HRCVA Dressage Judges are to be used for all levels.'

**Rationale:** in line with HRCVA requirements to use accredited judges.

## **DRESSAGE RULE ANOMOLIES AND CLARIFICATIONS**

### **DRESSAGE RULES**

Amend **DRESSAGE RULE 22.3** - Delete 'This does not include remounting after a fall'

Amend **DRESSAGE RULE 7.1** – remove reference to 40 x 20m arenas.

Amend **DRESSAGE RULES APPENDIX 4** – remove diagram of 40 x 20m arena

## **DEFINITION OF A STRIDE AND CLARIFICATION OF HALT REQUIREMENTS**

Add **paragraph 3.4** to the **DRESSAGE NOTES** section of the **DRESSAGE RULES** (Page Number 5-27) 'A stride is a single coordinated movement of the four legs of a horse, completed when the legs return to their initial relative position. A step

is one footfall of the horse within the stride. To complete a walk stride, the horse will take 4 steps (beats), a trot stride will take 2 steps and a canter stride 3 steps.'

Amend the **DRESSAGE NOTES** section of the **DRESSAGE RULES** by adding the underlined wording to **paragraph 8.5** (Page Number 5-32) '...stand attentive and motionless for the prescribed length of time (when a length of time is not specified, the halt should be maintained for 3 seconds) and be ready to move off.....'

**Rationale:** clarification

## CODE OF CONDUCT INFRINGEMENTS

Amend **COMPLAINT HANDLING RULE 12**. Add dot point 'Breach of HRCav Social Media Policy' to the breaches of Code of Conduct.

Amend **COMPLAINT HANDLING RULE 3.2** to read 'Where the Ground Jury deems that a breach of the Code of Conduct has occurred, they may also refer the matter to the HRCav for further action under the Complaint Handling Rules.

Amend **EVENT RULE 29.2** to read 'The Ground Jury has the right to disqualify (with no refunds) a competitor who behaves in a manner that is deemed to be unsafe, or disruptive to the running of the Event or which constitutes a breach of the HRCav Code of Conduct. Where it is found that a member's behaviour constituted a breach of the Code of Conduct, the Ground Jury may forward a report to the HRCav for further action under the Complaint Handling rules.

**Rationale:** clarification

## GROUND JURY PROCEDURES

Amend **EVENT RULE 29.6** by adding the underlined wording. '...must not take into account anything known beforehand of the competitor/s or the horse/s. Any person who is alleged to have breached a rule/s is to be given the opportunity to be heard.'

**Rationale:** right of reply

## QUALIFYING NOT REQUIRED FOR TTT NAVIGATION RIDE

Add **EVENT RULE 48.17** – Qualifying requirements (as per Event rule 40.7) do not apply to TTT Navigation Rides.

**Rationale:** clarification

## MINIMUM LENGTH OF RIDER SASHES IN SHOWING

Amend **EVENT RULE 25.3** by adding the underlined wording '... may be used. Length of sashes for SOP placings/championships and Rider championships to be a minimum of 180cm and width a minimum of 10cm for SOP and 15cm for Championships.'

Add new **EVENT rule: 40.10.6** for Showing Classes – refer to Event rule 25.3

**Rationale:** to address problem of sashes of inadequate length for variety of body types

## DAY MEMBERSHIP FOR NON MEMBERS

### GENERAL RULES

#### 14. UNOFFICIAL & OPEN EVENTS

14.1 Clubs may conduct unofficial events or classes subject to HRCav approval.

14.2 A copy of the event program must be submitted to the HRCav at least 8 weeks prior to the closing date for entries.

14.3 Where a proposed event is not covered by HRCav rules, the Club is required to submit a program, a summary of the event concept and rules for conduct of the event at least 12 weeks prior to the closing date for entries.

14.4 Clubs are required to comply with HRCav rules for the conduct of events to the extent permitted by the approved event format.

14.5 Open classes may be offered in cases where the HRCav is satisfied that there is justification for doing so. Non HRCav members competing in Open classes must be current EA or PC members and are required to satisfy the following requirements prior to riding:

- a) Produce an EA or PC membership card,
- b) Sign an HRCav Disclaimer Statement and
- c) EA members - purchase Day Membership (see Rule 15)

14.5.1 Open competitors in Navigation Rides are not required to be current EA or PCAV members but must satisfy other requirements of rule 14.5.

14.6 At unofficial events involving jumping, competitors may not compete over jumping courses at a height greater than that indicated by their level of competency. PC and HRCav members are required to present Grading/performance cards to show proof of competency. EA members are required to complete a Declaration of Competency.

## 15. DAY MEMBERSHIP FOR NON HRCav MEMBERS

15.1 Non HRCav (excluding financial PCAV) members attending an HRCav event, are required to purchase Day Membership from the Club organising committee prior to riding.

15.2 HRCav Day Membership shall entitle the rider to cover under the Association's public liability policy from arrival at the event until departure. When events span more than one calendar day, Day Membership must be purchased for each day of attendance.

15.3 The Club is required to forward a copy of the Day Membership Insurance Summary (Appendix 23) with non member's details and relevant fees to the HRCav within 7 days of the event or activity. Disclaimer Statements are to be retained by the Club for a period of 7 years and are to be produced in the event of a claim.

15.4 Participation at Club rallies and activities should be limited to HRCav members. Occasional non Member participation is permitted, however individual non members must not attend on more than one occasion per annum and/or the Club must not conduct activities which include non members on a regular basis. Should non members attend a Club rally or activity they are required to sign an HRCav Disclaimer Statement and purchase Day Membership from the Club. Financial PCAV members are exempt from purchasing Day Membership.