

NEW RULES – EFFECTIVE 1ST JANUARY 2016

EVENT RULES

ELIMINATION ON SAFETY OR WELFARE GROUNDS

Amend Event rule 2.4 to read

2.4 ELIMINATION ON SAFETY OR WELFARE GROUNDS

2.4.1 The Presiding Judge, HRC AV Representative, Technical Delegate or any member of the Ground Jury may eliminate a combination from a class at any stage of the competition on the grounds that their continued participation is likely to endanger themselves or others at the event or compromise the welfare of the horse. The rider and Event Secretary shall be notified of the elimination as soon as is practicable. Further participation at the event shall be at the discretion of the Ground Jury. Determinations made under this rule are not open to appeal.

2.4.2 FALLS: To ensure the health and safety of horse and/or rider whilst competing, a fall of rider or horse whilst in the competition arena or on the competition course, whether the rider has commenced competing or not, shall result in elimination from the 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.

2.4.3 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.

2.4.4 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.

2.4.5 Notwithstanding 2.4.2 to 2.4.4 above, a decision by a competitor to continue to ride following a fall may be overruled by the Ground Jury at any time during the event.

Rationale: Safety and welfare

SENIOR OFFICIALS FOR MAJOR EVENTS

Amend Event rule 33 to read as follows:

33. SENIOR EVENT OFFICIALS

33.1 The HRC AV Executive Committee shall appoint one or more of the following Senior Event Official/s to represent the HRC AV at Top Team Trophy events, Individual Championships and other nominated major events. These persons should be independent, ie: neither competing nor a member of the Host Club. At least one Senior Event Official is to be included as a member of the Ground Jury for the Event. Failure to comply with the directive/requirements of a Senior Event Official may result in loss of the Event's Official status. Persons appointed to these positions shall be reimbursed by the HRC AV for costs incurred in the undertaking of their duties.

33.1.1 The **HRC AV Representative** shall provide assistance and advice to the Club running the event both in the lead up to and on the day/s of the event. The HRC AV Representative assumes control over matters relating to the administration of the event when necessary and is required to remain at the venue until all prizes have been awarded. They shall report back to the Executive Committee on matters concerning the running of the event.

33.1.2 The **Chief Course Designer (CCD)** shall oversee the design and construction of Show Jumping courses to ensure that courses are built in accordance with HRC AV specifications and recommendations for course design. The CCD shall have the authority to make changes to courses to address compliance and/or safety issues. All Show Jumping courses are to be accredited by the CDD prior to being opened for walking.

33.1.3 The **Technical Delegate (TD)** shall be responsible for overseeing the cross country phase at horse trials events. The TD will have the authority to address matters relating to the design of the Cross Country Course if circumstances warrant intervention. The TD shall also assume responsibility for overseeing the design and construction of Show Jumping course/s at Horse Trials events when a Chief Course Designer (CCD) is not appointed.

33.2 Any concerns relating to non compliance with HRCav specifications and recommendations for course design are to be referred to the relevant Senior Event Official.

Move Event Rules 33.5 and 33.6 to Combined Training and Horse Trials rules. To replace current CT/HT rule 12.5

CT & HT RULE 12.5 An approved **Cross Country Course Accreditor** (CCCA) must approve the cross country course/s at all Horse Trials events. The preliminary inspection/s should take place 2 to 5 weeks prior to the event. Final inspection should be completed no later than 2 pm on the day prior to the cross country phase of the event. The course must be officially opened for walking no later than 4 pm on the day prior to the cross country phase of the event. Refer to Appendix 3, 4, 5 and 6 of CT/HT rules for details of cross country course accreditation.

The Cross Country Course Accreditor will be responsible for ensuring the cross country course is safe, within HRCav specifications for height and width, distances, number of fences and efforts, etc. The Course Accreditor can decree the alteration or removal of cross country obstacles that do not comply with the HRCav Rules or are deemed to be unsafe. The Organising Committee must carry out the instructions of the Course Accreditor as specified. Failure to comply with the instructions of the CCCA will result in loss of the event's official status.

Rationale: Introduction of Chief Course Designer position for major events and clarification of Senior Event Officials' roles

ALLOCATION OF \$20 TEAM FEE AT TTT EVENTS

Amend Event rule 40.9.4 to read as follows:

40.9.4 A maximum of \$20 per team may be charged by Host Clubs for the Team entry fee. All Team entry fees must be distributed back to the placing Teams as cash, prizes and sashes. Cheques are made payable to the placing Clubs.

Rationale: Clarifies expectation that cash prizes be awarded to higher placing teams.

HELMET CAMERAS - APPROVAL

Add new Event rule 9.9 to read:

9.9 Helmet cameras may be used with the permission of the HRCav. Documented proof of such permission must be shown at the request of event officials. The rider assumes responsibility for loss, injury or consequences arising from use of the camera.

Rationale: Addresses safety concerns re type, positioning and method of attachment of helmet cameras. Use of helmet cameras permitted subject to HRCav approval.

PERFORMANCE POINTS FOR NAVIGATION RIDES

Amend Event rule 23.6 to read:

23.6 Combinations competing in Navigation Rides are assessed for safety and competency only. Members are required to determine their own level as per Navigation Ride rule 10 and move up through the levels as the rider accumulates performance points.

Rationale: admin change to bring into line with Nav Ride rules

TOP SCORE AND TAKE YOUR OWN LINE – NON POINT EARNING CLASSES

Amend the following Event rules. Add bold wording. Delete as indicated

24.6. SHOWJUMPING EVENTS

Amend as follows: Add bold wording delete as indicated.

24.6.3. Performance points are only awarded for a maximum of two classes at an Event. Points earning classes must be noted on the Program. **Top Score and Take Your Own Line cannot be points earning classes.**

24.6.4. One of the points earning classes must have a first round which is not against the clock. It may have a time allowed and a time limit (eg: AM3, AM7). Competitions with a fixed time but where the objective is to jump as many fences as possible are considered to be against the clock. ~~(eg: Top Score)~~.

24.6.5. In one round classes, (eg: Table C ~~or Top Score~~), performance points are only awarded to combinations which complete the round, ie: not those combinations which retire or are eliminated.

Rationale: Using classes with a defined track produces jumping as intended by the course designer, assisting the less experienced competitor.

LEVEL ASSESSMENT RULES

EXEMPTION PERIOD FOR JUMPING REASSESSMENTS

Add Level Assessment rule 8.5

8.5 During the period 1st January 2016 to 30th June 2016, the requirements of Level Assessment rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 are waived for reassessments in Jumping disciplines and the following rules shall apply.

8.5.1 Combinations which satisfy the following criteria may apply for reassessment to a lower level in any jumping discipline through the HRC AV office. All other requests are to be referred to an accredited Level Assessor as per rule 8.5.2.

- . The combination has been at their current level in the nominated discipline for a minimum period of 12 months
- . The combination has not earned performance points at their current level in that discipline or other jumping disciplines of the same level
- . The combination is not assessed at a higher level in another jumping discipline
- . Reassessment of the combination to a lower level will not result in a conflict with rule 11.

The member is required to apply in writing for 'reassessment under rule 8.5' and must forward all jumping performance cards for the nominated horse to the HRC AV office before 30th June 2016. Authorised office staff may validate the cards of eligible combinations. Any queries regarding the eligibility of a combination for reassessment under this rule shall be referred to the Level Assessment Sub Committee.

8.5.2 Reassessment of combinations which do not qualify for reassessment under 8.5.1 must be supported by a Level Assessor. The Level Assessor shall determine whether the member's request is valid based on the history of the horse and rider and any other relevant information and may or may not require a formal assessment to assist their determination.

8.5.3 Under rule 8.5, combinations on base points at their current level shall be allocated base points at their reassessed level. All other combinations shall be allocated half points at their reassessed level.

8.5.4 The performance cards of combinations which are reassessed under this rule shall be endorsed as follows: *'Reassessed under rule 8.5'*. The following information shall also be entered; *level allocated / points allocated/ date of reassessment / name and signature of LA or HRC AV authorised staff member*.

8.5.5 A Level Assessment form providing relevant details of the reassessment is to be completed and lodged with the HRC AV office within 7 days.

Rationale: exemption period to allow combinations to downgrade where the increase in heights may be an issue

EQUIVALENT EA LEVELS

Amendments to Level Assessment guidelines G4

HRCV Level	EA Dressage	EA Horse Trials	EA Show Jumping	EA Showing
Advanced	Medium		1.2m classes	
Level 1	Elementary	EV 105	1m / 1.1m classes	Competed at Royal, state or national level in ridden classes
Level 2	Novice	EV 95	90cm classes	Wins at AG shows in open ridden or rider classes
Level 3	Preliminary	EV 80		

**Rationale: To bring assessment guidelines up to date with current EA levels.
Addition of equivalent showing levels.**

SHOWING RULES

Amend Showing rule 3.6 to read

In Rider classes only, riders must compete at their highest ever attained level for Showing and/or Dressage on any horse. Riders who have competed at Royal, state or national level in senior open rider classes are to be classed as Level 1 riders.

Rationale: addresses previous rule anomaly which allowed experienced open riders to ride in lower level Rider class

NAVIGATION RIDE RULES

HALF WAY CHECK POINT

Nav Ride Rule 2.1 – amend to read:

2.1. Approximately half way round the course a checkpoint is to be set with light refreshments available for riders. The person/s at the checkpoint should have a list of all pairs and check off each pair as they pass. No time is to be added to total time for check point.

Delete current Nav Ride rule 2.2 and replace with:

2.2 Water must be provided for horses at checkpoint if weather is forecast for 30 degrees Celsius or over.

Rational: No time to be allowed for check point

JACKPOTS

Add new Nav Ride rule 3.8

3.8 A jackpot may be offered over a two day competition. Jackpot to be scored from official section only with equalisers included. Scoring system to be advertised with program. Jackpots may be offered for other sections in addition to the official jackpot.

Rational: Standard scoring system for Jackpots

PROGRAM/QUESTION SHEETS

Add new Nav Ride rules 5.6 & 5.7

5.6 Program/ Question sheets will be handed to competitors **two** minutes prior to their scheduled ride out time.

5.7 At the conclusion of the ride competitors finish time will be recorded the moment they hand over their program/question sheet and emergency envelope to the official.

Rational. To allow competitors time to read the instructions on the front of the Program/Question sheet and check they have a complete copy of the sheet before commencing their ride. To eliminate confusion when recording competitors finish time at the completion of a ride.

POSTING OF INTERIM SCORES AND ANSWERS

Add new Nav Ride rules

6.4 Interim scores may be posted at the organising committee's discretion any time after the final pair have ridden out

Rational: Interim scores posted at intervals as per other disciplines.

6.5 Answers to questions are not to be posted until all pairs have returned and submitted answer sheets

Rationale: To prevent teams from finding out answers before end of ride

ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT

Delete Nav Ride section pages 9-8 and 9-9 which related to pre September 2014 rules relating to Levels for Navigation Ride.

Amend Nav Ride rule 1.8 by deleting 'UNTIL 1st JANUARY 2015any horse in any discipline.'

SHOW JUMPING RULES

NEW TABLE OF DIMENSIONS FOR SHOW JUMPING

Replace the current table of heights, widths and speeds on page 6-1 of the Show Jumping rules

Description	Adv	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Maximum Height cm	110*	105	95	80	65	50
Maximum Width cm	120	110	100	80	65	50
Speed in small arena (less than 2400M2) mpm	300	300	275	275	275	250
Speed in large arena mpm	325	325	300	300	275	250
Distance from start to first fence & last fence to finish m	6-25 (all levels)					

Note * Advanced level: maximum height for jump off of 2nd and subsequent classes: 115cm

Rationale: bring in line with new horse trials jumping dimensions

FIRST ROUND OF THE DAY AT LOWER THAN MAXIMUM DIMENSIONS

Insert below the new table of dimensions on Page Number 6-1 of the Show jumping rules

'The maximum dimensions for the **first round of the day** shall be 5cm lower than the maximum laid down for each level as follows:

Level	Maximum Starting Height (cm)	Maximum Starting Width (cm)
Adv	105	115
1	100	105
2	90	95
3	75	75
4	60	60
5	45	45

*Any jump off for these classes may be at usual maximum dimensions for the level (ie: 5cm greater than values above)

Rationale: to encourage combinations early in the competition without facing maximum dimension courses. Encourages combinations new to the level.

MAXIMUM OBSTACLE DIMENSIONS NOT TO BE EXCEEDED

Amend Show Jumping rule 11.3 to read:

The limits on the height and spread of obstacles for each Level laid down by these Rules must be observed with the greatest care. In no circumstances will marginally exceeding the maximum dimensions be acceptable, regardless of limitations caused by material used for construction and/or position of the obstacle on the ground.

Rationale: to ensure that maximum dimensions for each level are not exceeded

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Show Jumping rule 64 Under Table of Fair Distances add:

Level 5 – only one 2 stride double combination is permitted

Existing Show Jumping rule 55.9 (relay events) to become rule 56

COMBINED TRAINING AND HORSE TRIALS RULES

NEW TABLE OF DIMENSIONS FOR HORSE TRIALS AND COMBINED TRAINING

Replace the Combined Training and HT rules Table of Heights, Speeds, Distances on Page Number 7-9 with the following:

DESCRIPTION OF FENCE	LEVELS				
	1	2	3	4	5
Vertical fence	1050mm	950mm	800mm	650mm	500mm
Minimum width of face (maximum of two obstacles)	1200mm	1350mm	1500mm	1500mm	1500mm
Drop Fence	1400mm	1200mm	1000mm	700mm	500mm
Brush Fence					
brush height	1250mm	1150mm	1000mm	800mm	650mm
Front rail height	950mm	800mm	700mm	550mm	400mm
Rear rail height	850mm	700mm	600mm	450mm	300mm
Spread without height	2400mm	2000mm	1400mm	950mm	650mm
Spread with height:					
at highest point	1200mm	1000mm	800mm	650mm	500mm
at base	1800mm	1500mm	1200mm	800mm	650mm
Height of obstacle or bank into water					
With a drop	800mm	650mm	500mm	0	n/a
Without a drop	800mm	650mm	500mm	0	n/a
Drop not to exceed	1200mm	900mm	800mm	400mm	0
Height of jump out of water	900mm	750mm	500mm	0	n/a
Depth of water	300mm	300mm	300mm	300mm	300mm
Width of crossing	Min 9000mm	Min 9000mm	Min 6000mm	Min 6000mm	Min 6000mm
Cross country distance	2000-3000	2000-2800	1600-2400	1200-2000	1200-1600
Cross country speeds in meters per minute	500	450	400	350	300
Distance to finish (min – max mtrs all levels) (Note that there should be a broad relationship maintained between distance and efforts)	25-100				
Show Jumping specifications					
Show Jumping heights (maximum)	1050mm	950mm	800mm	650mm	500mm
Show Jumping widths (maximum)	1200mm	1000mm	800mm	650mm	500mm
Show Jumping speeds in mpm (large arena)	325	300	300	275	250
Show Jumping speeds in mpm (small arena <2400m2)	300	275	275	275	250
Distance from start to first fence & last fence to finish m	6-25m (all levels)				
Fences less than the described minimum face may be offered but must have an option fence given. The course distance must be measured using the option which measures within the table of height, speeds and distances.					

Rationale: to bring into line with new PC XC dimensions. Higher levels to align with equivalent EA dimensions

Replace the Combined Training and HT rules Table of Heights, Speeds, Distances shown at CT&HT rule 9.7 with the following:

Show Jumping specifications	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Show Jumping heights maximum cm	105	95	80	65	50
Show Jumping widths maximum cm	110	100	80	65	50
Speed in small arena (less than 2400m2) mpm	300	275	275	275	250
Speed in large arena mpm	325	300	300	275	250
Distance from start to first fence & last fence to finish m	6-25 (all levels)				

Ensure that the following tables are amended to align with the new dimensions

- The Jumping Equitation Combined Training table on page 7-7 of the CT& HT rules
- The Derby Course dimensions table under CT&HT rule 42.7
- Appendix 7 of the CT&HT rules – Combined Training Course Plan
- Appendix 7 of the SJ rules – Show Jumping Course Plan
- Tables on page 4-14 of the Level Assessment rules.

DRESSAGE RULES

JUDGING ANOMALIES

Add new Dressage rule 4.2.1

4.2.1 Where there are two or more judges judging the same test, and the results show a variance in percentage equal to or greater than 10%, the judges must discuss the test in question. Scorers are to alert judges to the variance as soon as possible following completion of the class and provide copies of the tests to assist the discussion. No changes will be made to the marks, however a Discrepancy Form must be sent to the HRCVA, signed by both judges, which includes their rationale for such variance. The form should also be signed by the HRCVA Representative.

Discrepancy form can be downloaded from the HRCVA website – under forms

COMPLAINT HANDLING RULES

Delete rule 14.

Delete rule 13.7 and renumber existing rules 13.8 and 13.9 accordingly.

Add new rule 13.9 to read

In accordance with the Constitution, the Committee may expel from the Association or otherwise punish or penalize any Club which, in the opinion of the Committee, has refused or neglected to comply with the requirements of the Constitution or rules of the Association, or refuses to support the purposes of the Association or which has engaged in activities or actions which are considered to be discreditable or injurious to the character or interest of the Association.

Rationale: to reflect requirements of the Constitution