



## NEW RULES EFFECTIVE 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2017

### DRESSAGE RULES

RULE NO.	NOW READS
2.1	'...refer Dressage Rule 21.3.'
7.1	One or two direct side reins may only be used on horses being lunged in warm up and training areas. Double sliding side reins, bearing, running or balancing reins are not permitted when lunging or riding, under penalty of eliminations
15.1 g)	Hanging cheeks (Baucher type) are permitted but only when combined with a mouthpiece with one joint (single).
16.4 a)	Must be made of metal and/or rigid plastic and may be cover with rubber/latex (manufactured state)
17.5	Any form of protective skin covering on the horse such as plaster/tape/belly band covering or towel, whether the skin is broken or not, is strictly forbidden at an event when the horse is under saddle during training, warm-up and competition and will entail elimination.
18.5	The tip of the shank must not point inwards
18.15	Swan neck spurs are permitted
18.16	Non compliance or incorrect spurs will entail elimination
34.	<p>NEW RULES – NOTE: <b>CONSECUTIVE DRESSAGE RULES TO BE RENUMBERED</b></p> <p>34. INTERRUPTIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT</p> <p>34.1 In case of any equipment/technical failure or unforeseen circumstances, that will interfere with the Competition, the Judge at C shall ring the bell to interrupt the test.</p> <p>34.2 It is recommended, that in clear cases of external disturbance, extreme weather conditions or other extreme circumstance the same procedure is applied.</p> <p>34.3 The Technical Delegate/HRCVA representative or Organising Committee can request the Judge at C to stop the competition.</p> <p>34.4 The affected rider should return to complete their test from the point of interruption as directed by the Judge at C.</p>
34.3	<p>35.3 Dressage Judges Examination (Note numbering changes due to insertion of new rule 34)</p> <p>35.3.1 Any Member may undertake the accreditation examinations to attain knowledge without seeking accreditation.</p> <p>35.3.2 Candidates must forward a completed Logsheet (see Appendix 6) to the Dressage Sub-Committee prior to undertaking any accreditation examinations.</p> <p>35.3.3 Upon receipt of the completed Logsheet, Candidates will be required to sit an open written Rule Book exam. This exam covers all aspects of the HRCVA's General and Event Rules and Regulations including those pertaining to Dressage and a pass mark of 90% is required. Candidates who fail the open Rule Book exam at the first attempt may re-sit the exam within 3 months.</p> <p>35.3.4 Candidates will then be required to sit a theory examination for each Level for which they seek accreditation. The exam includes general matters relating to the manner in which Dressage Tests are ridden and the quality of the movements eg. how the Judge would mark a horse with incorrect flexion in a Level 4 Competition, or explain 'submission', describe rhythm, describe the main requirements of a serpentine.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A pass mark of at least 80% is required for each theory exam.</li> <li>b) If a Candidate fails a theory exam by less than 10%, they may re-sit the failed exam within or by 12 months.</li> <li>c) If a Candidate fails a theory exam by more than 10%, they may not re-sit the exam within 12 months, and must then re-sit the theory exams for all levels previously attempted.</li> <li>d) Notwithstanding c) above, if a Candidate fails the Level 5 theory exam only, but passes the Level 4 (and 3) exam/s, they may re-sit the Level 5 exam within 3 months.</li> </ol>

	35.3.5 Candidates will then be required to judge Dressage Tests for each Level of accreditation sought. The Dressage Tests judged will be assessed by the Examining Senior Judge. Candidates' marks should be within one mark either side of the Examiner's mark. Examination papers are returned together with copies of Dressage Tests judged showing the Examiner's comments.
34.3.11	Now numbered 35.3.9  EA D level judges – HRCav Levels 3, 2, 1 and Advanced only EA E level judges – HRCav Levels 3, 2 and 1 only EA F Level judges – HRCav Levels 3 and 2 only EA G Level judges – HRCav level 3 only

## SHOW JUMPING RULES

RULE NO.	NOW READS
57.5	'.....a jump off may take place. <i>The jump off must be over a shortened course.....'</i>

## EVENT RULES

RULE NO.	NOW READS
8.7	Unassessed combinations may not compete HC in any discipline
36.2	'Swabbing of horses may be undertaken at any event at any time at the discretion of the HRCav.....'
60.1	<b>Amendment to Qualifying requirements for the Individual Dressage Championships.</b> DRESSAGE - Combinations to have earned a minimum of 10 points (levels 1,2,3 & 4) or 5 points (levels Advanced and 5) in official HRCav Dressage competitions AND must have scored a minimum of 65% (level 5,4, 3 & 2) or 60% (level 1 & Advanced) on at least TWO occasions in official Dressage competitions during the Qualifying Period. The tests must have been ridden at two separate official HRCav Dressage competitions at the level being contested at the Individual Championship.
63  Changes to rule 63 shown in <b>bold type</b>	63. EVENT CANCELLATION, <b>SUSPENSION</b> OR MODIFICATION  <b>63.1 In cases of equipment/technical failure, external disturbance, extreme weather conditions or other extreme circumstances which interfere with the competition and constitute a clear health and safety risk to participants and/or the welfare of horses, the presiding Judge, Ground Jury, HRCav Representative or Technical Delegate has the authority to immediately suspend competition under their control until such time the risk has been addressed or has passed.</b>  <b>63.2 If extreme weather conditions present a clear danger to participants, Event organisers are required to suspend, cancel, postpone or modify the format of the event.</b> Guidelines for Clubs considering event modification or cancellation due to adverse weather conditions are covered on page 12 – 36 (Guidelines for member Clubs – guideline 50) of the Manual. Where Clubs are forced to cancel or modify events due to unforeseen circumstances, the following rules shall apply: 63.2.1 Where an event is cancelled or modified more than 48 hours prior, all reasonable steps are to be taken to notify competitors and officials of the changes. Should an event be cancelled or modified less than 48 hours prior, organisers must also notify all pre entered competitors and all officials in person via telephone or SMS. 63.2.2 Where a cancelled event cannot reasonably be rescheduled within 12 months, the organisers are required to refund all or part of the entry fees. Up to 30% of the entry fee may be retained by the Club to cover costs incurred. Refund of entry fees for modified events or commenced events is at the discretion of the organising committee. 63.2.3 Where a commenced event is cancelled, performance points will be allocated for placings in completed classes as per Event rule 24.1.2. Events which are modified to remove phases shall be deemed unofficial unless prior approval has been granted by the HRCav.

## HRCav GUIDELINES

RULE NO.	NOW READS
52 Changes to rule 52 shown in <b>bold type</b> . Some renumbering	<b>EXTREME WEATHER GUIDELINES FOR HRCav EVENTS</b>  52. INTRODUCTION  The following guidelines are provided to help Clubs manage the risks associated with the conduct of equestrian events in hot <b>or extreme</b> weather <b>conditions</b> .

The guidelines are not binding, but all parties are reminded that they must act responsibly. The HRCav encourages a common sense approach and the consideration of the comfort and well-being of all individuals and the welfare of horses participating at the event.

There are many factors to be considered when Clubs are contemplating modifying, postponing or cancelling events or activities. Clubs need to be aware of the difficulty of setting 'one size fits all' guidelines in this area. The dangers of heat illness are likely to arise from high intensity or prolonged activities conducted in hot and/or humid conditions. Most HRCav activities can be managed to ensure that participants and horses are not required to perform high intensity activities for a period long enough to cause harm, however extra precautions will need to be taken to manage risks where activities are of a high intensity or where participants are liable to push themselves or their horses beyond their normal boundaries of activity.

For further information relating to heat illness in participants and horses, refer to Appendix 10.

52.1 When weather conditions have the potential to affect the health and safety of participants and/or welfare of horses at HRCav events and activities, organisers are expected to take steps to reduce the risk of illness or injury. Decisions by a Club to cancel or modify an event where it can be shown that extreme weather conditions constituted a risk to health and safety are supported by the HRCav. Refer to Event rule 63 for further information concerning official status, refunds and allocation of performance points.

52.2 It is expected that organisers will observe all Extreme Weather alerts including alerts of storms, **lightning**, extreme winds, and extreme fire danger and will not knowingly bring Competitors into danger. Travel bans issued by Vicroads in the case of fire or flood must also be observed.

52.3 Factors to be considered before cancelling or modifying an event or activity include:

- Environmental factors: temperature, extreme weather conditions
- Duration and intensity of an event: type of activity – is it low, medium or high intensity. Duration of the activity
- **Ground/competition surface conditions**
- Format of competition/activity: opportunities for rest and hydration breaks
- Time of day: possibility of rescheduling to cooler part of day
- Local environment: radiant heat from sand arenas, indoor facilities, availability of shade
- Availability of vet or doctor

**52.4 HOT WEATHER:** The Activity Modification Chart shown below provides estimates of risk related to weather and also guidelines to managing activity in order to minimise the effects of heat. Temperature should be based on the forecast (pre event) or actual (at event) issued by the Bureau of Meteorology or by onsite measurements. The Elders weather information site provides comprehensive and easy to follow weather forecasts using BOM data. Go to [www.eldersweather.com.au](http://www.eldersweather.com.au)

Ambient Temp	Relative Humidity	Risk of heat illness	Suggested Event modification	
26 – 30	>60%	Moderate - high	Low – med intensity activity	Provide regular relief for officials. Ensure adequate water supplies. Ensure adequate shade for officials. Encourage competitors to make use of shade and take regular breaks.
			High intensity activity	In addition: Reduce number of jumping efforts. Monitor event for over exertion of mounts. Relocate arenas to grass.
31 – 35	>50%	High – very high	Low – med intensity activity	In addition: Shorten workouts. Delete non points earning classes. Reduce number of jumping efforts and/or length of course. Reduce speeds by 20%. Shorten distance of navigation ride and/or required speed. Add extra breaks/water stops
			High intensity activity	In addition: Ensure rapid access to vet/hospital care. Monitor all areas for signs of distressed horses. Provide aggressive cooling facilities ie: water and ice.
36 +	>30%	Extreme	Low – med intensity activity	In addition: Reschedule to avoid hottest part of day. Reduce number of classes. Consider postponing/cancelling event. Provide vet on site. Monitor cool down area for appropriate care. Consider cancelling phases

				High intensity activity	In addition: Cancel cross country phase of HT.
<p style="text-align: center;">*At relative humidity levels above those indicated on the table, risk of heat stress increase markedly</p> <p><b><i>52.5 LIGHTNING: If at any time an event is affected by an electrical storm, the Organising Committee must determine the distance that the storm is from the event site, by counting the seconds between sighting a lightning strike and when the sound of thunder can be heard. If the time elapsed between sight and sound drops below 30 seconds, the event must be stopped immediately and all in attendance must seek shelter inside the nearest building. The event should not resume until 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder.</i></b></p> <p>52.6 Where forecasts indicate that an event may be impacted by extreme weather, Clubs should consider initiating arrangements to cancel or modify an event between 72 and 48 hours prior. All reasonable steps should be taken to notify competitors and officials of the changes. Revised arrangements are to be advertised on the event and HRCAV website. Where sudden changes to the weather forecast necessitate cancellation or modification of the event less than 48 hour prior, organisers are required to take reasonable steps to advertise the revised arrangements and notify all participants in person via telephone or SMS. Where the option to enter on the day is offered, event programs should include advice to competitors on how to determine the status of the event should extreme weather conditions be forecast.</p>					