

Additional Rule changes effective 1st July 2018

YELLOW CARD RULES – AMENDMENTS

A number of amendments have been made to the Yellow Card rules. Following are the main rule changes. A number of minor amendments have also been made to the Event, Combined Training and Horse Trials and the Complaint Handling Rules. For ease of reference, the changes are shown in red on the current Manual which can be viewed on the HRCVA website.

EVENT RULES

New event rule

Yellow Warning Card System

64. OVERVIEW

- 64.1. Technical Delegates (TD) and HRCVA Representatives (HRCVA Reps) in attendance at Horse Trials and major HRCVA events have the authority to address offences of misconduct, dangerous riding and horse abuse occurring at the event and may issue a Yellow Warning Card to the member concerned. A Recorded Verbal Warning may be issued where the offence is considered to be of a less serious nature.
- 64.2. Yellow Warning Cards may also be issued after the event by the HRCVA Committee in accordance with the HRCVA Complaint Handling Rules.
- 64.3. The HRCVA shall maintain a record of all Yellow Warning Cards, Recorded Verbal Warnings issued.

65. DEFINITION OF OFFENCES

- 65.1. **Dangerous Riding:** Any Rider who, at any time during the competition deliberately or unintentionally by incompetence is exposing himself, his horse or any third party to a higher risk than what is strictly inherent to the nature of the Competition will be considered to have acted dangerously and will be penalised accordingly to the severity of the infringement.
- 65.2. **Abuse of Horse:** Abuse of horse means an action or omission which causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a Horse. Refer to Event rule 38 for examples of abuse.
- 65.3. **Misconduct** any breach of the Code of Conduct occurring at an event including but not limited to:
 - a) Not following the instructions of the Officials;
 - b) Behaviour or use of language in a manner which may be considered offensive.

66. ADDRESSING OFFENCES UNDER THE YELLOW WARNING CARD SYSTEM

- 66.1. Incidents not directly witnessed by a Technical Delegate or HRCVA Representative are to be reported to these officers as soon as practicable. Where possible the report should be supported by a statement from one or more witnesses and/or other forms of evidence. The Technical Delegate or HRCVA Representative should satisfy themselves that the offence has occurred as reported.
- 66.2. Any act or series of actions that in the opinion of the Technical Delegate or HRCVA Representative can be defined as misconduct, horse abuse or dangerous riding (except during the cross country phase at Horse Trials) will be dealt with by one or more of the following provisions on the day of the event. The minimum penalty for abuse of a horse is elimination from the event.
 - a) Recorded Verbal Warning.
 - b) Yellow Warning Card.
 - c) Elimination.
 - d) Disqualification.
- 66.3. Penalties for dangerous riding during the cross country phase at Horse Trials events are listed under CT/HT rule 39.3.

- 66.4. Before making a determination under these rules, the person about whom the report has been made must be offered the opportunity to be heard.
- 66.5. All Yellow Warning Cards or Recorded Verbal Warnings are to be delivered by the Technical Delegate or HRCVA Representative personally to the Rider, together with an explanation as to why it is being issued and the possible consequences if any further offences are committed. For riders under the age of 18 years, a Parent/Guardian must be present when the Yellow Warning Card or Recorded Verbal Warning is delivered.
- 66.6. Where it is not possible to comply with 66.4 and 66.5 above, the matter may be referred to the HRCVA by the Technical Delegate or HRCVA Representative for further action under the Complaint Handling rules. Names of witnesses are to be provided.
- 66.7. Riders issued with a Yellow Warning Card on the day of the event may lodge an appeal with the HRCVA within 2 working days where it can be shown that there was a breach of process or upon presentation of new evidence. Refer to Complaint Handling rule 3.3.5.
- 66.8. The Technical Delegate and/or HRCVA Representative will advise the HRCVA Committee of the issue of ALL Yellow Warning Cards or Recorded Verbal Warnings and the reason for the issue within 2 working days of the event, including the name of the Official who issued the Warning and their capacity at the event.
- 66.9. A rider receiving two Yellow Warning Cards for the same offence within a 12 month period, will incur disqualification from competition (any HRCVA discipline) for three months from the date of the second offence.
- 66.10. The Technical Delegate or HRCVA Representative will check the list of disqualified riders to ensure disqualified riders do not compete.
- 66.11. Additional penalties for infringements addressed under the Yellow Warning Card system may be imposed after the event by the HRCVA in accordance with the Complaint Handling rules.

COMPLAINT HANDLING RULES

Amendments to 3.3

3.3 Yellow Warning Card System

- 3.3.1 HRCVA appointed Representatives and Technical Delegates at Horse Trials, TTT events and other major events have the authority to address complaints relating to horse abuse, misconduct or dangerous riding at the event and may issue Recorded Verbal Warnings or Yellow Cards following the procedures specified in Event Rule 66.
- 3.3.2 The HRCVA Committee shall receive all reports issued under Event Rule 66 and has the option address any outstanding matters listed or further review offences of a serious nature under the Complaint Handling Rule 7.
- 3.3.3 The HRCVA shall maintain a record of Written Warnings, Recorded Verbal Warnings, Yellow Warning Cards issued.
- 3.3.4 A rider receiving two Yellow Warning Cards for the same offence within a 12 month period will incur disqualification from competition (any HRCVA discipline) for three months from the date of the second offence.
- 3.3.5 A rider may appeal the issue of a Yellow Warning Card at an event where it can be shown that
- there was a breach of process or
 - upon presentation of new evidence
- 3.3.6 The rider is required to lodge a Notice of Appeal with the HRCVA office within 2 working days of the issue of the Yellow Warning Card at the event, stating the grounds for the appeal. The

notice of Appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 which is not refundable if the Appeal is lost. The outcome of the appeal shall be determined by the HRCV Committee.

COMBINED TRAINING AND HORSE TRIALS RULES

Add:

37.3 Technical Delegate

37.3.1 A Technical Delegate shall be appointed to represent the HRCV at all Horse Trials events. The Technical Delegate, in conjunction with the organising committee, shall endeavour to ensure that all the arrangements for the competition are fair, safe and appropriate. The duties of the Technical Delegate include but are not limited to:

- a) Addressing breaches of the rules at the event
- b) Overseeing the cross country phase, including addressing matters relating to the design of the cross country course
- c) Overseeing the design and construction of Show Jumping courses when a Chief Course Designer is not in attendance.
- d) Addressing matters relating to safety and welfare

37.3.2 Any breaches of the rules are to be reported to the Technical Delegate in the first instance. The Technical Delegate has the authority to address such matters under the Yellow Warning Card system or may refer the matter to the Ground Jury for resolution.

Amend to read:

38 YELLOW WARNING CARDS

39.1 A Yellow Warning Card may be issued by the Technical Delegate (TD) at HRCV Horse Trials for the offences of misconduct, dangerous riding or horse abuse. A Recorded Verbal Warning may be issued where the offence is considered to be of a less serious nature. This rule is to be read in conjunction with Event Rule 66 – Yellow Warning Card System.

Add:

39 MISCONDUCT

40.1 Definition: any breach of the code of conduct including but not limited to:

- a) Not following the instructions of the Officials;
- b) Behaviour or use of language in a manner which may be considered offensive.

Add:

41.2 **Addressing instances of dangerous riding on the cross country course:** the Course Controller and the Technical Delegate have the right and the duty to monitor possible cases of dangerous riding on the cross country course and, if appropriate and practical, to stop and eliminate a Rider for dangerous riding. If not directly witnessed by the Technical Delegate, the incident must be reported as soon as possible to the Technical Delegate who will decide whether further penalties are warranted.

ADDITIONAL RULE CHANGES EFFECTIVE 1ST JULY 2018

Amend Event rule 9.1 to read

‘.....for led classes or when a body protector is worn’

Amend Event rule 9.10

Delete ‘The Club logo must be visible on the saddle blanket or upper body garment of the rider.’

Rationale: removes requirement to display club logo when body protector is worn.

Amend Dressage rules to read:

17.2 Glued on shoes or shells are permitted provided the bulbs of the heels and the coronet band are clearly visible. Removable over boots/h hoof boots satisfying this design requirement may be permitted subject to HRCav approval.

17.3 Any other removable over boots/h hoof boots are permitted in the warm-up arena but not permitted past Gear Check or into the competition surrounds or arenas.

Rationale: some removable over boots meet requirements of 17.2 but their use must be approved by HRCav

Amend CT/HT rule 36.3 to read

36.3 For Cross-Country there must be a Chief Cross-Country Judge, who may be the organiser, to supervise the Jump Judges, Mounted Stewards, Rapid Response Team/s, Time-keepers and Scorers. (Note: any Stewards mounted on horses must be members of the HRCav or EA and may not be competitors. Refer also to Event Rule 32 for further personnel.) It is compulsory for all Cross-Country fence judges be equipped with a radio for communication with the course controller.

Rationale: Safety. Note: the HRCav Horse Trials subsidy has been increased to help cover the cost to event organisers.