

NEW RULES – EFFECTIVE 1ST JULY 2018

RULE NO/SECTION		RATIONALE
LEVEL ASSESS 3.1 E)	Delete rule 3.1 e) which says 'combinations within 4 points of the next level should be allowed to point up'.	Causes confusion. LAs are expected to put combinations up even if they are within 4 points if it is clearly warranted. Spot assessment is at the discretion of the LA
LEVEL ASSESS G5	Amend Table of Base and half points – applicable for all disciplines except Showing Level 5 minimum points to be changed to Minus 10 and half points to 0	Allows level 5 minus 10 points for jumping disciplines. Gives L5 combinations more time in that level to consolidate skills.
EVENT RULE 23.6	Amend Tables 1 and 4 Level 5 minimum points to be changed to Minus 10 and half points to 0	Allows level 5 minus 10 points for jumping disciplines. Gives L5 combinations more time in that level to consolidate skills.
LEVEL ASSESS 11.6	Amend to read: Combinations ineligible for assessment under these rules may be assessed to compete Hors Concours (HC) at a lower level. The combination's performance card must be noted accordingly and assessment details recorded on the Level Assessment form. Renumber: 11.7 to become 11.6	Gives LAs the option to assess a combination HC in any discipline if the rider wants to give their horses some starts at a level lower than that indicated by rule 11.
EVENT RULE 40.7.4	Delete rule 40.7.4 which reads 'Combinations assessed at the highest level for the discipline are exempt from qualifying requirements'.	To prevent EA combinations of a higher standard than HRCav caters for dropping down the levels to compete in TTTs. Allows LASC to address issue with rider concerned.
EVENT RULE 9.2	Amendment shown below – add underlined 9.2 It is every Clubs' responsibility to ensure that their members present themselves as neatly and professionally as possible. It is recommended that each Club have specific rules as to what they will allow their members to wear when representing their Club at Official events. <u>Riders should be neatly attired in Club colours for award presentations.</u>	Clarification. Addresses expectations re dress at presentations.
EVENT RULE 9.3	Amendment shown below – add underlined 9.3 Long or short riding boots MUST be worn at all times whilst mounted. <u>Heavily rippled or blocked soles are not permitted.</u> Enclosed footwear with ripple soles, including running shoes, may be worn in Led classes.	Clarification
EVENT RULE 40.4.1	Amend to read: Should a host Club require assistance to run an event, as a 'Condition of Entry' it may stipulate that Teams must supply a volunteer helper or helpers. If a volunteer is unable to fulfil their commitments for the nominated period, a replacement helper must be provided. The Organising Committee may eliminate Teams failing to provide a volunteer helper for the nominated period	To address problem of volunteers not reporting when teams are out of the running for a placing at TTT events

	<u>and may report the matter to the HRCVA which has the option to fine the relevant Club/s an amount not exceeding \$200.</u>	
The Top Ten Awards	Add dot point . should there be combinations on equal points in first position on the Leaderboard, the combination earning the higher number of first placings shall be declared the winner. Should this process not determine the winner, then the combination with the higher number of second placings shall be declared the winner. If necessary, the process will be repeated, taking into consideration third placings and then fourth placings. Should the application of the process not determine a winner, equal status shall stand.	To split equal placings in final Top Ten award list
Champion Rider Award	Add dot point . Should there be combinations on equal points in first or second position on the Leaderboard, the combination which has earned points in the higher number of disciplines shall be placed higher. . Should this process not determine the Champion and Reserve Champion Rider, then the combination with the more even spread of Champion Rider points across the disciplines shall be placed higher.	To split equal placings in final Champion Rider placings. Best all rounder to be awarded higher place

Event rule 21.1	Amend to read 21. MEDICAL FACILITIES 21.1. The Organising Committee must appoint either a first aid organisation or at least one person holding minimum HLTAID003 first aid qualifications (or other appropriately qualified medical personnel) to be on site at all events. involving jumping (Showing excepted) and at any event that has in excess of 150 horses competing. Organising Committees may only charge a maximum of \$5.00 levy per competitor per day to cover the cost of a vet or medical staff. This levy MUST not be charged if services are provided voluntarily.	Risk management and rider safety
Event 2.4.4	Amend to read. New requirement underlined. 2.4.3 FALLS: 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. 2.4.4 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. 2.4.5 <u>All rider falls occurring at the event venue must be reported to the event office. An Incident Report form is to be lodged with the Event Secretary prior to the rider remounting or leaving the venue.</u> { XE "Falls" } { XE "Elimination on safety or welfare grounds:falls" } 2.4.6 The Ground Jury may eliminate a rider or horse from the event at any time following a fall, on the grounds that their further participation risks the health and safety of the rider or welfare of the horse.	To assist in assessment of riders following a fall
Dressage rule 20.3	Amend to read 20.3. Standing martingales, ear plugs and blinkers (remove reference to ear hoods) are not permitted in warm up or training areas or in Tests under penalty of elimination.	To align with other organisations
Dressage rule 20.5	New rule 20.5 Ear bonnets are permitted and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear bonnets must not cover the Horse's eyes and ear plugs are not permitted. Spot checks for ear plugs by Gear Steward, TD, Judge or Ground Jury may be conducted at the completion of test.	To align with other organisations

Showing Rule 10.7	Amend to read 10.7 Ear bonnets are not permitted. Ear plugs may be used.	Clarification
SJ rule 3.12	Proposed amendments 3.12. Ear bonnets are permitted for all Events and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear bonnets must not cover the Horse's eyes and ear plugs are not permitted. Spot checks for ear plugs by Gear Steward, TD, Judge or Ground Jury may be conducted following completion of round. 3.13 Any other gadgets such as bearing, running, balancing or side reins are not permitted. Ear plugs are not allowed.	To align with other organisations
SJ rule 8.2	Add underlined 8.2 The obstacles are numbered consecutively in the order in which they must be jumped, except in certain special Competitions. The numbers should be placed on the right hand side of the obstacle. <u>Obstacles must only carry numbers for the current class.</u>	Two sets of numbers are confusing for riders and result in unfair eliminations.
Dressage Rule 11	Add underlined 11. SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT 11.1 Only saddlery and equipment specified within these rules <u>(including Dressage Appendix 9)</u> is permitted in Official Events.....	Dressage Appendix 9 covers recent rulings relating to Saddlery and Equipment

NOTE: Amendments to Yellow Card rules and Showing levels to be advertised in next issue.