

NEW RULES – EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Rule no.	Rule change	Rationale
USE OF CLUB GROUNDS FOR PRIVATE TRAINING		
New General Rule 17.3	Use of locked grounds by HRCVA members outside of organized Club activities or events must be authorized by the Club Committee and appropriate arrangements formalized. The Club is required to have in place rules relating to use of the ground which mitigate risk to the Club/venue owners and riders. Where ground are open to the public, Club equipment must be stored in a locked facility and signage clearly displayed to address identified risks related to use of the grounds.	Risk management
ADVANCED LEVEL RIDER CLASSES AT SHOWS		
Showing rule 3.6 amend 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 placed in senior open rider classes at Royal, State or National Level shows <u>or who have placed in Medium level and above in dressage</u> are to be classed as Advanced level riders. Riders who have competed at Royal, State or National level in senior open rider classes <u>or who have placed in Elementary level dressage</u> are to be classed as Level 1 riders. <u>Riders who have achieved 500 or more points in HRCVA Showing on any horse are to be classed as Advanced riders.</u>	Clarification
CHANGES TO FALL REPORT PROCESS AND NEW CONCUSSION PROTOCOLS		
Delete Event Rule 2.4 and replace with Event rules 67 – 70 Rule changes underlined	<p>67 ELIMINATION ON SAFETY OR WELFARE GROUNDS</p> <p>67.1 The Presiding Judge, HRCVA 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. Riders eliminated under this rule by an HRCVA Representative or Technical Delegate officiating at the event are to receive a Yellow Warning Card or Recorded Verbal Warning.</p> <p>67.2 LOSS OF HELMET: Should a rider lose their helmet whilst competing they are immediately eliminated from that class or phase</p> <p>68. UNSOUND HORSES</p> <p>68.1 Any horse considered unsound by a Judge/Ground Jury/Vet will not be allowed to continue in any the Competition unless this decision is over-ruled by the Vet.</p> <p>69. FALL OF HORSE OR RIDER</p> <p>69.1 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.</p> <p>69.2 The Ground Jury, Technical Delegate or HRCVA Representative 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 the welfare of the horse.</p> <p>69.3 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 <u>Event Office to facilitate immediate assessment of the rider’s condition by the Event Organisers, Technical Delegate or HRCVA representative in consultation with the first aid officer. Riders are not permitted to remount or leave the venue until the assessment has been undertaken. In accordance with the annual membership disclaimer statement, injured riders may be provided with evacuation, first aid and/or medical treatment. Failure to consent to assessment or medical evacuation/treatment will be cause for immediate elimination and a mandatory Yellow Card or disciplinary hearing.</u></p>	

69.4 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.

70. CONCUSSION

70.1 All riders are to be assessed for signs of concussion following a fall. A rider exhibiting any of the symptoms listed in the table below may not remount under any circumstances and shall be provided with assistance by a person nominated by the organising committee. The nominated person shall assist with the rider's horse and equipment, organise transport to a medical facility or the concussed rider's place of residence as per the advice of medical personnel/first aid. At no stage shall the concussed rider be permitted to drive a vehicle.

70.2 Any rider that is, in the opinion of medical/first aid personnel, suffering from concussion, shall be issued with a Concussion Injury Advice (Appendix 13) prohibiting them from participating in any ridden activity for a period of 21 days. The Concussion Injury Advice Card is to be given to the person assisting the injured rider and is to be left with the injured rider. This ban may be lifted after 6 days upon presentation to the HRCav of a medical certificate stating the rider is fit to resume riding activities.

70.3 All suspected or confirmed concussions are to be reported to the HRCav on an Incident Report form for recording on the rider's file.

Critical symptoms/signs	Obvious symptoms/signs	Subtle symptoms/signs
Neck pain	Loss of consciousness	Headache
Increasing confusion, agitation or irritability	No protective action in fall to ground directly observed or on video	'Pressure in the head'
Repeated vomiting	Seizure or jerky movements after a knock	Neck pain
Seizure or convulsion	Confusion, disorientation	Nausea or vomiting
Weakness or tingling/burning in the arms or legs	Memory impairment	Dizziness
Deteriorating conscious state	Unsteady on feet or balance problems	Blurred vision
Severe or increasing headache	Athlete reports significant, new or progressive concussion symptoms	Balance problems
Unusual behavioural change	Dazed or looking blank/vacant	Sensitivity to light
Double vision	Changed behaviour – may be more irritable, agitated, anxious or emotional than normal	Sensitivity to noise
		Feeling slowed down
		Feeling like 'in a fog'
		'Don't feel right'
		Difficulty concentrating
		Difficulty remembering
		Fatigue or low energy
		Confusion
		Drowsiness
		More emotional

			<p>Irritability</p> <p>Sadness</p> <p>Nervous or anxious</p> <p>Trouble falling asleep (if applicable)</p>
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