

RULE CHANGES EFFECTIVE 1st JULY 2021

GENERAL RULES

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TRICIA READ AWARD

Tricia Read was respected Dressage Judge and Level Assessor who provided outstanding voluntary service to the HRC AV, both in the field and behind the scenes. A passionate supporter of the HRC AV, Tricia retains a keen interest in the Association.

The Tricia Read Award is presented to retiring accredited HRC AV officials who have provided 20 or more years of voluntary service to the Association.

NAVIGATION RIDE RULES

Delete NR rule 3.4

EVENT RULES

Event rule 5 – amend to read

5. CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY TO OFFICIAL EVENTS

5.1 Competitors must enter events using the official entry form as per appendix 6 for individual events or appendix 7 for team events. When entries are submitted online, all information required by Appendices 6 and/or 7 must be provided.

5.2 Competitors taking part in official events must be financial members of a Club affiliated with the HRC AV and the combination must be assessed under the HRC AV Level Assessment rules. Proof of the competitor's current membership and assessed level is to be determined by:

- a) presentation of a valid membership and performance card/s at the event prior to riding or
- b) pre-event validation of membership and assessment status where an event is advertised as a 'No Card' event.
- c) where individual circumstances warrant, a member's online record can be used to prove membership and assessment status on the day of an event.

5.3 For Combined Training and Horse Trial events the combination's dressage level is to be determined using the abovementioned options. If the entered combination is not assessed for dressage the competitor will be required to ride HC. If the combination's dressage level changes prior to competing, the competitor must advise the organisers of the change prior to the day of the event.

5.4 If a combination's level changes after entering an event, but prior to the day of the event, the competitor must contact the Event Secretary who has the option to:-

- a) Accommodate them in the new Level,
- b) Allow them to ride Hors Concours at the old level, or
- c) Refund their entry fee.

5.5 Competitors must compete at their assessed level except where rules allow otherwise.

5.6 In jumping disciplines and 3Phase Equitation, a competitor may enter at a level below their assessed level by accepting penalty points as set out in the rules for the discipline. Competitors are required to notify organisers that they will be competing at the lower level at the time of entry. Organisers are required to accept and treat equally entries from riders wishing to compete at the lower level in jumping or 3PE. Competitors competing at the lower level will not be awarded performance points but will be eligible for all other prizes.

Event rule 24 amend to read

24. DISTRIBUTION OF PERFORMANCE POINTS

24.1. Points gained at official events are to be written on the performance card/s on the day of the competition by the Organising Committee. Where an event is a designated 'No Cards' event, the organisers are required to notify competitors in writing of performance points earned within 24 hours of the competition. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that performance points are entered on their card/s.

EVENT RULES – APPENDIX 1 – PROGRAM CHECKLIST

GENERAL: The Program must state:

- The Event is "Official"
- Who is running the Event?
- Is the Event a 'No Cards' event?

SHOW JUMPING RULES

Effective immediately.

SJ rule 41 – amend to read

41.TABLE C

41.1. Points under Table C are penalised in seconds which are added to the time taken by the Competitor to complete his round.

41.2 Deleted

42. TABLE C –
TABLE OF PENALTIES

3. Description	4. Penalty
Obstacle knocked down while jumping	4 seconds

SJ rule 3.13 – add

3.13.2 Race hoods made from stretch fabric are permitted, with or without ear coverings, but without any eye coverings or cups. The hood must not be long enough to interfere with a noseband or bit.



Example:

LEVEL ASSESSMENT RULES

Replace LA rule 3 with the following:

3. SPOT ASSESSMENTS

3.1 Spot Assessments may be initiated by a Level Assessor taking into account safety and fairness when making a decision. If a Level Assessor believes a combination's level to be too high or too low and is in a position to initiate a review, the following steps must be taken to ensure that the horse and rider are correctly assessed.

- a) Check the relevant performance card or on-line record to review the member's assessment and performance history,
- b) Ensure that the combination has been viewed performing requirements of their new level and
- c) Discuss the possibility of a change of level with the rider. At competitions, the rider must not be approached unless they have finished competing.

3.2 Spot Assessments come into effect immediately. The rider is required to compete at their new level at their next event.

3.3 Details of the Spot Assessment are to be recorded on the rider's performance card. Should a rider be unable to produce the performance card, the Level Assessor shall notify the HRCVA. The member shall be provided with written advice of the assessment by the HRCVA to allow them to update their card accordingly.

3.4 Spot Assessments are to be submitted to the HRC AV or entered on the rider's on-line record within 24 hours.

3.5 If the Assessor is unable to complete a Spot Assessment, a Level Assessment Query should be submitted to the HRC AV.

3.6 Combinations which reached their current level through accumulation of performance points may not be spot assessed to a lower level except in jumping disciplines where a combination may be assessed HC or 'Lower Level'.

3.7 If the rider is reluctant to be relevelled, the rider may submit an appeal against the assessment.

3.8 In cases where an approach is made by a member seeking reassessment to a lower level, Rule 8 applies. A spot assessment may not be initiated by a member.