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Section 7 Three-Phase Equitation

PREAMBLE

The following Rules have been adopted by The Horse Riding Clubs Association of Victoria Inc. (HRC AV) and must be followed by all bodies running Official Navigation Ride Events.

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Ground Jury or the Organising Committee to make a decision in a sporting spirit whilst adhering as closely as possible to the intention of these Rules, so providing fair conditions for all Competitors.

These Rules have been drawn up in the broadest possible spirit to allow Organising Committees the fullest freedom in the management of their Events and in the preparation of their Programs. The Rules are established so that Competitors may compete against each other under fair and equal conditions.

These Rules are only complete when read in conjunction with all Rules and Regulations of the HRC AV.

1. GENERAL

1.1. Three Phase Equitation competitions (3PE) consist of three phases aimed at testing the partnership of horse and rider. It is an opportunity to display the skill and ability of the working horse within the confines of a competition arena while demonstrating harmony, relaxation and confidence.

- Phase 1 –Dressage
- Phase 2 – Obstacles: Style
- Phase 3 – Obstacles: Speed and Accuracy

1.2. The same Horse/Rider Combination must complete all phases mounted

1.3. Phases are to be run in the order shown above. Organising Committee can choose either Format 1 or Format 2. Each Phase is to be awarded individually as per rule number 16

a) Format 1 – Traditional;

Phase 1 - Dressage is completed as per the Dressage rules

Phase 2 - Obstacle – Style, once completed the rider leaves the arena

Phase 3 – Obstacle – Speed and Accuracy can be completed in a different arena or the rider will return to the same arena at a later time as per the draw.

b) Format 2;

Phase 1 – Dressage is completed as per Dressage rules

Phase 2 and 3 are completed consecutively, without the rider leaving the arena. The rider will complete the style phase and remain in the arena. The judge will ring the bell for the rider to commence the Speed and accuracy phase.

1.4. The draw is required to meet the following requirements;

1.4.1. Include a break in-between each level and/or section for each phase.

1.4.2. Where phase 2 & 3 are run consecutively as per Format 2, the draw is to allow a minimum of 10mins for each competitor in Levels 3 to Advanced and 12mins for each competitor in Levels 4 and 5.

1.4.3. The obstacle course/s are to be available for inspection at least 15 minutes before the start of Phase 2 and 3 for each level and/or section. No walk is required between Phase 2 and 3, where phase 2 & 3 are run consecutively as per Format 2 (refer to rule 1.2 (b))

1.4.4. Draw and course map to be forwarded to judges

2. LEVEL OF COMPETITION

2.1. Combinations will compete at their assessed level for Dressage or their current 3PE level whichever is the higher, except where 2.2 applies. Riders must present a valid membership, Dressage performance card and the 3PE performance card prior to riding.

- 2.2. Combinations may compete up to two levels lower than their Dressage level with the addition of penalties. Riders choosing to compete below their assessed level for Dressage shall have a 10 point penalty (for each level below) applied to their Dressage score. Note: Riders competing at the lower level will not be awarded performance points but will be eligible for all other prizes. Refer Event rules 5.5 and 24.3
- 2.3. Each level must be run separately ie: Levels cannot be combined

3. SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT

- 3.1. Dressage Phase: Saddlery and equipment as specified in the Dressage Rules applicable to the level of competition shall apply regardless, of the combination's assessed Dressage level.
- 3.2. Saddlery and equipment may be changed between Phase1 and 2.
- 3.3. Style Phase and Speed/Accuracy Phase: Saddlery and equipment as specified in Dressage Rules applicable to the level of competition shall apply, regardless of the combination's assessed Dressage level with the following inclusions:
- 3.4. Horses may be fitted with protective boots in phases 2 and 3. This includes leg boots, bell boots and hoof boots.
- 3.5. Medical arm bands must be worn in phases 2 and 3.
- 3.6. In Phase 2 & 3, any type of bridle may be used. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Hackamores are permitted. Where a bit is used refer to Dressage rules.
- 3.7. 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 competitions and will entail elimination.

4. GEAR CHECK

- 4.1. A gear check is required prior to commencement of phase 1 and 2 as per Event rule 13.2.

5. JUDGES

- 5.1. The Judges for Three Phase Equitation Competitions are appointed by the Organising Committee.
- 5.2. Phase 1- Dressage; accredited HRC AV Dressage Judges shall be used where possible.
- 5.3. Phase 2 – Style and Phase 3 – Speed and Accuracy; Official 3PE Judges to be used, where possible. Should an external judge be required, the judge must be competent in the knowledge of these rules including obstacle guidelines and have a strong understanding of HRC AV level requirements. External Judges are to be approved by the 3PE Subcommittee.
- 5.4. A Judge should not be asked to judge in excess of 32 Competitors on any one day. However, this is at the discretion of the Judge.
- 5.5. **HRC AV THREE PHASE EQUITATION JUDGE ACCREDITATION SCHEME**

The HRC AV has a list of Three Phase Equitation (3PE) Judges who have undergone the necessary examinations to judge at Official Events. Accreditation examinations are conducted by the HRC AV at regular intervals, dates of which are advertised in the HRC AV newsletter.

5.5.1. Prerequisites

- 5.5.1.1. Candidates must be financial members of an affiliated HRC AV Club.
- 5.5.1.2. Candidates must have access to a HRC AV Manual which contains the Rules and Regulations of the Association. Dressage/3PE at Level 4 or above, either by assessment or pointing up. Candidates who do not ride must be able to provide qualifications
- 5.5.1.3. Candidates must have been assessed for and experience to be exempted from the riding prerequisite.
- 5.5.1.4. All Candidates must attend a minimum of one 3PE Judges' Training Clinic and pass an open book exam.

5.5.2. Criteria to be completed in the order listed below, with in a 12 month period;

5.5.2.1. Current HRCAV Dressage Judges;

- Complete 3PE Judges' Training Clinic
- Pass open book exam

5.5.2.2. Level assessors and Show Judges;

- Complete 3PE Judges' Training Clinic
- Pass open book exam
- Pencilling
- Shadow judging

5.5.2.3. Show Jumping Judges and Non- Current HRCAV Official (refer to 5.4.3 V.);

- Complete 3PE Judges' Training Clinic
- Pass open book exam
- Pencilling
- Shadow judging

5.5.2.4. Show Jumping Judges (Speed Phase only)

- Complete 3PE Judges' Training Clinic
- Pass open book exam

5.5.3. Requirements

5.5.3.1. If required in rule 5.5.2, Candidates must 'pencil' a minimum of 10 Dressage tests or Style Phase combinations, at an Official HRCAV dressage competition, official HRCAV 3PE competition or Mock Competitions organised by the HRCAV. And,

5.5.3.2. If required in rule 5.5.2, Candidates must shadow judge with the presiding judge a minimum of 10 Style Phase combinations, across 3 different levels and 10 Speed Phase combinations across 3 different levels at an Official HRCAV 3PE competition or Mock Competitions organised by the HRCAV. The Presiding Judge must be a current unrestricted accredited 3PE judge.

- 5.5.3.3. Candidates may only become accredited to judge up to their highest assessed Level for Dressage/3PE, either by assessment or pointing up. (This may include higher Levels attained on a different horse, providing HRCAV records of the higher Level/s are held. The 3PE Sub-committee may at its discretion, on application from the candidate, allow a higher level eligibility after considering prior HRCAV accreditations/experience.
 - 5.5.3.4. A Member may, however, elect to become accredited to judge only certain Levels but these Levels must begin from Level 5 and go upwards, ie. Level 4 and 5 3PE Judge only.
 - 5.5.3.5. Candidates who have no valid judging qualifications (HRCAV or EA) are only eligible to judge up to Level 3 for the first 12 months of their accreditation. Thereafter, Candidates may apply to upgrade their accreditation one level per 12 months period providing prerequisites at 5.4.5 (V) have been satisfied.
 - 5.5.3.6. Any Member may attend Clinics and Accreditation Examinations to attain knowledge.
 - 5.5.3.7. Level 5 riders may attend Clinics and Accreditation Examinations to attain knowledge, however, are not eligible to become accredited.
 - 5.5.3.8. Candidates should be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- 5.5.4. First steps to becoming a 3PE Judge
- 5.5.4.1. A completed Expression of Interest Form (refer General Rules Appendix 14) must be forwarded to the HRCAV.
 - 5.5.4.2. HRCAV 3PE Judges Training Clinics are held periodically and are advertised in the HRCAV's Newsletter. Training Clinics and/or accreditation examinations may be held over 1 - 2 days depending on the number of Candidates or current 3PE Judges refreshing their qualification

5.5.5. 3PE Judges Examination

- 5.5.5.1. Any Member may undertake the accreditation examinations to attain knowledge without seeking accreditation.
- 5.5.5.2. Relevant Candidates must forward a completed Logsheet (see Appendix 7) to the 3PE Sub-Committee prior to being considered for accreditation.
- 5.5.5.3. Upon attendance of the Training Clinic and completion of log sheet, Candidates will be required to sit an open written Rule Book exam. This exam covers all aspects of the HRCAV's General and Event Rules and Regulations including those pertaining to 3PE 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.
- 5.5.5.4. Candidates will then be required to sit a theory examination for each Level for which they seek accreditation.
- 5.5.5.5. A pass mark of at least 90% is required for each theory exam. If the Candidate fails the theory exam they may re-sit within 3 months.
- 5.5.5.6. Upon satisfactory completion of the requirements, the Candidate will be accredited as an Official HRCAV 3PE Judge for the relevant Levels. HRCAV Certificates are issued to the successful Candidates stating the Levels accredited to judge.
- 5.5.5.7. Before applying to become accredited to judge a higher Level, Candidates must have been assessed or pointed up to that level or higher and have judged at least two Official Competitions at the previous Level. A completed Logsheet must be forwarded to the 3PE Sub-Committee prior to undertaking a refresher accreditation examination. The Candidate will also be required to sit the theory exam for that Level.
- 5.5.5.8. The HRCAV may at its discretion, on written proof of relevant judging and/or coaching qualifications, allow an exemption to the riding requirement only. Therefore EA F Level Judges and Level 1 EA Coaches align with HRCAV Level 2 Judges. EA E Level Judges and Level 2 EA Coaches align with HRCAV Level 1 Judges and EA D and above Level Judges and Level 3 EA Coaches align with HRCAV Advanced Judges.

5.5.5.9. Upon written proof of judging qualifications, current EA Dressage Judges may be granted an exemption to the riding and practical (shadowing and pencilling) requirements, however would still be required to undertake the 3PE Judges' Training Clinic and open book exam.

5.5.5.10. Subject to a pass mark of 90% in an Open Book examination on HRC AV Rules, they will be granted accreditation to judge the following levels only;

- EA D Level Judges - HRC AV levels 3, 2, 1 and Advanced only
- EA E Level Judges – HRC AV levels 3, 2 and 1 only
- EA F Level Judges – HRC AV level 3 and 2 only
- EA G Level Judges – HRC AV level 3 only

5.5.5.11. Candidates with considerable relevant experience in the field of Dressage/3PE may apply to the 3PE Sub Committee to be considered for fast track accreditation. Applications will be considered on a case by case basis having regard to the following criteria. Applicants will be required to show proof of satisfying at least two of the following criteria:

- Relevant HRC AV Competition experience, a minimum of 6 occasions in the past 4 years
- Past judging qualifications or experience within the past 5 years
- Current judging qualifications
- Equivalent international qualifications
- Current EA Level 1 and above Coaches

5.5.5.12. Candidates accepted to the fast track program shall be required to attend an HRC AV 3PE Judges Clinic and pass the Open Rule Book exam and the Theory exam/s. Upon satisfactory completion of these requirements, the candidate may be accredited as an official HRC AV 3PE Judge for the relevant Levels.

5.5.6. Maintaining Official Judging Status.

5.5.6.1. Official Judges must attend refresher clinics to remain on the HRC AV Judges' List. These refresher clinics are advertised in the HRC AV newsletter from time to time and a Judge must attend a refresher course once every two years. Refreshing Judges are required to pass an Open Rule Book exam and attend all lectures, etc and judge up to and including the Level at which they are currently qualified to judge.

5.5.6.2. When due to attend a refresher course, a reminder letter will be forwarded to the Judge. The Judge must then attend the next available exam/refresher day. If the Judge fails to attend one of the

next two consecutive refresher days, they will be advised their names will be deleted from the Official Judges' List. Exceptional circumstances will be considered upon written application to the 3PE Sub-Committee.

- 5.5.6.3. All Official Judges must remain financial Members of an affiliated HRC AV Club to maintain their judging status.
- 5.5.6.4. In order to maintain accreditation, a HRC AV Judge must officiate at a minimum number of 1 HRC AV 3PE event per annum. However, in the year that a Judge attends a Refresher/Exam day, this will suffice.
- 5.5.6.5. A request for Leave of Absence from judging responsibilities may be granted by the 3PE Sub Committee upon written request from the judge. Each request will be considered on its merits, taking into consideration the seniority and activity of the judge in preceding years. To be reinstated, a judge will be required to complete outstanding refresher requirements

6. REPORTING TO JUDGE - PHASE 2 AND 3

- 6.1. All riders must report to the judge immediately upon entering the arena, unless the Ground Jury gives other instructions.
- 6.2. For special reasons, the Ground Jury can decide reporting to the judge is not necessary.

7. ARENAS

- 7.1. Competitors may not, under penalty of elimination, ride on, over or near any part of the obstacle course, nor enter the dressage arena except when actually competing.
- 7.2. The arena should be level and separated from the public by a distance all round of 10 metres if possible; but a minimum of at least 5 metres is MANDATORY.
- 7.3. No unauthorized person, Competitor or Photographer, to enter the arena on foot once the Competition has started, unless prior permission is given by the Judge.
- 7.4. In the case of any equipment/technical failure or unforeseen circumstances that will interfere with the competition, the Judge shall ring the bell to interrupt the test. The affected rider should return to complete their test from the point of the interruption, as directed by the Judge.

8. FALLS

- 8.1. A fall of a horse or rider or both, wherever it takes place after entering the arena or before leaving the arena, whatever the cause, is penalised by elimination from that Phase. Participation in subsequent Phase is at the discretion of the competitor however, such a decision may be over ruled by the Ground Jury at any time during the event.
- 8.2. Deleted (Refer to Event Rule 69. FALL OF HORSE OR RIDER)
- 8.3. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground or the obstacle and the ground.

9. UNAUTHORISED ASSISTANCE

9.1. Outside assistance is forbidden under penalty of elimination at the discretion of the judge or ground jury. Any intervention by a third party, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Competitor or of helping his horse, is considered illegal assistance. Exceptions:

- If a Competitor voluntarily dismounts, they may be assisted to catch the horse, to adjust saddlery, to remount, or be handed any part of their saddlery or equipment, while dismounted or after remounting.
- A Competitor may be handed their whip or spectacles or any aids as pre-approved by the HRCAV at any time without incurring penalties.

10. MARKING SHEETS

10.1. The Judges' marking sheets for Phases 1 and 2 must be made available to Competitors when the scores for all competitors in their section have been posted and prior to presentations. The Phase 3 score sheet must also be posted with the Phase 3 results.

10.2. Riders have 30 minutes from the posting of results to advise of errors or lodge a protest

11. PHASE 1 – DRESSAGE

11.1. In the Dressage phase, the judge will reward horse and rider combinations displaying a harmonious partnership. While there are different expectations at different levels, the overall aim is to develop a horse which is calm, supple, loose and flexible but also confident, attentive and keen. Balance and lightness is progressively developed.

11.2. Rules for Dressage shall apply to Phase 1, except where modified in these rules.

11.3. The following HRCAV dressage tests are to be used.

- Advanced Competitors – Test A.1 or A.2
- Level 1 Competitors – Test 1.1 or 1.2
- Level 2 Competitors - Test 2.1 or 2.2
- Level 3 Competitors - Test 3.1 or 3.2
- Level 4 Competitors - Test 4.1 or 4.2
- Level 5 Competitors - Test 5.1 or 5.2

11.4. The calling of Dressage Tests at Three Phase Equitation competitions is permitted

12. PHASE 2: OBSTACLES – STYLE

- 12.1. In the Obstacles – Style competition the horse and rider negotiate a course of obstacles designed to replicate challenges found in the field. The obstacles should be completed correctly and accurately showing balance and rhythm according to the level requirements. The horse should be completely accepting of the obstacles with no hesitations or refusals.
- 12.2. Level expectations below are subject to any specific directives for individual obstacles mentioned in Appendix 1;

Level	Description – Style phase
5	Riders to compete over a simplified obstacle course. No rein back required. Obstacles are completed in walk or trot and cantering is permitted between obstacles. Transitions are progressive.
4	At this level some backward steps are required to negotiate obstacles. Riders may walk or trot the course and cantering is permitted between obstacles. Transitions are progressive
3	Riders may walk, trot or canter the course and should canter between obstacles. Transition are more direct. Changes of lead should be through trot
2	Riders should be cantering between obstacles and cantering some obstacles. Transitions are direct. Changes of lead should be through trot
1	Most obstacles are completed in trot or canter with simple changes. Direct transitions including walk to canter.
Adv	Most obstacles are completed in trot or canter and flying changes are encouraged. Working towards completing the course in canter and walk only. Showing canter/walk transitions.

- 12.3. Safety of obstacles/course to be Judge's responsibility. Judge to have authority to adjust the course or remove obstacles to address safety concerns

13. PHASE 3: OBSTACLES – SPEED AND ACCURACY

- 13.1. The Speed and Accuracy phase is a test of precision and control, where the competitor aims to complete an obstacle course quickly but without penalties.
- 13.2. Where a course differs significantly from the style course, or where the Speed and Accuracy phase is held on a different arena competitors must be given the opportunity for a separate course walk.
- 13.3. Safety of obstacles/course to be Judge's responsibility. Judge to have authority to adjust the course or remove obstacles to address safety concerns.
- 13.4. The time is taken from the instant at which the combination crosses the starting line to the moment when the combination crosses the finishing line.
- 13.5. If hand held timing equipment is used, time may be recorded in seconds and tenths of seconds. If fixed electronic timing is used, then time may be recorded to hundredths of a second.
- 13.6. The Speed and Accuracy test may be ridden at any gait unless otherwise specified in the course instructions. All other requirements specified in the Obstacle Guidelines must be followed. The bridge, varied footing and timber bank must always be ridden at a walk

14. COURSE PLAN

- 14.1. Obstacles will be selected from those listed in Appendix 1. Course plans must be submitted to the HRC AV office with the competition program for approval, or at least 6 weeks prior to the date of the event. Course plans must be distributed with the draw.
- 14.2. The course/s will comprise of between 8 and 16 numbered obstacles with a minimum of 10 metres between each obstacle. Obstacles must only carry numbers of the current class. The numbers should be placed on the right hand side of the obstacle.
- 14.3. The dimensions of obstacles are laid down in Appendix 1, these must be observed with the greatest care. In no circumstances will marginally decreasing the minimum or exceeding the maximum dimensions be acceptable, regardless of limitations caused by material used for construction and/or position of the obstacle on the ground.

- 14.4. The plan must indicate the following: The position of the starting and finishing lines. During a round, unless otherwise indicated, these may be recrossed without penalty.
 - 14.4.1. The relative position of obstacles, their type and numbering
 - 14.4.2. The position of the mounting block.
 - 14.4.3. Any compulsory turning points marked by a white flag on the left side and a red flag on the right.
 - 14.4.4. Where necessary, arrows showing the direction in which an obstacle must be approached.
 - 14.4.5. The list of obstacles, arena dimensions and any relevant instructions for their completion.
- 14.5. Red and white flags/markers mark the start and finish of the course. Red to be on the riders' right and white on the riders' left
- 14.6. Red and white flags/markers may be used to mark the entrance and/or exit of an obstacle. Red to be on the riders' right and white on the riders' left
- 14.7. Three Phase Equitation Sub-Committee has the right to request changes to the course plan prior to approval.
- 14.8. No changes are allowed to the course map including instructions once the course map has been approved by the Three Phase Equitation Sub-Committee.

15. TABLE OF PENALTIES - PHASE 2 STYLE:

0 score for obstacle	Error of Course (Judge will ring the bell and ask for a correction unless it will impede on the fluency 2 penalties. On the third occasion elimination)	ELIMINATION Judge will ring the bell and ask the competitor to leave the arena.
Pole: Failure to replace	2 barrels: Directional error: commencing obstacle on incorrect rein	Failing to cross starting flags within 45 seconds of judge's bell
Jug: Failure to replace	3 barrels: Directional error: commencing obstacle on incorrect rein	Gate: Raising rope of gate above the riders shoulder height
Switch cup: Failure to replace	Single Slalom: Directional error: commencing obstacle on incorrect rein	Resistance exceeding 15 seconds on course unrelated to obstacle*
Move Item: Failure to replace	Double Slalom: Directional error: commencing obstacle on incorrect rein	Fall of horse or rider
Bridge, varied footing or timber bank: Trot or canter	Side pass pole: Directional error:	Outside unauthorized assistance.
Bridge or varied footing: Stepping off sideways	Stock Pen: Directional error: commencing obstacle on incorrect rein	Third Error of course
Refusal/Resistance* of an obstacle exceeding 15 seconds	Incorrect gait for the level	Third Refusal/Resistance* on course exceeding 15 seconds
Missing an obstacle	Incorrect order on course	
Changing hands while negotiating an obstacle		
Knocking over an obstacle so that it cannot be completed		

*Resistance is defined as excessive circling, not moving forward, stopping, running backwards or sideways

16. TABLE OF PENALTIES - PHASE 3 SPEED AND ACCURACY

5 seconds each occasion	Error of Course (Judge will ring the bell and ask for a correction, the clock remains running. On the third occasion elimination.)	ELIMINATION Judge will ring the bell and ask the competitor to leave the arena.
Contacting an obstacle (including the pole) with any part of the horse or rider	2 barrels: Directional error: commencing obstacle on incorrect rein	Failing to cross starting flags within 45 seconds of judge's bell
Bridge, varied footing or timber bank: Trot or canter	3 barrels: Directional error: commencing obstacle on incorrect rein	Gate: Raising rope of gate above the riders shoulder height
Bridge or varied footing: Stepping off sideways	Single Slalom: Directional error: commencing obstacle on incorrect rein	Refusal/Resistance exceeding 15 seconds related to an obstacle*
Changing hands while negotiating an obstacle	Double Slalom: Directional error: commencing obstacle on incorrect rein	Resistance exceeding 15 seconds on course unrelated to obstacle*
Failure to pick up the ring or dropping the ring	Side pass pole: Directional error	Failing to complete an obstacle(with exception to the ring) eg; Switch cup: Failure to replace. Move item: Failure to replace
	Stock Pen: Directional error: commencing obstacle on incorrect rein	Knocking over an obstacle so that it cannot be completed
	Pole: Failure to replace	Fall of horse or rider
	<u>Incorrect order on course</u> or missing an obstacle	Outside unauthorized assistance
		Failure to Salute the Judge subject to rule 6.1
		Third Error of course

*Resistance is defined as excessive circling, not moving forward, stopping, running backwards or sideways.

17. SCORING

17.1. PHASE 1 – DRESSAGE

- 17.1.1. HRC AV Dressage Test sheets shall be used.
- 17.1.2. The combination with the highest score, after application of penalty points, has the highest placing

17.2. PHASE 2 – OBSTACLES: STYLE

17.2.1. The test for Phase 2 consists of a series of obstacles, which are listed on a score sheet. HRC AV Style Test sheets are to be used (Appendix 2). The Judge may allot from 0 - 10 points for each numbered movement. Half marks from 0.5 to 9.5 may also be used for both the movements and collective marks, at the discretion of the Judge. These points are then added together and any penalty points are deducted to give the competitor's total score. The competitor with the HIGHEST score has the highest placing.

17.2.2. Scale of Marks

10	excellent
9	very good
8	good
7	fairly good
6	satisfactory
5	marginal
4	insufficient
3	fairly bad
2	bad
1	very bad
0	not executed

The marks 10 to 0 must be awarded where the performances warrant their use. It is recommended that all movements be given a comment, especially Levels 3 to 5, and particularly for marks below 6

17.3. PHASE 3 – OBSTACLES: SPEED AND ACCURACY

- 17.3.1. This is a timed event, and the competitor with the lowest time, after the addition of any penalties has the highest placing.

18. DETERMINING OVERALL PLACINGS

- 18.1. Competitors in each phase are allocated points from first to last placing according to the number of competitors in the section. The competitor with the highest total points over the three phases will be declared the winner.
- 18.2. Competitors must complete all three phases to be eligible for a placing.
- 18.3. In the event of equal placings in the individual phases, the placing competitors' points are added together and divided by the number of competitors. The equal placings are skipped and the next points awarded.

Example: Section 1 (Level 5) – Dressage phase has 12 competitors.

The first placing will receive 12 points with subsequent placings awarded points on a sliding scale. If there were two eighths, 5 and 4 points are added together and divided by 2. The equal placings receive 4.5 points each. The next placing receives 3 points. Eliminated/retired competitors will receive 0 points.

Example point allocation for individual phase

Number of riders: 12

Placing	Points
1 st	12
2 nd	11
3 rd	10
4 th	9
5 th	8
6 th	7
7 th	6
=8 th	4.5
=8 th	4.5
10 th	3
Elim	0
retired	0

18.4. In the event of equal overall points, the combination with the best Obstacles Style result will place higher. If there is still a tie, the combination with the best Dressage result will place higher. If there is still a tie, then the Competitor with the best result in the Speed and Accuracy phase shall be the winner. If there is still a tie, they shall be considered equal.

18.5. Prizes may be awarded for placings in each phase. Ribbons, sashes or rosettes allocated as per Event rule 25.1

19. ELIGIBILITY FOR PERFORMANCE POINTS

19.1. The same Horse/Rider Combination must complete all phases mounted with a minimum of 60% in the Dressage and Style phases to be eligible for performance points.

19.2.

Example

Three Phase Equitation points scoring

No.	Rider	Club	Horse	Dressage			Style			Time			Total	Place
				%	PI	Points	%	PI	Points	Time	PI	Points		
1	Sue	Rosedale	Timmy	65%	2	4	81%	1	5	6.15	5	2	11	1*
2	Tony	Sale	Texas	55.3%	5	1	59%	4	2	4.36	4	3	6	4
3	Maria	SEDC	Barney	75%	1	5	E	E	0	3.51	E	0	E	E
4	Jane	Penin	Ranger	63.5%	4	2	71.3%	2	4	3.13	1	5	11	2*
5	Andrew	Trar	Billy	63.8%	3	3	61.5%	3	3	3.21	2	4	10	3

Tests are recorded as %

Competitors are ranked according to their results

Asterix indicates countback for placing

Points are allocated according to place
 Number of competitors is 5 therefore
 1st place rider gets 5 points
 2nd place – 4 points
 3rd place – 3 points
 4th place – 2 points
 Eliminated riders receive 0 points

Rider #3 was eliminated in one of the phases therefore ineligible for a placing

Appendices

1. Allowed Obstacles
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