



RULE CHANGES

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EVENT RULES

Updated first aid rules for Events

Amend Event Rule 21 to read as follows:

21. MEDICAL FACILITIES

21.1 Medical Personnel for HRCav events. The Organising Committee must appoint at least one person holding minimum HLTAID011 first aid qualifications, (or other appropriately qualified medical personnel), or a professional First Aid Service Provider to be on site at all events. At events attended by more than 50 riders, a minimum of two qualified first aid officers or a professional First Aid Service Provider must be present.

21.2 First Aid Service Providers in Victoria must be licensed in accordance with the Non-Emergency Patient Transportation First Aid Services Act 2003. A list of licensed providers may be referenced on the Victorian Dept of Health website, www.health.vic.gov.au/patient-care/first-aid-services . First Aid Providers in other states are required to meet equivalent standards of service.

21.3 Top Team Trophy events Medical Personnel. At TTT events, a Medical Service provider offering Intermediate level of service must be used. The minimum clinical staff level includes certificate IV or diploma trained first aid officer and some registered health professionals. Providers to have access to some scheduled medications and be trained and equipped to adequately cater for significant injuries or illnesses which may require referral to another healthcare provider or hospital for ongoing care, for example fractured bones. The number of first aid staff required will depend on a range of factors including number of participants and type of event.

21.4 Horse Trials events Medical Personnel and Facilities. At Horse Trials, a Medical Service Provider must offer Advanced level of service. The minimum clinical staff level includes registered health professionals, such as registered paramedics, registered nurses, and registered medical practitioners, including anaesthetists and critical care physicians. Providers to have access to additional scheduled medications and be trained and equipped to adequately cater for serious injuries or illnesses which often require referral to another healthcare provider or hospital for ongoing care. For example, traumatic head injured patients who have been intubated. In addition, advanced providers may offer primary care services, such as suturing and anti-biotic administration.

21.4.1 When Show Jumping and Cross Country Phases are held simultaneously, two teams of first aid officers are required.

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- 21.4.2 A vehicle equipped with first aid equipment, must be capable of rapid response to all areas of the venue accessed by competitors
- 21.4.3 Prior to the day, local and State ambulance provider / emergency services are to be notified of the location, time, type of event and estimated numbers.
- 21.5 Horse Trials Veterinary Personnel**
- 21.5.1 A Veterinarian should be present throughout the Horse Trials event, but in any case, must be present during the Cross Country phase.
- 21.5.2 An incident response vehicle equipped with equine first aid equipment and a horse float attached, which is capable of rapid response to all areas of the venue must be on site during the Horse Trials event.
- 21.6 Medical Levy.** Organising Committees may charge a maximum of \$5.00 levy per competitor per day to cover the cost of medical services. At Horse Trials a maximum of \$10 per day may be charged to cover the cost of medical and veterinary services. These levies must not be charged if services are provided voluntarily.

COMBINED TRAINING & HORSE TRIALS RULES

Loss of helmet

To bring CT/HT rules into line with Event rules: amend CT/HT rule 34 to read as follows:

34. **LOSS OF HELMET:** Should a rider lose their helmet whilst competing they are immediately eliminated from that class or phase

Horse Trials officials

Rules consolidated under new heading. Add new CT HT rule 36 to read as follows:

36. OFFICIALS

36.1 Judges

36.1.1 The Judges for Combined Training Events and Horse Trials Events are appointed by the Organising Committee.

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36.1.2 For the Showjumping phase, it is preferable to utilise the services of an accredited HRC AV Judge. If not, the Judge must be fully conversant with the Rules governing HRC AV Showjumping Events.

36.1.3 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 HRC AV 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.

36.2 Technical Delegate

36.2.1 A Technical Delegate shall be appointed to represent the HRC AV 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

36.2.2 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.

36.2.3 Medical & Veterinary Personnel - Refer to Event rules 21.4 & 21.5

Crisis Management

Add new heading for Crisis Management rule.

37. CRISIS MANAGEMENT

37.1 A Crisis Management Plan shall be devised for all Horse Trials events, using Event Rules appendix 13 as a guide. A copy of the Plan shall be provided to each member of the Crisis Management Team.

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Hand-held radios

Add new rule 38 to read:

38. COMMUNICATION

Hand held radios must be provided to all key personnel at Horse Trials including:

- Cross Country Course fence judges,
- Safety Officer
- Medical Response team
- Technical Delegate
- Dressage Marshall
- Show Jumping Marshall
- Cross Country Starter
- Cross Country Finisher
- Veterinarian
- Event Secretary

DRESSAGE RULES

Elimination due to lameness

Amend Dressage rule 26.1 to align with Event rules. Rule to read as follows:

26.1 In the case of marked lameness, the Judge informs the rider that he/she is eliminated from that class. There is no appeal against this decision. If cleared by the Vet, the rider may ride the horse in subsequent class/es.

GENERAL RULES

Child Safe requirements

Add new General rule 14.5 to highlight the requirements of the HRC AV Child Safe Policy.

14.5 Prior to commencement of training, the Candidate must submit a Child Safe Declaration (Appendix 26) and a current Working with Children Check certificate

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COMPLAINT HANDLING RULES

Reporting period

Amend Complaint Handling Rule 5.2 to read:

5.2 Complaint must be received by the HRCV Office within 30 days of the alleged offence. *Notwithstanding, the HRCV Committee may waive the 30-day reporting period requirement for complaints relating to serious breaches of the Code of Conduct.*