

3 PHASE EQUITATION RULES – EFFECTIVE 1ST JANUARY 2022

CHANGES TO OBSTACLE GUIDELINES

Section	Change/update	Rational
Obstacle 3 – Double Slalom	Number of Slalom poles adjusted to allow from 4 poles instead of 5.	This allows for more flexibility in course design and the obstacle to be used in a smaller arena space.
Obstacle 4 – Single Slalom	As above	
Obstacle 4 – Single Slalom - Style Phase (judging Criteria)	Wording change from “loops” to “shallow serpentine”	To provide clearer guidance to riders on what is required when riding the obstacle.
Obstacle 6 - Jump	Removed wording; “a small jump” “If something other than a rail is used eg. a log, the width must not exceed the height.” “Where a cross rail is used,”	For Safety reasons; Jump to only be a cross rail as it was recognised that riders may not be confident in jumping.
Obstacle 6 - Jump	Words added; Recommended to have a practice jump available.	For Safety reasons; To enable riders to have a practice jump, so the first jump is not the one in the competition.
Obstacle 6 - Jump	Changed picture	To show a cross rail as per the requirement.
Obstacle 8 – Jug table	Wording change from “marker” to “Jug”	Typo – there is no marker at the jug table.
Obstacle 9 - Side pass pole	Words added; with shoulders slightly leading	To clarify requirement for riders.
Obstacle 9 - Side pass pole – Style Phase (judging Criteria)	Words added; Level 2, Level 1 and Advanced the horse should be travelling on an angle, with the shoulders slightly leading, horses head may be flexed to the opposite to the direction of travel.	To clarify requirement for riders.
Obstacle 10 - Bell Corridor	Words added; Level 3, rider performs full rein back out of the corridor.	To clarify requirement for riders. Typo - *Level 3 requirement was not mentioned.
Obstacle 12 - Switch Cup	Removed wording; (usually left to right)	Not required and confusing for rider.
Obstacle 17 - Bank	Words added; and min of 1m wide.	For Safety reasons (in line with Bridge requirement)
Obstacle 17 – Bank Style Phase (judging Criteria)	Words added; Where constructed of wood;	For Safety reasons (in line with Bridge requirement)
Obstacle 19 – Varied Footing	Wording change from; Changed “Bridge” to “Varied footing”	Typo – was copied and pasted from the bridge obstacle and wording not changed.

Obstacle 19 – Varied Footing	Words added; mattresses,	For Safety reasons – clubs have wanted to use mattresses for the footing.
Obstacle 20 – Stock Pen	Changed picture	To clarify requirement for riders. Old picture had arrows so it appears they only ride one direction, where the obstacle can be ridden in each direction.

CHANGE TO RULE

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3.5	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.	Feedback received.