



# NEW RULES

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### HORSE TRIALS

Amend 10.2 to read

At Horse Trials Events, numbers are to be displayed on both sides of the horse during all three phases. During the Cross country phase, riders must also wear numbers on their front and on their back. Competitors are required to provide their own Cross Country bib number holders. The Organising Committee is to provide printed numbers for insertion in the bib number holder or advise competitors if they are required to provide their own bib numbers.

Amend HT rule 5.3 as follows:

**5.3** No competitor may compete, other than hors concours, on a horse which has had the opportunity to practice over any of the obstacles at any level within **14** days of the event (not including the day of the event).

### SHOWJUMPING

**55.3** – amend reference 55.56 into 55.5.6.

**4.1** – add new clause 4.1.2 to read: At the discretion of the Jumping Sub Committee, permission to use outdoor arenas slightly smaller than stipulated in 4.1 for use by L2+ may be granted. Requests must be submitted in writing to HRC AV office at least 2 months prior to the proposed event date listing the following information:

- Proposed venue location
- Arena dimensions
- Proposed course builder
- Proposed classes

The JSC may require inspection of the relevant arena before making a decision and permission will only be granted if the proposed course builder has demonstrated experience in successfully designing courses for small arenas.

**4.2** – add new clause 4.2.1 to read: Competitors may not re-enter the arena on foot before any jump off(s), however in Competitions over two rounds with different courses, Competitors may inspect the course before the second round.

**42** – add new clause 42.2 to read: There is no time allowed under Table C, however the following time limits are applicable:

- Three minutes, if the length of the course is 600 m or more; or
- Two minutes, if the length of the course is 400 to 600 m; or
- 90 seconds if the length of the course is less than 400m.

**42** – Table of Penalties – delete row 10: ~~Exceeding the time allowed (First round and jump-off) 1 second for each commenced second.~~

**43.1** – amend as follows: ~~Adding, in the following order, the time of the round, plus the time penalties in seconds for exceeding the time allowed, plus the seconds for jumping faults, gives the score obtained, in seconds, by the Competitor for his round.~~

**43.1** – add new wording to read: Add the time of the round plus the seconds for jumping faults to give the score obtained, in seconds, by the Competitor for his round.

**7** – add new clause **7.6** to read: The tracks for different classes held in the same ring for the same level at an Event must differ by at least 50%. This can be achieved by reversing the direction in which fences are jumped.

**48.1 through to 48.7** – be deleted in their entirety and amended to read as follows:

**48.1** – to read: The Competition takes place with a fixed time of 45-60 seconds. The Competitor takes the greatest number of obstacles in the fixed time and restarts the course if the fixed time has not yet been reached.

**48.2** – to read: All rounds must be timed, starting either when the Competitor passes over the start line or 45 seconds after the bell, whichever is the sooner.

**48.3** – to read: No combination obstacles are allowed.

**48.4** – to read: When the fixed time is reached, the bell is rung. The Competitor must then jump the next obstacle and the clock is stopped at the moment when the horse's forefeet reach the ground, but he is given no points for the obstacle jumped after the bell has rung.

**48.5** – to read: If the time limit is reached at the moment when the horse is already taking off, this obstacle counts whether it is knocked down or not. Time is taken at the following obstacle, at the moment when the horse's forefeet touch the ground on landing.

**48.6** – to read: The Competitor gets two points for an obstacle correctly jumped and one point for an obstacle knocked down.

**48.7** – to read: 'Disobediences are penalised by the time lost by the Competitor, but three disobediences stop the Competitor. In this case, the Competitor will be placed last of the Competitors who have obtained the same number of points'.

**48.8** – to read: 'If a Competitor has a disobedience and displaces or knocks down an obstacle, the clock is stopped whilst the obstacle is re-built and the bell rung accordingly. The fixed time is decreased by 6 seconds'.

**48.9** – to read: 'The winner of the Competition will be the Competitor who has acquired the greatest number of points in the fastest time'.

**48.10** – to read: 'When the Competitor does not jump at the first attempt the obstacle at which the clock should be stopped, the round is ended. The Competitor is then placed last of those who have obtained the same number of points'.

**56.1** – new clause to be added to read: 'Rider Over Obstacles – Combinations are to compete at their assessed level for Show Jumping. Riders may elect to compete one level lower than their assessed level. A penalty of 10 marks will be deducted from their overall score. This will not be a points-earning class'.

**56.2** – new clause to be added to read: 'The course shall be simple and flowing and consist of 7 fences. Maximum dimensions of the obstacles shall be the same as those set out in the Show Jumping rules for the first 3 fences of the first round of the day, ie 5cm lower than the maximum for the level'.

**56.3** – new clause to be added to read: 'The course shall consist of:

- 1 combination
- 3 spread fences and
- 3 upright fences'.

**56.4** – new clause to be added to read: 'The Competition shall be judged as follows:'

**RIDER OVER OBSTACLES - 56.4.1** – new clause to be added to read: 'A score out of 10 shall be allocated for each obstacle. The combination shall be judged as 1 obstacle. There will be a time allowed.

- a) In determining the obstacle score, the approach, jumping effort and depart will be considered. The judge shall take into consideration the style of the rider and horse.
- b) Rider considerations include but are not limited to: Balance and position. Correct presentation to fence (meets all fences squarely with correct striding). Correct use of the aids.
- c) The horse should be willing and steady. Show good form (bascule) over the fence. Show balance and confidence. Approach fences on appropriate canter lead, change leads in a manner appropriate for level of combination'.



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**56.4.2** – new clause to be added to read: ‘In addition to marks for each obstacle, a mark out of 10 shall be allocated for the following:

- a) Overall impression. Horse and rider working as a team. Flowing. Supple. Good tempo and rhythm.
- b) Rider – position and control over the course.
- c) Horse – jumping ability, style and scope’.

**56.4.3** – new clause to be added to read: ‘Faults as per Table A shall be deducted from the style total to give the final score’.

**56.5** – new clause to be added to read: ‘The judge shall take into consideration the Show Jumping Level expectations of the combination. Expectations can be found in the Level Assessment section of the Manual’.

**56.6** – new clause to be added to read: ‘If there are equalities of scores and penalties, places shall be determined by the highest collectives. If the collectives are also equal, then equal places shall be awarded’.

## MEDICAL ARMBANDS

All reference to medical armbands to be removed and add a new Event Rule:

## EVENT RULES

19.3 The Event Organiser must have a copy of all competitors’ entry details, including their emergency contact details, on the site of the competition. If hard copies of the entry form have been used, these must be on site. If the records were obtained electronically, they must be accessible at all times when competitors are riding.

## 3 PHASE EQUITATION

### Judges

New rule/changes as follows:

**5.5** – amendments as follows: ‘The HRCav has a list of Three Phase Equitation (3PE) Judges who have undergone the necessary examinations to judge at Official Events. *3PE Judges Training Clinic* and accreditation examinations are conducted by the HRCav at regular intervals, dates of which are advertised in the HRCav newsletter’.

**PREREQUISITES 5.5.1** - delete clauses **5.5.1.1** to **5.5.1.3** in their entirety as follows:

~~5.5.1.1. Candidates must be financial members of an affiliated HRCav Club.~~

~~5.5.1.2. Candidates must have access to a HRCav 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.~~

**5.5.1** – add new clause as follows: ‘*Selection criteria for 3PE Judges:*

- *Financial Member of an affiliated HRCav Club*
- *Current Working with Children Check or be exempt from the requirement to have a WWCC*
- *Assessed at Level 4 or above for Dressage or 3PE*
- *Over 18 years of age.*
- *Must have access to the HRCav Manual*

- *Candidates who do not ride must provide proof of experience or qualifications of equivalent criteria.*
- *Previous 3PE or equivalent experience.*
- *Sound knowledge of HRCV Rules.*
- *Candidates will be required to undertake an open book written examination. The pass mark is a minimum of 90%.*

**5.5.2.3** – remove as follows: Show Jumping Judges and Non- Current HRCV Official ‘(refer to 5.4.3 V.)’.

**5.5.3.3** – amend to read as follows: ‘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 HRCV 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 HRCV accreditations/additional experience’.

**5.5.3.5** – delete in its entirety: Candidates who have no valid judging qualifications (HRCV 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’.

**5.5.3.8** – delete section in its entirety: ‘Candidates should be a minimum of 18 years of age’.

**5.5.4.2** – remove as follows: HRCV 3PE Judges Training Clinics are held periodically and are advertised in the HRCVs 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 *qualificatio*n.

**5.5.5.4** – delete in its entirety: Candidates will then be required to sit a theory examination for each Level for which they seek accreditation:

**5.5.5.5** – delete in its entirety: 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.

**5.5.5.7** – amend as follows: ‘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** – amend as follows: ‘The HRCV 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 HRCV Level 2 Judges. EA E Level Judges and Level 2 EA Coaches align with HRCV Level 1 Judges and EA D and above Level Judges and Level 3 EA Coaches align with HRCV Advanced Judges’.

**5.5.5.9** – amend as follows: ‘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 *with a pass mark of 90%*’.

**5.5.5.10** – delete in its entirety: ‘Subject to a pass mark of 90% in an Open Book examination on HRCV Rules, they will be granted accreditation to judge the following levels only;

- EA D Level Judges – HRCV levels 3, 2, 1 and Advanced only
- EA E Level Judges – HRCV levels 3, 2 and 1 only
- EA F Level Judges – HRCV level 3 and 2 only
- EA G Level Judges – HRCV level 3 only’.



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**5.5.5.11** – add additional wording: ‘Candidates with considerable relevant experience in the field of Dressage, 3PE or Working Equitation 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 HRCav 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’.

**5.5.6.4** – remove wording as follows: ‘In order to maintain accreditation, a HRCav Judge must officiate at a minimum number of 1 HRCav 3PE event per annum. However, in the year that a Judge attends a Refresher/Exam day, this will suffice’.

Rational: ensure consistency across judges scheme and correct process completed.

**18.1** – new rule to read as follows: ‘the overall placings are awarded to the combination that completes all three phases with the highest number of points, as per Event rule 25.1’.

## Housekeeping - 18.1 to 18.5 – be renumbered to capture new 18.1 above

**18.5** – amend numbering to 18.6 and amend to read as follows: ‘Prizes and other special awards for placings in each phase at the discretion of event organisers’ and remove wording ‘Ribbons, sashes or rosettes allocated as per Event rule 25.1’.

Rational: to clarify this is an option but not required. Ribbons, sashes, or rosettes are optional prizes therefore should not be subject to rule 25.1.

**PHASE 1 DRESSAGE – 11** – add a new clause **11.5** to read: ‘a modified mark, calculated from the table below, shall be applied after all other calculations have been applied to/from the Total Achieved – Dressage points. The modified mark is based on the competitors straight Dressage level as shown on their dressage performance card, to enable the dressage scores to exert the appropriate influence on the result of the whole competition. The total score for the Dressage Phase is scored in good (positive) points, therefore the competitor with the highest score, after modifying marks have been applied, has the highest placing’.

1. Dressage Level	2. 3PE Level	3. Modifying Mark
1 or Advanced	1	0
1 or Advanced	2	-5
1 or Advanced	3	-10
1 or Advanced	4	-15
1 or Advanced	5	-20
2	2	0
2	3	-5
2	4	-10
2	5	-15
3	3	0
3	4	-5
3	5	-10
4	4	0
4	5	-5

**5.2** – amend to read: ‘Phase 1 – Dressage; Dressage rule 4.1 applies, except where modified in these rules’ and remove wording ‘Phase 1 – Dressage; accredited HRCAV Dressage Judges shall be used where possible.’

**5.2.1** – add new clause to read as follows: ‘Where a 3PE competition is not run in conjunction with an official Dressage only competition, the dressage phase judge, of a level 2 accreditation, can be allocated to judge all levels and be exempt to Dressage rule 4.1’.

**5.5.4.2** – update wording ‘qualificationN’ to reflect correct grammar ‘*qualification*’.

**12.2** – amend to remove wording ‘Appendix 1’ and add – ‘*under rule 20*’.

**18** – remove wording ‘open and close a gate’.

## EVENT RULES

### Three Phase Equitation TTT

New rule/changes as follows:

**24.13.1** – add new clause to read: ‘*HRCAV points for Performance Cards are awarded to individual placegetters in each Section*’.

**49.** – add new section titled: ‘*TTT 3 Phase Equitation (3PE)*’

**49.1** – add new clause to read: ‘*Official HRCAV 3PE Judges to be selected to judge Phases 2 and 3*’.

**49.2** – add new clause to read: ‘*Courses must be approved by the 3PE Sub Committee and designed by an experienced 3PE course designer/judge*’.

- *Courses must be submitted no later than 8 weeks from the event date.*
- *The 3PE subcommittee will complete the approval within 2 weeks of receipt.*

**49.3** – add new clause to read: ‘*3PE Sub Committee reserves the right to assign a delegate to the TTT event to oversee the course set up and design in addition to the Office HRCAV Official*’.

**50.9.4 b)** – amend as follows: ‘*For Horse Trials, 3 Phase Equitation and Combined Training TT events which do not use a jackpot points system, points based on placings will be used (ie: 1<sup>st</sup> place in a field of 25 earns 25 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place earns 24 points...)*’.