



# RULES – SEPTEMBER 2023 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

## 3 PHASE EQUITATION

### New Rule - Safety

**14.1.1** *Where the Varied Footing is used, clubs must forward a photo of the varied footing frame and a description of what will be used in the obstacle, along with the course plan to form part of the approval process.*

New rule to address safety concerns.

15. **Add into elimination column – “Putting hand through the loop of the rope gate”**  
Rationale - Riders have been seen in recent comps putting hand through the rope. **Safety issue**
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## PROPOSED NEW RULES FEEDBACK INVITED

Feedback on the proposed rule changes to be forwarded to [info@hrcav.com.au](mailto:info@hrcav.com.au) before 27th October 2023.

## EVENT RULES

### Event rule 21.6 (Medical levy). to read as follows:

*“Organising Committees may charge a maximum of \$10.00 levy per competitor per day to cover the cost of medical services. At Horse Trials a maximum of \$20 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.”*

**Rationale:** to reflect escalating cost of Medical Services and that HTs now need 2 ambulances onsite when SJ and XC occur simultaneously

### Event rule 40.7.1 – Amend to read as follows:

#### a) **Option 1**

Combinations to have competed in a minimum of 3 official HRCav events in the same discipline as the TTT event (not including the previous TTT) *with the exception of Horse Trials, where combinations to have competed in a minimum of 2 official HRCav Horse Trials (not including the previous TTT).*

**Rationale** – Recognition that there are limited events which allow members to qualify via option 1 for HT events.

#### Event Rule 44.3 (Number of classes at TTT SJ events).

**Current:** There must be three (3) Competitions offered, one of which must be a Table A.

**Proposed:** *There must be two Competitions offered, one of which must be a Table A. An optional third competition may be offered which would not form part of the TTT results and which would not be points-earning.*

**Rationale:** To reflect the reduction in number of classes in most normal SJ events from 3 to 2 for welfare reasons but give discretion to host clubs and riders travelling long distances

#### Amend Event Rule 70.1

*A fall of rider or horse whilst in the competition arena or on the competition course, whether the rider has commenced competing or not, shall result in elimination from the class.*

*In Dressage, this rule applies from the Judge's signal to start the test until the competitor departs the arena at A following completion of the test.*

*In Show Jumping, a fall of horse or rider or both, after crossing the finishing line but before leaving the arena is not penalized by elimination.*

**Rationale** – To resolve a conflict in SJ rules.

## DRESSAGE RULES

#### DR 26.2 – Amend to read as follows:

*The number of Competitors in each Section at each Level are allocated points from first to last placing. 2 Tests must be completed to be eligible for the Jackpot. Hors Concours Competitors are not included in the Jackpot scoring.*

**Rationale** – Competitors that have completed only 1 test can score higher in the placings than those that have completed 2 tests.

#### DR 18.3 - Amend to read as follows:

Spurs must be made of metal or hard plastic *and the shank be no longer than 4cms from the end of the boot.*

**Rationale** – To bring in line with EA rules.

#### DR 18.5 Amend to read as follows:

The tip of the shank must not point inwards *or upwards.*

**Rationale** – To bring in line with EA rules.

#### DR 17.2 – Amend to read as follows:

Glued on shoes or shells are permitted. *Removable over boots / hoof boots are permitted.*

**Rationale** – The demographic of HRCV riders includes many barefoot horses, some of which are unable to be shod for various reasons. Boots are required on many hard/abrasive arena surfaces for these horses. The current rule disadvantages many of our members.

### DR 17.3 –Delete in its entirety (Subject to approval of 17.2)

~~Any other removable over boots/hof boots are permitted in the warm-up area but NOT permitted past Gear Check or into the competition surround or arenas –~~

*Rationale: No longer relevant subject to approval of DR 17.2*

### DR 16.2 – Amend to read as follows:

A double bridle is optional for Level 1 and Advanced Level assessed combinations only. *This includes in the warm-up arena.*

**Rationale** – To make clear to members that you may not ride in any area at a competition in a DBL bridle unless assessed L1 or ADV.

### DR 36.1.1. - Rule to be amended to read: Add clause

Appointment as a Dressage Judge Mentor may be offered to accredited HRCav Judges satisfying the following criteria:

- Minimum five (5) years' service as HRCav Dressage Judge
- Minimum accreditation of Level 3
- Acknowledged professionalism in the conduct of their duties as a Dressage Judge
- Other significant, relevant experience as a judge, competitor or official.

**Rationale-** Experienced judges at level 3 or 2 would be valuable mentors for candidates accrediting for levels 3-5, and increasing the pool of Senior judges for these levels across the state will enable easier accreditation in more remote areas, taking the load off the current few Senior judges.

### 36.2. Selection Process for Senior/Mentor Judges

- The nominator shall be a current Senior Dressage Judge
- Nominations must be made in writing to the HRCav Dressage Sub Committee and include supporting information / recommendations.
- Should the Dressage Sub Committee support the nomination, it shall be referred to the Executive committee for endorsement.

### 36.3. Role of the Senior Dressage Judge.

A Senior Dressage Judge:

- Is permitted to undertake assessments of Dressage Judge candidates and refreshing Judges at their practical judging examination up to and including the Senior Judge's accreditation level.
- May be invited to contribute to the writing and assessment of new candidate and refreshing Dressage Judge examination papers.
- May be invited to conduct Dressage Judge training and exam days.
- May be invited to contribute to the review of Dressage rules and be called upon to provide feedback to the Dressage SubCommittee on issues related to dressage from time to time.

#### 36.4. Role of the Mentor Dressage Judge.

A Mentor Dressage Judge:

- Is permitted to undertake assessments of Dressage Judge candidates and refreshing Judges at their practical judging examination up to and including the Mentor Judge's accreditation level
- May be invited to contribute to the review of Dressage rules and be called upon to provide feedback to the Dressage Sub-Committee on issues related to dressage from time to time.

**36.5.** Senior/**Mentor** Judges will be required to undertake an open book exam every second year, and participate in a practical refresher, either as facilitator or participant.

**36.6.** To retain Senior/**Mentor** status, the Dressage Judge must maintain accreditation and be willing to undertake the duties listed under rule 36.3.

***Recommendations** to withdraw senior/**Mentor** status shall be made by the Dressage Sub Committee and become effective upon endorsement of the recommendation by the Executive Committee. A Senior/**Mentor** Dressage Judge may resign from the role by notifying the Dressage Sub Committee in writing.*

**Rationale** - To fall in line with nomination requirements.

#### DR 36.2 ( Dot point 2)

Remove reference to Appendix 7 as this form no longer exists.

**Rationale:** No longer relevant

## SHOWJUMPING RULES

### Proposed Rule Change

#### SJ Rule 27.3 Amend to read as follows:

*A fall of a horse or rider or both, after entering the arena and before crossing the finishing line, whatever, the cause, is penalised by elimination from that class. **A fall of horse or rider or both, after crossing the finishing line but before leaving the arena is not penalized by elimination, however, the combination is not permitted to take part in any jump-off or second round if applicable for that class unless the rider has first been cleared by the Event's medical service and it will not delay the completion of the class.***

**Rationale** – To resolve a conflict in Event Rules.

## HORSE TRIALS RULES

### Proposed Rule Change

#### **10.2 Horse Trials 6.2**

Recommend this rule should read ***only .1 Dressage tests must be used for HT's at all levels.***

**Rationale** - Complaints about some competitions using harder tests. Dressage tests specific for HT will not be written by the DSC as deemed onerous and unnecessary.

#### 21.4.2 Amend to read as follows:

*A fall of rider or horse and rider whilst in the competition arena or on the competition course, shall result in elimination. The competitor must retire from that phase but may start in subsequent phases with the permission of the Technical Delegate or organising committee. **In the Show Jumping phase, a fall of horse or rider or both, after crossing the finishing line but before leaving the arena is not penalized by elimination.***

**Rationale** – To resolve a conflict in Event Rules.

## SHOWING RULES

### Judges

#### 4.1 – Amend to read as follows:

*4.1 Only official HRCav Judges may be used to judge at official HRCav events unless there are extenuating circumstances and prior written approval is given by the HRCav office. Failure to abide by this requirement may result in loss of official status. (refer Showing Rules Appendix 1 for listing of all HRCav Judges).*

**Rationale:** The showing subcommittee have experienced an increase in requests to use unofficial judges at showing events but for the event to maintain official status. The current rule is very brief and does not place enough emphasis on the fact that official judges are to be used to maintain official status unless extenuating circumstances occur. The proposed rule is consistent with existing dressage rule for use of unofficial judges with the exception of reference to the request form which is to be adapted from the existing dressage request form to showing.

## 3 PHASE EQUITATION RULES

### Refusal/Resistance

#### 15 – Amend to read as follows:

*Remove from “0” column - Refusal/Resistance\* of an obstacle exceeding 8 seconds*

**Rationale:** This should be reflected in the score. To align with the rules that a rider has 3x 8sec refusal.