



NEW RULES – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST 2024

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.”

Event rule 40.7.1 – Amend to read as follows:

a) **Option 1**

Combinations to have competed in a minimum of 3 official HRC AV 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 HRC AV Horse Trials (not including the previous TTT).*

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

DR 18.5 Amend to read as follows:

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

DR 17.2 – Amend to read as follows:

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

DR 17.3 –Delete in its entirety

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.*

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

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

- Minimum five (5) years' service as HRCVA 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.

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 HRCVA 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.

DR 36.2 (Dot point 2)

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

SHOWJUMPING RULES

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.

HORSE TRIALS RULES

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.

SHOWING RULES

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).

3 PHASE EQUITATION RULES

Refusal/Resistance

15 – Amend to read as follows:

Remove from "0" column - Refusal/Resistance* of an obstacle exceeding 8 seconds.

LEVEL ASSESSMENT RULES

8. REVIEW OF ASSESSMENTS

- a) A rider who progresses to a higher level in any discipline (including higher levels in non-HRC AV competition) is required to ensure that their assessments still comply with Level Assessment rules.
- b) Review of assessments by a Level Assessor is required:
 - i) When assessments on other horses are in conflict with rule 11
 - ii) When a combination's assessment does not align with the combination's level of competition in other organisations.
 - iii) In Combined Training, when a combination advances in Dressage, Show Jumping or Horse Trials.
- c) Reviews of other disciplines or other horses shall be undertaken at the discretion of the Level Assessor.
- d) Adjustment of related assessments is at the discretion of a Level Assessor and the Assessor will determine whether the rider is competent at their new level as part of the review process. For example: a rider who points up to level 1 Horse Trials but is not competent at that level, may be permitted to remain in level 4 on another, less experienced horse.
- e) Assessment reviews of combinations which progress to a level higher than that offered by the HRC AV shall be undertaken by the Level Assessment Sub Committee.
 - i) Once a combination is deemed to be competent at the level higher than the highest level offered by HRC AV, they shall be required to compete HC or LL in HRC AV competition, and their assessment record shall be amended accordingly.
 - ii) A combination which has competed two or more levels higher in non-HRC AV competition shall be required to compete HC in HRC AV events in that discipline.
 - iii) A combination's assessment may be reinstated upon application to the Level Assessment Sub Committee where it can be shown that special circumstances exist.

Clarification of assessment expectations in lower levels.

Add Level Assessment rule 2.7

- 2.6 Both the rider and the horse shall be allocated a Level as a Combination in each assessed discipline. They will be placed into the Level relative to their experience and ability. A member may be allocated a Level on more than one horse, again as a Combination.
- 2.7 The requirements for level 4 & 5 competition are designed to encourage less experienced riders.
 - 2.7.1 Level 5 is intended for novice, inexperienced or less confident riders.
 - 2.7.2 Level 4 is intended for riders with improved balance, control and confidence, or riders with some experience seeking assessment on young or green horses.