



# NEW RULES EFFECTIVE 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2025

## Combined Training & Horse Trials Rules

### Delete Table of Number of Fences/Jumping Efforts on Cross Country (Page 7-9)

Update table as below

### Table of Heights, Speeds, Distances (Page 7-10)

DESCRIPTION OF FENCE	LEVELS				
	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Vertical fence</b>	1050mm	950mm	800mm	650mm	500mm
Minimum <b>width of face</b> (maximum of two obstacles) \$	1200mm	1350mm	1500mm	1500mm	1500mm
<b>Drop Fence</b>	1400mm	1200mm	1000mm	700mm	500mm
<b>Brush Fence**</b>	1250mm	1150mm	1000mm	850mm	700mm
<b>Spread without height</b>	2400mm	2000mm	1400mm	950mm	650mm
<b>Spread with height:</b>					
at highest point	1200mm	1000mm	800mm	650mm	500mm
at base	1800mm	1500mm	1200mm	800mm	650mm
Height of <b>obstacle or bank into water</b>					
With a drop	800mm	650mm	300 5mm#	150mm#	n/a
Without a drop	800mm	650mm	300 5mm#	150mm#	n/a
Maximum drop (incl obstacle)	1400mm	1200mm	1000mm	500mm	0
Height of jump out of water	900mm	750mm	500mm	400mm	n/a
Depth of water	300mm	300mm	300mm	300mm	300mm
Width of crossing	Min 9000mm	Min 9000mm	Min 6000mm	Min 6000mm	Min 6000mm
Number of Efforts	20-25	15-25	15-25	15-25	15-20
Cross country distance <b>mtrs ##</b>	2000-3000	2000-3000	1500-2500 1600-2400	1500-2500 1200-2000	1200-2000 1200-1600
Cross country speeds in meters per minute	500	450	400	350	300
Distance to finish (min – max mtrs all levels) (Note that there should be a broad relationship maintained between distance and efforts)	25- <u>50</u>				
<u>Distance start box to first fence (m)</u>	<u>50-75</u>				

#### Notes

# must have ramp option

\$ Fences less than the described minimum face may be offered but must have an option fence given.

## The course distance must be measured using the option which measures within the table of height, speeds and distances.

\*\*Brush fences must be regularly maintained and allow horses to pass readily through the brush and not present a 'solid' element to the fence. Back of brush box MUST NOT be higher than front. The material used must be such that the risk of injury to horses is as small as possible. Thick stems and sharp ends after trimming/cutting must be avoided. Back rail must be 100mm lower than front rail.

SHOW JUMPING SPECIFICATIONS					
Show Jumping heights (maximum)	1050mm	950mm	800mm	650mm	500mm
Show Jumping widths (maximum)	1200mm	1000mm	800mm	650mm	500mm
Show Jumping speeds in mpm (large arena)	325	300	300	275	250
Show Jumping speeds in mpm (small arena <2400m <sup>2</sup> )	300	275	275	275	250
Distance from start to first fence & last fence to finish m	6-15 m (all levels)				

## CHANGE TO TOE DIPPING RULE CT/HT 12.7

**Remove Rule 12.7**

## Showjumping Rules

### Amend 27.3

*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 penalised by elimination, however, the combination is not permitted to take part in any jump-off or second round if applicable for that class and will be placed **equal last in the jump off with combinations which have withdrawn, retired or been eliminated in the jump off**. The combination is not eligible to earn performance points for the class.*

### Add SJ 27.3.2

**Participation in subsequent classes by riders who have fallen is only permitted when the OC's Medical/First Aid officer advises the judge(s) that the rider has been approved to continue by the medical personnel attending the event.**

## Event Rules

### Amend Event Rule 19.4

**At Show Jumping Events, Host Clubs must appoint Medical/First Aid liaison officer to advise judges when riders who have fallen are cleared by medical personnel to take part in subsequent classes.**

**Add to Event Rule 24.7.3 - The second** Points earning class of the day must have a first round which is not against the clock and a jump off against the clock where at least 50% of the fences are at maximum height for the level. The first round must have a time allowed and a time limit (eg: AM5, 2 Phase or AM7). If 2 Phase is used, the 2nd phase must comprise 6 obstacles, one of which may be a combination, and be judged according to SJ rule 55.5.2,55.5.4 or 55.5.6

## Three Phase Equitation Rules

CLAUSE NUMBER	CHANGE
1.3 a)	Remove the wording "Traditional"  <b>Add in;</b> Note; This format to only be used when multiple rings and equipment are available. eg Min of one for each Style and Speed and Accuracy
Rule 5.5.5.3	Update to read –  Upon attendance at the Training Clinic, <i>Candidates will be required to sit an open written Rule Book exam</i> and <i>the</i> completion of log sheet. This exam covers all aspects of the HRCVA's General and Event Rules and Regulations including those pertaining to 3PE and a pass mark of 90% is required. Candidates who fail the open Rule Book exam at the first attempt may re-sit the exam within 3 months.
Rule 5.5.2 – review	5.5.2.2 to be update Title to read; All other candidates.  <b>Remove 5.5.2.3.</b>
11.5	<b>Remove;</b> <i>Advance from the current Level 1 rows.</i>

### Add in the below rows

Dressage Level	3PE Level	Modifying Mark
<i>Advanced</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-5</i>
<i>Advanced</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-10</i>
<i>Advanced</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>-15</i>
<i>Advanced</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>-20</i>
<i>Advanced</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>-25</i>

14.1.1.	Add wording- The footing must be only one type of footing and the description of footing stated on the course map.
15 - Style Penalty Table	Error of course to have " <b>eg</b> " added to the examples. Add to the elimination column; Missing 3 obstacles on course.
	Reword to read; Bridge, <b>Wooden Bank</b> or varied footing: Stepping off sideways <b>with min of 2 hooves</b> Add foot note below the table; Side pass – knocked off the stands is reflected in the score.
16 - Speed and Accuracy Penalty Table	Update heading of the first column to read; <del>5</del> <b>10</b> seconds each occasion <b>Obstacle</b>
	Add to the <b>10</b> sec column; Level 4 not showing min of 2 backward steps Add foot note below the table; Side pass pole- receives one penalty even if touch multi -times or knocked off stands.
	Add wording- max height 1.5m.

<p>20 7. Gate</p>	<p>Add wording - It is recommended that a solid gate be a height of 1.3m.</p> <p>Add wording -</p> <p>The gate must be opened in a safe manner and not opened with rope under the horse's neck. Eg Level 4 &amp; 5 - opening the rope gate and passing/throwing the rope under the horse's neck to the opposite side.</p>
<p>20 9. Side Pass Pole</p>	<p>Remove;</p> <p>At Level 2 and above, an L or Z shape may be used.</p> <p>Update to read;</p> <p>Level 2 – single pole or two parallel poles only Level 1 – L shape may be used Advanced – Z shape may be used</p> <p>Add wording - It is recommended to have a have a 2.4 to 3m pole for level 2 and where an L or Z is used.</p>
<p>20 10. Bell Corridor</p>	<p>Update wording to read; Level 3 <b>and above</b> rider performs full rein back out of the corridor</p>
<p>20 12. Switch cup</p>	<p>Update wording to read;</p> <p>Level 2 and above, may have a rectangle of poles, so would then rein back and place the cup on the opposite pole at the start of the rectangle, <b>then continue to back out of the obstacle.</b></p>
<p>20 17. Bank</p>	<p>Immediate safety rule change - Add - Where a "Wooden" bank is used it is to be no higher than 30cm high for all levels.</p>
<p>20 18. Move item</p>	<p>Reword to read;</p> <p>This obstacle consists of an item placed on a drum or post at least 1m high, which is picked up and carried <b>a min of 10m</b> by the rider, then replaced either in the same place or elsewhere as instructed.</p> <p><b>If the item/object is to be replaced/dropped off in the same position as it was picked up the obstacle will have specific instructions on the map and markers or red and white flags on the obstacle course to direct the rider.</b></p> <p>The object could be a <b>small</b> flag, small hessian feed bag, oil skin coat, or Akubra hat for example.</p> <p><b>The object should be easy to grasp/pick up and hold while riding and stable and weighty enough to resist falling or blowing off the drum or post. Larger flapping items would be best suited only for the higher levels.</b></p> <p>Riders may carry the item while also holding onto the reins with both hands or in one hand while riding with the reins in the other hand.</p> <p>The rider will approach the table in a gait appropriate to the level, then halt* and retrieve the item. The rider will then walk, trot or canter to the drop off point, which <b>is to be a min of 10m away. The rider then Halts* and places the item at the drop off point.</b> <del>may</del> be close by or some distance away.</p>

<b>20</b> <b>19. Varied Footing</b>	<p>Add wording;</p> <p>The footing must be only one type of footing. Examples of suitable a footing would be low pile plain carpet, wood chip, rubber mat or fake grass.</p> <p>The frame and footing should is not able to move during the duration of the competition or cause a safety concern.</p>
	<p>Update wording to read;</p> <p>The Varied Footing frame must be a minimum of 3 metres in length, 1 metre wide and no more than 20cms high <b>with a min plank size of 45mm x 75mm or equivalent.</b></p>
	<p>Update photos to show it can be a low frame.</p>
<b>20</b> <b>20. Stockpen</b>	<p>Reword last sentence – This obstacle can be ridden in one direction only in the Speed and Accuracy Phase.</p> <p>To;</p> <p>This obstacle <del>can</del> <b>may</b> be ridden in one direction <del>only</del> <b>or both directions</b>, in the Speed and Accuracy Phase <b>as per course plan instructions.</b></p>

**Updated level 3 Style phase (Judging Criteria) gait to change To read**

STYLE PHASE (JUDGING CRITERIA)		
Level	Gait	Directives
3	Walk- <del>or</del> Trot* <b>or Canter*</b>	Gait, shape and evenness of circles, rhythm, bend , quality of the change of rein

**Update tables for Obstacles 20.13 – Pole Pick up, 20.14 - Ring, 20.15 Pole Drop off**

STYLE PHASE (JUDGING CRITERIA)		
Level	Gait	Directives
2	Walk- <del>or</del> Trot* or Canter*	Gait, Rhythm, straightness, accuracy

## Level Assessment Rules

### RULE 13: MEDICAL CONDITIONS

- 13.1** At assessment, members must disclose any medical conditions or limitations that can negatively affect their ability to ride safely and competently.
- 13.2** Concessions, such as an exemption from Rule 11 or reassessment to a lower level, may be applied to assist members with medical conditions.
- 13.3** If a Level Assessor reasonably believes that a member's medical condition affects their ability to meet the minimum standards of competency (Rule 19.3), the Assessor must decline to assess and notify the Level Assessment Sub-Committee.
- 13.4** The Level Assessment Sub-Committee will review a member's fitness to compete upon receiving notification under Rules 13.3. A medical certificate may be required to confirm fitness.