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HORSE RIDING CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.

# RULE CHANGES

## EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY (Safety)

### 3 PHASE EQUITATION RULES

#### 3 PHASE EQUITATION – POLE PICK UP

##### Sliding Scale by Level

The pole may be carried while the rider is negotiating other obstacles, however the level of difficulty must be appropriate to the level of competition.

**Levels 4 and 5** Remain unchanged.

**Levels 3 and 2** The pole may be carried through a maximum of **two obstacles** only. The pole must not be carried through the following obstacles:

- Water
- Three Barrels
- L Corridor Rein Back

**Level 1 and Advanced** The pole may be carried through a maximum of **three obstacles** only. The pole may only be carried through the Water obstacle once the horse has already completed the Water obstacle without the pole.

**All Levels** The pole must not be carried through the following obstacles:

- Gate Side Pass Pole
- Bell Corridor
- Move Item
- Switch Cup
- Double Slalom
- Jug
- Jump

**Speed Round** The pole must not be carried through Water or Three Barrels in the Speed round.

## RULES EFFECTIVE 1<sup>st</sup> JULY

### DRESSAGE RULES

#### USE OF VOICE

##### Dressage Rules Amended to read:

- 24.1** The use of the rider's voice during a test is permitted for the purpose of encouraging or rewarding the horse, provided it is appropriate, discreet, and not excessive or continual. Tongue clicking is regarded as a form of vocal aid and is permitted under the same conditions.
- 24.2** Excessive, inappropriate, or disruptive vocalisation will be treated as an error of test. The judge will stop the test, advise the rider of the breach, and apply a deduction of 2 marks to the relevant movement. Any further occurrences will result in the test being stopped again and additional penalties being applied in accordance with DR 23.3.

## 3PE RULES

### OBSTACLE 7 GATE:

The gate can be a solid opening (hinged) or a rope gate and a min of 1m height and max height 1.5m. It is recommended that a solid gate be a height of 1.3m. The opening to be of approximately 2m. Generally, if a solid gate is used for the Style phase it can be replaced with a rope gate for the Speed and Accuracy phase. Level 3, 4 and 5 - a rope gate only must be used for Style and Speed phase.

The rider to approach perpendicular to the gate, then move the quarters parallel to the gate with horses' head toward the latch and then open the gate. The solid gate must be opened away from the horse. The horse should then walk through the gateway. Level 5 and 4 riders do not close the gate, and at this point should halt for 5 seconds, then move to the next obstacle. For other levels, once the horse has fully exited the other side of the gate, the rider may back up one or two steps to close the latch. For Level 3 and above, a hand must remain on the solid gate or rope gate at all times during the manoeuvre. However, if the solid gate or rope gate is dropped, it may be picked up to complete the task without the rider dismounting.

Level 5 and 4, do not close the gate. Halt not required in the Speed and Accuracy phase.

The gate must be opened in a safe manner and not opened with rope under the horse's neck. E.g. Level 4 & 5 – opening the rope gate and passing/throwing the rope under the horse's neck to the opposite side

## SHOWING RULES

### NEW RULES

**24.3** Ribbons must be awarded to 4th place in all Classes and sashes/rosettes must be awarded for Champion and Reserve Champion placings. Satin or felt place ribbons/sashes/rosettes may be used. Sashes for Rider championships are to be a minimum of 180cm long.

**46.1.5** Each ring shall have a maximum of 30 competitors, which must be divided for judging in accordance with Showing rule 12.2 such that the maximum number of ridden combinations on the circle at any one time is a class must not exceed 10

## SHOWJUMPING RULES

### 3. SADDLERY

**3.6.** Monkey grips and neck straps are permitted at all levels. If a neck strap is worn it must be affixed to at least one point of the saddle.

### 27. FALLS

#### 27.3.1 SHOWJUMPING RULE

All rider falls must be reported to the Event Office, for further requirements see ER 69.3

### RULE 42 TABLE C TABLE OF PENALTIES

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 400

### 44 ELIMINATIONS

**44.3.3 Delete**

**Rule 44.3.19 Remove Headgear**

**Jumping Equitation Rule 65 Delete**