

## **RULE CHANGES EFFECTIVE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2009**

### **EVENT RULES**

#### **. Hors Concours**

#### **Amend Event Rule 8 to read**

#### **8. HORS CONCOURS**

8.1 The definition of Horse Concours is 'not competing for a prize'. Therefore, the competitor will not qualify for any ribbons, prize or prize money, nor will points be issued on the performance card.

8.2 For presentation of prizes and performance points, HC competitors are ignored. If a HC competitor places, the placing is ignored and all placing competitors below the HC competitor move up the placings.

8.3 Competitors wishing to compete HC must obtain permission from the Event Secretary at time of entry. All HC entries must be members of the association and comply in every way with the rules governing official competition except as provided in this rule.

8.4 Competitors may compete HC at the discretion of the organising committee in the following circumstances

8.4.1 Below assessed level

8.4.2 Ineligible to compete under the presiding judge

8.4.3 Failure to present valid performance/membership cards

8.4.4 Unforeseen or exceptional circumstances where a decision is made in a sporting spirit whilst adhering as closely as possible to the intention of the rules.

8.5 Members may not compete HC higher than their assessed level in any discipline which involves jumping.

8.6 Unassessed combinations may not compete HC in any discipline which involves jumping.

### **LEVEL ASSESSMENT RULES**

#### **Add new Rule 11.7 under**

#### **RIDERS ASSESSED ON MORE THAN ONE HORSE**

11.7 Combinations ineligible for assessment at Levels 5 or 4 in jumping disciplines may be assessed to ride at those levels Hors Concours. The combination's performance card must be noted accordingly and assessment details recorded on the Level Assessment form.

## **RULES RELATING TO FALLS**

### **Rule changes applying to Event rules and all disciplines**

#### **EVENT RULES**

##### **ADD NEW RULE**

2.4 To ensure the health and safety of horse and/or rider whilst competing, a fall of rider or horse and rider whilst in the competition arena or on the competition course, whether the rider has commenced competing or not, shall result in elimination from that 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.

2.4.1 A fall of rider is considered to have occurred if any part of the rider's body makes unintentional contact with the ground or any solid surface. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground or an obstacle (in jumping) and the ground. Participation in subsequent classes is at the discretion of the competitor.

2.4.2 Should the fall occur outside the competition arena or off the competition course, further participation at the event is at the discretion of the competitor.

2.4.3 Notwithstanding the above, a decision by a competitor to continue to ride following a fall may be over ruled by the Ground Jury at any time during the event.

#### **DRESSAGE RULES**

##### **Amend rule 19.2 to read:**

19.2 A fall of horse and/or rider, occurring from the time the judge signals to start the test until departure from the arena at A following completion of the test, will result in elimination from the class. A fall of rider is considered to have occurred if any part of the rider's body makes unintentional contact with the ground or any solid surface. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground. Participation in subsequent classes is at the discretion of the competitor however, such a decision may be over ruled by the Ground Jury at any time during the event.

##### **Amend rule 13.2 to read:**

13.2 All Tests begin with the entry at A and end after the salute at the end of the Test, as soon as the horse moves forward. Any incidents occurring before the beginning or after the end of the Test have no effect on the marks with the exception of falls of horse and/or rider which result in elimination as per rule 19.2. The Competitor should leave the arena in the way that is prescribed in the text of the test.

#### **SHOW JUMPING RULES**

##### **Amend rule 27 to read**

##### **27 FALLS**

27.1 A fall of rider is considered to have occurred if any part of the rider's body makes unintentional contact with the ground or any solid surface.

27.2 A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground or the obstacle and the ground.

27.3 A fall of a horse or rider or both, wherever it takes place after entering the arena or whatever the cause, is penalised by elimination from that class. Participation in subsequent classes is at the discretion of the competitor however, such a decision may be over ruled by the Ground Jury at any time during the event.

## COMBINED TRAINING & HORSE TRIALS RULES

### Amend following rules to read:

#### 21.5 FALLS

21.5.1 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.

21.5.2 Notwithstanding the above, a decision by a competitor to continue in subsequent phases following a fall may be over ruled by the Ground Jury at any time during the event.

21.5.3 In the Dressage Phase, rule 21.5.1 applies from the Judge's signal to start the test until the competitor departs the arena at A following completion of the test.

21.5.4 A fall of rider is considered to have occurred if any part of the rider's body makes unintentional contact with the ground or any solid surface.

21.5.5 A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground or the obstacle and the ground.

#### 20. PENALTIES

Change penalties for 'Fall of horse and/or rider' to Elimination

Delete 'second fall of horse and/or rider'

#### 26. ELIMINATION AND RETIRING

26.1 Competitors eliminated or retiring from any part of the course for any reason whatsoever, shall do so at a walk and shall take every precaution to avoid disturbing other competitors. They shall not jump any obstacles after being eliminated or retiring.

26.2 delete

26.3 delete

## NAVIGATION RIDES

### ADD NEW RULE

**1.7** A fall of rider or horse and rider whilst on the competition course shall result in elimination. A fall of rider is considered to have occurred if any part of the rider's body makes unintentional contact with the ground or any solid surface. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground.

1.7.1 Falls are to be reported to the Ground Jury. Only reports submitted by the following persons shall be actioned. Witness reports must be corroborated.

- a) a member of the effected pair or
- b) officials or competitors who were witness to the fall.

1.7.2 Should a horse or rider fall at the venue prior to commencing the ride, further participation is at the discretion of the competitor. However, a decision by a competitor to continue to ride following a fall may be over ruled by the Ground Jury at any time.

## DRESSAGE RULES AND EVENT RULES

### Toe Stoppers

Amend Event Rule 9.7 to read

Toe Stoppers are permitted in all disciplines at all levels.

Amend Dressage Rule 10.16 to read

Toe stoppers attached to stirrups are permitted in all levels.

### . Use of double bridle by Level 2 combinations

#### **Amend 10.3.2 to read**

Combinations assessed at Advanced and Level 1 have the option of using a bridle with a snaffle bit or a double bridle. A double bridle is an English-type bridle with a bridoon (snaffle) bit and a curb bit with curb chain, both fitted with a set of reins.

## DRESSAGE RULES AND EVENT RULES

### Arenas

Amend Event Rule 20 as follows:

#### **EVENT RULE**

#### **20. ARENAS**

20.1 If star pickets/steel droppers or wooden stakes are used to set up arena fencing, then the end of the stakes must be capped in such a way as to prevent injury. Any such capping must be securely fastened to prevent it being dislodged.

Amend Dressage Rules as follows:

#### **DRESSAGE RULES**

#### **5 WARM-UP AREA**

5.1 An area must be set aside for Competitors to use for warming-up purposes. If the area is fenced it must be done in a manner which does not pose a hazard to the safety of horse and rider.

#### **6 RIDING IN WARM-UP AND TRAINING AREAS**

6.1 No horse, either ridden or led, may enter any arena other than the warm-up arena, except when actually competing in a Competition, on penalty of elimination. This Rule applies also when Competition arenas are erected on the days preceding an Event.

#### **7 ARENAS**

7.1 All Tests are ridden individually within an arena of either 60 x 20 metres or 40 x 20 metres, according to the instructions on the Dressage Test Sheets. Plans of the arenas are to be found in Dressage Rules Appendix 4 showing the position of markers. When the smaller arena is in use, the markers, R, S, V and P are not required.

7.2 Arenas should be set out to the dimensions shown in the diagrams in Dressage Rules Appendix 4.

7.3 The arena should be level and separated from the public by a distance all around of 10 metres if possible; but a minimum of at least 5 metres is MANDATORY. This includes between arenas.

7.4 The arena must consist of a low fence not exceeding 0.50 metres high. Where that fence is suspended from posts (ie: rope or plastic chain) the fence must be clearly off the ground. It may be marked in the following ways:

- a) By a continuous surround of plastic or timber boards, PVC pipes supported by plastic cones, similar prefabricated arena specific material or a continuous rope. Materials are to be a contrasting colour to the surface
- b) Fixed timber edging such as telegraph poles
- c) If star pickets/steel droppers or wooden stakes are used to set up arena fencing, then the end of the stakes must be capped in such a way as to prevent injury. Any such capping must be securely fastened to prevent it being dislodged.
- d) Electric fencing tape or temporary poles placed on the ground must not be used in the construction of an arena.

## DRESSAGE RULES

### . Judges on Leave of Absence

#### **Add rule 26.4.6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A request for Leave of Absence from judging responsibilities may be granted by the Dressage Sub Committee upon written request from the judge. Each request will be considered on its merits, taking into consideration the seniority and activity of the judge in preceding years. To be reinstated, a judge will be required to complete refresher requirements.

## EVENT RULES

### . Fees for Combined Training competitions

Amend 3.2.3 to read

Clubs running Official Combined Training/Dressage only at the same Event may offer two Tests at the same Level or one Test which is used for Combined Training and Dressage only. If the second option is used the Club may charge a maximum of \$10 for Dressage only entry to Combinations who are assessed the same Level for Combined Training and Dressage.

## SHOWING RULES

### . minor administrative amendments

Amend 3.2 to read

The method of entry must be specified on the program

Amend 3.5 to read

'...A valid Membership and Showing performance card must be presented to the Card Secretary prior to entry to the first class.'

Amend Appendix 2 page 3 to read

'11) MOUNT MOST SUITABLE FOR BEGINNER'

Amend Appendix 3 para 2 to read

'...Any type of saddle is permitted with the exception of a side saddle...'

Amend Appendix 5 page 2 to read

'Membership/Performance cards must be handed to the Card Secretary prior to entry to first class.'

## **SHOW JUMPING RULES**

### **. Nosebands**

Delete 3.7 – re permitted nosebands.

## **EVENT RULES**

### **Club Colours and Uniforms**

**NOTE: THIS RULE BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2010**

Amend rule 9.1 to read as follows:

#### **DRESS**

9.1 Registered Club colours must be worn at official events. Club colour/s must be worn on the rider's upper body with the Club name or logo displayed on the upper body garment and/or saddle blanket.

All Clubs whose members wish to compete at Official Events must register a minimum of two and a maximum of three official colours. The Club must specify two colours as their main colours. Only the main colours may be used as the principal colour/s of the uniform. The third colour shall only be used in trimming, logos or similar embellishment.

Subject to rule 9.2, a neutral coloured shirt or saddle blanket (not registered as a club colour) may be worn as part of the uniform. In hot weather, the Ground Jury may allow competitors to remove outer layers of clothing and ride in shirtsleeves. Hacking or Riding Jackets are not permitted to be worn at Official Events.