

# RULE CHANGES EFFECTIVE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2007

## DISCIPLINARY RULES

Delete all reference to 'Disciplinary Rules' and change to 'Complaint Handling Rules'.

### 2. PROCEDURE FOR LODGING A COMPLAINT

Amend 2.5 to read

**2.5** On consideration of a complaint, the HRC AV Committee may, at its discretion, either call a Disciplinary Hearing, issue a written warning to the member who the complaint is about or take any other appropriate action not including fines or disqualifications as per rules 4.3.2, 4.3.3 and 4.3.4

***Background:** the section 'Disciplinary Rules' covers the procedures to be followed when a complaint not covered by the Event rules is received by the HRC AV. Disciplinary action may only be taken by a Disciplinary Panel and it is not always considered appropriate by the Executive Committee to convene a Disciplinary Panel. This rule change allows the Executive Committee to finalise complaints when the nature of the complaint or initial investigations indicate that a Disciplinary Hearing is not warranted.*

## EVENT RULES

### 3. OFFICIAL EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS

#### 3.2.1 Amend b) and c) to read as follows:

Clubs running Official Dressage Events may nominate to:

- a) Offer one Dressage Test per Level which enables Competitors to compete at their Assessed Level and one Level higher. It is mandatory to offer two Advanced Tests, the harder of which is open to Advanced Combinations only, if this option is used, or
- b) Offer two different Dressage Tests in each Level, which enables Competitors to ride two Tests at their Assessed Level plus two tests one level higher if conditions of entry permit.
- c) Combinations are limited to riding a maximum of four dressage tests, in any discipline, at an event.

***Background:** Clarification of rules regarding the number of tests which may be ridden at an event.*

### 29. REIMBURSEMENT OF HRC AV OFFICIALS

#### 29.1 Amend to read as follows;

All HRC AV Judges, Course Designers, Course Builders, Cross Country Course Accreditors and HRC AV Representatives are to be reimbursed by the Host Club for travel expenses incurred in the undertaking of their duties. This reimbursement should be an amount

within minimum and maximum limits and at a rate per kilometre as set by the HRC AV Executive from time to time. The current rate is **70c** per kilometre, with a minimum of \$60 for a round trip of up to 85km and a maximum of \$150. If an official's scheduled duties will require them to be at the venue for more than 8 hours, they are to be paid a meal allowance of \$40 in addition to the per kilometre rate. Should it be expected that other out of pocket expenses will be incurred, the Official and the Host Club should negotiate appropriate reimbursement prior to the confirmation of the booking of that official.

## **40. TTT EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND EVENT APPROVAL**

### **40.1 Amend to read as follows:**

The winner of the TTT event (in a particular discipline) has the first option to host the next Event in the same discipline. Only Clubs represented by a minimum of three members in the winning team shall be eligible to claim first option to host the next event.

***Background:** The original intention of the TTT events was to promote interclub competition. Teams were expected to comprise members of the same club and the winning club then had first option to host the next event in that discipline. With the advent of composite teams at TTT events, the notion of the winning club having first option to host has been lost with several clubs often represented in a winning team.*

## **COMBINED TRAINING & HORSE TRIALS RULES**

### **Add**

### **41. CROSS COUNTRY COURSE ACCREDITOR QUALIFICATION PROCESS**

The HRC AV publishes a list of Cross Country Course Accreditors, who have undertaken the specified training and passed the prescribed examination, enabling them, on behalf of the Association, to accredit cross country courses to be used for all Official Events. The current list is available from the Office and is contained in the HRC AV Manual, Section 7 - Appendix 5.

Any member wishing to become an HRC AV Cross Country Course Accreditor must first submit an 'Expression of Interest to Become an HRC AV Official' form (Appendix 14 to General Rules section of HRC AV Manual) to the HRC AV Office. Once accepted, an applicant automatically attains the status of Trainee Cross Country Course Accreditor.

#### **41.1. Prerequisites**

- a) Trainees must be financial members of the HRC AV.
- b) Trainees must own a current HRC AV Manual, which contains the Rules and Regulations of the Association.
- c) Trainees must have access to the following equipment.
  - 6m measuring tape
  - measuring wheel
  - measuring sticks. (One to be fitted with a spirit bubble).
  - calculator.

#### 41.2 Training Program.

- a) Trainees must attend at least 2 Cross Country Course Building Seminars conducted by the HRC AV, EFA or PCAV within the last two years.  
OR  
Have extensive experience building and/ or designing courses for HRC AV, EFA or PCAV competitions, and be able to provide documentary evidence to that effect.
- b) Trainees must spend a minimum of 12 months assisting official course accreditors at a minimum of 6 different venues, HRC AV, EFA or PCAV. Trainees will be expected to compile an accreditation log book (see Appendix 3), with each accreditation attended signed by the officiating course accreditor  
OR  
Have extensive experience accrediting courses for EFA or PCAV competitions, and be able to provide documentary evidence to that effect
- c) All trainees are required to submit to the HRC AV Office on completion of their practical training phase, the following documentation.
  - i. evidence satisfying criteria 4.2 a)
  - ii. evidence satisfying criteria 4.2 b)

#### 41.3 Assessment.

41.3.1 Upon receipt of all documentation and its assessment by the Jumping Sub Committee, all trainees adjudged sufficiently knowledgeable will be permitted to sit an open book examination for which a 90% pass mark must be achieved. Accreditation examinations are conducted annually by the HRC AV the date of which is advertised in the HRC AV newsletter.

41.3.2 Successful trainees will be awarded a Certificate of Attainment as a Cross Country Course Accreditor by the HRC AV, and permitted to take bookings for course accreditations, the first two of which may be observed by a mentor appointed by the Jumping Sub Committee.

***Background:** Formalisation of accreditation process for Cross Country Course Accreditors. Associated Log Sheets will be made available to trainees upon receipt of an Expression of Interest.*

## SHOWING RULES

### 16.2 ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

**Add 16.2.5** Candidates with significant prior judging experience may be granted an exemption from the first two co-judging prerequisites but must satisfy all other requirements.

***Background:** Allows for recognition of prior learning in the accreditation process.*

