

# NEW RULES AND RULE CHANGES EFFECTIVE 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2008

## DRESSAGE RULES effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008

### Senior Dressage Judges

Add new rule as follows:

#### 4.10 Senior Dressage Judges:

4.10.1 Appointment as a senior dressage judge may be offered to accredited HRCVA Judges satisfying the following criteria:

- Minimum 5 years service as HRCVA dressage judge
- Minimum accreditation level 1
- Acknowledged professionalism in the conduct of their duties as a dressage judge
- Other significant, relevant experience as a judge, competitor or official.

#### 4.10.2 Selection process

- 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.

#### 4.10.3 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,
- may be invited to contribute to the writing and assessment of new candidate and refreshing dressage judge exam papers,
- may be invited to conduct dressage judge Training and Exam days and
- 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.

4.10.4 Senior Judges will be required to undertake an open book exam every second year, and participate in a practical refresher, either as facilitator or participant.

4.10.5 To retain Senior status, the dressage judge must maintain accreditation and be willing to undertake the duties listed under rule 4.10.3. Recommendations to withdraw senior status shall be made by the Dressage Sub Committee and become effective upon endorsement of the recommendation by the Executive Committee. A Senior dressage judge may resign from the role by notifying the Dressage Sub Committee in writing.

HORSE RIDING CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

<b>SENIOR DRESSAGE JUDGE NOMINATION REVIEW SHEET</b>
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Nominee details		
Name:		
Address:		
Phone:		HRCAV #
Judging Experience		
Association	Level	Years
Other Official Duties: (eg: Level Assessor)		
Nominated By:-		
Signature:		Date:

Office use only	
Is the nominee accredited to judge minimum of HRCAV Level 1? Yes / No	Year first accredited:
Is the Judge a current financial member of the HRCAV? Yes / No	
Approved by: DSC Yes / No	Approved by: Exec Yes / No
Date:	Date:

## **DRESSAGE RULES effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008**

### **Amend the following rules to read:**

10.13 Monkey grips and neck straps are permitted at all levels.

10.15 A whip not exceeding 1.2 metres in its entirety (including the tassel) may be carried in tests up to and including Advanced level.

### **Add the following new rule:**

10.16 Toe stoppers attached to stirrups are permitted in Levels 4 and 5

## **LEVEL ASSESSMENT RULES effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008**

### **Senior Level Assessors**

Add new rule as follows:

#### **11.4 Senior Level Assessors:**

11.4.1 Appointment as a senior Level Assessor may be offered to accredited HRCVA Level Assessors satisfying the following criteria:

- Minimum 5 years service as HRCVA Level Assessor
- Acknowledged professionalism in the conduct of their duties as a Level Assessor
- Other significant, relevant experience as a judge, competitor or official.

11.4.2 Selection process

- The nominator shall be a current Senior Level Assessor.
- Nominations must be made in writing to the HRCVA Level Assessment Sub Committee and include supporting information/recommendations.
- Should the Level Assessment Sub Committee support the nomination, it shall be referred to the Executive Committee for endorsement.

11.4.3 Role of the Senior Level Assessor. A Senior Level Assessor:

- is permitted to undertake assessments of Level Assessor candidates and refreshing Level Assessors at their practical judging examination,
- may be invited to contribute to the writing and assessment of new candidate and refreshing Level Assessor exam papers,
- may be invited to conduct Level Assessor Training and Exam days and
- may be invited to contribute to the review of Level Assessment rules and be called upon to provide feedback to the Level Assessment Sub-Committee on issues related to level assessment from time to time.

11.4.4 Senior Level Assessors will be required to undertake an open book exam every second year, and participate in a practical refresher, either as facilitator or participant.

11.4.5 To retain Senior status, the Level Assessor must maintain accreditation and be willing to undertake the duties listed under rule 11.4.3.

11.4.3. Recommendations to withdraw senior status shall be made by the Level Assessment Sub Committee and become effective upon endorsement of the recommendation by the Executive Committee. A Senior Level Assessor may resign from the role by notifying the Level Assessment Sub Committee in writing.

HORSE RIDING CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

<b>SENIOR LEVEL ASSESSOR NOMINATION REVIEW SHEET</b>
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Nominee details		
Name:		
Address:		
Phone:		HRCAV #
Relevant Experience		
Other Official Duties: (eg: Dressage Judge, Sub Committee member)		
Nominated By:-		
Signature:		Date:

Office use only	
Is the nominee accredited to judge minimum of HRCAV Level 1? Yes / No	Year first accredited:
Is the Judge a current financial member of the HRCAV? Yes / No	
Approved by: DSC Yes / No	Approved by: Exec Yes / No
Date:	Date:

**Table of Obstacle Specifications (following rule 12.5)**

Amend to read as follows. (Last two lines added)

<b>OBSTACLE SPECIFICATIONS</b>					
<b>LEVELS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Drop Fence - flat landing	1400mm	1000mm	850mm	700mm	500mm
- downhill landing	1600mm	1350mm	1050mm	800mm	500mm
Depth of water	300mm	300mm	300mm	300mm	300mm
Spread without height	2400mm	2000mm	1350mm	900mm	600mm
Spread with height:					
- at highest point	1200mm	900mm	650mm	500mm	450mm
- at base	1800mm	1500mm	1000mm	750mm	600mm
Height limit when using maximum spread	900mm	750mm	600mm	500mm	450mm
Height of obstacles or bank into water:					
- with drop	800mm	650mm	500mm	0mm	Not Permitted
- without drop	800mm	650mm	500mm	0mm	Not Permitted
- drop must not exceed	1200mm	900mm	800mm	450mm	Not Permitted
Max height of obstacle out of water, including depth of water	900mm	750mm	500mm	Not Permitted	Not Permitted

**17 Nature of Obstacles**

Rule 17.4 amend to read as follows

At obstacles where the horse is compelled to jump into water, (ford, lake or wide river), the depth of water must be uniform throughout and shallow. The bottom must be firm and unyielding. Dams are potentially dangerous and must not be used. The length of water crossing must be at least 6m between entry and exit except where an exit step/s or fence is jumped directly out of water in which case the minimum must be 9m.

Rule 17.5 amend to read as follows

Levels 1, 2 and 3 may jump an obstacle into and/or out of water. The obstacle into water must be a sloping fence or large log. Brush or spread fences should never be used. Level 4 may drop or step down into water and be able to walk out. Stepping up out of water is not considered a walk out. Level 5 must be able to walk in and walk out of water. Dropping into or stepping up out of water is not considered a walk in/walk out. All water jumps should be wide enough on the approach side to allow an obstacle 3.6m wide to be constructed with a small panel 1.2m high on either side to stop bold horses attempting

Add

13. EXEMPTIONS FOR MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES

- 13.1. Members who require the use of compensatory aids or rule concessions to enable them to compete on equal terms, may request an exemption to the relevant rule/s.
- 13.2. Requests for exemptions must be submitted on the Application for Exemption form (Appendix 21) with additional supporting documentation if applicable.
- 13.3. Requests for exemptions will be referred to an Exemption Sub Committee for review. The Sub Committee will consider each application in respect of the member's disability and its effect on that person's functional ability to perform under the current HRC AV rules for competition. The Sub Committee shall also address issues relating to the safety of the horse and rider as well as other persons and horses at competitions. Specific conditions of entry to minimise risk may be applied to the member concerned.
- 13.4. The findings of the Sub Committee are referred to the Executive Committee for approval. Exemptions do not come into effect until approved by the Executive Committee.
- 13.5. The Exemption Sub Committee shall comprise:
  - . A HRC AV representative nominated by the Executive Committee,
  - . A therapist, psychologist or Level 2 RDAV coach nominated by RDAV and
  - . A Level Assessor nominated by the Level Assessment Sub Committee
- 13.6. In considering each application, the Sub Committee may seek further advice from the applicant or persons outside the committee. It may also require video evidence or a practical viewing of the rider.
- 13.7. An exemption will not be granted if it
  - 13.7.1. gives an unfair advantage over other competitors,
  - 13.7.2. results in the combination not being required to satisfy basic standards of competency as addressed by the Level Assessment guidelines,
  - 13.7.3. adversely affects the safety of the rider or
  - 13.7.4. adversely affects the welfare or well being of the horse
- 13.8. The member shall be notified of the outcome of their request and, if granted, be issued with an Exemption Certificate detailing the exemption/s approved, any conditions of entry applicable to the member and expiry date.
- 13.9. The HRC AV reserves the right to initiate a review and alter the conditions covered by the certificate at any time, should there be evidence that such a review is warranted. The review shall be conducted by the Exemption Sub Committee in consultation with the member concerned. Advice and information may be sought from persons outside the committee. Findings shall be referred to the Executive Committee for approval. Any changes to the conditions of the Exemption Certificate shall not come into effect until approved by the Executive Committee. The member shall be notified of changes and a replacement certificate issued.
- 13.10. A copy of the member's Exemption Certificate is to be provided to competition organisers at the time entries are submitted. Judges are to be notified of relevant exemptions by the organising committee prior to the start of the competition.
- 13.11. Unsuccessful applicants may appeal the decision via the HRC AV Grievance Procedure.

Delete current rules 4.1, 4.2 & 4.3

Insert

**4. RIDERS WITH DISABILITIES**

- 4.1. Only members who meet the minimum competency and safety requirements for the appropriate level per discipline may be assessed for competition.
- 4.2. Compensatory aids or rule concessions which allow the combination to compete on equal terms at the appropriate level are permitted upon approval by the HRCav. Refer General Rule 13.
- 4.3. Exemptions must be approved prior to the member seeking assessment. An HRCav Exemption Certificate must be produced upon request at the time of level assessment.
- 4.4. It is recommended that members with disabilities use the services of a Level Assessor approved by the HRCav to assess riders with disabilities.
- 4.5. Upon request of a Level Assessor, members are required to make arrangements for a suitably qualified RDAV representative be present at the level assessment to provide assistance and advice. Contact details available from HRCav office. Associated costs to be borne by the member.

HORSE RIDING CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION BY A RIDER WITH A DISABILITY

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of Applicant:	HRCav Membership No:	
Signature of Applicant: (or parent or guardian if under 18 years)	Date of Application:	
Address of Applicant:		
Telephone no: (BH):	(AH):	Mobile:
I am 18 years of age or over <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		
Name of parent or guardian if under 18:		
Nature of disability		
Date of onset of disability:		
Cause of disability:		
Is the disability stable or degenerative?		
<b><i>Note: Medical verification of the disability is required. A Doctor's Certificate giving the doctor's assessment of the nature of the disability and the amount of functional ability which the person retains is required. This documentation should be attached to the application.</i></b>		
Please detail any special equipment, saddlery or aid which you require to use. If there is insufficient space, attach details on a separate sheet of paper.		
Are you classified under the Para equestrian system in conjunction with the RDAA? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	If yes – what grade?	What profile no?
Have you been granted exemptions by another equestrian organisation eg; EFA or PCAV? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <b><i>If yes – attach a copy of the relevant exemption card or document.</i></b>		
Details of previous riding and competition experience:		

<b>EXEMPTION DETAILS</b> Provide reasons for exemption request/s in detail.
HRC AV Rule No.  Type of Exemption requested:  Reasons for request
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**SHOWING RULES**

Delete Rule 17 – Royal Show Qualification (Qualifying no longer required)

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING RULE CHANGES COME INTO EFFECT  
AT THE START OF THE HRC AV COMPETITION YEAR  
1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

**CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION RIDER AWARDS effective 1<sup>st</sup> September**

See General Rules page 15

**Award conditions revised as follows:**

These awards are for a Champion/Reserve Champion Rider/Horse Combination in each Level over the period 1 September to 31 August each year if sponsorship is retained. The aim of this award is to recognise those members who are "all rounders" ie. the combinations have competed and placed in a minimum of four of the HRC AV recognised equestrian disciplines.

The criteria are as follows:

- To be eligible for the Award, members must compete and place in a minimum of four disciplines.
- If a member places in more than four disciplines, the points achieved in all disciplines will count towards the Championship. However, no more than 60% of the total points earned shall be from any one discipline.
- Points will be awarded in line with performance points earned. Only the best placing at an Event will count towards the cumulative points for the Awards.
- Points will be accumulated across the award period (1st September to 31st August) and the awards will be presented based on the combination's highest Level in any discipline as at 31 August, being the last day of the award period. Points will be accumulated across Levels.
- The Awards will be presented at the HRC AV Annual General Meeting or Presentation Night.

**TOP TEN AWARDS effective 1<sup>st</sup> September**

See General Rules page 13

**Award conditions revised as follows:**

The HRC AV Top Ten Awards is a program that recognises the Top Performers in each discipline of Competition over the period 1 September to 31 August each year. The Awards are presented at the HRC AV Annual General Meeting or Presentation Night.

- Points are allocated in line with performance points gained by combinations for placings in Official HRC AV Events including Navigation Rides.
- In Navigation Rides, only pairs entered in the official HRC AV section are eligible for points.
- In Dressage, only points earned in the combination's assessed level will count towards the cumulative points for the Award.

## NAVIGATION RIDE RULES effective 1<sup>st</sup> September

NEW RULES to read as follows:

### Move 3.7 to 1.6

### Delete 3.1 to 3.6 and replace with the following 3.1 to 3.7.

- 3.1 In all Rides, competitors must compete in pairs.
- 3.2 To encourage participation, a Navigation Ride may be open to non-HRCAV members. A pair may consist of a HRCAV member and open rider. Open riders are required to sign a disclaimer statement. No disclaimer – no ride. The event program must clearly state this requirement.
- 3.3 A second ride of greater or lesser distance may be offered.
- 3.4 Rides may be split into sections eg: open section, parent and child section, HRCAV section. If eligible, pairs may enter more than one section of a ride at a reduced fee for second and subsequent sections.
- 3.5 Only Rides including a section for HRCAV pairs will be granted official status. Performance points will be awarded for the official HRCAV section/s only. Special conditions apply to the official sections. Refer rule 11.
- 3.6 Within a ride special prizes may be awarded. Eg: pair of veterans, best presented pair.
- 3.7 Mobile phones are permitted on course at the discretion of the organising committee and the ruling must be stated on the program and question sheet.

5.1 Change to read 'An approximate distance must appear on the program with the actual course being within 2km either side of the stated distance.'

5.5 Change to read 'The question sheets must include the approximate distance to be travelled and the required speed per kilometre. A notation that the actual distance shall be within 2km of the stated distance is to be included. The time allowed is not to be stated.'

### 7. TIME PENALTIES

- 7.1. as per current rules
- 7.2. as per current rules
- 7.3. as per current rules
- 7.4. Organisers must ensure that competitors cannot calculate the exact time allowed.

5.9 Delete: 'Below is a table of examples'

Add 5.10 The number of questions per ride should be at least 20 and not more than 50.

### 10. HRCAV LEVELS FOR NAVIGATION RIDES

- 10.1. Combinations are graded from Level 5 to Advanced. A combination's level for Navigation Rides is determined by performance points earned. Members are responsible for completing all initial details on their performance card, including their appropriate level. Refer to Event Rule 22 for details re performance points system.
- 10.2. A combination's initial level will be determined as follows:
  - 10.2.1. Any rider who has earned the points required to compete level 1 or above in Navigation Rides is required to start new horses on base level 3 points (25 points).
  - 10.2.2. Any rider who has earned the points required to compete level 2 or 3 in Navigation Rides is required to start new horses on base level 4 points (10 points).
  - 10.2.3. Any rider who has not earned the points required to compete level 3 shall start new horses on base level 5 points (0 points).
- 10.3. Should a combination advance to a higher level, the member is required to adjust the levels of their other horses according to the preceding rule.

## 11. HRC AV SECTIONS

- 11.1. Pairs to comprise HRC AV members of any level.
- 11.2. To be eligible to compete in a HRC AV section, each member of the pair must submit a valid Navigation Ride card to the Event Secretary.
- 11.3. An equalizing mark as shown in the table below and relevant to the higher level rider is deducted from the pair's final score. Eg; A pair comprising a level 2 and a level 5 rider finishes the ride with a score of 120. An equalising mark of 7.2 (being 6% of 120) would be deducted giving a final score of 113.8.

Highest level in pair	Advanced	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
% of final score to be deducted from total	10%	8%	6%	4%	2%	0%

## EVENT RULES effective 1<sup>st</sup> September

### Following from the proposed changes to Navigation Ride rules

Add 22.6 Combinations competing in Navigation Rides are not subject to Level Assessment requirements. Members are required to determine their level as per Navigation Ride rule 10.2 and move up through the levels as the required points are earned.

Following Table 1 insert the following new table

**Table 2 – Points per level for Navigation Rides**

Level	Initial points 'assumed'	Points required to reach next level
LEVEL 5	0	10
LEVEL 4	10	15
LEVEL 3	25	20
LEVEL 2	45	30
LEVEL 1	75	75
ADVANCED	150	

Insert new rule 23.11 and renumber current 23.11 to read 23.12 and current 23.11.1 to 23.12.1  
23.11 to read NAVIGATION RIDES

- 23.11.1 Only competitors in the official HRC AV section of a ride are eligible for performance points
- 23.11.2 Both members of the placing pair are awarded full points.