

RULE CHANGES EFFECTIVE 1ST JANUARY 2010

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EVENT RULES - PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS

Due to a formatting error Event rule 5.6 has been omitted from the latest reprint. Please insert the following under Event rule 5.6

5.6 It is forbidden, under penalty of disqualification, for anyone other than the nominated rider to school the horse for the duration of the Event, being from initial entry to the Event grounds until presentation of ALL awards. Any person other than the nominated rider, while mounted is permitted only to walk the horse on a long rein from one place to another. Any person may work the horse on the lunge.

AMENDMENT TO NEW RULE RELATING TO CLUB COLOURS

As per advice in the December Administration Report, Event rule 9.1 has been amended to read as follows:

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 **two main colours**. The main colours are to be used as the principal colour/s of the uniform and may be interchanged. At the discretion of the Club, other colours may be used in trimming, logos or similar embellishment.

Subject to rule 9.2, a neutral or light 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.

9.2 It is every Clubs' responsibility to ensure that their members present themselves as neatly and professionally as possible. It is recommended that each Club have specific rules as to what they will allow their members to wear when representing their Club at official events.

EVENT RULES

JUMPING OF HORSES UNDER 4 YEARS OF AGE

Amend Rule 7.2 to read as follows:

7. ENTRY OF HORSES

7.2 No horse under the age of 4 years is permitted to jump at Official Events. Showing classes excepted.

FIRST AID AT EVENTS AND MEDICAL LEVY

Amend 21.1 to read:

Insert '.....minimum level 2 or above first aid certificate with current CPR qualifications....'

And '.....a maximum of \$5.00 levy per competitor per day....'

Amend 21.3 to read:

21.3 '.....a maximum of \$5.00 levy per competitor per day....'

PROTESTS RELATING TO SCORING ERRORS

Add following new rule 26.7

26.7 Full interim scores must be posted at the completion of each class and a reasonable period prior to presentations must be allowed for lodging of protests to address scoring errors. Competitors must be notified when interim scores are posted and the time of posting and the estimated time of presentations should be noted on the sheet. Protests relating to scoring errors will not be received more than half an hour after the posting of interim scores or following presentation of prizes.

NO EQUAL PLACINGS AT TTT SHOW

Add following new rule 46.3.5

46.3.5 Equal placings must not be awarded for 1st to 4th place.

EVENT RULES – TOP TEAM TROPHY EVENTS

REPLACE EVENT RULES 38 TO 39.4.5 WITH THE FOLLOWING EVENT RULES 38 TO 39.10.5

Top Team Trophy Events

38. OVERVIEW

- 38.1. All Top Team Trophy (TTT) Events must be conducted under HRCV Rules and Regulations.
- 38.2. There shall be only one TTT Event per discipline, each calendar year.
- 38.3. The Host Club may elect to co-host a TTT Event with any other Member Club/s.
- 38.4. The HRCV retains the right of approval for all TTT Events.

39. TTT EVENT DESCRIPTION

39.1. Purpose

- 39.1.1. To increase opportunities for fair and equal inter-Club competition.
- 39.1.2. At least seven (7) Member Clubs must participate for the Event to gain Top Team Trophy status.

39.2. Team Definition

39.2.1. A Team shall consist of 3 or 4 riders, but only the 3 highest TTT scores will count.

39.2.2. Team Members must compete at their assessed Level.

39.2.3. A Team may consist of Competitors from various Levels.

39.3. Entries

39.3.1. Entries for TTT events are to satisfy the following requirements.

- submitted on the Standard Entry Form for Team Events providing full and complete details
- accompanied by the correct entry fees (including specified levies)
- proof of qualifying (as per rule 39.7) for each team member

39.3.2. At the discretion of the organising committee, entries not meeting these requirements will be returned to the Club for correction and return prior to the closing date. Failure to meet the entry requirements by the closing date for entries may result in non acceptance of entry.

39.4. Volunteer helpers

39.4.1. Should a Club require assistance to run an Event, as a “Condition of Entry” it may stipulate that Teams must supply a volunteer helper/s. If a volunteer is unable to fulfil their commitments for the nominated period, a replacement helper must be provided. The Organising Committee may eliminate Teams failing to provide a volunteer helper for the nominated period.

39.5. Composite teams

39.5.1. Team entries comprising members of more than one club will not be accepted. Where a Club is unable to field a complete team or teams, the Club may enter one or two riders. Such entries must meet the requirements of 39.3.1 and include a pro rata team fee and at least one volunteer helper. The organising committee shall place these riders in a composite team.

39.5.2. Where a team of three members from the same Club is entered, the Club may request a fourth individual be added to the team by the organising committee to form a composite team.

39.6. Competing on more than one horse

39.6.1. Competitors may only enter one horse in a TTT Event. If insufficient entries are received, Competitors may enter more than one horse if approved by the Organising Committee. A horse can only be ridden by the one Competitor, at the one Level and in one Team.

39.6.2. A Rider competing on more than one (1) horse must compete each horse in a different Team.

39.7. Proof of Qualifying

39.7.1 It is each Member Club's responsibility to ensure that Team members are eligible to compete, based on one of the two options listed below. Team entries must be accompanied by a copy of the TTT Qualification Log (see Appendix 5) and/or a copy of the relevant performance card for each Team member, showing proof that qualifying requirements have been satisfied. Combinations currently assessed at the highest level for the discipline are exempt from the qualifying requirement.

a) Option 1

Combinations shall compete in a minimum of 3 official HRC AV events in the same discipline as the TTT event, in a period not greater than 12 months prior to the closing date of entries for the TTT event (not including the previous TTT). Proof of satisfying this option to be provided by TTT Qualifying Logs and/or performance cards showing combination has competed.

b) Option 2

Combinations shall be level assessed or have their current assessed level verified by a Level Assessor within the three months prior to the closing date of entries for the TTT event. Proof of satisfying this option to be provided by copy of performance card showing assessment or verification details signed by Level Assessor.

39.8. Team balloting

39.8.1. Clubs must prioritise Teams on their Team Entry Form. Where the number of entries exceeds the number, which can be accommodated by the host club, Teams will be accepted on the basis of the TTT Team Ballot (refer Event Rule 52) of prioritised Teams received by the closing date. The number of Teams accepted from the Host Club is not to exceed the maximum number of Teams accepted from other Clubs. If the Teams are not prioritised on the Entry Form the Host club will assign a priority to each Team.

39.8.2. In the case where a TTT Team Ballot is required to reduce the number of Teams, composite Teams will be accepted only where the members of the Team are from clubs which have not entered a complete Team. These composite teams will be included into the Ballot process where applicable.

RULE 39.9 HAS NOT BEEN ALTERED. NUMBERING CHANGE ONLY

39.9. Schedule of Team Prizes

39.9.1. A perpetual trophy (originally organised by the HRC AV or through a Sponsor) is awarded to the winning Team.

39.9.2. In addition to the perpetual trophy, a permanent Club trophy (provided by the Host Club) is also awarded to the winning team.

39.9.3. The HRC AV will advise Clubs running TTT Events as to the prior winners to regain the perpetual trophy. It is, however, the Host Club's responsibility to collect the perpetual trophy.

39.9.4. A maximum of \$20 per Team may be charged by Host Clubs for the Team entry fee. All Team entry fees must be distributed back to the placing Teams as cash, prizes or sashes. Cheques are made payable to the placing Clubs. .

39.9.5. In addition, four sashes/rosettes (or an equivalent prize) must be awarded to the first six (6) Teams placing and when the Event size warrants, awarded to the first eight (8) Teams placing. The sashes are supplied by the Host Club.

39.9.6. The minimum standard for Team sashes/rosettes is as follows:

- 10cm fringed sashes or 3 ruffle rosettes of at least 14cm diameter with 3 tails inscribed with Top Team Trophy, year, discipline, Host Club and placing.

39.10. Schedule of Individual Prizes

39.10.1. Individual placings are to be recognised by the awarding of sashes.

39.10.2. These are to be awarded to 25% of all Competitors (ie one in every four Competitors) competing in each Section on the day.

That is, if there are 25 to 28 Competitors award to 7th place. If there are 29 to 32 Competitors award to 8th place.

39.10.3. The minimum standard for individual sashes/rosettes is as follows:

- 8cm fringed sashes or 2 ruffle rosettes of at least 11cm diameter with 3 tails inscribed as per Rule 36.4.6 but Top Team Trophy may be replaced with TTT.

39.10.4. For placings 1st to 4th the standard colours of 1st = Blue, 2nd = Red, 3rd = White and 4th = Green must be used. Clubs are encouraged, where possible, to supplement prizes through sponsorship for both Individual and Team placings.

39.10.5. Individual section winners are to be recognised by the awarding of trophies

EVENT RULE 40 – NO CHANGE

40. TTT EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND EVENT APPROVAL

EVENT RULE 41 – GENERAL TTT RULES

41. GENERAL

DELETE 41.4 & 41.4.1 (moved to 39.3 – Entries)

DELETE 41.9 (moved to 39.4 – Volunteer Helpers)

ADD 41.12 The HRC AV Representative must be provided with a copy of the competition draw at least 1 week prior to distribution.

41.13 The competition draw must be provided to team coordinators at least one week prior to the event.

41.14 The HRC AV must be provided with full team and individual results in a format suitable for posting on the HRC AV website within 2 days of the event and prior to posting of results on alternative websites not including the official event website.

EVENT RULE 42.6 – SCORING AT TTT DRESSAGE

AMEND TO READ

42.6 Competitors must attain a minimum score of 60% of the available marks in both tests to gain TTT scoring points.

DRESSAGE RULES

40 X 20M ARENAS – NOTIFICATION OF COMPETITORS

Amend 7.1 to read:

All tests are ridden individually within an arena of either 60 x 20 metres or 40 x 20 metres. Permitted arena sizes are indicated on the Dressage Tests sheets. Plans of the arenas, including required markers, are to be found in the Dressage Rules Appendix 4. Markers R, S, V and P are not required in 40 x 20 metre arenas. If smaller arenas are to be used, competitors must be given prior notification.

COMPETITORS MUST NOT COMPETE UNDER A JUDGE WHO:

Amend 4.9 to read:

Competitors must not compete under a judge who:

- a) Is the current owner of the competitor's horse
- b) Has owned the competitor's horse within the past 12 months
- c) Is an immediate relative of the competitor or
- d) Is a trainer or pupil of the competitor

NOTE: A Trainer is defined as a person who regularly (ie: six hours of lessons or more in the previous three months) trains or coaches a horse, rider or combination (not necessarily for remuneration). Instruction received at Club rallies is not in breach of this rule.

TASSLES ON WHIPS

Amend 10.15 to read:

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

COMBINED TRAINING AND HORSE TRIALS RULES

SADDLERY ALLOWED IN DRESSAGE PHASE

Amend 2.1 to read

Add '.....is permitted. In the dressage phase, saddlery and equipment rules for the level of competition will apply regardless of the dressage level of the rider.'

SHOW JUMPING RULES

Amend 15.7 to read:

Delete last sentence of rule: 'The obstacles in the combination must be built vertical to spread.'

Add 61.4

'The course designer named on the program must supervise course construction and should be present on the day to supervise alterations for levels & conditions. This does not preclude them from competing if host club agrees.'

SHOWING RULES

Amend 4.4 to read:

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- c) Is an immediate relative of the competitor or
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NAVIGATON RIDE RULES

Amend 3.7 to read:

Mobile phones are permitted on course for use in an emergency. The use of any electronic device by competitors in order to gain an advantage is not permitted and will result in elimination.

Amend 4.4 to read:

4.4 Horses under 4 years of age are ineligible to compete.

RULE CHANGES – EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The following rules have been amended, effective immediately for safety reasons

COMBINED TRAINING AND HORSE TRIALS RULES

NEW CROSS COUNTRY PENALTIES

Amend 20 to read:

20. PENALTIES

First refusal, run-out, circle of horse at obstacle	20 penalties
Second refusal, run-out, circle of horse at same obstacle	40 penalties
Third refusal, run-out, circle of horse at same obstacle	Elimination
Fourth Refusal on course	Elimination
Fall of horse and/or Rider	Elimination
Error of course not rectified	Elimination
Omission of obstacle or compulsory flags	Elimination
Retaking an obstacle already jumped	Elimination
Jumping a flagged obstacle not on the course plan for the level entered except where permitted under 24.4	Elimination
Jumping obstacle in wrong order or from incorrect direction (whether successful or not)	Elimination
These penalties are cumulative	
For every commenced second in excess of the Time Allowed or For every commenced second in excess of 30 secs under time allowed (eg 40 secs under time allowed would incur 4 time penalties 40 – 30 = 10 X 0.4= 4) (See 28.4)	.4 penalties .4 penalties
Exceeding the Time Limit (The time limit is twice the Time Allowed)	Elimination

CLEARING THE WAY AND OVERTAKING ON CROSS COUNTRY COURSE

Amend 22.1 to read:

22.1 Any Competitor who is about to be overtaken by a following Competitor must quickly clear the way under penalty of elimination. Any Competitor overtaking another Competitor may do so only at a safe and suitable place under penalty of elimination. A competitor should not overtake within 10 mtrs of an obstacle. A competitor that has

had a refusal at an obstacle, must give way to an approaching competitor. The competitor being over taken may not follow on over an obstacle under penalty of elimination. The lead rider must be at least 20 mtrs clear of the obstacle. If a Competitor is held up at a fence through no fault of their own, the Fence Judge should note the length of delay on the score sheet.

WARM UP OBSTACLE PRIOR TO RESTARTING ON CROSS COUNTRY COURSE

Amend 24.4 to read:

24.4 The time during which the Competitor was stopped, from the moment he passed the stopping point until he re-passed that same point after being given the order to restart, will be recorded, passed to the official time-keepers, and deducted from the total time taken by the Competitor to complete the course. It is clearly intended that the time shall be taken as the Competitor gallops past the stopping point, not after he halts nor after a start from the halt. The Ground Jury, Chief Judge or such persons as determined by Event Rule 32, have the discretion to allow a horse stopped at a difficult obstacle, e.g. a combination or water, for more than 3 minutes, to either retake the previous obstacle (without penalty), or a simple fence of that Level or lower if more convenient. In any case, the time should be re-started when the Competitor rejoins their original course at the point of stopping. A Competitor must be given sufficient warning of an impending restart, to allow them to properly prepare.

PERMITTED ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING VOLUNTARY DISMOUNT

Amend 25.6 to read:

25.6 If a Competitor voluntarily dismounts, he may be assisted to catch his horse, to adjust saddlery, to remount, or be handed any part of his saddlery or equipment, while he is dismounted or after he has remounted.

PENALTIES FOR FINISHING UNDER TIME

Add 28.4:

28.4 Any Competitor finishing more than 30 secs under the Time Allowed, shall incur time penalties at the same rate as being over the Time allowed, i.e. 0.4 penalties for each commenced second. The person appointed for recording finish times shall take the time of the competitor immediately any obvious time wasting behaviour starts, (e.g. circling, walking, long deviations), regardless of whether the Competitor has passed through the Finish flags or not.

Amend 33.1 to read:

33.1 Penalties incurred for faults at the obstacles and any time penalties are added together to give the Competitor's penalty score for Cross-Country.

FIRST AID PERSONNEL ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

Amend 37.1.2 to read:

37.1.2 Trained first aid personnel complying with Event Rule 21.1 are to be present and are to arrange for the nearest convenient hospital to accept any casualty transported there by ambulance.

SHOWING RULES

CONSTRUCTION OF JUMPS IN THE SHOW RING

Add the following new rules:

14.8.1 Cross bars and fan jumps where the height or width may differ in the centre of the obstacle should be measured off centre at two-thirds the length of the pole towards the higher end.

14.8.2 Information relating to show jumping obstacles can be referred to under Show Jumping rules 11 – 17.