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PREAMBLE

These National Rules for the Equitation Discipline are produced specifically for use at CN or lower Status Events and have been drawn up in the broadest possible terms so as to allow Organising Committees affiliated to a Provincial Body, and the Provincial Body itself, as much freedom as possible in the management of their Events and in the preparation of their schedules. If there is any doubt about the meaning of any of these rules they should be interpreted in the sense of providing fair conditions for all competitors. It is quite obvious that however complete the rules may be they can never cover every eventuality. If the matter cannot be resolved by interpreting the rules to the letter, the solution to be adopted should lie in the principle which follows as nearly as possible to the spirit of the official text.

These rules have to be read in conjunction with the SANEF General and Veterinary Rules and Regulations which are uniform for all disciplines falling under SANEF jurisdiction.

In all equestrian sports the interests of the horse must be considered paramount.

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SECTION 81

81.0.0 SANEF GENERAL REGULATIONS:

These rules must be read in conjunction with SANEF General Regulations which form part of these rules and will apply unless specifically excluded or amended.

81.1.0 DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO EQUITATION

81.1.1 HORS CONCOURS

Any rider may compete H/C within their age group, and may compete in Part 1 and Part 2.

They may also participate in Part 3 without swapping horses.

81.1.2 REGISTRATION OF HORSES/PONIES

A horse/pony or rider may compete at its registered **jumping** grade or qualification or below.

81.1.3 The minimum requirement for Open horses and ponies is that they need to have attained either 1.10m (Junior/Adult) or 0.90m (Pony Rider) status, and the rider must meet with the current **jumping** requirements for that grade.

81.2.0 DRESS AT RECOGNISED EVENTS

81.2.1 At all recognised events with CN status competitors shall wear an approved hard hat with a three-point harness, jacket, collar and tie or American shirt, jodhpurs and jodhpur boots or breeches and long boots or leather leggings. Colours should comply with recommended dress code for **Jumping**.

81.2.2 At recognised events, with a status below CN level, each **Provincial** Body may introduce such local rules as it deems fit making it permissible for the **Provincial** Body itself or an affiliated body to relax the requirements of rule 81.2.1 except for the three-point harness.

The organising committee of each recognised Event below CN status shall state in the prize list whether or not the rule introduced by the Provincial body is to be in force at the Event or not. **Provincial** Bodies are to exercise discretion in the drafting of any dress rule and the extent to which rule 81.2.1 be relaxed.

81.2.3 The wearing of hard hats, whilst mounted, is compulsory at all times. The that must have all three points of the harness done up at all times.

81.3.0 SADDLERY

81.3.1 All bits/bridles and equipment as per current **Jumping** regulations are permissible, except as per 81.3.5. In addition Jumping Rule 12.1.5 will apply at all times including in the practice arena.

81.3.2 Bearing, side and running reins are prohibited in all competitions, including in the practice arena. No modification or extensions are allowed to the reins or stirrups.

81.3.3 Only whips not longer than 75 cm, including a compulsory flap, may be used **in either the practice or competition arena**.

81.3.4 No saddlery changes are allowed during a competition except when authorised by the senior judge.

81.3.5 No sheepskin saddle covers are allowed.

81.4.0 ENTRIES

81.4.1 Should there be fewer than six starters in either or all of the Adult, Junior and Pony Rider' competitions at an Event having Adult, Junior and Pony Rider equitation competitions running concurrently, or competitions which the organising committee could, without contravening the conditions and rules of the event make run concurrently, those Adult, Junior and Pony Rider competitions may at the discretion of the judge/s be combined for the purpose of judging. However, rosettes and qualifying points shall be awarded as for separate competitions.

81.4.2 If a rider is eligible to ride as a Pony Rider and Junior, the rider must nominate which age **group** classification he or she wishes to ride in, if both classes are held concurrently at the same event.

81.4.3 A rider may only enter one horse/pony in a competition.

81.4.4 No competition will be officially recognised if fewer than 2 riders enter. There must be at least 10 starters in the South African Championship Classes.

81.4.5 Competitors entering an Equitation class do so on the understanding that their horse must be available should it be required by the judges or Organising Committee for a draw or a mystery horse for other competitors to ride.

81.5.0 PROTESTS

81.5.1 Any **protest** must be made immediately, in writing and accompanied by the deposit as set out in the SANEF General Regulations. Any **protest** must be lodged before the start of the next part of the competition, with exception between Parts 1 and 2, where the **protest** must be lodged before the start of Part 3.

81.5.2 No verbal **protest** will be accepted.

81.5.3 All **protests** will then be dealt with as per the SANEF General Regulations.

81.6.0 WARM UP AND SCHOOLING

81.6.1 Only competitors are permitted to school horses competing **in Equitation classes** anywhere at the venue during the event.

SECTION 82

82.1.0 RESULTS

82.1.1 To enable **Provincial** Bodies to maintain control of the qualifying points of riders the organising committees of all recognised Events must send to their **Provincial** Body a list of the results in each competition. This list must reach the **Provincial** Body within fourteen days of the last day of the Event.

82.1.2 Members of one **Provincial** Body may compete in competitions in other Provinces. Results must be sent to the **Provincial Body of all competitors**, and any points obtained will count towards any Victor Ludorum points, as well as qualifying points for any **Provincial** Championship.

82.2.0 SUBSTITUTIONS

82.2.1 If a horse goes lame during Part 1 and 2, the rider must retire. Should the judge/s deem a horse to be lame after the commencement of Part 3 of a competition where the riders have swopped, the competitor may ride another horse from those horses in Part 3 by a draw. If the mystery horse is deemed lame during Part 4, the horse may be substituted.

82.2.2 In accordance with SANEF General Regulation 01.15.4 a substitution may be made of either horse or rider or both provided that they compete in the correct age **group** and grade, and that they are eligible to compete in the class.

82.3.0 Ties

82.3.1 In the event of equality of points for 1st place after the last part of the competition, the rider with the highest score in that last part will be declared the winner. This will be true for all competitions as well as Individual Championships.

SECTION 83

83.1.0 SCHEDULES AND PROGRAMS

83.1.1 The official programme shall contain the following minimum information:-

- a) The order of riding, rider's name first e.g.
No 1. Mary Jones.....Black Beauty - Instructor: C. Smith
- b) The prize money must be detailed for each competition i.e. there must be a specific amount shown for the first prize, second prize etc.
- c) The rules under which each competition is to be judged.
- d) Where possible, the instructor of each competitor. This should be supplied on the entry form.

83.2.0 PRIZE MONEY

83.2.1 Prize money must be paid out as one place for every four competitors or part thereof.

83.2.2 Even when there are fewer than six places with regard to prize money, Rosettes should be handed out to sixth place at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

SECTION 84

84.1.0 QUALIFICATION OF RIDERS

84.1.1 A **Provincial** body shall have the right to introduce a system of qualification for recognised Equitation competitions in that Province.

84.1.2 In order to compete in a **Provincial** Equitation Championship, competitors must have taken part in at least two OPEN qualifying competitions in the year prior to the relevant Championship. Subject to the approval of the National Committee, a Provincial Body may impose additional qualification conditions for the Provincial Championship. Should there be any additional requirements these must be on the schedule for the Championship concerned for that Championship.

84.1.3 A competitor who has taken part in at least two Pony Rider official Equitation competitions in the year prior to the relevant Championship and who during that year becomes a Junior on or before the day on which the Junior **Provincial** Equitation Championship takes place, may compete in that Championship provided that they comply with 84.1.2 above.

84.1.4 Points awarded out of **Province** will count towards qualification for Championships, as per rule 82.1.2

84.1.5 It is left to the discretion of each **Province** to select its teams and award Provincial colours at any time before the South African Championships.

84.1.6 Once a rider has gained points in an intermediate competition, they may not downgrade or compete in a Novice competition unless participating as an H/C entry, unless they have not gained any points over the previous 2 years.

Such downgrading must be approved by the Provincial Body Equitation Committee. The same will apply to open riders.

84.1.7 A Pony Rider moving up to Junior may elect as to which grade they wish to compete in, irrespective of which grade they competed in as a pony rider. Once they have elected a grade in which to compete, rule 84.1.6 will apply.

Notwithstanding the above, the rider must meet the current showjumping requirements for that grade.

84.1.8 Qualifications for the South African Novice, Intermediate and Open Championships will be determined by the National Technical Committee from time to time, and will appear on the relevant schedules.

SECTION 85

85.1.0 JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

85.1.1 All recognised competitions will be judged under the National rules for Equitation.

85.1.2 Learner Judges are required to write the National Learner Judges Examination. This will be marked by the Technical Committee of their Province (or the National Technical Committee). Once they have passed they will be required to work with Provincial Judges for a least six shows. Promotion to the Provincial Judges Panel is after the passing of the C Panel Judges Examination and by recommendation.

Learner Judges may only judge Training and Novice classes alone. They may judge Intermediate classes if accompanied by an A Panel or National panel judge.

Provincial C Panel Judges may judge alone at Intermediate level and below, but may not judge Open level.

Provincial B Panel Judges may judge alone at Intermediate level and below. They may judge at Open level accompanied by a National judge.

Provincial A Panel Judges may judge any competition below a Provincial Championship either alone or accompanied by another judge **as well as judge at a Provincial Championship if accompanied by a National Judge.**

National Panel Judges may judge any competition.

85.1.3 Provincial Judges are subdivided into Panel A, B and C. These panels should be revised annually by the Provincial Equitation Committee concerned. It is recommended that Judges keep activity sheets up to date.

85.1.4 National Judges: Judges are required to be on the Provincial A panel, to (have judged out of Province and to have attended seminars. Recommendations additions) will be discussed and finalised at the National deletions and Equitation Committee meeting held annually.

85.1.5 Should a judge who has come off the National Panel wish to be reinstated, they may be recommended by their Provincial Chairman, provided that it is within a 2 year period, and that they have judged and been to seminars for at least one year prior to their reinstatement.

85.1.6 It is recommended that all invitations to judge out of Province be directed through the relevant Provincial Committee Chairman, who should try to rotate their judges as much as possible.

85.1.7 It is recommended that judges wishing to remain on all National / Provincial panels be required to judge at a minimum of two shows per year.

85.1.8 At all National Championships and Events holding CSN status or Provincial Championships as defined by General Regulations Appendix GR/C, the course shall be designed and built by a course designer who must be a member of the National Panel or higher.

85.1.9 National Judges retire at the age of 70. However, retired judges may serve a further two periods of two years at the recommendation of their **Provincial** Body, and by the approval of the National Committee.

SECTION 86

86.0.0 TYPES OF COMPETITIONS

TRAINING / NOVICE / UNOFFICIAL COMPETITIONS

86.1.1 In these competitions Part 1 and 2 are ridden. It should also be at the judges' discretion as to whether or not to ride without stirrups where called for in the test.

86.1.2 No qualifying points are awarded in these competitions.

86.1.3 It may be at the discretion of the show-holding body as to whether or not prize money should be paid, however rosettes should be given as per rule 83.2.2

86.1.4 These competitions should be judged by a Provincial Judge, assisted wherever possible by one or more Learner Judges.

86.2.0 INTERMEDIATE COMPETITIONS

86.2.1 These competitions consist of Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3.

86.2.2 It is optional as to whether riders will swop for Part 3.

86.2.3 These competitions shall be judged by one or more Provincial Judges (or higher) and may be assisted by a Learner Judge.

86.3.0 OPEN COMPETITIONS

86.3.1 These competitions consist of Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3 where riders swop horses. Part 4 to be ridden if there are fewer than 8 marks between 1st and 2nd place at Provincial and Championship competitions.

86.3.2 A minimum of four Open Competitions (including the Provincial Championship) should be held annually in each Province.

86.3.3 Open competitions should be judged by a minimum of two judges, one of which should be on the National Panel. No Learner judge may judge an open class.

86.4.0 GRADING

86.4.1 Grading points shall be awarded as per the table found in Appendix EQ/E

86.4.2 If the judges agree that the standard of riding for that class is not acceptable, they may decide not to award grading points for that event.

86.5.0 ADULT / JUNIOR / PONY RIDER PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

86.5.1 This is a special test comprising Part 1, Part 2, Part 3 and, if less than 8 marks between 1st and 2nd place, Part 4.

86.5.2 A maximum of the top 8 riders will go forward to Part 3. In the event of a tie for 8th place, all competitors tying will go forward to Part 3.

86.5.3 Double points are awarded as per the table in Appendix EQ/E for these Championships.

86.5.4. A minimum of two judges is required of which one must be a National Judge who should be from outside the Province **staging the championship** and one **National** judge from the Province staging the Championship.

86.5.5 The Provincial Championship may be run as a closed competition, restricted to the members of that Province only.

86.5.6 The winner of this Championship becomes the Provincial Equitation Champion for that year.

86.5.7 For eligibility for the Championship refer to Rule 84.1.2

86.6.0 STUBBS CHALLENGE COMPETITIONS

86.6.1 A copy of the test will be made available not less than 30 minutes before the commencement of the class. Only Tests approved by the National Committee may be used as qualifying competitions.

The test may be called.

86.6.2 Once competitors have walked the course, each test will commence on the signal of a bell.

86.6.3 There will be a Spotter and all penalties will be deducted from each judge.

86.6.4 At the judge's discretion, a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 riders will go forward to the second part. A difference of 8 marks will be considered a significant gap. Should there be a tie, the judges will again use their discretion, trying to avoid more than 6 riders in the second part.

86.6.5 Riders going forward will all enter the arena where they may not have any outside assistance. They will line up as instructed, and a draw will take place for the swop.

Riders will then commence their test in reverse order on the bell.

The test may be called.

The test will be shortened version of the first part.

86.6.6 The results will stand as after the second part. Any ties will remain as such.

86.6.7 Prizes will be paid out one in four, but the Showholding Body will be requested to give each rider in the swop a rosette.

86.6.8 The following penalties will occur:

- Any movement or jump left out will incur a score of 0 for the movement from each judge.
- A second omission will incur elimination.
- Should a rider deviate from the movement e.g. use both hands when one is required, use stirrups when none are required or turn left instead of right, -2 will be deducted from each judge for an error of course.
- A stop or refusal will incur -4
- Three refusals will entail elimination
- A knock will entail the deduction of -2 from each judge.

86.7.0 THE JUNIOR AND PONY RIDER INDIVIDUAL EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS OF SOUTH AFRICA

86.7.1 These championships are held annually at the South African National Junior/Pony Rider Championships.

86.7.2 These Championships are open to Pony Riders who have obtained a **minimum of 4** points in Pony Rider Open Equitation competitions and Junior Riders who have obtained a minimum of 4 points in Junior Open equitation competitions in the year preceding the Championship.

Points may not be carried over from Pony Rider classifications to Junior classifications.

86.7.3 The heights of the jumps will be set at the equivalent of a jumping grade; Juniors at 1.10m and Pony Riders at 0.90m.

86.7.4 The test will be called.

86.7.5 Delete

86.7.6 There will be no qualifying competition. Competitors will ride parts 1 and 2. The top 8 riders go forward to part 3. Where there is a tie for 8th position all riders tying for 8th position will be included. The riders with the top 2 scores will go through to part 4 if less than 8 marks between 1st and 2nd.

86.7.7 **These Championships** must be judged by three National Judges, approved by their Provincial Chairman, who should not be from the same Provinces.

A fourth judge of Provincial or higher status must check all tests and give mark deductions. This judge should not sit with any of the other judges, and should record on a penalty sheet, reasons for any penalties.

If possible these should be relayed to the announcer, but not announced.

86.7.8 The **winners of these Championships become** the Junior/Pony Rider Equitation Champion of South Africa for that year and will receive the Trophy and a SANEF Gold Medal.

86.8.0 THE JUNIOR AND PONY RIDER EQUITATION OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS OF SOUTH AFRICA

86.8.1 **These championships are** open to all Provincial Teams. Each team may have a minimum of three and a maximum of four members. The team consists of three or four riders nominated by their Provincial Body.

86.8.2 Both rider and horse must be declared by a time stipulated on the programme by the Chef D'Equipe, as well as the riding order. Horses may only be substituted thereafter on presentation of a veterinary certificate. Riders may not be substituted after declaration, unless a doctor's certificate is produced.

86.8.3 The first rider from each team will ride followed by the second, etc., a Special Test. The lowest score from each team to be discarded, except where the team only consists of three riders.

86.8.4 The two top scoring members from each team will ride Part Three, in reverse team order, not numerical order. There will be no part 4 except in the event of equality of points.

86.8.5 Any competitor who is eliminated from Part 3 will be awarded the lowest score in that part minus 20 points.

86.8.6 At the end of the competition the scores of the three top scoring members from each team (including the scores for Part 3) are added together to

give the Team score and the team placings. The score of the worst placed team member is discarded.

86.8.7 In the event of equality, the Chefs d'Equipe of the teams tying will nominate a rider in their teams to ride Part 4. The judges for the competition will select a horse from one of the other teams to be the strange horse.

86.8.8 **These Championships** must be judged by three National Judges, approved by their Provincial Chairman, who should not be from the same Provinces. A fourth judge of Provincial or higher status must check all tests and give any mark deductions.

86.8.9 All tests may be called

86.8.10 The heights of the jumps will be set at the equivalent of a 1.10m (juniors) and 0.90m (Pony Rider) track.

86.9.0 THE JUNIOR AND PONY RIDER EQUITATION INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM INTERMEDIATE **CHAMPIONSHIPS OF SOUTH AFRICA**

86.9.1 **These championships are** open to all Provincial Teams. Each team may have a minimum of three and a maximum of four members. The team consists of three or four riders nominated by their Provincial Body, In addition it is open to any individual .competitor that has competed in at least two Intermediate competitions in the 12 months preceding the championship.

86.9.2 The Team and Individual championships will run concurrently.

86.9.3 Both rider and horse must be declared by a time stipulated on the schedule by the Chef d'Equipe. Horses may only be substituted thereafter on presentation of a veterinary certificate. Riders may not be substituted after declaration, unless a doctor's certificate is produced.

86.9.4 Competitors will ride in a random order, and will be accumulating individual as well as team scores. Team riders must be identified as such on the starting list.

86.9.5 The scores of the top 3 riders per team after Part 2 will determine the final team result. Scores for Part 3 will only count for individual results.

86.9.6 Notwithstanding the above, in the event of equality for 1st place for the team, the highest individual score **of a team member** in Part 3 will determine the winner.

86.9.7 **These Championships** must be judged by at least two National Judges, approved by their Provincial Chairman, who should not be from the same Provinces. An additional judge of Provincial or higher status must check all tests and give any mark deductions (see 86.6.9).

86.9.8 All tests may be called

86.9.9 The heights of the jumps will be set at the equivalent of a 1.00m (Juniors) and 0.80m (Pony Rider) track

86.10.0 THE JUNIOR AND PONY RIDER EQUITATION INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS OF SOUTH AFRICA

86.10.1 **These championships are** open to all Provincial Teams. Each team may have a minimum of three and a maximum of four members. The team consists of three or four riders nominated by their Provincial Body, In addition it is open to any individual competitor that has competed in at least two Novice competitions in the 12 months preceding the championship.

86.10.2 The Team and Individual championships will run concurrently.

86.10.3 Both rider and horse must be declared by a time stipulated on the schedule by the Chef d'Equipe. Horses may only be substituted thereafter on presentation of a veterinary certificate. Riders may not be substituted after declaration, unless a doctor's certificate is produced.

86.10.4 Competitors will ride in a random order, and will be accumulating individual as well as team scores. Team riders must be identified as such on the starting list.

86.10.5 The scores of the top 3 riders per team after Part 2 will determine the final team result.

The highest individual score will determine the individual winner.

86.10.6 Notwithstanding the above, in the event of equality for 1st place for the team, the highest individual score from each team in Part 2 will determine the winner.

In the event of a tie for the individual champion, Part 3 will be ridden on their own horse/pony.

86.10.7 **These Championships** must be judged by at least two National Judges, approved by their Provincial Chairman, who should not be from the same Provinces. An additional judge of Provincial or higher status must check all tests and give any mark deductions.

86.10.8 All tests may be called

86.10.9 The heights of the jumps will be set at the equivalent of a 0.90m (junior) and 0.70m (Pony Rider) track.

86.10.10 Part 3 will be included in the special test to be ridden only in the event of a tie for 1st place.

86.11.0 INTER –AFRICA CUP INVITATION TEAM EVENT

86.11.1 This championship is open to all Group 1X Teams by invitation. Each team may have a minimum of three and a maximum of four members. The team consists of three or four riders nominated by their National Federation, All riders must have reached their *15th* birthday.

86.11.2 At the discretion of the Organizing Committee, countries may apply to field a Young Rider and Adult team.

86.11.3 In the event of a country not being able to field a full Adult or Young Rider team, a mixed team will be accepted.

86.11.4 This event will be run as an Intermediate competition, and competitors will be restricted as follows:

No rider may have competed in Open equitation in the Junior or Adult age categories.

Horses must have been registered to jump the equivalent of 1.00m.

The test will be determined by the National Equitation Technical Committee.

86.11.5 Both rider and horse must be declared by a time stipulated on the schedule by the Chef d'Equipe. Horses may only be substituted thereafter by approval of the SANEF Rep. Riders may not be substituted after declaration, unless a doctor's certificate is produced.

86.11.6 The order of the teams will be drawn, and the order of riding must be nominated by the Chef d'Equipe. The first rider from each team will ride a Special Test followed by the second, etc. The lowest score from each team is to be discarded, except where the team only consists of three riders.

86.11.7 The two top scoring members from each team will ride Part Three, in reverse team order, not numerical order. There will be no part 4 except in the event of equality of points

Any competitor who is eliminated from Part 3 will be awarded the lowest score in that part minus 20 points.

86.11.8 At the end of the competition the scores of the three top scoring members from each team (including the scores for Part 3) are added together to give the Team score and the team placings. The score of the worst placed team member is discarded.

In the event of equality, the Chefs d'Equipe of the teams tying will nominate a rider in their teams to ride Part 4. The two riders draw for the order of riding. They then ride the prescribed test one after the other, on the same horse, which will be selected by the judges, from the one of the other teams.

All tests may be called

APPENDIX EQ/A

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The ability of the rider, and their influence over the horse is judged, not that of the horse.

1.1.0 The competition usually consists of a test prescribed in the official Test Books, consisting of Parts 1 and 2, parts 3 and part 4 where applicable. Special Tests are ridden for Championship classes.

1.2.0 Before commencement of the competition riders will collect their numbered vests and walk the course.

1.3.0 Instructors are permitted to walk the course with competitors except at Team Inter-Provincial Championships provided that they are, in the opinion of the judges, correctly dressed.

1.4.0 PART ONE

1.4.1 This consists of movements both on the flat as well as over fences. Spread obstacles may only be jumped in the direction indicated by the position of the number. Verticals may be jumped in either direction.

1.4.2 Any jumps in the arena that are not flagged off may be used.

1.4.3 The form of the track in Part 1 is at the rider's discretion, but should be planned in such a way that it leads smoothly into the first jump of Part 2.

1.4.4 Judges shall look for a correct seat and application of the aids, control of the horse, maximum efficiency with minimum visible effort. Guidelines are that at Novice level the horse is meant to be between the hand and leg, Intermediate riders are expected to obtain the correct bend of the horse as well, and Open riders are also required to have the horse on the bit.

1.4.5 Movements on the flat should be ridden accurately and correctly, and jumping exercises should be executed with accuracy, correct approach, correct landing, pace, effectiveness and style.

1.4.6 Competitors ride in programme order.

1.5.0 PART TWO

1.5.1 The rider goes straight onto this phase after completing Part 1, without leaving the arena.

1.5.2 The track is ridden as numbered, and should be ridden at a showjumping pace. Normal **jumping** rules will apply except where otherwise stated. There will be no starting bell or flags. The direction of the jumps will be indicated by the position of the number on the right side of the obstacle.

1.5.3 Judges shall look for correct track, rhythm as well as the ability of the rider to maintain the correct positions and giving the aids effectively, whilst keeping the horse effectively under control between fences.

1.5.4 Three disobediences, a fall, or an error of course will eliminate.

1.6.0 PART THREE

1.6.1 It is recommended that the top six riders go forward to this part. Except in Provincial and National Championships where 8 riders go through to part 3. Where there is a tie for 8th position all riders tying for 8th position will be included.

1.6.2 Once the riders enter the arena they may not receive assistance, verbal or otherwise, or they will be eliminated. The riders line up and, if they are to swop horses, do so by draw. If they draw their own horse, the number must be returned and re-drawn.

1.6.3 It is recommended that one of the judges supervise the draw. If one of the horses are deemed unsuitable or dangerous, the senior judge may rule that that horse be replaced with another from a rider not going through to Part Three.

1.6.4 The riders must all remain still until they have all adjusted their stirrups. Girths may be tightened if necessary. The only time saddlery may be changed is if the stirrups are too short or small for the new rider. Once all riders are ready they will be given sixty seconds to familiarise themselves with their new mount. For safety purposes it is recommended that they all take their practice jumps after the sixty seconds are up, one at a time. They may only attempt one jump, which may not be a combination.

1.6.5 Riders will go in reverse order, and ride the movements in the prescribed test individually.

1.6.6 The test consists of movements both on the flat as well as over fences. Spread obstacles may only be jumped in the direction indicated by the position of the number. Verticals may be jumped in either direction.

1.6.7 Any jumps in the arena that are not flagged off, may be used.

1.6.8 Judges will look for the ability of the rider to have assessed and adjusted where necessary to the new ride. The horse must be taken into account whilst judging, and compared to how it went for its own rider. The same effectiveness must be looked for as in 1.4.4. and 1.4.5.

1.6.9 Two competitors qualify to ride in Part Four, unless there is a tie, in which all competitors tying for 1st and 2nd must go through.

1.6.10 Where there are less than 8 marks difference between the top two places, in **Open competition** Part 4 should take place as per **rule 86.3.1**

1.7.0 PART FOUR

1.7.1 The finalists with the two top scores draw for the order of riding. They then ride the prescribed test one after the other, on the same horse. (Unseen where possible).

1.7.2 The rider is first allowed sixty seconds to familiarise himself with his mount. He may take one jump during this minute (not a combination.)

1.7.3 The second rider may not watch while the first rider's sixty seconds trial period and test is in progress.

1.7.4 This consists of movements both on the flat as well as over fences. Spread obstacles may only be jumped in the direction indicated by the position of the number. Verticals may be jumped in either direction.

1.7.5 Any jumps in the arena that are not flagged off, may be used.

1.7.6 The judges will look for the same as in 1.6.8, but will also compare the two riders as to which handled the horse better.

1.7.7 The judges may display their scores, but they may not be announced.

1.7.8 All competitors remount their own horses.

1.8.0 RESULTS

1.8.1 The results are announced in reverse order starting with last place.

1.8.2 Names of the instructor(s) of the competitor are announced in conjunction with the names of the competitors. Names of the horses are of secondary importance.

1.9.0 SCORING

1.9.1 A number system is used, judges holding up their scores simultaneously at the end of each part. The senior judge (or Spotter) shall hold up mark deductions prior to the other judge's scores being shown. The mark deduction numbers shall be on a yellow background, and the Judge/spotter must record why the deductions were made.

1.9.2 Part 1: marks out of 20 per test per judge
Part 2: marks out of 20 per test per judge
Part 3: marks out of 20 per test per judge
Part 4: marks out of 20 per test per judge
Half marks may be used.

Mark deductions:	-2 error of test
	-2 knock
	-4 refusal
Fall of rider/rider	-Elimination.
3 disobediences per part	-Elimination

These deductions are from each judge's score.

1.9.3 The scores for each rider by all judges to be added together at the end of each phase, less any deductions multiplied by the number of judges, and totalled at the end of the competition to decide a result.

1.9.4 During the competition, if a competitor presents himself at a jump in any part other than a combination or related distance, and the horse refuses, the competitor must re-present the horse at the same obstacle in order to complete the movement. If the refusal is at a combination or related distance where a stride needs to be added, the competitor must re-attempt from the 1st obstacle of the combination/related line. Failure to do this will result in elimination.

1.10.0 ELIMINATIONS – Any contravention of unauthorised tack as per Jumping Rules, Section 12, including but not limited to length of spurs, stirrup leathers incorrectly fitted :-

1.10.1 The following will result in an elimination:

- Three refusals in any Part – not accumulative to parts.
- Jumping the incorrect track in Part 2
- Failure to re-present after a refusal in Parts 1,3,4 (1.9.4)
- Horse and/or rider leaving arena whilst being judged.
- Unauthorised changing of tack or mount during the competition
- Unauthorised assistance at any stage after Part 2.

- Anyone other than the rider warming up a horse in the practice arena.
- Fall of horse/rider at any stage during the competition.
- A rider may not take a practice jump after being eliminated for a fall.

1.11.0 RECOMMENDED DIMENSIONS OF OBSTACLES : JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE, PR OPEN AND JUNIOR OPEN

1.11.1 In order to obtain uniformity of grading throughout the areas of jurisdiction, it is strictly recommended that with the exception of jump No 1 and any gymnastics, courses should be set up in accordance with the following schedule:

Intermediate Competitions:

Pony Rider Intermediate:

Maximum dimensions equivalent to the current dimensions of 0.80m for Jumping.

Junior Rider Intermediate:

Maximum dimensions equivalent to the current dimensions of 1.00m for Jumping.

Open Competitions, including Championships:

Pony Rider Open:

Maximum dimensions equivalent to the current dimensions of **0.90m** for Jumping.

Junior Rider Open:

Maximum dimensions equivalent to the current dimensions of **1.10m** for Jumping.

Dimensions for Team Competitions are set out in the relevant sections.

1.11.2 For championships it is required that the track increase in technical difficulty, but not in dimensions and include related lines and multiple combinations.

1.11.3 The **jumping** phase should consist of a course of between 7-9 fences including at least one combination.

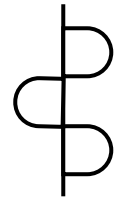
1.11.4 The course shall not be raised between parts 2, 3 and 4.

APPENDIX EQ/B - 2011 GLOSSARY

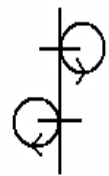
Equitation Movements

1. Circles: Circles are **20m** in diameter unless otherwise specified
2. Trotting poles: 4 – 6 poles which are to be **1,40m** apart for horses and 1.2m for ponies.
3. Figure 8: Circles not more than 20m in diameter and equal in size. The Figure 8 should be started and finished at the centre point of the figure 8.

4. Serpentine: The shape is slightly variable depending on the shape and size of the arena available. **The three** loops should be equal in size. The movement starts and finishes on an imaginary centre line.



5. Trot circles over poles on the ground: Circles should be between 10 and **15m** in diameter, both being the same size.



6. Movement with 1 hand: The competitor places both reins and the stick in one hand and the other hand remains along side the rider behind his or her thigh in a **relaxed** manner as they start the movement. The reins are taken up again once the movement is complete.

7. Lengthening and collection on a circle: Lengthening and collection must be more instant than gradual.

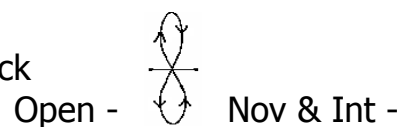
8. Canter one jump on a circular track: circle must be **approx. 20m**



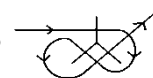
9. Canter 2 jumps on a circular track, approximately **20m** centre to centre



10. Jump a single vertical on a figure of 8 track
(3 efforts)



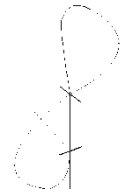
11. Mercedes: The Mercedes jump consists of 3 vertical jumps resembling a Mercedes sign. The competitor may start on either rein in any direction. The competitor jumps each element once. The pattern is the following, jump one element, go around the element nearest you, jump the second element change rein and jump the final element.



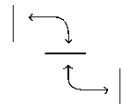
- 12.** Canter 3 bounces set on a curved track.
Recommended to approach on the curve.



- 13** Looping Star: Approach and jump either fence to start, half circle and jump second fence, loop back on oneself and jump both fences in a straight line.



- 14** The "S" bend: These two related distances, (5/6 strides) on the curve Should ideally be jumped showing as smooth and accurate a track as possible between fences one and two and two and three. This exercise can be jumped both ways.



- 15** The heights of the gymnastic exercises should not exceed the height recommendation of the class in which it's built.

- 16.** Jumps on Related Distances. These should be identified by the judges before the competitors walk the course. For Equitation, 2 efforts 3-6 strides should be considered as related.

- 17.** It is recommended that leg yielding movements should be ridden in clear view of the judges.

18. BOUNCES ON A CURVE:

- A) Bounce on a Curve – recommended for Open classes – distance of 2m, 3m, 4m (as approach is off a 10 to 15m circle curve).
- B) Bounces on a Cruve – recommended for Intermediate classes - distance of 2.5m, 3m, 3.5m (as approach is off a 20m circle curve)

All dimensions based on 3.6m pole length.

Bounce on a curve must be built at the height prescribed.

APPENDIX EQ/C

CHECKLIST FOR EQUITATION COMPETITIONS

1. BEFORE THE COMPETITION

Organize the following:

- Date
- Venue
- Schedule (to be sent through the Province's Horse Society's mailing list; entries to be checked)
- PA System
- Jump equipment
- Number vests
- Clipboards
- Flash cards for scoring
- Programme
- Rosettes and any other awards
- Result forms
- Fanfare, tapes for background music
- Organize "mystery horse" for Part Four

Organize the following officials:

- Course Designer: liaison concerning the requirements of the tests concerned
- Judges: If from another Province, authorize one "host" to look after them, arrange transport etc.
- **Secretary to record judge's comments**
- Announcer: A knowledgeable person, preferably an announcer and caller. At championships, a second announcer to read the tests is vital.
- **Organizing Secretary:** rosettes, result forms, vests, scratchings etc.
- Marshall
- **Spotter:** Check that tests are executed correctly.
- Obtain tests and have them duplicated
- Arrange liaison between Course Builder and Senior Judge – re: tests
- Check that the course is feasible for the tests set.

ON THE DAY

Before Competition begins:

- give out number vests (small square to be worn in front) and collect the deposits
- check scratching
- display tests to be used on a notice board (optional)

Competitors walk the course before **the commencement of the class**. Instructors are permitted to walk the course with **competitors**.

Announce the results in reverse order, starting with 6th place, with the names of their instructors. The judges present the prizes.

APPENDIX EQ/D

EQUITATION RESULT SHEET

Name of Show _____ **Date** _____

Grade _____ **Test Ridden** _____

Number of starters _____ **Graded Yes/No**

1st Place _____ **Instructor** _____

2nd Place _____ **Instructor** _____

3rd Place _____ **Instructor** _____

4th Place _____ **Instructor** _____

5th Place _____ **Instructor** _____

6th Place _____ **Instructor** _____

JUDGES **A** _____

B _____

C _____

REP _____ **COMMENTS** _____

APPENDIX EQ/E

GRADING POINTS

No of competitors	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
11 or more	6	5	4	3	2	1
9 – 10	6	5	4	3	2	1
7 – 8	6	5	4	3	2	1
5 – 6	6	5	4	3	2	1*
3 – 4	6	5	4	3*		
Less than 3	6	5	4*			

*** Where applicable**

APPENDIX F

FAST TRACKING OF JUDGES:

Motivation:

There are a number of top coaches and riders whom we need to entice to judge Equitation, not only for their expertise but also for the credibility which why will give the discipline.

CRITERIA:

They must have proven themselves with their personal and / or their pupils' track record in the Open levels in Equitation, Jumping or Eventing.

PROCESS:

1. The names of these prospective judges must be submitted together with their CV and a motivation, to the National Technical Equitation Committee by the Chairman of the Provincial Equitation Committee.
2. The NTEC will create a panel to assess the application, and will make its recommendation to the Technical Committee, who will notify the Provincial Chair concerned.
3. Once approved, the candidate will be given an open book evaluation, and will be required to be overseen by a senior judge during a competition., These marks will not count towards the result of the class.
4. At the discretion of the senior judge, and when the candidate feels comfortable as far as the rules and judging procedures are concerned, the candidate will be put on to the Provincial A Panel with (RPA – Recognition of Personal Achievement) behind their name.
5. From this point they will fit into the normal promotion process.

APPENDIX G

DIMENSIONS FOR JUMPING OBSTACLES

PONY RIDERS		
CLASSIFICATION	HEIGHT	SPREAD
WELCOME	0.60m	0.80m
NOVICE	0.70m	0.90m
INTERMEDIATE	0.80m	1.00m
OPEN	0.90m	1.10m
JUNIORS / ADULTS		
CLASSIFICATION	HEIGHT	SPREAD
WELCOME	0.80m	1.00m
NOVICE	0.90m	1.10m
INTERMEDIATE	1.00m	1.20m
OPEN	1.10m	1.30m