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Area Eventing Trial
Regulations**

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NZPCA **EVENTING** CHAMPIONSHIP & AREA EVENTING TRIAL REGULATIONS

These Regulations supersede all previous **Regulations issued, including those issued in September 2012 which replaced the Horse Trials Teams Championship 1997 Rules Book..**

The NZPCA Eventing Championship Regulations should be read in consultation with both the ESNZ Eventing Rules and NZPCA General Regulations. For any points not specified with these Regulations the relevant clause in the ESNZ Eventing Rule Book or NZPCA General Regulations shall apply. Where NZPCA / ESNZ rules differ, the rule is highlighted with an asterisk (*) refer to Annex 5 – NZPCA of the ESNZ Eventing Rule Book for clarification.

These regulations specifically address the **management and running** of NZPCA Eventing Championships involving both teams and individuals as well as Area **Eventing** Trials. **These regulations also set out the selection criteria by which Area select their team and individuals to compete at the NZPCA Eventing Championships.**

Today the NZPCA Eventing Championship includes both teams and individuals representing their Areas. The Area Team consists of six riders, two from each division (A1, DC, and MT) competing for the Area Team Championship Challenge Trophy. Area can also send individuals to compete at the championships for the A1 Challenge Cup open to individuals and team riders in the A1 division, the Dorothy Campbell (DC) Challenge Trophy open to individuals and team riders in the DC division and the Sir Mark Todd (MT) Challenge Trophy open to individuals and team riders in the MT division.

The major changes in these new Regulations compared to previous regulation are

- A clear statement that the inclusion of individual riders by Areas is encouraged as it is in line with NZPCA's first strategic aim, i.e. grow participation. (1.7.2.)
- The removal of "reserves for Team members" and the use of individual riders to act as replacements for Teams members. Individual Riders have until the start of the competition to withdraw if they are required to replace a team member. (1.7.5.).
- The use of **MT (Sir Mark Todd Challenge Trophy) division** to replace previously used names for this division including the 95cm Division and the Training Division
- The increase in the level of Cross Country, Show Jumping and Dressage tests for A1 division to NZPC A1 equivalent to ESNZ CNC 1 Star.
- **The introduction of a "National Qualifications Standard (NQS)" as the entry requirement to an/any Area Eventing Trial at all levels. The National Qualifying Standards (NQS) will set the standard a rider/mount combination must achieve in order to take part in an/any Area Eventing Trial. The NQS requirements supersedes and replace any individual pre-entry qualification criteria that were set individually by Areas.**
- **Setting a maximum of two One-day Area trials for selection purposes by Areas**

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INTRODUCTION

The ultimate authority for the **Eventing** Championship is the New Zealand Pony Clubs Association Inc. and their decision is final in all matters

The Events & Activities Committee of the NZPCA Board will have the right to reduce or increase the number of finalists taking part in either the whole of any one section of the Eventing Championships, to alter or amend any of the regulations contained in this document as circumstances warrant in consultation with the Technical & Rules Committee of the NZPCA, and to take any action it may deem necessary in the interest of the competition.

GENERAL

1. THE FORM OF THE COMPETITION

- 1.1. The **NZPCA Eventing Championship** competition will comprise three tests, Dressage, Cross-country and Show Jumping, ~~normally~~ in this sequence.
- 1.2. The competition is **both for a Teams and individuals.** ~~event comprising a maximum of six riders.~~
- 1.3. There will be three divisions:
 - **MT**: Riders 14 years and under
 - **DC**: Riders 16 and under
 - **A1**: Riders 17 until the end of the season during which they reach the age of 21.
- 1.4. Teams comprising a maximum of six riders, may consist of one of the following:
 - Area team: a maximum of two **MT**, two DC and two A1 riders.
 - Alternative Area ~~Team~~: maximum of six being any combination of **MT**, DC and A1 horses and riders.
 - Combined Area Teams: made up of any combination of riders from different areas. (Refer to Appendix G)
- 1.5. A competitive team for the Area **Eventing** Teams Championship Challenge Cup must consist of at least one **MT**, one DC and one A1 rider
- 1.6. There will also be competitions for:
 - ~~Individual titles in each division.~~
 - Highest placed **MT** team of two riders ~~with a minimum of C Certificate~~
 - Highest placed DC team of two riders ~~with a minimum of C certificate.~~
 - Highest placed A1 team of two riders ~~with a minimum of C certificate.~~
 - Horse Management Award, any team combination.
 - Teams Dressage Award must have two **MT**, two DC and two A1 riders.
- 1.7. There will also be competitions for Individual ~~titles~~ **riders** in each division, being open to both riders who are members of an Area team and as well as those riding as individuals for their Area. ~~with the following applying:~~
 - 1.7.1 Individual Riders must have ~~tried for~~ **taken part in their** an Area **Eventing Trial** and must have be listed

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in order of placings on the Area **Eventing** Trial Result Sheet.

- 1.7.2 Areas are ~~not compelled to enter Individual riders~~ **strongly encouraged to enter a number of individual riders as it is in line with NZPCA's first strategic aim, i.e. grow participation.**
- 1.7.3 Individual Riders are eligible for individual titles and trophies
- 1.7.4 The maximum number of entries in each division is 48; therefore the number of Individual Riders depends on the number of team riders entered in each division
- 1.7.5 **Areas have until the start of the competition to withdraw individual riders if they are required to replace a team member.**
- 1.7.6 Individual Riders will ride last in each division.

2. **THE AIM**

The Aim will be to encourage a higher standard of riding throughout Pony Clubs in New Zealand and to stimulate interest in eventing as a sport, and as recreation, abiding by the principles of the NZPCA Fair Play Charter.

3. **WHEN AND WHERE HELD**

The competitions will be held annually as determined by the **Events & Activities Committee of the NZPCA Board**, preferably the middle weekend of the 1st Term school holidays.

4. **TROPHIES**

Trophies to be competed for are:

- 4.1. *The Area Team Championship Challenge Cup* awarded to the winning Area Team presented by Messrs G.M.S Kelly, R.S. Pilmer, and D.M. Lamb. ~~Ribbons will be awarded to each of the six members of the first, second, third and fourth to sixth placed teams.~~
- 4.2. *The New Zealand Pony Clubs Association Teams Dressage Trophy* (David Jones Trophy) to be presented to a full team of two **MT**, two DC and two A1 riders with the lowest dressage faults. ~~Rosettes will be awarded to each of the six members of the winning team.~~
- 4.3. *The A1 Challenge Cup* presented by Messrs John E. Butler Ltd. To be awarded to the highest placed A1 competitor. ~~Rosettes will be awarded to the first, second, third, and fourth to sixth places.~~
- 4.4. *The Dorothy Campbell Challenge Trophy* presented by the NZPCA. To be awarded to the highest placed DC Competitor. ~~Rosettes will be awarded to the first, second, third and fourth places.~~
- 4.5. *The **Mark Todd Challenge Trophy*** presented by NZPCA. To be awarded to the highest placed MT competitor. ~~Rosettes will be awarded to the first, second, third and fourth places.~~
- 4.6. *The Knox-Thompson Perpetual Challenge Cup* presented by Miss E. Knox-Thompson. To be awarded to the highest placed A1 competitor in the dressage test. ~~A rosette will be awarded to the winner.~~
- 4.7. *The Dickens Perpetual Challenge Cup* presented by Miss S. Dickens. To be awarded to the highest placed DC competitor in the dressage test. ~~A rosette will be awarded to the winner.~~
- 4.8. *The MT Dressage Cup* is to be awarded to the highest placed MT competitor in the Dressage test. ~~A rosette will be awarded to the winner.~~
- 4.9. Team Management Award for the Manager and Team judged to be the best in Horse Management throughout the Championships by the panel appointed annually by the **Education & Development Committee of the NZPCA Board**. ~~Sponsored rosettes are awarded to the winning Manager and Team members including reserves who are present.~~

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- 4.10. Rosettes will be awarded to:
- Highest placed **MT** team of two riders ~~with a minimum of C Certificate~~
 - Highest placed **DC** team of two riders ~~with a minimum of C Certificate~~
 - Highest placed **A1** team of two riders ~~with a minimum of C Certificate~~.
- 4.11. **See NZPCA Eventing Championship Handbook for details concerning awarding of ribbons and rosettes. All ribbons and rosettes will be supplied by NZPCA except as specified in 4.10 above.**
- 4.12. **The NZPCA General Manager shall be responsible for all matters relating to Trophies and their Presentation. The trophies, after they have been presented, may travel home with the recipients with the following condition: **No trophies are to be engraved until the results of the drug tests have been confirmed.** Once the results have been confirmed, the General Manager will notify the Areas accordingly who will arrange for the trophies to be engraved.**

ADMINISTRATION

The Eventing Championship Organising Committee (ECOC) is responsible to the Area Committee, who is in turn responsible to the **Events & Activities Committee of the NZPCA Board** in all matters pertaining to the running of the **NZPCA Eventing** Championships.

The **Events and Activities Committee of the NZPCA Board** is responsible for resolving any problems brought up by the **Eventing** Championship Organising Committee or Area Committee.

5. **EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

- 5.1. The **Eventing** Championship Organising Committee will be responsible for attending to all arrangements necessary to ensure a successful **Eventing** Championship meeting while, at the same time, endeavouring to keep expenditure within the estimated income under average conditions.
- 5.2. The **Eventing** Championship Organising Committee shall appoint from within their number at their first meeting a Championship President, Secretary, Treasurer as well as dressage, show jumping and cross-country convenors.

6. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

- 6.1. Decide in conjunction with the **Events & Activities Committee** the date for the competition, preferably the middle weekend of the 1st Term school holidays. The Championship event should be limited to **no more than** four days duration, including **arrival**, the Teams' reception and course inspection. The duration of the dressage test should not exceed one day.
- 6.2. Arrange accommodation for officials (if necessary), paddocking or stabling of horses, catering, entertainment, car parking, gate keeping, crowd and traffic control, public conveniences, sound system, scoring facilities and equipment, judges facilities, special instructions for fence judges and other officials, advertising, suitable insurance on any property, hired or borrowed, and any other insurance cover thought desirable.
- (Refer to the NZPCA Eventing Championship's Handbook or complete list of responsibilities of the ECOC)
- ~~Arrange attendance by a doctor, ambulance, a veterinary surgeon, and farrier (See ESNZ Eventing Rules).~~
- 6.3. Supply the **NZPCA** General Manager and the Chairperson of the **Events & Activities Committee of the NZPCA Board** with a copy of the minutes of committee meetings as they are held.

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- 6.4. Sent to the NZPCA General Manager, by 31st August following the **competition** a copy of the audited/reviewed statement of accounts for the **NZPCA Eventing Championships and an audited financial statement for the event within 6 months of the event finishing.**
- 6.5. Compile **and produce** the programme for the **Eventing Championships.**

OFFICIALS

7. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

The appointment of officials should have been completed and all approvals obtained ideally no less than 9 months out from the start of the event.

7.1. The Events & Activities Committee of the NZPCA Board shall:

- 7.1.1. Appoint the personnel for judging the Horse Management Award for the competition **in consultation with the Education & Development Committee.**
- 7.1.2. Appoint Drug Testing personnel **through Clean Sport (ESNZ).**

7.2. The Eventing Championship Organising Committee shall:

- 7.2.1. Nominate the Chief Cross Country Designer and Show Jumping Course Designer for the **NZPCA Eventing Championship.** All nominations shall be confirmed by the **Technical & Rules Committee of the NZPCA Board before being appointed by the Eventing Championship Organising Committee.**
- 7.2.2. Nominate the **senior** Technical Delegate and two others Technical delegates, plus the Chief Cross Country Judge **and Chief Steward.** All nominations shall be confirmed by the **Technical & Rules Committee of the NZPCA Board before being appointed by the Eventing Championship Organising Committee.**
- 7.2.3. **At least one of the Technical Delegate team or the Chief Cross Country Judge should have held a similar role at the previous year's NZPCA Eventing Championship and at least one of the team of officials will have been nominated to hold a similar role at the following year's NZPCA Eventing Championship.**
- 7.2.4. **The senior Technical Delegate, the Chief Cross Country Judge and the Chief Steward must be on the ESNZ list of Eventing Officials at Level 2 or above.**
- 7.2.5. **Appoint the Assistant Chief Cross Country Judge and if required and agreed to by the senior Technical Delegate any Assistant Technical Delegates.**
- 7.2.6. **Appoint the Chief Dressage Judge and other dressage judges; appoint the Chief Jumping Judge and assistant judges for the Show Jumping; appoint the assistant stewards. The Chief Dressage and Chief Jumping Judges must be on the appropriate ESNZ list of officials.**
- 7.2.7. **Nominate an Appeal's Committee as stated under Regulation 10. All nominations shall be confirmed by the Technical & Rules Committee of the NZPCA Board before being appointed by the Eventing Championship Organising Committee.**

8. APPROVAL OF ARENAS AND COURSES

- 8.1. T.D's and Course **Designer/Planners** shall bear in mind that the course, while proving sufficient test, should be fair and suitable for the age group intended. The course should not be susceptible to poor weather conditions.

9. **GROUND JURY**

- 9.1. At the **NZPCA Eventing** Championship, and at Area **Eventing** Trials, there will be a Ground jury.
- 9.2. The President of the Ground Jury will be the Chief Cross Country Judge. The members will be the Assistant Cross Country Judge(s), the Chief Judge of the Dressage or Jumping test of the class, or division of a class, will become a member of the Ground Jury for matters pertaining to their respective test.
- 9.3. The Ground Jury is ultimately responsible for the judging of the competition and for settling all problems that may arise during its jurisdiction. Together with the Technical Delegate, Course Designer and Organiser, it shall endeavour to ensure all arrangements for the competition, including the arenas, courses and obstacles, are appropriate. If after consultation with the Technical Delegate, the Ground Jury is not satisfied with the arrangements of courses, it is authorized to modify them.

10. **APPEAL'S COMMITTEE**

- 10.1. At the **NZPCA Eventing** Championship an Appeal's Committee will be **nominated and appointed** approved by the Organising Committee ~~in consultation with the~~ **following approval from the Technical & Rules Committee**
- 10.2. At Area **Eventing** Trials, an Appeal's Committee will be approved by the Organising Committee.
- 10.3. The members of the Appeal Committee shall be as follows:
 - a. Three independent persons separate from the Organising committee with knowledge of legal procedures and rules.
 - b. The committee shall appoint a President prior to the competition starting.

Also see ESNZ Eventing Rules – Chapter IV Officials and Appendix 'D' - Appointment of Ground Jury and Appeal Committees

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

11. **ENTRY BY AREAS**

All entries for the **Eventing** Championships will be made by Areas.

- 11.1. Entries from each Area will be in the first instance: the two top **MT** combinations of horse and rider, and the two top DC combinations of horse and rider and the two top A1 combinations of horse and rider at the Area Trials, the six to comprise the area team.
- 11.2. The third, fourth and subsequent placed combination in each division shall be eligible to enter as Individual Riders.
- 11.3. **Eliminated Riders/Retired Riders** - The Area Committee may consider eliminated/**retired riders** for the Championships team only if insufficient numbers of riders have qualified with points. **(Refer A3.8 on page 15)**
- 11.4. If an Area cannot field a team as described above an Alternative Area Team may be entered to a maximum of six being any combination of MT, DC or A1 horse and riders. (refer to Appendix G)
- 11.5. If an Area cannot field a full team, it may apply to NZPCA to combine with one or more Areas to form

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a Combined Areas Team of a maximum of six riders and horses. (refer to Appendix G).

12. **GENERAL RIDER & MOUNT ENTRY CRITERIA**

- 12.1. Team and Individual Riders must be financial members of the NZPCA, fulfilled the minimum working rally requirements (See General Regulations 15), obtained the necessary National Qualifying Requirements (See page ##, Regulations A2.5) and have competed at an Area Eventing Trial.
- 12.2. Age Limits of Riders (**Team & Individual**):
- **MT Division:** Riders 14 and under as at the first day of competition in the year in which the championships are held. ~~Riders 14 years and under may trial for either the 95cm or 105cm DC class, but not both.~~
 - **DC Division:** Riders 16 and under as at the first day of competition in the year in which the championships are held.
 - **A1 Division:** Riders 17 as at the first day of competition in the year in which the championships are held to the end of the season they reach the age of 21. The season being from the 1 August until the 31 July the following year.
- 12.3. Mounts:
- There will be no height limit, but mounts must be five years or over.
 - No mount will be ridden by more than one rider.
 - The same mount will be ridden throughout all three tests of the competition.
 - The competitor must ride the same horse as in the Area Trials.

13. **ENTRY DETAILS AND CLOSING DATE**

- 13.1. Entry forms provided by the NZPCA, giving full details of the Team (name, age, ~~and sex~~ of rider, name of mount, whether pony or horse, and Club) and listed in the rider's running order, together with Entry fees **MUST** be sent by the Area Secretary to reach the NZPCA **NOT LATER** than ~~twelve~~ **fourteen (14)** working days before the 1st day of the Championships.
- 13.2. One of the designated people will certify on the Entry Form that all rules covering entry to the **NZPCA Eventing** Championships have been complied with.

14. **ENTRY FEES**

- 14.1. Entry Fees shall be payable at such a rate as is from time to time determined by NZPCA.
- 14.2. Entry Fees will be refunded only where cancellations are made before the closing date for entries.
- 14.3. Entry fees will be refunded if individual riders become part of a team

15. **AMENDMENTS TO ENTRIES AFTER CLOSING DATE**

- 15.1. Amendments to Entries will be accepted after the closing date and up to the start of the competition for illness/injury to horse/rider where a veterinary/medical certificate has been produced.
- 15.2. Any substitution must be a complete unit of mount and rider which complies with all rules of selection.

16. TEAM MANAGERS' DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 16.1. **Veterinary/Medical Certificates:** Team Managers have the right to call for a veterinary certificate or a medical certificate for a mount or a competitor within fourteen days prior to the Eventing Championships if in his or her opinion circumstances warrant the same.
- 16.2. Team Managers must inspect Team accommodation units and horse stabling or paddocking prior to occupation and departure of Teams competing at Eventing Championships, and ensure that both are left in a satisfactory condition. Bring to the notice of their team members the responsibility they owe to other people's property, and to the good name of the Pony Club.
- 16.3. **Arm Bands and Back Numbers** - Competitors will be issued with an armband and a back number at a time and place set by the Organising Committee. Team Managers are to ensure that their riders wear their allocated armband and/or back number at all times whilst exercising their horse and while competing at the **NZPCA Eventing** Championships.
- 16.4. **ID Tags** - Competitors will be issued with two ID tags for their horse/pony – one for the bridle and one for the halter, with their armband and back number. Team Managers are to ensure that their team horse/ponies are wearing an ID tag at all times whilst at the venue of the **NZPCA Eventing** Championships.

GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

17. MARKING

- 17.1. The Competitions will be marked on a penalty basis and the team or competitor with the least number of penalty points will be the winner.
- 17.2. Teams Championship. Although a team may have six members, only the four lowest penalty scores of the nominated riders will count for the team placing. The four lowest penalty scores will be added together to give the team total. There must be at least one **MT**, one DC and one A1 score counted, plus the next lowest score from one of the three divisions.
- ~~17.3. Team Final Classification: For the purposes of team classification only, a competitor who fails for any reason to complete the entire competition will be awarded 1000 penalties.~~

18. TIES

- 18.1. In the event of a tie the team or individual obtaining the lowest cross-country penalties will be the highest placed.
- 18.2. Should there still be equality the team or individual whose cross-country time is nearest to the time allowed (under or over) will be the highest placed.
- 18.3. Should there still be equality the team or individual obtaining the highest total dressage score (that is to say, the good marks of the Judges added together) will be the highest placed.
- 18.4. Should there still be equality the result will be considered a draw.
- 18.5. In the event of a tie for first place in the dressage test there will not be a ride-off. Honours will be shared

19. ELIMINATION IN ANY TEST

- 19.1. Elimination of a competitor in any test of the competition will entail elimination from the whole competition.
- 19.2. Elimination of one or more competitors in a team will not mean elimination of that team unless the eliminations reduce the team members to a number below the minimum four competitors that may form a team.

20. **COMPETITION DRAW**

- 20.1. The Team draw is to be in Areas (the number of Areas to be flexible as the case arises). Entry Forms detail the running order of competitors in the team. Therefore if Manawatu-West Coast be drawn first, then the first Manawatu-West Coast rider as listed on the entry form is No.1. The second rider from Manawatu-West Coast is No.17, and the third rider would ride No.33.
- 20.2. To avoid two team members competing simultaneously in the dressage test the MT division will be drawn as outlined above. The Area drawn fifth will have their DC ride first and the Area drawn tenth will have their A1 ride first and the remaining riders are adjusted accordingly. As riders are numbered 1-96, the Area drawn first will ride as follows: MT - 1 and 16, DC - 45 and 61, A1 - 73 and 89 and so on.
- 20.3. **Individuals:** In the first instance the first **Individual Rider** entry from each area in each division may compete as an individual to make up to forty five competitors in each division. If there is a shortfall of competitors, then the second **Individual Rider** by ballot will be allocated a draw number as above. Individuals will ride last in their division.
- 20.4. Individual start times for dressage tests will be allotted when the draw is made.

21. **OBJECTIONS**

- 21.1. At the Eventing Championship, objections to the Ground Jury may only be made by a member of the Organising Committee, riders participating in the competition or by Team Managers.
- 21.2. At Area Trials objections may be made by the Organising Committee, participating riders, parents or guardians.
- 21.3. Objections must be made in writing to the **Eventing** Championship Organising Committee Secretary and, except in the case of objections by a member of the Organising Committee, accompanied by a deposit of \$30. The deposit shall be refunded if the objection or appeal is upheld. If the objection or appeal is rejected, the deposit may be refunded at the discretion of the committee concerned.
- 21.4. Time limits for lodging objections will be:
- Not later than half-an-hour after the happening which gave rise to the objection; or
 - Where marks are concerned, within half-an-hour of the issue of marks; or
- 21.5. In the case of objections to the course, or to the qualifications of competitors - not later than **6pm** on the day before the start of the event.
- 21.6. Objections to the Appeal Committee must be lodged within half-an-hour of the decision of the Ground Jury being made known, and with a further fee of \$30.00.

Refer to Appendix 'D' - Appointment of Ground Jury and Appeal Committees

22. **DRESS AND SADDLERY INSPECTION**

- 22.1. At the NZPCA Eventing Championship a Gear Safety Inspection is not compulsory. If there is no formal Gear Safety Inspection, refer to Appendix B for the procedure.

23. **HORSE INSPECTION (“trot up”)**

- 23.1. A horse inspection (“trot-up”) will be undertaken before the show-jumping test to determine whether or not the horses are fit to participate in this test. **The Ground Jury and attending Vet are Personnel** to conduct this inspection ~~will be appointed by the NZPCA HTMC.~~ This **Ground Jury panel** may eliminate a horse from further competition after consultation with the attending vet. (Refer to Appendix E).

24. DRESSAGE

- 24.1. The General Manager will notify each Area Secretary four (4) weeks prior to the first day of competition of the championship Dressage tests to be ridden.
- 24.2. The Dressage tests used for the **MT**, DC and A1 Competition will normally have the same number of movements and available total marks.
- 24.3. The tests for Area Trials will be as laid down by the Area Committee. It is not essential that the tests chosen for Area trials have the same available total marks.
- 24.4. The tests may not be commanded.
- 24.5. There will be two judges for each Dressage arena **at NZPCA Eventing Championships. One judge may be used at Area Eventing Trials.**
- 24.6. Judges must not confer during a competition except when a List 4 judge is a member of the panel and requests to do so under special circumstances.
- 24.7. All Dressage tests are to be ridden in 20m x 60m arenas
- 24.8. **Dressage Dress: At championship and Area trial level a riding jacket, a shirt with a collar and tie or a white or pale coloured stock must be worn.**

Refer to the ESNZ Eventing Rule Book —~~Chapter VIII.~~

25. CROSS-COUNTRY

- 25.1. The route and fences over which the **NZPCA Eventing** Championship Cross-Country test is run should not have been used for a similar event during the preceding four (4) weeks unless the route and some fences are altered.
- 25.2. **The course of the Cross Country test will be “open” to all athletes 24 hours before the start of the test. Competitors will inspect the course and jumps on foot only. at the discretion of the Eventing Championships Organising Committee. Competitors will be given notice of the time when they will be conducted around the course, but**
- 25.3. The Team Coach and/or Manager will be permitted to walk the course ~~on the initial walk~~ with the Technical Delegates and Chief Cross Country Judge **before the course is “open”** and also attend the Team Coaches/Managers meetings. A Combined Area Team will be allowed to have one Coach for each Area making up the team but only one Manager.
- 25.4. Interference with the Cross-country course by any competitor or anyone directly interested in a competitor's performance, may incur elimination for that competitor at the discretion of the Ground Jury.
- 25.5. **Cross Country Dress: At championship level for the Cross-country tests a long sleeved jersey or a sweat-shirt in prescribed team colours must be worn.**

Refer to Appendix for Table of Heights and Dimensions and Guidelines for Faulted Cross Country Options – O Fences

Refer to ESNZ Eventing Rules

26. JUMPING

- 26.1. **The jumping test for all three divisions, MT, DC and A1 will be run in individual reverse order, based on individual positions after completion of the dressage and cross-country tests.**
- 26.2. **Show Jumping Dress: At championship level a long sleeved jersey or a sweat-shirt in prescribed team colours must be worn.**

Refer to ESNZ Rules for Eventing

AREA EVENTING TRIALS

A1. AREA EVENTING TRIAL - INTRODUCTION

- A1.1. Area **Eventing Trial/s** will comprise three tests, Dressage, Cross-country and Show Jumping, normally in this sequence.
- A1.2. The aim of the Area Eventing Trial is to select entrants **to represent the Area at the NZPCA Eventing Championship** competition
- A1.3. **Area Eventing Trial/s** will be held annually by NZPCA Areas

A2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEE ORGANISING AREA EVENTING TRIAL

- A2.1. To organise and conduct the **Area's** Eventing Trial/s ~~for Eventing Championships~~ in accordance with the following rules or regulations
- NZPCA Eventing Championship Regulations
 - ESNZ Eventing Rules
 - NZPCA General Regulations
- A2.2. ~~Resolve matters relating to Area representation at the Eventing Championships.~~
- A2.3. ~~Ensure the appointment of officials for the Area Eventing Trials including the Technical Delegate, the Chief Cross Country, Dressage and Show Jumping Judges and other dressage and show jumping judges including any assistants is in accordance with **Regulation 7**.~~
- A2.4. ~~Appoint a Ground Jury in accordance with **Regulation 9** and Appeal Committee in accordance with **Regulation 10** and set in place procedures for handling objections as set out in **Regulation 21**~~
- ~~7.3. Ensure appropriate level of availability and/or attendance by a doctor, ambulance, a veterinary surgeon, and farrier at the Area Trial/s (See ESNZ Eventing Rules).~~

A3. ENTRY CRITERIA FOR AREA EVENTING TRIALS

- A3.1. ~~Each Pony Club will enter members according to arrangements made each year by the Area Committee.~~
- A3.2. Rider must be financial member of the NZPCA, and the rider/mount combination fulfilled the minimum working rally requirements **(See General Regulations 15) and have met NZPCA's National Qualifying Standards (NQSs) in order to enter the Area Eventing Trial.**
- A3.3. Age Limits of Riders
- MT Division: Riders 14 and under as at the first day of competition in the year in which the championships are held. Riders 14 years and under may trial for either the MT or DC class, but not both.
 - DC Division: Riders 16 and under as at the first day of competition in the year in which the championships are held.
 - A1 Division: Riders 17 as at the first day of competition in the year in which the championships are held to the end of the season they reach the age of 21. The season being from the 1 August until the 31 July the following year

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A3.4. Mounts:

- There will be no height limit, but mounts must be ~~five~~ **four** years or over.
- No mount will be ridden by more than one rider.
- The same mount will be ridden throughout all three tests of the competition.
- A competitor may ride no more than two mounts at Area Trial/s

A3.5. National Qualification Standard (NQS)

- In order to enter an/any Area Eventing Trial a rider/mount combination is required to have obtained 2 (two) NQs within 12 months prior to entries closing or 3 (three) NQs within 24 months prior to entries closing for the Area Eventing Trial.
- NQs need to be achieved at the level trialing or above
- An NQs is achieved by completing a competition within the following minimum performance parameters:
 - not less than 50 percent in the Dressage Test; and
 - not more than 20 penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country Test, and
 - not more than 90 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross Country Test; and
 - not more than 16 penalties at obstacles in the Jumping Test.
- Riders will need to provide proof that they have achieved the necessary NQs's at time of entry to the Area Trial at the level of above trialing or above.
- There are no dispensations for NQs.

A3.6. Educational Dispensation

- Riders who meet entry criteria A2, but due to educational commitments (as set out below) may write to their Area Committee to seek special permission to compete at an Area Eventing Trial outside their home Area. The written request to the rider's home Area Committee must include a letter from the Area Committee in which the rider wishes to take part in their Area Eventing Trial giving their permission and a letter from the riders educational establishment
 - Attend boarding school outside the members Area and is unable to attend the member's Area Eventing Trial due to school commitments
 - Attend University outside the members Area and is unable to attend their own Area Eventing Trials due to educational commitments.

A4. ~~FORM OF AREA EVENTING TRIAL SELECTION CRITERIA FOR TEAMS & INDIVIDUALS TO COMPETE AT NZPCA EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP~~ **QUALIFYING TRIALS**

A4.1. ~~The Area Eventing Trials will be run on similar lines to the Eventing Championships.~~ Areas are permitted to select Team Riders and Individual Riders for the Eventing Championships by one of the following ways;

- A. One one-day trialBest placings
- B Two one-day trialsBest accumulated placings

The value of a placing is defined as follows:

- 1st 1 point
- 2nd 2 points
- 3rd 3 points
- 4th 4 points etc.

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- A4.2. The competitors with the least number of points in the MT, DC and A1 divisions by whichever method of selection shall be deemed the winners.
- A. One one-day trial** In the event of a tie refer to ~~Rule~~ **Regulation 18**.
- B Two one-day trials** Riders who have gained points in both trials **or one trial** are selected before eliminated riders are considered under ~~Rule~~ **Regulation 11**. In the event of a tie refer to ~~Rule~~ **Regulation 18** but the dressage scores referred to in ~~Rule~~ **Regulation 18.3** will be averaged.
- ~~A3.3. For ease of calculation in multiple trials, duplicate dressage sheets should be kept.~~
- A4.3. ~~Riders are to be selected that belong to Clubs within the boundaries of the said Areas. However if there are insufficient successful trialists for the required championship classes, then~~ **Areas may consider applications from member riders who attended Area Trials outside of their membership area and fulfilled all the criteria set out in Regulation A2.6, if there are insufficient successful trialists for the required Eventing Championship division.**
- A4.4. Riders with two mounts will be allotted points for each mount separately. If a riders' horse (A) is placed in the top two, then that horse (A) will be in the area team and the other horse (B) will remain in its achieved position. If horse (B) is placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th behind horse (A), it will be that riders' own reserve. Horse (B) cannot replace any other combination above their achieved position, i.e. if horse (B) is in 7th position, it cannot replace horse (A). The 3rd place getter is the first individual for the Area and can be used to replace a withdrawn combination from the Area Team.
- A4.5. **Eliminated / Retired Riders** - The Area Committee may consider rider/combinations eliminated **and/or retired during or following the cross-country test or during the show-jumping test**, for the Eventing Championships team or as individuals only if insufficient numbers of riders have qualified with points. **Rider/combinations who are eliminated / retired that do not start the cross-country test cannot be considered.**

APPENDIX A: Table of Heights and Dimensions

CROSS COUNTRY	MT – (Red) (NZPC 95)	DC - (White/Black) (NZPC 105)	A1 - (Yellow) (NZPC A1)
Max Height	95cm	1.05m	1.10m
Brush	1.15m	1.25m	1.30m
With Height & Spread			
Max Top Spread	1.05m	1.20m	1.40m
Max Base Spread	1.50m	1.85m	2.10m
With Spread only Max Spread without Height	1.80m	2.40m	2.80m
Drop Fences			
Max Drop	1.30m	1.40m	1.60m
Max No/Max Drop	2 @ \geq 1.20m	2 @ \geq 1.30m	2 @ \geq 1.40m
Jumps into & out of water Max depth of water	20cm	20cm	30cm
Distance	1800 - 2500m	2000 — 2800m	2000 — 3120m
Speed	425mpm	485mpm	520mpm
Maximum Jump Efforts	25 efforts	28 efforts	30 efforts
JUMPING			
Max Height	95cm	1.05m	1.15m (max of 3 jumps only)
Overall Spreads			
Oxers	1.05m	1.15m	1.30m
Triple Bar	1.25m	1.35m	1.50m
Speed	300mpm	325mpm	350mpm
Maximum Distance	500m	500m	600m
No. of Obstacles / Maximum Efforts	9 / 11	9 / 11	10 / 12-13
Combination	1 or 2 Doubles	2 Doubles	2 or 3 Doubles or 1 Double & 1 Treble
DRESSAGE TEST	Eventing A1 — A4	NZPCA HT/DC Tests (or Eventing B1, B3, B4)	NZPCA HT/A1 Tests (or Eventing B1, B3, B4)

APPENDIX B: GEAR SAFETY INSPECTION

PROCEDURE at NZPCA EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. It is the Area and Team Manager's responsibility to ensure that their riders are aware of Dress and Saddlery rules as set out in NZPCA General Regulations and ESNZ Eventing Rules ~~Chapter VII Article 641 Dress, 642 Saddlery, and any qualifiers set out in in Annex 5 — Pony Club of the ESNZ Eventing Rules.~~
2. The Appointed Steward(s) will:
 - (a) Observe all riders/horses in the schooling and warm-up areas.
 - (b) Check suspect dress/saddlery.
 - (c) 'Spot' check riders anywhere, anytime during the competition.
 - (d) Be available to check gear at rider's request.
3. Contravention of Dress and Saddlery Rules will incur elimination.

Refer to NZPCA General Regulations

Refer to ESNZ Eventing Rules ~~Chapter VII~~

APPENDIX C: MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR **MEDICAL** & VETERINARY SERVICES AT NZPCA EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP and AREA **EVENTING** TRIALS

NZPC Eventing Championship

- The official Veterinarian MUST BE present throughout the event.
- Ambulance and ambulance officer MUST BE present throughout the event, and a doctor and a paramedic MUST BE present during Cross-Country test.

Area Eventing Trials

- The official Veterinarian MUST BE present for the Cross-Country and Show-Jumping tests.
- Ambulance and paramedic / ~~first aid officer~~ MUST BE present during the Cross-Country and Show-Jumping tests

Refer to NZPCA General Regulations

Refer to ESNZ Eventing Rules Chapter VII

APPENDIX D: GROUND JURY AND APPEAL COMMITTEES

Notes for both Committees

1. Competition organising committee must make available an enclosed space, e.g. a horse truck, float, room or caravan for either committee to carry out their deliberations. It would not be appropriate for either committee to meet in view of the public.
2. The Ground Jury and Appeal Committee will be appointed as stated in ~~rules 11(a) and 11(b)~~ **Regulation 9 & 10** respectively.
3. The TD cannot be a member of a Ground Jury or Appeal Committee.
4. The TD and/or rider, at the invitation of the President, may attend in the role as non-speaking observers. On request from the President, the TD may be asked to give advice on technical matters which the committee requires clarification. Both the Ground Jury and Appeal Committee reserve the right to carry out their deliberations in private without the TD and/or rider present.
5. The TD is the rider's advocate and advisor.
6. The TD **DOES NOT** have a vote.
7. The Appeal Committee is generally not required for smaller competitions. However, this is optional.
(TD = Technical Delegate and refers to the TD of the event).

Procedure for an Objector to submit an objection

1. All parties should familiarise themselves with NZPCA Eventing Championship Regulations and ESNZ Eventing Rules and especially Regulation 21 NZPCA Eventing Championship Regulations.
2. The objector to discuss their complaint with the TD.
3. The TD will collect all relevant information relating to the objector's complaint and advise them further if there are grounds to lodge a written objection.
5. If objection is to proceed, it must be lodged in writing with the event Secretary within the specified timeframe. The objection is to be accompanied by the appropriate deposit.
6. The Secretary will notify the Chief Judge that a written objection has been received. The Chief Judge will call a meeting of the Ground Jury who, after deliberating, will give a ruling. This is the first time that the Chief Judge should have had any contact with the objection.
7. If the objector is dissatisfied with the Ground Jury's ruling, they may lodge a written appeal with the event Secretary within the specified timeframe. The objection is to be accompanied by the appropriate deposit.
8. The Appeal Committee's decision shall be final.
9. The deposit shall be refunded if the objection or appeal is upheld. If the objection or appeal is rejected, the deposit may be refunded at the discretion of the committee concerned.

APPENDIX E: HORSE INSPECTION (“trot up”)

The ~~Horse Inspection Committee~~ **Ground Jury and inspecting Vet** will inspect all horses being presented for the Show Jumping test to determine whether or not they are fit to participate in this test. It is to follow the same formal and procedures as a formal “trot up” as for NZ Eventing 1 or 3 Day Championships.

It will be carried out at a time to be decided by **the TD in consultation with the** ~~Horse Trials Championship Organising Committee in consultation with the TD.~~ **generally near the conclusion of the cross-country test.** The time at which competitors are required to present themselves and their horses will be announced beforehand, in order that competitors may be ready at the required time.

Requirements:

1. A firm flat surface, minimum size 40m X 10m, clear of obstructions and spectators. ~~As most horses will be saddled, it is safer to use a turning cone, not a post. Refer to~~
2. A “holding area”, minimum size 20m square, clearly defined, free from spectators and adjacent to the main area.
3. A steward, whose job will be to:
 - a. Call up competitors and keep the area clear.
 - b. Identify competitors and mark them off accordingly.
 - c. Immediately inform the ~~Horse Trials Championship~~ Organising Committee Secretary of any withdrawals.
4. Horses must be run up in a bridle, ~~saddle optional~~, no boots or bandages. A whip may be carried. Rugs and sheets must be removed.
5. Competitors will wear their back numbers and be able to lead and turn their horses correctly.
6. Order for trot up will be MT, DC and A1 competitors in draw order.

APPENDIX 'F'

GUIDELINES FOR FAULTED CROSS COUNTRY OPTIONS 'O' FENCES Objective:

The purpose of the faulted option is not only to reward the top cross country rider for their skill and accuracy and gain a fair result in the whole competition, but also to make the competition achievable to riders who may have otherwise not been able to negotiate the XC course. These riders will have a greater opportunity to complete the course and gain valuable experience.

What is an 'O' Fence?

An O fence is an option to the direct route on a cross- country course, which is at a lesser degree of difficulty than the main obstacle and will carry penalty points.

Identifying 'O' Fences:

The main obstacle and the option will carry the same number, or the same number and letters in the case of a combination except the option will be identified by an 'O' around the number or letter in the colour code of the class concerned or a separate disc may be used with the appropriate colour code displayed.

How many options and faults?:

Four obstacles only will be faulted, with each costing the rider ten penalty points per obstacle (regardless of the number of efforts), i.e. maximum of forty penalties if a rider takes all four 'O' options.

Course Designer:

It is envisaged that in some cases the 'O' fence for one class may be the direct route for another class so it will be necessary to clearly identify classes with the appropriate colour code. 'O' fences can be situated anywhere within reason to the direct route, e.g. an existing fence nearby or a fence for another class, remembering that it is not intended to deliberately create time faults as well as ten (10) point penalty

Scorers:

The scorers can only award a ten point penalty if the fence judge has marked a tick beside an 'O'. Other than this it is scored the same as a normal obstacle with an option.

Fence Judge briefing:

The fence judge will judge the fence as normal in all situations except when the rider jumps the 'O' fence clear as their first choice - in this case the card is marked with a tick beside an 'O'. This is the only time that ten penalties will apply.

Should the rider attempt the direct route and incur a stop or run out then go to the option and jump clear, only the disobedience at the direct route will be faulted. Further penalties will not be added unless further disobediences occur.

Marking:

- If rider jumps the main obstacle first time with no faults, mark clear (tick).
- If rider jumps the 'O' option first time with no faults, mark clear (tick) with an 'O' beside the tick.
- As soon as a rider has a fault at any part of an obstacle, it is then marked as a normal cross country fence - i.e. X for first refusal, XX for 2 refusals, E for three refusals and F for a fall.
- If in doubt, please indicate clearly on card what actually happened, (diagram, description) or consult with TD's.

APPENDIX G

ALTERNATIVE & COMBINED AREA TEAMS

Alternative Area Team

1. If at the end of the area trial/s the mix of 2 MT, 2 DC and 2 A1 riders is not achieved then the Area may enter any mix of riders up to a maximum of 6 (~~plus a named reserve rider~~). The top two qualifiers in each Division group at Area Trials must be the first two combinations named on the entry form (the riding order of the two will be determined at the Areas' discretion). The riding order of the remaining riders will be their order after the Area trial/s, e.g. 3rd MT, 3rd DC or 3rd A1 will be drawn in third position.

~~In the case of team rider 1 or 2 being eliminated, the scores of riders 3, 4, 5 or 6 cannot be counted in the Overall Teams Competition, Teams Dressage Competition and best MT, DC and A1 team's competition.~~

2. All Alternatives Area Team riders will be eligible for the Individual MT, DC and A1 trophies and the Horse Management Award.

Combined Areas Team

1. A Combined Areas Team will in the first instance be a combination of up to two MT, two DC and two A1 riders and will be eligible for all awards.
2. If the Combined Areas Team make up differs from number 1 above, they are eligible for the Horse Management Award and individual placings.
3. Riders will wear their own Area colours and the team name will incorporate each Area name.

Processing of Entries for a Combined Areas Team

1. Areas are to notify the General Manager in writing ASAP after the final Area trial that they wish to form a team by combining with another Area/s. The official entry form is to be completed and submitted to NZPCA, along with the entry fee immediately after the Area trial.
2. The **Events & Activities** Committee will determine Combined Area Teams and appoint one Manager, on behalf of the team. – see Regulation 16 Team Manager's Role & Responsibilities.
3. On receipt of entries for Combined Area Teams the committee will make their decision within 24 hours of the closing date for entries and notify the areas concerned. The Committee will determine the starting order of the riders.

APPENDIX H - STEWARDS

A Chief Steward, and such assistant stewards as are necessary, will be appointed. The Chief Steward will be appointed from the ESNZ Stewards list. The Stewards are responsible to ensure the general welfare of the horses and in particular to assist the TD and the Chief Judges of each Test in ensuring that the rules regarding exercise and warming up are adhered to.

The Steward will also randomly check any rider's attire and the horse's saddlery and equipment to ensure they adhere to the governing rules. A Steward must be present whenever the practice obstacles are being used, and accompany any horse selected for random drug testing. The stables / yards and truck park area may be patrolled by Stewards in a random manner. Any incident noted that is outside the rules will be reported to the Chief of the Ground Jury.