

# DRESSAGE

Changes for 2020 in red

Current rule	Topic	Reason for change	New Rule 2020	2019 Rule
	V2 as at 11/12/19			
<b>Dressage</b>				
Dr 2.3 page 5	2.3 Grading	Update number of grades in Dressage- as per new tests from Coral Byrne	2.3.b There are <b>seven</b> grades of pony club dressage. The standards expected at each grade of dressage are explained in rule 10.	2.3.b There are <b>five</b> grades of pony club dressage. The standards expected at each grade of dressage are explained in rule 10.
DR 2.11 page 6	2.11 Arenas	Update the reference to the correct rule	2.11.a Refer to rule <b>6.5</b> for applicable arena sizes.	2.11.a Refer to rule <b>11</b> for applicable arena sizes.
DR 3.1.d page 7	3.1 Fundamental Requirements	Define the term 'Bell' used by Dressage Judge	3.1.d <b>Tests:</b> i. <b>To signal the start of a test the Judge will sound a bell and/or make a visual signal</b> ii. Judging of all tests begin with the entry into the arena at A but is not influenced by any actions of the competitor prior to their entrance at A. iii. <b>If the judge sounds the bell during a test, the rider must stop riding the test and proceed to the Judge for instruction.</b> <b>COMMENT: The bell referred in these rules means a bell or car horn or other sound or signal as advised by the Judge at the time.</b>	3.1.d Judging of all tests begin with the entry into the arena at A but is not influenced by any actions of the competitor prior to their entrance at A.
DR 3.3 page 7	3.3 Entering the Arena	Change 'points' to read 'marks' for consistency in terms.	3.3.a After the bell has sounded, the rider must enter the arena at A as soon as possible. i Failure to enter the arena within 45 seconds of the bell being sounded will entail a penalty of <b>2 marks</b> per judge. ii Entering at A before the starting signal has been given may entail a penalty of <b>2 marks</b> per judge.	3.3.a After the bell has sounded, the rider must enter the arena at A as soon as possible. i Failure to enter the arena within 45 seconds of the bell being sounded will entail a penalty of <b>2 points</b> per judge. ii Entering at A before the starting signal has been given may entail a penalty of <b>2 points</b> per judge.
DR 3.4 page 7	3.4 Leaving the Arena During Test	Clarify penalty for Leaving an arena and delete extra words. Version 2 - after LH input	3.4 Leaving the Arena During Test 3.4.a A horse leaving a <b>fenced</b> arena with all four feet between the beginning and the end of the test will be penalised as follows: i) <b>Grade 5 &amp; 6 – error of course</b> ii) <b>All other grades – •elimination OR •error of course if the horse leaves the arena at an opening at A, and re-enters within 20 seconds</b> 3.4.b A horse leaving an arena defined by intermittent boards, poles or line markings on the ground will be <b>penalised as follows:</b> i) <b>All grades – error of course.</b> 3.4.c. When a horse makes such an “error of course” <b>as in 'a.i' or 'b' above</b> the judge at C warns the rider by sounding the bell. The judge then directs them to re-enter the arena at the nearest practical place, then shows him, if necessary, where to recommence the test.	3.4 Leaving the Arena During Test 3.4.a A horse leaving the arena with all four feet between <del>the time of during a test between</del> the beginning and the end of the test will be <del>eliminated except in grade 5 &amp; grade 6 where the combination will be awarded an error of course (see 3.4.b.i)</del> 3.4.b A horse leaving <del>the arena with all four feet when the surrounds of the arena are</del> defined by intermittent boards, poles or line markings will be <del>awarded an error of course.</del> i When a horse makes such an “error of course” the judge at C warns the rider by sounding the bell. The judge then directs him to re-enter the arena at the nearest practical place, then shows him, if necessary, where to recommence the test.

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DR 3.6 page 8	3.6 Dismounting or Fall of Horse and/or Rider	Delete confusion about when end of test occurs, as Grade 5 & 6 finish when they exit at A, not after the salute.	3.6.c Any fall of horse and/or rider between the entry at A and the end of the test will entail elimination from that competition.	3.6.c Any fall of horse and/or rider between the entry at A and the end of the test <del>at the final salute</del> will entail elimination from that competition.
DR 3.9 page 8	3.9 Lameness	New explanation regarding Lameness, based on PCWA definition.	3.9 Lameness 3.9.a <del>If there is a doubt as to the soundness of the horse, the competitor will be allowed to complete the test, and any unevenness of pace will be penalised. The Judge(s) will report the matter to the Organising Committee who will convene an Assessment Panel made up of one Committee Executive and 2 other knowledgeable people to decide if the horse may be permitted to continue in the competition. There is no Appeal against this decision</del> 3.9. b. If the horse is so lame that in the opinion of the judge(s) it ought not to be asked to complete the test, the judge(s) may, without appeal, eliminate the competitor.	3.9 Lameness <del>3.9.a In the case of marked lameness, the judge informs the competitor- they are eliminated-</del> <del>3.9.b A horse will not be eligible to compete in any further competitions for the rest of that day. There is no appeal against this decision.</del>
DR 3.10 page 8	3.10 Errors of Course	Correct the Typo of incorrect rule number	3.10 Errors of Course 3.10.b Every error of course, whether the bell is sounded or not, must be penalised except as noted in 3.10.a above: • The first by 2 marks • The second by 4 additional marks • The third by elimination However, if time permits the judge may allow the rider to continue the test to the end awarding marks in the ordinary way. The use of the voice referred to in 3.1.i above is not an error of course	3.10 Errors of Course 3.10.b Every error of course, whether the bell is sounded or not, must be penalised except as noted in <del>3.9.a</del> above: • The first by 2 marks • The second by 4 additional marks • The third by elimination However, if time permits the judge may allow the rider to continue the test to the end awarding marks in the ordinary way. The use of the voice referred to in 3.1.i above is not an error of course
DR 3.10 page 9	3.10 Errors of Course	Change some 'points' to read 'marks' for consistency in terms.	3.10.h Penalty points are deducted on the judge's sheet from the total <del>marks</del> scored by the competitor. The judge must note on the test sheet the movement at which the error was made.	3.10.h Penalty points are deducted on the judge's sheet from the total <del>points</del> scored by the competitor. The judge must note on the test sheet the movement at which the error was made.
DR 4 page 10	4. Elimination	Rename the heading	4. Penalties	<del>4. Elimination</del>
DR 4.2 page 10	New table 4.2 Penalties	Add new table	See new Table 4.1.b Dressage Penalties	<del>4.1.b.Reasons for which a competitor can be eliminated from a dressage competition: i-Failing to attend a gear ..... rule 2.7.b ii-Competing in a test ..... or equipment rule 2.7.b iii-Person other than the competitor ..... under 14- rule 2.9.a.i iv-Competitor in the arena... competing rule 2.9.b v-Use of gear other .....the warm up arena rule 2.9.a.ii vi-Leaving the arena .... completely enclosed rule 3.4 vii-Dismounting after ..... acceptable to the judge rule 3.6 viii-Resistance ..... entering the arena rule 3.7.a ix-For Safety reasons a...horse, judge or public rule 3.7.b x-Unauthorised assistance.... rule 3.8 xi-Marked lameness rule 3.9 xii-If during the test .... are made rule 3.10.b xiii-Other reasons in .....PCV Handbook of By-Laws</del>

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DR 5.2 page 11	5.2 Conflict of Interest	Amend wording regarding Conflict of interest of Dr Judges	5.2.a Each judge must make a decision that allows for the competition to be judged under the fairest possible conditions. At times conflict of interest are unavoidable, however consideration needs to be given to the following scenarios before accepting a judging position: i A family member. ii A close relative of the competitor. iii The owner of the horse. iv The regular coach of the competitor. v A person having instructed/ held a riding clinic for any competitor within two weeks prior to an event may not judge those who participated in the clinic. vi A person who is provided with private billeted accommodation with the competitor or family of a competitor they are scheduled to judge.	5.2.a Each judge must make a decision that allows for the competition to be judged under the fairest possible conditions. At times conflict of interest are unavoidable, however consideration needs to be given to the following scenarios before accepting a judging position: i A family member. ii A close relative of the competitor. iii The owner of the horse. iv The regular coach of the competitor. v A person having held a riding clinic for any competitor within two weeks prior to an event may not judge a horse or rider who participated in the clinic. vi A person who is provided with private billeted accommodation with the competitor or family of a competitor they are scheduled to judge.
DR 5.6 page 12	5.6 Scale of Marks	New allowance for Half marks.	5.6.d. Half marks may be given.	5.6.d Fractions of marks must not be given.
DR 5.7.h page 12	5.7.h. Separating Equality of Scores	Typo error - Correct the number sequence of subclauses. Should be i-iii not iii- iv.	5.7.h.ii Individual:Multiple test competition: placings determined as specified in the schedule. If equal places then: i Highest score in the highest numbered test. ii If these scores are equal, places will be determined as for a single test competition, using the highest numbered test. iii. If there is still a tie this process is repeated with the next highest numbered test until a winner is determined or until there are no further tests to compare, in which case the placing remains tied.	5.7.h.ii Individual:Multiple test competition: placings determined as specified in the schedule. If equal places then: iii. Highest score in the highest numbered test. iv. If these scores are equal, places will be determined as for a single test competition, using the highest numbered test. v. If there is still a tie this process is repeated with the next highest numbered test until a winner is determined or until there are no further tests to compare, in which case the placing remains tied.
DR 6.5 page 14	6.5 Table of Recommended Tests for various competitions	Include in Table 6.5 new grade of 'PCV Advanced'	New Grade'PCV Advanced' and/or new table	
10.1.c rules & 1.1/1.2tests	10.1 Grade 5 and 6	Improve expected Standard for Grade 5 & 6.	10.1.c - All Grade 5 & 6 can do, or try to do, is make the pony go and keep it as nearly as possible on the required track. It is more important that the pony goes where the rider wishes rather than how. The judge should not be too concerned with details of rider position and should always reward a 'safe and happy combination' Incorrect diagonal or leading legs should not be penalised. Remarks should be simple and generous with their praise and every sheet should somewhere carry remarks that comment on the rider's attempts to fulfil the two basic requirements: "to keep the pony going at required speed and on the required line."	10.1.b All they can do, or try to do, is make the pony go and keep it as nearly as possible on the required track. The better it goes forward for the rider the better it will follow the track and the straighter it will be. It is more important that the pony goes where the rider wishes rather than how. The judge should not be too concerned with details of rider position or correctness of aids. The pony should be quiet and obedient. Incorrect diagonal or leading should not be penalised. Remarks should be simple and generous with their praise and every sheet should somewhere carry remarks that comment on the rider's ability or otherwise to fulfil the two basic requirements: "to keep the pony going at required speed and on the correct line."
<b>End of amendments for DRESSAGE 2020</b>				