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RULES FOR HICKSTEAD



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SECTION 1. Aim & Governing Rules

Aim

The aim of the Pony Club Hickstead is to provide Members and Senior with the chance to participate in one or more of the Eventing Sports in a controlled environment and at the same time provide a challenging competition requiring sound practical horsemanship and general athletic ability.

Governing Rules

These Pony Club Association of WA Hickstead Rules are effective from 01 January 2025
As from this date, all other texts covering the same matter (i.e., other editions or amendments) issued previously are superseded.

Hickstead is run with the following rule books:

- Current Pony Club WA Eventing Rules
- EA National Eventing Rules
- All riders and horses must comply with:
 - FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse
 - Pony Club WA Code of Conduct

This rule book is to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of the Pony Club WA Eventing Rule book. Where there is a contradiction in both rule books the Hickstead rule book will take precedence.

These rules are to be used by affiliated Pony Club's organizing Hickstead for Pony Club grades. Reference should be made to the above rule books for any eventuality not covered in this rule book.

In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the official/s responsible to make a decision in sporting spirit and in accordance with the intention of these rules.

Any new or amended EA rules applicable to Eventing or Hickstead shall be considered by Pony Club WA as early as possible after publication by the EA. Changes will be adopted unless Pony Club WA consider them to be inappropriate for Pony Club. All EA amendments if adopted will be published on the Pony Club WA website for circulation to relevant Officials, Event Organisers, and Zone and Club Secretaries.

All members of Pony Club WA shall accept and be bound by these rules. Making an entry for any official event constitutes implicit acceptance of the latest edition of the Pony Club WA Hickstead Rules.

The competitor is responsible for knowing these rules and complying with them. The appointment of a Technical Delegate or Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector, whether provided for in these rules, does not absolve the competitor from such responsibility.

SECTION 2. Hickstead General Regulations

Chapter 1 - General Requirements

Article 1 – Eligibility of Rider

1. Riders entered in Pony Club classes must be current financial members of a Pony Club affiliated with Pony Club WA.
2. Riders competing in open classes must be currently registered with Pony Club WA.
3. Age of the member on 01 January shall be maintained throughout the year
4. One rider may compete no more than two (2) mounts at one competition.
5. The one horse one rider rule applies to all Pony Club and Open Classes. Except lead line (so horse can compete in another class and still be used for lead line)

Article 2 – Eligibility of Mount

1. A mount may compete in Pony Club WA Hickstead PC45, PC65, PC80, PC95 & PC105 competitions from the beginning of calendar year in which it turns 5 years. NOTE: The onus is on the owner/rider to provide proof of the Horses Age.
2. Hickstead are open to horses and ponies.
3. No stallions or rigs are permitted.
4. Mounts may be substituted before the commencement of the event upon presentation of a Veterinary Certificate. The replacement mount must be eligible and comply with the Pony Club WA rules.

Article 3 – Competition Format of Hickstead Events

1. Should be completed in one day.
2. May consist of both a combined jumping phase and dressage phase. The dressage phase is optional and may be run at the discretion of the event Organiser.
3. The order in which the phases are conducted is at the discretion of the event Organiser.
4. For Hickstead events consisting of only the combined jumping phase, up to two rounds per competitor may be offered at the discretion of the event Organiser.
5. If the full course is longer than 2000m horse/rider combinations may only compete in 1 round on the day.
6. Can be run for individuals or as a team event (e.g., one rider completes the Dressage Phase, and one completes the Combined Jumping Phase)
7. The timetable must provide for competitors to have an interval of at least 30 minutes between completion of one phase/round and the start of the next.

Article 4 – General Age and Class Divisions

All ages are to be taken as of 01 January and age allowances are as stipulated below.

1. 105 cm – 12 to 24 years inclusive and Open Riders
2. 95 cm – 11 to 24 years inclusive and Open Riders
3. 80 cm – 10 to 24 years inclusive and Open Riders
4. 65 cm – 9 to 24 years inclusive and Open Riders
5. 45 cm – 8 to 24 years inclusive and Open Riders
6. Up to and including 30 cm – 6 years – 12 years. No Open Riders
 1. Lead line – 6 years – 10 years
 2. 30 cm classes must be in an enclosed arena in sight of the Hickstead/ Hunter Trials Inspector, Technical Delegate at all times.
7. The one horse one rider rule will apply to all Pony Club and Open classes (except lead line so the horse/pony can compete in another class and still be used for lead line).
8. Pony Club and Open riders can be combined in classes 18 yrs. and over

Article 5 – Scoring

1. Dressage

All dressage tests shall be scored as per the current Pony Club WA Eventing Rules. All scores will be presented as penalty points.

2. Cross Country/Showjumping

The combined jumping phase will be judged on the penalty points received throughout the phase. The penalties incurred for faults at the obstacles for exceeding the optimum time are added together to give the competitors score.

3. Overall Score

The penalties of a competitor or team in each of the two phases are combined to give an overall score. The winner/s is the competitor or team with the lowest total of penalty marks.

4. Ties

In the event of equality in final scores, the winner or place getter will be the combination with the lowest dressage penalties. If there is no dressage phase, the winner or place getter will be the combination whose combined jumping time is the closest to optimum time.

The following applies only to riders who have registered for the Hickstead & Hunter Trials Leader board and/or riding at a State Hickstead Event:

Riding Down

Riding Down one level from a higher level for which a horse is qualified, carries no penalty. Riding Down two or more levels will incur 7.5 penalties, to be added to the total of faults for the two phases.

This applies to horse/rider combinations that have ridden at a higher level at either PC or EA events.

It is the responsibility of the competitor to inform the Organizing Committee at the time of entry that he is riding down two or more levels.

Riding Down at State Event

A horse/rider combination shall NOT be allowed to ride down directly to a State Event. If a horse has been ridden down, it shall only be allowed to compete at a State Event if it has competed only at the lower level for the 12 calendar months prior to the Championships.

If the grade that the horse/rider combination is qualified is not offered then, at the committee's discretion, a rider may ride down at the State Event and carry the 7.5 penalties. Pony Club WA Rules for Eventing 2022.

A Horse Rider Combination is deemed to have qualified if they have achieved a qualifying score at least two or more events at the level in the 12 months preceding the close of entries.

Riding Down at State Event – New Rider

A horse qualified for a certain level, upon having a new rider, shall be able to reduce any number of levels without penalty, to the highest level for which the new rider is qualified.

Article 6 – Inquiries and Protest

1. Protests may be lodged against any person or body involved in any capacity in an Event or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of Pony Club WA including for failure to observe the Constitution and By-Laws, Regulations or Rules or violation of the common principles of behavior, fairness, or accepted standards of sportsmanship, whether occurring during or in connection with a Pony Club WA event or at any other time.
2. Any protest that concern processes or behaviors, rather than outcome or result of a competition, are a general complaint as outlined in the Pony Club WA Complaints Policy.
3. Only the owner or his authorized agent, or the rider of a horse taking part in the competition or in a team event only the team manager is entitled to lodge an objection.
4. Protests must be in writing, signed by the person making the protest, and presented personally to the Event Secretary/ Technical Delegate/Steward together with any supporting evidence, names of witnesses and the necessary deposit of \$50.
5. Any person making a protest should, if possible, secure witnesses to the incident and any other form of evidence, and either brings them to the body before which the protest is lodged, or obtains written statements from them, duly signed, together with their names and addresses.
6. Any collection of evidence shall be in alignment with the Pony Club WA Member Protection Policy.
7. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, protests any of the following matters may only be lodged with the Appeal Committee and within the following time limits, and a decision by the Hickstead Inspector/ Technical Delegate in these matters is a prerequisite to a right of appeal to the Appeal Committee:
 - 7.1. Protests concerning the eligibility of an Athlete or horse or to the conditions of the arena: not later than 30 minutes before the start of the relevant competition.
 - 7.2. Protests concerning an obstacle, or the plan or length of the course for a jumping competition not later than 15 minutes before the start of the competition.
 - 7.3. Protests concerning cross country obstacles or courses in Hickstead not later than 6 pm on the day before the relevant competition.
 - 7.4. Protests concerning irregularities or incidents during a competition, or the classification of a competition: not later than 30 minutes after the announcement of the results or the posting of results on the event notice board. Protest Form Appendix C

Please note for the purpose of this document competition refers to a phase or class within an Event.

Article 7 – Appeal Committee

The Appeal Committee is responsible for:

1. Dealing with protests referred to it.
2. Dealing with appeals against decisions of the Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector/Technical Delegate.
3. Dealing with cases of infringements of any rules for which the Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector/ Technical Delegate is not responsible.
4. Inviting any person deemed necessary to help them reach a decision.

The following may not serve as a member of the Appeal Committee:

1. Judges of the competition pertaining to the protest.
2. Owners of horses entered in the competition pertaining to the protest
3. Coaches/ Team Managers of competitors entered in the event
4. Competitors entered in the event.
5. Close relatives of those listed above.
6. Officials of teams entered in the event.
7. The Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector/ Technical Delegate that made the decision being appealed against.
8. Any person with a conflict of interest.

Article 8 – Disqualification and Elimination

A competitor who is disqualified at any stage of the competition scores zero for that phase and will not be eligible for any awards at that height.

Competitors must seek clearance from the Organising committee and medical service to continue their second phase after a fall.

1. Elimination is awarded in the first place by the Judge of the phase concerned or by scorers on his/her behalf in the case of elimination under phase penalty rules; or by the Event Organiser in cases of misconduct.
2. Disqualification is awarded by the Organising Committee on a report by the Judge of the phase concerned.
3. Competitors may be encouraged or supported but may not be given direction or coaching during all phases of the competition. This is deemed as unauthorized assistance and may lead to elimination of the competitor at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
4. The Organising Committee, Chief Combined Jumping Judge, Jury of Appeal, or the Official Doctor or Ambulance Officer, may at any time exclude from the competition any competitor who in their opinion is severely injured or unfit to ride.
5. If at any time during the competition a horse is lame, or unfit to continue, it may be eliminated on the authority of the Hickstead/Hunter Trials Inspector, Technical Delegate, Judge or Organising Committee.
6. Unauthorized assistance
 - 6.1. Any intervention by a third party, whether solicited or not. With the object of facilitating the task of the competitor or of helping the horse, is considered unauthorized assistance and the competitor is liable to be eliminated.
 - 6.2. The following are forbidden:
 - 6.2.1. Intentionally to join another competitor and to continue the course in the company of the other rider.
 - 6.2.2. Intentionally to take a lead from another competitor in the competition.
 - 6.2.3. To post friends at certain points to call directions or make signals in passing.
 - 6.2.4. To have someone at an obstacle to encourage the horse by any

- means whatsoever.
- 6.2.5. To tamper with the obstacles or any part of the course including, for instance, the flags, indicator, markers, notices, ropes, trees, branches, wire or fences, whether temporary or permanent.
 - 6.2.6. The use of electronic receiving apparatus by competitors or officials of a team is strictly forbidden, except for individual mobile phones, providing the Organising committee approves, and that they do not interfere with the event's communication system. However, mobile phones may not be carried or used by competitors while mounted during competition. The use of any other form of electronic receiving device is subject to approval from the Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector/Technical Delegate.
 - 6.2.7. Officials or spectators who draw the attention of a competitor to a deviation from the course are giving unauthorized assistance, which may result in the elimination of the competitor. In such a case the official is liable to be disciplined.
 - 6.3. Each case of unauthorized assistance will be decided by the Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector/Technical Delegate.

Exception:

1. A competitor may be handed his whip, helmet or spectacles without dismounting.
2. A competitor may receive clarification of Jumping Penalties from the Obstacle Judge after having knocked a flag down at an Obstacle.
3. A competitor after having knocked down a flag at an obstacle as a consequence of a run out, may ask the jump judge for the flag to be repositioned, but no time will be deducted.
4. A rider may be disqualified by the Event Organiser or Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector or Technical Delegate in cases of misconduct or failure to comply with these Rules
5. The Organising Committee, Hickstead/Hunter Trials Inspector, Technical Delegate, Appeals Committee, or the officiating Doctor or Ambulance Officer may, at any time, disqualify any rider who, in their reasonable opinion, is unfit or unsafe to ride.

Article 9 – Horse and Rider Welfare

Examination after a fall – Medical Fitness

- If there is any doubt regarding fitness to compete the Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector/Technical Delegate may eliminate the rider at their discretion. A veterinarian or Official Medical Officer as appropriate MUST examine all horses and riders that have a fall during training or competition before they either take part in another test, event or leave the competition site.

Concussion

- When a Rider has an accident that, in the reasonable opinion of attending First Aid Attendance, Event Ambulance Officers, Paramedics or Doctors following proper medical assessment, results in concussion or suspected concussion, that Rider must be eliminated from the competition and is ineligible to take part in any other Competition at that event. (Refer to PCA Concussion and Implementation Policy)
- Event Ambulance Officers, Paramedics or Doctors must advise the Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector/Technical Delegate of any incidents of concussion or suspected concussion. The Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector/Technical Delegate is responsible for reporting to such incidents to the Pony Club Hickstead/Hunter Trials committee.

Competitors Responsibilities

- Ultimately the competitor is responsible for knowing these rules and complying with them. The appointment of a Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector/Technical Delegate or official, whether provided for in these rules, does not absolve the competitor from such responsibility.
- Rider: Parents, grooms, etc. when lunging or in hand, the horse/pony must wear the competitors BIB number front and back and appropriate riding attire (helmet, gloves and footwear).

Horse:

- For easy identification after a rider has been separated from their horse, a horse must carry its number either on the saddle cloth or the bridle in all phases.
- Change to: For easy identification after a rider has been separated from their horse, all competitors must have securely fixed visible competition numbers on both sides of the horse in all phases.

Rider:

- For easy identification, competitors BIB numbers must be worn at all times by the rider when the horse is being ridden, exercised, or lunged, during the Dressage and Jumping tests. Numbers must be worn in front and on their backs. Hair must be neatly restrained and long hair to be plaited to collar-length and restrained in such a way that the competitor number is visible from front and back. Parents, grooms, etc. when working in hand or lunging the horse/pony, must wear the competitors BIB number front and back and appropriate riding attire (helmet, gloves and enclosed shoes).
- The rider is still required to wear a BIB number during each phase of the competition.

Saddlery and Dress

- Must be checked prior to each test.
- Competitors are to know and comply with saddlery and dress requirements for Pony Club WA Hickstead. Particularly in wearing rider numbers, horse numbers, correct protective headgear and Beta Level 3 body protectors.
- Refer to Pony Club Australia most current National Gear Checking Rules for full details. For queries relating to Hickstead/Hunter Trial Competition Gear please contact the Gear Checking Advisory Panel gearchecking@ponyclubwa.asn.au

Restriction on Schooling Horses

- Under penalty of elimination, unless specifically authorized by the Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector/Technical Delegate competitors are forbidden to ride close to the Cross-Country fences, or in the Jumping and dressage arenas.
- Under penalty of elimination, in the fourteen days prior to the commencement of the competition, no competitor may have practiced on any of the obstacles to be used in the competition.
- Should the grounds host a second event within the fourteen days of closure, competitors are allowed to compete the same horse in a different grade or a different horse, in a different grade, without being penalized. Competitors competing the same horse, or different horse in the same grade, will ride the competition HC.
- A competitor who allows another person to school his/her horse during the event will be eliminated.
- It is also forbidden, under penalty of elimination, to inspect the Cross-Country obstacles or course before it is officially open to the riders unless authorized by the Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector/Technical Delegate.
- A groom may work the horse in hand or lunge.

Use of the Whip

It is breach of Pony Club Australia policy and considered Abuse of Horse to:

- Use a whip or other item to hit an unriden horse, other than as a guide when adding a horse on a float/truck and in ground work exercises, or using a lunging whip whilst lunging
- Use of whip or other item to hit the head of a horse
- Use the whip to strike a ridden horse
 - More than twice in succession
 - After the last effort in a competition
 - With an overarm action (e.g. using the whip in the right hand to strike the left flank or shoulder)
 - To vent the rider's or coach's temper
 - On any area of the body other than the behind the rider's leg or down the shoulder of the horse
- Abuse a horse by tugging on the reins and inflicting pain with the bit
- Use spurs to reprimand a horse
- Instruct a rider to use a whip in a non- approved This applies to parents, supporters and coaches.

Article 10 - Safety

1. All Pony Club Events must comply with the Pony Club Australia Minimum Medical Standards for Pony Club Guidelines which are available on the PCA website.
2. Riders who have fallen at any time must report to the designated First Aid officers for assessment before they remount. This includes any falls during the warmup.
3. Medical services (human and veterinary) must be able to get to all fences, and vehicles must have direct access between the Cross-Country course and the First Aid centre.
4. The Organiser must arrange adequate communication involving all emergency services and key officials.
5. If the above-mentioned medical service is not on the ground, then the event must be halted.

6. At all Hickstead events, a tarpaulin should be available to cover a horse should one need to be euthanized.
7. Rider – Crash crew must have screens to use if necessary.

Article 11 - Presentations

1. Competitors must be in riding attire as per the Current Pony Club Australia Gear Checking Rules.

SECTION 3. Phase Rules

Chapter 2 - Officiation

Article 12 - Judges

1. Dressage

- a. Judges

All Dressage Judges should be listed on the Pony Club WA Dressage Judges List or the EA Dressage Judges List to judge the prescribed tests.

2. Combined Jumping

- a. Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspectors/Technical Delegates

- i. Are required to be accredited with Pony Club WA.
 - ii. Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector/TD is responsible for signing off the combined jumping course and is required to supervise the course for the whole event.

Article 13 - Other Officials

1. There must be an accredited Gear Checker on site for the entirety of the event.
2. All other officials should be provided for as per the Eventing Organizer's pack.

A Crisis management meeting must be held with all people who will be involved in an emergency this meeting should take place before the event commences. Refer to 2025 Pony Club WA Hickstead and Hunter Trials Information Pack.

Article 14 - Dressage Phase Rules

1. The Dressage Phase is to run in accordance with the current Pony Club WA Eventing Rules as follows:
2. Tests should be as suggested in the Pony Club WA Eventing Rules. Prep tests are suggested for both the 45 cm and 30 cm Lead Line classes.
NOTE: From 01 January 2015 half marks will be implemented as per Dressage Rules.
3. After elimination (except when eliminated for marked lameness), a rider may continue his performance to the end. The marks will be awarded in the ordinary way.
4. All Preparatory tests are permitted to be called.

Article 15 - Dressage Scoring

1. The dressage phase will be scored in accordance with the Pony Club WA Eventing Rules.
2. This percentage is obtained by dividing total good marks of the judge (minus any error of course or test) by maximum possible good marks obtainable and then multiplying by 100 and rounding the result to two decimal digits. This value is then shown as the individual mark for this judge.
3. To convert average percentage into penalty points, this must be subtracted from 100.

Chapter 3 - Cross Country/Showjumping Phase

Article 16 - Cross Country/Showjumping Phase Rules

1. All Hickstead Events shall run in accordance with the Pony Club WA Hickstead and Eventing Rules.

Article 17 - Cross Country/Showjumping Course specifications

1. **All courses are required to be checked by a Pony Club WA Accredited Cross Country Course Designer once every calendar year.** Any changes made to dimensions and structure of permanent jumps between these inspections are required to be approved by a Pony Club WA Accredited Cross Country Course Designer before use. Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector will check any changes to Portable jumps along with full course prior to the event.
Available <https://www.ponyclubwa.asn.au/hickstead-and-hunter-trials/#1508219377886-ffffe474-ef58> under the Forms tab
2. Pony Club WA recommends that Hickstead courses involve both showjumping obstacles and Cross-Country obstacles, with a minimum of 40% being showjumping obstacles (see Appendix A) and a minimum of 5 cross country jumps for each height. Each fence type should be sited and constructed according to the dimensions and specifications of modified Pony Club WA Eventing rules and be approved by a Pony Club WA Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector at the beginning of each Event.
3. Any style of fence permitted within the Pony Club WA Eventing rules can be included in the Cross-Country phase
4. All jumps on the course must always be visible by a Judge.
5. All courses are to be approved prior to competition by an accredited Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector or Technical Delegate.

Article 18 - Cross Country/Showjumping Penalties

General Penalties	
Knocking down an obstacle	4 Penalties
First run out, refusal or unauthorized circle in the whole course	4 Penalties
Second run out, refusal or unauthorized circle in the whole course or at an individual obstacle.	8 Penalties
Third run out, refusal or unauthorized circle in the whole course.	12 Penalties
Third run out, refusal or unauthorized circle at an individual obstacle. Rider will be asked to move on to the remainder of the course.	8 Penalties in addition to the above
Fourth run out, refusal or unauthorized circle in the whole course – rider will be asked to leave course if horse deemed dangerous	100 penalties each
First fall of horse all grades	Elimination
Fall of rider during competition	Elimination
Circling in front of an obstacle as per EA Jumping rules	4 penalties
Error of course not rectified	Elimination
Omission of Obstacle or Compulsory Flag	Elimination
Retaking an obstacle already jumped (<i>Cross Country or SJ fence</i>)	Elimination
Jumping an obstacle in the wrong order	Elimination
Jumping an obstacle in the wrong direction, including the any practice jump	Elimination
Unauthorized assistance	100 Penalties
Time penalties	
Exceeding optimum time	0.4 penalties per second
Completing Cross Country course more than 20 seconds under optimum time	0.4 Penalties per second in excess of 20 seconds
Event Organisers may adjust penalties to suit their event. These must be advertised in program or if adjusted on the competition day, must be recorded on a notice board and brought to the attention of all riders. A penalty of Elimination may not be changed.	

Article 19 - Elimination

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article 19, the Hickstead Hunter Trial Inspector may eliminate any rider following:

- a) the third run out, refusal or unauthorized circle at an individual obstacle; or
- b) the fourth run out, refusal or unauthorized circle in the whole course, in circumstances where the [Hickstead Inspector] determines that it is:
 - dangerous for the rider to continue on the course; or
 - in the best interest of the welfare of the horse and / or rider for the rider to retire from the course.

Where a rider is eliminated, he or she may not take any further part in the competition without the prior consent of the Hickstead/Hunter Trials Inspector or Technical Delegate.

Grade		105 cm	95 cm	80 cm	65 cm	45 cm	30 cm	Lead Line
Colour		Pink	White	Red	Orange	Blue	Green	Yellow
Speed		400mpm	400mpm	350mpm	350mpm	300mpm	250mpm	225mpm
Distance				-				
Efforts (Must be a minimum of 40% Showjumping Fences)		15-23	15-23	15-20	15-20	15-20	10-15	10-15
Maximum Heights	SJ Fences	1.05m	0.95m	0.80m	0.65m	0.45m	0.30m	Poles to 0.30m
	SJ Spread Highest Point	1.20m	1.00m	0.90m	0.65m	0.45m	0.30m	0.30m
	SJ Spread Base or Triple Bar	1.50m	1.40m	1.20m	0.80m	0.60m	0.50m	0.50m
	XC Fixed	1.05 m	0.95m	0.80m	0.65m	0.45m	0.30m	0.30m
	XC Brush	1.25m	1.15m	1.00m	0.80m	0.60m	0.30m	0.30m
	XC Spread Highest Point	1.20m	1.00m	0.80m	0.70m	0.50m	0.40m	0.40m
	XC Spread Base	1.80m	1.50m	1.20m	0.90m	0.70m	0.50m	0.50m
	XC Drop	1.40m	1 at 1.20m	1 at 1.00m	1 at 0.80m	1 at 0.60m	1 at 0.40m	1 at 0.40m
	XC Obstacle into Water	0.80m	0.30m	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	Not Allowed	Not allowed
Depth of Water		0.30m	0.30m	0.30m	0.30m	0.30m	0.30m	0.30m
Under certain circumstances (e.g., When course includes sharp turns), the Organiser may, after receiving agreement from the Hickstead/Hunter Trial Inspector/ Technical Delegate, reduce course speeds. Under no circumstances, however, may course speeds be increased above those listed in Appendix A.								



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APPENDIX C - Overall Score Sheet Template

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APPENDIX D - Competition Protest Form

A protest, or the intent to protest, must be lodged with the Event Secretary no later than 30 minutes after the scores and results have been posted.

Protests must be in writing on this prescribed form, signed by the person making the protest and presented personally with any supporting evidence, names of witnesses and the necessary deposit of \$50. The \$50 fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

- Team Manager for team events.
- Parent or guardian for individual events if the rider is under the age of 18.
- Rider for individual events if the rider is over the age of 18.

All protests lodged will be considered by the Appeals Committee.

The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

Brief Description of Protest:

Event:			
Rider:		Horse:	
Protest submitted by:		Position:	
Date Submitted:		Time Submitted:	
Rider Signature:		Mobile:	
Team Manager Signature:		Mobile:	

Brief Description of protest:

Witness 1:		Mobile:	
Witness 2:		Mobile:	
Please attach further details/documentation/evidence to support your protest.			

<i>Event Secretary use only</i>			
<i>Date received:</i>		<i>Time received</i>	

APPENDIX E - Inquiry Form

Hickstead Competitor Query /Protest/Objection Form

Assists the Organisers to answer Riders Queries with minimum disruption to the competition.

1. Complete Query form and lodge with the event secretary within **30** minutes of scores being posted. When a decision has been made by the relevant officials. You will be called to the office and advised the outcome of your query. **If you are dissatisfied with the outcome, you have the right to lodge a *Formal Protest/Objection*. Once a formal Protest/Objection has been submitted, scores on the notice board must be covered or removed. There must be a note advising other competitors that a formal protest/objection is in place. Organisers must also announce a Formal/Objection is in place.**

2. **DATE/ TIME:** _____ **HORSES NAME:** _____

RIDERS NAME: _____ **BIB NUMBER** _____

(If Rider under 18 must be accompanied by Parent, Guardian or Team Manger)

CLASS/Grade: _____ **CONTACT NUMBER** _____

QUERY:

Dressage	Details:
Cross Country	Refusal:
	Obstacle Number:
	Time Taken on Cross Country:
	Eliminated:
Showjumping	Jumping Penalties:
	Time Penalties:
	Eliminated:
Other	Please Explain
Comments	

NAME: _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____ **DATE:** _____

TIME: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

OFFICIAL TO ANSWER QUERY: _____ **TECHNICAL DELEGATE/CHIEF**

SCORER/OTHER(circle) TIME RECEIVED: ____ **TIME REPLIED:** ____

UPHELD : _____

DISMISS: _____

OFFICIALS

SIGNATURE

Amendments:

2025 Hickstead Reference Document was updated on 28 August 2025:

The update below was for alignment and consistency with the Pony Club Eventing Rules:

- **Former wording:**

Page 4: Article 2 – Eligibility of Mount

Mount may compete in the Pony Club WA Hickstead from the beginning of the calendar year in which it turns 3.5 years (rising 3.5). Refer WA Gear Checking Precis, page 200.

- **Updated wording:**

Page 4: Article 2 – Eligibility of Mount

A horse may compete in PC45, PC65, PC80, PC95 & PC105 competitions from the beginning of calendar year in which it turns 5 years.

NOTE: The onus is on the OWNER/RIDER to provide proof of the Horses Age.