

RULES FOR COMBINED TRAINING COMPETITION

(Effective January, 2016)

1. COMPOSITION

Combined Training is a two phase competition: Dressage and Showjumping.

The Dressage and Jumping Tests, which make up a Combined Training Competition must be taken in that order.

2. CLASSIFICATION

The same horse and rider must complete both tests and elimination from one test involves elimination from the whole competition.

3. JUDGES

There must be at least one Dressage judge drawn from the PCAQ Official Judges list (except in the case of Championship) and one Jumping Judge and/or Course Builder from the PCAQ Official list.

4. CLASSES

Classes may be conducted at the following levels:

For Riders 13 years & under 26 years:

Dressage Level	Test	Showjumping Level	Height
A	Preliminary	1	70cm
		2	80cm
		3	90cm
		4	100cm
		5	110cm
B	Novice	1	70cm
		2	80cm
		3	90cm
		4	100cm
		5	110cm
C	Elementary	1	70cm
		2	80cm
		3	90cm
		4	100cm
		5	110cm

For Riders under 13 years:

12 & u.	Preliminary	1	60cm
		2	70cm
10 & u.	Preliminary	1	50cm
		2	60cm

Seniors:

Seniors are a recognised age group except at State level. In Combined Training all do the same Dressage Test but choose jumping height, if not stated seniors jump 80cm. (Jan.09)

5. HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR CLASS - 1st Jan. 2016:

Gradings in Individual Dressage: Riders graded by their Dressage Grading or Age for Leve A, B or C. A change in Individual Dressage grading will be reflected in Combined Training dressage level.

Riders choose their own Showjumping height. Individual Showjumping/Eventing levels have no bearing on Combined Training.

6. PERFORMANCE CARDS

Performance cards are required for all levels including riders under 13 years showing placings at competition for Qualifications for State Championships.

7. GRADING POINTS

Grading points accrued in Combined Training as of 1st January 2016 as follows:

1st - 3 points; 2nd - 2 points; 3rd - 1 point; 4th - 1 point; 5th - 1 point.

On gaining 10 points grading will change from A to B, or B to C. **OR** when the dressage level changes IN STRAIGHT DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS e.g. An "A3" rider gains 30 points in Dressage would then be "B3" in Combined Training.

If a rider wishes to change their Showjumping height, the performance card must be forwarded to PCAQ office to be altered PRIOR to competing in the new height.

8. GRADING ON THE DAY OF COMPETITION

For all Official competitions, including State Events, Horses compete in the grade they hold at the Closing date of nominations.

9. COMBINED GROUPS

Three (3) competitive riders make a group, and therefore are not combined. If one or two riders have been nominated for a class, or if after close of nominations the number decreases, the organisers have the right to combine the group/s. Competitions with less than three (3) riders remain unofficial and do not count towards team placings. This should not arise as groups should be combined as follows:

The competitors will be combined according to their Dressage Level but jump their own heights.

Placings: Combined Groups are treated as ONE group for the purpose of calculating the result of the class, ignoring the different heights jumped.

Grading Points: taken as above.

10. QUALIFYING FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

To gain a Q at any competition, horse & rider must have obtained a Dressage score of 50% or more AND NO MORE THAN 4 Showjumping penalties (June 2012) in the Showjumping phase. Riders must obtain two 2Qs to qualify.

A Q obtained at any competition will be recorded next to the rider's name on their Performance Card and in the results forwarded to PCAQ.

SECTION 1 - DRESSAGE PHASE OF COMBINED TRAINING

11. RULES

The Dressage Test is judged under PCAQ Rules, except where modified below.

- Commanded Tests are not allowed (i.e. no callers allowed); Callers are allowed for unofficial classes.
- Half or whole marks may be awarded for individual movements and collective marks.
- Whips are allowed in pony club Combined Training (*Jan.2015*).

12. DRESSAGE TESTS

Dressage tests taken from the Official PCAQ Dressage Book.

Tests as for the relevant level shown above.

The judges' marking sheets may be given to athletes at the end of the dressage test.

PENALTIES IN DRESSAGE TEST

First error of course	2 penalties	Second error of course	4 penalties
Third error of course	Elimination		

13. SCORING

1st January 2016: Scoring is based on Eventing Scoring System.

Calculation of Scores:

- Good Marks:
On each Judge's sheet the good marks awarded for each movement together with the collective marks are added deducting any penalties for errors of course or test.
- Judges Percentages:
For each judge the percentage of maximum possible good marks obtainable is then calculated. Percentage for each judge is obtained by dividing total good marks (minus any error of course or test) by the maximum possible good marks obtainable, and then multiplying by 100 and rounding the result to two

decimal digits (any score of "x.xx5" and above is rounded up and any score less than "x.xx5" is rounded down.

This value is shown as the individual percentage for that Judge.

- **Athlete's Percentage:** Athlete's percentage is calculated on the average good marks obtained by adding the total good marks for each Judge (percentage as calculated above) and dividing by the number of judges. The percentage will always be rounded to two decimal digits.
- **Penalty Points:** In order to convert Athlete's percentage into penalty points, this must be subtracted from 100 and multiplied by one point five (1.5) with the resulting figure being rounded to ONE decimal digit. The result is the score in penalty points for the dressage test.
- Any penalties incurred in the jumping phase are added to the penalty points for the dressage test.
- If the final score gives equality of marks to two or more competitors, the classification is decided by the best (lowest) Dressage score. If there is still equality, the CLOSEST to optimum time (under the time set) in the jumping test determines the result.

SECTION 2 - JUMPING PHASE OF COMBINED TRAINING

14. RULES

The Jumping Tests consists of One Round of the course judged under PCAQ rules except where modified below:

There is no jump off.

15. COURSE

The course should be approximately 500 metres long and is similar to an ordinary Jumping competition, but without any attempt to find a winner of this test on its own.

The main objective is to prove that the horse and rider are well trained in the specialist discipline of jumping. The track should be suitable to the level of the competition.

16. OBSTACLES

The obstacles will be standard Jumping obstacles. The obstacles should have a balance of vertical and spread obstacles with approximately 8 to 12 numbered obstacles, including one double for heights up to and including 1.00m, two doubles or one double and one treble is allowed for 1.10m.

A tolerance of five (5) centimetres in height is acceptable, if dictated by the terrain or by the spacing of the cups.

17. SPEED

The test must be carried out at the following speed:

350 metres per minute for 110cm.

325 metres per minute for 90cm and 100cm.

300 metres per minute for 12 years & under, 70cm and 80cm.

N.B. the time taken by each competitor must be recorded even if it is within the Time Allowed, as this may be the deciding factor in the event of a tie.

18. PENALTIES

Faults at Obstacles:

Knocking down an obstacle	4 penalties
First run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test	4 penalties
Second run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test	8 penalties
Third run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test	Elimination
First fall or Rider or Horse	Elimination
Exceeding the Time Allowed - 1 penalty for every commenced second	
Exceeding the Time Limit	Elimination

19. SADDLERY & DRESS

See Uniform & Saddlery Rules for Gear Check as per Showjumping rules.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS & JUDGES

The Training Scale

There are 6 building blocks of the training scale. They must be taken in conjunction with each other.