

Important Rule Changes October 2024

General

- **Team completion:** When a team competitor is eliminated, they will now be given a penalty score so all teams can still complete. **At qualifiers 3 or more members must complete in the team to be invited to champs** (e.g. not have been carried through on the new penalty points).
HT, CH & CT a penalty of 250 for each eliminated combination in each phase.
SJ penalty of 100 for each round. Dressage 50 penalties. – **From 1st Jan 2025**
- **Scoring:** Team tie breakers will no longer use the 4th riders (drop score) result. For dressage team ties, the collective marks for top three team members will be used.
For SJ, HT, CH & CT – Any reference to 4th rider score being used to be removed.

Championship Changes

Horse Trials:

- The championships will be run over two days in 2025. With all classes run in a 2-day event format and will be mixed. Classes will be Mixed 70, Mixed 80, Mixed 90 and Mixed 100.
- Order of classes will be published on a provisional schedule (subject to change based on entry numbers) released before the summer qualifiers begin.

National Championships:

- The schedule for the event has been reviewed and will result in classes being on different days to previous years. A provisional schedule will be published shortly.
- Due to the continuing depleting numbers in the Riding Test & Style jumping, these classes have been removed and will be replaced with a 60cm SJ class and Introductory Dressage class.
- The senior & junior 90 classes will become one mixed class.
- Senior Open Dressage is changing to a Mixed Open Dressage.
- Junior Dressage will become Junior Prelim Dressage.
- Winners of each section in the dressage classes (excluding the Pick A Test) will go forward to a **'ride-off'** to determine the overall individual winner. All riders will be judged by the same judge, with the highest score to determine the Overall Individual winner. Ride-off tests to be confirmed, competitors will ride the same level as their championship test. Callers will be allowed for the ride-off section. For this championship only.

Combined Championships:

- Combined Training classes will become mixed with additional heights being added.
- Mixed Combined Training will be Prelim and Novice with jumping at 60, 70, 80 & 90.

Team options will be:

Novice Combined Training – 2 riders at Prelim & 60, 1 rider at Prelim & 70 and 1 rider at novice & 70

Open Combined Training – 1 rider at Prelim & 80, 1 rider at Novice & 80, 1 rider at Prelim & 90 and 1 rider at Novice & 90.

Rules

- Whip rule being reviewed to include use from ground and number per incident – **to be confirmed in 2025 Handbook.**
- **Spurs will be banned for any Intro level dressage test, across all classes.**
For example, the Novice Winter Dressage class Intro test, Intro Pairs class etc. They are still permitted in the Introductory Winter Class Prelim tests. – **From 4th November 2024.**