

Association of Irish Riding Clubs

Rule Amendments 2017

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Proposed amendments are identified in red. Reasons for the proposed rule changes are outlined in blue, where provided.

Rule No	Description
S1, 3,	<p>Members & Show Organisers Responsibilities</p> <p>A, Members Responsibilities ADD D, Members are also responsible to ensure that they only enter competitions for which they are eligible for as stated on their membership card. The competitors club may also be held accountable to ensure that its members only enter competitions for which they are eligible for as stated on their membership card. Failure to comply with this can result in disciplinary action and/or a maximum fine of up to €1,000.</p> <p>B, Show Organisers Responsibilities Clubs/Regions hosting activities must ensure that competitors are members of the Association and are entered into competitions for which they are eligible for as stated on their membership card. Organisers must also ensure that any AIRC activity is run in accordance with AIRC rules. Failure to comply with this can result in disciplinary action and/or a maximum fine of up to €1,000.</p> <p>Note: This is not a new rule but provides clarity to the existing obligations of our members, clubs and show organisers.</p>
S1, 5, e	<p>Show Officials, Trainers and Instructors The following officials are required at shows and for organisers using officials who are not already listed on a Dressage Ireland / Eventing Ireland or Show Jumping Ireland list, they must register them with National Office to be included on the National Database:</p> <p><i>(See rest of rule for further information)</i></p> <p>Note: This ensure the Association has some documentation regarding these officials as to their suitability and experience for the tasks they are being approved to do by our clubs and regions. This will ensure that we meet our obligations with our insurers. This in not a new rule.</p>
S1, 7, b	<p>Height Both horses and ponies 143 cms & over are eligible to compete in riding club competitions, except in cross-country competitions, where they must be 148 cms or over. Horse or ponies of any height may be ridden in training and social activities.</p> <p>Note: This is not a new rule but provides clarity to the existing rule.</p>
S1, 8, b	<p>Optimum Time When using optimum time for Primary and Advanced Primary competitions, the winner is the rider nearest to the time with the lowest penalties, whether under or over the time.</p> <p>In Advanced Primary competitions, time penalties will apply to those who exceed the time allowed. The winner is the rider nearest to the time with the lowest penalties.</p> <p>In the event of more than one rider having the same time difference, the person under the time is placed higher than the person on the same time difference, over the optimum time. The next</p>

	<p>nearest, under or over is placed next.</p> <p>The optimum time for a competition should be announced at the beginning of a class. It should not be shown whilst a rider is jumping, but displayed at the completion of each round.</p> <p>The optimum time is equal to calculated by subtracting three seconds from the time allowed.</p> <p>Note: This change will put a greater emphasis on the correct pace required for the competition while also bridging the gap between the advanced primary and intermediate show jumping. This proposal came from feedback received from members.</p>
S1, 24, g	<p>Medical Armbands</p> <p>Medical Armbands, complete with photographic I.D., are recommended compulsory for all cross-country competitions. Armbands are available from National Office.</p> <p>Note: Eventing Ireland no longer requires competitors to wear medical armbands as they found many riders do not include the correct information on their card.</p>
S1, 31	<p>Equine Influenza</p> <p>All horses competing at A.I.R.C. events must be inoculated against equine influenza. The primary vaccination course must consist of two vaccinations against equine influenza given between 21 and 92 days apart.</p> <p>Booster given between one-hundred-and-fifty days (5 months) and two-hundred-and-fifteen days (7 months) after the primary vaccination. A booster vaccination must be given within each succeeding 12 months, subsequent to the second injection of the primary vaccination. The annual booster dose must be administered within twelve months of the previous inoculation. None of these injections must have been given within the preceding 7 days including the day of the competition or of entry into the competition stables. This must be properly documented on the animal's passport.</p> <p>Note: This is required to bring our rule into line with the RDS and also Eventing Ireland.</p>
S4, 4, 2	<p>Show Jumping Championships</p> <p><i>Format:</i> A qualifying competition will be held in the morning for each graded competition at the National Championships. This will take the form of a two-round competition (Article 238) (Optimum time for Primary and Advanced Primary riders).</p> <p>Up to 20 riders from each grade from the morning qualifier will go forward to the championship final. Additional places may be allocated in the final on the grounds of equality of penalties. Competitors who are eliminated or retire in the qualifying competition will not go forward to the final.</p> <p>NOTE: There have been cases where competitors who were eliminated or retired in the qualifier went on to the final where there were less than 20 riders in the competition and were subsequently placed in the final.</p>