



## Oregon High School Equestrian Teams

### 2012 Season Clarifications

#### General Comments:

- A DQ will result if an athlete/team enters the arena (or in the course of the go) with any of the following: Illegal equipment, Illegal use of permitted equipment, missing required equipment, broken equipment. This includes uniform violations. *(February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012)*
- When you have a pre event meeting, please make sure you have the patterns you are judging in front of you so when you are asked questions you are positive you are giving the athletes the correct answer for that event/pattern. *(February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012)*
- In Performance events: If a rider begins the course using equipment illegally (i.e. two hands on a curb) they will be given a DQ.
- If a rider begins the course using the equipment correctly, but then changes mid pattern/element (even if still in first element) they will be given a score of 0 (zero) for that element. They will receive a 0 for each element that is performed using the equipment illegally. In this case, elements performed using the equipment legally should be scored as you normally would. *(February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012)*
- When measuring objects for performance events (Trail, IHOR, etc.) measurements should be made from the “Inside to Inside” of the obstacles. *(January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012)*

#### Working Pairs:

- Roping Reins are allowed in Working Pairs. *(March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012)*

### **Saddle Seat:**

- The intent of this pattern is to rise 4 times, change diagonals, rise 4 times etc. down the center line. Rider should end on the left diagonal before making their turn down the wall. The straightness of the line, rider's equitation, and willingness of the horse should also be judged in this element. Riders on gaited horses should not post, and they should NOT be penalized for not posting. Incorrect changes of the diagonals should NOT warrant a score of zero. Loss of steady forward motion, poor equitation, and crooked lines should also be penalized in the score. *(February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012)*

### **Working Rancher:**

- Managing a gate is an essential task of a Ranch Horse, therefore a very important element of this pattern. If the athlete is not able to manage the gate on their own, an arena crew member may open and or close the gate to allow the athlete to perform the elements in the pen. An athlete who requires the help of arena crew for the gate should be severely penalized on the score of the gate. The cattle number should be called as soon as the rider closes the gate. Number may be called by the judge. *(February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012)*

### **IHOR:**

- **Per the Annual Meeting minutes posted on the OHSET website in December:**  
*"There were some concerns about the position of the scattered poles. Karissa and Joann will look at that more closely and consider if it needs to be clarified. Clarification: Setup as diagramed is correct. Scatter Poles in IHOR and Trail are set up to be traveled as best suited for the horse. There is no requirement for a centered straight line of travel. Nor is a centered straight line of travel more correct. The element should be judged on completion by horse and handler, and points should be awarded for accuracy (horse stepping in each hole), smoothness, polish, and control. Horses are expected to step between every pole and between the pole and bridge in trail"*

The goal is to have the horse step in every space. The horse and handler should do so smoothly, quietly, and with forward motion. The approach (angled or straight) should not be factored into the score. Scoring will then be according to the quality of this element and the overall picture created. *(February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012)*

### **Timed Events:**

- Unless the rider is off pattern in Poles or Keyhole, circles an object more than one time in Barrels or Figure 8, or does not circle correctly in flags, extra circles will only hurt the rider's time, it will still be considered a clean run.
- Electric eyes should be set exactly on the starting line. The eyes will be set greater than 30'/60' feet apart, so they don't obstruct the starting line. The starting poles should be set on the "off course side" of the line, and should be set exactly the width for the event (60' for barrels, 30' for all others). *(January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012)*

### **Cattle Events:**

- If an athlete enters with illegal equipment, missing required equipment, or illegal use of permitted equipment, they will receive a DQ for that go only. They will be allowed to participate in the remainder of the goes, and/or, their times from previous goes will be used to place the athlete for that event. *(February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012)*

### **Trail:**

- The start cone should be set up as depicted on the diagram. The dimension shown in the rulebook is incorrect. The cone should line up with the right side corner of the right triangle, and the gate. *(February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012)*
- The poles before and after the bridge should each be raised on ONLY 1 end. See a current version of the diagram on the website for a clearer view than in the rulebook. *(February 3rd, 2012)*

### **Hunt Seat Over Fences:**

- Set up 7a directly across from 2, as shown in the diagram. Make the measurements on each wall (1 & 2, 7a & 5) set 8 according to the measurements in the diagram, set 3 & 6 as shown in the diagram - basically even with 2 and 7a, and at an angle that best facilitates the bended line. - Be sure there is ample room at each end of the arena for a prep circle at the one end and a good line of approach to 7a on the other. Fences should also be set a safe distance from each side wall -no less than 20 feet - to allow for room to ride to #8 on the outside track. This is also a safety issue to allow horses that run out on a fence a place to go. This should make it work out just fine. *(February 6th, 2012)*