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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

This book becomes operative for the 1997 and subsequent Competitions. It will be adhered to for Junior and Senior Championships competitions run by the NZPCA and Areas. It may be used, as a guide only, for other classes.

For participation rules and any eventuality not covered in these rules refer to the Equestrian Sports NZ (ESNZ) Rules for Dressage. Rules marked with an asterisk (\*) signifies they are different than ESNZ Dressage NZ Rules.

## I. INTRODUCTORY RULES

### Rule 1. THE FORM OF THE COMPETITION:

- (a) The competition is a teams event in dressage, one team competing from each of the NZPCA Areas and comprising a maximum of six riders.
- (b) There will be two divisions:
  - Junior:** Riders 15 and under, a maximum of three riders in each team.
  - Senior:** Riders 16 until the end of the season during which they reach the age of 21, a maximum of three riders in each team.
- (c) There will be competition for individual titles in each division.
- (d) The Championships are held at two venues (one North Island and one South Island) over two consecutive weekends with the dressage judges travelling to each of the venues in turn.
- (e) The same judges will officiate throughout the championships each year.

**Rule 2. THE OBJECTS:**

- (a) The object of the Competition is to stimulate interest and encourage enjoyment in Dressage and correct training of the horse, thereby encouraging members to improve their riding by acquiring and establishing an independent seat, and a true knowledge of the aids.
- (b) The object of dressage is the harmonious development of the physique and ability of the horse. As a result it makes the horse calm, supple, loose and flexible, but also confident, attentive and keen, thus achieving perfect understanding with his rider.  
These qualities are revealed by
- (i) The freedom and regularity of the paces.
  - (ii) The harmony, lightness and ease of the movements.
  - (iii) The lightness of the forehand and the engagement of the hindquarters, originating in a lively impulsion.
  - (iv) The acceptance of the bridle, with submissiveness throughout and without any tenseness or resistance.
- (c) To encourage Team participation within the objects of the NZ Pony Clubs Association Inc., and to abide by the principles of the NZPCA Fair Play Charter.

**Rule 3. WHEN AND WHERE HELD:**

The competition will be held annually as determined by the NZPCA. Each Area is eligible to send a team of six riders to the championships with North Island Areas sending their teams to the North Island venue and the South Island Areas sending their teams to the South Island venue.

The North Island Areas are as follows:

Northland	Waitemata/Rodney	Auckland
Franklin/Thames Valley	Bay of Plenty	Waikato
King Country	Gisborne/Wairoa	Taranaki
Manawatu/West Coast	Hawke's Bay	Wairarapa/Wellington

The South Island Areas are as follows:

Marlborough/Nelson/West Coast	Canterbury
Ashburton/South Canterbury/North Otago	Otago/Southland

#### **Rule 4. TROPHIES:**

- (a) The NZPCA will award team rosettes to 4th place in the South Island and to 6th place in the North Island. Teams placed 7th to 12th in the North Island will receive participation rosettes.
- (b) The Aitchison Silver Salver will be awarded to the team with the highest aggregate score from the championships.
- (c) The overall winning team will also receive Champion Gold Medals.
- (d) The runners-up to the winning team will receive Reserve Champion Silver medals.
- (e) The Blue Legend Rosebowl donated by the Holmes Family will be awarded to the individual Senior winner.
- (f) The Barbara Harvey Rosebowl donated by the Taranaki Area, will be awarded to the individual Junior winner.
- (g) Individual Senior and Junior winner will receive a gold medal.
- (h) National Coaches Rosettes will be awarded to:
  - Highest placed Junior team of three riders with a minimum of C Certificate
  - Highest placed Senior team of three riders with a minimum of C Certificate
- (i) Other prizes may be awarded as negotiated with National Sponsors.

#### **Rule 5. SCORING:**

Judges will allot marks from 0-10 for each numbered movement. These marks are added together and any penalty marks deducted. If there are two or more judges, the resulting totals are added together to give the final total. To arrive at the team score, the best four scores are added together.

In the event of one judge being unable to attend and complete judging at either of the venues, the competition will be judged by the remaining judge and only that judge's marks will count for overall placings.

If an Area is unable to field a full team, the lowest score of the division where the member is missing (ie Junior or Senior) on that day will be awarded, but with a further 10 points subtracted as a penalty.

**Rule 6. TIES:**

In the event of a tie there shall not be a ride-off at National level. The team or individual with the highest number of the judges collective marks entered at the bottom of the sheets shall be the winner. In the event of a tie on collective marks, the team or individual with the highest co-efficient marks shall be the winner. In the event of a tie on co-efficient marks, the team or individual will stay equal and duplicate medals will be presented.

**Rule 7. ELIMINATION:**

In the event of any rider being eliminated, they will score the lowest score of their division (ie, Junior or Senior) on that day, with a further 10 points subtracted as a penalty.

## **II. SITES AND ARENAS**

**Rule 8. APPROVAL OF SITES AND ARENAS:**

- (a) The Organising Committee hosting the championship will appoint a Technical Delegate who will approve the selection of sites, and arenas. The TD will ensure that there is adequate room for the competitors to 'work in' and that the arenas are sited on firm, level ground.
- (b) \* Arena borders must be of one type; rope, picket, plastic pipe etc. and NOT a combination of any of the above. Markers are to be placed 0.5m from the edge.
- (c) \* Where a rope arena is used, in the interest of safety it is recommended that the ropes should be able to be released readily from the standards. The rope must be at least 45 cms and not more than 60cms above the ground. NB: Electric fence standards are not suitable.
- (d) \* A gate and gatekeeper must be used at the exit of the arena at the championships.

### III. ORGANISING COMMITTEES

**Rule 9. DRESSAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

- (a) The controlling authority for the Competition will be the Dressage Management Committee (DMC). This committee will have power to co-opt and report to the Board.
- (b) **Responsibilities:** The DMC will:
- (i) Stipulate the Dressage Tests to be used.
  - (ii) Decide the dates for the Competition.
  - (iii) Appoint the Dressage Judges and arrange their travel between venues.
  - (iv) Be responsible for all matters relating to Trophies.
  - (v) **Draw:** When entering, Areas will nominate their rider's starting order. The DMC will compile the programme and do the draw for the championship classes only.
  - (vi) Publish annually the Dressage Championships Balance Sheet.
  - (vii) Resolve any problems brought up by the organising Areas' Dressage Championship Committee.
- (c) **Powers of Amendment:** The DMC will have the right to reduce or increase the number of finalists taking part, or to amend any of the rules contained in this booklet as circumstances warrant, and to take any action it may deem necessary in the interest of the Competition.

**Rule 10. ORGANISING CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:**

- (a) The detailed organisation of the Dressage Championships will be undertaken by the Organising Committee who may co-opt.
- (b) **Responsibilities:**
- (i) The Organising Championship Committee will be responsible for attending to all arrangements necessary to ensure a successful event while at the same time endeavouring to keep expenditure within estimated income under average conditions. (See Rule 34).
  - (ii) Appoint all officials except as in Rule 9b(iii), select a site, arrange accommodation if required, stabling or paddocks, car parking, gate keeping, crowd control, public conveniences, sound system, scoring facilities and materials, judges facilities, catering, advertising and publicity.
  - (iii) Arrange attendance of First Aid personnel, have veterinarian and farrier on call.
  - (iv) Compile Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet (see Rule 34(e)).
- (c) **Ground Jury and Appeal Committee**
- (i) **Ground Jury:** The Ground Jury will consist of the two Dressage Judges and a local Area Official appointed by the DMC.
  - (ii) **Appeal Committee:** The Appeal Committee shall consist of the Chairperson of the DMC or his/her appointee, a Dressage Judge and a DMC Appointee, who are not part of the Organising Committee.

***Note: These two committees are to be confirmed prior to the commencement on the day of the championships.  
(See Appendix B).***

## IV. ENTRIES FOR THE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Rule 11. AREA TEAMS:

Entries from each Area will consist of the three top Senior combinations and the three top Junior combinations at the Area Event, the six to comprise the team. The fourth placed combination in each Division shall be the reserves. All competitors entering Area Trials must be available to ride at the championships.

If an Area is unable to field a full team, the lowest score of that division where the team member is missing (ie Junior or Senior) on that day will be awarded, with a further 10 points subtracted as a penalty. All Area Team riders and reserves must have ridden in the Area Team Trial(s).

### Rule 12. AGE LIMITS:

- (i) **Junior:** Riders 15 and under as at the first day of competition in the year in which the championships are held.
- (ii) **Senior:** Riders 16 as at the first day of competition in the year in which the championships are held to the end of the season they reach the age of 21. The season being from the 1 August until the 31 July the following year.

### Rule 13. FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP:

Riders must be members of the NZPCA to enter an Area event and thus the Championships.

### Rule 14. ENTRY DETAILS, ENTRY FEES, AND CLOSING DATE:

- (a) Official Entry forms are supplied by the NZPCA. They require full details of the entry (name, birth date, sex of rider, mount's name, horse/pony and age, and the rider's Club.) listed in the rider's starting order, and are to be submitted together with the entry fee by the Area Secretary to reach the NZPCA not later than twenty-eight (28) days before the date decided upon for the first day of competition.

- (b) Entry Fees for the Dressage Championships shall be payable at such rate as is from time to time determined by the DMC.
- (c) The Area Secretary will certify on the Entry Form that all rules covering entry to the Championships have been complied with.

**Rule 15. AMENDMENT TO ENTRIES:**

Amendment to entries will be accepted after the closing date and up to the start of the competition where entrants fail to comply with the Area's official conditions of entry, or for illness/injury to horse/rider where a veterinary/medical certificate must be produced. The start of competition is defined as the time the first horse enters the arena for their division, ie. Junior or Senior on that day. Any substitution must be a complete unit of mount and rider which complies with all rules of selection: The substituted combination replaces the withdrawn combinations position in the draw. In the event of an illness/injury to horse/rider on the day of the competition, where there is insufficient time to obtain a veterinary/medical certificate, the Technical Delegate, after consultation with the Chief Steward and/or the DMC Chairperson, may certify an amendment to an entry.

**Rule 16. TEAM MANAGER'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- (a) Team Managers have the right to call for a Medical or Veterinary Certificate for a competitor or mount within 14 days prior to the Championships if in his opinion circumstances warrant the same.
- (b) Team Managers must inspect accommodation and horse facilities prior to occupation and departure of their teams, and ensure that both are left in a condition comparable to their arrival. They must bring to their team members notice the responsibility they owe to other peoples' property and to the good name of the NZ Pony Clubs Association Inc.

## V. AREA DRESSAGE TRIALS

### Rule 17. AREAS FOR TRIAL:

To select entrants for the competition, trials will be held annually in each of the following Areas:

- (a) Ashburton/South Canterbury/North Otago
  - (b) Auckland
  - (c) Bay of Plenty
  - (d) Canterbury
  - (e) Franklin/Thames Valley
  - (f) Gisborne/Wairoa
  - (g) Hawke's Bay
  - (h) King Country
  - (i) Marlborough/Nelson/West Coast
  - (j) Manawatu/West Coast
  - (k) Northland
  - (l) Otago/Southland
  - (m) Taranaki
  - (n) Waikato
  - (o) Waitemata/Rodney
  - (p) Wairarapa/Wellington
- (refer to Area Rule 1:8 Colours, for a list of official colours of each Area)

### Rule 18. AREA DRESSAGE COMMITTEE AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- (a) Each Pony Club will enter members according to arrangements made each year by the Area Committee.
- (b) Resolve matters relating to Area representation at the Championships.
- (c) Appoint the Technical Delegate who will be responsible for inspecting the site and approving the arenas. He shall be present on the day of the Trials and ensure that they are conducted in accordance with the Rules and to give what help and guidance may be required.

**Rule 19. FORM OF THE AREA TRIAL/S:**

- (a) The Area Committee shall organise a Dressage event at which the Area Dressage Trial will be held.
- (b) Areas are permitted to select their team for the Championships by one of the following ways.
  - (i) One Dressage Test - best placing.
  - (ii) Two Dressage Tests - best accumulated placings.
  - (iii) Three Dressage Tests - best accumulated placings.
  - (iv) Three Dressage Tests - best two accumulated placings.
  - (v) Four Dressage Tests - best three accumulated placings.

The value of a placing is to be defined as:—

1st .....	1 point	2nd .....	2 points
3rd .....	3 points	4th .....	4 points etc.

The competitors with the least number of points in each division shall be deemed the winners.

In the event of a tie on accumulated placings revert to accumulated totalled scores. If there is still a tie, the rider with the highest total of Judge's Collective Marks entered at the bottom of the dressage sheets shall be the winner. If the riders are still equal then the co-efficient marks will determine the placings. In the event of a tie on co-efficient marks, the rider with the highest mark(s) for individual movement(s) shall be the winner.

- (c) The Area Committee may consider eliminated riders for the Championship team only if insufficient numbers of riders have qualified with points. If this option is used, Area Committees should establish their own criteria before the commencement of Area Trials.
- (d) Riders with two mounts will be allotted points for each mount separately. If a riders' horse (A) is placed in the top three, then that horse (A) will be in the area team and the other horse (B) will remain in its achieved position. If horse (B) is placed 2nd, 3rd, or 4th behind horse (A), it will be that riders' own reserve. Horse (B) cannot replace any other combination above their achieved position,

i.e. if horse (B) is in 5th position, it cannot replace horse (A), the 4th placegetter is the 1st reserve replacing a withdrawn combination.

**Rule 20. ENTRY CRITERIA - Competitors and Mounts:**

- (a) **Attendance at Rallies:** refer to Rules and Regulations for Clubs and Branches - Rule 2:19 Working Rallies and Rule 2:20 **Attendance at Working Rallies** for further details.
- (b) Mounts:
  - (i) There will be no height limit, mounts must be at least four years old to compete at Level 2 (Novice) and Level 3 (Elementary).
  - (ii) No mount will be ridden by more than one rider.
  - (iii) A competitor may ride no more than two mounts at area trials.
  - (iv) The competitor must ride the same mount as in the Area Dressage Trial.

**Rule 21. DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS RESPONSIBILITIES:**

It will be the responsibility of the District Commissioners to check the eligibility of Area Trials Entrants according to Rules 12, 13 and 20. The DC's decision shall be final.

**Rule 22. DRESSAGE JUDGES:**

- (a) Judges must be on the current ESNZ Dressage NZ Judges list.
- (b) Judges should come from outside the Area if possible.
- (c) Judges will be appointed by the Area Dressage Committee who will be responsible for briefing them on the rules of the competition.
- (d) The Chief Judge shall be appointed by the Area Dressage Committee.

**Rule 23. TRIAL RESULTS:**

Within three days of the final trial a certified copy on a standard score sheet (supplied by the NZPCA) giving competitors names, and marks, must be sent by the Area Secretary to the NZPCA.

## VI. GENERAL RULES

### **Rule 24. LEGAL LIABILITY:**

Neither the Organisers nor any person acting on their behalf accept any liability for any loss, damage, accident, injury, or illness to ponies, horses, riders, or other persons or property whatsoever.

### **Rule 25. ORDERS:**

Riders and owners of competing horses and their helpers must obey any order or direction given to them by a responsible official, and they must be careful not to do anything liable to upset or hinder the undisturbed progress of the Competitions. Failure to comply with this rule may entail elimination.

### **Rule 26. CONCUSSION:**

A rider must not compete or participate mounted in any Pony Club activities for a minimum of 21 days following concussion without a doctor's written clearance.

### **Rule 27. OBJECTIONS: (Refer to Appendix B).**

- (a) At Championships, objections to the Ground Jury may only be made by a member of the Organising Committee or by Team Managers. At Area Trials and other events, objections may be made by the Organising Committee, Team Manager, participating rider, parent or guardian.
- (b) Objections must be in writing to the Secretary of the Championship Committee accompanied by a deposit of \$30.00. The deposit shall be refunded if the objection or appeal is upheld. If the objection or appeal is rejected, the deposit may be refunded at the discretion of the committee concerned.
- (c) Time limits for lodging objections will be: Not later than half an hour after the happening that gave rise to the objection or, where marks are concerned, within half an hour of the posting of the marks. In the case of an objection to the Arena, or to the qualification of competitors, objections must be placed not later than 1 hour prior to the start of the Event.
- (d) The decision of the Appeal Committee will be final.

## **Rule 28. DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

- (a) **Doping - Animals:** It is forbidden to administer any prohibited substance to a horse or to cause one to be administered in any way whatsoever, with the object of influencing the horse's performance, under penalty of elimination of the Team. (Refer to Appendix C - Prohibited Substances)

If, in the course of the event, it is necessary to treat a horse with a drug that is calming, anti-tetanic, fortifying or stimulating, the Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the Organisers must be informed immediately. He will verify the expediency of the treatment given and will decide if the horse is allowed to participate or is eliminated in consultation with the Ground Jury. If the treatment has been for colic only, the official Veterinary Surgeon decides whether the horse is in a fit state to participate.

- (b) **Sports Anti-Doping Policy - Riders**

In adopting the Sports Anti-Doping Policy as laid down by NZPCA, it is the responsibility of each Area to inform their Team Manager and Coach of the policy prior to departure to a national competition. (Refer to the Pony Club Resource Manual or the Resource Page on the NZPCA website for a copy of document PP4.07.

- (c) **Prohibited Schooling:** On no account and under penalty of disqualification from the entire event, may any horse take part in a Dressage competition which has been schooled by anyone other than the competitor nominated mounted in the saddle, from midnight preceding the first competition of the event until the conclusion of the event.

- (d) **Temporary Pens:** The use of unstable, flimsy penning for horses such as electrified tape, string, ropes, or chains is banned at all Pony Club events. Use of this equipment may entail disqualification.

## VII. RIDER'S RULES

### **Rule 29. DRESS:**

- (a) \*Helmets: A properly fitting, securely fastened, correctly maintained helmet meeting the following standards MUST be worn.
- PAS 015 (British Standard)
  - BSEN 1384 (joint British/European Standard)
  - EN 1384 (European Standard)
  - AS/NZS 3838 (joint Australian/New Zealand Standard)
  - ASTM F1163 (American Standard)
- (b) \* Ear-rings, ear studs and any exposed jewellery must be removed or taped. Tongue studs must be removed.
- (c) \* The wearing of a hairnet, or plaited pigtailed for members with long hair, is compulsory.
- (d) Dress and Saddlery Inspection Refer to Appendix A.

### **Rule 30. SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT:**

- (a) \* Plain saddle, and in the interest of safety, the stirrup leathers and irons must hang free from the bar of the saddle and outside the flap. There must be no other restriction or attachment of any kind. Where a surcingle is used it must be ensured that it does not restrict the release of the leathers from the bars. Toe stoppers are allowed.

### **Rule 31. COMMANDING:**

For the National Championship Event, the test must be ridden from memory. For Area Selection Trials when the riders ride two different Championship tests on the same day, the first test must be ridden from memory and the second test may be commanded.

### **Rule 32. ISSUE OF TESTS:**

On completion of the event the Team Managers only will collect the dressage sheets.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION

### **Rule 33. DRESSAGE TESTS:**

The dressage tests for the Championships will be selected by the DMC and must be ridden from memory. The General Manager will notify each Area Secretary eight (8) weeks prior to the first day of competition of the championship tests to be ridden.

### **Rule 34. JUDGES' TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION:**

- (a) The same Dressage Judges will travel to the two venues at the expense of the NZPCA.
- (b) It will be the responsibility of the host Organising Committee to arrange for judges to be met and transported during the their stay.
- (c) Organising Committees are requested to billet the judges or to arrange accommodation. No reimbursements will be paid by the NZPCA.
- (d) The Dressage Judges invited to judge the Championship Tests will not be expected to judge other tests on the same day.
- (e) Organising Committees are required to send a Balance Sheet and report from the championship which they hosted to the DMC Chairperson.

### **Rule 35. FORMAT OF THE EVENT:**

It is recommended that Organising Committee hosting the Championship events will run it in conjunction with other dressage competitions which would be open to any Pony Club rider.

- (a) A Test Rider is required to ride first in each Championship Class.
- (b) The Championship event is to be run as a straight team event for the qualifying teams. The Juniors will ride first followed by the Seniors.
- (c) The Association will provide rosettes for all six members of the placed teams in this event.

- (d) The Championship Event will be run in the main arena, which should be sited at least 15m from any other arena.
- (e) Riders in the Championship should have ample room in which to warm up.
- (f) If possible the arena surface for both Island Championships should be the same i.e. both sand or both grass.
- (g) Sand arenas should be groomed and centre line remarked during each break i.e. after every 12 horses. Watering the surface may also be necessary.
- (h) Grass arenas in wet conditions may need to be shifted. An alternate arena should be marked out in case of this eventuality.

**Rule 36. TIMETABLE: Championship Classes:**

- (a) The Test Rider to ride 15 minutes before the start of each championship class.
- (b) At the North and South Island Championships the Juniors will ride first followed by the Seniors. At one venue championship, both sections may run concurrently.
- (c) Allow 8 minutes per test.
- (d) There should be no more than 12 riders between breaks.
- (3) Breaks should be at least 25 minutes.

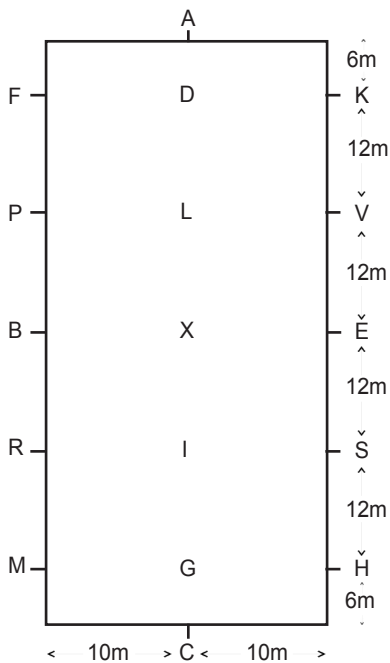
**Rule 37. RESULTS:**

All results from the Championship classes are to be forwarded e.g. emailed or faxed to the NZPCA within 24 hours.

**Rule 38. OTHER TESTS:**

It is strongly recommended that the Organising Championship Committee run other dressage competitions on the day for Pony Club riders only, team members competing if they wish. Tests may be commanded in all classes except the championship classes. Championship riders would need at least half an hour free before their Championship Test. (The Championships would be run under NZPCA Rules).

## ARENA PLAN 60m x 20m



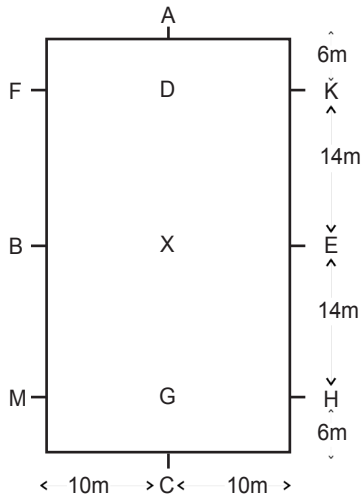
Markers are 0.5m from the edge of the Arena.

If a boarded arena, the markers **MUST** be visible above the boards.

On a grass surface, a centre line must be mown.

Gateway at A should measure approx. 2m.

## ARENA PLAN 40m x 20m



Markers are 0.5m from the edge of the Arena.

If a boarded arena, the markers MUST be visible above the boards.

On a grass surface, a centre line must be mown.

Gateway at A should measure approx. 2m.

## SETTING UP AN ARENA

### Requirements: 40 x 20m

13 standards

122m of rope

letters

length of diagonal = 44.72m

### 60 x 20m

17 standards

162m of rope

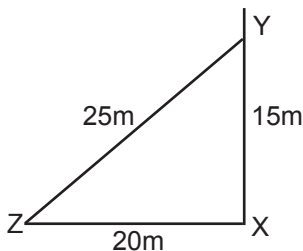
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length of diagonal = 63.25m

It is **essential** that the sides should be straight and the corners square, otherwise it will be impossible to work correctly in it. You will need a 30m or longer measuring tape.

### Method:

1. Measure one long side, insert corner standards. Stretch the rope on the ground around the corner standards.
2. Measure 15m on long side X -Y, put in a peg.
3. Measure 20m on side X - Z, and adjust rope until measurement Y - Z equals 25m, put in a peg.
4. Retaining this line, insert corner standard at Z. Having squared on corner, measure the next long side, and adjust the fourth corner standard until the remaining short side measures 20m.



While measuring, lay all markers where required. When the rope is raised, it will give a straight line and these standards can be put in accordingly. **Note:** The term 'quarter-marker' is misleading. They are set 6m from the corner on the long sides.

Letters should be set 0.50 metres from the rope. Letter 'A' should be placed as far as back as practical from the gateway.

## APPENDIX A

1. DRESS AND SADDLERY INSPECTION AT AREA TRIALS. It is the responsibility of the competitors that their dress & saddlery are in accordance with the rules. Dress and saddlery will be inspected before each Test and after being passed no change will be made. Competitors with unsafe or forbidden gear will replace it and be ready to start on time under the penalty of elimination. It is also the responsibility of the competitor to make sure that his gear has been inspected to the satisfaction of the Gear Inspector before starting. Failure to do so entails elimination.
2. DRESSAGE AND SADDLERY INSPECTIONS AT ALL OTHER COMPETITIONS could be done at the beginning of the day.
3. AT THE NZPCA TEAM DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS a Gear Inspection is not compulsory. If there is no formal gear inspection THE FOLLOWING PROCÉDURE WILL APPLY.
  1. It is the Area and Team Manager' responsibility to ensure that their riders are aware of the NZPCA Dressage Rule VII "Riders Rules" and Dressage NZ Rules Chapter V "Participation", regarding Dress, Saddlery and Equipment.
  2. The Appointed Steward(s) will –
    - (a) Observe all riders/horses in the schooling and warm-up areas.
    - (b) Check suspect dress/saddlery.
    - (c) 'Spot' check riders anywhere, anytime during the competition.
    - (d) Be available to check gear at riders request.
  3. Contravention of Dress and Saddlery Rules will incur elimination.

## APPENDIX B APPOINTMENT OF GROUND JURY AND APPEAL COMMITTEES

### Notes for both Committees

1. Competition organising committee must make available an enclosed space, eg a horse truck, float, room or caravan for either committee to carry out their deliberations. It would not be appropriate for either committee to meet in view of the public.
2. Both committees and Presidents to be appointed prior to the start of any competition.
3. The TD cannot be a member of a Ground Jury or Appeal Committee.
4. The TD and/or rider, at the invitation of the President, may attend in the role as non-speaking observers. On request from the President, the TD may be asked to give advice on technical matters which the committee requires clarification. Both the Ground Jury and Appeal Committee reserve the right to carry out their deliberations in private without the TD and/or rider present.
5. The TD is the rider's advocate and advisor.
6. The TD **DOES NOT** have a vote.
7. The Appeal Committee is generally not required for smaller competitions. However, this is optional.  
(TD = Technical Delegate and refers to the TD of the event).

### Ground Jury

The members of the Ground Jury shall be as stated in Rule 10(c)(i).

- The committee shall appoint a President prior to the competition starting.

### Appeal Committee

The members of the Appeal Committee shall be as stated in Rule 10(c)(ii).

- The committee shall appoint a President prior to the competition starting.

### Procedure for an Objector to submit an objection

1. All parties should familiarise themselves with Rule 27 of the NZPCA Teams Dressage Championship rule book.
2. The objector to discuss their complaint with the TD.

3. The TD will collect all relevant information relating to the objector's complaint and advise them further if there are grounds to lodge a written objection.
4. If objection is to proceed, it must be lodged in writing with the event Secretary within the specified timeframe. The objection is to be accompanied by the appropriate deposit.
5. The Secretary will notify the Chief Judge that a written objection has been received. The Chief Judge will call a meeting of the Ground Jury who, after deliberating, will give a ruling. This is the first time that the Chief Judge should have had any contact with the objection.
6. If the objector is dissatisfied with the Ground Jury's ruling, they may lodge a written appeal with the event Secretary within the specified timeframe. The objection is to be accompanied by the appropriate deposit.
7. The Appeal Committee's decision shall be final.
8. The deposit shall be refunded if the objection or appeal is upheld. If the objection or appeal is rejected, the deposit may be refunded at the discretion of the committee concerned.

Reference: NZPCA Teams Dressage Championship Rule Book - Rule 27 (a), (b), (c), (d), Objections.

## **APPENDIX C - Prohibited Substances**

Horses taking part in a Competition must be healthy and compete on their inherent merits. The use of a Prohibited Substance might influence a Horse's performance or mask an underlying health problem and could falsely affect the outcome of a competition. The list of Prohibited Substances has been compiled to include all categories of pharmacological action.

1. Prohibited Substances are substances originating externally, whether they are endogenous to the horse or not
  - Substances acting on the nervous system.
  - Substances acting on the cardiovascular system.
  - Substances acting on the respiratory system.
  - Substances acting on the digestive system.
  - Substances acting on the urinary system.
  - Substances acting on the reproductive system.
  - Substances acting on the musculoskeletal system.
  - Substances acting on the skin (e.g. hypersensitising agents).
  - Substances acting on the blood system.
  - Substances acting on the immune system, other than those in licensed vaccines.
  - Substances acting on the endocrine system, endocrine secretions and their synthetic counterparts.
  - Antipyretics, analgesics and anti-inflammatory substances.
  - Cytotoxic substances.
2. List of substances for which maximum threshold levels or ratios have been established.

## APPENDIX C (cont'd) - Prohibited Substances

Available Carbon Dioxide	37 millimoles per litre in plasma
Dimethyl Sulfoxide	15 micrograms per millilitre in urine OR 1 microgram per millilitre in plasma
Hydrocortisone	1 microgram per millilitre in urine
Nandrolone	free and conjugated 5 $\alpha$ -estrane-3 $\beta$ , 17 $\alpha$ -diol to 5(10)-estrane-3 $\beta$ , 17 $\alpha$ -diol in urine at a ratio of 1.
Salicylic Acid	750 micrograms per millilitre in urine OR 6.5 micrograms per millilitre in plasma
Testosterone (Geldings)	free and conjugated testosterone 0.02 microgram per millilitre in urine
Testosterone (fillies and mares)	free and conjugated testosterone to epitestosterone 12:1 in urine
Theobromine	2 micrograms per millilitre in urine
Total Arsenic	0.3 microgram per millilitre in urine

