



NEW ZEALAND PONY CLUBS ASSOCIATION INC.

GUIDELINES FOR DRESSAGE TECHNICAL DELEGATES

Qualification

Must be a suitably experienced person with knowledge of the N.Z.P.C.A. Dressage Rules, who may be, but not necessarily be a Dressage Judge.

Appointment

A Dressage Technical Delegate (T.D.) is -

- Recommended at Area Dressage Selection Days. Appointment confirmed by the Area Committee.
- Compulsory at National Championships. Nominated by the Organising Committee and appointment confirmed by C.O.M.

NZPCA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The appointed T.D. will approve/check:

1. Grounds
 - As level as possible
 - All weather surfaces, groomed
 - Grass, not too long
2. Area
 - "Fenced" off at least 15m back from the arena.
3. Arena
 - Arena borders must be of one type; rope, picket, plastic etc and not a combination of any of above. A pipe or picket arena is preferred.
 - Must have a "gate" that can be opened and shut easily.
 - Grass Centre line mown.
 - Other surfaces Groomed and centre line marked. Watered if necessary. Grooming, remarking and watering should be done after every 10 – 12 horses.
 - Decorations Suitably placed and secured (will not fall over in wind).
 - Letters 50cm back from side of arena. "A" approx. 5m back.
4. Practice Arena
 - On the same type of surface as the competition arena is desirable.
5. Judges Cars/Boxes
 - Between 5m and 10m back from the arena.
 - At "H" or "M" the car/box should be placed so that the Judge is sitting two and a half metres in from an extension of that long side.
 - The Chief Judge sits at "C".
6. Chief Steward
 - Check that the Chief Steward is aware of warm-up area/practice rings.
7. Gate-Keeper
 - Allows one horse through to Arena Area 2 minutes before Start Time. There after as each horse leaves, another may enter arena area (2 minutes also applies after each tea break).
 - Arena gate must be left shut until the bell has been rung, then opened to allow the horse to enter and closed once the horse is in the arena.
8. First Aid
 - Ensure that a suitable qualified person is appointed.

OTHER COMPETITIONS (non Championship)

1. Rope Arenas
 - May be used. The Rope must not be wound around the standards and must release easily and be between 45cm and 60cm above the ground.
2. Arenas
 - Ideally should be at least 10m apart
 - Other riders and spectators must be kept back 15m from competition arenas.
3. Practise Arenas
 - Are not necessary. A suitable warm up area must be available.
4. Gate Keeper
 - Not required.
5. Gear Inspector
 - There may be an inspection before each Test or before the rider's first competition of the day.

6. First Aid - Ensure that a suitably qualified person is appointed.

TECHNICAL DELEGATE'S CHAMPIONSHIP CHECKLIST

Day Before

- Type of arena to be used is suitable.
- Placement of Championship Arena – considering ground and sun.
- Appropriate Practice Arena and Warm up area.

One Hour before Start of Competition

- Placement of cars/boxes
- Arena groomed/centre line marked.
- Check Judges Bell is clear and that nearby arenas are using horns or whistles.

Half an hour before Start of Competition

- Gate-keeper in position.
- Check Judges and Gate-keepers watches are the same "TIME".
- Guinea Pig rider rides 15 minutes before start of class.

During the Day

The T.D. monitors the running of the competition.

- Liaises with judges and personnel to ensure the competition is run according to the rules and on time.
- Checks the arena each time it is groomed.
- Is the Rider's advocate and advisor.
- Discusses complaints with objectors and on collecting relevant information will advise them if there are grounds to lodge a written objection.
- Reports use of illegal gear/ equipment, prohibitive schooling or infringement of the rules to the organising committee.
- Ensures results are posted at least after every second competitor. The individual judge's marks are not to be displayed until after the final tea break.
- Ensures the time of posting is written on Final Results.
- Protests must be lodged within the specified time frame (usually within ½ hour of posting)