

New Combined Tests (CT)

A competitor may enter a CT class along with a Mini Trial class or schooling dressage class. The competitor may enter the CT one level higher than their Mini Trial division. For example, a competitor may enter Novice Rider (class 4) in the Mini Trial and Training (class 52) in the CT and any class in the Dressage Only show.

Grounds For Elimination

In All Phases

1. Missing your assigned ride time.
2. Unauthorized assistance (no one may talk to competitor while in ring)*.
3. Riding without a helmet.
4. Dangerous Riding - Horse out of control (may be eliminated or penalized 25pts).
5. Excessively reprimanding (beating) horse or yanking on mouth.
6. Horse is lame

Dressage (specific to the phase)

1. Entering ring before Judge signals (whistle or bell).
2. Taking longer than 45 seconds to enter ring after the Judge signals.
3. Horse stepping outside of ring during test (all 4 feet).
4. Using an illegal bit (except VG & Intro divisions).
5. Riding with illegal equipment (spurs longer than 3/4", whip longer than 43.5").

Cross Country (specific to the phase)

1. Jumping a fence backwards (red flag must be on your right).
2. Missing a fence on course.
3. Refusing 3 times at a fence. After elimination, leave course at a walk.
4. Refusing 4 times total on course. After elimination, leave course at a walk.
5. Missing the finish flags (must go through the flags).

Stadium

1. Starting course before Judge signals (whistle or bell).
2. Missing the start/finish flags (must go through the flags).
3. Refusing 3 times total on course.
4. Jumping fences in wrong order or jumping a fence backwards.
5. Fall of rider.

*** - Exceptions**

In the Intro division, Unauthorized Assistance (UA) will be allowed. The competitor will be assessed 50 penalty points, one time, even if UA occurs multiple times. Acceptable UA includes entering the X-C and/or the stadium course to coach. In extreme cases, trainer may attach a lead line to competitor's horse.

Competitor Briefing

A competitor briefing will be held the day before each Mini Trial, and will cover rules and regulations. There will be a question and answer session at the end. It is the **riders responsibility** to know the rules.

NOTE: If a rider unknowingly breaks a rule, they will still be eliminated.