

MOOLOOLAH TOWN & COUNTRY CTR

Judges Comments:

JP 1 – Safety – Rules Check – Mount

Judge: Joan Wilson-Jones

Penciller: Nuala Wedge

People threw away early points! Dirty boots on rider, horses not brushed – there are ways to pick up scores! A number of people let go of the horse when picking up hooves. Lots of horses were hesitant on the tarp. Everybody did really well with gear. Safe and well fitted – well done! With the hoof pick up I was checking that hooves had been cleaned of any stones. Pretty much everybody had prepared hooves well. Don't forget to brush them down before you present.

JP 2 – STEP BACK UP HILL

Judge: Leanne Jones

This judgepoint put most horses out of their comfort zone and those who did well have developed a high degree of trust from their horse.

JP 3 – WTC RESCUE RIDER

Judge: Robyn Homan

Great to have most people listening to instruction. Also people/riders encouraging their horses – it is amazing how well horse will try with a little encouragement. It is always a pleasure to judge at SCATER!

JP 4 – PERFECT CIRCLE

Judge: Sandy Binnerts

Some horses were very nervous of pole. Quite a few riders rushed their horse when taking more time would have benefited horse. Sadly a couple of riders were impatient with their horses and in the judges opinion a little harsh which will always lose you some points, however pleased to see 98% of riders supporting and patient with nervous horses.

Riders should be aware that if they position the pole lower their horse has more chance of executing “perfect circle”. Also, be aware of having correct leg on for bending in the circle.

JP 5 -

Judge: Suzanne Langdon Penciller Jo Quirke

Riders who set their horse up for the task, maintained rhythm, connection and line completed the task well. Calm, consistent support of the horse with fair delivery of aids, allowing time and using pause and encouragement was valued.

Task was completed very well by most riders. A few horses were not ready for the task. Some riders would do better overall and help their horse with tension by slowing steps down and adding pause. Time to familiarise with the line and string was very important for some riders. “is that an electric fence???”

JP 6 – HOOF CHECK

Judge: Della Briais

Penciller: Helen Knight

More attention in holding the reins when picking up horses feet (no control if horse bolts!). A lot of

*riders had reins on horses neck or left reins on the ground. This is NOT SAFE!! Most horses lifted their feet willingly, others were like set in cement.
Pleasure to watch horses standing still for remount using the log as the rider's stepping block.
Overall smiles were huge – and from the riders also!*

JP 7 – SIDE PASS TO THE RIGHT

Judge: Margaret Huln
Penciller: Vanessa Evans

*Everybody enjoying the day – lovely people all looking after their horses. All riders polite.
This judge had a lovely day in the forest – everybody worked well together!*

JP 8 – WHIPPET

Judge: Jen Hirst
Penciller: Deb O'Connor

On the whole horses and riders performed well. Some riders did not follow the instructions and a few riders did not maintain rein control. STAY SAFE!!

JP 9 - SPIDER AT THE BRIDGE

Judge: Carolyn Barnes
Penciller: Bianca Angold

Great obstacle which tested riders. Nice to see most riders gave their horse time to think and process the checkpoint. If tension and the horse was nervous the rider remained calm and patient.

JP 10 – LOG DISMOUNT – REMOUNT

Judge: Jenny McNab
Penciller: Steve Doyle

All riders kept great control over their horse! Well done!
