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**SUNSHINE COAST AREA TRAIL AND ENDURANCE RIDERS INC.**

**THE RULES**  
**OF**  
**COMPETITIVE**  
**TRAIL RIDING**  
**(VERSION 8-2008)**



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**WELCOME**

*Competitive trail riding is truly a team sport – a partnership between horse and rider. Together you cross paddocks and creeks, climb and descend mountain tops, walk, trot and canter through bushland and surmount obstacles along the way.*

*Together you exercise body and brain – sharing time and the adventure of competition.*

*During the process of training and conditioning, and in the competition itself, both you and your horse will grow in physical fitness and in learned skills.*

*The Sunshine Coast Area Trail and Endurance Riders (SCATER) has developed a philosophy of education, competition and enjoyment of competitive trail riding.*

*Rides are open to horses of any breed, size or type (except stallions), with judging based on performance. SCATER uses time, distance and stress, not speed, as judging criteria for the horse.*

*Riders are judged separately on the care of their horses and on riding skills.*

THE ATTACHED RULES WILL ASSIST YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF C.T.R.s

WELCOME TO SCATER – A VENTURE INTO A NEW EXPERIENCE

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**1. RIDE**

**a. Ride types**

- i. Ride type A:
  - 14km to 18km ridden in one day
  - Registration, Horse Health check, ride and presentation taking place same day
- ii. Ride type B:
  - 20km to 32km ridden in one day
  - Registration and Horse Health check day one, ride and presentation on day two
- iii. Ride type C:
  - 40km to 64km ridden over 2 days
  - Registration, Horse Health check and first ride taking place day one, "Fit To Continue" assessment, second ride and presentation on day two

*(The Management Committee reserves the right, upon application by the Ride-Director, to vary the above conditions/distances if such variation is deemed to be in the best and safe interests of Competitive Riders).*

**b. Ride Pace**

Riding pace for CTRs ranges between 6km and 10km per hour.

**c. Ride Behaviour**

- i. Abusive language or behaviour, or intimidation towards the members of the Management Committee, ride management, judges, officials or other competitors is not permitted.
- ii. All riders are required to ensure their horses behave in a manner that protects the safety and welfare of others, as well as themselves, at all times.

**d. Horse Welfare**

Abuse of horses (including but not restricted to the infliction of fear or pain, deprivation of access to feed & water, inappropriate conditions) is prohibited.

**2. RIDER DIVISIONS**

**a. Open Division**

- i. Competitors nominating to ride in the Open Division must have accumulated a minimum of 40 place points as a Novice Competitor (as provided for in Rule 7.b.iii.).
- ii. Once a rider has a minimum of 40 place points as a Novice Competitor, and has elected to ride as an Open Competitor they are no longer eligible to compete in the Novice or Junior Division.
- iii. Open Division competitors must ride/compete individually.

**b. Novice Division**

- i. A Novice competitor may graduate by choice to the Open Division at any time after accumulating 40 place points in the Novice Division.
- ii. When a Novice competitor accumulates 60 place points in the Novice Division (as provided for in Rule 7.b.iii.), they are required to graduate from Novice to Open Division.
- iii. Novice Division competitors must ride/compete individually.

**c. Junior Division**

- i. The Junior Division is open to riders 10-16 years of age.
- ii. When a Junior Division competitor accumulates 120 place points (as provided for in Rule 7.b.iii.), they are required to graduate from Junior Division to Novice Division at their next CTR, and are no longer eligible to compete in the Junior Division.
- iii. A Junior Division competitor may graduate by choice to the Novice Division at any time after accumulating 60 place points.
- iv. Place points accrued in the Junior Division are not carried forward when the rider progresses to Novice Division.
- v. Junior Division competitors must ride/compete individually.

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**d. Team Division**

- i. Teams Division allows two riders to nominate and ride together as a team. These riders may be any combination of competitors from other divisions.
- ii. Riders aged 8 and 9 years are permitted to ride in the Teams Division provided an adult (a person 18 years or older willing to take responsibility for their welfare) accompanies such riders on the trail.
- iii. Team Division competitors are to nominate on separate forms and will receive individual scorecards, however the official scorecard points for the ride will be calculated by combining the total score from both cards and dividing this score by 2.
- iv. Team Division competitors are to wear special ID so as not to incur penalties on course.
- v. Both competitors in a team must ride together at all times, but shall proceed through the judge points individually.
- vi. If either one of the horse/rider competitors in the team is unable to complete the ride, or a horse fails the horse health check, the team will be disqualified.
- vii. Team Division competitors are not to begin competing until all Open, Novice and Junior competitors have commenced the competition.
- viii. Competitors riding in the Teams Division, if successful, are eligible for placing and completion prizes for the Team Division at the event.
- ix. Team Division competitors are not eligible for any points other than the scorecard points allocated at the ride, which are only relevant for that ride. No points will accrue toward Division allocations or end of year awards.

**e. Training Division**

- i. The Training Division allows riders to ride together (max 3) or individually.
- ii. Training Division riders are permitted coaching and support from judges and fellow riders without incurring penalties.
- iii. All riders eligible to compete in the other Divisions are permitted to nominate for the Training Division.
- iv. Riders competing in the Training Division will receive a scorecard and, if successful, a completion award.
- v. Training Division riders are not eligible for any points other than the scorecard points allocated at the ride, which are only relevant for that ride. No points will accrue toward Division allocations or end of year awards.
- vi. Training Division riders are not to begin competing until all Open, Novice, Junior and Team competitors have commenced the competition.
- vii. Training Division riders are not permitted to overtake on course any Open, Novice, Junior or Team competitors, unless directed by the competitor or a course official to do so.
- viii. Training riders are to wear special ID so as not to incur penalties on course.
- ix. Riders aged 6 to 9 years are permitted to ride in the Training Division, provided an adult (a person 18 years or over willing to take responsibility for their welfare) accompanies such riders on trail.

*(The Management Committee reserves the right to offer a shorter course upon availability, as approved and applied for by the Ride-Director, if such variation is deemed to be in the best and safe interests of non-competitive Riders).*

**3. NOMINATION**

**a. Pre-Nomination**

- i. Riders must pre-nominate for all Ride Classifications
- ii. Pre-nominated riders are required to register at the event with the Ride Secretary within the advertised times.

**b. Nomination**

- i. Each rider is permitted to compete on one horse only at each event.
- ii. Once a horse has been registered for the competition with the Ride Secretary the rider may not substitute the registered horse with another.
- iii. For a rider to compete on a horse other than the one originally nominated, the rider must:
  - (a) Cancel the original nomination and request a refund of their nomination fee.

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- (b) Request the opportunity to re-nominate. The new nomination will be subject to Rule 4 (a) (iii), and will be accepted or rejected at the discretion of the Ride Director in consultation with the Ride Secretary and the attending SCATER Management Committee.
- iv. All horses must remain at the ride base once the rider has nominated and registered with the Ride Secretary.

**c. Late Nomination**

- i. All late nominations must provide prior notification, and are accepted or rejected at the discretion of the Ride Director in consultation with the Ride Secretary.

**d. Withdrawals**

Should a rider wish to withdraw his/her participation from an event, the required procedure is as follows:-

- i. Notification must be given to the Ride Secretary of the intention to withdraw. Should a horse fail to pass the pre-ride Horse Health Check, the entry fee will be refunded.
- ii. If withdrawal is due to concerns in relation to the welfare of the horse, the horse is required to be presented to the Horse Health Judge for assessment before it may be removed from the ride base.
- iii. Permission for the withdrawn rider and horse to leave the grounds is granted by the signing of the rider's scorecard, by both the Ride Secretary and the Horse Health Judge.

**4. PRE-RIDE**

**a. Horse Assessment**

- i. Stallions are not permitted.
- ii. Horses must be 3 years old or over, as determined by the presence of 3 years or older teeth, or registration documents.
- iii. Horses are required to pass all pre-ride Horse Health checks and be deemed fit to compete by the Horse Health Judge. The Horse Health Judge's decision is final and is not limited by Rule 4.a.iv or 4.a.v.
- iv. Horse Health Criteria for Ride Type A shall include (but not be limited by):
  - (a) Pulse rate of 65 beats per minute or below
  - (b) Hydration
  - (c) Gut sounds
  - (d) Muscle tone & palpation of back
  - (e) Trot out displaying even consistent gait
- v. Horse Health Criteria for Ride Types B & C shall include (but not be limited by):
  - (a) Pulse rate of 65 beats per minute or below
  - (b) Respiration
  - (c) Hydration
  - (d) Gut sounds
  - (e) Temperature
  - (f) Muscle tone & palpation of back
  - (g) Adequate shoeing or trimming
  - (h) Trot out displaying even consistent gait
- vi. Riders are required to ensure that horses behave in a controlled manner that allows the Horse Health assessors to fulfil their obligations without concern for their safety and welfare, or the safety and welfare of others in the vicinity (also refer 1.c.ii.)

**b. Pre-ride Briefing**

- i. A ride briefing will be held prior to each ride and attendance is compulsory for all riders.
- ii. Exceptions to attendance, in extenuating circumstances, may be permitted at the discretion of the SCATER Management Committee in consultation with the Ride Director.

**c. Ride Preparation**

- i. Having arrived at the event and registered with the Ride Secretary, only the nominated rider is permitted to care for his/her mount until the rider and horse have completed the event (including the post trail Horse Health assessment).

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- ii. An exception to rule 4.c.i. is available should the rider require assistance. This exception is at the discretion of the Ride Director and permission is required prior to accepting assistance.
- iii. Care of the horse shall include (but not be limited to) grooming, feeding, watering, saddling and strapping.

### **5. COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE**

#### **a. Tack**

- i. A bridle, halter or head collar, that affords adequate control without harming the horse, is required.
- ii. Saddles are required.
- iii. Spurs and whips (of any description) are not permitted.
- iv. All riders are required to wear an equestrian safety helmet.
- v. All riders are required to have their competition number on their person and clearly visible at all times from time of issue to their completion of the event.

#### **b. Drugs**

- i. Riders have the responsibility to present their horse at an event in a drug free state.
- ii. The definition of "Drug" includes any substance capable of affecting the peripheral nervous system or the performance of the horse, and shall include analgesics, local anaesthetics, tranquillisers or stimulants.
- iii. Horses are prohibited from competing in a de-nerved or drugged state.

#### **c. Ride Speed**

- i. The Ride Director shall set a riding pace and time for each CTR (refer 1.b.)
- ii. A 'grace' period shall apply either side of the nominated riding time where no penalty points are attracted: -
  - (a) Open Division – 5 minutes 'grace' time before 1 penalty point is deducted per minute to a maximum of 30 points.
  - (b) Novice, Junior, Teams & Training Divisions – 15 minutes 'grace' time before 1 penalty point is deducted per minute to a maximum of 30 points.Except
  - (c) The Ride Director has the ability, when deemed necessary, to extend the nominated ride time. This must be decided, and all riders notified, prior to the commencement of the ride.
- iii. Teams Division is allocated extra time (maximum 15 minutes based on having 8 judge points on track) added to the set official ride time to allow for the fact that each Team is required to remain at the judge sections until both competitors have completed the task (potentially twice as long as individual competitors).
- iv. Riders are not permitted to complete a CTR more than 30 minutes before the nominated ride time.
- v. Riders completing a CTR more than 30 minutes after the nominated ride time cannot place but shall be eligible for completion prizes and scorecard points.
- vi. The Ride Director has the authority to instruct a rider who is excessively late to return to base.
- vii. A rider that is delayed at a judge point may claim the amount of time they were delayed, providing the reason for the delay was out of their control. The claim for time must be made at the judge point where the delay occurred. The rider is required to inform the Judge of the intention to claim time and specify to the judge the amount of time they wish to claim. The time claimed must be no greater than the amount of time they were actually delayed. The rider is then able to add this claimed time to their nominated ride time, extending the time they have been allocated to complete the course.
- viii. A rider that is delayed as a result of giving assistance to another rider in distress may claim the amount of time they were delayed. The rider must inform the next available judge of the reason for the delay and the specific amount of time for the claim. The time claimed must be no greater than the amount of time they were actually delayed. This claim may require validation from the assisted rider. The rider is then able to add this claimed time to their nominated ride time, extending the time they have been allocated to complete the course.
- ix. All time claims must be in whole minute increments.

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**d. Ride Out**

- i. The order that riders are to commence competition shall be:
  - (a) Individual Competitors (Open, Novice & Junior Division),
  - (b) Team Division,
  - (c) Training Division.

*(Recommendation: Ride out increments between the three different categories be double the nominated ride-out increment allocated between riders/competitors).*
- ii. The first rider to set out on trail is to be an Open Division competitor. Should no Open Division competitors nominate for the event the first rider out on course is to be an experienced Novice Division rider.
- iii. Riders will leave the ride base at intervals specified by the Ride Director *(Recommendation: 3 minute intervals)*
- iv. Riders following Team Division competitors are to be withheld for double the allocated time-out increment before they are permitted to commence the ride (allowing sufficient time for the Team competitors to complete judge points).

**e. Judge Sections**

- i. Riders are allocated 2 minutes to complete a judge section, unless instructed otherwise by the judge or a ride official.

*(Recommendation: Judge sections are to be designed to enable riders to complete the section within the two minutes)*
- ii. All riders, including Team Division and Training Division riders, are required to enter and complete judge sections individually.
- iii. No rider is permitted to enter a judge section prior to receiving authorisation from either the judge or their assistant.
- iv. If a rider dismounts at any judge section/challenge, and chooses to lead the horse through the section without direction by the judge, the rider and horse shall forfeit all points for that challenge/judge section.
- v. Competitors in the Open, Novice and Junior Divisions are not permitted to complete a judge section and wait for another rider before continuing the course.
- vi. 50 points is the maximum number of points that can be awarded at a judge section.
- vii. No competitor is permitted prior knowledge of the specific judge points.

**f. Trail Rules**

- i. Riders must follow the entire marked trail.
- ii. Riders must present at every judge section on trail.
- iii. Riders are required to comply with all directives from course officials (subject to 5.f.iv).
- iv. If a rider assesses a situation and considers it unsuitable for either themselves or their horse, they are permitted to use their own discretion. It is the responsibility of the rider to be aware they may be in breach of other rules and incur the penalties associated with those rules.
- v. Riders must be mounted in order to proceed in a forward direction (unless directed otherwise by a ride official).
- vi. Within the last 3kms of a ride, riders must maintain a forward motion and no stopping or dismounting is permitted.
- vii. Overtaking is only permitted at a walk or trot, and riders may proceed only after advising the leading rider of the intention to do so.
- viii. Riders must behave in a manner that ensures trail courtesy and safety is paramount at all times.
- ix. The consumption of cigarettes, alcohol or any illicit substances is prohibited on trail.

**6. POSTRIDE**

**a. Horse Assessment**

- i. The horse must be presented for post-ride Horse Health assessment no later than 30 minutes after the completion of their ride.
- ii. The first presentation to the post-ride Horse Health assessment is the official presentation, from which all points are awarded and decisions made.



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- iii. Horses are required to pass all post-ride Horse Health checks and be deemed **fit to continue** by the Horse Health Judge.
- iv. Horse Health Criteria shall include (but not be limited by):
  - (a) Pulse rate of 65 beats per minute or below
  - (b) Respiration
  - (c) Hydration
  - (d) Gut sounds
  - (e) Muscle tone & palpation of back
  - (f) Trot out displaying even consistent gait
- v. If the Horse Health Judge has any concerns relating to the welfare of a horse, he/she has the authority to request the horse to be re-presented for further assessment after a specified time. The rider must comply with this request.

### **b. Horses Control**

Riders must ensure their horse behaves in a controlled manner that allows the Horse Health assessors to fulfil their obligations without concern for either their safety or welfare, or the safety and welfare of others in the vicinity (also refer 1.c.ii.)

### **c. Competition Completion**

- i. The competition is not considered completed, and rules of the CTR remain in force until the competitor has completed the course and all judge sections, including the post ride Horse Health assessment.
- ii. All riders are under the control of the SCATER Management Committee until they are in receipt of their scorecard, which has been signed by the Ride Secretary.

## **7. AWARDS, POINTS AND SCORECARDS**

### **a. Hors de Concours** (*English translation: Out of Competition*)

Should a rider wish to nominate to ride in a Division in which he/she is not eligible, he/she will receive a scorecard and, if successful, a completion award. However, the rider will not be considered in the ride placings and no points will accrue toward Division allocations or end of year awards.

### **b. Ride Awards**

Winners in each division will be determined as follows:-

- i. The scorecard points achieved by competitors in each division shall determine 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places
- ii. Should there be a 'tie' for position:-
  - (a) The Horse Health assessment points shall be used to determine placings. Should this still result in a tie;
  - (b) The horse with the greatest heart rate recovery, as determined by the difference between the pre-ride heart rate and the post-ride heart rate, will be considered the higher placegetter.
- iii. Place points are awarded as follows:-

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	-	15 points	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	-	5 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	-	12 points	7 <sup>th</sup> Place	-	4 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	-	10 points	8 <sup>th</sup> Place	-	3 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	-	7 points	9 <sup>th</sup> Place	-	2 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	-	6 points	10 <sup>th</sup> Place	-	1 point
- iv. In any division (except Teams Division) the minimum number of entries received will determine the allocation of trophies as determined by the following scale:
  - (a) 7 or more entries – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> trophies.
  - (b) 4 to 6 entries – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> trophies only
  - (c) 1 to 3 entries – 1<sup>st</sup> trophy only

### **c. End Of Year Trophies**

At the conclusion of each competition season:

- i. Only club members are eligible for end of year trophies.

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- ii. Division Awards of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be awarded for Open, Novice and Junior Divisions, by adding each rider's place points.
- iii. The total scorecard points accumulated by a rider through the year will determine the Rider of the Year Award (perpetual trophy).
- iv. Competitors who forego their entry in a CTR to organise the event will be compensated for that ride, having their average competition score added to their end of year points. The average competition score will be determined in the following manner:
  - (a) Divide the competitor's accumulated scorecard points earned for the year by the number of competitions completed to earn the points.
  - (b) Divide the accumulated placing points awarded for the year by the number of competitions completed to earn the points.
  - (c) This compensation is limited to the organisation of one CTR per season for each competitor.

### 8. RULE BREACHES AND RECOMMENDED PENALTIES

#### a. Penalties: Level and consequence

At the time of incurring a penalty the offender will be informed in writing of the rule that was breached, the penalty that is allocated and any further penalties should there be a repeat occurrence. These details will be recorded in the minutes of the following SCATER Management Committee meeting.

#### Level 1: Warnings

- 1.1. Two warnings before proceeding to Level 2
- 1.2. One warning before proceeding to Level 2
- 1.3. One warning before proceeding to Level 3

#### Level 2: Points penalties

- 2.1. Loss of one point per measured increment (eg. minute)
- 2.2. Loss of 10 points per occurrence
- 2.3. Loss of 30 points per occurrence
- 2.4. Loss of points (quantity to be at the discretion of the Management Committee, but not less than penalty level 2.3), with next occurrence proceeding to Level 3
- 2.5. Loss of all points for the relevant judge section

#### Level 3: Disqualification

- 3.1. Disqualification/exclusion from the event in which the breach occurred
- 3.2. Disqualification from the event in which the breach occurred as well as the next 2 events
- 3.3. Disqualification from all events until approval to recommence participation is granted by the SCATER Management Committee.

#### b. Table of Recommended Rule Breach Penalties

RULE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	FIRST OFFENCE Recommended Penalty	REPEAT OFFENCE Recommended Penalty
1.c.i.	Abusive & antagonistic behaviour	1.2	2.4
1.c.ii.	Rider/handler failing to control their horse	1.1	2.4
1.d.	Abuse of horses	2.4	3.3
2.a.i.	Open division competitor failure to meet minimum qualifications	3.1	3.3
2.a.ii.	Open Riders competing as Novice/Junior	2.3	3.1
2.a.iii.	Open Division competitors failure to compete individually	3.1	3.1
2.b.ii.	Progression from Novice to Open Division	2.4	3.1
2.b.iii.	Novice Division competitors failure to compete individually	3.1	3.1
2.c.i.	Minimum Junior competitor age	3.1	3.3

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<b>RULE</b>	<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FIRST OFFENCE Recommended Penalty</b>	<b>REPEAT OFFENCE Recommended Penalty</b>
<b>2.c.ii.</b>	Maximum Junior competitor age	3.1	3.3
<b>2.c.iv.</b>	Progression from Junior to Novice Division	2.4	3.1
<b>2.c.vii.</b>	Junior Division competitors failure to compete individually	3.1	3.1
<b>2.d.ii.</b>	Team competitor's failure in meeting minimum age requirement	3.1	3.3
<b>2.d.iv.</b>	Failure to display Team Division identifying ID	2.2	2.3
<b>2.d.v.</b>	Team Division competitors that fail to ride together	3.1	3.1
<b>2.e.i.</b>	Training Division – More than 3 riding together	1.2	2.4
<b>2.e.vii.</b>	Training Division riders overtaking other competitors	1.3	3.1
<b>2.e.viii.</b>	Failure to display Training Division identifying ID	1.2	2.4
<b>2.e.ix.</b>	Riders under 10 years of age	3.1	3.1
<b>3.a.i.</b>	Failure to pre-nominate for Ride Type A	2.3	3.1
<b>3.a.iii.</b>	Failure to have pre-nominations to Ride Secretary within allocated time	2.2	2.3
<b>3.a.iv.</b>	Failure to register the arrival of a pre-nomination within allocated time	3.1	3.1
<b>3.b.i.</b>	One rider using more than one horse	3.1	3.3
<b>3.b.ii.</b>	Attempt to substitute registered horse	3.1	3.3
<b>3.b.iii.</b>	Failure to follow procedures required if changing horses prior to competition	3.1	3.3
<b>3.b.iv.</b>	Failure to have a horse remain at the ride base after registration	1.3	3.1
<b>3.c.i.</b>	Failure to provide prior notification of late nomination	2.2	2.2
<b>3.d.i.</b>	Failure to notify of intention to withdraw	1.3	3.2
<b>3.d.ii.</b>	Failure to present withdrawn horse for health assessment	1.3	3.2
<b>3.d.iii.</b>	Failure to obtain permission for withdrawn rider and horse to leave event	1.3	3.2
<b>4.a.i.</b>	Bringing stallions to events	3.1	3.1
<b>4.a.ii.</b>	Failure to abide by horse minimum age requirement	3.1	3.3
<b>4.a.iii.</b>	Horse failing to pass all Horse Health assessments	3.1	3.1
<b>4.a.v.</b>	Rider failing to maintain adequate horse behaviour for Horse Health assessments	1.2	2.3
<b>4.b.i.</b>	Failure to attend Pre-ride Briefing	3.1	3.1
<b>4.c.i.</b>	Failure of rider to provide full care of their own horse	1.2	2.3
<b>5.a.i.</b>	Failure to present with adequate bridle/headstall for riding	3.1	3.1
<b>5.a.ii.</b>	Failure to present with a saddle	3.1	3.1
<b>5.a.iii.</b>	Rider use of spurs &/or whips	3.1	3.3
<b>5.a.iv.</b>	Failure to present with adequate riders helmet	3.1	3.1
<b>5.a.v.</b>	Failure to display competitor/rider number adequately	1.2	2.2
<b>5.b.i.</b>	Horse presented in drugged state	3.1	3.3
<b>5.b.iii.</b>	Competing while horse under the influence of drugs/denervating	3.1	3.3
<b>5.c.ii.</b>	Failure to complete competition within grace periods from nominated ride time (NRT)	2.1	2.1
<b>5.c.iii.</b>	Completing the event more than 30 minutes before NRT	3.1	3.1
<b>5.c.v.</b>	Failure of late rider to follow direction to return to ride base	3.1	3.2
<b>5.e.i.</b>	Failure to complete judge section within allocated time	2.1	2.1
<b>5.e.ii.</b>	Failure to enter judge point separately	2.5	2.5
<b>5.e.iii.</b>	Entering judge section without permission given	2.5	2.5
<b>5.e.v.</b>	Waiting after judge section for another rider	2.5	2.5
<b>5.e.vii.</b>	Rider having prior knowledge of specific judge points	2.3	3.1
<b>5.f.i.</b>	Failure to complete the entire marked trail	1.2	2.3
<b>5.f.ii.</b>	Failure to present to every judge	3.1	3.1
<b>5.f.iii.</b>	Failure to comply with directives from course officials	1.2	2.3
<b>5.f.v.</b>	Failure of rider to remain mounted when proceeding in a forward direction	2.3	3.1

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<b>RULE</b>	<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FIRST OFFENCE Recommended Penalty</b>	<b>REPEAT OFFENCE Recommended Penalty</b>
<b>5.f.vi.</b>	Failure to remain mounted and maintain a forward direction in the last 3klm from base	2.3	3.1
<b>5.f.vii.</b>	Inappropriate overtaking of other competitors	2.3	3.1
<b>5.f.viii.</b>	Failure to maintain adequate trail courtesy and safety	2.3	3.1
<b>5.f.ix.</b>	Consumption of illicit substances, alcohol or tobacco on trail	2.4	3.2
<b>6.a.i.</b>	Failure to present horse for post ride HH assessment within required timeframe	3.1	3.1
<b>6.a.iii.</b>	Failure of horse passing all HH assessment criteria	3.1	3.1
<b>6.a.v.</b>	Failure to re-present horse to HH if requested	3.1	3.3
<b>6.b.</b>	Failure to maintain adequate horse control	1.2	2.3

**9. COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS**

**a. Definition**

**Complaints:** A rider wishing to report a breach of rules will submit a complaint.

**Protest:** A rider wishing to dispute the allocation of placings, points or trophies at an event is required to submit a protest.

**b. Complaint Submission**

A complaint must be submitted to the Ride Secretary prior to the completion of the competition.

**c. Complaints Committee**

- i. A Complaints Committee will consist of the relevant Ride Director and all available SCATER Committee members at the time. This committee will convene at the earliest opportunity.
- ii. Should a split vote occur the complaint fails.
- iii. The complainant and the complaint/protest will be recorded in the minutes of the following SCATER Committee meeting.

**d. Protest Submission**

Any protest must be submitted in writing, with a fee of \$20, to the Ride Secretary within 7 days of the event.

**e. Protest Processing**

Protests will be dealt with by a quorum of SCATER Committee members at the following committee meeting. Both the "protestor" and "protestee" may be required to attend.

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