



## **General Rules**

1. The organising committee will accept no responsibility whatsoever for any loss, injury or damage to any person or their property, whilst on the Equestrian Centre premises, car parks or approaches.
2. We strongly advise that all entrants should ensure that they, and their horses/ponies, are fully covered by 3rd party insurance.
3. Correct dress must be worn at all events.
4. Horses & ponies must be aged 4 years and older.
5. A hard hat to British Standard EN 1384 or PAS 015, with correctly fitted chinstrap must be worn at all times whilst mounted.
6. Any horse, pony or rider acting in a dangerous manner may be asked to leave the premises. Excessive use of whips or spurs, foul language or cruelty will not be tolerated and may result in the offender being eliminated and asked to leave the premises.
7. Outside assistance will result in elimination.
8. The organisers reserve the right to limit or refuse any entry if deemed necessary, without giving any reason.
9. The organisers reserve the right to amalgamate or split classes and alter or amend the running order.
10. Entry fees will not be refunded after entries have closed.
11. The judges' decision is final. Anyone deemed to be verbally or physically abusive, abusing or heckling the judges, stewards, competitors or spectators, may result in disqualification or expulsion from the premises.
12. Any objection must be made in writing to the Secretary with a deposit of £10 in cash (refundable if the objection is upheld) within 30 minutes of the publication of results.
13. Prize money will be with-held if there are insufficient entries.
14. Concussion. In the event of concussion, which may occur without loss of consciousness, riders are not allowed to remount. An examination by a doctor is compulsory either at the event or following transfer to hospital.
15. No ponies to be ridden in spurs.
16. No-one shall allow a stallion for which he/she is responsible to compete, or be prepared to compete, in any competition without taking adequate precautions to ensure the safety of other riders and members of the public on the premises and should inform the organiser that a stallion is on the premises.
17. Only horses / ponies that have entered a Class may use the practice arena.
18. All dogs must be kept on a lead and under control at all times whilst on the premises.
19. Please do NOT muck out horse boxes or trailers whilst on the premises.
20. Please do NOT leave litter on the premises.
21. CEC may engage the use of a photographer at its events. By entering, you agree to CEC using images (still & moving) of your and/or your child/children for advertising, marketing & publicity purposes. CEC warrants that only images that appropriately represent the sport will be used. Should you wish to withdraw your consent, please inform the Events Coordinator in writing ([events@caistorequestriancentre.com](mailto:events@caistorequestriancentre.com))

## **Show Jumping Rules (additional to the General Rules)**

1. Once a competitor has fallen or dismounted in the arena, he/she will be disqualified from the Class and must not remount until out of the arena.
2. Lead rein competitors may only enter the Clear Round and Class 1, and must be lead by a competent attendant aged 14 years or over.
3. Horse & rider combinations that enter Class 1 may not enter Classes 5 & 6.
4. Whips to be no longer than 75cm (30 inches).
5. Adults riding ponies will be placed in their own category

### Dressage Rules (additional to the General Rules) [to also apply to ODE dressage phase]

1. Once a competitor has fallen or dismounted in the arena, he/she will be disqualified from the Class and must not remount until out of the arena.
2. **Tack & Equipment:** Snaffle bridles must be worn for Intro, Prelim & Novice tests. No Mylers with hooks or bevel bits. Any rider found to be riding in these will be eliminated. Double bridles may be worn in Elementary tests. Cavesson, drop or flash nosebands may be worn with snaffle bridles, cavessons only may be worn with double bridles. Martingales, side or running reins and reins with elastic inserts are forbidden. Breast plates & breast girths are permitted. No boots or bandages may be worn during a test, but may be used while warming up.
3. **Dress Code:** short jacket (black or blue) or tweed coat with correctly tied stock, white American Collar or shirt & tie. Hats & hat covers must be predominately black or navy blue. Breeches/jodhpurs must be plain white, cream or beige. Boots must be black or brown, may be top boots or Jodhpur boots. Gaiters/half-chaps may be worn providing are of identical colour to boots.
4. A whip must not be used in a way or be of a length that disturbs other riders and may not be picked up if dropped during a test. At no time may more than one whip be carried during a test or warming-up.
5. Callers are allowed for the dressage.

### Hunter Trial & Cross-Country Rules (additional to the General Rules)

1. Lead rein competitors may only enter the "Have A Go" Class and must be lead by a competent attendant aged 14 years or over.
2. Only horses/ponies with clear rounds are invited to take part in the time section.
3. **Dress Code:** Long sleeves, medical armbands, skull caps with no fixed peak and body protectors must be worn
4. Continuing after a fall. A rider may not be allowed to remount after a fall if there is any element of doubt of their fitness, irrespective of the wishes of parents, trainers, etc. Further participation may be possible following a medical examination.
5. In the event of a concussion, which may occur without loss of consciousness, riders are not allowed to ride again and an examination by a doctor is compulsory, immediately at the event or following transfer to hospital.
6. Any competitor having difficulty or being eliminated at an obstacle must clear the course for the competitors following before proceeding to the next obstacle.
7. No horse must compete more than once in each Class.
8. Any vet or paramedic cost must be met by the injured party