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Rules Show Hunter Division of the Show Jumping Discipline of ESNZ 2009

A SHOW YEAR

The ESNZ Show Hunter year for the purpose of counting points, runs from Horse of the Year exclusive, to Horse of the Year, inclusive.

B AGE OF RIDER

Whatever age a rider is at the beginning of the Show Season Calendar year will stay the same throughout the remainder of the Show Season Calendar year, regardless of his/her actual birth date.

Show Season Calendar year runs from 1st August to 31st July.

1 Pony riders - Competitors may take part in competitions and points series for pony riders until the end of the Show Season Calendar year that they reach the age of 17. The season being from August 1st to July 31st for a Show Season Calendar year.

2 A pony rider eligible to compete on the 1st day of an event may continue to compete at that event as a pony rider if they turn 17 during the event. At the conclusion of that show refer to Article II Rule B 1 regarding date of show for further eligibility as pony rider.

3 Once a pony rider finishes their last pony year or turns 17, they may not compete on a pony IN ANY RECOGNISED pony classes.

4 Amateur - Competitors may take part in Amateur Show Hunter competitions and points series from the first day of the season during which they turn 22, a show season calendar year being 1st August until 31st July. Hence competitors **may not** take part in Junior Show Hunter competitions and points series at the same time.

Refer to Article II Rule E 2.

5 Junior – Competitors may take part in Junior Show Hunter competitions and points series until the end of the show season calendar year that they reach the age of 21, a show season calendar year being 1st August to 31st July. Hence competitors **may not** take part in Amateur Show Hunter competitions and points series at the same time.

Refer to Article II Rule E 3.

6 Any age rider may compete on a horse in recognised or training (unrecognised) competitions, providing that other qualifying criteria are met for those restricted divisions or classes.

7 Adult riders aged 17 years and older may ride ponies in training events and classes **but** will not be eligible for prizes.

C CONDUCT

1 Rules regarding conduct, cruelty and prohibited substances apply for Show Hunters as for Show Jumping. Refer to ESNZ Rule Book Section One, Chapter VII - Article 143,144,145 and 146.

- 2 During the running of a Show Hunter Show a veterinarian should be either present on the grounds or on call within 10 - 15 minutes distance from the show.
- 3 Yellow Card ruling applies to Show Hunter Riders Refer to ruling from the ESNZ General regulations - Article 174 1 - 10.
- 4 Rules, if not specified in Show Hunter Rules but are covered in Show Jumping Discipline or General Regulations for ESNZ, will be applied to the Show Hunter Discipline.
- 5 No competitor may use an electronic device for the purpose of outside assistance while in the competition arena unless declared for medical purposes. The penalty for using a forbidden device will be elimination from the class.
- 6 It is compulsory for anyone mounted on a horse or pony at the grounds of an event sanctioned by the ESNZ to wear an approved hard hat properly fastened at all times with a three point retention harness.
7. Organising committees have the option of running classes back to back, however competitors cannot be made to ride both classes consecutively.

D REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOGNISED DIVISIONS.

- 1 All horses and ponies must be registered with ESNZ before being eligible to start in any recognised Show Hunter class.
Registered horses or ponies may enter training (unrecognised) classes.
Riders must be financial members of ESNZ
- 2 A registration fee is payable to ESNZ who will issue Show Hunter Division Identification Papers which must be presented to Judges or Stewards on demand
- 3 Registrations are due for each season one year after initial registration.
- 4 **Note:** To show in recognised classes, **all ponies must possess a current height measurement card.**
- 5 In recognised classes/divisions, classes may be run at various fence heights up to the maximum catering for the level of competition. All jump heights are to be rounded to the nearest 5 cm. These are a maximum stated height with a 5 cm variance **downwards** only. Adverse ground conditions have the only other effect on fence heights. This enables a class to be run at a fence height catering to the level of competitors without building to the maximum.
- 6 Horses or ponies do not need to be registered to compete at Training Shows; however, unregistered horses/ponies must pay a \$5 day registration fee per day to enter training classes held at a registered show.

E RECOGNISED DIVISIONS - HORSES

All Show Hunter Horse classes defined as "Open" then listing the fence height for that class, plus the terminology used in the following restricted classes will be acknowledged as **Recognised Classes.**

- 1 **First Year Registration** - Fence range 85cm - 1.00 m maximum (3'3")

Open to all horses in their **First Year** of Show Hunter Registration. Once a horse gains one point in any Show Hunter class it is considered to have started its First Year of Registration, and may

remain First Year until 12 months (365 days) after gaining its initial one point, thereafter the horse is Open. All horses in their first year of registration may also enter any class defined as "Open and Junior/Amateur" if rider is eligible.

2 Amateur - Fences range 85 cm - 1.00 m maximum (3'3")

- 2.1 Open to all horses regardless of previous experience.
- 2.2 Competitors may take part in Amateur Show Hunter competition and point series from the first day of the season during which they turn 22, the season being from 1st August until 31st July, and hence competitors **may not** take part in Junior Show Hunter competition and point series at the same time.
- 2.3 Riders to be the owner or part owner of their mount(s).
- 2.4 Riders are not to have competed in Show Jumping at a height higher than 1.25 m or to have competed in Advanced Level Horse Trials in the current or preceding ESNZ Show Season which runs from 1st August to 31st July.
- 2.5 A horse that has accumulated points in the Amateur Division of the N.Z. High Points will retain those points even if the rider relinquishes his/her Amateur status during the year. The horse may continue to earn Amateur points if shown by another rider who qualifies as an Amateur.
- 2.6 A horse will retain its Amateur High Points, N.Z. High Points and H.O.Y. qualifying points if sold during the season.
- 2.7 A horse showing in the Amateur Show Hunter division is eligible to cross enter at the same show into any other recognised Show Hunter division, providing that all eligibility criteria is met for those divisions.

3 Junior - Fences range 85 cm - 1.00 m maximum (3'3")

Open to all horses regardless of previous experience ridden by riders under the age of 21 years. Refer to Section B5 for definition of age. (Ponies are not eligible). A horse showing in this Division is eligible to cross enter at the same show into any other recognised Division, providing that all eligibility criteria is met for these Divisions.

4 Open – Fence range 90cm -1.20 m maximum (4'.0")

Open to all horses regardless of previous experience and/or eligibility of rider. Horses registered as "Open" may not compete in First Year registration but may compete in Junior or Amateur if rider eligibility is met.

All Show Hunter horse classes defined as Open will list the fence height for that class. An Open class may be restricted within the Open definition eg. Open 1.05m (Restricted to Amateur riders only).

F RECOGNISED DIVISIONS - PONIES

All Show Hunter Pony classes defined as Open then listing the fence height for that class, plus the restricted class First Year Registration will be acknowledged as recognised classes.

Ponies only have to compete in their correct category for SHNZ series High Points, Horse of the

Year & NZ National Championships. Refer to Rules K & L.

- Category A Pony: Ponies 133cm and under
- Category B Pony: Ponies over 133cm up to and including 143cm
- Category C Pony: Ponies over 143cm up to and including 148cm

1 First Year Registration - Open to all ponies in their First Year of Show Hunter registration. Once a pony gains one point in any recognised Show Hunter class it is considered to have started its First Year of Registration, and may remain First Year Registration until 12 months (365 days) after gaining its initial ONE point, thereafter the pony is Open. All ponies in their first year of registration may also enter any class defined as Open. A First Year Registration may only compete at one First Year Registration fence height level in a H.O.Y. qualifying class.

Category A - Fences maximum 60 cm based on 3.05 m (10' stride)

Category B - Fences maximum 75 cm based on 3.20 m (10' 6" stride)

Category C - Fences maximum 85 cm based on 3.35 m (11' stride)

2 Open - Open to all ponies regardless of experience. Ponies registered as Open may not compete in First Year Registration Classes.

Category A - Fences maximum 70 cm based on 3.05 m (10' stride)

Category B - Fences maximum 80 cm based on 3.20 m (10' 6" stride)

Category C - Fences maximum 1 m based on 3.35 m (11' stride)

3 Ponies may not enter any Open (Recognised) Horse fence height class or any restricted horse class i.e. First Year Registration, Junior and Amateur.

G TRAINING CLASSES (UNRECOGNISED)

1 These are intended to be a schooling division and are therefore not officially sanctioned by ESNZ and do not count for N.Z. High Points, Equitation Series classes or H.O.Y. qualifying points.

Refer to ESNZ General Regulations ruling Article 105,106,134, and 139 for further clarification.

2 Adults riders aged 17 years and older may ride ponies in training events and classes, but may not be eligible for prizes.

H EQUIPMENT FOR SHOW HUNTER

Allowed

A correctly fitted cavesson noseband

Spurs

Short Crop

Leg boots and/or bandages

Standing or running martingale

Breastplate

Any form of snaffle bit where the primary action is on the horse's mouth, including corners of the mouth, bars and tongue.

Pelhams and Kimblewicks if used in their *entirety*, where the primary action is on the horses jaw. Pelhams must be used with either two separate reins or joiners.

Double Bridle
Stud Guards

Not allowed (use of "not allowed" equipment will result in a no-score for the performance)

Drop or any kind of noseband below the bit

Unconventional bits where the primary action of the bit is on the poll, including a leverage action causing downwards poll pressure eg. Butterfly bit, puzzle bit, gags, peassoas or Dutch gags, Filcher snaffles, hanging bits or fixed rein bits

Bitless bridle

Hackamore and Elevator bits

Unconventional bit used as an artificial turning aid

German Martingales, Market Harboroughs

Chambon or other training equipment and draw reins

Rowel spurs

Dressage whip

Shadow roll, stone guard, fly screen or nets

Ear muffs

Bit Guard

Bell Boots and Fetlock Rings (unless the judge chooses to make an exception due to extremely muddy and/or deep footing) or a veterinary injury requiring protection

The judge must be informed of the injury before the class or result in a "no score".

The Judges Advisor committee has the right to assess the use of any bit as allowed or not allowed. Their decision will be final.

I JUDGES

- 1 All official ESNZ Show Hunter Exams and Judges Clinics will be conducted by an approved Show Hunter examiner.
- 2.1 All Judge appointments will be reviewed by the Show Hunter Executive Committee.
- 2.2 National (Senior) Judges can judge both recognised and unrecognised (training) classes.
- 2.3 Candidate (Junior) Judges may only judge unrecognised (training) classes
- 3 All Show Hunter judges must be current members of ESNZ to remain on the Judges list.
- 4 Judges are encouraged to have a technical assistant if they wish when judging to help watch competitors between fences.

5 Scoring

- 5.1 Ties or equal placings are not allowed. Judges must decide preference between similar

rounds.

5.2 Circles or crossing of paths are scored as a disobedience except for one opening or one closing "courtesy circle".

5.3 The following will result in elimination:

Three refusals or disobedience on course

Fall of horse and/or rider

Leaving ring or designated area while on course

Off course

Use of banned substance

5.4 In the case of a refusal at the second element of a combination, the rider has the option to re-attempt only the second element or to re-jump the entire combination, in which case the first element is scored only the first time it is jumped.

5.5 Automatic Scoring: trotting a lead change in a recognised class will result in a score of less than 66%.

5.6 Use of equipment "Not Allowed" will result in a no-score for the performance.

5.7 A bell will be rung by the judge when a competitor is eliminated.

J COURSES FOR SHOW HUNTERS

1 Size of ring

1.1 Minimum dimensions are 40 x 80 m (135 x 270 feet) but basically the ring should be twice as long as it is wide.

1.2 All jumps should be located in the middle third of the ring, allowing one-third on each end for smooth wide turns.

1.3 All lines should be set along the long sides of the ring or lengthwise along the diagonals, avoiding setting any fences at all on the short ends of the ring so as not to surprise horses or cause abrupt turns interrupting the consistent rhythm desired.

2 Equipment

2.1 Obstacles should be natural, unpainted or solid colour which means striped rails or planks should be avoided, unless insufficient natural material is available.

2.2 Standards or stands should be 75 cm wide and located on both sides of the front element, utilising moveable cups.

2.3 Rails - plain and natural in colour, using the same colour in one jump is preferable.

Flower boxes of greenery or large flowers

Brush boxes filled with manuka or greenery. Artificial brush can be used.

Hen Coops and Walls - painted plain colours or brick or stone wall types, brown, white grey green etc.

Gates - white, green or brown.

Flaxes - potted under or in front of poles.

Greenery - tied to stands or laid down on ground in front of poles.

Astro turf - Used on walls or half round shapes.

3 Construction of Fences

3.1 Fences should be well filled and solid looking.

3.2 All fences must have ground lines.

3.3 The highest element of any fence, including the top front rail of oxers must be faultable.

3.4 Fences are not flagged or numbered. There is no starting bell, saluting is not required or desired.

4 Vertical Fences

These can be any upright (not planks) and may be jumped from both directions.

5 Oxe Fences

5.1 May only be **ascending** with the back rail about 10 - 15 cm (3-6") higher than the front rail.

5.2 Front element can be any type of vertical or rail (not a plank).

5.3 Back rail must be only a single horizontal rail, not a plank or a gate.

5.4 Width must be commensurate to height.

5.5 An oxe can only be jumped from **one direction**.

5.6 An oxe is more conducive to a horse using his knees well. As a rule the horses jump into a line over a vertical and out over an oxe.

5.7 Triple bars, Swedish oxers, fan jumps, planks, hogsback and treble combinations of three fences related by one or two strides are not allowed on a Show Hunter course.

5.8 At least one side of the back rail of an oxe must have a breakaway cup.

6 Design of Course

6.1 The course should consist of 8-10 fences; with at least one, preferably two changes of direction.

6.2 One or two double combinations, never a triple combination.

6.3 All turns should be wide angle or 'u' turns, never acute.

6.4 Lines should consist of 1, 2 or 3 fences set on the longer sides of the ring or across the diagonal.

6.5 Lines can be straight or gently bending, never so severe as to interrupt the natural rhythm of the stride. Broken lines are permissible for use in equitation classes.

K I HORSE OF THE YEAR QUALIFICATIONS

1. Only recognized classes will count as Qualifiers for the Horse of the Year Show. Results need to be sent to the ESNZ Head Office using the official Show Hunter Result form.
2. All Horses and Ponies must have gained 20 points in the current season before the commencement of the Show to be eligible to start in ANY Show Hunter class at the Horse of the Year Show.
3. Qualifying Classes for Horse of the Year Show

Horses:	First Year Registration	85cm - 1 m
	Junior	85cm - 1 m
	Amateur	85cm - 1 m
	Open	90cm - 1.20m
	Age Group Classes run within a height range of 85cm-1.15m and with maximum heights per age group category:	
	■ 4 year old	85cm - 1.00m
	■ 5 year old	85cm - 1.05m
	■ 6 year old	85cm - 1.10m
	■ 7 year old	85cm - 1.15m

Ponies: Category A - 3.05 m (10') stride

First Year Registration	Max 60cm
Open	Max 70cm

Category B - 3.20 m (10'6") stride

First Year Registration	Max 75 cm
Open	Max 80 cm

Category C - 3.35 m (11') stride

First Year Registration	Max 85 cm
Open	Max 1.00 m

Only the first five place getters that receive a judges' score of **66% and over** will gain qualifying points. Full points will be awarded to the place getters regardless of the number of starters in a class - providing competitors receive a judges' score of 66% and over. A competitor may still place in a class with a judges' score of less than 66% however, they will NOT receive any H.O.Y. qualifying points.

Points for all recognised classes including title classes will be awarded as follows:-

1st - 6, 2nd - 4, 3rd - 3, 4th - 2, 5th - 1.

3.1 Qualification for Series Equitation classes at HOY will be based on those competitors meeting the required 20 qualifying points in registered classes and also the first 20 place getters on the final Equitation Series Leader board preceding the start of HOY competition.

4. Horse, Pony, Junior and Amateur Show Hunter of the Year title classes will be run in the same applicable ring as the previous day's classes. There will be no practice rounds in the ring of the title classes on the day of competition.

5. The following will apply for the HOY Show Hunter title classes.

Junior	Fence height max 1 m
Amateur	Fence height max 1m
Open	Fence height max 1.15m

Category A Pony

Ponies 133 cm and under	3.05 m (10') stride Fence height max 70cm
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Category B Pony

Ponies over 133 cm up to and including 143 cm	3.20 m (10'6") stride Fence height max 80cm
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Category C Pony

Ponies over 143 cm up to and including 148 cm	3.35 m (11') stride Fence height max 90cm
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Each category will have its own title class at H.O.Y.

Ponies may only enter the category appropriate to their height.

6. All fence heights at H.O.Y will be set at maximum or according to ground conditions.
7. Courses at H.O.Y. should have at least one change of direction and at least one combination of 1 or 2 strides, there should be 8 - 10 fences.
8. Horses are not required to qualify for age group classes that may be run at H.O.Y. but points gained from recognized Age Group classes at any show will count towards H.O.Y qualifying.
9. H.O.Y. title classes will be judged by three judges situated independently.
10. Show Hunter title classes at H.O.Y. will be judged with a call back.
11. Any area that runs a North Island/ South Island Championship has the option of running a Show Hunter Championship competition.

KII NATIONAL SHOW HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- 1 Only recognized classes will count as Qualifiers for the National Show Hunter Championships.

All Horses and Ponies must have gained 10 points in the current season before the commencement of the Show to be eligible to start in ANY Show Hunter class at the National Show Hunter Championships.

Results need to be sent to the ESNZ Head Office using the official Show Hunter Result form.

- 2 Qualifying Classes for the National Show Hunter Championships.

Horses:	First Year Registration	85cm - 1 m
	Junior	85cm - 1 m

Amateur	85cm - 1 m
Open	90cm - 1.20m

Age Group Classes run within a height range of 85cm-1.15m and with maximum heights per age group category:

■ 4 year old	85cm - 1.00m
■ 5 year old	85cm - 1.05m
■ 6 year old	85cm - 1.10m
■ 7 year old	85cm - 1.15m

Ponies Category A - 3.05 m (10') stride

First Year Registration	Max 60cm
Open	Max 70cm

Category B - 3.20 m (10'6") stride

First Year Registration	Max 75 cm
Open	Max 80 cm

Category C - 3.35 m (11') stride

First Year Registration	Max 85 cm
Open	Max 1.00 m

- 3 Only the first five place getters that receive a judges' score of 66% or over will gain qualifying points.

Full points will be awarded to the place getters regardless of the number of starters in a class - providing competitors receive a judges' score of 66% or over.

A competitor may still place in a class with a judges' score of less than 66% however they will NOT receive any National Show Hunter Championship qualifying points.

Points for all recognised classes including title classes will be awarded as follows

1st - 6, 2nd - 4, 3rd - 3, 4th - 2, 5th - 1.

3.1 Qualification for Series Equitation classes at National Show Hunter Championships will be based on those competitors meeting the required 10 qualifying points in registered classes and also the first 20 place getters on the final Equitation Series Leader board preceding the start of the National Championship competition.

- 4 Horse, Pony, Junior and Amateur National Show Hunter title classes will be run in the same applicable ring as the previous days' classes. There will be no practice rounds in the ring of the title classes on the day of competition.
- 5 The following will apply for National Championships Show Hunter title classes.

Horses

Junior	Fence height max 1 m
Amateur	Fence height max 1 m

Open	Fence height max 1.15m
Category A Pony	
Ponies 133 cm and under	3.05 m (10') stride Fence height max 70cm
Category B Pony	
Ponies over 133 cm up to and including 143 cm	3.20 m (10'6") stride Fence height max 80cm
Category C Pony	
Ponies over 143 cm up to and including 148 cm	3.35 m (11') stride Fence height max 90cm

Ponies may only enter the category appropriate to their height.

- 6 All fence heights at the National Show Hunter Championships will be set at maximum or according to ground conditions.
- 7 Courses at the National Show Hunter Championships should have at least one change of direction and at least one combination of 1 or 2 strides, there should be 8 - 10 fences.
- 8 Horses are not required to qualify for age group classes that may be run at National Show Hunter Championships; however points gained from recognized Age Group classes at any show will count towards National Show Hunter qualifying.
- 9 Show Hunter title classes at National Show Hunter Championships will be judged with a call back.

L New Zealand Show Hunter High Points

- 1 Awards will be presented to the Highest Pointed Show Hunter Horse, Junior Horse, Amateur Horse, and Category A, Category B, Category C Show Hunter Pony in New Zealand (both Islands combined) for first - sixth accumulating the most points in each show year in the appropriate classes.
- 2 **Three Show Days** per area are eligible to be registered as N.Z. High Point Shows for all N.Z. High Point Awards. These show days must be registered with the appropriate N.I. or S.I. Co-ordinator by 1st May.
- 3 All N.Z. High Point Classes will be nominated by the show organising committee.
- 4 **Horses** - One nominated Junior class per show 90 cm - 1.00 m and one nominated Amateur class per show 90cm - 1.00 m.

Or one nominated combined Junior/Amateur class per show 90 cm - 1.00 m

One nominated Open class per show that is jumped at 1.10 m.
- 5 **Ponies.** The following will apply for Pony Show Hunter High Points.

Each category will have their own year end awards.

One nominated Open class per show that is jumped at **three fence heights** (only one fence

height per pony) in the range 70 cm - 1.00 m, with the lowest height to be at the 3.05 m (10') stride.

Category A Pony

Ponies 133 cm and under
3.05 m (10') stride
Fence height max 70cm

Category B Pony

Ponies over 133 cm up to and including 143 cm
3.20 m (10'6") stride
Fence height max 80cm

Category C Pony

Ponies over 143 cm up to and including 148 cm
3.35 m (11') stride
Fence height max 1.00m

These are the **only** Pony and Horse fence height classes that will count for all N.Z. High Point Awards.

Ponies can only enter the category appropriate to their certified height.

NB. If a combined (Category A, B & C) SHNZ Pony High Points class is run, results must be split for the SHNZ series points, with points awarded for all three categories.

- 6 Results to **fifth** place from the nominated classes must be forwarded to the appropriate N.I. and S.I. Co-ordinators within 7 days of the show for N.Z. High Points and N.Z. Junior and N.Z. Amateur High Points.

Points from the nominated High Points classes must also be sent into ESNZ Head Office on the Show Hunter result form as qualifying points for H.O.Y. and National S.H. Championships.

- 7 Full points for all NZ High Points series classes held with 2 or more competitors, including HOY and National Championships title classes will be awarded as follows if the competitor receives a judges' score of 66% or over- 1st - 6, 2nd - 4, 3rd - 3, 4th - 2, 5th - 1. In the event of there only being only one competitor in the class they will be awarded 4 points, providing they receive a score of 66% or over.

- 8 Show Hunter Horse Age Group classes do not count as points towards any N.Z. High Point award for Show Hunter Horses.

M EQUITATION CLASSES (RIDER CLASSES)

1. Requirements for Equitation

- 1.1 All horses and ponies must be registered with the ESNZ

Rider must be a member. Riders may only compete on one mount in an equitation class.

- 1.2 Equitation classes are to be recognised thus enabling them to have prize money offered.

- 1.3 Equitation will not count as qualifying points for Show Hunter classes at H.O.Y. National S.H. Championships or as points towards any of the N.Z. High Point awards.

1.4 The same equipment rules apply to equitation over fences as for Show Hunter. See Article VIII Rule H. For equitation on the flat this rule applies except that the use of martingales is prohibited.

1.5 The S.J.N.Z. Equitation Medal Class of the Year will be held at H.O.Y.

Fence Heights Horses 1.15 m, Ponies 90 cm on an 11' stride only or as ground conditions dictate.

1.6 The S.J.N.Z. Equitation Medal class at H.O.Y. will be run under S.J.N.Z. Development Medal Rules.

1.7 Equipment for S.J.N.Z. Development Medal Classes see Article XIV Rule N 2 in Show Hunter Rules.

2 Hunt Seat Equitation Series

A Hunt Seat Equitation Series will be held on an annual basis, with separate series for Pony Riders, Juniors and Adults. The series conditions to be reviewed annually by Executive and any changes presented to conference. Series conditions to be published in the Bulletin prior to the start of the season.

N S.J.N.Z. Development Medal Class

1 A horse must be registered with ESNZ and the rider must be a member of ESNZ to be eligible to compete. Riders may only compete on one mount in an equitation class.

2 Equipment - Jumping and Flat Phase

Please refer to Section H of the Show Hunter rules for equipment **allowed** and **not allowed** with the exception of drop nosebands and bell boots.

A judge at his own discretion can penalise an entry with an unconventional bit.

Martingales are permitted in classes over obstacles and in the jumping phase of classes requiring jumping and flat work.

There is no change of equipment to the horse or rider between phases of classes with the exception of removal of martingales.

Use of incorrect equipment will result in elimination.

3 Course

The course should be posted for riders to view one hour before the class with all related distances written or designated strides written on the course plan.

The over fence (jumping) phase shall be built within the legal boundaries of Show Jumping fence specifications but adhering to the format for a S.J.N.Z. Development Medal class.

The course should be at least ten fences 1.10 m - 1.15.m minimum height with spreads to 1.35 m (triple bars only) for horses and 90cm in height with spreads to 1.00m for ponies.

Each course should include a double and triple combination (with at least one oxer) or three

double combinations.

The course should include an equal number of verticals and spreads with at least one single spread fence from a non-related line.

The time allowed must be established based upon a 350 m per minute. Time faults with other penalties should be taken into the judges' evaluation of the rider.

Overall the course is to be judged on style and execution and should ask many questions of the rider's ability to provide form and function and to demonstrate their overall skills.

The jumping phase of the S.J.N.Z. Development Medal course can include any of the following questions:

Ride a line in a designated number of strides

Ride a bending or broken line accurately

Ride an offset distance eg short or long line, smoothly and effectively

Narrow jump

Roll back turn

Fence at end of ring

Long approach to single fence.

4 Flat Phase

The Flat phase will include any of the following test/s which will be performed in a group or individually. The flat phase or secondary phase can be called out verbally or posted at the gate.

Flat Phase or Secondary phase may include any of the following:

Working Walk

Collected Walk

Lengthened Walk

Working Trot - sit or rise

Collected Trot - sit or rise

Lengthened Trot - sit or rise

Working Canter

Collected Canter

Lengthened Canter

Counter Canter

Simple Lead Change

Flying Lead Change

Halt

Rein back

Work without stirrups

Trot jumps

Incorporate any of the above with a line or related jumps.

- 5 The S.J.N.Z. Development Medal will be judged by an approved judge with 60% of the score from the over fences phase and 40% from the flat.