



Ballarat Adult Riding Club Inc.



BARC DRESSAGE MINI COMP RULES

1. Combinations (horse and rider) may only perform one test at any Mini-Comp at their assessed level or the next level above, but a member may ride more than one horse in the competition (which becomes a separate 'combination'). Unassessed combinations may ride at the level they feel is correct for them. Unassessed combinations who win any mini-comp, should ride at the higher level the next time.
2. The Mini-Comp will be run under HRC AV Dressage Rules to simulate actual official competition conditions. HRC AV Dressage rules will apply to saddlery and bridles. For example: horse work boots and bandages may not be worn and Level 5 riders may not ride with spurs.
3. **Unlike** the rules for Official HRC AV Competitions, club uniforms are not required, but riders are encouraged to wear a red top (back/bridle numbers not required.)
4. There will be a non-refundable fee of \$10 payable for each test that a combination enters (set at 2015). This will be used to compensate the judges' travel expenses (when required) for each competition and to purchase the prizes/rosettes awarded to overall placegetters to sixth place at the end of the series.
5. Places at each individual competition will be determined on the basis of the percentage scored by each combination irrespective of the level ridden. The highest percentage placing first, to the lowest percentage placing last.
6. At each individual competition, combinations will be given 25 points for placing 1st, 24 for placing 2nd, 23 points for 3rd place, 22 points for 4th, 21 points for placing 5th, 20 points for placing 6th and so on. Combinations placing 25th or lower will receive 1 point. These points will be accumulative and used to determine the overall placings for all combinations that participated in the series. That is, final placings will be determined by riders' cumulative/total scores. A combination which came first in all four competitions would receive the maximum of 100 points.
7. Equal placing combinations will both receive the same points for that place. If two riders both place second on the basis of their percentages they will both receive 23.5 points and the rider/s (24 plus 23 divided by 2) with the third highest percentage/s will receive 22 points and will be placed fourth.
8. In the calculations for final placings at the end of the series, if two combinations (or more) are on exactly the same number of points, placings will be determined by the sum of percentages of tests ridden. For example: if two or more combinations have earned 91 points throughout the year, all of the test percentages will be added up to determine who has the highest percentage overall. Placings will then be awarded from highest to lowest. There will not be more than one combination for each placing for the final scoreboard. That is, there will not be = placings in the final presentations. As an example, if two combinations were on 91 points (and tied for = 1st), and Rider 1 had a total of 297% (from 4 tests) and Rider 2 had 287% (from their 4 tests), Rider 1 would be given first place and Rider 2 second place.
9. There is no minimum or set number of the rounds that a member has to compete in to be eligible to place in the series. But obviously a combination has more chance of placing, the more times they participate.

10. Entries will be done on the Official HRC AV form. Members may enter and pay their \$10 entry fee for each individual comp as it arises, by the closing date set by the competition organiser, or they may elect to pay for the entire series (\$30) at the beginning of the series or from the time that they join, **but they must still submit an entry at the required time of each competition.** (Fees set at beginning of the 2015 competition year.)
11. The series will run during the course of the HRC AV financial year and will consist of 4 competitions held at 2 to 3 monthly intervals in the months of, for example, March, May, July and October.
12. At any one competition the tests offered at each Level will be of the same number. That is, 5.1, 4.1, 3.1 etc and the equivalent Advanced test. The organiser may choose to run the tests in order of increasing difficulty through the course of the series or the tests may be chosen on the basis of one that members need to practise for a forthcoming competition or simply at random.
13. The Mini-Comp Organiser will receive entry fees and entry forms from members, book a judge (and send them the draw along with preambles and copies of the tests to be judged, usually electronically) and organise a penciller for each competition, prepare a draw for each competition, prepare sufficient tests for each competition, score the tests, and announce the placings during the lunch break. The Organiser will keep a record of all the results for calculation of the overall placings and order prizes (or arrange to have someone order prizes) for placegetters and presentation of sashes/prizes at AGM. The organiser is also responsible for record- keeping of all fees paid and any payments paid out.
14. In order to develop our Members' organizational skills in the running of competitions, the overall winner will assume the role of Mini-Comp Organiser for the following year (unless they feel unable to do so for some reason, and can find someone else willing to take over the role for them).
15. There is a perpetual trophy (The Witch), on which the annual winner's name and horse's name will be engraved, along with the Level ridden. A smaller trophy which each year's winner will be presented with, must also be prepared. These will be presented along with the prizes/rosettes for other placegetters at the AGM or Christmas Break-up Rally. It is the responsibility of the organiser to have the new winner's details engraved at the end of the series. The perpetual trophy must then be presented to the new winner, along with their smaller trophy to keep.
16. The judges used do not have to be official HRC AV judges, but should be conversant with the expectations of each level and able to make valid assessments of the riders' tests, so as to be fair and also so that riders can benefit from the comments made.
17. The organiser will hand over relevant electronic information (usually by email) to assist the new organiser; for example: excel spreadsheets for book keeping, scoring etc., and all book keeping information to the Treasurer.