

Association of Irish Riding Clubs

Scoring Horse Trials Competitions

Reference: D71/12
Issued: 18/01/2012
Amended:

Introduction

Horse Trials competitions are now scored using a co-efficient scoring system.

This means that any rider who is graded higher in dressage than their cross-country grade will have a co-efficient applied to their dressage score.

The co-efficient only affects riders who have a higher dressage grade and it will be applied on a sliding scale depending on the higher grade span difference.

Event organisers, are responsible for, and must record the dressage and cross-country grade of each competitor in order to ensure the co-efficient can be applied where necessary. The only way of ensuring this is to check each membership card on the day of the event in accordance with rule 4, c.

Scoring System

To score the competition, the following applies:

1. The good marks from 0 to 10 awarded by the judge to a competitor for each numbered movement of the dressage test together with the collective marks are added together deducting any error of course or test.
2. The percentage of maximum possible good marks obtainable is then calculated. The percentage is obtained by dividing the total good marks of the judge (minus any error of course or test) by the maximum possible good marks obtainable, and then multiplying by 100 and rounding the result to one decimal digits.
3. The result is the score in penalty points for the test.

Applying the Co-Efficient

Once the score has been determined in penalty points as outlined above, the co-efficient is applied. To do this, riders who have a higher dressage grade must be identified on your master score sheet.

The co-efficient is then applied by multiplying their penalty points by the following factor:

- One grade span – multiple by 1.1
- Two grade span – multiple by 1.2

For example:

- Joe Bloggs is graded intermediate for dressage and advanced primary for cross-country. After dressage he recorded a score of 29.7 before the co-efficient was applied. As Joe has a one grade span difference, his score becomes 32.7 after the co-efficient of 1.1 is applied.
- Jane Bloggs is graded advanced intermediate for dressage and advanced primary for cross-country. After dressage she recorded a score of 29.7 before the co-efficient was applied. As Jane has a two grade span difference, her score becomes 35.6 after the co-efficient of 1.2 is applied.

Appendix

In this example, you can see how the co-efficient applies to an advanced competition.

No.	Name	Horse	Club	D Grade	D	Co-Eff 1.1/1.2	SJ Total	XC Jump	XC Time	Overall Total	Pos
185	Virginie Bibes	Maiden Hall Milo	Clonshire	AP	25.3	25.3	5.0	0.0	0.0	30.3	1st
183	Sarah Ridgway	Jackson River	Hollybrook	AI	26.8	32.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	32.2	2nd
191	Laura Byrne	Bayview Hazel	Waterford	AP	29.5	29.5	4.0	0.0	0.0	33.5	3rd
173	Tara Brennan	Solaro	Drumcoura	AP	34.7	34.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.7	4th
194	Sharon Mc Keever	Cosmic Rolo	Castle Leslie	AP	31.1	31.1	4.0	0.0	0.0	35.1	5th
179	Sally Roberts	Myshall Gerry	Barrow Valley	AP	33.2	33.2	5.0	0.0	0.0	38.2	6th