

# NORTH WEST

## TWO PHASE LEAGUE 2017

### RULES

#### Entry

The events are strictly pre-entry and pre-pay only, club secretaries will take all their clubs entries and complete the 'Two Phase Entry Form' which will be forwarded to Liz Potter before 6pm on the Tuesday prior to each event. It is the Club secretaries/treasurers responsibility to gather their clubs entry fees directly from their members, preferably before closing date for entries. There will be **NO REFUNDS**. If a rider is riding two horses at the event please indicate this clearly on the entry form as two separate number bibs will be allocated to that rider. H/C entries must also be clearly indicated on entry form, H/C riders will not be entitled to any placings/prizes. There will be no entries accepted after the closing date.

It is a condition of entry that all competitors are to be available for fence stewarding duty at the event, if for any reason a competitor is unable to help out fence stewarding please state this on the "Entry Form".

Entry Fee                    €25.00  
H/C Entry Fee                €15.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Horse Entry Fee €15.00

#### *Riders with Two Horses \*Important*

Riders who will be competing on two horses will receive only a placing for their highest placing horse on the day. There will be a separate number bib allocated to each of the two horses, it is the responsibility of the rider to ensure they swap over number bibs correctly for each horse, failure to display the correct bib for the correct horse will result in elimination from the competition. The bib number is for the horse not the rider as an individual. The rider must complete both phases on each horse to obtain a possible placing for each horse, it will be the horses (bib no) combined score that will be taken for placing/points purposes, *ie*. Not 1st horses dressage score combined with the 2<sup>nd</sup> horses cross country score.

#### Bib Numbers

Start times and bib numbers will be published on the various websites on the Friday prior to each event.

Bib Numbers will be available for collection at the entries desk.

Competitors will retain the same number for the entire two phase league, we will not be re-printing any numbers that have already been collected by the rider. If misplaced, numbers can be re-printed from the 'downloads' section of the AIRC website.

Riders with two horses will be allocated two separate number bibs and must ensure they swap over bib for each horse- failure to do so will result in elimination.

Number Bibs must be worn by all riders for both Dressage and Cross Country phases.

Riders who fail to display a number will not be permitted to compete.

Remember to bring your number bib holder with you.

#### Scoring/Marks

Dressage results will be scored using a penalties system, the riders with the lowest penalties will be the highest placed at the end of the Dressage phase. Riders will carry forward their dressage penalties in to the cross country phase.

*Example-*

Rider A scores 150 marks out of maximum possible 200 marks = score of 50 penalties  
 Rider B scores 190 marks out of maximum possible 200 marks = score of 10 penalties  
 Rider C scores 130 “ “ “ “ = score of 70 penalties

Cross Country will be scored using Horse Trials system (which is different to the Hunter Trials system) this is the system used in one day events . There will be a '**Time Allowed**' calculated for each grade in accordance with AIRC rulebook.

In Cross Country phase penalties will be incurred as follows-

First Refusal – 20 penalties

Second refusal- 40 penalties

Third Refusal – **ELIMINATION**

Time penalties will be incurred at a rate of 0.4 for every second over the '**Time Allowed**'

Riders who jump clear and finish under the '**Time Allowed**' will not incur any penalties in the Cross Country Phase.

Cross Country penalties will then be added on to the riders dressage penalties to give them a Total, the rider on the lowest penalties score will be the winner.

*Please see example Below -*

<b>Bib</b>	<b>Rider</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Dressage Penalties</b>	<b>Cross Country Time Penalties</b>	<b>Cross Country Jumping Penalties</b>	<b>Total Penalties</b>	<b>Placing</b>
32	John	Bandit	30	0	20 (1 refusal)	50	1st
14	Sarah	Dandy	55	0.8 (2 sec over time)	0	55.08	2nd
43	Joe	Lady	40	4 (10 sec over time)	20 (1 refusal)	64	4th
27	James	Gypsy	60	0	0	60	3rd
5	Janet	Buzz	63	2 (5 sec over time)	20	85	5th

Elimination in either of the phases will lead to elimination for that event, however the competitor will still receive an attendance point.

1<sup>st</sup> place = 7 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place =6 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place =5 points, 4<sup>th</sup> place = 4 points, 5<sup>th</sup> place = 3 points, 6<sup>th</sup> place = 2 points, attendance & H/C entry = 1 point. Points will be displayed on a League points table over the four events. The rider with the most points in each grade will be the winner of that grade at the FINAL.

H/C entries will not be eligible for placings points, but will receive attendance points.

## **Definition of Faults Cross Country**

### ***Definition of Faults (taken from AIRC & Eventing Ireland rulebook)***

There are no penalty zones. Faults will be penalised only if, in the opinion of the fence judge, they are connected with the negotiation, or attempted negotiation(horse clearly presented at fence), of one of the numbered obstacles.

A horse is considered to have refused if it stops in front of the obstacle to be jumped. Stopping without stepping back, followed immediately by a standing jump is penalised as arefusal. If the halt is sustained, or if

the horse steps back even a single pace, is then re-presented at the obstacle and halts or steps back a second time, this constitutes a second refusal, and so on.

A horse is considered to have run out if he avoids an obstacle to be jumped and runs out to one side or the other. A horse is considered to have circled if it re-crosses its original track, from whichever direction, while negotiating or attempting to negotiate an obstacle. If a horse completes a circle while being re-presented at an obstacle after a refusal or run-out, it is only penalised for the refusal or run-out as a result of negotiating the obstacle.

A competitor may circle without penalty between two obstacles even if they are quite close together, provided he/she clearly does not present his/her horse in an attempt to negotiate the second obstacle after jumping the first. However, if two or more elements of the obstacle are lettered A, B, C, i.e. are designed as an integral test, then any circling between these elements will be penalised.

Horses are allowed to step sideways, but any step back when clearly presented at an obstacle is considered a refusal and will be penalised.

Horses head, neck and front shoulders must clearly pass in between the two flag markers, if horses head, neck and shoulders pass outside the flag marker on either side this will be penalised.

A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulders and quarters of the horse have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground as a result of negotiating the fence.

A rider is considered to have fallen if it is necessary to remount his horse. A fall of horse and rider incurs compulsory retirement and elimination.

Error of course not rectified, omission of obstacle or boundary flag, jumping an incorrect fence, jumping obstacle in wrong direction, or re-taking an obstacle already jumped will result in Elimination .

A fence stewarding guide published by Eventing Ireland will be e-mailed to all club secretaries to circulate to their members to facilitate the training of fence stewards prior to the events.

## Grades

We will offer three grades at each event

- Advanced Primary
- Intermediate
- Advanced Intermediate + Open (combined)

Advanced Intermediate and Open have been amalgamated into one class this last two years as numbers are so small at this level.

Advanced Intermediate and Open riders will ride the same cross country course with the Open riders having a tighter "Time Allowed".

Riders with different Dressage & Cross Country Grades will be placed in the grade they compete at in Cross Country.

**Riders must complete both disciplines to be eligible for placings and points.**

H/C entries will ride at the end of the class they have entered.

## Tack Check

It is mandatory for Cross Country phase that all riders wear a body protector and jockey skull cap conforming to current AIRC safety standards, hat standards are as follows- PAS 015, ASTM F1163 2004a onwards with SEI mark, Snell E2001, AS/NZS 3838: 2003, VG1 01.040 2014-12 with BSI, Kitemark or Inspec IC mark. Stock ties are also compulsory and medical armbands are recommended.

There will be tack checks carried out at every event. Dressage Tack Sheet & Cross Country Tack Sheet are available on [www.airc.ie](http://www.airc.ie) all riders are advised to download these to ensure they are aware of the rules for both phases. Tack sheets will be forwarded to all club secretaries via e-mail for distribution to their members. For Dressage all riders must wear show jacket, shirt, tie/stock, white jodphurs, black boots & gloves etc.

## Results

A results committee made up of members from each club (Liz, Hazel, Stephen & Lynne) will be responsible for compiling and delivering the results at each show.

Results for this type of event are extremely time consuming to ensure accuracy, we ask that competitors please be patient on the day and we will deliver them as quickly as possible. Any queries/appeals on results must be made to a member of the results committee within 30 minutes of the result being announced.

## Prizes

There will be small one tier rosettes 1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> at each of the four events for each grade.

There will be large rosettes for the overall league 1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> plus prizes 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> at the FINAL which will be presented at the end of the final show.

There will also be a fuel voucher raffle as an attendance prize at the FINAL for riders who have competed at all four shows.

## Club Secretaries

Club secretaries will be e-mailed the following-

- Club Entry Form
- AIRC Dressage Tack Sheet
- AIRC Cross Country Tack Sheet
- Fence Stewards Guide (*Eventing Ireland 2017*)

These rules have been prepared by the NW Two Phase Committee as elected in January 2017 by the NW Sub Region.

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