

JEL – Judge’s Guide to Regular Season Meets

A regular season meet consists of 3 or 4 teams. Each team has up to 10 riders, with no more than 2 riders in each of the 5 divisions. Riders compete in 3 classes each based on their division.

Division Specifications and Class Procedures

Division 1 – Prior to the start of the first flat class, there will be a short, (no more than 2 minutes), warm up in both directions under the supervision of the coaches in order to acquaint the riders with their horses. A coach or assistant may remain in the ring following warm up and lead riders or remain close to riders during all 3 classes.

- Class 1 – Walk - both sitting and in 2 point
- Class 2 – Walk/trot one at a time, diagonals do not count
- Class 3 – Walk or trot over 2 poles on one long side

Division 2 - Prior to the start of the first flat class, there will be a short, (no more than 2 minutes), warm up in both directions under the supervision of the coaches in order to acquaint the riders with their horses. A coach or assistant may remain in the ring following the warm up.

- Class 1 – Walk/trot as a group, diagonals count.
- Class 2 – Canter down one side (leads do not count).
- Class 3 – Trot over 2 very low X rails (12”) on one long side ring. May trot both or trot in and canter out.

Division 3 - Prior to the start of the first flat class, there will be a short, (no more than 2 minutes), warm up in both directions under the supervision of the coaches in order to acquaint the riders with their horses. A coach or assistant may remain in the ring following the warm up.

- Class 1 - Walk/trot as a group, diagonals count.
- Class 2 - Canter down one long side of the ring (leads do count).
- Class 3 - Jump over 2 low X rails (18”) on one long side of the ring. May trot both or trot in and canter out.

Division 4 – Prior to the start of the first flat class, there will be a short, (no more than 2 minutes), warm up in both directions under the supervision of the coaches in order to acquaint the riders with their horses. Rides will also be allowed to jump 2 fences unjudged and chosen by their coach. Once the warm up is finished and riders have had a chance to confer with their coach, the coaches should exit the ring.

- Class 1 - Walk/trot as a group diagonals count.
- Class 2 - Canter one direction (leads do count).
- Class 3 - Trot or canter over 4 fences set no higher than 18”.

Division 5 – Prior to the start of the first flat class, there will be a short, (no more than 2 minutes), warm up in both directions under the supervision of the coaches in order to acquaint the riders with their horses. Rides will also be allowed to jump 2 fences unjudged and chosen by their coach. Once the warm up is finished and riders have had a chance to confer with their coach, the coaches should exit the ring.

- Class 1 - Walk/trot as a group, diagonals count
- Class 2 - Canter both directions. (leads do count).
- Class 3 - Canter a course of 6 jumps set no higher than 18”.

Evaluating Classes

- Flat classes are to be judged on position, hands, seat, legs and control.
- Classes over poles/fences: To be judged on position, hands, seat, legs and control. Riders shall not be penalized for a simple change of lead over fences.
- A rider who falls off during a class (with the exception of the warm up portion) will be eliminated from the class.