



Norfolk Hunt Club Hunter Trials

Scoring

There are two components to the score for each obstacle –

- a) performance points for safety and style in negotiating the obstacle
- b) penalty deductions.

These will be recorded separately.

A) Performance points

Maximum of 20 per obstacle. Assigned by judges based on performance at the obstacle, as well as the approach and departure. Judges are looking for a safe, enjoyable, and visually pleasing ride.

The gone away, hold hard, gate and lead-over are all eligible for 20 performance points. If the rider is unable to complete the gate opening and closing and the lead-over within two minutes, the judge should award performance points as appropriate but impose the penalty below. Novice riders may dismount (run up stirrups) for the gate opening, but would earn fewer points. If the rider does not change speed for the gone-away, fails to stop for the hold hard, or jumps the lead over, no performance points should be awarded and the penalties below should be imposed.

B) Penalties

These are deductions. Penalty deductions are calculated separately from performance and may exceed the performance points.

Regular fences and ditch

- a) first refusal Minus 5 points
- b) second refusal Minus 10 points (cumulative deduction is minus 15)
- c) third refusal Elimination
- d) fall of rider at obstacle Minus 10 points in addition to other deductions
- e) fall of horse at obstacle Elimination

Special obstacles – failure to perform/complete

Gone away -failure to change speed Minus 10 points

Hold hard -failure to stop Minus 10 points

Gate -failure to complete in two minutes Minus 10 points

Lead-over -failure to complete in two minutes Minus 10 points

Lead-over – jumping Minus 10 points

Eliminations

A rider who is eliminated should leave the course immediately.

A rider may be eliminated if his horse stops, backs, rears or balks at the start or at any other point on the course for an unreasonable time period.

Falls

-A horse that falls at an obstacle is eliminated.

-A horse that falls at a spot other than an obstacle may be eliminated if a judge determines that the horse's safety is at risk.

-A rider who falls may receive assistance in retrieving her horse without penalty. If rider appears disoriented after a fall, any judge in the vicinity should eliminate and get assistance.

* A horse is said to have fallen when the shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched the ground, or the obstacle and the ground.