

GRADING RULES

900 DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL

900.1 All horses and ponies will be graded according to the Grading Rules of the discipline concerned.

900.2 Horses and ponies may only compete in competitions for which they are fully eligible on the first day of the show. Eligibility is defined by the number of Grading Points gained and Registration. If no grade is specified, the competition is open to horses or ponies of any grade.

900.3 If the results of a competition are to count for grading, the competition must be open to all eligible members of the HAK and must be judged by judges from the appropriate HAK panel.

900.4 12 and Under (600.2) and Pony Club competitions are not graded.

900.5 In the event of a class having insufficient entries to meet a Show's criteria for that class, the Show Organizing Committee with the Chairman of the Discipline Panel concerned and the HAK **TD** or Chief Steward may change the specifications and open the class to other competitors by invitation only. Invitational classes do not count for grading.

900.6 The Grading Committee of the Technical Committee is responsible for all matters concerning grading and annual awards.

Old Grading Rules 900.5-900.8 moved to Rule 103

901 GRADING POINTS

Horses and ponies are graded on an accumulative Grading Points System based on wins, places and performance in previous competitions which count for grading according to the Grading Rules of the discipline concerned. No grading points will be awarded when a horse or pony takes part in competitions at a standard below its grade.

902 IMPORTED HORSES AND PONIES

The owner of an imported horse or pony must submit to the Grading Committee evidence of its performance in its country of origin, substantiated by the National Federation or other competent body concerned. The Grading Committee will assess and allocate the horse or pony's grade from the information received before the horse or pony may be registered.

903 GRADING RECORDS

The Hon Grading Recorders maintain a grading record for each horse and pony registered with the HAK. This record is available to members on application to the Hon. Grading Recorders: P.O. Box 24555, Karen, 00502.

904 RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of owners, riders and Authorised Agents, jointly and severally that horses and riders which compete at HAK affiliated shows are eligible in all respects to do so.

905 ANNUAL AWARD POINTS

Points for Annual Awards for wins or places will not be given unless Grading Points have been awarded. Full Annual Award points will be given regardless of the number of competitors in the class.

906 VISITING TEAMS OR INDIVIDUALS

906.1 Horses/ponies lent to official visitors may compete at one grade lower than their registered grade in competitions which count for grading. No Grading Points will be awarded.

906.2 If a horse/pony competes in its registered grade, the owner may choose to accept or refuse all Grading Points earned. If a horse competes in a championship when qualification was gained by a visiting rider, all Grading Points for the qualifying show must be awarded.

908 RE-GRADING AFTER ENTRY

If a horse or pony is re-graded after the close of entries, the Show Organizing Committee will either refund the entry fee or allow the entry to be transferred to a class for which the horse or pony is eligible on payment of addition fees if necessary.

909 CHANGE OF GRADE OR ELIGIBILITY

909.1 **Any application for change of grade must reach the Grading Committee before the close of entries for the intended show.**

909.2 The Hon. Grading Recorders will notify the owner/Authorized Agent, as soon as possible after a horse or pony has changed its grade. (Rule 904).

910 ELIGIBILITY OF UPGRADED HORSES AND PONIES

A horse or pony, which has been upgraded must not compete in classes for which it is no longer eligible, even though it may already have been entered.

911 UPGRADING TIMING AND NUMBER OF POINTS.

Upgrading will not come into effect during a show. All upgrades will start at the next show. In all disciplines horses/ponies will start in their new higher grade with the minimum number of points of that grade.

912 DOWNGRADING

912.1 Horses and ponies may only be downgraded after application in writing to the Grading Committee and with the approval of the Grading Committee. The Grading Committee has complete discretion to decide on any and all cases.

912.2 If a horse or pony has proved through performance that it merits downgrading, application may be made to the Grading Committee to be downgraded according to the rules of the relevant discipline.

912.3 Downgrading may be applied for in any discipline except that there is no provision for downgrading in horse or pony Showing or in Equitation.

912.4 A horse or pony which has been downgraded will have residual Grading Points in the lower grade according to the Rules of the discipline concerned as contained in this chapter.

912.5 A horse or pony on application to the Grading Committee will be automatically downgraded one grade if it has not participated in any competition (including H.C.) for one calendar year.

912.6 If a horse or pony is downgraded after close of entries, the Show Organizing Committee will either refund the entry fee or allow the entry to be transferred to a class for which it is eligible.

913 DOWNGRADING IN ONE OR MORE DISCIPLINES

A horse or pony may apply to the Grading Committee for downgrading in any one or more discipline(s). It will have residual Grading Points in the lower grade.

914 DOWNGRADING ON PERFORMANCE

A horse/pony may be downgraded on performance in all disciplines except Showing and equitation on application to the Grading Committee. It will have residual Grading Points in the new grade.

915 HORS CONCOURS

915.1 A horse or pony may be allowed to take part Hors Concours in competitions only in a lower grade in: Combined Training, Jumping, Eventing and Hunter Trials. Ponies unless registered as horses may NOT take part Hors Concours in any Horse Competition and vice versa.

915.2 There is no provision for Hors Concours in horse or pony Dressage or Showing. In Dressage, entries will be accepted in a "Special" section for ineligible horses/ponies. All Hors Concours entries must wherever possible go last even if post entries, but in Jumping and Eventing MUST go last as the Hors Concours status takes precedence.

915.3 Horses/ponies competing Hors Concours will be awarded rosettes for the place gained but will not receive prize money or trophies. They may appear in the line up.

915.4 The competitor is subject to the normal rules of the competition. No prize (other than rosettes), no qualifications, Grading Points or Annual Award Points will be awarded for participation Hors Concours.

916 HORS CONCOURS AND COMPETITIVE IN ONE CLASS

A competitor wishing to ride competitively and Hors Concours in the same competition on different horses must ride the competitive entry(ies) first.

917 HORS CONCOURS AND COMPETITIVE AT ONE SHOW

917.1 A horse or pony, which has competed Hors Concours may subsequently compete in its own grade on a class by class basis.

917.2 A horse or pony which has competed Hors Concours in Pre Novice or Graded Events or Hunter Trials may subsequently compete in a class for which it is eligible, if the cross country is not on the same day.

918 PONIES REGISTERED OR RE-REGISTERED AS HORSES

918.1 Ponies exceeding 142 cm (14.0 hh) but not exceeding 150 cm (14.3 hh) may be initially registered or re-registered as ponies or horses. The status of cases of ponies initially registered or re-registered as horses will be assessed by the Grading Committee taking into consideration: welfare of the pony, the spirit of fair play and the intention of the rules.

918.2 Ponies initially registered as ponies are eligible to compete in all Pony Competitions but must be ridden by eligible child members until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 years.

918.3 Ponies initially registered or re-registered as horses are eligible to compete in all Horse classes when ridden by a member eligible to compete from the end of the year in which the rider reaches 16 years old with the exception that they are not eligible for Horse Showing.

918.4 On re-registration, Ponies may be re-registered as horses or from horse registration to pony registration. Ponies may change their registration from pony to horse or vice versa BUT ONLY once during a 12 month period unless there is a bone-fide (which excludes transactions within an immediate family), registered change of ownership or lease with an Authority to Act.

918.5 Ponies will carry amalgamated or separate Grading Points in Pony and Horse Competitions. Points gained under either Horse or Pony registration will be amalgamated in Dressage, Combined Training, Eventing and Hunter Trials. In the case of Jumping points are calculated separately with residual points. In all disciplines on change of registration status, the points for the pony will determine its eligibility in either Horse or Pony Competitions.

918.6 The following will apply.

918.6.1 **Dressage:** A pony regardless of registration, will have one set of points with points gained in both Pony or Horse competitions applied to its amalgamated points. The number of points is accumulative. The number of points will determine its eligibility in either Pony or Horse Competitions.

918.6.2 **Combined Training:** A pony regardless of registration, will have one set of points with points gained in either Pony or Horse Competitions applied to its amalgamated points. The number of points is accumulative. The number of points will determine its eligibility in either Pony or Horse Competitions.

918.6.3 **Eventing and Hunter Trials:** A pony regardless of registration will have one set of points with points gained in either Pony or Horse Competitions applied to its amalgamated points. The number of points is accumulative in both. With the exception that points for Novice Pony Eventing and/or Hunter Trials will be awarded to ponies winning or gaining places in Adult Pre-Novice Events and/or Hunter Trials and vice versa. The number of points will determine its eligibility in either Pony or Horse Eventing and Hunter Trials Competitions.

918.6.4 **Jumping:** Ponies may only have a temporary change of registration status when lent to an official visiting rider or team member.

918.6.4.1 Ponies will have Horse and Pony Jumping grading points recorded separately.

918.6.4.2 Ponies, which have jumped in Horse Competitions, will be re-registered as ponies or vice versa as follows:

918.6.4.2.1 If eligible for downgrading: with the minimum number of points for the new height category in Pony or Horse Competitions.

918.6.4.2.2 If not eligible for downgrading in the same height category as when a horse or pony: with the minimum number of points in the same pony or horse height category or Ponies with its previously recorded Pony Points whichever is the greater.

918.6.4.2.3 If in a higher horse height category than any pony category, with the minimum number of points in the highest pony category.

918.6.5. Ponies initially registered or re-registered as Horses will start in Horse Competitions with the following residual points.

Table 918.6. Grade Heights	Grading Points
1.30-1.20m Horse > 1.10/1.05m Pony	500
1.10m Pony > 1.10m H //1.10m H > 1.10m Pony	250 // 300
1.00m Pony > 1.00m H //1.00m H > 1.00m Pony	75 // 150
0.90m Pony > 0.90m H //0.90m H > 0,90m Pony	25 // 35
Non Graded Pony > Non Graded Horse// or reverse	With existing points

DISCIPLINE GRADING RULES

920 DRESSAGE GRADING

920.1 Horses and ponies are graded in Dressage competitions on a points system based on wins, places and performance in competitions, which count for grading when they have achieved 60% or more of the total marks.

920.2 Points for Annual Awards will only be given if 60% or more of the total marks are achieved.

921 DRESSAGE GRADING POINTS

921.1 Points are awarded for wins, places only in the competitions below.

921.2 An unplaced horse or pony obtaining 60% or more in a Dressage test will be awarded 2 grading points (this does not apply to Riding Test).

Table 921	Dressage Grading Points			
Competition	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Preliminary	8	6	4	2
Novice B, FEI Preliminary	10	8	6	4
Novice A	12	10	8	6
Simple and FEI Elementary	14	12	10	8
Open Elementary FEI Medium	16	14	12	10
Advanced Elementary	18	16	14	12
Medium and FEI Advanced	20	18	16	14
Riding Test	0	0	0	0
Pony Novice	10	8	6	4
Pony Intermediate, FEI Prelim.	12	10	8	6
Pony Open	14	12	10	8
Pony and FEI Elementary	16	14	12	10

922 DRESSAGE UPGRADING

Horses and ponies will be upgraded as follows:

922.1 No longer eligible for Preliminary with 24 or more Points.

922.2 No longer eligible for Novice B with 80 or more Points.

922.3 No longer eligible for Novice A with 160 or more Points.

922.4 No longer eligible for Simple Elementary with 250 or more Points.

922.5 Ponies no longer eligible for Pony Novice with 24 or more Points.

922.6 Ponies no longer eligible for Pony Intermediate with 80 or more Points.

923 DRESSAGE DOWNGRADING

923.1 If a horse or pony has competed in seven successive competitions without being awarded any grading points the horse or pony will be downgraded on application to the Grading Committee.

923.2 A horse or pony which is downgraded will have residual Dressage Grading Points in the lower grade. Table 923.

Table 923 Dressage Downgrading Points	
Grades	Residual Dressage Grading Points
Open Elementary to Simple Elementary	236
Simple Elementary to Novice A	148
Novice A to Novice B	70
Novice B to Preliminary	16
Pony Open to Pony Intermediate	68
Pony Intermediate to Pony Novice	14

924 DRESSAGE HORS CONCOURS

There is no provision for Hors Concours in Dressage Competitions except with permission of the judge in the case of wrong dress or saddlery.

930 COMBINED TRAINING GRADING

930.1 Horses and ponies are graded for Combined Training competitions on a points system based on wins, places or performance in competitions which count for grading when they have achieved score of 50% or more of the total possible marks.

930.2 Ponies may only compete in Horse Combined Training if registered as a horse. Ponies carry amalgamated Combined Training Points from both Pony and Horse Competitions.

930.3 Points for Annual Awards will only be gained if 50% or more of the total possible marks are achieved.

930.4 Where different grades are handicapped or amalgamated, horses placed when competing lower than their grade will gain no points. The points will be awarded to the competing horses placed in their correct level.

931 COMBINED TRAINING GRADING POINTS.

931.1 Points are awarded for wins, places and performance for horses only as shown in the competitions on Table 931.

931.2 An unplaced horse or pony obtaining 50% or more in a Combined Training competition will be awarded 2 grading points.

931.3 Where there are less than six starters, only half of the grading points will be awarded.

931.4 A horse scoring 16 or more penalties in the jumping phase will not be awarded any grading points.

Table 931 Combined Training Grading Points				
Competition	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Novice	8	6	4	2
Intermediate	10	8	6	4
Open	12	10	8	6
Championship	14	12	10	8
12 and Under	0	0	0	0
Pony Novice	6	4	2	0
Pony Intermediate	8	6	4	2
Pony Open	10	8	6	4

932 COMBINED TRAINING UPGRADING

Horses and ponies will be upgraded as follows

932.1 No longer eligible for Novice with 24 or more Points.

932.2 No longer eligible for Intermediate with 80 or more Points.

932.3 Ponies no longer eligible for Pony Novice with 12 or more Points.

932.4 Ponies no longer eligible for Pony Intermediate with 24 or more Points.

933 COMBINED TRAINING DOWNGRADING

931.5 If a horse or pony has competed in seven successive competitions without being awarded any grading points the horse or pony will be downgraded on application to the Grading Committee.

931.6 A horse or pony, which is downgraded will have residual Points in the lower grade. Table 933.

Table 933 Combined Training Downgrading Points	
<u>Grades</u>	<u>Residual Combined Training Grading Points</u>
Open to Intermediate	70
Intermediate to Novice	16
Pony Open to Pony Intermediate	18
Pony Intermediate to Pony Novice	7

934 COMBINED TRAINING HORS CONCOURS

The general Rules for Hors Concours apply.