

CHAPTER 9 - GRADING RULES

900 DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL – ALL DISCIPLINES

900.1 All horses and ponies will be **eligible for competitions** 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 **Registration** and the number of **Qualifying Rounds (QRP)** or Grading Points (**GP**) gained. If no **eligibility** specified, the competition is open to **all** horses or ponies. **To be a competition, at least two different athletes must take part (start) for it to be judged, earn grading/points or qualifications [100.4].**

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 approved judges from the appropriate HAK panel **or a visiting Judge qualified by their own National Federation or the FEI.**

900.4 All 12 and Under and any Pony Club competitions are not graded **and do not earn QRP or GP [600.2].**

900.5 In the event of a class having insufficient entries to meet a Show's criteria for that class, the SOC with the Chairman of the Discipline Panel concerned and the TD or Chief Steward may **handicap or** change the specifications and open the class to other athletes by invitation only. Invitational classes do not count for grading; **In Jumping QRP may be awarded if so stated according to the show Schedule.**

900.6 The Grading Committee of the Technical Committee is responsible for all matters concerning Grading and Annual Awards.

900.7 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 **or on the website: www.horseassociationofkenya.com.**

901 RESPONSIBILITY

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

901.2 It is the **full responsibility** of owners, **athletes and/or** Authorised Agents, that horses and **athletes**, which compete at HAK affiliated shows are eligible in all respects to do so notwithstanding the provisions of 901.1.

902 QUALIFYING ROUNDS (QRP) AND GRADING POINTS (GP)

Horses and ponies are graded on an accumulative **QRP System for clear rounds in Jumping** or a 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 eligibility, grade **or points.**

903 GRADING OF IMPORTED HORSES AND PONIES

The owner of horse or pony when it is imported 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 (GP) or **QRP** from the information received before the horse or pony may be registered or compete.

904 VISITING TEAMS OR INDIVIDUALS

904.1 Horses/ponies lent to official visitors may compete at one grade lower than **their eligibility** in competitions, which count for grading. No **QRP** or GP will be awarded.

904.2 If a horse/pony competes in its registered grade, the owner may choose to accept or refuse all **QRP** or Grading Points earned. **When a visiting athlete gains qualification for a Championship, all Points for the qualifying show will be awarded to the horse or pony for it to retain its eligibility to compete in a Championship.**

905 ANNUAL AWARD and VICTOR LUDORUM POINTS

905.1 Points for Annual Awards for wins or places will only be **awarded** if Points have been awarded. **No Annual Award or Victor Ludorum Points will be given for wins or places to a horse or pony competing in a class at a level below their grading points, QRP or as H.C.**

905.2 Full Annual Award points will be given in all relevant competitions with three (3) or more athletes. **Half Annual Award points and Victor Ludorum points will be awarded if there are only two (2) athletes.**

906 RE-GRADING ON APPLICATION (Refer to Discipline Rules)

906.1 Applications for **re-assessment of eligibility** must be made to the Grading Committee **at least one week before** close of entries for any show. Prior entries made in a requested new grade will be designated as "Not Eligible (N/E)". Post Entries in a new grade will not be accepted.

906.2 If a horse or pony is re-graded after the close of entries, the SOC 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.

907 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 (except as on Table 945), even though it may already have been entered. If **Rosettes, Prize Money or trophies have been given to in-eligible horses/ponies, they must be returned to the HAK Office for correct re-allocation.**

908 UPGRADING - TIMING AND NUMBER OF POINTS.

Upgrading will **not** come into effect during a show. All upgrades **and QRP eligibility** will start at the next show. In all disciplines horses/ponies will start in their new **eligibility** with the minimum number of Grading Points or QRP of that grade or Level.

909 DOWNGRADING

909.1 Horses and ponies may only be downgraded after application in writing to the Grading Committee. The Grading Committee has complete discretion to decide on **approval or not of** any and all cases.

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

909.3 Downgrading may be applied for in any one specific discipline except **Jumping [945.2]**.

909.4 A horse or pony, which has been downgraded, will have residual Points in the lower grade according to the Rules of the discipline concerned.

909.5 **Except in Jumping and Showing**, 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

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

909.7 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.

910 HORS CONCOURS (H.C.)

910.1 A horse or pony may be allowed to take part **H.C.** in competitions in a lower grade in: Combined Training, Eventing and Hunter Trials. A pony unless registered as a horse may NOT take part **H.C.** in any Horse Competition.

910.2 There is no provision for **H.C.** in horse or pony **Jumping**, Dressage, Showing or Equitation. In Dressage, entries will be accepted in a “Special” section for ineligible horses/ponies [403.8 – 403.9].

910.3 All **H.C.** entries must wherever possible go last even if post entries, but in Eventing the entrant **MUST** go last as **H.C.** status takes precedence.

910.4 Horses/ponies competing **H.C.** will be awarded rosettes for the place gained but will not receive prize money or trophies. They may appear in the line up at prize giving.

910.5 The athlete is subject to the normal rules of the competition. No prize (other than rosettes), no qualifications, Grading Points, **Victor Ludorum** or Annual Award Points will be awarded for participation **H.C.**

911 HORS CONCOURS /COMPETITIVE IN ONE CLASS OR SHOW

911.1 An athlete wishing to ride competitively and **H.C.** in the same competition on different horses must ride the competitive entry(ies) first.

911.2 A horse or pony, which has competed H.C. may subsequently compete in its own grade on a class by class basis.

911.3 A horse or pony which has competed H.C. 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.

911.4 **A horse or pony competing H.C. must be designated as such with H.C. after its name in the programme and on all scoreboards.**

912 PONIES REGISTERED OR RE-REGISTERED AS HORSES

912.1 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 ponies initially registered or re-registered as horses will be assessed by the Grading Committee taking into consideration the: welfare of the pony, spirit of fair play and intention of the rules. **Applications for registration or re-registration must be made at least 1 week before close of entries of a show where the new registration or re-registration is necessary** [Appendix I].

912.2 Ponies registered as ponies are eligible to compete in all Pony Competitions but must be ridden by eligible child members. [600.3]

912.3 Ponies initially registered or re-registered as horses are eligible to compete in all Horse classes ridden by **a Child Member from their 12th Birthday or the first day of a show when their birthday is during a show.**

912.4 **A horse or Pony may NEVER compete in both Horse and Pony competitions at the same show regardless of the age of the athlete competing it.** Ponies are **not** eligible for Horse Showing classes [104.7].

912.5 TEMPORARY Re-registration of Ponies exceeding 142 cm (14.0 hh) as Horses to be ridden by Adults is permitted on a “show by show basis” on payment of the published fee. This applies only to the following Horse Classes: Prelim Dressage, Pre-Novice Combined Training, Eventing and Hunter Trials and Jumping classes of less than 1.00 metre. Ponies may have a temporary change of registration status when lent to an official visiting athlete or team member [904].

912.6 **FULL re-registration:** Ponies may be re-registered as horses or from horse registration to pony registration. Ponies may change FULL registration from pony to horse or vice versa BUT ONLY once during a 12-month period unless there is a bone-fide registered change of ownership or lease, which excludes transactions within an immediate family.

912.7 In all disciplines ponies will carry amalgamated **Wins, QRP or Grading Points** gained in all Pony and Horse Competitions. On change of registration status, the wins, QRP and points for the pony will determine its eligibility to enter and compete in either Horse or Pony Competitions as registered [Table 946].

(Rules 913 – 919 in abeyance)

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.

920.3 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.

920.4 **In both horse and pony classes held under FEI Rules, Grading Points will be awarded.**

921 DRESSAGE GRADING POINTS

921.1 Points are awarded for wins, places in Grading competitions. **If FEI/other tests used for HAK competitions than below, points will be awarded as for the same level of difficulty as advised by the Dressage W.G.**

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 Tests.**

Table 921	Dressage Grading Points			
Competition	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Preliminary	8	6	4	2
Novice B, FEI Preliminary	10	8	6	4
Novice A, FEI Youth	12	10	8	6
Simple. FEI Elementary, Sen I	14	12	10	8
Open Elementary FEI Medium	16	14	12	10
Advanced Elementary	18	16	14	12
Medium, FEI Advanced, Sen II	20	18	16	14
FEI Prix St. George	22	20	18	16
Riding Test	0	0	0	0
Pony Novice	10	8	6	4
Pony Intermediate, FEI.	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 No longer eligible for **Pony Novice** with 24 or more Points.
- 922.6 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 cases of wrong dress or saddlery at the sole discretion of the Judge or Dressage Jury.

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 (Dressage Score minus Jumping penalties).
- 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.
- 930.5 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.

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. **NO Grading Points will be awarded for Pre-Novice Classes. After two (2) wins will no longer be eligible to compete in Pre-Novice except as Hors Concours (HC). NO Grading Points will be awarded in 12 and under competitions.**

931.2 An unplaced horse or pony obtaining 50% or more of the total possible good marks (Dressage Test with jumping penalties deducted) of 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 AND POINTS 2022

932.1 **HORSE COMPETITIONS: No longer eligible for Novice with 24 or more Points. No longer eligible for Intermediate with 80 or more Points.**

932.2 **PONY COMPETITIONS: No longer eligible for Novice with 12 or more Points. No longer eligible for Intermediate with 24 or more Points.**

933 COMBINED TRAINING DOWNGRADING

933.1 An owner may apply in writing with full details, to the Grading Committee to have a horse or pony downgraded after seven successive competitions without being awarded any grading points (including those at H.C).

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

Table 933 Combined Training Downgrading Points	
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Grades	Residual Combined Training Grading Points
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 [910 – 911].

(Rules 935 – 939 in abeyance)

940 JUMPING GRADING [Allocation Prizes 129.8 - 2022]

940.1 Horses and ponies are graded for Jumping competitions on a **Qualifying Round Point (QRP) system based on clear rounds in any round or Jump off of a Table A competition [941].**

940.2 **Horse and Pony QRP are recorded separately by the heights where clear rounds have been achieved, but applied on change of status from pony to horse and vice versa.**

940.3 **Horses must be FIVE years old and over to be eligible to compete in classes of 1.10 metres and below or SIX years old and over to be eligible to compete in classes of 1.15 metres and above. Ponies must be FIVE years old and over to be eligible to compete in classes of 0.90 metres or SIX years old and over to be eligible to compete in classes of 1.00 metre and above.**

940.4 Where **eligible horses/ponies** jump the same competition over different heights; the track, obstacles and jump off must differ to earn **QRP.**

940.5 **In Jumping, horses or ponies are eligible to enter and compete at levels less than their QRP, but must be designated as such with a * after its name in the programme and on any scoreboard.**

941 QUALIFYING ROUND POINTS (QRP) JUMPING CLASSES
Only competitions and jump offs run under Table A will earn QRP. Table A - Power Classes Rules 307 – 310 will not count for QRP.

942 AWARDING OF QUALIFYING ROUND POINTS

942.1 Points will only be awarded to horses or ponies registered as horses in competitions where the obstacles are: 1.00 m. or more in Horse competitions and 0.90 m. or more in Pony or 0.95 or more under FEI Rules.

942.2 **One point will be earned for each clear round and/or jump off.**

943 POINTS IN AMALGAMATED CLASSES

Where different height levels are amalgamated, higher-level horses will **not** be awarded points when jumping lower than **the height of their eligibility.** Points will be awarded to horses competing at **correct eligibility.**

944 QUALIFYING ROUND POINTS

Points are awarded for **clear rounds ONLY** on Table 944 [941].

Heights are determined by the Maximum Height of the first round in the schedule.

Table 944 Clear Rounds Qualifying Round Points.			
Table A Competitions	1st Round	2nd Round	Jump Off
Horse 0.70, 0.80, 0.90 and 0.95 m	0	0	0
Horse 1.00, 1.10, 1.15, 1.20, 1.25, 1.30, 1.35m	1	1	1
Pony 0.60, 0.70, 0.80 and 0.85 m	0	0	0
Pony 0.90, 0.95, 1.00, 1.05, 1.10 m.	1	1	1

945 JUMPING ELIGIBILITY AND QRP POINTS

Horses and Ponies are eligible to compete for Qualifying Round Points at the following heights with QTP earned for Clear Rounds:

Table 945 Clear Rounds Qualifying Round Points.	
Horse 0.70, 0.80, 0.90, 0.95 Pony 0.60, 0.70, 0.80, 0.85	All are eligible - No QRP earned. Ponies jumping 0.90 in Horse classes will have QPR recorded and carried forward if re-registered as Ponies.
Horse 1.00 m Pony 0.90 m	All are eligible. 1 QRP per clear round for horses/ponies with 0 – 9 QRP. 0 QRP earned by horses/ponies with 10 or more QRP
Horse 1.10, 1.15 m Pony 1.00 m	Horses/ponies with 10 or more QRP are eligible 1 QRP per clear round for horses/ponies with 10 – 19 QRP 0 QRP earned by horses/ponies with 20 or more QRP
Horse 1.20, 1.25 m Pony 1.05 /1.10 m	Horses/ponies with 20 or more QRP are Eligible 1 QRP per clear round for horses with 20 – 29 QRP 0 QRP earned by horses with 30 or more QRP 1 QRP recorded for Ponies with 20 or more QRP
Horse 1.30 and higher	Horses with 30 or more QRP are Eligible

945.1 An owner may apply in writing to the Grading Committee to have a horse **upgraded**. Approval by the Grading Committee is at their sole discretion and if approved on payment of the fee published [Appendix II].

945.2 An owner may apply in writing with full details, to the Grading Committee to have a horse **downgraded** after seven consecutive competitions (**including those of a lower level than their earned QPR**).

945.3 On approval of downgrading, a horse or pony will have 3 QRP deducted from the lowest number of QRP of its current level.

946 QUALIFYING ROUND POINTS ON RE-REGISTRATION AND CHANGE OF STATUS PONY TO HORSE OR VICE VERSA

Table 946 Ponies changing registration: Pony > Horse or Horse > Pony		
Points of Pony	Re-Registration Status	QRP
Pony with 0 QRP	From Pony to Horse	0
Pony with 0 QRP	From Horse to Pony	0

Pony 1 - 9 QRP in Pony 0.90 m.	From Pony to Horse	0
Pony 1 - 9 QRP in Horse 0.90	From Horse to Pony	QRP Earned in Horse 0.90
Pony 10 -19 QRP in Pony 1.00	From Pony to Horse	QRP Earned in Pony 1.00
Pony 10 – 19 QRP in Horse 1.00	From Horse to Pony	QRP Earned in Horse 1.00
Pony 20 or more QRP in Pony 1.05/1.10	From Pony to Horse	QRP Earned in Pony 1.05/1.10
Pony 20 or more QRP in Horse 1.10/1.15 or higher	From Horse to Pony	613 QRP earned in Horse 1.10 or higher

(Rules 947 – 959 in abeyance)

960 EVENTING GRADING

960.1 Horses and ponies are graded for Eventing on a points system based on wins and places in competitions, which count for grading.

960.2 Ponies carry amalgamated Eventing Points from both Pony and Horse Competitions. They may only compete in Horse Events if registered as horses.

960.3 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. **Points awarded 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.

960.4 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.

961 EVENTING GRADING POINTS

961.1 Points are awarded for performance in competitions [Table 961]. **NO Grading Points will be awarded for Pre-Novice Classes. After two (2) wins will no longer be eligible to compete in Pre-Novice except as Hors Concours (HC). NO Grading Points will be awarded to 12 and under competitions.**

961.2 Grading points will not be awarded to a horse or pony, which has had more than two disobediences in the cross-country phase.

Table 961 - Horse and Pony Eventing Grading Points

<u>Event</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>	<u>Fourth</u>
12 and Under	All	0	0	0	0
One Day Events	Novice	4	3	2	1
	Intermediate	6	4	3	2
	Open	8	6	4	2
Two Day Events	Novice	6	4	2	1

	Intermediate	8	6	4	2
	Open/ FEI *	10	8	6	4
Three Day Events	Novice	8	6	4	2
	Intermediate	10	8	6	4
	Open/FEI **	12	10	8	6
Happenings	Novice	3	2	1	0
& Challenges	Intermediate	5	3	2	1
	Open	7	5	3	2

961.3 Events with Roads and Tracks but without steeplechase will be graded as a Two-Day Event regardless of competition days [501.2].

961.4 Events with Roads and Tracks and a steeplechase will normally be graded as a Three Day Event regardless of competition days [501.2].

961.5 All Events will be assessed by the T.D. He will recommend to the Grading Committee if points should be applied according to the standards of the competition and especially the Cross Country phase.

962 HORSE AND PONY EVENTING UPGRADING

962.1 Horses and ponies will be upgraded as follows:

962.1.1 No longer eligible for Pre-Novice after two wins.

962.1.2 No longer eligible for Novice with 16 or more Points.

962.1.3 No longer eligible for Intermediate with 40 or more Points.

962.2 A horse or pony upgraded after close of entries may only compete in the class of original entry as Hors Concours. The horse may upgrade to compete in its new grade on payment of any additional entry fee necessary.

962.3 A horse or pony upgraded will start the next Event with the minimum number of points in its new grade.

963 EVENTING DOWNGRADING

963.1 A horse or pony, which has competed in five successive Events without being awarded any points may apply to the Grading Committee for downgrading.

963.2 A horse or pony, which has been downgraded will have residual Eventing Grading Points in the lower grade as on Table 963.

963.3 A horse downgraded from Novice to Pre-Novice will retain one win

Grade	Residual Eventing Grading Points
Horse Open to Intermediate	32
Horse Intermediate to Novice	10
Horse Novice to Pre-Novice	1 Win
Pony Open to Intermediate	32
Pony Intermediate to Novice	10

964 EVENTING HORS CONCOURS (H.C.)

20.1.2023

- 964.1 The General Rules for H.C. apply [910 – 911].
- 964.2 The SOC should accept entries for H. C. or may **with agreement of the TD** permit an eliminated athlete to continue to take part in subsequent phases H.C.
- 964.3 The SOC is responsible for informing the scorer of any athlete permitted to participate H.C.
- 964.3.1 Entries accepted H.C. must be shown in the programme, on the scoreboard and **must** compete last in their class or section especially if they also have a competitive entry unless absolutely, logistically impossible and with permission of the TD.
- 964.3.2 Athletes continuing H.C. may compete in their allocated time slot, but H.C. must be indicated on the scoreboard.
- 964.3.3 A horse or pony which has competed H.C. in Pre-Novice or Graded Events may subsequently compete in a class for which it is eligible, if the Cross Country phase is not on the same day.
(Rules 965 – 969 in abeyance)

970 HUNTER TRIALS GRADING

- 970.1 Horses and ponies are graded for Hunter Trials on a points system based on wins and places in competitions, which count for grading.
- 970.2 Ponies carry amalgamated Hunter Trial Points from both Pony and Horse Competitions. They may only compete in Horse Hunter Trials if registered as horses.

971 HUNTER TRIALS GRADING POINTS

Table 971	Hunter Trials Grading Points			
Class	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Novice	5	3	2	1
Intermediate	7	5	3	2
Open	10	7	5	3

972 HUNTER TRIALS UPGRADING

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- 972.1.2 No longer eligible for Novice with 16 or more Points.
- 972.1.3 No longer eligible for Intermediate with 40 or more Points.
- 972.2 A horse or pony upgraded after close of entries may only compete in the class of original entry as Hors Concours. The horse may upgrade to compete in its new grade on payment of any additional entry fee necessary.
- 972.3 A horse or pony upgraded will start the next Hunter Trial with the minimum number of points in its new grade

973 HUNTER TRIALS DOWNGRADING

973.1 A horse or pony, which has competed in three successive Hunter Trials without being awarded any points may apply to the Grading Committee for downgrading. **Novice to Pre-Novice will retain one win.**

973.2 A horse or pony, which is downgraded will have residual Points in the lower grade as on Table 973.

Class	Residual Hunter Trial Grading Points
Open to Intermediate	33
Intermediate to Novice	11
Novice to Pre-Novice	1 Win

974 HUNTER TRIALS HORS CONCOURS The General Rules for H.C. and for Eventing H.C. will apply [910 – 911, 964.3]
(Rules 975 – 979 in abeyance)

980 SHOWING GRADING

Horses and ponies are divided into grades for showing classes according to wins in showing classes, age, height and/or weight carrying ability.

981 NOVICE SHOWING AGE

Only horses and ponies TEN years of age and under are eligible for Novice classes except for Novice Working Pony classes, which are not restricted.

982 NOVICE SHOWING CLASSES

Horses and ponies, which have been placed first in an Open class, won a Championship or Reserve Championship or won two Novice competitions, are no longer eligible for Novice classes.

983 OPEN SHOWING CLASSES

All horses and ponies are eligible for Open classes.

984 VETERAN SHOWING CLASSES

Horses/Ponies exceeding fifteen years of age are eligible for Veteran Classes.

985 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWING CLASSES

Horses and ponies finishing first and second in qualifying classes are eligible and required to exhibit in Championship classes. [814].

986 DIVISION OF SHOWING CLASSES

Classes may be divided by height of horse or pony, suitability to carry specified weights of athlete or by age of athletes as published in the schedule at the discretion of the Show Organizing Committee.

