



General Rules For All Redtail Ridge Horse Shows (Page 1 of 3)

Competitor Briefing

A competitor briefing will be held the day before the Horse Trials and will cover rules and regulations. There will be a question and answer session at the end. ***It is the riders responsibility to know the rules – If a rider unknowingly breaks a rule, they will still be eliminated.***

Attire

Dressage and Stadium

Recommended:

- Black velvet type, ASTM/SEI approved helmet
- Black/Midnight Navy hunt coat
- White shirt/rat catcher
- White stock tie or choker with pin
- White breeches with belt and tall black boots

Acceptable:

- ASTM/SEI approved helmet
- Light weight shirt with sleeves (no tank tops)
- Light color breeches (ie. Buff, canary, tan) with belt
- Tall dark boots with breeches or jodhpurs with paddock boots

Cross Country

Acceptable

- ASTM/SEI approved helmet
- Light weight shirt with sleeves (no tank tops)
- Any color breeches with tall dark boots –or –
- Any color jodhpurs with paddock boots
- Medical Arm Band
- Safety vest (required)

Dressage Phase or Classes

Please check in with the dressage ring steward at least 20 minutes before scheduled ride time. They may verify your bit is legal. You may be eliminated for missing your dressage time. Any additional instructions will be given to the competitor at that time.

1. All dressage test are ridden in a small arena (20m x 40m).
2. Acceptable Bits: Single jointed snaffles (ie lose-ring snaffle, egg-butt, D-ring), double jointed snaffles (ie French snaffle), full cheek snaffle WITH keepers, snaffle with upper or lower cheeks, unjointed snaffle (ie mullen mouth), Baucher, Dr. Bristol, Fulmer or Happy Mouth. EXCEPTION: A Pelham bit with either double or single rein and Kimberwicke bits are acceptable in the Intro or Very Green divisions only.
3. Martingales: No standing martingales or draw reins are permitted in the dressage ring or warm up area. Running martingales are permitted in dressage warm up only. EXCEPTION: standing and running martingales permitted in the Intro and Very Green divisions only.
4. Saddles: Any English type saddle is permitted.
5. Dressage tests must be ridden from memory. EXCEPTION: Intro and Very Green divisions may have readers.
6. Dressage whips/crops ARE permitted in the dressage ring (43.5" or less in length).
7. Competitor has 45 seconds to enter the dressage arena after the judge signals with whistle or bell.
8. Polo wraps or boots are not permitted in the dressage ring.
9. Spurs less than ¾" are permitted.
10. If a horse leaves the ring before finishing the test, the competitor is eliminated. **The competitor MUST ask permission to continue in the competition.**

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General Rules Continued:

Cross Country Phase

Please check in with the cross country starter at least 10 minutes before scheduled ride time. You may be eliminated if miss your start time. Any additional instructions will be given to the competitor at that time. NOTE: The cross country course is open for competitors and spectators to walk at all times. Please pay attention when on the cross country course. The horse ALWAYS has right of way. If a horse is approaching a fence, spectators – please move out of the way.

1. Protective vests are mandatory, medical arm bands are recommended.
2. Bits: Any bit is acceptable.
3. Martingales: Running martingales ONLY are permitted. EXCEPTION: standing martingales are also permitted in the Intro and Very Green divisions.
4. Saddles: Any English type saddle is permitted.
5. Cross Country course must be ridden from memory. Outside assistance is forbidden; rider may be eliminated.
6. Spurs less than $\frac{3}{4}$ " and crops are permitted.
7. Bell boots and jumping boots are permitted.
8. Cross Country starter will notify when the competitor should leave the start box.

Stadium Phase

Please check in with the stadium arena steward. Any additional instructions will be given to the competitor at that time. The stadium course must be ridden during the assigned period. Course is open for walking at designated times.

1. Circling during stadium course counts as a refusal (one refusal per circle).
2. Protective vests are optional.
3. Bits: Any bit is acceptable.
4. Martingale: Running martingales are permitted in stadium. EXCEPTION: Standing martingales are also permitted in the Intro and Very Green divisions.
5. Saddles: Any type English saddle is permitted.
6. Stadium Course must be ridden from memory. Outside assistance is forbidden; rider may be eliminated.
7. Crops (30" or less) and Spurs ($\frac{3}{4}$ " or less).
8. Competitor has 45 seconds to cross the start line after the judge signals with a whistle or bell.
9. Bell boots and jumping boots are permitted.

Grounds For Elimination

In all Phases:

1. Missing your assigned ride time.
2. Unauthorized assistance (no one may talk to competitor while in ring or on course. *
3. Riding without an approved helmet.
4. Dangerous Riding – including but not limited to horse out of control.
5. Excessively reprimanding (beating horse or yanking on mouth).
6. Horse is lame.

Dressage

1. Entering ring before Judge signals (whistle or bell).
2. Taking longer than 45 seconds to enter ring after the Judge signals.
3. Horse stepping outside of ring during test (all 4 feet).
4. Using an illegal bit.
5. Riding with illegal equipment.

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Grounds For Elimination continued:

Cross Country

1. Jumping a fence backwards (red flag must be on your right).
2. Missing a fence on course.
3. Refusing 3 times at a fence. After elimination, leave course at a walk.
4. Refusing 4 times total on course. After elimination, leave course at a walk.

Stadium

1. Starting course before Judge signals (whistle or bell).
2. Missing the start/finish flags (must go through flags).
3. Refusing 3 times total on course.
4. Jumping fences in wrong order or jumping a fence backwards.
5. Fall of rider.

****Exceptions: In the Intro division, Unauthorized Assistance (UA) will be allowed. The competitor will be assessed 50 penalty points, one time, even if UA occurs multiple times. Acceptable UA includes entering the X-C and/or the stadium course to coach. In extreme cases, trainer may attach a lead line to competitor's horse.***