



# ONTARIO COLLEGIATE EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION

2025-2026 RULEBOOK  
Containing all the Rules and Regulations of the OCEA

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Preamble:

The Ontario Collegiate Equestrian Association (OCEA) was officially founded in 2007 by a group of dedicated and hardworking university students. Formerly known as the OUEA, the goal of the organization is to offer students a way to continue riding and competing without the same financial and time commitment traditionally associated with the equestrian sport.

The OCEA offers hunter equitation classes to riders ranging in ability. Riders compete on donated horses that they have not previously ridden. The OCEA started with only seven member universities from south-central Ontario (Brock, McMaster, Guelph, Waterloo, Western, Laurier and Trent) and over the years has grown to include colleges and universities from across Ontario and Quebec.

The OCEA is predicated on the values of good sportsmanship and horsemanship. It is expected that all members conduct themselves with integrity and act within the best interest of equine welfare both inside and outside of the competition ring. The OCEA remains a student and alumni-run organization that looks to our provincial (Ontario Equestrian) and National (Equestrian Canada) sport organizing bodies policies for guidance.

- 0-1. Annual update (if needed) to the OCEA rulebook will be made before the start of each season (September 1) by the OCEA Board.
  - 0-2.1 All changes are required to be clearly outlined and communicated to the executive and team representatives by the start of the season (September 1).
- 0-2. Any changes made to the OCEA rulebook after the start of the season (September 1) will require a vote from the OCEA Board.
  - 0-2.1 These changes must be advertised by email, social media, and published on the OCEA website.
  - 0-2.2 Requests for changes to the rulebook will be accepted throughout the fall semester up to December 1<sup>st</sup>, and can be sent to the President and Vice-President
    - i. An updated rulebook with amendments will be published by January 1<sup>st</sup>, if any changes are made
  - 0-2.3 Requests to changes for the rulebook will be accepted throughout the winter semester up to May 1<sup>st</sup> and can be sent to the President and Vice President.
    - i. An updated rulebook with amendments, if any, will be published by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## PART I: CODE OF CONDUCT

- I-1. All OCEA members shall support the enforcement of OCEA rules through personal compliance, and by reporting any alleged infractions or abuse to officials or executive members through the provided incident report.
  - I-1.1 Any concerns are to be reported, through the incident form, to be dealt with by the Board of Directors. Emergent situations should be brought to the attention of the Zone Executive in attendance at the show in a discreet and timely manner.
- I-2. All organizers, participants, and spectators of OCEA events are bound by the rules of the OCEA.
- I-3. All OCEA members shall conduct themselves in an honest, trustworthy, and ethical manner.
- I-4. All OCEA members shall uphold safety, sportsmanship, and fairness in all aspects of the equestrian sport.
- I-5. All OCEA members shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the values of the OCEA.
  - I-5.1 Any member who engages in inappropriate conduct will be subject to sanctions set out in Part IV, Section 3.
  - I-5.2 Any executive member who engages in inappropriate conduct will be subject to any sanctions deemed fit by the OCEA Sportsmanship and Ethics Board, as set out in Part IV, Section 4.
- I-6. All OCEA members, affiliates, and officials are encouraged to continuously educate themselves and to take an active role in the activities of the OCEA.
- I-7. All OCEA members shall strive to maintain exemplary horsemanship and uphold the image of equestrian sport, and the OCEA.
- I-8. All OCEA members will maintain a professional image on social media platforms (ex. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) and not create any content that portrays the OCEA, OCEA members, officials, executives, donors, horses, coaches, and any sanctioned event in a poor manner.
- I-9. All OCEA-affiliated individuals must speak in a respectful and positive manner towards other OCEA members, horse donors, horses, officials, contributors, venue representatives, and all other aspects of the OCEA at all times.
- I-10. Zero tolerance policy for unsportsmanlike behaviour.

- I-11. All participants of the OCEA must sign the Code of Conduct form acknowledging appropriate behaviour and conduct, as distributed through the membership application, before being eligible to participate in any OCEA or associated events.

## PART II: MEMBERSHIPS

### SECTION 1: SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

- II-1.1 Any post-secondary institution in Ontario is eligible for membership in the OCEA.
  - II-1.1.1 Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis (e.g. post-secondary institutions in Quebec)
  - II-1.1.2 All member schools must be affiliated with their respective post-secondary institution, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors
  - II-1.1.3 Special considerations and accommodations will be made to schools with multiple campuses with a distance greater 150 km between campuses
- II-1.2 All member schools and affiliates must abide by the rules of the OCEA.
- II-1.3 Each member school must designate two representatives to communicate with the OCEA (These persons may include the team captain(s), president(s), vice-president(s), or any individual designated by the team).
  - II-1.3.1 Both school representatives must be current students at the member institution.
  - II-1.3.2 Each team must have one designated contact email account through which all contact with the OCEA will occur. Both team representatives must have access.
  - II-1.3.3 Each representative will be expected to take on show management roles at their school's hosted event as the Competition Contact and/or Secretary.
- II-1.4 School memberships must be renewed each scholastic year. The annual team membership fee for the 2025-2026 season is \$175.00+HST in Canadian funds (subject to increase annually). Fee due by the date set annually by the Board of Directors.
  - II-1.4.1 An exception is granted to schools in their first year of involvement with the OCEA, only requiring them to pay 50% of the team membership fee in Canadian funds.
  - II-1.4.2 Acceptable form of payment is eTransfer only. Can discuss other methods of payment if necessary.
    - II-1.4.2.1 Each team must designate one (1) email for eTransfers at the beginning of the term and email fees.ontariocea@gmail.com with this information before sending any payments.
  - II-1.4.3 Membership fee is subject to change each year.
  - II-1.4.4 Teams who have failed to submit their team or individuals' memberships shall be charged a late fee of \$100 in Canadian funds.
- II-1.5 Each OCEA member and coach must pass the rulebook test prior to the first OCEA show of the season.
  - II-1.5.1 This test will include multiple choice questions from each section of the rulebook, and 100% must be obtained before members are considered to have passed.

- II-1.6 A team's membership will not be granted, and team entries will not be accepted, without having completed the following:
- A. Submitting a completed team roster.
  - B. Obtaining 100% on the rulebook test (OCEA members, team representatives and coaches).
  - C. Paying the team fee in full.
    - i. Payment schedules may be made to accommodate smaller teams on an individual basis at the discretion of the OCEA Treasurer.

## SECTION 2: INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

- II-2.1 Students who are eligible for membership are those who are:
- II-2.1.1 Any one of the following:
    - II-2.1.1.1 Currently enrolled at a member post secondary institution as a full-time student and in good standing with their respective institution.
    - II-2.1.1.2 Currently enrolled at a member post secondary institution as a part-time student and in good standing with their respective institution.
    - II-2.1.1.3 Alumni students who have attended or graduated from a member post secondary institution within the last three (3) academic years, and in good standing with their respective institution
  - II-2.1.2 Priority is to be given to students currently enrolled.
- II-2.2 School representatives must ensure each member has completed the online membership form. In order for processing to be completed, copies of the riders up to date OE memberships and valid provincial cards or proof of health insurance must be included in the application, the rulebook test and sportsmanship acknowledgment must be completed, and the waiver signed. School representatives to notify Zone Membership Coordinator when all individual applications are completed. Zone Membership Coordinator to review applications for completeness and send to VP to complete zone's registration.
- II-2.2.1 Receipts of OE payments are considered valid proof for the first show of both semesters only.
  - II-2.2.2 Proof of OE membership is due along with individual membership forms.
  - II-2.2.3 If members join the OCEA after the deadline has passed for individual membership forms, OE memberships must be received one week prior to their first competition.
  - II-2.2.4 Failure to comply will result in forfeited show fees and the rider will not be permitted to compete until an OE membership is received.
  - II-2.2.5 Proof of OE renewal must be shown (by receipt number if necessary) to the Zone Membership Coordinator before the first horse show in the new year, before a rider will be allowed to compete
  - II-2.2.6 It is the team representative's responsibility to ensure all team members have valid Provincial Health Cards/Proof of health insurance. Proof of health coverage will not be held in the interest of respecting participants' privacy. It is the participant and



team representatives responsibility to ensure they have copies of health information available at OCEA sanctioned events.

- II-2.3 The individual membership fee for the 2025-2026 OCEA season is \$75+HST (subject to increase annually) in Canadian funds.
  - II-2.3.1 Team Representatives must send one group payment for all individual memberships to the Treasurer.
  - II-2.3.2 Acceptable form of payment is eTransfer; individual cheques, credit card and cash will not be accepted.
    - II-2.3.2.1 Each team must designate one (1) email for eTransfers at the beginning of the term and email fees.ontariocea@gmail.com with this information before sending any payments.
  - II-2.3.3 Membership fees are subject to change each year.
- II-2.4 Individual memberships are due by the date set annually by the Board for the respective zone to be eligible to compete at the first show.
  - II-2.4.1 If a member joins the OCEA once this deadline has passed, their membership fee will be due one week before their first show.
  - II-2.4.2 Any member joining the OCEA after the initial deadline must complete all membership requirements at least one week prior to their first show and receive executive approval before they can compete.
- II-2.5 Further penalties for late memberships can be found in Part IV, Section 3: Penalties.
- II-2.6 No student from an institution may compete until the corresponding team membership is in place.
- II-2.7 Any falsification of membership forms may be subject to disciplinary action from the OCEA.
  - II-2.7.1 Schools with two (2) or more expulsions will be contacted by the OCEA for review and may lose their membership.
- II-2.8 Riders with disabilities will be invited to compete at the OCEA as per Equestrian Canada policies (Equestrian Canada's "Classification 101").
  - II-2.8.1 If riders are in need of accommodations or compensating aids, this must be indicated on their individual membership form at the start of the season.
  - II-2.8.2 A copy of an "Equine Canada Para-Equestrian Medical Information Form" must also be submitted to the Zone Membership representative.
  - II-2.8.3 A competitor can utilize compensating aids including those listed in Equestrian Canada's "Compensating (Adaptive) Aids." to the best of the ability of the host school and horse donors. Competitors requiring compensating aids must reach out to their team and zone representative to ensure that the host school has adequate time to attempt to procure the aid.

- II-2.8.4 Any information a rider deems pertinent for the zone executive or judge to be aware of is welcome to be communicated to whom they feel is relevant and is comfortable sharing with.
- II-2.8.5 Team representative/Captain must request accommodations for students with disabilities at least thirty (30) days before the competition (the approved accommodations will stand for the entire season).

### SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND TESTING

- II-3.1 The Rulebook Test will be created and published annually by the OCEA Board alongside membership applications.
- II-3.2 The rulebook testing (in which 100% is required to pass) to be completed as a prerequisite for membership, pertains to the following:
  - II-3.2.1 Executive Members:
    - II-3.2.1.1 Must pass the rulebook test
    - II-3.2.1.2 Not subject to a membership fee unless they are also a team representative or team member
    - II-3.2.1.3 Voting right granted
  - II-3.2.2 In order to be designated as a Team Coach at a show the following requirements must be met:
    - II-3.2.2.1 Must pass the rulebook test
    - II-3.2.2.2 Voting right granted
      - II-3.2.2.2.1 Team memberships will be withheld until affiliated coaches have completed the testing.
  - II-3.2.3 Team Representatives:
    - II-3.2.3.1 Must pass the rulebook test, complete sportsmanship acknowledgement, sign waiver.
    - II-3.2.3.2 Subject to a membership fee
    - II-3.2.3.3 Voting right granted
      - II-3.2.3.3.1 Team memberships will be withheld until the representatives have completed the testing.
  - II-3.2.4 Team Members:
    - II-3.2.4.1 Must pass the rulebook test, complete sportsmanship acknowledgement and sign waiver.
    - II-3.2.4.2 Subject to membership fee
    - II-3.2.4.3 Only members with a valid competitor number for the current season that have paid a membership fee will receive voting rights.
  - II-3.2.5 Warm-Up Riders:
    - II-3.2.5.1 Are not subject to rulebook testing, but are expected to be well-versed on the rulebook
    - II-3.2.5.2 No membership fee required
    - II-3.2.5.3 Do not receive a voting right

II-3.2.6 Officials - Including Stewards, Judges, Medics:

II-3.2.6.1 Are not subject to rulebook testing, but are expected to be well-versed on the rulebook

II-3.2.6.2 Not subject to a membership fee

II-3.2.6.3 Do not receive a voting right

II-3.2.7 OCEA Board of Directors and OCEA Sportsmanship & Ethics Board:

II-3.2.7.1 Are not subject to rulebook testing, but are expected to be well-versed on the rulebook

II-3.2.7.2 No membership fees required, unless they are also a team representative or team member in the case of general Board members

II-3.2.7.3 Voting right granted for general Board members

## PART III: OCEA STRUCTURE

### SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

III-1.1 Executive positions to be filled for the season (subject to change annually depending on need) include:

III-1.1.1 Sportsmanship and Ethics Board

III-1.1.1.1 General Member (x5)

III-1.1.2 Board of Directors

III-1.1.2.1 President

III-1.1.2.2 Vice-President

III-1.1.2.3 Secretary

III-1.1.2.4 Treasurer (x2 - 2-year minimum term)

III-1.1.2.5 Zone Support

III-1.1.2.6 Horse Welfare Coordinator

III-1.1.3 East Zone

III-1.1.3.1 East Zone Head

III-1.1.3.2 East Zone Horse Coordinator

III-1.1.3.3 East Zone Membership

III-1.1.3.4 East Secretary

III-1.1.4 West Zone

III-1.1.4.1 West Zone Head

III-1.1.4.2 West Zone Horse Coordinator

III-1.1.4.3 West Zone Membership

III-1.1.4.4 West Secretary

III-1.1.5 North Zone

III-1.1.5.1 North Zone Head

III-1.1.5.2 North Zone Horse Coordinator

III-1.1.5.3 North Zone Membership

III-1.1.5.4 North Secretary

III-1.1.6 Central Zone

- III-1.1.6.1 Central Zone Head
  - III-1.1.6.2 Central Zone Horse Coordinator
  - III-1.1.6.3 Central Zone Membership
  - III-1.1.6.4 Central Secretary
- III-1.2 The Communications Intern(s) (unpaid) is a non-voting member of the OCEA Structure
- III-1.2.1 Communication Interns will be accepted based on a portfolio submission.
    - III-1.2.1.1 Portfolios will be reviewed by the President, Vice-President, and the outgoing Communications Intern(s)
- III-1.3 All OCEA Executives are expected to act in a professional and courteous manner, whilst upholding the Code of Conduct for the OCEA and OE to exacting standards. Failure to do so will subject executive members to the penalties set forth by the OCEA Sportsmanship and Ethics Board.
- III-1.4 Current students and alumni from OCEA affiliated schools are eligible for executive positions.
- III-1.4.1 Currently enrolled at a member post secondary institution as a full-time student.
  - III-1.4.2 Currently enrolled at a member post secondary institution as a part-time student.
  - III-1.4.3 Alumni students who have attended or graduated from a member post secondary institution within the last five (5) academic years
    - III-1.4.3.1 Any OCEA alumni are eligible for Board of Directors, regardless of graduation date.
- III-1.5 OCEA-wide and zone-specific executive positions will be decided by June 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest, for the upcoming school year. Candidates will be given directions on how to campaign by the OCEA Board no less than two weeks prior to elections.
- III-1.6 Each OCEA member will be eligible to submit one vote for each executive position for their zone by an official ballot at a designated voting time.
- III-1.6.1 In the case of a tie, polls will be opened to members again with only the tied nominees as options for votes.
  - III-1.6.2 In the case of no-confidence votes exceeding or equal to 40% for an executive position with only one candidate, a revote will occur.
- III-1.7 OCEA-wide executive terms will run from the date of election to the date of following election (not to exceed 1.5 years except for Treasurers).
- III-1.7.1 Term start dates include a 30-day transition period from date of election.
- III-1.8 Executive members must participate in all OCEA-wide meetings including the AGM.
- III-1.8.1 Participation may include in person attendance, attendance via webcam, or individual comments on shared meeting notes.

- III-1.8.2 The date for OCEA-wide meetings requiring mandatory attendance must be set one month in advance.
- III-1.8.3 Executive meeting attendance is required and will be reviewed if not occurring.
- III-1.9 Board of Directors to host regular meetings.
  - III-1.9.1 Meetings to occur on a weekly or bi-weekly basis as agreed upon by the Board of Directors at the beginning of the show season.
  - III-1.9.2 Attendance is required and will be reviewed if not occurring.
  - III-1.9.3 First 15 minutes of the meeting to be open to executives and team representatives for any questions, comments or concerns on a biweekly basis (optional).
- III-1.10 At least three (3) Executive members must be in attendance at every OCEA competition.
  - III-1.10.1 The Zone Membership or Zone Secretary must be included as one (1) of these executive members, with main role to track points
  - III-1.10.2 The Zone Horse Coordinator must be included as one (1) of these executive members. The Horse Welfare Coordinator or a designated person approved by the Horse Welfare Coordinator may also assume this role.
  - III-1.10.3 The Zone Head or a Board member must be included as one (1) of these executive members to oversee the event, ensure rules are followed, appropriate sportsmanship is being displayed and field questions and/or concerns.
- III-1.11 In the case that an Executive member can no longer fulfill their duties, the position will be once again offered to OCEA members.
  - III-1.11.1 A majority vote for the applicant from the Board of Directors is required.
  - III-1.11.2 The duties of an unfilled executive position will be absorbed by the remaining OCEA executive if the position is not filled from a secondary election.
- III-1.12 In the event that an Executive member is found unfit for their position by other Executive members (by a vote of at least 60% of the current executive, the unfit Executive member must step down from their position immediately).

## SECTION 2: POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- III-2.1 Specific duties and deadlines will be available in the "OCEA Executive Role Expectations" supplementary document (internal document).

## SECTION 3: SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

- III-3.1 Each member school must appoint two representatives (often titled as "captains") as the means of communication between the member school and the executive. Representatives must be currently enrolled at their respective post-secondary institution.

- III-3.2 At least one representative must attend each show with their team. If both representatives are unable to attend, a member from their team may be designated to act as a representative for their show. The OCEA executive must be notified of this person at least one (1) week prior to the show.
- III-3.3 The duties of the School Representatives shall be as follows:
  - III-3.3.1 Correspond with the OCEA for information using OCEA sanctioned email accounts
  - III-3.3.2 Attend all OCEA representative meetings
    - III-3.3.2.1 Attendance by at least one team representative is mandatory if 30 days notice is provided for meeting dates.
  - III-3.3.3 Serve as the contacts for any OCEA competitions held by their institution
  - III-3.3.4 Submit proposed dates and locations for upcoming OCEA shows
  - III-3.3.5 Submit team and individual memberships, OE memberships, appeal forms, and associated fees
  - III-3.3.6 Ensure all riders are placed in appropriate divisions with the assistance of a coach
  - III-3.3.7 Submit entries and associated fees for each OCEA competition
  - III-3.3.8 Request accommodations for students with disabilities at least thirty (30) days before the competition (the approved accommodations will stand for the entire season).
  - III-3.3.9 Request re-rides
  - III-3.3.10 Forward updated information to the OCEA secretary at the end of the show year, including new team representatives, and any official team contact information changes. This information will be due by July 15th at the end of each season.
  - III-3.3.11 At any OCEA sanctioned show, school representatives must bring their or their team's concerns to OCEA executive members (Zone Head or Board Member) or show steward.

## PART IV: RULES AND VIOLATIONS

### SECTION 1: APPLICABILITY OF RULES

- IV-1.1 Rules of the OCEA shall apply to every individual involved with the OCEA, including but not limited to: competitors, coaches, captains, show employees, warm-up riders, show volunteers, executives, school representatives, member institutions, and spectators.
- IV-1.2 The rules of Equestrian Canada will be followed if rules of the OCEA do not apply in or are not available for a given situation.

### SECTION 2: VIOLATIONS

- IV-2.1 An individual is considered in violation if they commit one of the following:
  - IV-2.1.1 Acting in a manner that is deemed improper, unethical, or dishonest towards horses, competitors, institutions, teams, shows, executives, facilities, horse owners, show employees, or volunteers; either verbally or on social media.
  - IV-2.1.2 Completing individual application forms with inaccurate information.
  - IV-2.1.3 Physically assaulting or acting cruelly to another person or animal. Abuse of any animal is strictly forbidden.
  - IV-2.1.4 Abuse includes but is not limited to excessive use of spurs or whip and brutal use of reins.
  - IV-2.1.5 Hitting in front of the girth will not be permitted. A rider may not hit a horse more than two (2) consecutive times for any one incident, as per EC rules.
  - IV-2.1.6 A horse may not be hit after its second refusal, whether it is at an individual fence or on course.
  - IV-2.1.7 Use of any product that may result in damage to borrowed tack (e.g.: Stick'em or similar products).
  - IV-2.1.8 Approaching the ring steward unless the individual holds the position of an executive member.
  - IV-2.1.9 Approaching the judge if they are unaccompanied by an executive member and the ring steward.
- IV-2.2 A team is considered in violation if they commit one of the following:
  - IV-2.2.1 Fails to submit horse lists or competition information to the Zone Executive or Board of Directors
  - IV-2.2.2 Fails to submit memberships by the membership deadline set by the Board of Directors.
  - IV-2.2.3 Forges team or individual memberships and/or completes forms with inaccurate information.
- IV-2.3 Violations are not limited to those noted above. The review committee will determine additional violations on a case-by-case basis.

- IV-2.4 If violations are verbally reported at an OCEA sanctioned event to OCEA executive members, the OCEA executive present may use their judgement to issue a verbal warning to the individual in the alleged violation. An incident form, including details about the verbal warning, must be completed and sent to the Zone Support member of the Board of Directors.
  - IV-2.4.1 This verbal warning must be a majority decision by a minimum of three (3) OCEA executive present
    - IV-2.4.1.1 If there are only three (3) executives present the decision must be unanimous.
    - IV-2.4.1.2 The Board of Directors and Zone Heads must vote on any further decisions.
  - IV-2.4.2 In the case where a verbal warning is not issued and further action is required, an OCEA Incident Report must be completed by a witness to the events and submitted to Zone Support for further processing.
  - IV-2.4.3 The decision of the OCEA executive must be communicated to all individuals involved in an incident in a private manner.
  - IV-2.4.4 No other disciplinary actions can occur without the submission of an OCEA Incident Report and the formation of a Review Committee, including those listed in Section 3: Member Penalties.
- IV-2.5 Upon the submission of an incident report to zone support, the form will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and zone executives.
- IV-2.6 The Review Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice-President and the respective Zone Head as voting members, as well as the OCEA Secretary as a non-voting member.
  - IV-2.6.1 If bias is believed to be present, team representatives can submit an appeal to the OCEA President or the OCEA Vice-President.
  - IV-2.6.2 The OCEA President or Vice-President retains the right to modify the members of the review committee or engage the Sportsmanship and Ethics Board to avoid any potential bias before an incident report is reviewed.
  - IV-2.6.3 When the person in question is that of an executive member, the review committee will consist of OCEA Sportsmanship and Ethics Board Members.
  - IV-2.6.4 The receiver of the incident report (typically Zone Support) must send the incident report to the President and VP who will distribute to either the Review Committee or the Sportsmanship and Ethics Board.
    - IV-2.6.4.1 Once the incident report has been processed and sent to the applicable review committee, the individual(s) accused of misconduct will be given the opportunity to address the committee.
    - IV-2.6.4.2 The letter will be submitted to the President and Vice-President within forty-eight (48) hours after they are notified.
    - IV-2.6.4.3 The review committee must make a unanimous decision within one (1) week of reports being sent by the OCEA Co-President or Vice-President.



IV-2.6.4.4 The decision made by the review committee must be relayed to all parties involved within forty-eight (48) hours.

IV-2.7 A decision must be unanimous across all voting members of the Review Committee to confirm a violation. Once a decision is made, no appeal will be granted.

### SECTION 3: MEMBER PENALTIES

IV-3.1 Individual violations must be reported immediately to any member of the OCEA Executive verbally or through an OCEA Incident Report.

IV-3.2 The OCEA Executive will issue a strike upon the first violation if deemed appropriate by the Review Committee. If a second violation occurs the individual's membership will be cancelled. While this cancellation may hold true indefinitely, there is an option for members to re-apply for OCEA membership in future seasons. While the final decision is in the hands of the acting executive, it is up to the member at fault to send a letter/email stating their interest in re-joining the OCEA, and the reasons their re-application should be granted. All actions will be documented and signed by both the Executive and the accused, with records being kept by the OCEA Secretary.

IV-3.2.1 Any strike received by an OCEA member will remain active for one (1) year from the date of the strike being issued.

IV-3.3 The first strike penalties will be determined on an individual case basis and are at the discretion of the Review Committee. Penalties may include, but are not limited to:

IV-3.3.1 Disqualification from a particular show (any points collected at that show before the incident will become void).

IV-3.3.2 Suspension period from future shows and/or OCEA activities (to be determined by the Review Committee).

IV-3.3.3 A probationary period in which the individual can retain membership but would lose membership in the case of a second violation.

IV-3.3.4 Cancellation of individual membership for one OCEA year (September 1st - April 30th); no refund will be provided.

IV-3.3.5 Cancellation of individual membership with no option to renew membership in the future.

IV-3.4 Additional penalties are to be determined by the Review Committee as needed on a case-by-case basis and may include, but are not limited to, suspension from a set number of shows or the loss of points accumulated thus far.

IV-3.5 The late submission of a team's collective individual membership will result in the team forfeiting any acquired team points at the first show the team attends. The team is also ineligible for the show's high or reserve high point team prizes.

- IV-3.6 Violations by member institutions will be subject to the same penalties as individual members.

#### SECTION 4: EXECUTIVE PENALTIES

- IV-4.1 The OCEA Sportsmanship & Ethics Board will be composed of unbiased alumni members and/or industry professionals.
- IV-4.1.1. Members will be appointed for a one-year term
  - IV-4.1.2. To be appointed by the President with majority vote from the Board of Directors
  - IV-4.1.3. Can be appointed or created at any time before or during the OCEA season with no notice
  - IV-4.1.4. Names and bios of appointed members can be published on the OCEA website.
- IV-4.2 This board is to act as a regulatory and advisory body for general Board members only. In no way is the board to be approached by OCEA association general members. The Sportsmanship & Ethics Board's decision will not alter the OCEA Rules and Regulations as set here forth.

## PART V: COMPETITIONS

### SECTION 1: COMPETITION SANCTIONING

- V-1.1 All shows will be classified as regular shows with the exception of the final year-end show hosted by the executive.
- V-1.2 A post secondary institution may host a regular show with a current OCEA team membership.
  - V-1.2.1 Regular shows must be open to all member schools in their respective zone.
- V-1.3 Each division (including an under saddle and over fences class) at a regular show for the 2025-2026 season is \$90+HST (subject to change annually), to be remitted to the Treasurer by the team representative/member institution in one lump sum payment. Money should be sent by e-transfer the week prior to the show.
  - V-1.3.1 The host team is entitled to \$65 of the total entry fee per competitor for the 2025-2026 season (subject to change annually).
  - V-1.3.2 The price of entries at Finals is subject to change each year. Entries will be due minimum one week before finals.
- V-1.4 Riders are not permitted to pay for individual classes.
  - V-1.4.1 If a rider chooses to leave early or only to take part in one class, they must still pay the full entry fee.
  - V-1.4.2 Two riders from the same team may the entry and each take part in one class only. Points will not be combined.
  - V-1.4.3 Any entry s must be made known to the respective host school, zone representative and membership coordinator at least one week prior to the show date.
    - 4.3.1. Entry must be emailed to the zone membership coordinator by the entry deadline.
- V-1.5 Funds must be remitted to the Treasurer within seven (7) days before the show by each participating team.
  - V-1.5.1 Any late funds will be subject to a 5% interest rate.
- V-1.6 The final year-end show will be hosted by the OCEA Executive and Board.
- V-1.7 All schools who have completed at least one season (see V-2.1) of OCEA competition must host a regular season show in every following year of membership.
- V-1.8 Teams who cancel their show, unless due to weather or other risks, and do not attempt to reschedule will forfeit all team and individual points for the season. Cancellations must be approved by the OCEA President and Vice-President.
- V-1.9 Each zone must hold the same number of regular season shows as the number of teams who have been a part of the OCEA for more than one year on that zone at minimum.

- V-1.9.1 Schools may co-host with each other or host independently, as long as the required number per zone is met.
- V-1.9.2 Schools may host or co-host multiple shows within their zones and are encouraged to do so.

## SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITY OF HOST SCHOOLS

- V-2.1 A school must host at least one show throughout the season if it is a paid member school of the OCEA, unless the number of shows per zone required can be otherwise met.
  - V-2.1.1 Schools who are in their first year of membership are not required to host a show.
  - V-2.1.2 Schools are encouraged to co-host or host more than one show where possible.
  - V-2.1.3 Host schools may select the location of their competition provided that it meets the requirements for a host facility as outlined in V-2.7.
    - V-2.1.3.1 The venue must meet all of the facility requirements, as set out in section V-2.7, or the host school must present a new venue proposal to be approved by the Board of Directors.
  - V-2.1.4 All facilities must be submitted to the President for approval by the date set by the Board – July 15<sup>th</sup> unless otherwise communicated.
    - V-2.1.4.1 Teams may be subject to late fees associated with OE competition sanctioning if they cannot meet this due date.
- V-2.2 All returning member schools must have their show applications submitted by the date set out annually by the Board.
- V-2.3 Dates and locations will be allocated logically in order to ensure each zone runs as smoothly as possible throughout the entire season.
  - V-2.3.1 Special accommodation may be awarded to those schools unable to find an indoor facility and are thus in need of a date suitable for outdoor showing.
- V-2.4 Show dates and locations for each season will be released in August provided that all applications have been submitted on time by all member schools without errors.
  - V-2.4.1 Show dates and locations are subject to change throughout the season on an as-needed basis.
  - V-2.4.2 Shows must be hosted on a Saturday or Sunday to ensure equal access for all competitors.
- V-2.5 A decision to cancel must be made by 12:00 PM the day before the start of the show.
  - V-2.5.1 Reasons for cancellation may include, but are not limited to, severe weather warnings, quarantine within the facility or virus presence in the region of the show.
  - V-2.5.2 A cancellation decision will be made by either:
    - V-2.5.2.1 The host team
    - V-2.5.2.2 A vote among OCEA executive attending the show plus final cancellation approval from the President and Vice-President.

- V-2.5.3 If a show is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to the best of the team's ability. Financial compensation for host-teams will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.
- V-2.6 Show locations, which must be smoke free, will include:
  - V-2.6.1 Washroom facilities
  - V-2.6.2 Food facilities
  - V-2.6.3 Viewing area
  - V-2.6.4 Warm area or stalls for horses
  - V-2.6.5 Water for horses
  - V-2.6.6 A heated area must be available to riders, coaches, and volunteers to warm up in between the months of November and March.
  - V-2.6.7 Seating should be provided by the host school or barn. If chairs are unavailable, the host school must notify the attending teams at least one (1) week in advance of their show date and recommend they bring their own seating.
  - V-2.6.8 The show ring must be a minimum of 170 ft by 80 ft.
  - V-2.6.9 The in-gate and surrounding area must be free of obstacles and allow for safe entering and exiting by horse and rider.
- V-2.7 Host schools must ensure suitable horses, tack, and facilities for the show. Tack including, but not limited to:
  - V-2.7.1 Adult-sized English hunter-jumper saddle
  - V-2.7.2 Stirrup pads for all stirrups
  - V-2.7.3 Elastics on safety stirrups
  - V-2.7.4 A set of short stirrup leathers (to prevent the need to roll stirrups)
  - V-2.7.5 A lead line for each horse to be led by when not in the ring.
  - V-2.7.6 Reins should remain over the horse's head at all times for a rider to grasp in case of emergencies.
  - V-2.7.7 Lead lines should be attached to the bit as soon as the horse leaves the competition ring and unclipped as they re-enter the competition ring. Lead lines are to be unclipped only when the rider has indicated they are comfortable with their hold on the reins, all coolers etc. have been removed; owner may request lead line be removed at a halt.
  - V-2.7.8 All necessary horse information (description, tack preferences, etc.) must be published in the show program. This information must be available at the gate for all riders, coaches, handlers, and warm up riders and in the barn for anyone getting horses ready.
- V-2.8 Host schools must ensure donated equipment is respected.
  - V-2.8.1 To avoid damage, all tack must be placed on a proper storage surface or as indicated by the owner.
- V-2.9 Host schools will be permitted the use of forty (40) numbered saddle pads in each competition.

- V-2.9.1 Host schools must obtain these saddle pads at the competition one (1) horse show before their scheduled date from that host school after awards.
    - V-2.9.1.1 For the first show of the season, host schools can acquire these saddle pads from the Zone Head.
  - V-2.9.2 The head zone representatives, or another OCEA executive if needed, must be present to document that all forty (40) saddle pads are accounted for and have been given to the next host school. It is recommended that a count of the saddle pads be taken by the host school after each class.
    - V-2.9.2.1 If saddle pads are found to be missing or damaged, the host school will be subject to a \$45 fine totalling the replacement cost of the saddle pads.
    - V-2.9.2.2 The host school has one week after the date of their show to find and wash the missing saddle pad(s) and to bring to the next show to avoid a penalty.
    - V-2.9.2.3 The host school will be subject to a strike as determined by the review committee in Section 3: Member Penalties if gross negligence resulted in damage or loss of saddle pads.
  - V-2.9.3 Host schools are responsible for washing the saddle pads before being used in their show.
    - V-2.9.3.1 Host schools must avoid using products other than regular laundry detergent when washing saddle pads.
    - V-2.9.3.2 Host schools must hang/air dry the saddle pads to avoid shrinking and deformation.
  - V-2.9.4 The head zone representatives, or an affiliated school of the same zone, will collect the saddle pads after the last show of the season, prior to finals, or make other arrangements.
  - V-2.9.5 Host schools are permitted to purchase their own set of saddle pads, numbered 1-40, to use at their OCEA sanctioned show instead of the OCEA saddle pads.
- V-2.10 Host schools will designate two (2) horses per class as alternates. At least one alternate horse listed must not have height/weight restrictions, although for ease of substitutions on show day it is recommended that neither horse has restrictions. Alternates will be listed on the standardized "Order of Go" section of the show program.
- V-2.10.1 Alternate horses can be used in the event a horse is pulled or a re-ride is granted.
  - V-2.10.2 At least one (1) of these horses needs to be in the barn and ready to go in the event that one of the scheduled horses is pulled during warm-up or during the class.
  - V-2.10.3 Host schools are permitted to list horses that are currently showing within the division as alternates if they have been approved in advance by the owner, as indicated on the donor form, to complete additional over fences trips or flats.
- V-2.11 Host schools will select the number of entries they are able to accommodate in consultation with a Horse Welfare Coordinator.
- V-2.11.1 Number of entries will be determined by the Horse Welfare Coordinator based on facility capacity and available resources.

- V-2.11.2 Host schools must accept at least two (2) , recommended three or more, where possible, riders per division, per member school. These spots will be called “Core” spots on team entry forms.
- V-2.11.3 If member schools cannot meet this minimum of two (2) riders in their entry forms, additional spots will be granted to the remaining member schools by the appropriate zone representatives. These spots will be called “Alternate” spots on team entry forms.
  - V-2.11.3.1 Alternate riders must be sent in with the original entry form.
  - V-2.11.3.2 Upon completion, zone reps will contact teams to inform them of the alternate riders that were granted a spot.
  - V-2.11.3.3 In the event that alternate spots are provided, they will be awarded using a combination of a randomized and fair allocation system overseen by the appropriate zone representatives in the order they are listed on the entry form.
  - V-2.11.3.4 Upon completion, zone reps will contact teams to inform them of the alternate riders that were granted a spot.
- V-2.11.4 A host school may and is encouraged to offer extra spots at their show. They may offer as many extra spots as they desire, providing they have a suitable number of horses, as agreed upon with the Horse Welfare Coordinator, to accommodate extra riders. These extra spots are in addition to the two (2) Core spots.
- V-2.12 EC and/or OE sanctioned Course Designers will be hired by the President for each show to design the course in keeping with the OCEA rulebook..
  - V-2.12.1 All course designs must be designed to scale, including arena size and jump width.
  - V-2.12.2 All course designs must indicate where judge and steward seating is located, where crowd seating is located, and where the ingate is located.
- V-2.13 Each host school must complete its own show program.
  - V-2.13.1 The show program must include the OCEA website, sponsor information, full class lists, horse descriptions, permitted aids, designated personnel, orders of go, courses and venue address.
  - V-2.13.2 Draft show program must be submitted to the Zone Head and President at latest on the Wednesday prior to the show.
- V-2.14 Suitable jumps for over fences classes include but are not limited to: natural posts and rails, painted posts and rails, planks, gates, brush, oxers, coops, and walls.
  - V-2.14.1 Jumps must be in good repair.
  - V-2.14.2 All fences must have ground lines.
  - V-2.14.3 Jump cups and pins must be plastic.
  - V-2.14.4 Jump cups supporting planks or any type of flat rails must be turned upside-down.
  - V-2.14.5 All jump decorations must be safe, including those added to adhere to a theme. No non-breakaway objects should be used.

- V-2.15 Host schools may choose to offer a course walk for each division prior to the start of the class, or, in the interest of efficiency, they may offer only one (1) or two (2) course walks, one to cover all courses or one to cover Open and Intermediate and another for Novice and Entry.
- V-2.15.1 If the host school is planning on only offering two (2) designated course walk periods, they must notify the team captains during the captains meeting on the morning of the show.
  - V-2.15.2 School representatives are responsible for ensuring all riders are present at the time of their course walk.
  - V-2.15.3 A change to a course must be presented with the opportunity for that adjustment to be walked by the respective division.
  - V-2.15.4 To ensure maximum safety of riders and donated horses, all course walks must be held prior to the over fences warm-up for their division.

### SECTION 3: HORSES

- V-3.1 The host school must obtain the information within the horse donor documents for all horses in attendance at the show, with assistance from the Horse Coordinator.
- V-3.1.1 All host schools must send each horse donor a summary of the information and an itinerary for the day to be approved before the show.
    - V-3.1.1.1 This itinerary can contain, but is not limited to:
      - V-3.1.1.1.1 Trailering details
      - V-3.1.1.1.2 Arrival and departure time
      - V-3.1.1.1.3 Hay, water, and stabling details
      - V-3.1.1.1.4 Divisions and number of trips to be completed
- V-3.2 All horses being used over fences must have previously schooled all fences in the posted order at the division height or above before they can be used in the competition.
- V-3.2.1 Riders must be able to see a horse's warm-up over fences.
  - V-3.2.2 Stewards must oversee warmups, with support from the horse coordinator.
- V-3.3 Horses will warm-up under saddle in the show area. If not possible, the warm-up area must be accessible to riders for viewing.
- V-3.4 Start of warm-up must be announced clearly.
- V-3.5 The OCEA will provide warm-up riders for each OCEA show, as selected by the Head Zone Representatives. All provided riders will have Open Division qualifications or will have otherwise submitted proof of competency to the respective Zone Representative. Warm-up riders will have priority for warm-up over open division riders.
- V-3.5.1 Owners or friends of owners must be approved by the Head Zone Representative before being allowed to warm-up ride if not qualified for the division in which they are warming up.



- V-3.5.2 Videos, show results, contact information, and OE memberships of these potential warm-up riders must be verified by the Head Zone Representative at least one (1) week prior to the show date.
  - V-3.5.3 If a horse donor is showing, they may not warm-up ride until they are done showing and the judges' card(s) have been submitted.
  - V-3.5.4 Warm-up riders will be reimbursed for fuel money if they send an authentic, dated receipt of purchase of fuel from the week of the competition in question.
  - V-3.5.5 The maximum amount of reimbursement will be \$20 (twenty dollars) per claim.
  - V-3.5.6 It is within the scope and judgment of the Treasurer to reimburse a smaller amount if many requests were lodged for that show, if the warm-up rider is known to live very close to the facility, etc.
  - V-3.5.7 The minimum paid out for a fuel claim will be \$10 (ten dollars).
- V-3.6 If a horse-rider combination is eliminated during competition due to refusals, a warm-up rider must re-school the horse before the next rider mounts. They must jump the problem jump at least once with no issues before the horse can be used again. Issues will be determined by the judge, steward, or horse owner.
- V-3.6.1 Only the Steward, the Judge, the owner of the horse, or any combination of two executive and/or Board members can decide to pull a horse from the competition.
- V-3.7 Host schools must have a whip and a pair of spurs, provided by or approved by the owner, available for riders to use if that horse is indicated as needing one, or both, or neither in the show program.
- V-3.7.1 Use of artificial aids is at the discretion of the horse owner.
  - V-3.7.2 These aids must be in the care of the horse's handler and be made available for that horse only.
  - V-3.7.3 A rider who uses artificial aids when not explicitly permitted to do so in either the show program or via public announcement is subject to disqualification.
  - V-3.7.4 If a rider on a specific horse is granted artificial aids after other riders in the same class have competed on that horse, the earlier riders will be allowed a re-ride on a different horse.
  - V-3.7.5 A rider may choose to compete without the approved aids for their horse.
  - V-3.7.6 The horse handler must have knowledge of the horse's information, including information regarding artificial aids and tack preferences (girth must be on a certain hole, noseband must not be too tight, etc.). This information can be obtained in the show program or found at the in-gate.
- V-3.8 A horse needs to be re-warmed up between divisions if:
- V-3.8.1 Fill is added to a fence
  - V-3.8.2 A fence is moved to a new location
  - V-3.8.3 A fence is raised
  - V-3.8.4 A fence changed direction
  - V-3.8.5 A vertical becomes an oxer

V-3.8.5.1 Horses only need to be warmed up over the new fences, and not the entire course.

V-3.9 A horse does not need to be re-warmed up between divisions if:

V-3.9.1 Fill is swapped or removed in a way that does not change the fence

V-3.9.2 Fill is swapped for similar looking material due to damage

V-3.9.3 A fence is lowered if the posted course is identical.

V-3.9.4 An oxer becomes a vertical

V-3.9.5 A vertical or oxer becomes a cross-rail

V-3.10 Show management may choose to follow stricter guidelines of their own for individual horses on a case-by-case basis.

V-3.11 Host schools are responsible for sending the horses for each division to their Zone Head and Horse Welfare Coordinator at minimum one (1) week prior to the show (See Section V-4: Horse Draws for more information).

V-3.12 To be considered viable to be used at an OCEA competition, a horse must be completely sound and healthy.

V-3.13 Horses may be pulled from their division at any time at the request of the Horse Donor, Judge, Ring Steward, or any combination of two executive and/or Board members.

V-3.13.1 Any team representative may approach an OCEA executive member to discreetly communicate any concerns they may have regarding horses, during the competition, should any arise.

V-3.13.2 If any OCEA member has concerns regarding horse welfare that were not resolved at the show or that may affect future shows, these concerns should be directed to the Horse Welfare Coordinator.

V-3.13.3 These concerns may include, but are not limited to: horse suitability for the division, horse soundness, horse behaviour, etc.

V-3.13.4 If a horse owner requests that the horse be pulled for any reason at any time, the horse must be removed from competition.

V-3.13.5 If a horse is deemed unsound by a judge, ring steward, or horse owner, the horse must be removed from competition.

V-3.13.5.1 If the horse owner indicates that the horse needs time to work out of stiffness, the horse will be monitored carefully during the warmup by the steward to confirm that the horse is sound after ample warmup

V-3.13.6 If a horse is rearing, bucking, bolting, kicking, recurrent tripping, or exhibiting other dangerous behaviours that risk the safety of riders, handlers, or other horses, the horse must be removed from competition.

V-3.13.7 If a horse is exhibiting behaviours that suggest agitation, stress, or fatigue (such as excessive sweating) the horse must be removed from competition.

V-3.14 Division requirements for Open Division OCEA Horses:

- V-3.14.1 Open Division Over Fences: Horses must be able to perform well and safely over a course of fences set at 3' in height. Fences may include verticals, ascending oxers, and square oxers with no related distances less than 3 strides.
- V-3.14.2 Horses should be able to perform any of the tests listed in VI-5.1 and VI-5.2.

V-3.15 Division requirements for Intermediate Division OCEA Horses:

- V-3.15.1 Intermediate Division Over Fences: Horses must be able to perform well and safely over a course of fences set at 2'9" in height. Fences may include verticals, ascending oxers, and square oxers with no related distances less than 3 strides.
- V-3.15.2 Horses should be able to perform any of the tests listed in VI-5.1 and VI-5.2.

V-3.16 Division requirements for Novice Division OCEA Horses:

- V-3.16.1 Novice Division Over Fences: Horses must be able to perform well and safely over a course of fences set at 2'6" in height. Fences may include verticals, ascending oxers, and square oxers with no related distances less than 3 strides.
- V-3.16.2 Horses should be able to perform VI-5.1.1, VI-5.1.2, VI-5.1.3, VI-5.1.4, and VI-5.1.5 and any of the tests listed in VI-5.2.

V-3.17 Division Requirements for Entry Division OCEA Horses:

- V-3.17.1 Entry Division Over Fences: Horses must be able to perform well and safely over a course of fences set at 2'0" in height. Fences may include verticals, ascending oxers, and square oxers with no related distances less than 4 strides.
  - V-3.17.1.1 These horses must be particularly safe and well schooled as they will be used with beginner and/or inexperienced riders.
- V-3.17.2 Horses should be able to perform VI-5.1.1, VI-5.1.2, VI-5.1.3, VI-5.1.4, and VI-5.1.5 and any of the tests listed in VI-5.2.

V-3.18 Horse donors must be asked to provide the maximum number of over fences and flat trips they are comfortable with their horse competing in. These maximums are to be honoured so long as they are the same or below the standard maximums set by the OCEA below. The OCEA standard maximums of trips are never to be exceeded and are as follows:

- V-3.18.1 Horses competing in only the over fences portion are not to be used for more than five (5) over fences trips excluding the warm-up
- V-3.18.2 Horses competing in only the under-saddle portion are not to be used for more than six (6) under saddle classes excluding the warm-up
- V-3.18.3 Horses competing in both over fences and under saddle classes are not to be used for more than four (4) over fences trips and three (3) under saddle classes excluding warm-up
- V-3.18.4 These maximums are to be followed in a single day of competition. If OCEA Finals occurs over two days then the maximums are to be renewed each day.
- V-3.18.5 It is always recommended to plan for horses to compete in less than their maximum number of trips so that they can be used as a back-up or re-ride trip when needed.

- V-3.18.6 Horses competing in over fences must be used in minimum 2 over fences rounds in the same division for judging comparability purposes.
- V-3.18.7 Horses competing in under-saddle should be used in minimum 2 flat classes, where possible, in the same division for judging comparability purposes.
- V-3.19 Back-up horses should be provided for each division to prepare for the possibility of a horse needing to be pulled.
  - V-3.19.1 Back-up horses should have no weight or height limit so that rider substitutions can be made easily, where possible.
  - V-3.19.2 It is recommended to have at least four (4) back-up horses for the day and they should preferably be suitable for multiple divisions so that they can be subbed in where needed.
  - V-3.19.3 Back-up horses are preferably horses that are not competing and can be used as a substitute for a pulled horse but may also be multiple horses that are not competing to their maximum capacity of trips that be used as a partial substitute for a pulled horse (as long as they are not used for more than their max trips).
  - V-3.19.4 The number of back-up horses is approved by the Horse Welfare Coordinator before final entry numbers are confirmed to ensure there are enough horses to run the show within horse welfare guidelines.
- V-3.20 If horse welfare cannot be maintained with the original format of the show due to extenuating circumstances (such as running out of back-up horses) a modified version of the show format will be run.
  - V-3.20.1 The maximum number of trips stated in V-3.18 or the equivalent given by the horse donor (whichever is less) are never to be exceeded. Horse welfare is never to be neglected in order to run the show.
  - V-3.20.2 In the event that extenuating circumstances do not allow this to be followed, the Board member on-call should be contacted to determine next steps

#### SECTION 4: HORSE DRAWS

- V-4.1 Horse draws will be conducted by the Zone Horse Coordinator and Zone Membership members of the Executive for their respective zone.
  - V-4.1.1 Standard horse draw protocol as set out by the Board of Directors at the Welcome Meeting is to be followed
  - V-4.1.2 Riders who have owned, leased, or part-boarded a donated horse within the past year may not draw that horse to ride in competition.
    - V-4.1.2.1 Riders who have ridden a donated horse the day prior to the show are not permitted to compete on that horse.
    - V-4.1.2.2 The OCEA executive retains the right to alter horse draws if necessary to adhere to the rules of the OCEA.

- V-4.2 Member schools will send their Zone Executive members their list of horses available for each division and list of riders entered for each division no later than one (1) week preceding their competition.
  - V-4.2.1 These lists must include horse heights and any height/weight restrictions for riders designated by the horse owner.
  - V-4.2.2 A pony may not be ridden by a rider exceeding a height of 5'6" or a weight of 150lbs. A small horse (15.2 and under) may not be ridden by a rider exceeding a height of 5'8" or a weight of 180lbs.
    - V-4.2.2.1 Lower limits may be set by owners and must be followed.
    - V-4.2.2.2 Exception may be made if a rider exceeds these limits at the discretion of the owner, with agreement from the horse coordinator.
  - V-4.2.3 These lists must also include the height, weight and age of each entered rider.
  - V-4.2.4 Any changes made to the horse or rider lists (ie: rider scratches, horse scratches, late entries, etc) must be sent on to the Zone Executive without delay.
  - V-4.2.5 Exception for the first show of the season: five (5) days before the competition.
- V-4.3 The Zone Executive members (Zone Horse Coordinator and Membership Coordinator) will conduct horse draws no later than the Wednesday preceding the competition using a randomized system.
  - V-4.3.1 Host schools will be required to organise a check-in with their respective zone executive to go over information about the horses in each division, permitted classes, and height and weight restrictions, by the Sunday two weeks before the show. Any changes to that list should be sent immediately to the appropriate contact. This allows for Zone Executive members to see the quality and quantity of horses attending.
  - V-4.3.2 Zone Executives will confirm horse details and accepted entry numbers with a Horse Welfare Coordinator before completing the draws.
  - V-4.3.3 The Zone Executive members will then send the completed draws back to the Member school no later than 8pm on the Thursday preceding the competition.
  - V-4.3.4 Exception for the first show of the season: no later than 8pm on the Friday before the show.
  - V-4.3.5 The Zone Executive members will take into account any height/weight restrictions on horses while conducting the horse draws.
- V-4.4 The Member school will be responsible for adding the Horse Draw information, provided for them by their Zone Executive Members, into their show program before printing them out for the competition.
- V-4.5 An OCEA member may not ride the same horse more than three (3) times per season, except where horses are not available
  - V-4.5.1 The Zone Executive members will keep track of each rider throughout the season and ensure that they do not draw the same horse more than three (3) times during the horse draw process.

- V-4.5.2 Team Representatives are expected to notify the Zone Executive if they become aware of a team member exceeding the set limit in the spirit of honesty and fair play.
- V-4.6 An OCEA member may not flat the same horse that they have jumped on the same day.
  - V-4.6.1 The Zone Executive members are responsible for ensuring that riders draw two (2) different horses per show during the horse draw process.
- V-4.7 Stallions are not permitted for use on the OCEA.

## SECTION 5: ENTRIES

- V-5.1 Entries for each show must be submitted to the host school at least one (1) week before the day of the show.
  - V-5.1.1 An exception will be made for the first show.
    - V-5.1.1.1 Entries for this show are due ten(10) days before the day of the show.
- V-5.2 Late fees are to be enforced by the host team and all entries submitted within one (1) week of the show date will be subject to a fifteen dollars (\$15) additional fee, per rider.
  - V-5.2.1 This late fee is to be covered by individual rider, not the team.
  - V-5.2.2 This fee is payable directly to the Board of Directors and dispersed to the host school.
- V-5.3 Payment must accompany entries on the due date by electronic payment.
  - V-5.3.1 Payments can be made directly to the OCEA Treasurer
- V-5.4 Teams are unable to show if they have unresolved payments to the OCEA or any past host schools (including scratch fees).
  - V-5.4.1 Any unresolved fees will be tracked by the OCEA Treasurer and notification will be emailed to host schools throughout the term.
- V-5.5 Should a school scratch a rider within seven (7) days of a show, the school will be responsible for the entirety of that rider's fee, at the discretion of the host school unless the spot is able to be filled by another rider from that team, before draws have been completed for the show. No rider swaps can be made after the draws have been completed (typically the Wednesday before the show).
  - V-5.5.1 If the school cannot fill the spot, the OCEA executive will allocate a rider using the alternate spot system. Once an alternate spot is offered confirmation is to be made within 24 hours and afterwards the spot is given to the next. Payment must be sent within 24 hours of confirmation.

- V-5.6 Total team points will be calculated as an accumulation of all points earned by riders on that team at each show.
- V-5.6.1 Those points will be tallied towards the High Point and Reserve High Point Teams for each show.

## SECTION 6: SHOW PERSONNEL

- V-6.1 Each host institution must appoint a person to fulfill the following duties: show secretary, in-gate personnel, barn manager, announcer, and tack advisor(s).
- V-6.1.1 All of these positions should be listed and named in the host school's program.
- V-6.1.2 In the event that the individual(s) filling these role(s) are competing, a backup individual must also be provided.
- V-6.2 The above positions will not be paid. The positions of judge, steward, course designer, and medical service provider will be hired and paid by the OCEA Executive & Board.
- V-6.3 The Show Secretary will have the following duties (this role may be filled by more than one individual):
- V-6.3.1 Appoint a barn manager, announcer, in-gate personnel, tack advisor, ring crew, and familiarize them with the OCEA.
- V-6.3.2 Accept and process entries.
- V-6.3.3 Submit show program to the OCEA Zone Head, Board Secretary and President.
- V-6.4 The In-Gate Personnel will have the following duties:
- V-6.4.1 Maintain the correct order of go.
- V-6.4.2 Help to ensure that riders or assisting OCEA members do not commit rule infractions.
- V-6.4.3 Supervise horse health and handling and report any incidents to the designated horse welfare oversight coordinator
- V-6.4.4 Ensure handlers remove the lead rope in a safe manner and with minimal risk to the people in the surrounding area.
- V-6.4.5 Verbally confirm that riders are prepared to enter the ring and have collected their reins before the handler unclips the lead line.
- V-6.5 The Tack Advisor(s) will have the following duties:
- V-6.5.1 Ensure that all requests from owners - regarding tack fitting and artificial aids - are within the horse donor documents prior to the start of the first division are followed to ensure horse's comfort
- V-6.5.2 Check that tack is correctly fitted and attached, girths and flashes are appropriately tight, and reaffirm the use of artificial aids.
- V-6.5.3 The Tack Advisor(s), owners, and OCEA executive members are the only individuals permitted to touch the tack of a horse. All other OCEA members are not allowed to

alter or remove tack and must approach a Tack Advisor(s), owner(s), or OCEA executive(s) to ask for tack to be checked.

V-6.5.4 Must be easily identifiable and labelled throughout the show.

V-6.6 The Barn Manager will have the following duties:

V-6.6.1 Work with the Horse Coordinator and donor to document any scrapes/bumps/flaws that the horse may have to ensure that they are in good condition throughout the day. This should be done prior to the start of showing.

V-6.6.2 Organize the tacking-up and movement of horses from the barn to the show area

V-6.6.3 Offer horses water throughout the day in buckets approved by owner

V-6.6.4 Offer horses hay approved by owner

V-6.6.5 Ensure horses are wearing approved blankets, including but not limited to: scrims, coolers, rainsheets, winter blankets, etc.

V-6.6.6 Ensure donor tack and equipment is stored respectfully to avoid damage

V-6.6.7 Ensure that all horses return to the stabling area free of scrapes/bumps/superficial issues or communicate them to the donor.

V-6.6.8 Ensure biosecurity protocols are followed for all ship-in horses.

V-6.7 The Announcer will have the following duties:

V-6.7.1 Clearly communicate any changes to the horse show program to all attending the show, including but not limited to:

V-6.7.1.1 Horse changes

V-6.7.1.2 Order of go or flat flight adjustments

V-6.7.1.3 Changes to permitted aids for horses

V-6.7.2 Clearly communicate the beginning of course walks, division warm-ups and divisions with all spectators.

V-6.7.3 Clearly communicate rider names and numbers during over fences classes to all attending the show.

V-6.7.4 Clearly communicate information from the judge, including eliminations or instructions.

## SECTION 7: ELIMINATIONS

V-7.1 Riders will be eliminated after a fall from a horse.

V-7.1.1 In an under saddle class all riders will be asked to halt until the fallen rider exits the ring, and the class will then proceed.

V-7.1.2 If a rider falls during an over fences class, they will exit the arena dismounted.

V-7.1.3 In the event of a fall/accident where the rider is apparently unconscious or concussed, they are precluded from competing until evaluated by qualified medical personnel and return to sport form is completed per EC guidelines. If the rider refuses to be evaluated, they are disqualified from the competition.

V-7.1.4 Any fall/accident shall be reported on the Accident Injury Report Form and submitted to the Board of Directors.



- V-7.2 A rider will be eliminated after two (2) refusals.
- V-7.3 A rider will not be allowed a courtesy fence after elimination.
- V-7.4 Riders may be eliminated from an under-saddle class at the judge's discretion.
- V-7.5 In an under-saddle class, riders will be lead around the outside of the ring, holding their reins at the buckle, until the judge announces horse handlers have been excused and the class has started.
  - V-7.5.1 All horse handlers will leave the ring once their rider is safely mounted and it has been announced that horse handlers are excused.
    - V-7.5.1.1 Horse handlers must ensure the rider has safely collected their reins into a comfortable contact and received verbal confirmation from the rider that they are prepared before unclipping the lead and leaving the ring.
- V-7.6 In an over fences class riders will have contact with only the buckle of the reins prior to entering the ring.
  - V-7.6.1 Riders who are on-deck (next in the ring) may collect their reins into a contact before entering the ring.
  - V-7.6.2 Riders are not to affect the horse: ie. use the whip, seesawing the bit, etc prior to entering the competition ring.
  - V-7.6.3 Horse handlers must receive verbal confirmation from the rider that they are prepared and permission from the in-gate personnel before fully entering the ring, unclipping the lead, and leaving the ring.
- V-7.7 If a rider is mounted, the reins must be over the horse's head and held at the buckle by the rider and the horse must be lead by a lead line.
- V-7.8 Violation of V-7.5 and or V-7.6 will result in immediate elimination.
- V-7.9 No competing riders can school an OCEA horse that day while that competing rider is still showing.
  - V-7.9.1 If a competing rider is caught riding a horse before their division is completed, the rider will be immediately disqualified.
  - V-7.9.2 Open riders may warm-up horses after the completion of their division, and the judge's card has been submitted.
- V-7.10 No competing riders can knowingly school a horse to be used in competition the week before the horse show if:
  - V-7.10.1 they are riding the horse in competition
  - V-7.10.2 they jump their over fences class course

V-7.10.3 For the final year-end show, competing riders are not permitted to school over fences on competition grounds the day before the show.

V-7.11 If a rider uses artificial aids when they are not designated in the program and have not been added and announced after their use in the warm-up, they will be eliminated from the class.

## SECTION 8: RE-RIDES

V-8.1 Team representatives must make re-ride requests to any OCEA executive member.

V-8.2 Re-rides will be granted upon the decision of the ring steward or judge. The stewards may confer with Executive members, show administration, or the judge.

V-8.2.1 If a re-ride is denied the decision is final.

V-8.2.2 If a re-ride is granted, all riders on the horse in question will be given the OPTION of a re-ride on a new draw.

V-8.2.3 Re-rides shall be judged as if the first round never occurred.

V-8.3 Re-rides will be awarded in, but are not limited to, the following situations:

V-8.3.1 All riders experience similar difficulty on the horse

V-8.3.2 A warm-up rider is not able to perform the eliminating act

V-8.3.3 The horse's allowed artificial aids are updated during the class

V-8.3.4 Other circumstances considered by the Ring Steward and Judge

## SECTION 9: ARTIFICIAL AIDS

V-9.1 The show program must indicate if a horse is to be allowed a crop or spurs.

V-9.1.1 If neither is required, the program must indicate "no additional aids allowed"

V-9.2 All spurs to be used when riding the horse must be provided and approved by the horse owner or the horse owner's agent.

V-9.2.1 The spur shank should not be more than one inch in length

V-9.2.2 The spur shank should have a blunt end

V-9.2.3 Rowel spurs are not permitted

V-9.2.4 Spurs are not recommended in the Entry division, although use is to be determined at the discretion of the horse donor and team.

V-9.3 Riders may use a bat, crop or whip in all classes if indicated by the horse owner in the permitted aids list.

V-9.3.1 Whips may not exceed 75 cm.

V-9.3.2 Whips may only be used in an acceptable manner. Following EC standard, use of crop more than two (2) times will result in elimination.

- V-9.3.3 Exception to EC rules: Crops are allowed to be held and used in flat classes, when needed, behind the leg, no more than twice, as permitted by the horse owner.
- V-9.4 If a horse is approved for the use of artificial aids, the final decision to use said aids will be that of the rider.
- V-9.5 The availability of artificial aids must be uniform for all riders competing on a particular horse per division.
  - V-9.5.1 Any rider has the right to request the use of approved aids (per the show program for their drawn horse) regardless of if previous riders or the warm-up rider on the same horse chose to request or use them.
  - V-9.5.2 At no point will a rider be allowed to ride the same horse twice if granted a re-ride.
  - V-9.5.3 Draws will be modified to accommodate riders who are allocated a re-ride on a horse they have or will be riding in another class that day.
- V-9.6 Any changes made to the use of aids must be publicly declared and the host school, tack official, and in-gate personnel are responsible for reminding riders of this change.
- V-9.7 If a rider uses artificial aids when they are not designated in the program and have not been added and announced after the warm-up, they will be eliminated from the class.

## SECTION 10: EQUIPMENT AND ATTIRE

- V-10.1 All riders are expected to wear traditional show attire.
  - V-10.1.1. This includes: beige breeches, show shirt with collar, hunt style coat of a conservative colour, and tall boots of the dress or field style. Half chaps are permitted. All boots must have a 1" (one inch) heel. Hair must be contained in a tidy manner. Gloves are optional. Anyone who is not suitably attired may have points deducted at the discretion of the judge, although may not be disqualified from competition.
    - V-10.1.1.1 A tidy braid, ponytail etc. is accepted to promote the safe fit of a rider's helmet.
  - V-10.1.2. While riding, items in school colours will be permitted. These items must be conservative in nature and must not be easily displaced or block vision while riding. Allowable items include, but are not limited to, helmet decals, lapel pins, and hair bows. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, arm and leg bands, boas, helmet covers, coloured breeches, or anything else deemed unsafe or distracting by the judge or the OCEA Executive.
- V-10.2 All riders must wear fastened ASTM-approved helmets while mounted.
  - V-10.2.1. The ring steward, judge or an OCEA Executive are permitted to have a rider eliminated if a helmet looks to be unsuitable.

- V-10.3 All horses are expected to be turned out in equitation-appropriate tack and equipment. Regular cavessons with snaffles, pelhams, double bridles, or kimberwicks are permitted. However, exceptions this can be made at the owner's discretion.
- V-10.4 Boots and bandages, as provided by the donor, are permitted. Conservative colours are preferred.
- V-10.5 All mounts must have stirrups appropriately sized for an adult rider.
- V-10.5.1. The Equestrian Canada rule (Article G1005 Number 5) regarding the use of coloured or branched stirrups in equitation classes beginning in 2014 will be waived within the OCEA due to the potential inability to procure the appropriate number of suitable stirrups.
- V-10.6 All teams and team members are required to use a mounting block to mount any horse.
- V-10.6.1. Teams must have at least one (1) mounting block at each show. These mounting blocks must be of the following design.
- V-10.6.2. A. Solid/ No Gaps
- V-10.6.3. B. Plastic, Wood, or Metal
- V-10.6.4. C. At least two steps or 24" inches tall.
- V-10.6.4.1 Teams may use a mounting block provided by a host facility.

## SECTION 11: FINALS

- V-11.1 The OCEA Executive will be responsible for the execution of the OCEA Finals.
- V-11.2 The top ranked riders from each class qualify for finals - the number of ranked riders attending is determined by the OCEA.
- V-11.2.1 Riders qualify separately over fences and under saddle.
- V-11.2.2 Number of qualifying riders may be adjusted at the discretion of the BoD if not enough suitable horses can be secured.
- V-11.3 The OCEA Executives are responsible for choosing the format of the classes at the finals show.
- V-11.4 Over fences classes may be composed of one or two rounds or may have a first round and a ride-off.
- V-11.5 Under saddle classes may be run using the standard format and tests and may be composed of one or two rounds. The standards tests are outlined under Part VI Section 2: Testing.
- V-11.5.1.1 Under saddle classes may be composed of one or two flights and may have a ride-off.
- V-11.5.1.2 The under-saddle test will be announced over the live speaker and directly to riders to ensure maximum clarity of instructions.

- V-11.6 Live scoring will be used at OCEA Finals competitions, when possible.
  - V-11.6.1 For the first round of over fences, a rider's total score from both judges (out of 200), or 100 if 1 judge, will be announced before the next rider enters the ring.
  - V-11.6.2 For the over fences ride-off, second round scores will be announced as the top eight riders are given their ribbon during awards presentations.
- V-11.7 Finals will have one 1 judge. Two judges will be hired when possible and if budget permits, at the discretion of the BoD.
- V-11.8 Finals will have at least two (2) stewards.
- V-11.9 The price of entries at Finals is subject to increase.
- V-11.10 Captains will not be permitted to warm-up ride at finals on the day. Captains are permitted to school the horse over a modified course the day before the show in order to provide a familiar ride in the case that they are selected by the horse donor.
  - V-11.10.1 Other OCEA Riders competing at finals will be subject to V-7.9.

## SECTION 12: AWARDS

- V-12.1 Ribbons and/or awards will be awarded to the top eight (8) riders of each class at each competition as well as champion and reserve of each division, high point and reserve high point rider, and high point and reserve high point team, a sportsmanship award (individual), spirit award (team) and Horse of the Day (voted or results based).
  - V-12.1.1 Host schools may provide other awards and prizes along with these ribbons at their own discretion.
  - V-12.1.2 Awards based on scores will be calculated using weighted scores.
- V-12.2 Points will be awarded at all shows, excluding finals, to the top eight (8) riders of each class at each competition.
  - V-12.2.1 The rider's total score in-zone will be calculated by multiplying the number of riders in each class by the points awarded per placing. This score will be called a weighted score.
  - V-12.2.2 The rider's qualifying score for finals will be the weighted score.
  - V-12.2.3 The following points will be awarded to each placing:
    - V-12.2.3.1 First (1st) place: 9 points
    - V-12.2.3.2 Second (2nd) place: 7 points
    - V-12.2.3.3 Third (3rd) place: 6 points
    - V-12.2.3.4 Fourth (4th) place: 5 points
    - V-12.2.3.5 Fifth (5th) place: 4 points
    - V-12.2.3.6 Sixth (6th) place: 3 points
    - V-12.2.3.7 Seventh (7th) place: 2 points

V-12.2.3.8 Eighth (8th) place: 1 point

- V-12.3 In the case of a tie, the rider with more points over fences will be awarded the prize. If the tie cannot be decided in this way, a ride-off or coin toss, pending the approval of both riders and the steward, will be used.
- V-12.4 Live scoring may be used at the discretion of the judge and host school.
- V-12.5 The rider must be present to receive their award in person, or they will forfeit the award, their points toward year-end results, and their contributed team points. The only exceptions are as follows:
- V-12.5.1 The President, Vice-President, Head Zone Representative, or Zone Membership Coordinator approves their absence one week prior, via online form, unless an emergency situation is approved.
  - V-12.5.2 No riders will move up in the class placings at the show because of another rider's absence.
- V-12.6 Host schools may use their own discretion in regards to when they present awards. Awards may be presented directly after each class or at specified breaks throughout the day (i.e.: all over fences awards presented at lunch break; all under saddle awards presented at the end of the day, etc.).
- V-12.7 Year-end awards will be presented to the top eight (8) riders by combined over fences and under saddle weighted score at the awards gala.
- V-12.7.1 In the event of a tie, the rider with the most points overall will be selected.
  - V-12.7.2 If the riders have the same total number of points, the rider who has the highest placings will be selected.
    - V-12.7.2.1 For example, a rider with one third placing will be selected over a rider with one sixth placing.
  - V-12.7.3 In the event an awards gala is not hosted, awards will be available for pickup or dropped off to a team representative. Mailing may be available to team representatives or individual members.
- V-12.8 Special awards will be presented at the year-end awards gala by the OCEA Executive.
- V-12.8.1 Horse of the Year awards will be awarded to one horse per zone at the end of year award ceremony.
    - V-12.8.1.1 Nomination forms for this award will be available before the banquet
  - V-12.8.2 One (1) Zone Supporter award will be presented for each zone.
    - V-12.8.2.1 OCEA members who demonstrate superb contributions to their zone are eligible for this award.
    - V-12.8.2.2 Nomination forms for this award can be submitted through the form.
  - V-12.8.3 One (1) Zone Contributor award will be presented for each zone.

- V-12.8.3.1 Non-OCEA members who demonstrate superb contributions to their zone are eligible for this award.
- V-12.8.3.2 Nomination forms for this award can be submitted through the form.
- V-12.8.4 One (1) Michelle Monkhouse award will be presented for the entire OCEA circuit.
- V-12.8.4.1 OCEA members who have shown a long-term commitment to the OCEA and who demonstrate superb contributions to their zone and positivity are eligible for this award.
- V-12.8.4.2 Nomination forms for this award can be submitted through the form.
- V-12.8.5 Outstanding Achievement awards can be presented for the entire OCEA circuit.
- V-12.8.5.1 Multiple awards can be given each year at the discretion of the OCEA executive.
- V-12.8.5.2 OCEA members or executive who demonstrate outstanding contributions to their zone and the OCEA circuit throughout their time as an OCEA member or executive are eligible for this award.
- V-12.8.5.3 Nomination forms for this award can be submitted through the applicable web-form.
- V-12.8.6 Awards may be added to this list at the discretion of the executive.

### SECTION 13: COMMENT CARDS

- V-13.1 Comment cards will be sent out by the Zone Secretary to all Member schools in the appropriate Zone after each competition through email.
- V-13.2 Comment cards must be sent back to the Secretary within one (1) week of being received.
- V-13.3 Comment cards will then be analyzed by the Executive Committee and team-specific information will be sent back to the host school within two weeks of their competition date.

## PART VI: OCEA OFFICIALS AND TESTING

### SECTION 1: JUDGING

- VI-1.1 Judging of hunter seat equitation at OCEA competitions is based on the following criteria:
- VI-1.1.1 The rider's position should be efficient, effective, balanced, and supple. It should not be exaggerated or rigid, and should allow for aids to be discrete.
  - VI-1.1.2 Rider's stirrups should be of appropriate length. Stirrups should meet the rider's ankle bone when the leg is fully extended and the rider is sitting squarely in the saddle. Stirrup irons should rest on the ball of the rider's foot.
  - VI-1.1.3 The rider's body position and shoulders should be upright and the seat should be centered in the deepest part of the saddle.
  - VI-1.1.4 Legs should be in contact with horse with a slight bend in the knee and heel inclined downward.
  - VI-1.1.5 Reins should be tight enough to ensure control and hands should be held above the horse's withers.
  - VI-1.1.6 The method of holding the reins is optional, provided that when a double bridle is used, one snaffle and one curb rein shall be held in each hand, separated by optional fingers. Contact should be maintained on both snaffle and curb reins per owner's instructions.
- VI-1.2 Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse should not be penalized unless they are the fault of the rider.
- VI-1.3 Number of strides ridden should not be penalized unless it is the fault of the rider.
- VI-1.4 Although a flying lead change is preferable, a well-executed simple change through walk or trot should not be penalized. This is at the discretion of the judge, based on the warm-up of the horse and description provided by the owner.
- VI-1.5 The order to reverse should be executed by turning away from the rail.
- VI-1.6 When an under-saddle class is run in multiple flights, both flights should follow the same routine and be required to demonstrate the tests.
- VI-1.7 No school, coach, rider, or supporter can approach the judge until the completion of the show, unless in the case of an emergency. The School Representatives must direct all questions and/or concerns to the host school's ring steward and OCEA Executive only.
- VI-1.8 The judge must watch the warm-up rounds of the horses. The judge is to take into consideration the behaviour, performance, and the description of the horse during its



warm-up. The judge will use this as a reference point for riders on this horse. Steward to provide insights to judge where possible if they are familiar with the horses.

- VI-1.9 The judge may request a scribe to help with their tasks.
- VI-1.10 Judges must not judge at more than one regular season OCEA show in each zone per academic year (September-April, inclusive), where possible.
- VI-1.11 Judges may be the current coach or trainer of any OCEA rider competing that day. The hired judge will be expected to use their own discretion and remain professional, not giving any undue preference to their own students. If undue preference is proven to be an issue, the judge will not be hired back to the OCEA.
- VI-1.12 Judges must be EC or OE licensed and registered OE members for event sanctioning.
- VI-1.13 Judges should be up-to-date on the rules and format of the OCEA.
- VI-1.14 Judges will be hired by the Zone Head, the Vice-President and the President of the OCEA no less than six weeks before the show in accordance with sanctioning deadlines (subject to change according to OE sanctioning requirements).
- VI-1.15 Complaints or recommendations about judges can be made through the comment card format or incident report (see Part V Section 13 for more information on Comment Cards).
- VI-1.16 Team captains may contact the Membership Coordinator after the show to request any feedback on the card for their riders. A copy of the comments pertaining to the riders in question must be scanned and/or copied and emailed within five (5) days of the competition in question. Only the comments and score for the riders in question will be sent.
- VI-1.17 All judges will be paid a minimum of \$350.00 per show. The contract and final price will be confirmed by the Zone Head and Board of Directors.
- VI-1.18 The Judge will have the following duties:
  - VI-1.18.1 Pull any warm-up riders they feel are unsuitable, at their discretion.
  - VI-1.18.2 Pull any horses they feel are unfit to compete due to soundness or behavior.
  - VI-1.18.3 Judge the class to the best of their abilities
  - VI-1.18.4 Be up to date on OCEA rules and regulations
  - VI-1.18.5 Watch all warm-ups
- VI-1.19 Judges' decisions are final.

## SECTION 2: STEWARDS

- V-2.1 The Ring Steward will have the following duties:
  - V-2.1.1 Must be over 21 years of age and be up to date on the OCEA rules, as well as EC rules.
  - V-2.1.2 All stewards must be familiar with OCEA rules, and ideally have at minimum 2 years of OCEA experience
  - V-2.1.3 Must watch all classes and investigate any alleged rule violations.
  - V-2.1.4 Consult on re-rides and lameness issues in conjunction with the Head Zone Representative and Judge.
  - V-2.1.5 Pull any horses or warm-up riders that are deemed unfit.
- V-2.2 Show stewards will be selected by the OCEA President and VP, in consultation with the Zone Head and Team Representatives
  - V-2.2.1 Stewards may not be a member of any team competing at that show.
- V-2.3 All stewards, whether carded/uncarded, will be paid \$125.00 per show (subject to change). Stewards may be paid a maximum of \$20 in gas coverage if travelling more than 50km to the venue.

## SECTION 3: MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

- V-3.1 The Medical Service Provider will have the following duties:
  - V-3.1.1 It is mandatory that all OCEA competitions have on-site emergency medical services with a minimum of advanced first aid and basic cardiac life support training. Medics must also follow Equestrian Canada concussion protocol (EC Rules, Section A, General Regulations, Article 101).
  - V-3.1.2 Jumping in competition and warm-up must be suspended if all medics are handling an emergency that they cannot leave.
  - V-3.1.3 In the event that an ambulance trip is required, the individual is responsible for the payment of said trip.
  - V-3.1.4 Riders are not allowed to be mounted on a horse unless a medic is present on the show grounds.
  - V-3.1.5 In the event a medic is late to a show, the show may not begin until a medic has arrived.
- V-3.2 All medics must be licensed according to provincial guidelines.
- V-3.3 BoD has final hiring decision say. Input from Zone Head and Team Representative is allowed.

## SECTION 4: TESTING

- VI-4.1 These tests are approved for hunter equitation under saddle and may be required by the judge, based on the ability of the horses to perform the test and the division. The under saddle tests are as follows:
- VI-4.1.1 Halt
  - VI-4.1.2 Rein back
  - VI-4.1.3 Lengthened and/or shortened trot
  - VI-4.1.4 Trot without stirrups (stirrup leathers may not be crossed)
  - VI-4.1.5 Change leads with simple change across the diagonal (to be asked during a ride-off portion only)
  - VI-4.1.6 Turn on haunches through the walk (To be asked at the judges' discretion based on horse skill)
- VI-4.2 These tests are approved for hunter equitation over fences and may be required by the judge, based on the ability of the horses to perform the test and the division. The over fences tests are as follows:
- VI-4.2.1 A line with a related distance. Multiple lines count as one test.
  - VI-4.2.2 Trot a fence
  - VI-4.2.3 Halt on course
  - VI-4.2.4 Rollback
  - VI-4.2.5 Bending line
- VI-4.3 The ability of the horse to perform specific tests will be determined by the steward and horse owner (or owner's agent).

## PART VII: CLASSES AND DIVISION ELIGIBILITY

### SECTION 1: CORE CLASSES

VII-1.1 The following classes must be offered at every OCEA show:

VII-1.2 *Entry Under Saddle:*

VII-1.2.1 Riders are to be judged under saddle at the walk, trot, sitting trot, and canter in both directions. A minimum of one (1) test must be asked every class.

VII-1.3 *Entry Over Fences:*

VII-1.3.1 Riders will be judged over a course of jumps at a maximum of 18" high. There will be a minimum of seven (7) jumps including, but not limited to; a single fence, a single diagonal fence, and a line of no fewer than four (4) strides. A minimum of one (1) test must be asked.

VII-1.4 *Novice Under Saddle:*

VII-1.4.1 Riders are to be judged on the under saddle at the walk, trot, sitting trot, and canter in both directions. A minimum of one (1) test must be asked every class.

VII-1.5 *Novice Over Fences:*

VII-1.5.1 Riders will compete over a course of a minimum of eight (8) fences at a minimum of 2' and a maximum height of 2'3". A minimum of one (1) test must be asked.

VII-1.6 *Intermediate Under Saddle:*

VII-1.6.1 Riders are to be judged on the under saddle at the walk, trot, sitting trot, and canter in both directions. A minimum of two (2) tests must be asked.

VII-1.7 *Intermediate Over Fences:*

VII-1.7.1 Riders will compete over a course of a minimum of eight (8) fences at a minimum of 2'3" and a maximum height of 2'6". A minimum of two (2) tests must be asked.

VII-1.8 *Open Under Saddle:*

VII-1.8.1 Riders are to be judged under saddle at walk, trot, sitting trot, and canter in both directions. A minimum of three (3) tests must be asked.

VII-1.9 *Open Over Fences:*

VII-1.9.1 Riders will compete over a course of a minimum of eight (8) fences at a minimum of 2'6" and a maximum of 2'9". A minimum of three (3) tests must be asked.

VII-1.10 Applicable tests can be found in section VI-4 of the Rulebook.

VII-1.11 Trot jumps and one-stride combinations are excluded from height measurement minimums.

VII-1.12 Exceptions:

- VII-1.12.1 Jump heights may be adjusted proportionally by division if suitable horses cannot be obtained or if conditions are less than ideal (wet footing, smaller arena size)
- VII-1.12.2 Required number of tests can be reduced, limited or eliminated where suitable horses are not available or if conditions vary (weather, time, arena size).

## SECTION 2: DIVISION ELIGIBILITY AND APPEALS

VII-2.1 Eligibility for each of the core classes is as follows:

### VII-2.2 *Open Division*

- VII-2.2.1 Winning three (3) first place ribbons in an equitation over fences or medal class at a height of 3' (0.90m) or higher in a show that is part of a series or recognized circuit
- VII-2.2.2 Placing six (6) times in an equitation over fences, medal class, hunter over fences, or jumper class at a height of 3'3" (1.0m) or higher in a show that is part of a series or recognized circuit
- VII-2.2.3 An Eventing qualifying score at EV90 (Pre-Training Level) or above\*
- VII-2.2.4 Completion of Rider Level 8 (with jumping phase) or above
- VII-2.2.5 Completion of Pony Club C1 (with jumping phase) or above
- VII-2.2.6 Competition in the equivalent height division on the IHSA
- VII-2.2.7 Having competed in the Open Division on the OCEA circuit during the previous year.

### VII-2.3 *Intermediate Division*

- VII-2.3.1 Winning three (3) first place ribbons in an equitation over fences or medal class at a height of 2'9" (0.85m) or higher in a show that is part of a series or recognized circuit.
- VII-2.3.2 Placing six (6) times in an equitation over fences, medal class, hunter over fences, or jumper class at a height at 3" (0.90m) or higher in a show that is part of a series or recognized circuit
- VII-2.3.3 An Eventing qualifying score at EV85 (Entry Level) or above\*
- VII-2.3.4 Completion of Rider Level 7 (with jumping phase) or above
- VII-2.3.5 Completion of Pony Club C (with jumping phase) or above
- VII-2.3.6 Competition in the equivalent height division on the IHSA
- VII-2.3.7 Having competed in the Intermediate Division on the OCEA circuit during the previous year.

### VII-2.4 *Novice Division*

- VII-2.4.1 Winning three (3) first place ribbons in an equitation over fences or medal class at a height of 2'6" (0.75m) or higher in a show that is part of a series or recognized circuit
- VII-2.4.2 Placing six (6) times in an equitation over fences, medal class, hunter over fences, or jumper class at a height of 2'9" (0.85m) or higher in a show that is part of a series or recognized circuit
- VII-2.4.3 An Eventing qualifying score at EV75 (Pre-Entry Level) or above\*
- VII-2.4.4 Completion of Rider Level 6 (with jumping phase) or above
- VII-2.4.5 Completion of Pony Club D2 (with jumping phase) or above

- VII-2.4.6 Competition in the equivalent height division on the IHSA
- VII-2.4.7 Having competed in the Novice Division on the OCEA circuit during the previous year.

*VII-2.5 Entry Division*

- VII-2.5.1 Being a part of a hunter, jumper, equitation, or eventing lesson program at a level which ensures the individual is jumping consistently at a height of 2'0" (two feet) or higher for the past four months, at minimum. The must be able to be confirmed by your instructor.
- VII-2.5.2 Competition in the equivalent height division on the IHSA
- VII-2.5.3 Having competed in the Entry Division on the OCEA circuit during the previous year.

VII-2.6 An Eventing qualifying score constitutes the following:

- VII-2.6.1 Not more than 45 penalty points (55%) in the dressage test at the specified level
- VII-2.6.2 No jumping penalties at obstacles on the cross country test (apart from activating one frangible/deformable device resulting in 11 penalties)
- VII-2.6.3 Not more than 75 seconds (30 time penalty points) in the cross country test
- VII-2.6.4 Not more than 16 jumping penalties at obstacles in the jumping test
- VII-2.6.5 No penalties received for dangerous riding

VII-2.7 All divisions are open to amateurs, non-professionals, and professionals.

VII-2.8 For riders who have competed internationally, the eligibility requirements defined above expand to include competitions governed by other nationally recognized equestrian associations (e.g. British Show Jumping Association, German Equestrian Federation, etc.).

VII-2.9 All new OCEA members must prove their division eligibility with competition results from the past two (2) years or riding level test completion. Competition results must be from an eligible circuit, as listed under VII-2.20.

- VII-2.9.1 Returning riders who have new competition records that change their division eligibility must report these records to the OCEA and apply for the division they now qualify for.

VII-2.10 It is the responsibility of the rider/school captain to show proof of results to their zone representative.

VII-2.11 Results must be submitted to zone representatives otherwise they will not count towards division eligibility

- VII-2.11.1 Returning open riders (who did not compete on the OCEA in the previous year) who do not have applicable show records and who have shown in that division for more than two (2) years must submit a video to their zone representative and zone membership coordinator before the start of season. This video must be clear, of a catch ride at division height, or a ride on a familiar horse at 6" above the division height on a course that satisfies the rulebook requirements.

- VII-2.12 If a rider no longer qualifies for the division they showed in the last year due to not keeping their placings current over the summer through showing or did not place in an over fences class on the OCEA circuit in the previous year, the rider may appeal down to the next division lower in height.
- VII-2.13 If a rider no longer qualifies for the division they showed in the last year due to acquiring new placings over the summer through showing they must apply for the division for which they currently qualify.
- VII-2.14 Riders may appeal up or down one division.
- VII-2.15 If a rider or their School Representatives feel that their riding ability is not suited for the division they qualify for, they may state this on the division appeal form
- VII-2.15.1 Appealing riders must submit a public video link within the appeal form. This video must be clear, of a catch ride at division height, or a ride on a familiar horse at 3" above the division height on a course that satisfies the rulebook requirements.
  - VII-2.15.2 Coaches' recommendations are highly recommended for all appeals.
  - VII-2.15.3 Appeals are subject to the members' first competition. It is their team's responsibility to film their over fences round for re-submission to the executive. If a video cannot be obtained, an additional appeal can be made to the committee. Their decision is final.
  - VII-2.15.4 Riders who have had their initial appeal approved that have had an appeal made in their favour are considered to be on probation until after the first OCEA show of the season to ensure suitability.
  - VII-2.15.5 If, after the first show, the OCEA Executive deem the rider unsuitable for that division, the rider's appeal will be thrown out, and they will remain in the division in which they qualify for.
  - VII-2.15.6 The OCEA Executive reserves the right to question a rider's eligibility and require moving to a new division.
  - VII-2.15.7 Refer to Appeals form for further information
- VII-2.16 Riders may not qualify for more than one division.
- VII-2.16.1 If a rider's under saddle experience is more extensive than their over fences experience, or vice versa, the rider must compete in the division that they qualify for over fences.
- VII-2.17 Riders cannot move up or down a division in the OCEA unless their appeal, made during the membership application process, has been granted by the review committee.
- VII-2.18 School Representatives must submit a rider's appeal as a part of that rider's membership application.

VII-2.19 Riders must advance to the next division if:

- VII-2.19.1 The rider won three 1st (first) place ribbons over fences on the OCEA over the course of one school year, including any 1<sup>st</sup> (first) place ribbons at finals.
- VII-2.19.2 Riders who have won three (3) first place ribbons over fences may choose to complete the year in their current division and then move up to the next division the following year.
- VII-2.19.3 The Rider won Champion overall for their division in the previous OCEA season.
- VII-2.19.4 The rider may only move up to the next division if their over fences point total is higher or no more than a difference of ten un-weighted points than their under saddle point total in the previous OCEA season.

VII-2.20 Eligible series and circuits are those that provide online, accessible show records.