

BHA DRESSAGE & HORSE TRIAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

Awards: 6 Placings awarded for each Division

Junior Riders

Must be 17 or under on November 1 of the current year. 3 Divisions: Jr Starter, Jr Beginner
Novice and Jr Novice

Senior Riders

Must be 18 or older on November 1 of the current year. 3 Divisions: Sr Starter, Sr Beginner
Novice, Sr Novice

**You must successfully complete all three phases to be placed in the final
standings**

Elimination:

If you are eliminated in Dressage, you are eliminated in the other two phases.

If you are eliminated in Phase II, you are eliminated in the final standings.

If eliminated, BHA will allow you to continue to ride/school throughout the competition,
however it will not be scored.

Dressage

Only a SNAFFLE bit is allowed for dressage

The bit can be straight, not necessarily curved.

It can be single or double-jointed (extra piece in middle that helps distribute pressure more
evenly in the mouth – NO Dr Bristol)

The mouthpiece can be rubber, nylon or metal

The reins must be attached to the bit

Any kind of boots or leg bandages on the horse are prohibited

Cross Country

A safety vest is not required but is highly recommended

Stadium Jumping

Standing martingales are not allowed. You may use a running martingale

Walking the jump and cross country courses is encouraged. You cannot walk these courses
with your horse in-hand.