

## BHA DRESSAGE AND 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: Junior Starter, Junior Beginner Novice, Junior Novice

Senior Riders: Must be 18 or older on November 1 of the current year.

3 Divisions: Senior Starter, Senior Beginner Novice, Senior 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. A double-jointed bit has an extra piece in the middle that can help distribute pressure more evenly across the horse's mouth (No Dr. Bristol)
- The mouthpiece of the bit can be made of rubber, nylon, or metal.
- The reins must be attached to the bit.

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

Ear hoods on the horse are permitted for all Tests and may also provide noise reduction.

WHIPS may be carried during the test

Dressage Tests MAY NOT be read.

### CROSS COUNTRY

A safety vest is not required but highly recommended.

### STADIUM JUMPING

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

You cannot walk the cross country course or the stadium jump course on your horse or with your horse in hand.