

APPENDIX C

CHAPTER XXI. NOVICE EVENTS

These guidelines follow American Vaulting Association rules and Guidelines as closely as possible in these novice classes. They are designed to help and encourage vaulters who are unable to vault onto the horse without assistance. This may include, but is not limited to, handicap /special needs vaulters. There are no age limits.

Article 2101. General Requirements for all events in Appendix C:

1. Vaulters must need an assisted mount onto the horse or onto the barrel.

The assisted mount is scored on form only.

2. Vaulters may have spotters present during compulsories and freestyle.

Vaulters will receive a deduction for assistance (other than the mount) in Novice Trot and Novice Advanced Walk but not in Novice Walk and Novice Modified Walk.

Article 2102. Eligibility for all events in Appendix C:

1. Vaulters must be a Youth or Adult Member of the AVA.

2. Vaulters may not hold any medals with the exception of the novice pin.

3. Vaulters must have an assisted mount.

Article 2103. Individual Novice Trot Events:

This event consists of one section of compulsory exercises and one section of freestyle performed on the trotting horse.

a) Compulsories are the same as the Individual Trot event with the exception of the required assisted mount, which is scored on form only. Assistance of any compulsory exercise (with the exception of the mount) will result in a zero for the assisted exercise.

b) Freestyle is a one-minute routine of static and dynamic exercises. An assisted mount is required with no penalty. Assistance of any freestyle exercise will result in a deduction of two points from the total performance score.

Exercises chosen for freestyle should be limited to Level M or Level E only (as defined in the current FEI Vaulting Guidelines for Judges). Freestyle exercises other than M or E will result in a two point deduction from composition.

Article 2104. Individual Advanced Novice Walk Event:

This event consists of one section of compulsory exercises and one section of freestyle performed on the walking horse.

a) Compulsories are the same as the Individual Trot event with the exception of the required assisted mount, which is scored on form only. Assistance of any compulsory exercise (with the exception of the mount) will result in a zero for the assisted exercise.

b) Freestyle is a one-minute routine of static and dynamic exercises. An assisted mount is required with no penalty. Assistance of any freestyle exercise will result in a deduction of two points from the total performance score.

Exercises chosen for freestyle should be limited to Level M or Level E only (as defined in the current FEI Vaulting Guidelines for Judges). Freestyle exercises other than M or E will result in a two point deduction from composition.

Article 2105. Individual Novice Walk Event:

This event consists of one section of compulsory exercises and one section of freestyle performed on the walking horse.

a) Compulsories are the same as the Individual Trot event with the exception of the required assisted mount, which is scored on form only. Vaulters may have spotters present and no deductions will be taken for any assistance and/or spotting.

b) Freestyle is a one-minute routine of static and dynamic exercises. An assisted mount is required with no penalty. Vaulters may have spotters present and no deductions will be taken for any assistance and/or spotting. Exercises chosen for freestyle should be limited to Level M or Level E only (as defined in the current FEI Vaulting Guidelines for Judges). Freestyle exercises other than M or E will result in a two point deduction from composition.

Article 2106. Individual Modified Novice Walk Event:

1. This event consists of one section of the three compulsory exercises.

Compulsories are performed in order after assisted mount: Basic Seat, 1/2 Flag and Free Kneel.

2. No freestyle is allowed at this level.

3. Vaulters may have spotters present and no deductions will be taken for any assistance and/or spotting.

Article 2107. Individual Novice Barrel Event.

1. This event consists of compulsories and/or a 60-second free-style barrel routine

2. Competitions may offer corresponding barrel events for the levels described in Articles 2103 through 2106.

3. All guidelines in Articles 2103 through 2106 apply to the barrel events.

CHAPTER XXII. SPECIAL PAIRS EVENT

Article 2201. Requirements

1. This is a pairs event consisting of one round of Freestyle performed either on the horse at the walk or on the barrel.

2. The freestyle is a two minute routine (maximum)

3. The pair consists of one handicapped/special needs vaulter and one AVA trot or canter vaulter.

Awards – Individual Novice Classes

It is recommended that vaulters receive awards for compulsory class and freestyle class with all competitors receiving awards.