

## **EVENTING**

Consists of a dressage test, a showjumping course and a Cross country course.

You need to get your gear checked for every discipline or risk elimination.

You are usually given a time for your dressage but, just be aware that there are now disclaimers that indicate that if there are scatchings ahead of you, your time will be earlier. At most events you will then do your Showjumping. There is usually time to walk the Cross Country after your Showjumping, but work out the schedule and you may find that it is less stressful to walk it after dressage and before SJ and that gives you a chance to walk it twice if you are worried. Cross Country is usually after lunch but again, read your programme.

Dressage- The score that you get for your dressage test is your faults. So, if you get a score of 64% on your test, then you will lodge a score of 36 faults on the scoreboard. Turn your pony out well for the dressage. It makes a huge difference to your score. Do a nice accurate test and you will do just fine.

Showjumping - The same rules apply for showjumping as a discipline. The course that you jump is a Table A1. So, just go for a clear round within the optimum time. That pace is a nice relaxed canter and lovely approaches to the fences. There are no rewards for taking risks. Your SJ faults are then added to your dressage/CC faults. You need to wear a Medical Armband for Showjumping. Jumping boots or bandages require taping. Electrical tape will do the trick.

Cross Country – Red flag always on your right!!

You are allowed 4 stops before you are eliminated. If you are eliminated in some cases you will be asked to walk back to the start and in others you will be allowed to complete the course. If you come across someone who started in front of you, you are within your rights to shout 'horse coming through' and pass. You cannot pass within ? metres of a fence. If there has been an accident then the jump steward must put the stopwatch on you as you wait to accident to be cleared and then make a note of it. You will not be penalised. The pace you need to be going is a lovely rolling fast canter / gallop. Shorten it up through the fences and let them go on the straights. Great fun! You need your Medical Armband and an approved Back Protector for Cross Country. Tape your boots and or bandages. Also, check the rule book to make sure that your preferred bit is legal.