EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION RULES

Competition Guidelines

- Athletes may compete in a maximum of **three (3) equestrian events**.
- Athletes will be grouped by age whenever possible: **Junior Division:** 8-15 years, **Senior Division:** 16-30 years, **Master Division:** 31 years and older

Competition Rules and Safety

- While mounted, athletes must be able to hold their head and upper body upright without assistance.
- Athletes and coaches are responsible for supplying:
    - Horses, Tack, & All required equipment

IMPORTANT: Athletes with Down Syndrome who have been diagnosed with Atlantoaxial Instability are NOT eligible to participate in Equestrian events.

Coggins Test Requirement

- All horses participating in the event must have a **current Coggins test dated within one year** of the competition.
- The original Coggins documentation must be brought to the event.
- The documentation must be presented to veterinary representatives before a horse may be unloaded.
- **No exceptions will be made.**

Division Levels

Riders may compete only in events that match their division level.

A Level (Independent Only)

Gaits: Walk, Trot/Jog, Canter/Lope

- Rider is expected to compete without modifications to National Governing Body (NGB) rules.
- Riders can perform all class requirements independently.

B Level (Walk, Trot/Jog)

B-I (Independent)

- Rider can perform all class requirements independently.

B-S (Supported)

- Rider can physically perform all class requirements.
- Rider may use: Side walkers or Horse-handler lead

C Level (Walk Only)

C-I (Independent)

- Rider competes independently at the walk only.

C-S (Supported)

- Rider can physically perform all class requirements at the walk.
- Rider may use: Side walkers or Horse-handler lead

Supported - Athletes may have a horse-handler lead and/or side walker if necessary.
Independent - Athletes must compete without any assistance.