

BEDS 2016 – RULES OF COMPETITION

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1. All events are run under PCAV rules, except where otherwise stipulated in the following Rules of Competition. HRCav riders adhere to HRCav rules, except where a PCAV ruling over-rides an HRCav ruling. HRCav Jackpot scoring system will be used to determine the Jackpot Champions.
2. As this event is under the auspices of the PCAV, both PC and HRCav riders are required to wear a medical armband at all times. Failure to do so may result in elimination.
3. The HRCav section is "Unofficial" and only open to HRCav members. PCAV members are only able to enter the HRCav section if they are current members of the HRCav. Points cannot (under any circumstances) be transferred between the PCAV and HRCav sections. Riders cannot enter both the PCAV and HRCav section on the same horse on the same day.
4. BEDS Champion is determined by combining the combination's four eligible jackpot placings (as per Rule 7) PLUS Bonus Points, if applicable. In the event of equal BEDS points (at the conclusion of the entire series) any Bonus Points will be disregarded to determine placings. If there are still equal placings, the combination with the higher jackpot placings (ie more "15's", then "14's" etc) at the higher grade, over the series takes the higher place. If there are still equal placings, at then the combination with the higher placings in individual tests; ie more 1st, then 2nd, then 3rd, etc.
5. When a combination (either PC or HRCav) upgrades, they take their TWO BEST BEDS points from the lower grade to the higher grade and are eligible for the BEDS Championship at the higher grade only.
6. If a combination (PC or HRCav) finishes Champion or Reserve Champion at any three events (with a field of at least eight riders) they are required to be upgraded for the next event, to ensure even and fair competition. The exception to this is Grade 2 riders – see Rule 18. If a rider does not compete at the higher grade/level, they are still eligible for BEDS Champion at the lower grade/level but cannot earn any points at the lower grade/level. Riders choosing not to go up are able to ride HC but are not entitled to Bonus Points, BEDS points or host club prizes.
7. A combination is ineligible to win the series championship at the same level more than once. Riders may apply to the BEDS Committee for performance based exemption. This applies to Prix Caprilli as well.
8. To be eligible for BEDS prizes, the combination must ride both dressage tests in the same grade/level in at least three of the seven events.
9. As this event is under the auspices of the PCAV – NO STALLIONS.
10. The Barwon equestrian Dressage Series (BEDS) is made up of seven events, hosted by seven individual Barwon Zone clubs. Entry for BEDS is included as part of the entry fee for any of these events.
11. A combination riding in six of the seven events will be awarded 5 Bonus Points. A combination riding in all seven events will be awarded an additional 5 Bonus Points (ie 10 Bonus Points in total) and will receive a 'mystery' prize. Combinations that are HC (ie non-competitive) will NOT receive Bonus Points.
12. BEDS points will be awarded on the Jackpot results for each grade/level at each event as follows: 1st=15 points, 2nd=14 points, 3rd = 13 points down to 15th = 1 point, regardless of the number of competitors in each class.
13. To be eligible for BEDS points, the combination must ride both tests at the same grade at any event.
14. The BEDS Championship presentation will be MOUNTED at the conclusion of the last event. Riders may forfeit their prizes if they are unable to attend mounted presentations.
15. BEDS Prizes – Sashes 1st to 6th and an embroidered woollen rug for the BEDS Champion for each grade/level, in both the PCAV and HRCav sections. **In the event that there are less than three eligible competitors in any one class, the BEDS committee reserves the right to award alternative prizes.** The BEDS Reserve Champion in each grade/level in each section to receive a trophy/prize. A 'mystery' prize will be awarded to those combinations competing in all seven competitions in the BEDS. Subject to sponsorship, further prizes may be awarded. Prizes for each individual event are to be determined by the host club.
16. When a rider changes horses during the course of the BEDS, then the new combination starts afresh from that point of the BEDS. If a rider competes on two horses, each combination will be judged separately and points awarded separately.
17. The PCAV section of the BEDS is open to all graded PC riders. PCAV combinations in these sections can only compete at their graded level, according to their PCAV cards. PCAV combinations can only compete in the HRCav section if they are current financial members of the HRCav.
18. HRCav combinations cannot compete (competitively) in more than three tests in any one day. They can ride a fourth test but will be non-competitive.

19. Riders in Grade 2 DO NOT point up to Grade 1 in the usual manner. Instead, they must WIN 3 Jackpot Championships, PLUS have three scores equal to or above 70% in test 2E and/or 2F. Riders can, of course, go up to Grade 1 if they opt to do so, regardless of scores, at any time.
20. Riders that point up TWICE, as per these rules, in the one season may consult the BEDS committee if they do not wish to upgrade a second time. Each case will be considered individually. BEDS committee's decision is final.
21. From time to time the Zone Executive Committee will look at the results and recommend to the appropriate DC any re-grading requirements. All DCs are asked to monitor their members' results, to avoid rider disappointment.
22. At no stage can points be taken down a grade/level.
23. If a combination is re-graded or points-up after entries have been sent, the competitor must notify the organising club of their re-grading or pointing-up. The organising committee will endeavour to fit the combination into the new grade/level but this is not guaranteed.
24. PC tests and HRC AV tests can be called. Prix Caprilli tests can be called.
25. BEDS Progress Scores will be posted at the next event in the series. Riders have until the end of that competition day to lodge a protest concerning their BEDS scores only, to the BEDS Representatives, which must be accompanied by a fee of \$50 (non-refundable). Individual placings are to be protested on the day of the event, as per PCAV/HRC AV rules.
26. "Event" is each of the seven competition days. "Class" is any of the five grades or six levels offered in either the PCAV or HRC AV section at any event. "Jackpot" is the combined results of the two classes at one grade/level in the same section at one event.
27. "Jury of Appeal" is made up of at least one of the Barwon Zone BEDS Representatives (or their delegate) and no more than two from the host club for that particular event.
28. The BEDS committee reserves the right to cancel, alter or delete from the program or these rules at any time. Any rules changes will be advised in the next event program. Additionally, the BEDS committee reserves the right to refuse an entry, without stating reason. The BEDS Representatives in conjunction with the Zone Representative adheres to the PCAV Extreme Weather Policy.
29. The BEDS Representatives may (at any time during the series) make decisions relating to any anomalies of any kind and may change any of the rules. The may happen at any time through the course of the series. Any rule changes will only be made in the spirit of being fair and equitable to all competitors.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES, PLEASE CALL:

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