



## **Short Course Rules 2024**

These rules are based on Equestrian Canada Eventing Rules. Anything not included/addressed in the rules below will refer to EC rules.

NO DOGS PLEASE.

### **Memberships**

All competitors must have a current Ontario Equestrian membership or equivalent liability insurance.

### **Entries and Cancellation Policy**

Competitors may enter dressage only or the entire division (dressage and SJ/XC). Entries can be completed at [www.buxtonequestrian.com](http://www.buxtonequestrian.com) or emailed to [katie.buxton@live.ca](mailto:katie.buxton@live.ca).

Riders may enter TWO divisions of subsequent levels.

Horses may only compete in TWO divisions total per show.

Dressage tests of choice are available subject to time, and will be judged but ribbons will not be handed out.

Entries are only considered complete once payment has been received. Entries and payment must be received prior to closing date. E transfers only. Payment can be sent to [katie.buxton@live.ca](mailto:katie.buxton@live.ca).

The person signing as 'person responsible' is attesting that horse and rider are capable of competing at the level entered.

**Closing date is Thursday at 9pm prior to show date.**

**June 15: closing date June 13**

**August 10: closing date August 8**

**September 21: closing date September 19**

Entries received after closing date will be charged an additional \$25.00. Entries will only be accepted at discretion of show secretary and if space is available. Buxton Equestrian has the right to refuse any entry. No refunds after closing date unless a veterinary certificate or doctor's note is provided to show management.

### **Equipment & Dress**

All competitors must wear ASTM or SEI approved helmet with safety harness at all times while mounted anywhere on the property.

**Dressage:** Horses must wear a snaffle bridle with smooth mouthpiece (ie. No twisted or roller bits). Cheeks may be loose ring, D ring, eggbutt, or full cheek. Whip may be carried while riding in both warm-up and test.

Appearance must be neat and tidy. Light colored breeches, colored shirt (jackets are optional), paddock/tall boots and half chaps of a conservative color. Spurs without rowels permitted.

**Jumping test:** jumping whips/bats are permitted. No dressage whips. Running martingales, jump boots, fly bonnets, hackamores, gags permitted. Dress as per cross country test is acceptable, and all riders must wear safety vests.

### **Falls**

Rider and/or horse falls will result in elimination.

In the event of a rider fall, rider may be allowed to remount and finish the course at the discretion of the whipper-in.

### **Jumping Test**

There will be a whipper-in, but no formal judge, therefore no salute is required.

The jumping test will not be timed.

### **Scoring**

**Dressage** will be scored per Equestrian Canada rules.

### **Jumping Test**

Knocking down a fence: 4 penalties

First disobedience: 4 penalties

Second disobedience: 4 penalties

Third disobedience: elimination

Fall of horse or rider: elimination

Omitting an obstacle: elimination

If a rider is eliminated they may continue at the whipper-in's discretion. If any official feels the rider is being unsafe, they will be asked to leave the course.

### **Divisions Offered**

Trot (or canter) A Trail: trot poles

Grasshopper: 18" (x-rail)

Novice: 2'

Pre-Entry: 2'6"

Entry: 2'9"

### **Dressage Tests**

Tests for each show will be posted at [www.buxtonequestrian.com](http://www.buxtonequestrian.com).

Divisions will be divided junior/senior if entries warrant.

Dressage test of choice available if time warrants. They will be scored but ribbons will not be provided.

Courses will be marked and cross country jumps will be flagged (red on right, white on left).

**Entry Fees**

Trot A Trail: \$90

Grasshopper through Entry: \$120.

Dressage only is offered at \$50/test.

**Awards**

Full divisions: Ribbons to 10<sup>th</sup>.

Dressage: Ribbons to 10<sup>th</sup>