



HH Spring Invitational 2022

Video Competition Guidelines



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Overview

Hope Haven Video Competitions provide equestrians of all (dis)abilities and diverse needs an opportunity for competition in the comfort of their home facility and with their familiar mount. A unique advantage of our competitions is that we provide a list of compensating aids allowed to assist individuals with intellectual disabilities as well as physical impairments to reach the highest level of independence.

Divisions Offered

1. **Open Division** - all ages and abilities.
2. **Special Olympics Division** - competitors must be registered on a Special Olympics Equestrian team that has been recognized by their provincial SO organization.

Division Levels

There are 6 division levels offered in each of the above divisions. See page 4 for a full description and how to choose what level is appropriate for you or your competitor.

Classes

1. Dressage
2. Equitation Jumping
3. Working Trail
4. Working Trail - Unmounted

Awards

Ribbons will be presented to the top 8 places in each class under each division level. Results will be finalized by early to mid July 2022.



How To Enter

1. Thoroughly read through this competition package which includes how to determine a competitor's division and division level, class rules, judging considerations, video requirements and class set-up.
2. Solidify with your coach/instructor both the division as well as the division level you will be competing in.
3. Video your class(es) you are entering according to the video guidelines, class set up and pattern requirements provided. Each class must have a separate video.
4. Upload your video(s) onto your YouTube account, format title as follows:
Last Name, First Initial - Horse - Class # - Division Level - Month/Year
Example:
Smith, J - Princess - 3a - BI - 12/21
5. Complete the Online Entry Form; includes waiver and uploading of video links. Entries will be received between **June 13th-19th, 2022.**

General Rules

1. Must wear an approved safety helmet for all mounted and unmounted classes.
2. Must have boots with heels or enclosed toe stirrups.
3. Halter over bridle or cavesson with fixed ring to be used for supported riders on lead.
4. Competitors must compete in the same division and division level across all entered classes.
5. Different competitors may use the same horse.
6. Assistance (verbal comments, physical prompts, sounds, gestures) from coach, leaders or sidewalkers will result in penalties unless an allowed compensating aid is being utilized (eg. living letters or advanced caller).
7. Compensating aids used must be indicated on competitor entry form in space provided (see allowed compensating aids on page 15).
8. Spotters can be placed strategically for independent riders within the ring.
9. Coaches should not act as leaders or sidewalkers for their own athlete other than acting as an "Advanced Caller" (see compensating aid chart for explanation).



Divisions

1. Open Division
2. Special Olympics Division

Division Levels

The athlete's coach is required to determine what division level their athlete falls into and therefore what classes they are appropriate to enter. All decisions on division levels are in good faith and should portray where the rider is the **most independent**. In particular for supported riders, the leaders should be primarily considered a safety, and as much as possible the rider should show their ability to make transitions, steer and sustain paces.

There are 6 division levels: A, BI, BS, CI, CS, UM. See full breakdown in chart below:

Level	Gaits Required	Independent (I) Supported (S)	Other
A	Walk/Trot/Canter	Independent	No assistance
BI	Walk/Trot	Independent	No assistance
BS	Walk/Trot	Supported	Requires a horse leader and/or physical support of 1 or 2 sidewalkers. Has ability to help with transitions and steering, is almost independent at trot.
CI	Walk	Independent	No assistance
CS	Walk	Supported	Requires a horse leader and/or physical support of 1 or 2 sidewalkers.
UM	Unmounted	Independent or supported	May be supported for safety by a long lead on opposite side of participant.



Classes Offered Per Division Level

Discipline	A Level	BI Level	BS Level	CI Level	CS Level	UM Level
Dressage	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Equitation Jumping	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Working Trail	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Working Trail - Unmounted	N	N	N	N	N	Y

Class Information & Requirements

Class #1a - Dressage - Open Division

Class #1b - Dressage - Special Olympics Division

Division Levels:

- A, BI, BS, CI, CS

Rules

- All dressage tests may be called; movements must only be called once, any repetition by caller considered unauthorized assistance. No use of headset unless listed as a compensating aid for hearing impaired.
- Use of voice, including clucking, is a deduction of -2 for the movement where this occurred (unless listed as a compensating aid).
- Trot may be ridden sitting or rising.

Judging

- See test/judges card for full breakdown.

Video Requirements

- Video taken from C.
- If using a phone, make sure to shoot it horizontally.
- Zoom must remain fixed for the entire class, panning of camera allowed to keep rider in centre of the shot.



- Start recording 5 seconds prior to entering at A and 5 seconds after end of test.

Set Up

- 40m x 20m
- All letters marked at correct locations

Tests

- Both Open Division and Special Olympics Division will use the same **Equestrian Canada Para-Equestrian Introduction Level 3 tests**. All tests can be found on Equestrian Canada's website at the following address:
<https://equestrian.ca/sport/para-dressage/tests>

Please refer to your division level below and click on the corresponding test:

Division Level A

[EC Para-Equestrian Introduction to Dressage - Walk/Trot/Canter Level 3](#)

Division Level BI & BS

[EC Para-Equestrian Introduction to Dressage - Walk/Trot Level 3](#)

Division Level CI & CS

[EC Para-Equestrian Introduction to Dressage - Walk Only Level 3](#)

Class #2a - Equitation Jumping - Open Division

Class #2b - Equitation Jumping - Special Olympics Division

Division Level Requirements

- CS & CI Levels - Walk course of 6 ground poles
- BI Level - Trot course of 6 fences, 30cm
- A Level - Canter a course of 6 fences, 60cm

Rules

- Wraps and boots on horses legs are permitted and advised.
- No whips or crops unless it's an approved compensating aid (see page 15).
- No spurs.

Judging

- Each pole/fence is marked out of 10 points:



- 5 for approach, aids, quiet hands, straightness
- 5 for position and balance over jump
- Emphasis on position and effectiveness of rider, not quality of horse
- Scoring based on accuracy of course, correct approach, & position over jump.
- Errors:
 - Loss of balance/position over jump
 - Inability to maintain specified gait
 - Ineffective or excessive use of the aids
- Faults:
 - Knocking down obstacle (2 faults)
 - Knocking ground pole (2 faults) - only if rider error
 - First refusal (3 faults)
 - Second refusal (3 faults)
 - Third refusal (elimination, may finish course)
 - Off course (elimination, may finish course)
 - Not going over centre section of pole = up to maximum of 2/5 for approach
- General Deductions:
 - BI riders - if poles are moved to ground = 15 point deduction overall
 - A & BI riders - if jumps are moved down to x's = 10 point deduction
 - No attempt at 2-point position = 5 point deduction per fence
 - 3 strides over allotted gait for that division = 5 point deduction per occurrence
 - Use of a crop or whip (for different reasons than an allowable compensating aid) = 10 point deduction

Video Requirements

- Video taken from A.
- If using a phone, make sure to shoot it horizontally.
- Zoom must remain fixed for the entire class, panning of camera allowed to keep rider in centre of the shot.
- Start recording prior to passing C before fence 1, and stop recording 5 seconds past fence 6

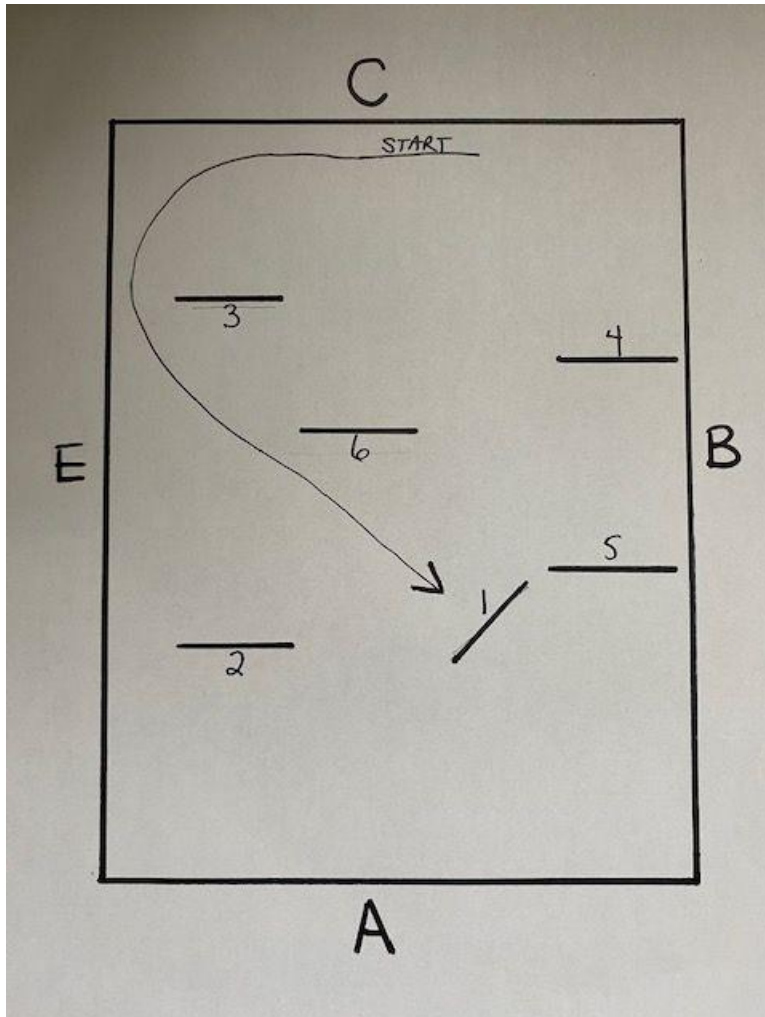
Class Set Up

- Approx 25m x 45m required, fenced or enclosed arena
- Fences to be set at the following verticals for each division:
 - A = 60cm
 - BI = 30cm



- CI & CS = ground pole
- Note - in General Deduction instructions above, fences for Level A may be moved down to x's and Level BI to x's or ground poles however they will be given appropriate deductions.
- Distances:
 - Fences 2-3 = Horses 52', Ponies 48' (4 strides)
 - Fences 4-5 = Horses 32', Ponies 28' (2 strides)
 - All other fences placed as per diagram

Equitation Jumping Course - All Levels





Class #3a - Working Trail - Open Division

Class #3b - Working Trail - Special Olympics Division

Division Levels:

- A, BI, BS, CI, CS

Rules

- Wraps and boots on horses legs are permitted and advised.
- No whips or crops unless it's an appropriate compensating aid (see page 15).
- No spurs.

Judging

- Rider's ability to guide the horse through a designated course. Credits given to horses negotiating the obstacles correctly while responding to the rider's cues.
- Errors:
 - Excessive amounts of time approaching or at an obstacle will be penalized.
 - If a horse balks or avoids an element (with or without leader) it's a -2 deduction. They are allowed 1 more attempt and if missed it's another -2 and then they must move on.
 - Off course = elimination but may finish course
 - Taking obstacle in wrong direction or from wrong side
 - Taking obstacle in a different manner than described in pattern
 - Skipping an obstacle
 - Negotiating obstacles in wrong sequence
 - Use of a crop or whip (for different reasons than an allowable compensating aid) = 10 point deduction

Video Requirements

- Video taken from A.
- If using a phone, make sure to shoot it horizontally.
- Zoom must remain fixed for the entire class, panning of camera allowed to keep rider in centre of the shot.
- Start recording just before passing A and stop recording 5 seconds after completing final rope gate element.

Class Set Up

- Approx 25m x 45m required, fenced or enclosed arena
- See diagrams for full set up and course patterns
- Equipment Required:

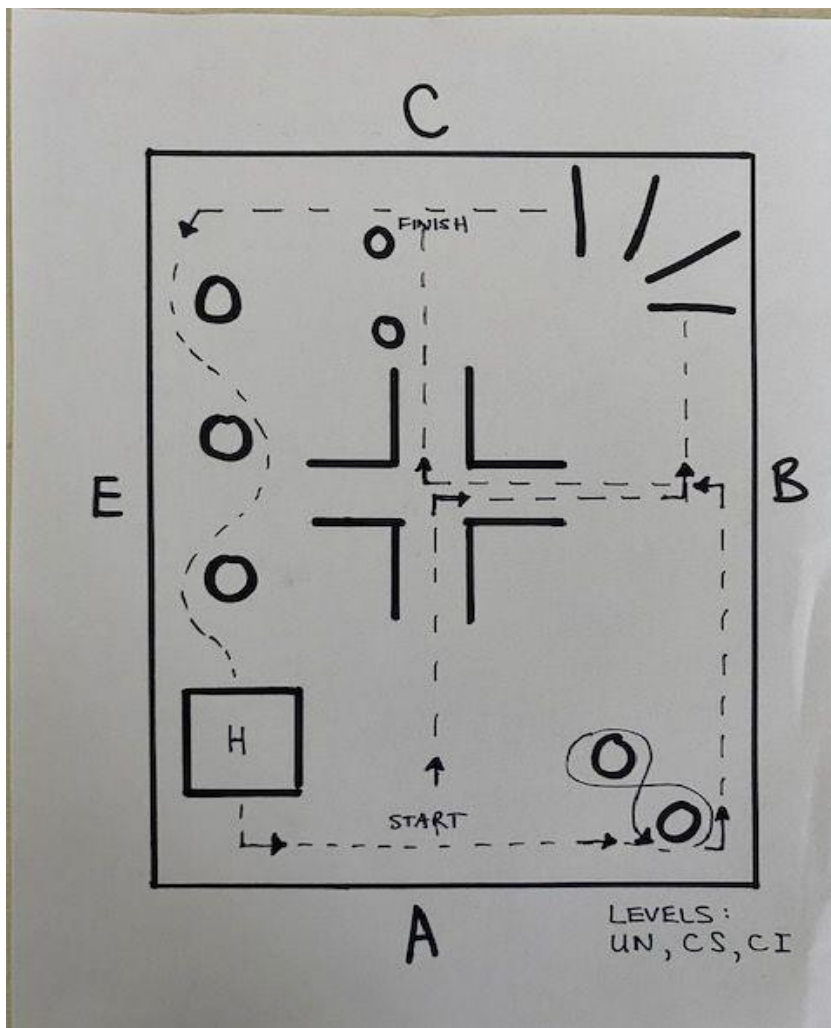


- 8 poles OR highly visible shaving lines to create cross in middle, lanes approx 5 ft wide
- 4 poles for fan in corner between M and C - 5ft distance between centres
- 4 poles for box in corner between K and A - between 8x8 and 10x10
- 3 barrels for weaving - approx 10 strides apart
- 2 barrels/large cones for figure 8 in corner between F and A - approx 5 strides apart
- Finish - 2 posts or standards approx 4-6 ft apart to create a rope gate. Fix a large ring or loop on end of rope that participant will remove off first post and put onto last post to “close the gate”



Levels: UM, CS, CI

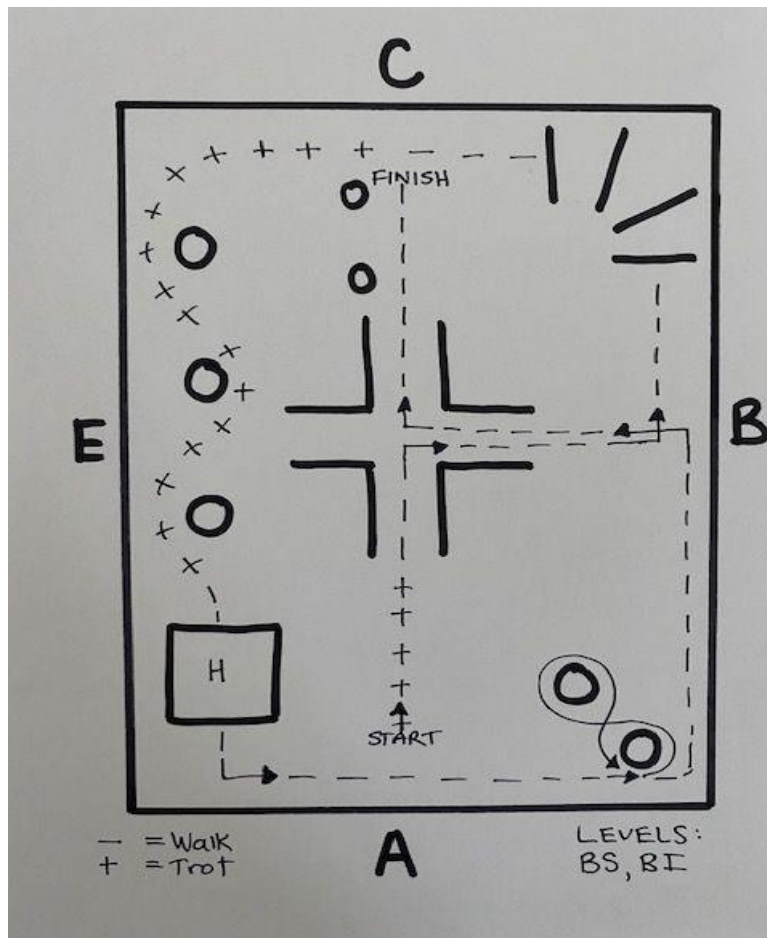
1. Enter at A down centre line
2. Turn right in middle of cross element towards B
3. Turn left at B
4. Walk over centre of pole fan
5. Weave through 3 barrels starting on rail side
6. Halt in box, 5 seconds immobility
7. Exit box then turn left
8. Figure 8 around barrels
9. On rail to B and turn left
10. Turn right in middle of cross
11. Halt at first post to grasp end of rope gait, halt at 2nd post to close rope gait
12. Walk on to C and exit





Levels: BS, BI

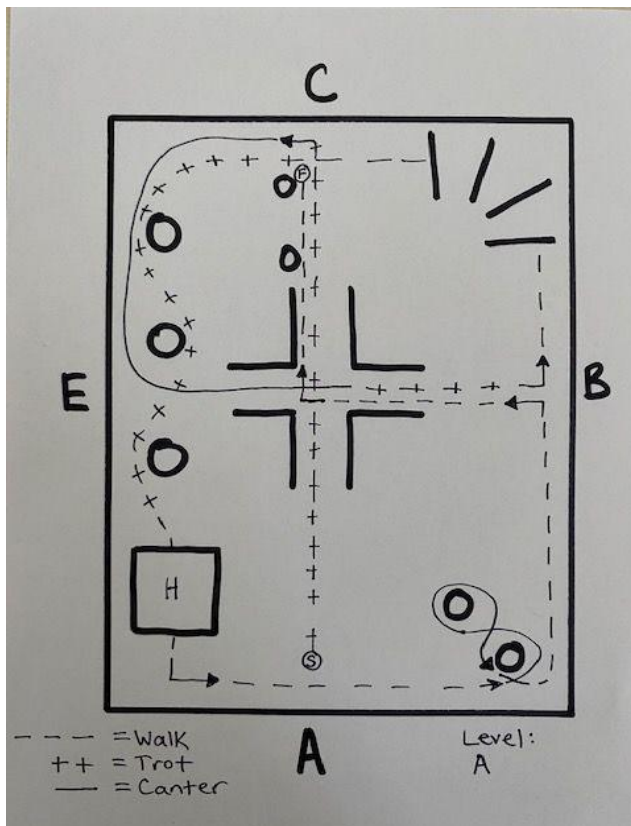
1. Enter at A down centre line at trot
2. At start of cross, transition to walk
3. Turn right in middle of cross towards B
4. Turn left at B
5. Walk over centre of pole fan
6. Trot at C
7. Weave through 3 barrels starting on rail side
8. Upon passing last barrel transition to walk
9. Halt in box, 5 seconds immobility
10. Exit box then turn left
11. Figure 8 around barrels
12. On rail to B and turn left
13. Turn right in middle of cross
14. Halt at first post to grasp end of rope gait, halt at 2nd post to close rope gait
15. Walk on to C and exit





Level A

1. Enter at A down centre line at trot
2. Straight through middle cross to C
3. Turn left at C
4. Pick up canter between C and H
5. Continue canter turning left at E
6. Once in middle of cross transition to trot and then walk
7. Turn left at B
8. Walk over centre of pole fan
9. Trot at C
10. Weave through 3 barrels starting on rail side
11. Upon passing last barrel transition to walk
12. Halt in box, 5 seconds immobility
13. Exit box then turn left
14. Figure 8 around barrels
15. On rail to B and turn left
16. Turn right in middle of cross
17. Halt at first post to grasp end of rope gait, halt at 2nd post to close rope gait
18. Walk on to C and exit





Class #4a - Working Trail (Unmounted) - Open Division

Class # 4b - Working Trail (Unmounted) - Special Olympics Division

Division Levels:

- Unmounted, walk only.

Rules

- Wraps and boots on horses legs are permitted and advised.

Judging

- Rider's ability to guide the horse through a designated course. Credits given to horses negotiating the obstacles correctly while responding to the rider's cues from the ground.
- Errors:
 - Excessive amounts of time approaching or at an obstacle will be penalized.
 - If a horse balks or avoids an element it's a -2 deduction. They are allowed 1 more attempt and if missed it's another -2 and then they must move on.
 - Off course = elimination
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Video Requirements

- Video taken from A.
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- Zoom must remain fixed for the entire class, panning of camera allowed to keep rider in centre of the shot.
- Start recording just before passing A and stop recording 5 seconds after completing final rope gate element.

Class Set Up

- Approx 25m x 45m required, fenced or enclosed arena
- Equipment Required - listed in the mounted Working Trail section pages 9 & 10
- **See diagram on page 11



Compensating Aids

All aids listed below are for use in all classes as deemed appropriate.

Intellectual Disabilities

Memory	- Everyone with an ID allowed a caller - Numbering of jumps or elements
Spatial Awareness (unmarked transition points (eg. x), lines, circles, corners)	Pylons, shavings, poles (minimal)
Left-Right Confusion	Bracelets on wrists, coloured ribbons on reins
Obtaining Correct Rein Length	Rainbow reins or looped reins
Illiterate with letters	Animal pictures or colours at letters
Requires specific, 1 step instructions (unable to complete more complex instruction such as "20m circle at A")	"Advanced caller" - coach walking near rider to call 1 step instructions such as transitions, turns and other physical steps needed to complete task. (eg. turn left, halt, walk on, 2 -point)

Physical Disabilities

Visually impaired	Living letters or elements
Hearing Impaired	- Cue cards in place of verbal calling: (1=walk 2=sitting trot 3=posting trot 4=canter 0=reverse stop sign=halt) - Headset for caller - ASL interpreter for caller
Limited use of legs	- 1 or 2 Dressage whips - Use of voice
Difficulty maintaining grip on reins	Looped, rubber, ladder



Positioning needs or safety of hand hold	Pad and surcingle options
Balance deficits	-Hard hand hold -Sticky seat saver/gel pad -Hands off spotter follow as sidewalker
Sensory impairment in saddle region	Seat saver

If you have any questions, please contact our Program Manager, Robyn Allen (program@hopehavencentre.org or 519-986-1247).