

## August 16, 2020

## **CVES - ALMOST an Event**

## **Cross Country Schooling Day**

Every rider MUST have an insured coach on the cross country field. The coach will be responsible for the rider just like at a regular cross country schooling day and may call out instructions.

Each coach's riders will be scheduled to start one after the other no matter what division they are riding. Only one rider will be on the field at a time.

The courses will be only on the south sloping field so that all fences are visible to the coach.

The courses will be numbered and flagged but not decorated except where necessary to make the jump more inviting.

The courses will be shorter than normal depending on the division and space available. The water jumps will have water but there are not any ditches in this part of the field.

The start timer will send the rider off like normal and there will be a finish timer. There will be 2 or 3 spotters to record refusals and run-outs which will be scored. However, this will not be at the same level of detail as in an actual event eg did the horse step back or how long was the hesitation. Since this is schooling, there will be no opportunity for appeal but the scores will give you an idea of how you might have done in a real horse trials. Three refusals at a fence and the rider will have to leave the course. Under their coach's direction, they may take one log jump on the way out. Any falls of either rider or horse will result in the rider having to stop for the day.

Please do not arrive any earlier than you need to and when you are finished, you must leave the site as soon as possible after cooling out your horse. We can only run this ALMOST an Event if people cooperate and keep the numbers on-site low.

The cross country courses will be open for walking several days ahead of time. We encourage you to come then and learn your course. We want to avoid having people stay after their Stadium round to walk cross country. There is not much trailer parking space and we do not want the area to even look crowded. If you are local, please take your horse home after stadium and come back later in the day Saturday to walk the cross country course.

Sorry **NO** spectators. Maximum of one person to accompany the rider. Everyone must maintain the 2 m physical distancing at all times.

**ALL DOGS** must be on a leash at all times or better yet, leave them at home.