# **EVUSA** Region I

# Rules for Vaulting



# Introduction

The following rules and guidelines are set up to allow vaulters of all levels and abilities to compete in a constructive manner at all EVUSA REGION I Competitions. The EVUSA Region I "Specially Titled" classes such as "novice", "advanced" and "modified' are to help encourage new vaulters to be a part of Regional Competitions and these rules. These rules and guidelines are not endorsed by the Equestrian Vaulting USA but do follow EVUSA rule guidelines as closely as possible, as they are designed to help vaulters graduate into EVUSA vaulting levels along with National and International Competitions.

If any club wishes to host an EVUSA recognized competition, they may do so by contacting the EVUSA and must do so in strict accordance with EVUSA rules as presented in the EVUSA Rule Book. The REGION I rules and guidelines are the standard that has been used in computing "Year-End" High-Point Awards presented by the Region. The competition year begins January 1 and goes through December 31.

# Section 1

# Recognized Competitions, Levels and Events

#### A. REGION I VAULTER ELIGIBILITY

a. EVUSA Vaulters in good standing may participate in programs and competitions as offered by EVUSA Region I

#### B. EVUSA and Region I Recognized Competitions

- a. All EVUSA Region I recognized Competitions are held according to EVUSA and USEF Rules Except where EVUSA Region I Rules apply. For EVUSA and USEF recognized competition see those rule books.
- b. Responsibility of the hosting Club.
  - i. Submit application and \$50 fee to EVUSA Region I Treasurer 90 days prior to your competition or your competition may not be Region I recognized.
  - ii. Invite all EVUSA Registered Clubs within EVUSA Region I.
  - iii. Collect the \$4.00 per vaulter EVUSA Region I fee and Mail to the EVUSA Region I Treasurer within 10 days of close of competition. After 10 days, a \$25 Late fee will be assessed.

#### C. Region I Recognized Competition May Consist of the Following:

- a. EVUSA Recognized Individual, Pas De Deux and Squad Level Events as per EVUSA Rulebook
  - i. 3\* Individual
  - ii. 2\* Young Vaulter/Gold Individual (as per EVUSA)
  - iii. 2\* Silver Individual ()
  - iv. 1\* Bronze (as per EVUSA)
  - v. 1\* Copper (as per EVUSA)
  - vi. 1\* Trot (as per EVUSA)
  - vii. Squad: 3\*A, 2\*B 1\*C, 1\*Trot (as per EVUSA)
  - viii. Squad Two-Phase:2\* Canter, 1\* Canter, 1\* Trot (as per EVUSA)
  - ix. Pas de Deux : 3\* Pas de Deux, 2\* Canter Pas de Deux, 1\* Canter Pas de Deux, 1\* Trot Pas de Deux (as per EVUSA)
- b. Region I Rules apply to the following Region I recognized Individual, Pas De Deux and Squad Level Events.
  - i. Multi-Gait Squad
  - ii. Open individual Barrel Freestyle
  - iii. Preliminary Individual Barrel Freestyle
  - iv. Trot Individual Barrel
  - v. Novice individual Barrel
  - vi. Adult Individual Barrel
  - vii. Barrel Pas de Deux
  - viii.
  - ix. Green Horse
  - x. Barrel Special Pas de Deux
  - xi. 1\* Preliminary Canter

- xii. Adult Individual 1\* Walk, 1\*Trot and 1\*Canter
- xiii. Adult Individual D Walk, D Trot and D Canter
- xiv. Novice Individual 1\* Walk and 1\* Trot Classes
- xv. D Individual Class, Walk, Trot, and Canter (as per EVUSA Guidelines)
- c. Competitions Management Classes
  - i. Any Class that management wishes to offer with Rules and Judging criteria Included in the prize list.

#### Section II

# Rules for Region I Recognized Classes

#### A. Squad Events

- a. Multi-Gait Squad
  - i. 1\* Compulsories performed to left or right by all members of the Squad at the gate of their choice i.e. 2 vaulters at walk, 2 at trot, and 1 at canter.
  - ii. Mounts at any gate do not receive a score.
  - Freestyle performed to the left or right at the walk. Maximum of 3 triples allowed.
  - iv. Squads may consist of 3-7 vaulters at any level.
  - v. Squad time limit: One (1) minute per vaulter is allocated up to a maximum of seven (7) minutes for the compulsories.
  - vi. For Squad freestyle time depends on the number of vaulters, thirty (30) seconds is allocated for each member to a maximum of three and a half (3.5) minute routine of static and dynamic exercise.

#### B. Barrel Pas de Deux Events

- a. Barrel Pas de Deux Freestyle (Class time is 90 Seconds)
  - i. Canter Any Two Vaulters
  - ii. Preliminary Pairs Any two vaulters that do not hold a Bronze, Silver or Gold Medal
  - iii. Trot Any two vaulters competing at Trot or below.
  - iv. Novice Any two Novice Vaulters
- b. Special Pas de Deux (Class time is 2 Minutes)
  - i. Spotters allowed without deductions
  - ii. At least one vaulter must be special needs
  - iii. Pair shall have a minimum of one Vaulter with special needs.

#### C. Individual Events

- a. 1\* Preliminary Canter (per EVUSA Guidelines)
  - i. i. In Compulsories if a free kneel is performed instead of a stand it incurs a -2 off the stand score.

- b. Novice Individual 1\* Horse Classes (May be performed to the left or the right)
  - i. Vaulters may not hold EVUSA Medals
  - ii. Vaulters may not compete in any other events of a higher level during the competition with the exception of Barrel Classes..
  - iii. Vaulters must have assisted mounts on the horse. No score will be given for the mount.
  - iv. Horse events consist of one round of compulsories and a 1 minute Freestyle.
  - v. For Horse events Freestyle moves are limited to levels E and/or M exercises. (see FEI code of points).
  - vi. All Novice dismounts MUST be from the following list or a 1 point deduction will be taken from the Artistic score.
  - vii. Simple Vault Off (leg over neck to inside side or outside)
  - viii. V-sit off (any direction) Landing facing forward.
  - ix. Slide off out of inside or outside press -landing facing forward
  - x. Sliding off any seated, Kneeling or lying exercise landing facing forward.
  - xi. Any other Level E dismount that lands facing forward.
- c. Novice 1\* Walk.
  - i. Spotters allowed without deduction for assistance.
- d. Novice 1\* Trot
  - Spotters may be present but the following deductions will be taken for assistance. In Compulsories 1\* and the barrel any exercise performed with assistance will receive a 2 point deduction from the Technique score.
  - ii. In Freestyle a 2 point deduction will be taken from the Artistic score.
- e. All Adult Individual 1\* Classes
  - i. Vaulters must be 21 years of age or older.
  - ii. Assisted mounts required at the walk and trot, and allowed at canter.
  - iii. Mount is not scored.
  - iv. Compulsories are 1\* performed at all levels to the left or the right.
  - v. 1 minute Individual Freestyle performed at all levels to the left or the right.
  - vi. 90 seconds Pair Freestyle performed at all levels to the left or the right.
  - ii. All Adult Individual D Classes
    - i. Vaulters must be 21 years of age or older.
    - ii. Assisted mounts required at the walk and trot, and allowed at canter.
    - iii. Mount is not scored.
    - iv. Compulsories are D performed at all levels to the left or the right.
    - v. 1 minute Individual Freestyle performed at all levels to the left or the right.
    - vi. 90 seconds Pair Freestyle performed at all levels to the left or the right.

#### D. Individual Barrel

- a. Open Barrel Freestyle
  - i. Open to any level of vaulter. This class is recommened for Advanced Vaulters.
  - ii. One round 1 Minute Freestyle

- iii. No restrictions on exercises performed
- b. Prelim Barrel Freestyle
  - i. Open to any level vaulter that does not hold a 1\* Bronze or above medal.
  - ii. One round 1 Minute Freestyle
  - iii. No restrictions on exercises performed
- c. Trot Barrel
  - i. Open to any Trot or below vaulter.
  - ii. One round of 1\* Compulsories and 1 Minute Freestyle
  - iii. Assist mount optional without any deduction
  - iv. No restrictions on exercises performed
- d. Novice Barrel
  - i. Open to any Novice vaulter.
  - ii. One round of 1\* Compulsories and 1 Minute Freestyle
  - iii. Assist mount and spotters optional without any deduction
  - iv. E and M level exercises only
  - v. Only E level dismounts landing facing forward
- e. Adult Barrel
  - i. Open to any Adult over 21 years of age.
  - ii. One round of 1\* Compulsories and 1 Minute Freestyl
  - iii. Assist mount optional without any deduction
  - iv. No restrictions on exercises performed

#### D. Horse Event

- a. Green Horse
  - i. Opportunity for a vaulting horse to be in the competition ring in front of the judge.
  - ii. Can be shown at any gate and include multiple gates.
  - iii. Vaulters are permitted but not required.
- iv. Horse, lunger, and optional vaulter are permitted up to 2 minutes in the ring following a trot circle and bell.
  - v. No ribbons will be awarded.

# Section III

#### **Awards**

## A. Year-End Region I High Point Awards

a. The REGION I Annual High Point Awards are based on the Recognized Region I Competitions and National Championships. The high point season starts Jan 1 st and ends on Dec 31. High Point Scores are determined by averaging each Individual's top three overall horse event scores. A vaulter must compete in a minimum of three

- Region I recognized competitions in the season to be eligible for a Region I High Point Awards.
- b. High Point Awards will be given to the highest scoring Individual Horse Class (male or female) and Pas de Deux for:
  - i. 3\* Individual
  - ii. 2\* Young Vaulter/Gold Individual (as per EVUSA)
  - iii. 2\* Silver Individual ()
  - iv. 1\* Bronze (as per EVUSA)
  - v. 1\* Copper (as per EVUSA)
  - vi. 1\* Trot (as per EVUSA)
  - vii. Pas de Deux : 3\* Pas de Deux, 2\* Canter Pas de Deux, 1\* Canter Pas de Deux, 1\* Trot Pas de Deux (as per EVUSA)
  - viii. 1\* Preliminary Canter
  - ix. Adult Individual 1\* Walk, 1\*Trot and 1\*Canter
  - x. Adult Individual D Walk, D Trot and D Canter
  - xi. Novice Individual 1\* Walk and 1\* Trot Classes
  - xii. D Individual Class, Walk, Trot, and Canter (as per EVUSA Guidelines)
- c. . If a vaulter moves up a level they are eligible for awards at the new level using one score earned at the lower level earlier in the year, except for vaulters who advanced in Levels from Trot to Canter or Novice Walk to Trot within the year.

## B. Recognized Competition Awards

**a.** Awards for all individual events at a recognized competition are to be **separated into** male and female classification. Ribbons will be given to all Novice Class entrants.