

AVA REGION I

RULES FOR VAULTING

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Introductions

The following rules and guidelines are set up to allow vaulters of all levels and abilities to compete in a constructive manner at all AVA REGION I Competitions. The 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 American Vaulting Association but do follow AVA rule guidelines as closely as possible, as they are designed to help vaulters graduate into AVA vaulting levels along with National and International Competitions.

If any club wishes to host an AVA recognized competition, they may do so by contacting the AVA and must do so in strict accordance with AVA rules as presented in the AVA 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. AVA and Region 1 Recognized Competitions

1. All AVA Region 1 recognized competitions are held according to AVA and USEF Rules Except where AVA Region 1 Rules apply. For AVA and USEF recognized competition see those rule books.
2. Responsibility of the hosting club.
 - a. Submit application and \$50. fee to AVA Region 1 board by August 15th the year prior to the competition.
 - b. Invite all AVA Registered Clubs within Region1.
 - c. Collect the \$3.00 per vaulter AVA Region 1 fee and mail to the AVA Region 1 Treasurer within 10 days of close of competition. After 10 days, a \$25.00 late fee will be assessed.

B. Region 1 Recognized Competition May Consist of the following

1. AVA Recognized Individual, Pas de Deus and Team Levels and Event.
 - a. Individual Gold (as per AVA)
 - b. Individual Silver (as per AVA)
 - c. Individual Bronze (as per AVA)
 - d. Individual Copper (as per AVA)
 - e. Individual Trot (as per AVA)
 - f. “A”, “B”, “C” and Trot Team (as per AVA)
 - g. 2-Phase “open”, “Preliminary” and “Trot” Team (as per AVA)
 - h. Pas de Deux “open”, Preliminary” and “Trot” Freestyle (as per AVA)
2. Region 1 Rules apply to the following Recognized Individual, Pas de Deux and Team levels and events
 - a. Open individual Barrel Freestyle

- b. Preliminary Individual Barrel Freestyle
 - c. Trot Individual Barrel Freestyle
 - d. Barrel Pairs
 - e. Gamblers Choice
 - f. Green Horse
 - g. Barrel Special Pairs
 - h. Adult Walk, Trot and Canter
 - i. Masters Canter Classes
 - j. Novice Walk and Trot Classes
3. Competitions Management Classes
- a. Any Class that management wishes to offer with Rules and Judging criteria included in the prize list

Section II

Rules for Region 1 Recognized Classes

- A. Team Events
- 1. Multi-Gait Team
 - a.

TEAM COMPULSORY AND FREESTYLE TIMING			
TEAM COMPULSORIES		TEAM FREESTYLES	
7 VAULTERS	7 MINUTES	MODIFIED A TEAM	4 MINUTES
6 VAULTERS	6 MINUTES	MODIFIED B TEAM	4 MINUTES
5 VAULTERS	5 MINUTES	MODIFIED C TEAM	4 MINUTES
4 VAULTERS	4 MINUTES	MODIFIED TROT TEAM	4 MINUTES
3 VAULTERS	3 MINUTES		

**FOR TEAM, INDIVIDUAL AND PAS DE DUEX/PAIRS: IF BELL RINGS THERE WILL BE A 1 POINT DEDUCTION OFF CONTENT/COMPOSITION FOR LATE DISMOUNT AND UP TO A 1 POINT DEDUCTION FOR SHORT ROUTINES

- A. BARREL PAIR EVENTS INCLUDING GAMBLERS CHOICE
- 1. Barrel Pair Freestyle (Class time is 90 Seconds)
 - a. Canter – Any Two Vaulters
 - b. Preliminary Pairs – Any two vaulters that do not hold a Bronze, Silver or Gold Metal
 - c. Trot – Any two vaulters competing at Trot or below.
 - d. Novice – Any two Novice Vaulters
 - 2. Special Pairs (Class time is 2 Minutes)
 - a. One Handicapped/Special needs vaulter and one non-handicapped vaulter of any level.
- B. Individual Events
- 1. All Novice Classes
 - a. Vaulters may not hold AVA Medals

- b. Vaulters may not compete in any other events of a higher level during the competition with the exception of Barrel Pairs.
 - c. Vaulters must have assisted mounts on the horse and barrel. A score of Zero will be given for the mount.
 - d. Horse events consist of one round of compulsories and a 1 minute Freestyle with the horse moving to the left.
 - e. Barrel events consist of one round of Compulsories and a 1 minute Freestyle with the Barrel facing to the left.
 - f. For Horse and Barrel events Freestyle moves are limited to levels E and/or M exercises. Except for Novice Walk which is limited to level E and M moves only. (see FEI code of points)
 - g. All Novice dismounts MUST be from the following list or a 1 point deduction will be taken from the Content score.
 - i. Simple Vault Off (Leg over neck to inside or outside)
 - ii. V-Sit off (Any Direction) Landing facing forward
 - iii. Slide off out of inside or outside press – landing facing forward
 - iv. Sliding off any seated, kneeling or lying exercise landing facing forward
 - v. Any other Level E dismount that lands facing forward.
2. Novice Walk and Novice Walk D
 - a. Spotters allowed without deduction for assistance.
 3. Novice Trot and Novice Trot D
 - a. Spotters may be present but the following deductions will be taken for assistance. In Compulsories 1* or D and the barrel any exercise performed with assistance will receive a 2-point deduction from performance.
 - b. In Freestyle a 2-point deduction will be taken from the content score.
 4. All Adult Classes
 - a. Vaulters must be 21 years of age or older
 - b. Assisted mounts required at the walk, allowed at trot and canter.
 - c. Mount is not scored
 - d. Compulsories are 1* or D performed at all levels to the left
 - e. 1 minute freestyle performed to the left at all levels
 5. Masters Class
 - a. Vaulters holding any canter medal.
 - b. 2* Compulsories performed at the canter to the left.
 - c. 1 minute freestyle performed at canter to the left.
 - d. Freestyle scored the same as AVA Bronze Level
 - e. Assisted mount and/or dismount at the walk without penalty, however timing begins when vaulter touches the handles.

Section III Awards

A. Yearend High Point Awards

The REGION I Annual High Point Awards are based on the Recognized Regional 1 Competitions and National Championships. The high point season starts Jan 1 to Dec 31. High Point Scores are determined by averaging each Individual's top three over all horse event scores. A vaulter must compete in the same class in a minimum of three competitions in the season to be eligible for a High Point Awards in that class. High Point Awards will be given to the highest scoring Individual for all levels except D classes. If a vaulter moves up a level he or she is eligible for awards at the new level using scores earned at the lower level earlier in the year, except for vaulters who advanced in Levels from Trot to Canter or Novice to Trot within the year.

B. RECOGNIZED COMPETITION AWARDS

Awards for all Individual Events at a Recognized Competition are to be separated into male and female classifications. All Novice entrants must receive placing ribbons.