

GRADE 4 SHOWJUMPING



SYLLABUS CARD



CRITERIA

- Establish an active, rhythmic, balanced and effective trot and canter, while performing warm up exercises on the flat and over poles. The rider should maintain a balanced, effective flatwork/jumping position; showing control when changing the rein and when riding transitions. The correct diagonal in trot and the correct lead in canter will need to be seen, with the rider using simple changes when required.
- Demonstrate a balanced jumping position at trot and canter, while warming up over trotting poles and grid work. Show an active, rhythmic, balanced and effective canter; riding correct jumping lines and showing a balanced effective jumping position while riding over the centre of each element.
- Demonstrate a balanced jumping position at trot and canter, while warming up over a single upright and spread. Show an active, rhythmic, balanced and effective canter; riding correct jumping lines and showing a balanced and effective jumping position while riding over the centre of each jump (simulating a show warm-up environment).
- Complete a course walk with your assessor and discuss the jumping lines you intend to ride. Walk one and two-stride doubles or related distances, and state how many strides you hope to ride between each element. Highlight where the start and finish is, and discuss any areas within the course which may cause issues for you or for your horse. Discuss jump-off options. Ride the Level 4 course, following the course plan (or jumping lines if the arena is too small). Ride a course of jumps which may include a two-stride double. Uprights should include fillers and planks, and spreads should be used, with at least one related distance seen around the course. The height of each jump must be no higher than 70cm, and the spreads no wider, or higher, than 60cm. The rider will need to demonstrate riding through a start and a finish line, and be aware of when to start the competition.
- Answer several basic questions relating to current RDA Showjumping competition rules

Continued overleaf →



PASS MARK: 60%

(for each of the 5 criteria listed overleaf, in order to achieve a pass)

- Minimum verbal assistance is allowed. Successful candidates will receive a Grade 4 RDA Showjumping proficiency certificate and enamel pin badge.
- **Grade 3 must have been achieved before attempting Grade 4**

Further information is available on our website www.rda.org.uk and is held by the Regional Showjumping Representatives and Showjumping Assessors