

WCCS IRISH DERBY

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Concept: To exhibit the excellence of the Connemara as a performance and show horse, and to promote the Connemara's diversity and talent to excel in the world of Horse Sport.

General Class Description: The "Irish Derby" is a shortened format, based on the sport of Three-Day Eventing. It consists of a dressage test and a jumping test, which ideally will encompass both Stadium and Cross-country type fences. The final classification is determined by the competitor with the fewest combined penalties from both "phases".

Participation: Open to all breeds. Larry Ervin Memorial Trophy will awarded to Best Score for Purebred Connemara at the highest level offered.

Class Level: In 2010, two classes will be offered in the Derby: Beginner Novice and Novice. No double entries allowed.

Details for the Dressage Test: To help promote the Recognized Dressage Show and reward those who compete in that section of the show, the dressage test is going to be the best score from that horse/rider pair at the Training Level or above. The percentage of this test will be converted to penalty points, and the competitor with the lowest penalty score wins. USEF rules will apply and there will be no point advantage for doing higher level dressage tests, as the USEA Beg. Novice and Novice tests are comparable to USEF Training Level. The dressage test is mandatory for those who wish to be considered for the Larry Ervin Memorial Trophy, but entrants may choose to participate in the jumping test only.

Details for the Jumping Test: The Jumping test will consist of 12-22 jumping efforts located in the cross-country field and will include both Stadium and Cross-country type fences. The various types of Cross-country obstacles that may be included consist of water (optional for Beg. Novice), ditches (optional for Beg. Novice), banks, as well as solid fences. The Beginner Novice level maximum jumping height is 2'7" and speed will be 275 meters per minute. Novice maximum height is 2'11" and speed will be 300 meters per minute. To ensure the safety of horse and rider, USEA/USEF rules will be enforced. Penalties will be added to dressage score for refusals, knockdowns, and time faults.

Scoring: Dressage percentages will be converted to a penalty score. The penalties for the jumping test are as follows (and will be added to the dressage penalty score):

First refusal	4 penalties
Second refusal	8 penalties
Third refusal	Elimination
Knockdown	4 penalties
Fall of horse or rider	Elimination
Exceeding the optimum time	1 penalty per second

Going faster than Speed Fault time	1 penalty per second
Exceeding the time limit (double optimum time)	Elimination

Attire: USEF rules will be enforced for the Dressage Test for both horse and rider attire. USEA/USEF rules will be enforced for the Jumping test; which includes the requirement of an approved helmet and safety vest.

Additional Information: An “Official Course Walk” should be available on Saturday at designated time for the riders to walk each course and wheel it so the minutes can be made known to those riders who wish to ride with a watch but do not own a wheel. It is strongly encouraged that all riders walk the course prior to the beginning of competition.

Scoring Procedures for Eventing (Dressage Test):

1. Divide the good marks (minus any error of course or test) by the maximum good marks obtainable.
2. Multiply by 100 and round the result to two decimal digits. This value is showed as the individual mark for the judge
3. Subtract the value from 100. The result, rounded to one decimal digit, is the score in penalty points.