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## ZONE 9 SHOWJUMP GRADING

Q: What is grading?

A: All showjumping is done in grades so that each horse and rider combination is working at a comfortable height. Everybody must be graded by the Zone Grading Panel which consists of the Zone Chief Instructor and two other elected Representatives. Grading days are held at three different venues throughout the Zone. Riders must be in full club uniform and **MUST** have been preliminary graded by their Club Senior Instructor before they attend a grading day.

Q: What if I have just joined Pony Club or have a new horse after the official grading days? Can I still jump at Open Gymkhana's and Zone fixtures?

A: Yes you can jump – providing you have been graded by your Club Senior Instructor **BUT** you must attend the next Official Grading Day. If you do not attend a Zone Grading Day in the following year you cannot showjump at any Open Gymkhanas.

Q: How high are the grades?

A: The starting heights for each grade are listed below. In a competition jump-off a grade can sometimes finish off at the starting height of the next highest grade. At a grading day you can expect the first round to contain at least half the jumps raised to the start height of the next grade (jump-off heights), please make sure riders are capable of jumping at that height.

### SHOWJUMP STARTING HEIGHTS: :

	Height	Spread		Jump-off expected heights
Junior/A	1.05m	1.50m	(3'6" X 5')	1.20m
Junior/B	.90cm	1.20m	(3' X 4")	1.05m
Junior/C	.75cm	.90cm	(2'6" X 3')	.90cm
Junior/D	.60cm	.75cm	(2' X 2'6")	.75cm
Junior/E	.45cm	.50cm	(1'6" X 1'9")	.60cm

Championship Grade (15yrs & over):

1.2m      .67cm (4' X 5'6")

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## **ZONE 9 SHOWJUMP SCORING**

Information to assist Officials when completing showjump performance cards.  
Points awarded on the grading cards are awarded as shown on the bottom of the showjump section on the card i.e. First 5– Second 4– Third 3– Fourth 2– Fifth 1.

If less than 5 competitors – then points start at the number of competitors.

**POINTS NEED NOT BE AWARDED** on performance cards for placings in:  
6-Bar, Rescue Relay, single round competitions i.e. Single or Double Accumulator, Top Score, Time-Fault-Out, Power & Speed, AM7/A7, Take Your Own Line etc

**WHERE TWO COMPETITORS TIE FOR PLACINGS** then full points are recorded **each** riders performance card – **POINTS ARE NEVER DIVIDED ON PERFORMANCE CARDS.**

Motion from Zone Meeting 31/1/99: “that in a multiple round competition, ribbon winners who do not make it into the jump-off round do not have points recorded on their grading card”

Motion from Zone Meeting 20/8/00: “An AM3 is a two-round event which must have a rise to the maximum height in the 2nd round” and “An A7 must have a rise to the maximum height in the 2nd phase”

**NON-COMPETITIVE JUMPING IS NOT ALLOWED**

**NO PERFORMANCE CARD - NO SHOWJUMP**

Cards must be submitted with entry and checked by a club official prior to commencement of showjump competition to ensure that the combination has been **Officially Zone Graded** in the past (unless it is a new combination since the last grading day).

There is no need to record results on the card unless the rider has been placed and points are to be recorded.

Zone Secretary  
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