

Appendix 9: D-TREC

1. D-TREC originated from Versatile TREC, but emphasises more the dressage movements. Affiliated groups may run D-TREC events in a less formal way, more akin to Versatile TREC. In this case, with permission of the Technical Delegate, some of the following rules may be adapted.
2. D-TREC will be judged by two judges. A dressage judge will judge the dressage movements of the test including the “style” at the TREC obstacles. They will be looking for balance, rhythm, obedience, and effectiveness of rider aids. A TREC judge will mark faults and penalties at the TREC obstacles.
3. The TREC marks will be added to the Dressage marks:
 - Maximum mark for each obstacle is “7”. The style is marked by the dressage judge and there is no choice of gait.
 - Faults and penalties are deducted from the maximum mark.
 - Example: The rider has touched a pole once at the slalom: “3” points are deducted from the “7” points and they get a “4”.
 - If a rider does not do the obstacle in the gait asked, they will be marked with a “0”. A change of gait (break) in an obstacle, which requires a certain gait, will also be marked “0”.
 - A Run-Out (passing an obstacle involuntarily) will result in a “0” for the obstacle.
 - An error of course at the TREC obstacles can be rectified and such an error of course leads to "-5" penalties for the first error, "-10" for the second error and an overall “0” for the overall TREC marks for a third error of course.
 - An error of course in the dressage movements can be rectified. The dressage judge will alert the rider and allow them to restart the movement. Penalties apply as per Dressage Ireland rules.
4. Riders may have the test called out but outside assistance will result in elimination from the class. The rider must provide their own caller. A penalty will be imposed for having the test called, "-5" at group events and "-10" at National events.
5. Obstacles in Novice tests will be set to Level 1 measurements. Obstacles in the Intermediate test and the Open test will be set to Level 2 measurements.
6. Equipment, Turn Out:
 - Boots and bandages are allowed.
 - A jumping or dressage stick is allowed.
 - Competitors in the Intermediate and Open classes may wear spurs. (Spur rules: see Dressage Ireland rulebook.). Spurs are not permitted in Novice classes.
 - Martingales are not permitted.
 - Any incorrect equipment will incur a penalty of 10 points.
 - There is no dress code for D-TREC but horse and rider must be presented clean and neat.
7. If a rider does not want to do an obstacle, they must ride up to the TREC judge before the start and tell the judge which obstacle they will not do.
8. At national events the D-TREC should, where possible, be ridden in a 20m x 60m arena.