

Query Procedure

The South Island Pony Club Premier Teams Competition

Query/Objection Procedure

Any rider wishing to query or object a score or incident must follow the correct procedure:

Rider reports to the Event Secretary and completes a Springston Trophy query form within 30 minutes of the incident. The time period is critical.

The event secretary contacts the TD who will investigate the query and report back to the rider on his/her findings and will advise on all options open to the rider. If the competitor then wishes to lodge an objection they complete the lower section of the query form and return it to the event secretary with a deposit of \$30.00. (The deposit is returned after a successful protest).

The TD will report his/her findings to the ground jury and assist the ground jury as required. The ground jury will ascertain all the facts and make a decision advising the competitor of the outcome. If the competitor is still not satisfied they can discuss with the TD the options available for appeal.

Ground Jury

The ground jury will consist of the relevant judges for each phase.. The president of the ground jury is the chief judge for that phase.

Appeal Committee

The appeal committee will consist of three persons, one of whom will be the president of the appeal committee. The Appeal Committee members should have sound knowledge of Pony Club Horse Trials Rules and NZEF Horse Trials Rules. The three persons shall be from outside the current organising committee and in no way connected to the judges on the day or to any competitors. Requesting the competition guardians be the appeal committee is feasible.

The appeal committee will deal with the following matters,

(i) appeals against decisions of the ground jury or matters referred to the appeal committee by the ground jury.

(ii) any complaint lodged against any person or body involved in any capacity at the event outside the jurisdiction of the ground jury.

The decision of the appeal committee is final.