

EVALUATION OF COURSES BY THE COURSE DESIGNER

Name of Event: Galway Downs International Event & Horse Trials

F.E.I Divisions offered, in the order they were run, and if they were run on different days:
Same Day: CCI* CCI2* CCI3*

In the case of CIC's, was the show jumping held before the cross-country or after:
The cross country was held the day before the show jumping.

Size of arena in feet: 310' X 180' minus 30' in length for the Parton Tent.

Grass or all weather: Grass.

Any Gradient: Very slight fall-off at the back right side near the triple-bar.

Were there any permanent, or semi-permanent, items in the arena, like cross-country jumps, trees, etc.: Four large trees running down the center. Four cross country jumps that were present during the build but removed before the classes.

Is there any other information about the arena layout that I may need to know of? Patron tent inside the arena taking 30 feet off the length. Lots of perimeter atmosphere such as flags, tents, jumbotron screens.

What were the weather conditions on the day (i.e. rain/windy/hot)? Mostly sunny. Warm.

Do you think this had any effect on the results? No.

Either mark the distances, in feet, of all the lines up to 10 strides, on the plan, or list them here: Indicated on the map.

Were there any other circumstances that affected the day (i.e. lack of help, insufficient material, etc.)? No,

Was the Time Allowed changed for any of the Divisions, and if so by how much: Yes, the TA for the 1* was shortened before the class started based on the preliminary class that jumped the same track at a different height.

Give a brief description of any changes you would make if you had to build the same track again: I had intended to have two strides between the oxers in the triple combination. During the layout of the course it became apparent that one jump would block the judge's view of the entire course, so I shortened it to one stride and kept the spreads narrow.

Are there any comments you would like to offer about your course? There were some very nice trips but the courses didn't ride particularly smoothly. Hopefully it can be attributed to a combination of the electric atmosphere, and the fact that the cross country was the previous day. It was challenging to build the course with the cross country jumps in the arena. Ultimately the decision to remove them was for the best.