

EVALUATION OF COURSES BY THE COURSE DESIGNER

Name and date of Event Seneca Valley Pony Club Horse Trials Sept 8-9, 2018

List the Divisions offered, in the order they were run, stating, if appropriate, different days or different arenas and if they show jumped before or after Cross-Country :

Saturday ran Intermediate and Preliminary
Training was scheduled for Saturday, tentatively rescheduled to Sunday due to rain, then cancelled
Sunday was to be Novice, Beginner Novice & Starter – all were cancelled
Show jumping was before cross-country

Size of arena(s) in feet: 300' x 250'

Any Gradient: Yes

Grass or All Weather: Well established turf

If All Weather, was there significant time allocated for watering and dragging and was the equipment suitable for doing such? : N/A

Were there any permanent, or semi-permanent, items in the arena, like cross-country jumps, trees, etc.? :

No

Is there any other information about the arena layout that I may need to know of? :

Adjacent to cross country
Gentle downhill slope to top left corner of course map

What were the weather conditions on the day (i.e. rain/windy/hot) and did you think this had any effect on the results?

Yes – rain
Intermediate was fine - only had grey skies
Preliminary was fine for first two divisions - rain started during third division – still okay
Rain became heavy during fourth division of Preliminary, conditions deteriorated rapidly - was definitely a factor in results for this division
Training on Saturday, and Novice and lower levels on Sunday were all cancelled

Were there any other circumstances that affected the day (i.e. lack of help, insufficient jump material, etc.) ? :

Other than rain, all was good. Help was great, materials were sufficient.

Was 25mm cups used for the top poles? : Yes

Where the original posted Times Allowed for each Division changed by the Jury, if so by how much:

No change

Was any of the information or suggestions that I offered, on receipt of your original plans useful, or were there reasons, once on site, not to follow them? :

Suggestions offered were helpful and used

Due to my suggestions, or site conditions, did you change any parts of the course from the original plans you sent me, including distances?

Due to your suggestions 4b became an oxer, and new 5 & 6 added for Intermediate
Couple of minor changes of distances based upon terrain
Fence 1 was relocated, as original location/angle was too downhill

Give a brief description of any changes you would make if you had to build the same tracks again or offer any other comments about your courses:

Overall, was very happy with the way the courses rode. The one jump I would try to do differently is Fence 1- seemed to become more of an annex.