

EVALUATION OF COURSES BY THE COURSE DESIGNER

Name of Event: Hagyard Team Challenge

F.E.I Divisions offered, in the order they were run, and if they were run on different days: CCI * for Young Riders (15 starters) and Open division (26 starters)

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

Size of arena in feet: Roughly 240' x 260'

Grass or all weather: All weather

Any Gradient: No

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? No.

What were the weather conditions on the day (i.e. rain/windy/hot)?
Perfect. 75 degrees and clear.

Do you think this had any effect on the results? Could only help.

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

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

Experienced help to build on Thursday.

During the event, we showed until the end of daylight and started early Sunday morning.

We had a group of non-horsepeople for jumpcrew on show days. They did very well.

Great jumps ;-) and beautiful floral decorations.

Very fortunate to have William Robertson there to assist throughout the event.

Was the Time Allowed changed for any of the Divisions, and if so by how much:
No change to time allowed.

Give a brief description of any changes you would make if you had to build the same track again:

I was happy with the results and felt the course rode well. I didn't feel the need to change anything.

I used a narrow 8' pole at fence #9 that generated some faults, but I think it was fair and presented well. Throughout the weekend, I was thinking that it would be interesting to keep track of how many had that jump down "just because" versus "just chipped/missed" at it. Seemed like there were plenty that got anxious about it. My feeling is that if a rider is going to go cross country through the Kentucky Horse Park over various permanent obstacles in all sorts of terrain, then they can jump an 8' pole in a perfect arena setting.

Although the skinny came down 10 times out of 41 overall rounds, by comparison, fence #2 was a straightforward vertical with a very nice approach that came down 6 times and had 1 refusal.

Are there any other comments that you would like to offer about your courses: