

EVALUATION OF COURSES BY THE COURSE DESIGNER

Name and date of Event: Penny Oaks HT July 21,22 2018

List the Divisions offered, in the order they were run, stating, if appropriate, different days or different arenas: I/P P T N BN S All same arena all on same day

Size of arena(s) in feet: 300 x 200

Any Gradient: Yes

Grass or All Weather: Sand (All Weather)

If All Weather, was there significant time allocated for watering and dragging and was the equipment suitable for doing such? : No We had equipment but it was not put in schedule We were lucky in a sense that it had rained so the TD and I discussed and looked at footing hand raked where needed and deemed it OK to continue with out a drag .

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? :

As discussed in email quite a bit of slope from jury box side down towards fences 8/9

What were the weather conditions on the day (i.e. rain/windy/hot) and did you think this had any effect on the results? Rainy but no wind, I don't think it had effect on results

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

Jump material limited still using cups and pins, Hand made standards and holes drilled made it difficult to make quick changes in heights between divisions. I looked at schedule and time allotted to change courses, and lack of help to change track made me decide ahead of time to go with same track. For all levels, which I don't like to do, but also based on gradient of arena it was my best judgement to leave track the same.

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

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? : I did change track based on your suggestion and sent back to you, but didn't hear back, and when I was setting it it felt better having the triple go up hill a bit and was able to get in another related distance and change of direction.

Due to my suggestions, or site conditions, did you change any parts of the course from the original plans you sent me, including distances? I did change track based on your suggestion and sent back to you, but didn't hear back, and when I was setting it it felt better having the triple go up hill a bit and was able to get in another related distance and change of direction. I shortened 7A to 7B by one foot and that rode very well.

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: I felt like they rode very well,

When setting course Friday severe thunderstorms came and blew over fences, so I procured sand bags to be placed on standards. Then heavy rains Saturday evening, causing a change in warm up area because the scheduled warm arena was unusable so I moved 8 and 9 closer to fence 10 still with the 72 ft distance so riders could choose to go inside or outside 3 to get to 8, we put dressage fence down line to section off part of arena to allow warm up on good footing, and riders were instructed to do flat warm up on grass and were allowed in to jump warm up four horses out, this worked very well all day .