

EVALUATION OF COURSES BY THE COURSE DESIGNER – Sally Ike

Name of Event: Jersey Fresh, May 10-14, 2017 (all Jumping on Sunday, May 14th)

F.E.I Divisions offered, in the order they were run, and if they were run on different days:
CIC2*, CIC3*, CCI3*, CCI2* in that order on the same day

In the case of CIC's, was the show jumping held before the cross-country or after:
After XC

Size of arena in feet:
380'x190'

Grass or all weather:

All weather/sand – My experience with this arena is that the more water you can get on it, the better. We definitely had that with all the rain on Saturday. The crew did an amazing job preparing the surface on Sunday morning. In the end, it was the best footing I've ever experienced at this event – quite firm, very, very good.

Any Gradient: No

Were there any permanent, or semi-permanent, items in the arena, like cross-country jumps, trees, etc.:
Members' Tent (see diagram)

Is there any other information about the arena layout that I may need to know of?
See above, the Members' Tent in one corner

What were the weather conditions on the day (i.e. rain/windy/hot)?
Rain all day for the setup, mostly sunny for the competition itself

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:
See diagram

Were there any other circumstances that affected the day (i.e. lack of help, insufficient material, etc.)? :
Nothing that affected the day of Jumping, but set-up was quite challenging because of the rain, which never stopped the whole day.

Was the Time Allowed changed for any of the Divisions, and if so by how much:
Dropped by 5 seconds for the CIC2*. This was interesting. I measured all three courses similarly. The CIC2* went first. The track was quite open, the arena large, and the footing very good. I was quite surprised when the first horse came in well under the time, as did the 2nd and 3rd. Accordingly, there was agreement to drop it.

The times for the other three courses (CIC3* and CCI2* did the same, but different speed) were all spot on. Go figure..

Give a brief description of any changes you would make if you had to build the same track again:
None

Are there any other comments that you would like to offer about your courses:
The tent was larger and not in the same place as I was told beforehand, so I had to tweak the locations of the jumps in that area.

In the end, I was happy with how each course worked out. I think they were balanced for the levels offered, and reflected the appropriate level of difficulty for each.

Most pleasing was how evenly faults were spread out in each track.