

# **EVALUATION OF COURSES**

**Name of Event:** Morven Park

**F.E.I Divisions offered:** CIC 1 Star, CIC 2 Star, CIC 3 Star

**Size of arena in feet:** 3Star/ 2 Star Approx 300 x 250  
1 Star Approx 120 x 220

**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?**

**What were the weather conditions on the day?** Weather was beautiful this year. Low 70's and very sunny.

**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:**

**Were there any other circumstances that affected the day (i.e. lack of help, insufficient material, etc.) ?** Help and jump crew were plenty and very good. Employees of the park. There was new footing in the large arena for the 2 upper levels. Unfortunately it was just sand and wasn't very good. When watered and drag it was ok but after 8 – 10 horses started to get deep and loose even with raking. This affected the quality of jumping a little I feel. However, Morven is in the process of putting in 3 brand new huge arenas with state of the art footing and drainage. I am looking forward to going back next year to design in the new arenas.

**Give a brief description of any changes you would make if you had to build the same track again:** If I had to change something on this course it would be the roll back turn to the last line in the 3 star. I don't love rolling back all the way around like that but when I laid it out I couldn't get it to lay out much better. It rode ok but maybe one roll back too many?

**Are there any other comments that you would like to offer about your courses:**  
The tracks themselves rode well. We ended up changing the time for the 3 star. We added 3 seconds to the time. I think the footing was a little bit of a factor and I also think at this event the riders could have been a little more efficient in places. It is a large enough arena and on the roll backs which I like to use I feel some time was lost because of the lines that were ridden wide. I understand they go slower on these turns but I also hope some riders learnt to be a little more efficient at the 3 star level.

The One star was in a much smaller arena and therefore had a different course.