

AVA RULE CHANGES – 2020

SUMMARY OF NAME CHANGES

2019		2020
Trot	→	1* Trot
Copper	→	1* Copper
Bronze	→	2* Bronze
Silver	→	2* Silver
Gold	→	Gold
3* Individual	→	3* Individual
Trot PDD	→	1* Trot PDD 1* Preliminary PDD (New)
Preliminary PDD	→	2* PDD
Open PDD	→	3* Open PDD
Trot Team	→	1* Trot Team
C Team	→	1* C Team
B Team	→	2* B Team
A Team	→	3* A Team

Changes approved by BOD

RECOGNIZED AVA COMPETITION LEVELS

INDIVIDUAL	PAS DE DEUX	TEAM
<p>1* Trot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unchanged - same as 2019 	<p>1* Trot PDD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No unassisted leaps, ground jumps or aerial dismounts - 2nd Round Optional 	<p>1* Trot Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1* Compulsories - Maximum 6 static triples - No unassisted leaps, ground jumps or aerial dismounts - DOD removed - Freestyle scoring: Content x2, Performance x3, Horse x1 (because DOD was removed and to be consistent with ALL Trot competitions) - Focus on Content & Performance to encourage safety and development of stability at the lower levels.
<p>1* Copper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unchanged - same as 2019 - Rules for restricted dismounts remain in place for 1* Copper (see AVA Rules Appendix D) <p><i>Progression: Trot to Canter</i></p>	<p>1* Preliminary PDD [NEW class]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Round: 90 second Freestyle. - 2nd (Optional) Round Freestyle - Time: 90 seconds - DOD removed - Freestyle scoring: Content x2, Performance x3, Horse x1 <p><i>Progression: Trot to Canter, 1 to 2 Rounds.</i></p>	<p>1* C Team (4 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1* Compulsories - 4 minute freestyle - Maximum 6 static triples - DOD removed - Freestyle scoring: Content x25%, Performance x55%, Horse x20% (temporary for 2020 only – to match USEF Rules which cannot be changed until 2021) <p><i>Progression: Trot to Canter</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional Benefit: Encourages safety and development of stability.

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<p>2* Bronze</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rules are the same as 2019 <p>Progression: 1* to 2* Compulsory opportunity for strengthening in proficiency and harmony (addition of round to the right)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Freestyle introduces DOD (no DOD in Copper). - Additional Benefit: Welfare of the horse improved by adding a round to the right. 	<p>2* PDD [previously Prelim PDD]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Round: 90 second Free. - 2nd (Optional) Round: 90 second free - DOD consists of top 10 exercises, D-1.0, M-0.5, E-0.0 (Previous DOD was top 10 exercises, 1.0, 0.5, 0.1) <p>Progression: DOD now aligns with the 2* Jr PDD in USEF and FEI 2* Pas de Deux.</p>	<p>2* B Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2* Compulsories - Freestyle scored on DOD, Composition, Performance, Horse. - DOD consists of top 20 exercises, D-0.5, M-0.3, E-0.1 (Previous DOD was top 25 with D-0.4, M-0.3, E-0.1) - Maximum 6 static triples <p>Progression: 1* to 2* Compulsories. Introduction of DOD in Freestyle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional Benefit: Aligns with the 2* B Team in USEF and FEI 2* Team.
<p>2* Silver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rules are the same as 2019 <p>NOTE: Same as 2* Junior (FEI) except only 1 test Comps and 1 test Freestyle.</p> <p>Progression: 2* Bronze to 2* Silver More advanced DOD in Freestyle (E's no longer count in DOD).</p>		
<p>Gold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rules are the same as 2019 <p>Progression: 2* to 3* Compulsories. Freestyle opportunity for strengthening in proficiency, skill, and harmony.</p>	<p>3* Open PDD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rules are the same as Open PDD in 2019 - 2 rounds, 2 minute Freestyles. - Optional 2nd round - DOD consists of top 13 exercises, D-0.8, M-0.4, E-0.0 <p>Progression: Increased DOD; time increase from 90 seconds to 2 minutes.</p>	<p>3* A Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unchanged - same as 2019, except no riding seat <p>Progression: Compulsory skill 2* to 3*. DOD increased. No limitation on number of static triple exercises.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional Benefit: Aligns with the 3* A Team in USEF and FEI 3* Team.
<p>3* Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Same as previously named Senior Individual: 3* Comps, Tech Test, Freestyle. <p>Progression: Gold to 3* Individual Addition of Technical Test. Preparedness and Advancement to International/World Championship level competitions.</p>		