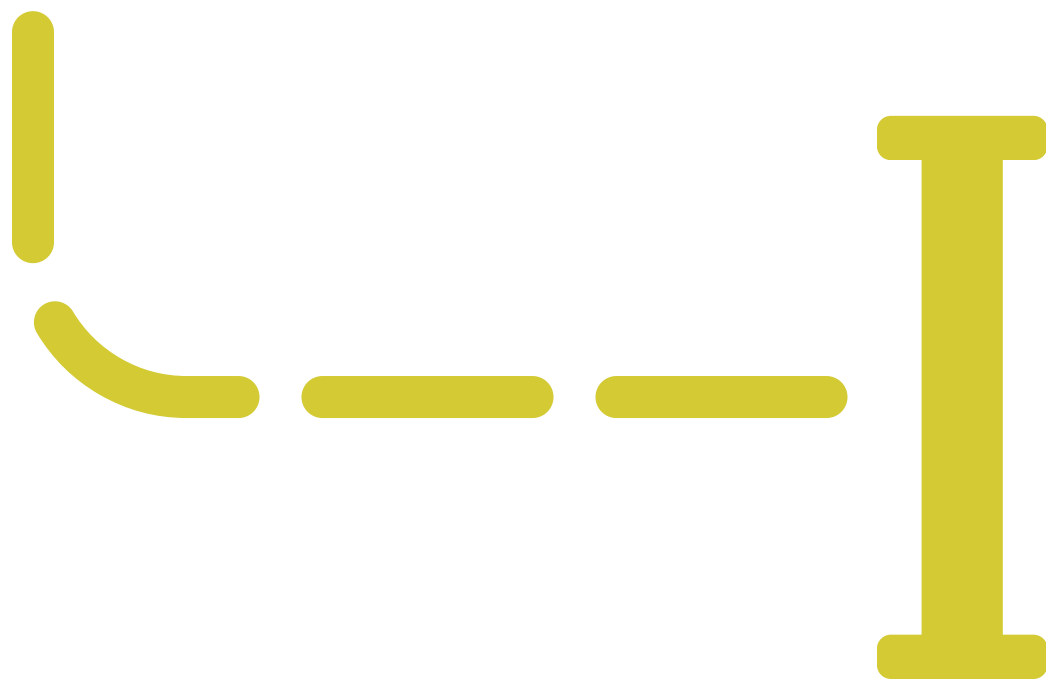# **High Jump Qualification** for European Hobbyhorse Championships

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The presentation is an official IHHF verified qualification process for European Championships High Jump Qualification.
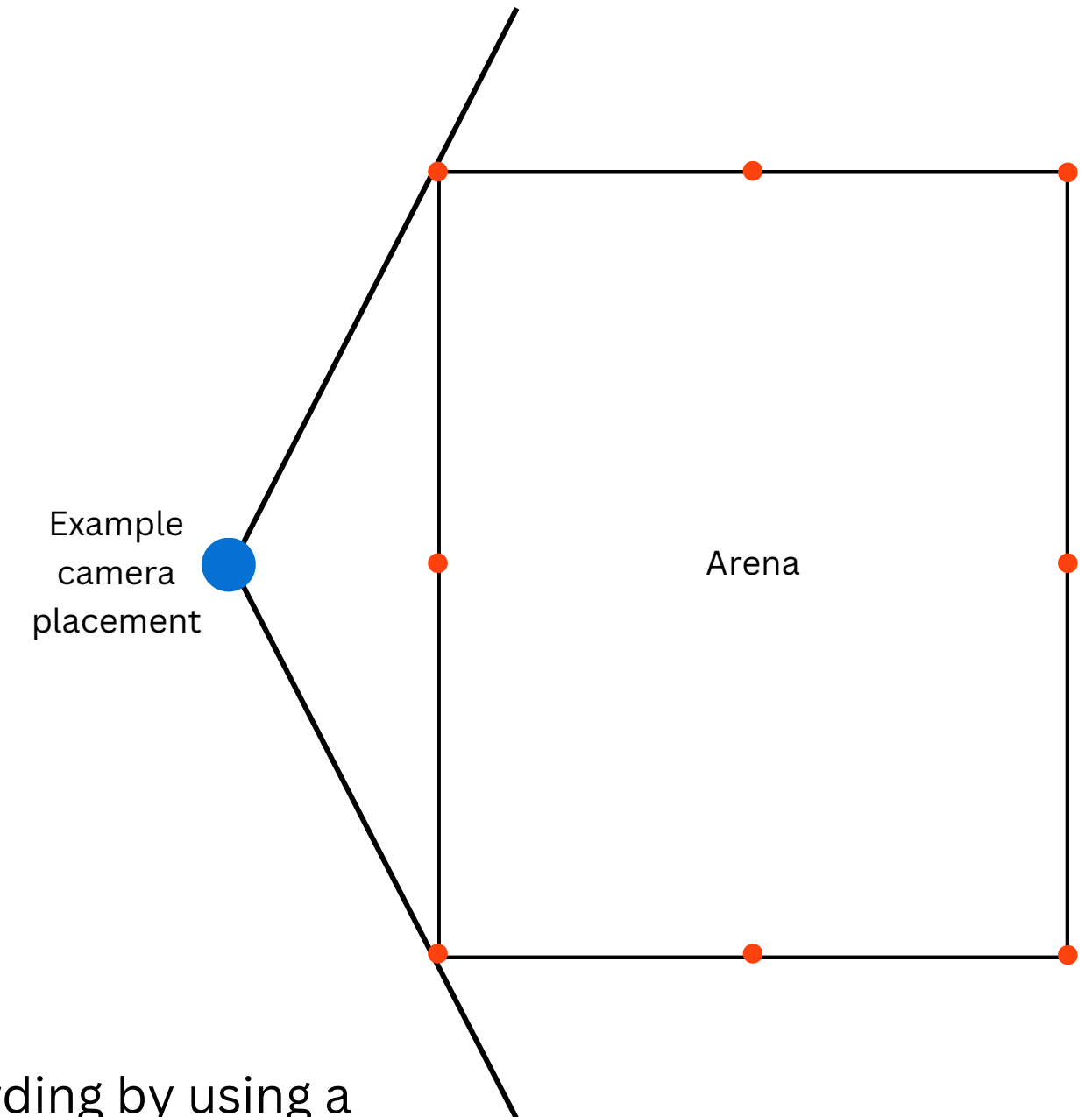
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Please note, that if instructions are not followed, the participant will be eliminated.
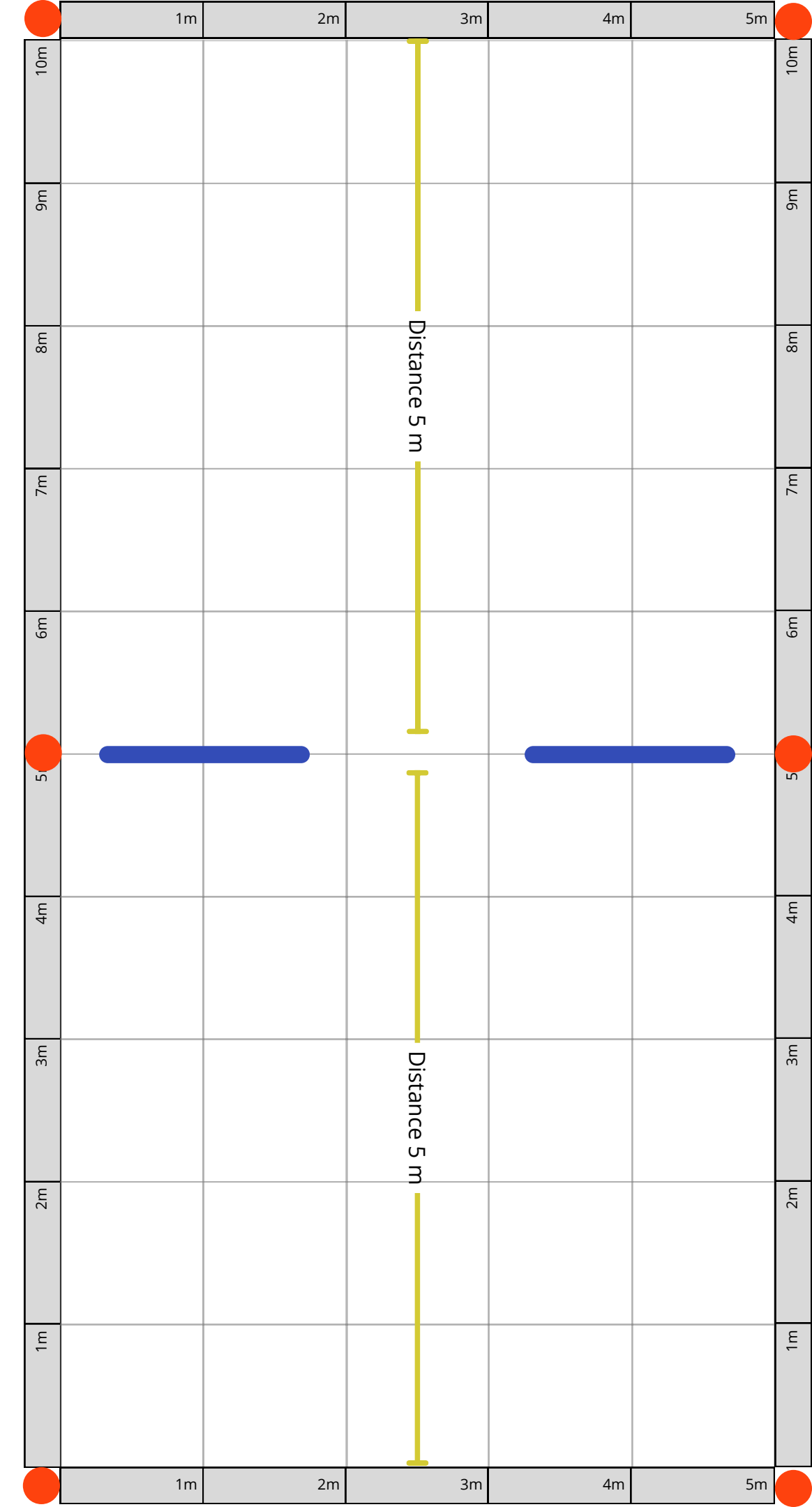
Video instructions

- Camera should be positioned so that the entire arena and obstacle are visible.
- Camera must be on a camera stand, chair, etc.
  - Camera cannot be held by hand
  - Camera cannot be following the participant.
- Participant must be seen throughout the whole video.

- Video must be uncut.
- Video length max. 15 minutes.

- Sound must be turned on.
- Spectators, coach, parents etc. must stay silent during the video.

- Obstacle height must be clearly verified on video at the beginning of the recording by using a measuring tool or measuring stick showing the required height. The measuring tool must then be shown next to each obstacle to confirm that all obstacles meet the required height.

- Participant can try again as many times as they want, but only one performance must be shown on the video.

Example camera placement

Arena

Building the course
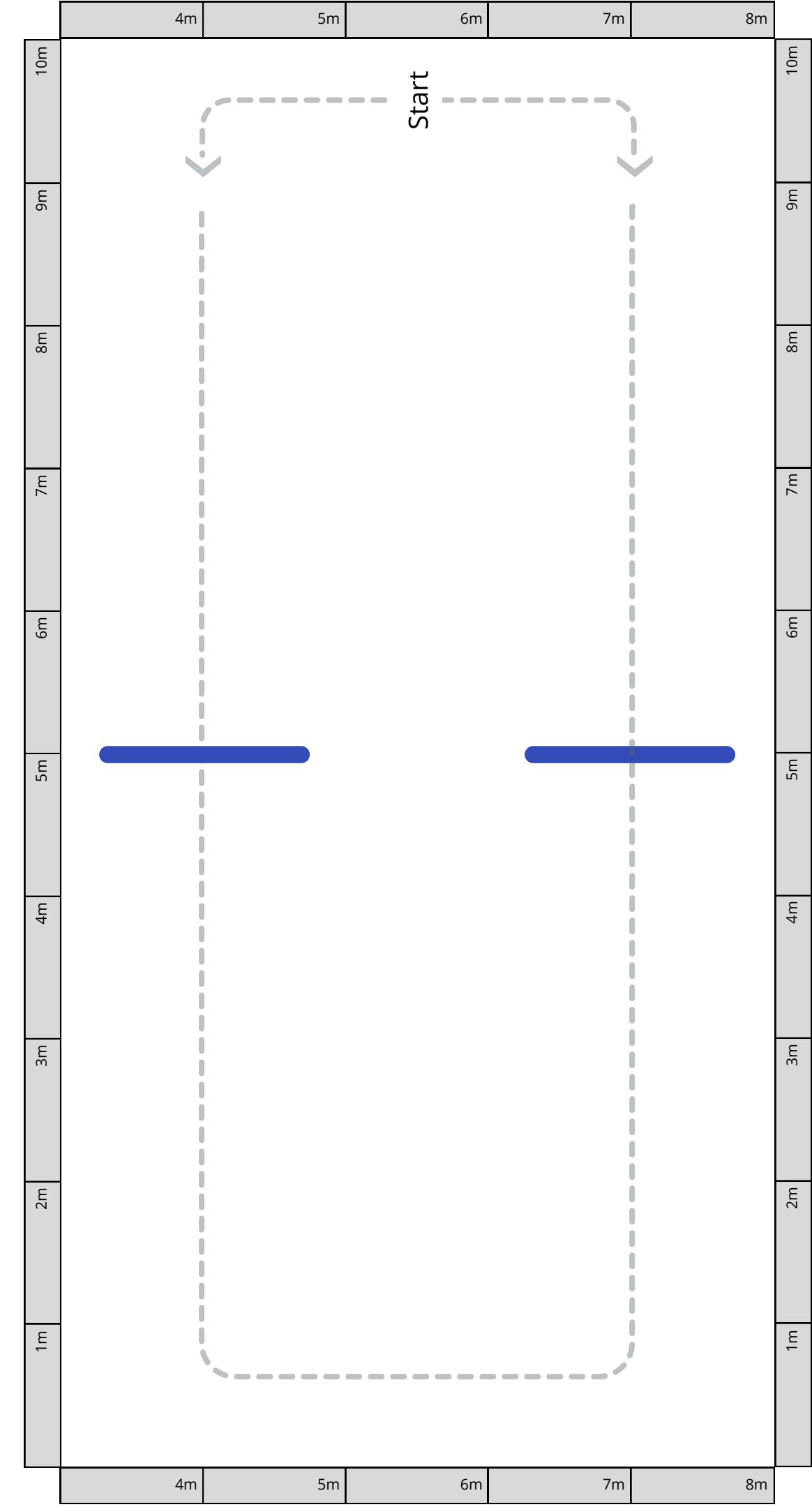
Arena's size 10 x 5 m.

- Arena is marked with ● items that all has to be seen on video.
- The obstacles must be placed by the course plan, following the sizing instructions.
  - Obstacles width can be different from original course plan.
- 2 obstacles needed in total to create the course.
- The starting height must be
  - Open: 100 cm
  - Junior: 80 cm

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Course plan

Course should be executed along the given course plan. Other roads or cuts will lead to disqualification.

- The obstacles must be jumped in the same direction forming a loop.
- Participant can take a break between jumps if needed.
  - Break can be maximum 10 seconds.

- If participant drops a fence, the obstacle fixer can right away fix the fence/fences so participant can continue the performance.

Evaluation method

Evaluation is based on the highest cleared jump performed during the performance. If participants clear the same highest jump, the ranking is decided by the second evaluation as points rewarded per clear jumps.

- Jumping high rewards **strength.**
- **Endurance** is measured by the total number of clear jumps.
- The longest streak rewards **consistency**.

- The performance starts at a height of
  - Open: 100 cm, continues at 120 cm, 130 cm, then at 135 cm, 140 cm, 145 cm etc.
  - Junior: 80 cm, continues at 100 cm, 110 cm, then at 115 cm, 120 cm, 125 cm etc.
- Two obstacles forms a loop that is ridden in certain height. After the two jump attempt, the obstacle height is increased if jumped clearly or 1 jump is clear.
- The performance ends when the participant is unable to perform a clear jump on either of the two obstacles at the same height.

Secondary evaluation: Rewarding points

Base points
- Each clear jump awards 2 points.

Bonus points for longest clear streak
- Participant receives 2 bonus points for each jump in their longest consecutive clear jump streak.
- Bonus points are added to the rider's base points to determine the total score.

For example

Participant A gets

8 clear jumps,
6 jumps for longest clear streak.

*Rewarding points: 8 clear jumps * 2 points = 16 points*
*6 jumps for longest clear streak * 2 points = 12 points*

Participant A gets total of 28 points.

Reasons for elimination

A participant will be eliminated if any of the following apply:

Arena and course setup
- Arena size is not 10 × 5 m or cannot be verified from the video
- Arena markings are missing or not clearly visible
- Obstacles are not placed according to the course plan
- Incorrect type of obstacles are used
- Obstacle height does not meet class requirements

Identification and fairness
- The participant is not clearly identifiable for the entire performance
- Someone else performs the course on behalf of the participant
- Instructions, counting, coaching, or assistance are heard during the video

Video and camera
- The entire arena and all obstacles are not visible throughout the performance
- The camera is handheld, follows the participant, or is moved during the video
- The video is cut, edited, paused, or sped up
- The video length exceeds 15 minutes
- The video does not show at least 5 seconds before and after the performance
- Sound is turned off or is not clearly audible

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Reasons for elimination

Unsportsmanlike behavior, such as throwing a hobbyhorse or other objects, displaying aggression, or engaging in bullying, is not tolerated. In cases of repeated or severe misconduct, the jury or competition organizer may, at their discretion, prohibit the athlete from participating in any further classes in the same competition.

The following are considered as elimination.
1. An extra circle at any point of the course for any reason.
2. The athlete goes around the obstacle they jumped the last.

The following are considered to result in wrong path.
1. The athlete is not following the predetermined route in the course plan.
2. The athlete jumps the obstacles in wrong order or from wrong direction.
3. The athlete jumps an obstacle that is not part of the course.
4. The athlete does not jump an obstacle that is part of the course.

The following are considered as refusal.
1. The athlete stops in front of the obstacle or passes beside it without jumping. In this case, the athlete must immediately attempt the jump again.

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Reasons for elimination

1. Second disobedience
2. One or both hands detach from the reins a second time
3. The athlete's hand is detached from the reins throughout the course
4. Falling
5. Obvious lameness or other injury in the middle of the course or at the end of the performance
7. Trotting (running) the entire course
10. Jumping the wrong obstacle or jumping the obstacle from the wrong direction
12. Hobbyhorse disintergration, such as the head coming off the stick

13. Violation of equipment requirements
15. Destroying, jumping an obstacle without permission or moving obstacles
16. Interfering with another competitor
17. Participating in an age-restricted class without being applicable
18. Leaving or stepping out of the course area during performance
23. Riding through an obstacle a second time
24. The athlete jumps an obstacle that is being repaired
24. The athlete receives unauthorized assistance

Best of luck
in the qualification!

If there are any questions regarding the qualifications, please do contact through info@ehhch.com