

MODULE 2: Tet TD Responsibilities

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The Tet TD has the responsibility to oversee the whole competition, including briefings, scoring and liaising with Phase Stewards

- ▶ Safety - The Tet TD is required to walk, inspect and review safety at: run, ride, swim and shooting venues for each age-group
- ▶ The Tet TD has the power to alter where necessary any aspect of the competition environment
 - ▶ Ensure that there are the necessary arrangements for the provision of: First Aid; medical and veterinary care throughout the competition
- ▶ Fairness
- ▶ Conduct
 - ▶ Give judgement, where necessary on Eliminations (E) and Disqualifications (DQ)

Safety: the following is required to hold an event

- ▶ Pony Club Australia (PCA) has Minimum Medical Standards to hold Pony Club events: -
 - ▶ <https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/about-us/resources/>
 - ▶ For example: In tetrathlon ride phase with 50 or less competitors, the following is required and must be available: -
 - ▶ 1 First Aid Officer (or equivalent – Dr, Nurse, Paramedic or Pre-Hospital Trauma Care Specialist)
 - ▶ 1x Human First Aid Kit
 - ▶ 1x Equine First Aid Kit
 - ▶ 1x First Aid Point
 - ▶ It is strongly advised that a 3rd Party Medical Service be employed to provide first aid
- ▶ An Emergency Vehicle must be able to gain access to all parts of the riding and running courses and the immediate vicinity for the swim and shoot phases
- ▶ All incidents should be reported online on the day of the accident: -
 - ▶ <https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/Incident-Reporting/>



Tet TD Duties: Fairness

- ▶ Liaise with Phase Steward and Scorers on any rule interpretation issues prior to the publication of results
- ▶ Review and endorse any score corrections where there is a clear error in the recording or scoring
- ▶ Chair a 3 person Jury of Appeal and hold the casting vote in the event of formal protests



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Conduct: 'JURY OF APPEAL'

The Jury consists of 3 people: -

- ▶ The Tet TD, who should act as Chairperson and will have the casting vote
- ▶ Phase Steward of the phase concerned
- ▶ Member of State, National Event Committee, Tetrathlon Committee or Local Organising Committee
 - ▶ Members of the Jury of Appeal should not include a relative, coach or any other person connected to a competitor in the age group or class which the appeal concerns
- ▶ The Jury of Appeal meets to decide on Protests and must meet immediately after having received the Protest
- ▶ Ideally a 'PROTEST INDICATOR' needs to be placed on the relevant Results to show that results are not 'Final' and are 'Pending'

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Lodging a Protest: -

- ▶ The Protest needs to come from the Team Manager / Coach at Nationals, Zone / Team Manager for a State Event and a Club representative for an 'open' competition
- ▶ The Protest MUST be in writing & addressed to the Tet TD
- ▶ The Protest letter MUST be accompanied by a fee, typically \$50
- ▶ Timing is very important. A protest: -
 - ▶ MUST be received within 30mins of the incident
 - OR
 - ▶ MUST be received within 30mins of the published results
- ▶ The Jury of Appeal must remain on the ground until 30 mins after the scores for each phase have been published
- ▶ In essence ALL results are 'provisional' until 30mins after their posting, when they become FINAL unless a Protest has been lodged



The Appeals Process consists of 2 parts

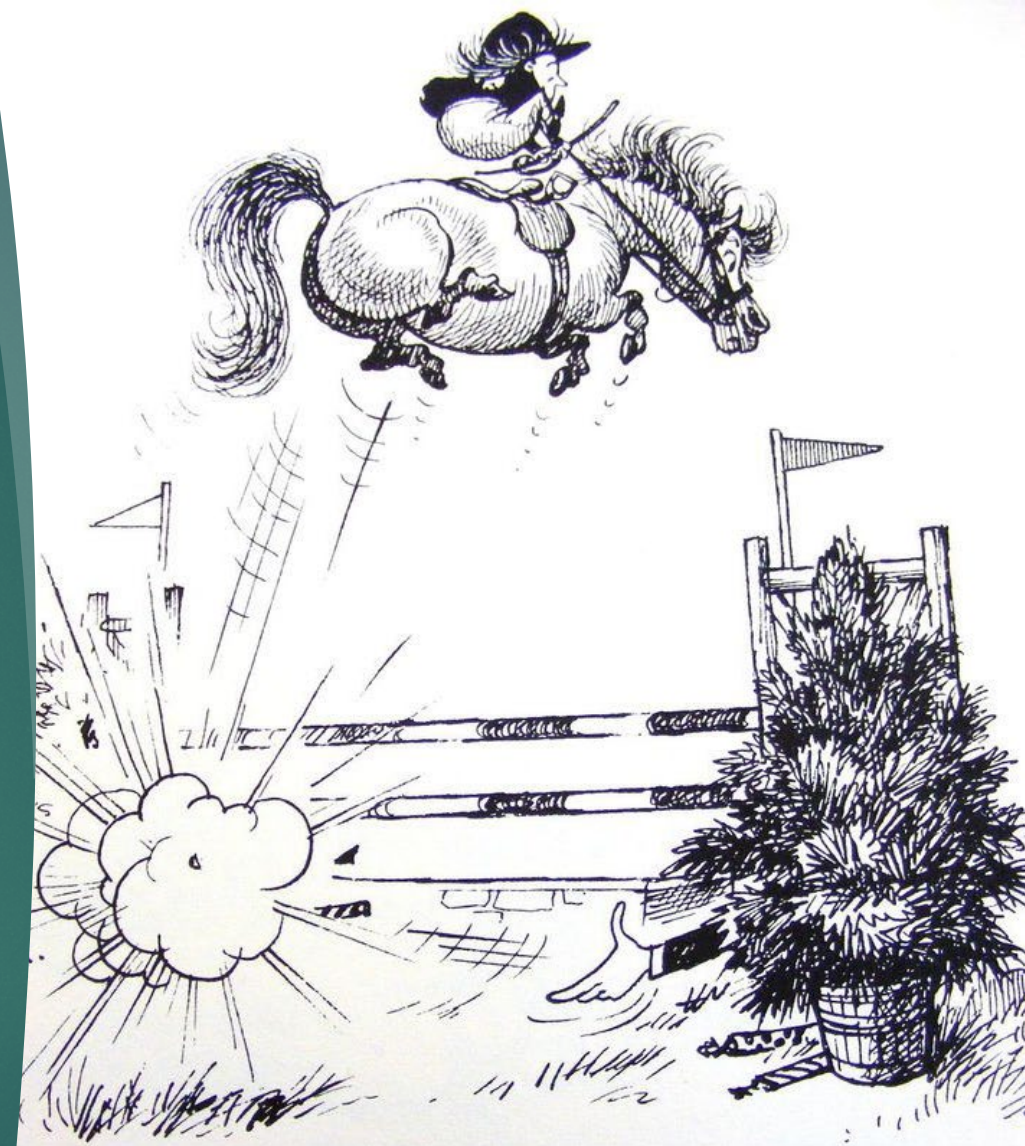
- ▶ (1) Open Deliberations – the author of the 'Protest Letter' & Competitor may be present and may elaborate on any of their written points
- ▶ (2) Closed Deliberations – only the 3 - Panel Jury of Appeal is involved at this stage
 - ▶ The Jury of Appeal's decision is final
 - ▶ The Tet TD 'chairs' the Jury of Appeal and casts a vote in the event of a 'tie'
 - ▶ If a Protest / Appeal / Question arises during a Competition that is outside the scope of the Rules, a 'sporting spirit' should be used as a guide, together with Rules from other disciplines
- ▶ After the Appeal has been heard and a decision has been made the Results need to become 'FINAL'. This is achieved by removing any Protest Sticker and making a verbal announcement

Elimination

- ▶ The Tet TD has the power to Eliminate (E) a competitor or team for an action, which in their opinion, justifies Elimination. The decision is generally based on safety and welfare for the competitor and or their horse
- ▶ Elimination still allows a competitor to continue in the competition, although they must immediately stop that particular phase
- ▶ A score of 0 is given for the phase where the competitor incurred Elimination, except in the ride where they may still score points
- ▶ A competitor who is Eliminated is still able to receive a Phase Award, where one is given, in another phase

What comprises 'Unauthorised Assistance'?

- ▶ Unauthorised assistance is judged when a competitor obtains an 'unfair advantage' as a result of the actions of a Third Party
- ▶ Encouraging competitors is considered important for the 'Spirit of Tetrathlon'
- ▶ The Tet TD, may or may not Eliminate the Competitor from a phase as a result of perceived 'Unauthorised Assistance'. In this instance the Competitor receives 0 for that phase



AND UNAUTHORISED ASSISTANCE IS PROHIBITED

Disqualification

- ▶ The Tet TD is the ONLY person who has the authority to disqualify a Team or Individual for misconduct
- ▶ A written report needs to be presented by the Phase Steward to the Tet TD outlining the misconduct or a written report from the Jury of Appeal
- ▶ Disqualification (DQ) is the most serious sanction given to a Team or Individual
- ▶ DQ results in an immediate end to the competitor's competition
- ▶ No Phase Awards are presented to a Team or Individual following disqualification

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- ▶ 1. What are the 3 broad categories of responsibility that relate to a Tet TD? (3)
- ▶ 2. What must the Tet TD review with respect to Ride, Run, Shoot and Swim facilities for the competition? (4)
- ▶ 3. What 'power' does the Tet TD have with respect to changing any aspect of the competition arrangements? (1)
- ▶ 4. Who should check the arrangements for medical and veterinary provision for the entirety of the competition? (1)
- ▶ 5. True or False, the Riding phase is the only phase where medical provision is mandatory for the whole of that element of the competition? (1)

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- ▶ 6. In the event of a serious incident, what *MUST* happen with respect to reporting of the incident? What time-frame is required? (2)
- ▶ 7. Who comprises the Jury of Appeal? (3)
- ▶ 8. How is the voting organised once the open and closed deliberations have taken place? (1)
- ▶ 9. What is required from a Team Manager who wants to launch an Appeal / Protest? (4)
- ▶ 10. On receiving a written Appeal / Protest within 30mins of the Results being posted, what happens with respect to the already posted results? (1)

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- ▶ 11. What is the difference between Elimination and Disqualification? (3)
- ▶ 12. What is the definition of Unauthorised Assistance? (2)
- ▶ 13. What is the sanction / penalty for Unauthorised Assistance? (1)