



**PCQ Horse Trials Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)  
for Horse and Rider Upgrading  
(Seniors to also complete - see information on next page)**

Name \*Club \* PCQ Ride #  
 \*Horse Registered Name \*PCQ Horse #

Current Grade of horse and rider	State the Upgrade being requested
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\*List 3 Qualified MER's

Date	Competition/Championship/State Event	Dressage test %	Show jump penalties	XC fence & Time penalties

\*Attach competition result for Horse/Rider combination for the events listed in the 3 MER qualifiers.

\*Send your current grading card for PCQ to process [PO Box 293, Northgate 4013]

Items marked \* must be completed: if not, the document will be returned.

**Extract from Horse Trial Rule book 2019 sections 8 and 11, re Upgrading  
8. Grading of horses**

Once a horse has one (1) qualifying result or Minimum Eligibility Requirement at an EA level, they are termed qualified at that level in Pony Club. A qualifying result as specified in 11 (b). Refer to 11(a) for procedure to update

**11. UPGRADING**

(a) Should you wish your horse to be upgraded horse and rider combination must have 3 qualifying results (**Minimum Eligibility Requirements – MER**) before you can choose to go up a level. Horses can compete up to the highest grade shown on the card. It is the responsibility of the rider to inform PCQ of any EA qualifying result.

To upgrade your horse's competition level, an "Application for Horse Trials' Upgrade" form needs to be completed and sent to PCQ with copies of the relevant MERs and their current performance card.

**(b) Minimum Eligibility Requirements (EA 517 and 520.4)**

For a horse and rider to start at the next higher grade (Introductory and Preliminary), they must have 3 qualifying results (MERs) in their current official class (and may be obtained at PC or EA competitions).

A Minimum Eligibility Requirement is achieved by completing a Competition within minimum parameters of all round performance as follows:

- a) Dressage Test: not more than 45 penalty points (or 55%).
  - b) Cross Country Test:
    - a clear round at cross country obstacles
    - not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross Country Test.
  - c) Jumping Test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.
- (All MERs obtained in the previous 2 years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time).

For a horse and rider to progress from Preliminary to One Star, they must have 3 qualifying results (MERS) in their current official class, except one of these results may not have more than 20 Cross Country jumping faults.

For a horse and rider to progress from One Star to 2\*, they must have 5 qualifying results (MERS) in their current official class, except one of these results may not have more than 20 Cross Country jumping faults.

All other requirements re dressage score, XC time faults and Showjumping penalties as above.

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Club Secretary
Date
Name
Signature

**SENIORS - To compete at Preliminary and above:**

- This form needs to be completed and sent with copies of 3 MERS
- When upgrade is approved please register your horse on JustGo database and purchase an ODE card
- This performance card will note the grade that you may compete in and is to be shown to the club where you are competing.
- No results are to be recorded in this card.
- For further upgrades please complete this form and send with copies of 3 MERS and your card, to the PCQ Office for upgrading