A stylized graphic featuring a light blue horse head in profile, facing right. Overlaid on the horse's neck and body is a large, stylized floral or sunburst shape composed of several curved, overlapping petals in shades of pink, red, and yellow. The entire graphic is set against a light beige background with faint, concentric circular lines.

NLEA Terra Nova Series Q&A Pop-Up!

Western, Reining, Speed
English, Over Fences, Dressage

Question 1

Are Micklem bridles legal for English classes?

Answer:

Unfortunately, they are not legal for English classes, however, they are permitted in Dressage at any level.



- Western snaffles are not permitted.
- Bridles must have plain leather cavesson nose bands (no flash or drop nose bands, i.e., nothing below the bit).
- Reins must be closed, be made of braided leather, and at least 3/8" wide.

TNS Rulebook - pg. 93

- Bridles with smooth-mouth snaffle bits are compulsory up to and including Second Level.
 - Must be black or brown in color, though type of reins is optional.
 - Permitted nose bands: regular, cavesson, drop, flash, figure-eight or crescent.

TNS Rulebook – pg. 106

Question 2

Are rubber reins allowed in English classes?

Answer:

No, only traditional leather braided reins are permitted.



- Bridles must have plain leather cavesson nose bands (no flash or drop nose bands, i.e., nothing below the level of the bit).
- Reins must be closed, be made of braided leather, and at least $\frac{3}{8}$ " wide.
 - o Exception: when using two reins, the curb rein may be flat leather but must be at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.
- Browbands shall be leather of any description but not solid white, coloured or sequined.

Question 3

Can a horse be ridden in the Green Horse division by one rider and be ridden in the Walk Trot Novice division by another rider.

Answer:

Yes! Restricted declared divisions are a little different than the General ones. The horse is technically declared "Green", but it's the horse/rider combination that are restricted to Green Horse classes. That same horse wouldn't be able to compete in the General division classes, even with another rider (because it's the horse that's "green"), but can compete in the other Restricted division (i.e., Walk Trot/Jog) classes with another athlete, provided the WT/J athlete meet the requirements of that division.

Keep in mind: Green Horses are limited to 6 classes per day of competition.

Question 4

Do Hunter Pattern Poles classes count as a jumping effort?

Answer:

No, as the purpose of this class is to introduce athletes (equine and human) to the requirements of independently riding courses, but over poles, and therefore is not a “true” over fences class.

Athletes should use proper jumping form in Hunter Pattern Poles to demonstrate their knowledge of the basics.

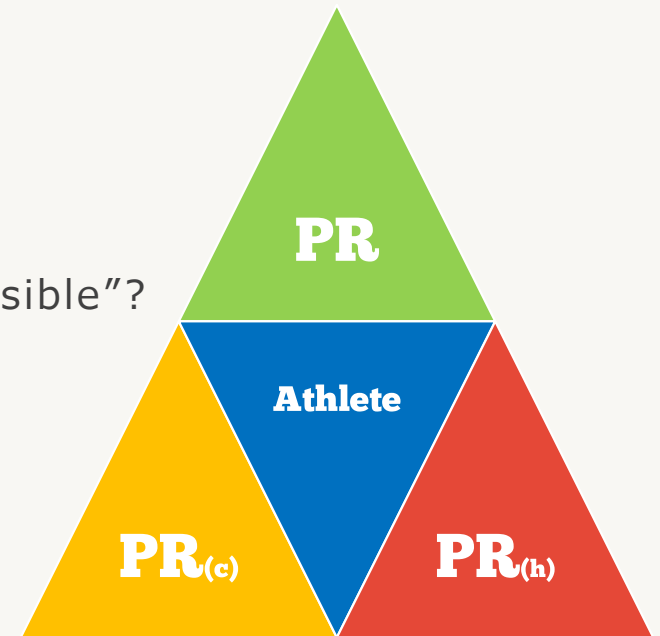
More FAQ

Question:

Can you explain the 3 different “Person(s) Responsible”?

Answer:

Let’s start by defining the **Athlete**:



An individual who enters the show ring and competes (includes hors concours entries), regardless of age, declared division and/or culpability of legal liability.

Typically, the **Athlete** is the “**Person Responsible (for the athlete)**” (PR).

Minor **athletes** can’t technically be “responsible” for themselves from a legal standpoint, nor can individuals who are not of sound mind or ability.

Person Responsible

(for the athlete)

Usually the athlete themselves (i.e., who signs the show form), providing:

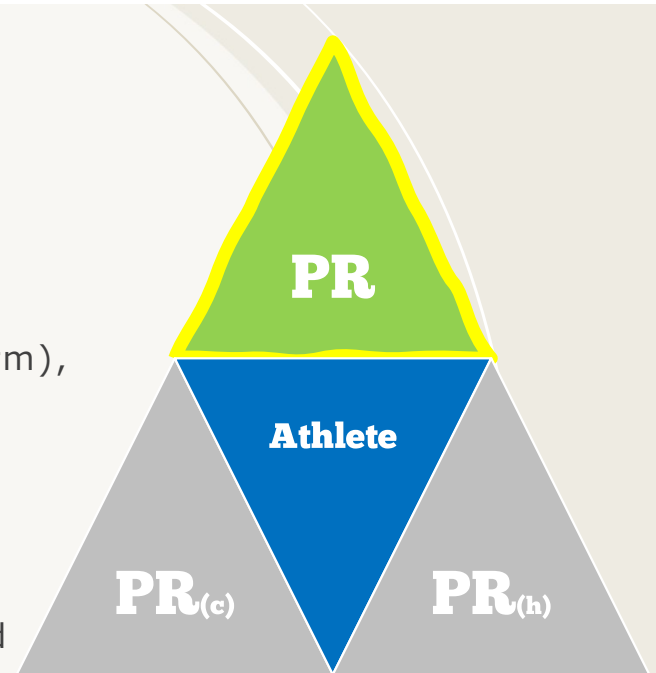
- Must be over 19 years of age
- Must be of sound mind and ability

Responsible for: the actions and welfare of themselves and their support team (i.e., coaches, family members, etc.) while on show grounds.

NLEA membership required: Yes

Purpose: The PR would be held liable in the event of a legal dispute, accident and/or incident on show grounds.

If the PR is the athlete, an Emergency Contact must be named when filling out show forms.



Person Responsible (c)

(for the competitor on show grounds)

Can be the athlete themselves if over 19 years of age and of Sound mind and ability.

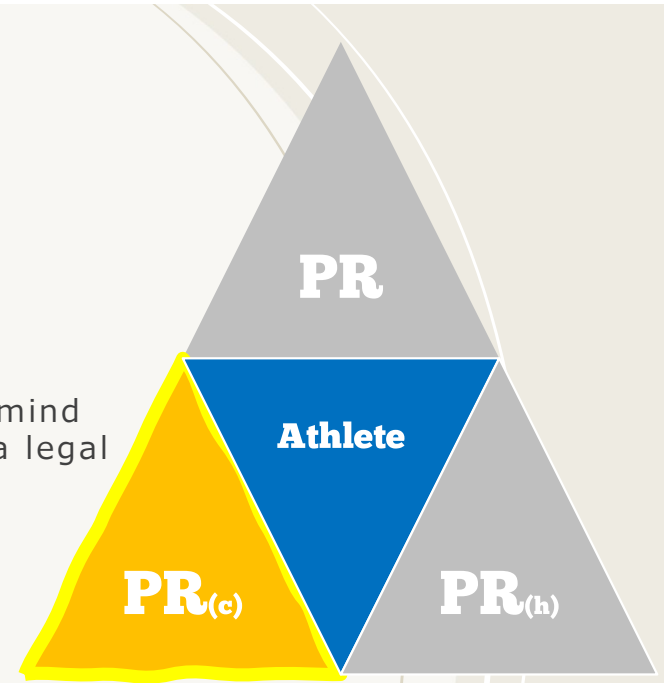
- If an athlete is under 19 years of age and/or not of sound mind and ability (i.e., individuals with impairments that require a legal guardian, etc.), then a designated PR(c) is required.

Responsible for: the actions and welfare of themselves, the athlete, and their support team while on show grounds, and would be the primary point of contact in the event of an emergency regarding the athlete (unless another Emergency Contact is listed).

NLEA membership required: Yes

Purpose: The PR(c) would be held liable in the event of a legal dispute, accident and/or incident on show grounds, since the PR can't be held liable in the eyes of the law (due to being a minor or otherwise).

**The PR(c) and the Emergency Contact can be the same person.
If the PR(c) is the athlete, an Emergency Contact must be named when filling out show forms.**

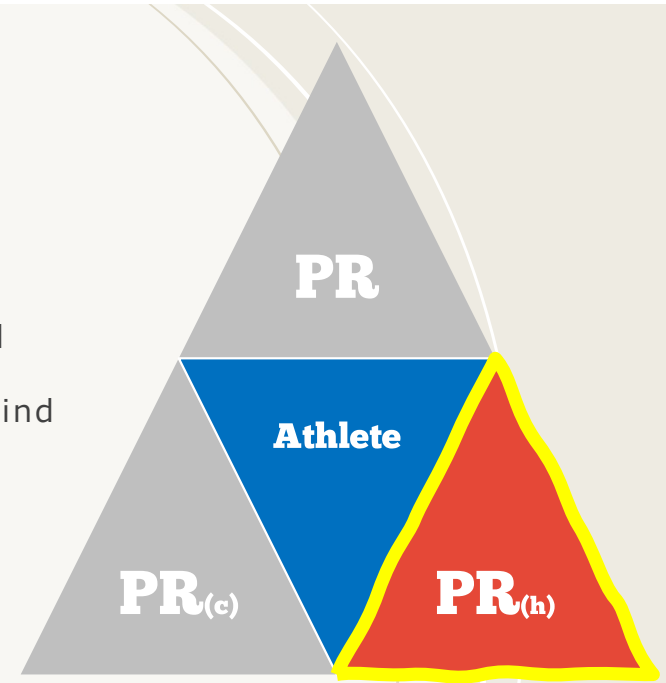


Person Responsible (h)

(for the horse on show grounds)

Can be the athlete themselves if over 19 years of age, of sound mind and ability, and is the horse's owner or leaser.

- If an athlete is under 19 years of age and/or not of sound mind and ability (i.e., individuals with impairments that require a legal guardian, etc.), then a designated PR(h) is required.
 - The PR(c) for a minor athlete can be the PR(h) as well, provided the horse is owned by them - the parent of a junior athlete would technically be the "owner" of the horse.
- Ideally, the PR(h) would be the horse's legal owner, i.e., the individual responsible for any legal and/or liability claims, paying veterinarian bills and/or possessing major decision-making authority in the event of an emergency.
 - Coaches/instructors and/or leasers under contract (provided they fulfil the same requirements as the PR) can be listed as the PR(h).



Responsible for/purpose: for the welfare of the horse while on show grounds and having decision making authority in the event of an emergency. Would be the primary point of contact in the event of an emergency regarding the horse (unless dire circumstances require an immediate response/call to the veterinarian/etc.).

NLEA membership required: Yes

For an adult athlete who owns the horse:

PR = PR(c) = PR(h)

Emergency contact required

Alternatively:

PR = PR(h)

PR(c) = emergency contact

For a minor or an individual athlete not of sound mind/ability who "owns" the horse:

PR = parent and/or legal guardian

PR(c) = parent and/or legal guardian (technically the horses' owner)

PR(h) = PR(c), or coach/instructor

Emergency contact can be PR(c), PR(h) or someone else

For an adult athlete riding a leased or school horse:

PR = PR(c)

PR(h) = horses' owner, coach/instructor or PR (if contract in place)

Emergency contact required

For a minor or an individual athlete not of sound mind or ability who is riding a leased or school horse:

PR = parent and/or legal guardian

PR(c) = parent and/or legal guardian

PR(h) = horses' owner, or coach/instructor

Emergency contact can be PR(c), PR(h) or someone else



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Thanks everyone!

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