

1 Grading System and Specifications

1.1 Heights and Spreads of Obstacles

- 1.1.a The limits on the height and spread of obstacles laid down by these rules must be observed with the greatest care. However, if it should happen that a maximum dimension has been marginally exceeded as a result of the material used for construction and/or by the position of the obstacle on the ground, the maximum dimensions laid down will not be considered as having been exceeded, but the permitted tolerance is 5 cm maximum in height and 10 cm in width, where no other alternative exists.

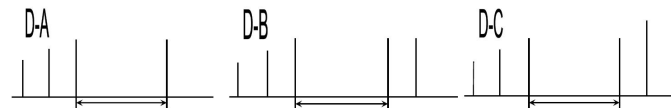
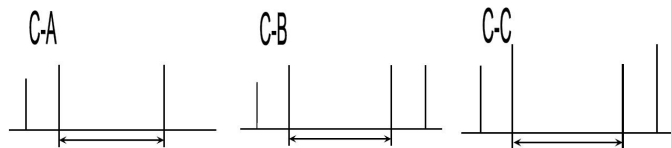
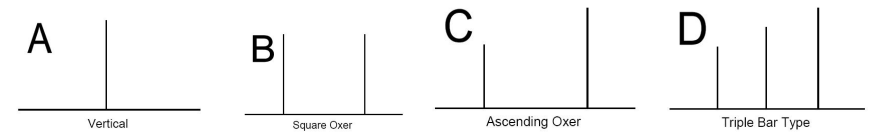
Table 1: All measurements are in metres.

Grade	No of Obstacles	Minimum Starting Height	Maximum Starting Height	Maximum Finishing Height	Maximum Spread	Maximum Course Distance	Speed metres per minute
also refer to rules 3.1.b to i, below							
A	9 to 12	1.05	1.15	No limit	1.40	450	325
B	9 to 12	0.90	1.00	1.20	1.20	450	325
C	9 to 12	0.75	0.85	1.05	1.05	400	300
D	8 to 10	0.60	0.70	0.85	0.85	350	250
E	8 to 10	0.45	0.55	0.70	0.70	350	250
F	6 to 10	0.35	0.45	0.55	0.55	350	250

NB : the first round of the first class on the day of competition cannot exceed the maximum starting height for the respective Grade.

- 1.1.b Spreads for PD, PE and PF grade should not exceed the height of the obstacle except for triple bars.
- 1.1.c Triple bars may be 15cm wider than the maximum spread.
- 1.1.d The finishing heights must not be exceeded.
- 1.1.e No single raise in the course for any grade shall exceed 15cms. There is no restriction on the finishing height for PA grade events.
- 1.1.f Measuring the height of an obstacle, if cross bars are used the poles must be able to fall freely and two thirds of the face of the obstacle must measure at or below the height for the grade in question
- 1.1.g Double and treble combinations are composed of two or three obstacles and necessitate two or three successive jumps.
- 1.1.h The minimum distance between any two parts of a combination ranges from 6.6m to 7.50m and the maximum distance is 12m. The distance is measured from the base of the obstacle on the landing side to the base of the next obstacle on the take off side and will depend on the height of the obstacle. See 6.1 for more detail
- 1.1.i Treble combinations are permitted in PA, PB and PC grade only.
- 1.1.j Six bar competitions are permitted in PA grade only.

1.2 Measuring the distances in combination fences



NB: A Triple Bar –D must not be used as a 2nd or 3rd element of a combination.

If used as the first element of a combination care must be taken with the distance between the fences as the shape of a triple bar causes the horse to land closer to the back rail