

MHCGB

Performance Trio

2018



To be eligible for the 2018 Performance Trio, there are just a few simple things you need to do.

- 1) Take part in all three disciplines at MHCGB shows
 - A) Dressage
 - B) In-hand Halter Obstacles
 - C) In-hand Jumping
- 2) Ensure you are a fully paid up member and take part in these three disciplines at the Grand Champs Show on the 25th Aug 2018
- 3) The equine must be over 3 years old or over to take part due to the jumping aspect

How it works

Over the course of the 2018 season, these three disciplines will be provided at multiple MHCGB area shows and also at the national shows.

You can take part at as many shows as you like, but you must compete at the Grand Championships Show in August to qualify for a chance of achieving the prestigious title:

THE ULTIMATE PERFORMANCE TRIO HORSE AND HANDLER SUPREME.

All three events must be completed at a show for that show's placings to count. A 1st place will gain 10points, 2nd 8points, 3rd 6points, 4th 4points, 5th 2points and 6th 1point.

A maximum of three shows from across the year will give the final totals. If you only compete at one or two shows and fulfil the rest of the criteria, you will still gain points on the leader board.

You will need to compete in either the novice or the open section all year – please be true to your ability; if you are at Open standard then please enter that section. The Novice criteria will be for the Horse / Handler combination never to have been Performance Trio Champion in previous years with MHCGB.

If, as the year progresses, you would like to give the Open classes a try while competing in the trio as a Novice that is allowed, but you will not gain points in the Open section.

It needs to be the same horse / handler combination for the whole season. You can compete multiple animals if you wish.

Equipment required

American performance halter or normal head collar, a lead rein between 8ft and 12ft long, a normal bitted bridle, roller and long reins. A dressage whip is permitted in the dressage section should you wish to carry one.

General Rules

All exhibitors are to wear gloves and suitable footwear.

All junior exhibitors (16 years and under) are to wear an approved British Standard hardhat.

Any exhibitor displaying inappropriate or rough handling of any horse in any discipline will be eliminated at the judge's discretion.

The judge's decision is final.

There will be no requirement for the horses to be let off their lead in either Novice or Open sections.

Discipline Specific Details

Dressage

The set tests for 2018 will be made available by the end of January 2018.

The Novice test can either be performed in-hand with the handler working at the horse's shoulder holding a single lead or on the long reins. The Open test must be done on the long reins.

Novice competitors can have a caller; Open competitors will be expected to learn the test.

All horses should be in a bridle (bit-less bridles are permitted, head collars ARE NOT a bit-less bridle).

In-hand novice competitors require a single lead; all long reined competitors must be in a roller and long reins. Cruppers are allowed; Overchecks / Sidechecks are not. The handler may carry a dressage whip.

Judging will take place as per a ridden competition.

Obstacles

These 8 obstacles will be set for the season and differ in difficulty between the Novice and Open classes.

All horses should be worked in an American performance halter / head collar with NO BIT and on a lead between 8 and 12 feet long. The handler is not allowed to carry a whip of any sort.

The judge will mark the horse and handler on the following at each obstacle:

- 1) Calmness of Horse
- 2) Completion of Obstacle

A maximum of 10points per obstacle can be gained.

There will also be a mark out of 20 given for Competence of Handler throughout the course.

Jumping

The jumping course and jump types will differ across the season.

Courses will have between 6 and 8 jumps. Novice classes will be set no higher than 18 inches in the first round. Open classes will be between 18 and 44 inches

Horse can compete in either a bitted bridle or an American performance halter / head collar. The handler is not allowed to carry a whip of any sort.

Refusals, circling or path crossing will incur a 3point penalty per occurrence and knock downs will incur a 4point penalty per fault.

Elimination will result if there are 3 refusals, the wrong course is taken, a fall of horse or handler occurs or there is loss of control of the horse.