



VIRTUAL COMPETITION RULES

1. You must set the selected AEL course and put fence height at the appropriate level for that rider. Be sure to include ground lines in front of every fence.
2. You must wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet and appear in AEL showing apparel with your arm band.
3. Coaching during the test is allowed on the edge of the arena like at normal competition. You must have separate individual recording. The mini division can be on lead line and/or assist from the coach. If an athlete goes off course or forgets their fences test, the coach who is assisting(not the videographer) must blow a whistle or otherwise inform the athlete that they are off course. The coach shall then call the athlete over and correct her/him and then the athlete may proceed.
4. Riders can not ride their own personal horse or a horse they are leasing. They must use the same horse for flat and fences.
5. The normal background sound for the test must be audible. Please do not mute the video or add music.
6. Videos of rounds must be one continuous filming; unedited from start to finish.
7. You must submit your video via a YouTube link, either listed as public or unlisted. Email to the designated virtual competition organizer.
8. We will make every effort to judge this class fairly with the knowledge that there are inherent challenges to judging online shows that make it different from the real-life experience.
9. Filming must be completed within a 30 minute time frame. No filming flat round in the morning then filming your fences later in the day or on a different day.
10. Filming must be clear, horizontal and filmed on the length of the arena. No filming will be accepted that is blurry, dark, vertical or filmed where the judge can't fairly judge the rider.
11. Practicum can not be judged by a coach or assistant coach.
12. Athletic Equestrian League rules and regulations apply.
13. Use of crop and spurs under rule 4702A and 4702B are still as follows: only Open, Intermediate and Novice levels are permitted to use spurs as provided by the horse provider.

14. Any violation of rules must be reported to a member of the AEL staff.
15. Coaches and athletes will not take multiple video attempts and send the best recording, they must send the first and only attempt. It is important to maintain sportsmanship, integrity and horsemanship during virtual competitions. The only exception is when the athlete is in danger due to an unanticipated horse issue and the athlete is granted a re-ride like in regular competitions.
16. Violation of any of these rules may result in the refusal to accept the entry or non-refundable scratch.