

# SECTION 1: General Regulations

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4. Riding Phase – Coaches are permitted to walk courses and advise competitors in the warm-up area and during a short after-ride debriefing only. *See Guidelines for Coaching the Riding Phase of Tetrathlon, Appendix III.*

## Article 6 – Age Divisions & Ratings *(see also Appendix VIII)*

1. Tetrathlon rallies shall be organized on the basis of competitor's age on January 1st.

2. There shall be four levels of competition offered to boys and girls at Championships and any other national competitions:

A. Senior – 15 years and older and must be a C-1 or above. *International competitors will follow all Senior rules.*

- 1) The length of the run shall be 3000 meters.
- 2) The length of the swim shall be 200 yards/meters.
- 3) The jumping height will be maximum of 3'7"
- 4) The shoot will be 20 shot.

B. Junior – 12-14 years and must be a D-3 or above.

- 1) The length of the run shall be 2000 meters.
- 2) The length of the swim shall be 200 yards/meters.
- 3) The jumping height will be maximum of 3'3"
- 4) The shoot will be 20 shots.

C. Intermediate – 12 years and above and must be a D-3 or above.

This is intended to be an entry level division for competitors competing at Championships for the first time and to encourage increased participation in Tetrathlon. Competitors in the Intermediate divisions are not eligible for overall competition high score awards except Horse Management.

- 1) The length of the run shall be 1000 meters.
- 2) The length of the swim shall be 100 yards/meters.
- 3) The jumping height will be maximum of 2'9"
- 4) The shoot will be 20 shots.

D. Novice – 11 years and under and must be a D-3 or above.

- 1) The length of the run shall be 1000 meters.
- 2) The length of the swim shall be 100 yards/meters.
- 3) The jumping height will be maximum of 2'9"
- 4) The shoot will be 20 shots.

3. Three additional levels, Pre-Novice, 10-and-Under and 8-and-Under, may be offered at local, regional and inter-regional level if there is sufficient interest to warrant them. These divisions are designed and offered to encourage young Pony Club members to try Tetrathlon. ***The format is presented only as a guide and may be tailored by the Organizer for the rally.***

A. Pre-Novice – 11 years and under and must be a D-2 or above.

- 1) The length of the run shall be 500 meters.
- 2) The length of the swim shall be 50 yards/meters.
- 3) The jumping height will be lower (2'3" maximum).
- 4) The shoot will be 10 shots.

B. 10-and-Under – 10 years and under and must be a D-1 or above

- 1) Length of run shall be 500 meters.
- 2) Length of swim shall be 50 yards/meters.
- 3) Jump height shall be 18" maximum.
- 4) The shooting is the same as Pre-Novice, except that bench shooting is allowed.

C. 8-and-Under – 8 and under, and a D-1, or un-rated.

- 1) The length of the run shall be 500 meters.
- 2) The length of the swim shall be 25 yards/meters.
- 3) The jumps appropriate (cross rails or poles in an enclosed arena that require steering).
- 4) The shooting targets can be larger, or they may shoot from a distance of 5 meters (See art. 72.2), bench shooting is allowed.

## Article 7 – Championships Qualifications

1. To compete at the National Championship a competitor must have competed at a Regional or Inter-regional qualifying rally in the Novice, Intermediate, Junior, or Senior Division. Only under an extreme situation may this rule be waived by the Tetrathlon Committee and with the approval of the Vice President of Activities.

2. With the permission of his/her own RS, a competitor may qualify outside his/her own region to compete at the National Championships. However, Regional Supervisors are encouraged to organize and support a circuit of inter-regional qualifying rallies and to allow their Tetrathletes to qualify outside of their respective regions.

3. To compete at Championships, a competitor must be at least 11 years old as of January 1 of the rally year and of the appropriate rating for the division.