

Standard Operating Guidelines

Warm Up Fences | Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences

1. Choosing the Fences on the Course

- a. A minimum of two warm up fences on the course will be chosen by the pattern committee during the pattern design process.
 - i. At least one fence will be a post and rail cross design
 - ii. During warm up, these fences may be
 1. Taken from a different direction than during the course
 - a. Ground line(s) will be moved appropriately
 2. Adjusted in height from the height they are during the course
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 - iii. All warm up fences will have their designated direction notes by a plate or other marking on the riders left when proceeding over the fence
 - iv. If a judge, for reason of course size or design change feels alternate fences should be selected, this is acceptable with:
 1. Advance notice to athletes/coaches
 2. Approval of District/State leadership

2. Showing the course

- a. Athletes will be expected to follow the directions of the on course authority (judge or district/state representative)
- b. A “track” and direction will be provided
- c. Not following the assigned “track” or the directions of the on-course authority could be a reason for elimination or disqualification at judge and leadership discretion.

3. Time for Warm Up

- a. The best guess of schedule will include the expected over fences warm-up time
 - i. As the time is closer, a more accurate time will be determined
 - ii. As much advanced notice as possible is expected
- b. If athletes want to practice over the warm up fences, they will need to be present during the scheduled allocated time to do so
 - i. There are no exceptions for being at another event, not being prepared, etc.
 - ii. Courses will not be taken down or altered to allow a rider who missed the warm up time, to come in and warm up in the middle of the class
- c. The amount of time allocated will be no less than 15 minutes total and will be based on:
 - i. Number of athletes
 - ii. Time available in the schedule