GDCTA COMBINED TEST POLICY

Definition:
A GDCTA recognized combined test comprises two of the three tests of a horse trial and takes place on one day, during which the competitor rides the same horse in both tests. Each competitor's scores from both tests are added together to determine the result.

Riders may compete more than one horse in a combined test.

Dressage & Show Jumping Combined Tests
A horse may compete a total of twice during the competition day, in two adjacent levels, with either the same or different riders at each level. A horse may NOT compete twice at the same level with two different riders, UNLESS the level is presented as separate competitive sections (ex. Junior & Adult or A B sections)

Dressage & Cross Country Combined Tests
In combined tests with dressage and cross country no horse shall be allowed to compete over more than one cross country course with the following exception. A horse competing in this combined test at Amoeba or Tadpole MAY be competed a second time during that combined test at the same level, in a different section, with a different rider.

Show Jumping & Cross Country Combined Tests
In the interests of the humane use of the horse, each horse is limited to a single combined test of this type. If a dressage/show jumping combined test is offered at the same competition, the horse may participate once additionally in that combined test.

Although timing is optional in USEF combined tests for show jumping and cross country, GDCTA encourages the appropriate use of timing of jumping phases for its educational aspects, and to assist in potential tie-breaking of scores. In the event of a tie in the final classification at a combined test, the horse with the least number of faults (jumping & time) in the show jumping or cross country test shall be placed first. If still tied, the best score of the collective marks of the dressage test shall prevail. If still tied, placings and awards are to be duplicated.

During a combined test, the rules of eventing as outlined in the GDCTA and USEF rules will continue to apply, except where noted as specific to combined tests.