

WHAT IS THREE DAY EVENTING & HORSE TRIALS

Three-Day Eventing was designed to test the endurance of the horse and rider over three distinctly different disciplines of the equestrian sports. Like all equine sports, men and women compete on an equal playing field. Horse Trials are a unique precursor towards the Olympic sport of Three-Day Eventing. The Horse Trials competition consists of three tests.



Dressage, is the first phase. The horse and rider are scored on their ability to complete a routine of movements demonstrating suppleness and responsiveness. A low score is the goal.

Cross-Country, is the second phase. The object is to question the endurance of the horse and rider by galloping through fields and jumping solid obstacles. Clean and fast are the goals.



Show Jumping, is the third and final phase. This is where the control and stamina of the pair is tested by negotiating a course of jumps in an arena. These obstacles can be knocked down and thereby accumulate penalty points. The winner is the pair who finishes with the lowest overall combined score.