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DOWNGRADING RULES

Combinations allowed to "Ride Down" in the following manner:

A horse/rider combination may ride down a grade below the horse's existing grade with the commencing points of the lower grade, or if riding down more than one grade starting with half the commencing points of the next grade.

Example

Showjumping	C Grade to D Grade start with 0 points A & B Grade to D Grade start with 8 points (half) A & B Grade to C Grade start with 16 points
Eventing	Preliminary to Introductory start with 0 points Pre Novice or above to Introductory start with 5 points (half) Pre Novice to Preliminary start with 11 points
Dressage	Novice to Preliminary start with 0 points Elementary to Preliminary start with 15 points (half) Elementary to Novice start with 30 points

Riders then work there way up through the grades **OR** may apply to return to the horse's original grade when they feel ready **OR** move up one grade when ready.

- **Horse/Rider combination can only be downgraded once.**
- **Rider/owner may only downgrade one horse per calendar year.**
- **A horse can only be downgraded once per calendar year.**
- **A rider who has successfully achieved a grade of competition (A/B or C) will not be permitted to downgrade a horse of that same grade to a lower grade.**
- **A rider who can demonstrate they have not competed at their horse's grade of competition or higher (Pony Club or EA based events) for a period of two years will be permitted to downgrade their horse one level only.**
- **The downgrading ONLY applies to the Horse/Rider combination.**
- **If after downgrading is approved, the horse competes in its original grade with any rider, the Downgrade will cease & Horse/Rider combination must then only compete in its original official grade.**

Riders need to have owned/leased a downgraded horse for a period of six months prior to competing at a State Championship & achieved the qualifying criteria at two other events, with the exception of Horse Trials where qualifying at one event is sufficient.

Please keep original card & downgrade card together at all times

