

**SUGGESTED CORRECTIONS TO**  
**EC ENGLISH RIDER HANDBOOK**  
**Levels 6-8 (2012 3<sup>rd</sup> edition)**

- p. 13 Rider 6 Overview – last paragraph – **measurements in feet – 70' x 160'**
- p. 16 English Rider 6 – Evaluation Requirements B. Riding Phase - Requirement - 1. Position – “Position in all gaits in basic seat.”
- p. 17 English Rider 6 – Evaluation Requirements - C. Jumping Phase – 3. Effectiveness – Evidence – “Jump a course of **2'6”** jumps.”
- p. 19 Rider 7 Overview – 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph – **measurements in feet – 70' x 160'**
- p.21 English Rider 7 – Evaluation Requirement
- B. Riding Phase – Requirement - 1. Position – 1<sup>st</sup> bullet - “Position **in all gaits** in full seat with stirrups.”
  - Evidences – 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph – “Position at all **gaits** on the flat. Riders should demonstrate solid position with upper bodies being on the vertical at all **gaits** except rising trot.”
  - Evidences – 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph – “Position at all **gaits** without stirrups.”
- p. 23 Rider 8 Overview – 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph – measurement **2'9”** – 3'
- p. 25 English Rider 8 – Evaluation Requirements – Requirements – 1. Position – “Position at all **gaits** in full seat with/without stirrups in warm up.”
- p. 26 English Rider 8 – Evaluation Requirements – Requirements – C. Jumping Phase – 1. Evidences – d) A roll back turn **(fence 3 to 4)**
- p. 32 Chapter Requirements for Level 6 – 1<sup>st</sup> bullet – “Position at all **gaits** in basic seat.”
- p. 33 Chapter Requirements for Level 7 – 1<sup>st</sup> bullet – “Position in all **gaits** in full seat on the flat.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet – “Position at all **gaits** without stirrups.”
- p. 38 5. Impulsion (Energy and Thrust) – last sentence – “Impulsion is necessary to develop medium paces and later on, with added ingredient of collection **and** extended paces.”
- p. 40 1.4 The Gaits – Canter – last sentence – “The horse maintains a consistent rhythm and natural balance, even after a transition **within** the gait.”
- p. 41 – 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet - 2<sup>nd</sup> last sentence – “The horse’s steps are **longer** than in the other gaits, but he is lighter and more mobile.”
- p. 47 1.7.3 Serpentine – Last sentence – A four-loop serpentine should be ridden in the large 20m x 60m arena. This figure does **not** involve a change of direction.
- p. 48 1.8.8 Transitions – 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph
- 1<sup>st</sup> sentence - “A transition may be from one **gait** to another or within a **gait**.”
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence - “In this manual, transitions within the **gait** will be discussed in more detail.”
- 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph – “Transitions from one **gait** to another should be clearly shown at the prescribed marker. They must be smooth and accurate, but not abrupt. The cadence of a **gait** should be maintained up to the **moment** when the **gait** is changed or the horse halts. The horse should remain light in hand, calm and on the bit. The same applies to transitions within the **gait**, for instance from extended canter to collected canter, and vice versa.”
- p. 50 1.8.4 Flying Lead Changes – 1<sup>st</sup> sentence – “During the flying lead change, the horse does not make a transition through another **gait**.”

p. 52 1.9.1 Leg-Yielding – 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph – “When moving to the right, the inside leg (left), either on, or slightly behind the girth, moves the horse over: the outside leg maintains the impulsion and the straightness of the horse; the inside hand (left) indicates the **flexion**, and the outside hand (right) leads the way....”

p. 55 1.9.3 Shoulder-in – 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph – 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence – “If the horse **flexes** in the neck only, the....”

p. 57 The Plan – 8<sup>th</sup> bullet – “Include transitions within all three **gaits**, transitions from one pace to another, ...”

p. 94 Rider 6 Jumping Test – Gymnastic – **middle diagram – delete – no longer evaluated without stirrups**

p. 94-96 Numerous references to arena size as **70’ x 160’**. **Large arenas are required starting at Rider 6 to be able to set jumps appropriately.**

p. 102 – 3.2.1 Finding the Correct Size of Bit – Last two sentences in the paragraph- “If your horse has a large, fleshy tongue or a small **palate**, then a thinner mouthpiece or double-jointed bit may be required. Obviously then, if your horse has a thinner tongue or larger **palate**, then a thicker mouthpiece will be needed.”

p. 116 Pictures – **all pictures should show gloves being worn**

p. 116 **Add f) Handler attire – “Handler to wear gloves and NO spurs during lunging. Helmet highly recommended.”**

p. 119 4.5 Side Reins - 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph – 2<sup>nd</sup> last sentence – Side reins are best attached to the back **billet** and placed under the front **billet** to prevent slipping too low.”

p.122 4.6.3 – Changing Direction

– 4<sup>th</sup> sentence – Replace with, “**Never turn the horse on the forehand while the side reins are attached.**”

– Following 5<sup>th</sup> sentence add, “**The preferred method is to detach side reins prior to changing direction (detach inside side rein first), change direction, reattach side reins (attach outside side rein first) and proceed in the changed direction.**”

p. 133 Who May Examine Candidates?

English Rider Level 3-4 Evaluators

– 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet – may be evaluated by current **certified Instructor** with Jump module (**not their own Instructor**)

– 4<sup>th</sup> bullet – Note: If candidates are ONLY doing Flat Phase, then a current **certified Instructor** may evaluate (**not their own Instructor**)

English Rider Level 6-7-8 Evaluators

– 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet – **Current certified Comp. Coach**, Coach Level 2 or Comp. Coach Specialist (not their own coach)

- **insert wording from current Operations Guide**

p. 134 Note Regarding Written Tests

2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph – Should a candidate fail their written test, they are to be given the opportunity to rewrite the test. **Contact your PTSO for provincial/territorial guidelines to be followed.**