

EVALUATION OF COURSES BY THE COURSE DESIGNER

Name of Event: The Fork International at Tryon International Equestrian Center

F.E.I Divisions offered: CIC 3 Star CIC 2 Star CIC 1 Star

Size of arena in feet: Approx 300' x 250'

Grass or all weather: All Weather GGT type

Any Gradient: No.

Were there any permanent, or semi-permanent, items in the arena, like cross-country jumps, trees, etc.: Two Sprinkler Heads located on course maps

Is there any other information about the arena layout that I may need to know of?

The George Morris Arena at Tryon. A beautiful arena, stadium seating/restaurants/shops/ all around. All of it above the arena.

What were the weather conditions on the day. 2 Star and 1 Star were held on Friday, Weather was cool and very windy. Upper 50's with gusty winds. Most of wind blew over the top of show jumping as ring is set down but was still breezy in the ring Saturday was much better for 3 star, They jumped first thing in the morning so was chilly, temps in 40's/low 50's but no wind and very sunny.

Do you think this had any effect on the results? No

Either mark the distances, in feet, of all the lines up to 10 strides, on the plan, or list them here:

Were there any other circumstances that affected the day (i.e. lack of help, insufficient material, etc.)

The Main arena is absolutely fantastic at Tryon, it was a pleasure to design in it. The jump crew were Tryon's own crew, professional and very good and helpful. Material was good.

Give a brief description of any changes you would make if you had to build the same track again:

I was very happy with the tracks this week.

Are there any other comments that you would like to offer about your courses:

I thought the tracks rode well. I felt I built the 3 star quite big and wide this week in the run up to Rolex, however I had more clean than I anticipated. I thought the questions were technical enough and the general consensus from riders/trainers walking the course was it was a tough track. I do think the excellent footing combined with the show jumping before xc had an effect on the amount of clear rounds. The time allowed was in my opinion one of my most accurate especially for this event. It was a touch on the tight side but I think it was necessary in this ring and for this track. It was interesting to see that One group of Advanced (over the same track) had time faults but the second division of Advanced and the three star did not.

I thought the one star and two star had good results. Again, the horses seemed to jump well and dealt with the arena atmosphere well.