

The following are rule changes since 1/1/09 to become effective 1/1/10

Rule No	Heading	Details
Index	Index	Need to add the following – Definitions, Youth Development
1.4	Protests, Reports & Appeals	Add the following documents: EA Member Protection Policy and its associated Attachment D1 – Complaints procedure, EA Disciplinary By-laws
1.6.1	Conflict of Interest	Amend the 3 rd dot point to read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any judge who is provided with private accommodation with a competitor they are scheduled to judge
1.12	Conditions of Entry for Official Competitions	Amend Para 2 – 1 st sentence to read as follows: To promote development, all Official EA competitions, <u>with the exception of National and State Championships and Prix St Georges Challenge</u> , are open to both horses and ponies.
1.14	Eligibility of horses/Ponies for Each Level	Add the following to the last para at the end of the first sentence after SDA ‘prior to close of entries’.
1.16	Down Grading	Add the following dot point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an application to down grade a horse/pony must be made or endorsed by the registered owner or lessee
1.16	Down Grading	Delete the 2 nd last dot point
2.1.4	PSG to GP Levels	Make the following changes: Prix St Georges and Above <ul style="list-style-type: none"> breeches - white or off-white tail coat - black, dark blue <u>or other colour within the international HSV colour scale. Contrast colouring and piping is allowed</u> short coat - with approved safety helmet <u>hacking tail coat is not permitted</u> long boots – black <u>or same colour as coat</u> riders 18 years and over – top hat <u>black or same colour as coat</u>, or approved safety helmet riders under 18 years – approved safety helmet stock or tie – <u>white, off white or same colour as coat</u> gloves – <u>white or off white or same colour as coat</u>
2.3	Footwear	Add the following at the bottom of the table: Long riding boots same colour as the coat – for FEI levels only
2.6	Whip	Amend the first dot point to read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a whip not exceeding 1.2 metres in its entirety (including the tassel) may <u>only be carried in the exercise and warm-up areas</u> and in tests up to an including Advanced level at all events including all Championships
2.6	Whip	Add the following at the end of the 2 nd dot point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> where a 2 point penalty from each judge will be incurred

Rule No	Heading	Details
2.10.1	Snaffle Bridle	Add under the 3 rd diamond after the 3r5d star the following: ★ Snaffles used for ponies must have a minimum diameter of 10 mm
2.10.2	Double Bridle	Make the following changes: Bridoon ♦ must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber (<u>manufactured state</u>) ♦ <u>wrapping of bit with any kind of material is not permitted</u> ♦ <u>flexible rubber bits are not permitted</u> ♦ <u>the diameter of the mouthpiece must be such so as not to hurt the horse</u> ♦ <u>minimum diameter of the mouthpiece to be 10mm</u> Curb ♦ must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber (<u>manufactured state</u>) ♦ <u>wrapping of bit with any kind of material is not permitted</u> ♦ <u>flexible rubber bits are not permitted</u> ♦ <u>the lever arm of the curb bit is limited to 10cm (length below the mouth piece)</u> ♦ <u>if there is a sliding mouthpiece the lever arm below the mouth piece should not measure more than 10cm when the mouthpiece is at the uppermost position</u> ♦ <u>the diameter of the mouthpiece must be such so as not to hurt the horse</u> ♦ <u>minimum diameter of the mouthpiece to be 12mm</u>
2.11	Allowed at an Event/Venue	Add to the 4 th dot point the following: • False tails/<u>tail extensions</u> are permitted in all EA competitions.....
2.12	Not Allowed at an Event/Venue	Amend the 6 th dot point to read: • bearing, running or balancing reins used either for riding or in the yard/stable and will incur elimination from the event (e.g: chambon, de gogue)
2.14	Lunging	Add the following dot points: • snaffles with a cavesson or a normal dropped noseband, Mexican noseband or a Flash noseband, running martingales (with snaffle only), boots and bandages are allowed. • single direct side reins or double sliding side reins (triangle/dreieck zügel) (the latter solely when lungeing only with one lunge line) are permitted • ear muffs are permitted
2.15	Exemption Cards – Riders with a Disability	Add the following: Riders with a disability, with an exemption card, may only compete at an EA event/competition providing the OC deems that the environment is safe for that rider to compete.

Rule No	Heading	Details
2.15	Exemption Cards – Riders with a Disability	Remove reference to RDAA and insert EA
2.18 2.19	Permitted Bits Permitted Nosebands	Ensure all bit and noseband diagrams and captions from the FEI rule book are added to our rule book.
2.18	Permitted Bits	Add the words 'Curb chain hooks must not be fixed' to the 'Curbs' diagrams
New 3.2	Dressage Events	Add a new heading of 'Competitions' as 3.2 and add the following dot points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only the current official EA tests may be used • only current NOAS judges are eligible to officiate at official and Associate competitions • a maximum of 35 horses per competition <p>As a result of the above inclusion re-number all subsequent rules.</p>
3.6	Entering the Arena	Add the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • under special circumstances and conditions, the OC may also permit riders to ride within an outdoor arena
3.9	Resistance/Disobedience	Add the following sentence to the 1 st dot point at the end of the 2 nd sentence: 'This also applies to any resistance before the entering the dressage arena and within the arena surrounds'.
3.15	Use of Voice	Amend the first sentence to read as follows: The use of the voice or clicking the tongue repeatedly is a serious fault, involving
6.7	Movements NOT Permitted	Add the following to the table: Single flying change – Novice to Elementary Flying Changes every 2 nd stride – Novice to Advanced Flying Changes every 3 rd stride – Novice to Medium Flying Changes every 4 th stride – Novice to Medium
6.8	Compulsory/Permitted Movements	Add the following to Elementary, Medium and Advanced Half turn on the haunches
7	Paces	Replace the whole section with the attached.
8.1	Administration	Add new dot point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The competitors state of origin must be included in the programme and draw •
8.6.1	State Teams	Add the following dot point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where there are insufficient entries to enable a State Team to be entered the smaller states may combine to enter a mixed state team

Rule No	Heading	Details
8.11.1 8.11.2 8.11.3	State Dressage Championships, AUS/State YR & Pony C'Ships	Need to add as an exception: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • min 3 judges for FEI competitions • the competitors state of origin must be included in the programme and draw •
8.11.1 8.11.2	State Dressage Championships	Need to add a new dot point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it is up to the State to determine if ponies are to be included
8.11.2	Australian & State YR C'Ships	Add a new dot point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all horses and ponies must hold current EA registration

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12.1	Who can Supervise Shadow Judging	<p>Update the table accordingly:</p> <p>The supervising judge(s) must be at least an appointed D-Level Mentor or other C or above Mentor or Judge Educator and at least one level higher than the level to which the candidate wishes to upgrade:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="816 764 1549 1159"> <thead> <tr> <th>Candidate Level</th> <th>Exam Level</th> <th>Minimum Shadow Judge Level Must be an appointed JE or Mentor</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>H</td> <td>F</td> <td>D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F</td> <td>E</td> <td>D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>D</td> <td>C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>C</td> <td>B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>B</td> <td>A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>A</td> <td>FEI</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Candidate Level	Exam Level	Minimum Shadow Judge Level Must be an appointed JE or Mentor	H	F	D	F	E	D	E	D	C	D	C	B	C	B	A	B	A	FEI
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12.2	Ways to do Shadow Judging	Add as the first dot point the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all shadow judging for upgrading assessment must be carried in conjunction with a competition (e.g. shadow judging by video is not permitted) 																					
20	How to Become a Dressage Judge	Amend 2 nd dot point to delete the word 'Associate' and insert 'Officiating/Officials'.																					

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21.2	Lapsed for more than 1 year & Less than 3 years	<p>Amend the following accordingly:</p> <p>21.2 Lapsed for more than 1 Year and Less than 3 Years Judges who have not been accredited for more than 1 year but less than 3 years must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give evidence of being a financial member of the EFA • participate in an official EFA Seminar at their past accredited level • shadow judge at least one complete competition at their previous highest accredited level for assessment by a Judge Educator • pass an Open Rule Book Test examination with a mark of 80% or more • give evidence of having sat with a Mentor for at least two hours (two consecutive hours or two hours with different mentors). A 'Mentoring Evaluation' form must be completed at each session • upon satisfactory completion of the mentoring sessions, send the forms to the Examining Authority together with application for re-accreditation • upon written application and fulfilling all requirements, they will be re-accredited without the need for any further examination <p>21.3 Lapsed for more than 3 Years Judges who have not been accredited for more than 3 years must complete the requirements of 21.2 plus the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participate in an official EFA Seminar at their past accredited level • will be required to re-sit and pass both theory and practical examinations at their existing level before being re-accredited
21.3	Lapsed for more than 3 years	<p>Add an additional dot point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass an Open Rule Book Test with a mark of 80% or more
26	Requirements to Remain NOAS Accredited	Young Horse Judges to attend a Young Horse Workshop every 3 years from 1/4/10.

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26	Requirements to Remain NOAS Accredited	<p>Amend the Updating Activity points as detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Official/Associate judging (3 pts per event) • Act as a penciller/writer for higher level judge (3 points) • Participate in or attend a dressage workshop of at least 2 hours (3 points) • Attend workshop/course on one of the dressage generic units (E/F & D/C-units 1-4 & A/B – unit 5) (2 points) • Participate in EA approved workshop with foreign l'national judges (3 points) • Being mentored by an endorsed mentor as an educative process (3 points) • Ride at an EA seminar or an assessment day as demo rider (3 points) • Maintain accreditation as an EA NCAS accredited General or Dressage Coach (2 points) • Complete an EA Certificate/Accreditation Course e.g. horse management course (2 points) • Upgrade to the next level of judging (6 points) • Present an EA updating seminar (Judge Educators only) (6 points) • Train/qualify (inc. maintaining/upgrading) as an EA Official other than a dressage judge (3 points) • Mentor a lower level accredited Official or Candidate (JEs/Mentors only) (3 points) • Actively assist in the administration of the officiating program (3 points) • Oversee the shadow judging of upgrading candidate another judge (JEs/Mentors & D appointed only) (3 pts per event) • Judges undertaking the shadow judging (2 pts per event) • Judging of Club/Preparatory competitions –H, G & F level judges only (2 pts per event /max 2 events) • Attend an EA endorsed State or National Coaching Clinic either as a rider or observer (3 points)
27	Requirements for Upgrading to Next level	See the following table for changes re Shadow Judging and Mentoring
30	Payment to Judge Educators	Amend the 1 st dot point by deleting \$440 and adding \$550 in its stead

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REQUIREMENTS	Upgrade to	Upgrade to	Upgrade to	Upgrade to	Upgrade to	Upgrade to
	F*	E*	D*	C	B	A
SHADOW JUDGING						
• Level of competitions to be judged	Novice	Element	Med	Adv	PSG & INT I	INT II & GP
• Min number of entire comps to judge	3	3	5	5	3 each	3 each
• Min number horses in each competition	10	10	6	6	6	3
• Min number of horses to be judged overall (more is better)	30	30	30	30	36	18
• Supervising judge (to be appointed by the SDA) to be at least	D	D				
• Supervising JE/Mentor to be at least			C	B	A	FEI3*
• Shadow judging evaluation form to be completed each time	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MENTORING						
Mentoring to occur on a number of occasions at least	2	2	3	3	3	3
Mentoring to include certain movements with suitable horses	Nov	Element	Med	Adv	Up to Int I	Up to GP
Mentor evaluation form to be completed each time	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Notes for Dressage Judges

Rule No	Heading	Details
Preamble		Add the following: Only current NOAS Judges are eligible to officiate at Official and Associate events.
1	Positioning Judges Around the Arena	Add the following dot points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where 2 judges are used. And the layout of the arena allows, if is recommended that one judge sit at E or B • Where 3 judges are used, and the layout of the arena allows, 1 judge must sit on the long side diagonally opposite the M or H judge on the short side
6	Allocation of Marks & Marking	Amend the 2 nd last dot point by changed 10% to read 8%
8	Protocol for Accepting Invitations to Judge	Add the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • when accepting invitations to judge, a judge must declare their interest in any person or horse who may enter that they have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ trained ➤ owned/part owned ➤ had any other business interest <p>within the 12 months immediately preceding the event</p>

Notes for OCs

3.1	Judges	Add the following: Only current NOAS Judges are eligible to officiate at Official and Associate events.
Notes for OCs	Annexe 1	Add the following dot point: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where 3 judges are used, and the layout of the arena allows, 1 judge must sit on the long side diagonally opposite the M or H judge on the short side

Section 5 – Young Horse

National Young Horse (YH) competitions are a series conducted throughout Australia composed of qualifying competitions and a Australian Final. Applications from the SDA to conduct the annual Australian Young Dressage Horse Championships must be submitted to the ADC the year prior to the final and before the mid-year ADC meeting. Young Horse rules and tests may also be used to conduct Young Pony competitions.

5.1 General Conditions

- in principle, the YH competitions will consist of one mandatory round at qualifiers and two mandatory rounds at the State Championships and Australian Young Horse Championships
- a third round where a guest rider shall ride the horses is optional • judging score sheets to be used for 4-, 5- and 6-year-old competitions are available on the EA website
- at all competitions, the judges must sit together
- horses will be judged on walk, trot, canter, rideability and overall impression as a future dressage horse, including standard of training on the basis of the Training Scale
- competitions will be Official but will not attract grading points
- horses must be registered with the EA and hold a current Performance Card
- horses must exceed 149cm with shoes
- horses may qualify for the Australian Championships from 1 August of the year they turn 4, 5 or 6 until the closing date of entries to the Australian Championships
- birth dates for all horses will be as at 1 August
- riders and horse owners must be current financial members of the EA
- riders must turn 12 years of age or over in the calendar year of competition
- all Young Horse results must be forwarded to EA for recording on the EA data base

5.1.1 Judges

- All Young Horse **qualifying** competitions must only be judged by NOAS-accredited Young Horse Judges.
- At least two suitably accredited judges are required to judge all YH competitions.
- The **Australian Final and State** Young Horse Championships, including the Consolation Final must be judged by NOAS accredited Young Horse judges or FEI-accredited judges. There may be a 3rd judge who is a recognised foreign Young Horse specialist
- all Judges for the **Australian final** must be accredited Young Horse Judges with the EA or the FEI and their appointment approved by the ADC

5.1.2 Dress and Saddlery

- Head Gear to be worn in Young Horse Competitions:
 - 4 year old competitions at qualifying events, State and Australian Championships - safety helmets are to be worn
 - 5 and 6 year-old competitions at qualifying events and Australian Championships – a top hat or bowler may be worn
- a whip is permitted to be carried in all age groups at qualifying event
- a whip is permitted to be carried in the 4-year-old age group (only) at the Australian Championships
- a whip is not permitted to be carried in the 5- and 6-year-old competitions at the Australian Championships. In the practice area, the use of one whip with a total maximum length of 120cm is allowed. The whip must be dropped before entering the space around the competition arena or the rider will entail a penalty of 0.1 points from the total score
- horses are to be ridden in a snaffle bridle as defined in Section 2
- the Mexican/Crossed noseband is not permitted
- all other dress and saddlery requirements as per Section 2

5.2 Conduct of Qualifying Events

- qualifying events consist of one round with the following tests:

Age	Mandatory Round
4YO	Highest current EA Preliminary test (scored on YH Judging Sheet, not Preliminary test sheet)
5YO	FEI Young Horse Preliminary test for 5-year-olds
6YO	FEI Young Horse Preliminary test for 6-year-olds

- to be ridden one horse at a time in the arena
- two judges will sit together at C assisted by one scribe to discuss and arrive at a score for each of the requirements of the Young Horse Judging Sheet.
- Decimal points may be used.

5.3 State Young Horse Championships

- states may conduct their own championships each year; however horses may qualify for the Australian Championship without attending a State Championship
- competitions will be offered for 4-, 5- and 6-year-old horses
- the age of horses is taken from the 1 August

5.3.1 Tests to be ridden at State Young Dressage Horse Championships with Two Rounds

	First Round	Second Round
4YO*	EA YH commanded test for 4-year-olds	FEI Young Horse Preliminary test for 4-year-olds
5YO	EA YH commanded test for 5-year-olds	FEI Young Horse Preliminary test for 5-year-olds
6YO	EA YH commanded test for 6-year-olds	FEI Young Horse Preliminary test for 6-year-olds

(* using the EA 4 year old Material Test and conditions is optional.)

5.3.2 First Qualifying Round

- to be ridden two horses at a time in the arena
- two/three judges will sit together at E or B to discuss and arrive at a score for each horse for each requirement of the Young Horse Judging Sheet
- decimal points may be used

5.3.3 Second Qualifying Round

- the top ten combinations from the first round are eligible for the second round. If there is equality of placings for 10th place, equal horses must be included in the second round
- two/three judges will sit together at C to discuss and arrive at a final score for each horse
- the mark from the first round will **not** carry forward to the second round
- the mark from the second round will determine the final placings

5.3.4 Commentary

Ideally there should be commentary by the judging panel available to the public on either the second round or both rounds

5.4 Australian Young Dressage Horse Championships – for 4, 5 and 6 Year Old Horses

5.4.1 Administration

- the draft schedule must be submitted to the ADC for approval at least 6 months prior to the event
- the ADC must approve the appointment of the TD
- the TD must provide a report to the ADC within 21 days of the event
- the OC must provide a report to the ADC within 21 days of the event

5.4.2 Eligibility for Australian Young Dressage Horse Championships

- horses must qualify by achieving at least 6.5 (65%) at a **YH Qualifying Competition** conducted **under** these rules at the age group they are entering
- competitors are to submit on the entry form **two performances** in the above-mentioned competitions for eligibility as detailed above. If performances are at events with 2 rounds, the entry form must state in which round the score was achieved
- horses may qualify with one performance, however preference will be given to horses with two performances
- to verify the performance, a copy of the test paper or result sheet must be submitted with the entry
- competitors will be ranked from the highest average of the two performances to the lowest
- the final will be limited to 36 horses from each age group
- a ballot will take place of the highest ranked horses to determine order of starting
- a reserve list in ranking order will be established
- in special circumstances, the OC can request permission from the ADC to increase the number of entries to the final
- imported horses that only have international qualifications may be accepted, provided proof of appropriate qualification in one or more overseas YH competitions accompanies the entry

5.4.3 Tests to be Ridden at Australian Young Dressage Horse Championships

	First Round	Second Round
4YO	EA 4 Year Old Material Class Test	N/A
5YO	EA YH commanded test for 5-year-olds Current	Current FEI Dressage Test for 5 year olds - Final
6YO	EA YH commanded test for 6-year-olds Current	Current FEI Dressage Test for 6 year olds – Final

5.4.4 4 Year Old Horses

- the test will be the EA 4 Year Old Material Test, and will be commanded, consisting of **ONE ROUND ONLY**
- horses will enter the arena in groups of 3 under the direction of a caller
- the Ground Jury to consist of 3 judges – two must be FEI Young Horse judges (one of whom must be a foreign judge). The third judge can be either an FEI, EA Young Horse judge or a foreign Young Horse specialist
- all judges will stand together on the outside of the arena at E or B
- judges will award a mark out of 10 for walk, trot, canter and general impression as a dressage horse
- horses will then be unsaddled outside the arena and then as directed by the steward, be re presented individually to the judges' in-hand on the centreline at X where they will be required to stand up, walk directly away from, and back towards the judges in a straight line
- horses will be awarded a mark out of 10 for conformation
- the top 3 horses will be ridden by a guest rider, whose score out of 10 will be added to the other scores to decide the top 3 places
- the placings are decided by the total score accumulated from the ridden and led sections
- each group will be allocated approximately 15 (**20**) minutes
- where possible there should be commentary for the public after each horse

5.4.5 First Round - 5 and 6 Year Old Horses

- to be ridden two horses at a time in the arena
- the Ground Jury is to consist of 3 judges – two must be FEI judges (one of whom must be a foreign judge). The third judge can be either an FEI or an EA Young Horse judge or a foreign Young Horse specialist
- all judges will sit together at E or B
- each horse will be awarded a mark for each of the requirements on the judging sheet and a final score calculated
- the top ten combinations from the first round are eligible for the second round. If there is equality of placings for 10th place, equal horses must be included in the second round, provided they have attained a score of no less than 6.5 (65%) in the first round
- where possible there should be commentary for the public given after each horse

5.4.6 Second Round 5 and 6 Year Old Horses

- the Ground Jury to consist of at least three FEI Judges (one of whom must be foreign) and sit together at C
- to be ridden one horse at a time
- the mark from the first round will **not** carry forward to the second round

- the mark from the second round will determine the final placings
- where possible there should be commentary for the public given after each horse

5.4.7 Third Round – 5 and 6 Year Old Horses

- the top 3 horses in each age group to be ridden by a guest rider whose score out of 10 will be added to the other scores of the judging panel to decide the top 3 places

5.4.8 Champion of Champions Prize - 4, 5 and 6 Year Old Horses

In the event that a Champion of Champions prize is awarded, a guest rider may ride the winner of each age group as an exhibition in front of a panel of judges who together with the guest rider will determine the overall winner.

5.5 Consolation Finals

5.5.1 4 Year Old Horses

- the test to be ridden will be the current FEI Young Horse Test for 4 year olds
- horses must achieve at least a score of 6 (60%) in the Material Class to be eligible for the Consolation Final
- only horses placed from 4th and below in the Material Class will be eligible
- the top 3 horses in the Material Class will not be eligible for the Consolation Final
- to be judged by 2 accredited Young Horse judges sitting at C

5.5.2 5 and 6 Year Old Horses

Horses that do not place in the top 10 in the first qualifying round will be eligible to compete in the Consolation Final.

- tests to be ridden will be as follows:
 - **5YO** Current FEI Dressage Test for 5 year olds - Final
 - **6YO** Current FEI Dressage Test for 6 year olds – Final
- to be judged by 2 accredited Young Horse judges sitting at C

5.6 Selection of Young Horses to Represent Australia Overseas

The EA National Dressage Selectors will select the Australian representatives for the FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses based on merit and with reference to; any EA Selection Policy that may be in place, the below performance requirements, and the rules of the FEI/World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses. In particular, horses must be registered with a stud book recognised by the WBFSH.

5.6.1 Young Horses domiciled in Australia

To be eligible for selection to represent Australia at the FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses, horses must score at least 7 for the walk and 7.5 for trot and canter in the final round at the Australian Young Dressage Horse Championships or at any Young Horse Qualifier in Europe.

5.6.2 Young Horses not domiciled in Australia

- riders of Young Horses competing overseas must apply in writing to the EA by 1 August of previous year if they wish to be considered to represent Australia
- riders must forward overseas results to the EA National Office by 30 June
- the horse must have a minimum of 2 performances of at least 7.5 (75%) to be considered.

5.7 Guide for Riders and Judges

- to be judged on rideability, basic paces, general impression and suitability as a dressage horse
- basic ideas which should be considered by the judges:
 - ❖ is the horse clearly demonstrating correct education according to the Training Scale?
 - ❖ does the horse demonstrate a desirable picture of a dressage horse?
- fundamental criteria of paces, rideability and general impression as a dressage horse are evaluated as follows:
 - ❖ the steps and strides must be in a regular rhythm and free from tension
 - ❖ keeping in mind the training level of the horse, special emphasis should be placed on:
 - a smooth and steady contact
 - the willing acceptance of the bit
 - a submissive poll in the three basic paces and in the different tempi and the transitions
 - flexion and bending
 - the harmonious development on both reins
 - suppleness
 - desire to go forward
 - ability to engage the hindquarters
 - potential to collect
- horses, which during the initial movements of the test, still show signs of tension and concentration lapses, or which may even be shying or unsettled, should be judged more benevolently than in a normal dressage competition
- minor mistakes should not be given weight if, in principle, the horse is demonstrating good movements **and** is demonstrating the adoption by the trainer of desirable training technique
- it is recommended that one of the judges provides a commentary after the completion of each horse's test in at least the 2nd round but preferably for both the 1st and 2nd round. This commentary is mainly for the benefit of spectators and the main purpose thereof is to explain the rideability and strengths of the individual horse in relation to the demands at each level of competition, the quality of the three basic paces, and the horse's ability to perform as a high-level dressage horse
- see FEI Dressage Handbook for further notes on the purpose of and judging of Young Horse competitions

5.8 Young Horse Tests

All Young Horse tests and score sheets are available for download from the Equestrian Australia website – www.equestrian.org.au