



SHOW HORSE  
AUSTRALIA

Rule Changes

National Show Horse Committee

The following are proposed Show Horse rule changes to become effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018. Proposed Changes are in **RED**

**FOLLOWING RULE IMPLEMENTATION FOR 2018**

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule/New
Definitions	Definitions	Revised and New for clarifications	<p><b>New rules in red existing in black</b></p> <p><b>APPEALS COMMITTEE</b>      An Appeal Committee consists of a president and 2 to 4 other persons</p> <p><b>BUSINESS PARTNER:</b>      An association of two or more persons engaged in a business enterprise in which an economic benefit is derived</p> <p><b>CHILD/ JUNIOR:</b>      A person who is under eighteen (18) years of age. Age determined as 1 January each calendar. Except for Leading Rein classes where riders may turn 5 years old on the day are eligible to compete.</p> <p><b>EMPLOYEE:</b>      A person who has a contract (verbal or written) to provide services to another person or business and in doing so derives an economic benefit.</p> <p><b>EMPLOYER:</b>      A person or business that hires the services of a person who in turn derives an economic benefit.</p>

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			<p><b>GROUND JURY</b> consists of the officiating judges for the competition</p> <p><b>RESIDENCY/ RESIDENT</b> The State in which the primary owner has its habitual abode. The residency of a horse will be the same as the owner (as noted on the EA registrations papers). Should a horse be leased the horse's residency will become the same as the lessee's. The primary owner will be determined by the State in which the owner(s) elects to send the registration papers.</p> <p><b>SALE:</b> The horse shall be deemed to have been sold or leased when the appropriate transfer of the registration papers has been received by EA</p> <p><b>STATE HORSE OF THE YEAR</b> Refer to an Equestrian Australia (EA) State Horse of the Year.</p>

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Section 2	Categories of Show Horse competition	Has been moved to Annex B for reference	Now at the end of the document

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<i>Section 8</i>	Categories of Show Horse competition	Definitions from section 8 have been moved to Annex B for reference	Now at the end of the document

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
<i>Section 7</i>	Notes for Organisers	Definitions from section 7 have been moved to Annex D for reference	Now at the end of the document

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
	How to become a Show Horse judge	Is now Annex C	Now at the end of the document

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
Section 2	Newcomer	Clarification	<p><b>2.4 Newcomer</b></p> <p><b>2.4.1 Definition</b>  A horse that has not competed under saddle (with the exception of Racing) in any State/Territory prior to a date determined by each State/Territory in which the horse resides and is registered. A Pony that has only competed in Leading Rein or Miniature Turnouts and has not competed off the lead is eligible to be considered a Newcomer. A horse that has competed in breed classes under saddle is not eligible to be considered a Newcomer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The horse must be registered with the EA at the time of close of entries.</li> <li>b) The horse must have a current EA Height Certificate.</li> <li>c) The horse must be shown in a snaffle bridle.</li> <li>d) The horse may compete in the relevant State HOTY event as its first competition.</li> <li>e) The horse may compete in the Open section at the HOTY subject to State/Territory qualifying rules where applicable.</li> <li>f) <b>All interstate horses must be registered and/or transferred 3 months and 1 day immediately preceding the date of the State Horse of the Year event.</b></li> </ul>

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
Section 3	DRESS, SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT	Revised Table for clarity	See below:

### SECTION 3 - DRESS, SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT

#### 3.1 Show Horse and Childs/Junior Classes - Hack, Galloway, Pony, Newcomer

Jackets and waistcoats	Dark coloured Riding jacket with optional vest/waistcoat
Hats and helmets	EA Approved safety helmets MUST be worn by any person when mounted.
Shirts and Ties	A collared shirt with a tie or Ratcatcher Shirt with or without a stock
Jodhpurs or Breeches	Subtle Colours are desirable
Boots	Must have a heel and a non-grip sole . Must be short boots for riders under 18yo in Child's and Rider classes
Spurs	Are permitted when compliant with rule 3.12
Buttonholes	Permitted
Gloves	Permitted
Whips/Canes	Must not exceed 75cm including the tassel (excluding in work area)
Jewelry, hair, makeup	Hair should be neat, makeup and jewelry must be subtle

#### 3.2 Show Hunter and Childs/Junior Classes - Hack, Galloway, Pony, Newcomer

The dress code for Show Hunter classes is generally far more conservative and understated Two very important factors are that everything should(a) fit the rider and (b) be comfortable to ride in.

Jackets and waistcoats	Tweed Riding Jacket with optional vest/waistcoat.
Hats and helmets	EA Approved safety helmets MUST be worn by any person when mounted..
Shirts and Ties	A collared Shirt with a tie or a Ratcatcher Shirt with or without a Stock
Jodhpurs or Breeches	Subtle colours are desirable
Boots	Must have a heel and a non-grip sole. Must be short boots for riders under 18yo in Child's and Rider classes
Spurs	Are permitted when compliant with rule 3.12
Buttonholes	Permitted
Gloves	Permitted
Whips/Canes	Must not exceed 75cm including the tassel (excluding work area)
Jewellery, hair, makeup	Hair should be neat, makeup and jewelry must be subtle.

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3.4 & 3.5	Leading Rein Show Hunter and Open Leading Rein Pony	Attire updated to include trousers	<p><b>3.4 Leading Rein Show Hunter</b>            Handler            Attire to be tasteful and functional to compliment overall picture Women to wear <b>skirt or trousers and</b> jacket or tailored suit, flat shoes suitable for the arena surface, hat and gloves Men to wear smart dress pants and sports jacket or tailored suit with hat, shoes to suit and gloves            Handler to carry the whip or cane that does not exceed 75cm, never the rider.</p> <p>The dress code for Leading Rein Show Hunter Pony classes is generally far more conservative and understated than Show Horse classes.</p> <p><b>3.5 Open Leading Rein Pony</b>            Handler            Attire to be tasteful and functional to compliment <b>the</b> overall picture.            Women to wear skirt or <b>trousers</b> and jacket or tailored suit, flat shoes suitable for the arena surface, hat and gloves Men to wear smart dress pants and sports jacket or tailored suit with hat, shoes to suit and gloves            Handler to carry the whip or cane that does not exceed 75cm, never the rider.</p>

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3.9	Headgear	Improved safety	<p><b>3.9</b> Headgear All headgear must comply with current approved Equestrian Australia Helmet Standards.</p> <p>Competitors, <b>Grooms and Trainers</b> must wear an EA approved safety helmet with the retaining harness secured and fastened in ALL EA competitions, <b>and</b> when mounted on a horse,- Failure to have the harness fastened will entail elimination.</p>

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<i>Section 4</i>	Roles of Officials	Clarification	<p>All situations cannot be foreseen and in any exceptional circumstances it is the duty of the Ground Jury or the appropriate official(s) to make a decision in a sporting spirit adhering as closely as possible to the intent of these rules. All officials must abide by the Equestrian Australian Code of Conduct for Officials. Any official is authorised to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• intervene in order to prevent any abuse of horses by riders, grooms, owners or any other person</li> <li>• intervene in order to prevent any contravention of the common principles of behavior and fairness.</li> </ul>



Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
Section 5	State Horse of the Year and Rider Championships	Clarification	These rules are to be adhered to by the State Organising Committees in the conduct of State Horse of the Year and Rider Championships and only refer to those classes that qualify horses/riders for the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships. All State Committees that do not adhere to these rules may render all riders and horses ineligible for competing at that year's Australasian Horse and Rider Championships at the discretion of the NSHC. <b>In the event that a competitor has more than one horse in a class, the rider will be permitted to ride multiple horses, however if at the request of the judges or organising committee that a "go around" is required for all classes then another rider will need to be elected. The nominated rider must adhere to the age restrictions of the class.</b>

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
5.8.4	State Horse of the Year and Rider Championships	Approved in April 2018	<b>Should a horse that has competed at the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships wish to compete at a State Horse of the Year in the following calendar year, where the State's Horse of the Year is held within 3 months of the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships an amnesty may occur in regards to this rule. This rule will become effective at the completion of the 2017 Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships.</b>

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Section 5.10	To judges at State HOTY	Clarification	<p>5.10 To judge State Horse of The Year; Judges must have a minimum of two years' experience on a State or National list.</p> <p>5.10.1 A maximum of two judges from any one state are permitted.</p> <p>5.10.2 Judges will be randomly selected by State EA Office by the EO unless a conflict exists. Should a conflict exist, the EA National Office will randomly select Judges.</p> <p>5.10.3 Selected Judges will need to be sent a Judging Form from EA to complete and will be asked, in particular, to provide details of:</p> <p>Any actual or perceived conflicts of interest</p> <p>Any State Horse of the Year or Royal Show judging positions the selected judge has either accepted or judged at during the calendar year</p> <p>Any horse (including rider classes) that the selected judge has qualified to compete at the Australasian Show Horse &amp; Rider Championships in the same calendar year.</p> <p>Note – if the selected judge has qualified a horse in a particular class they will be deemed ineligible to judge that class at any State Horse of Year.</p> <p>Any horse, where the selected judge is the competitor (see definition of competitor) in which they anticipate to compete at their State Horse of the Year Championships</p> <p>4 Submitting the Judges Form does not mean the selected judge is accepted to judge the State Horse of the Year</p> <p>5 The organizing committee of the State Horse of the Year will make a determination as to whether it is viable for the selected judge to officiate based upon any declaration(s) the selected judge has made in their Judges Form</p> <p>5 The organizing committee, where possible, will make every attempt to rotate judges out of specific classes where a conflict is declared by the selected judge. If this is not viable, the organizing committee may request that the State EA Office select an alternative judge</p> <p>5.10.7 Judges may only judge one State Horse of the Year per calendar year</p>

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<i>Rule 5.10.8</i>	State Show Horse and Rider Championships Classes	Rider classes updated for Show Horse and Child's/Junior table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rider under 12 years</li> <li>• Rider 12, 13 &amp; 14 years</li> <li>• Rider 15, 16 &amp; 17 years</li> <li>• Rider 18 – 25 years (inclusive)</li> <li>• Rider over 25 years</li> </ul>

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<i>Rule 5.20</i>	State Show Horse and Rider Championships Classes	To promote fairness	5.20 No State badges may be worn at State Horse of the Year events

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<i>Section 6.6</i>	Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships	Clarification for two horses in the one class	In the event that a competitor has more than one horse in a class, the rider will be permitted to ride multiple horses, however if at the request of the judges or organising committee that a "go around" is required for all classes then another rider will need to be elected. The nominated rider must adhere to the age restrictions of the class.

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<i>Section 6.8 &amp; 6.9</i>	Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships	Clarification on eligibility	<p>6.8 Once a horse has qualified for the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships, the competitor must retain current relevant State membership in that calendar year and the residency of the horse must be the same at which it qualified for the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships. Once a rider has qualified for Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships, they must retain their relevant State membership for that calendar year.</p> <p>6.9 A horse will not be disqualified from representing the state in which it qualified as a result of a change of ownership or lease within the same State. If a horse is sold or leased to another state it is no longer eligible to represent the State in which it qualified.</p>

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
6.12.4	Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships	This was an omission from the previous update and has now been added back in	<p>6.1.1 When selecting Judges for the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships, the nominated Judge must be on the Equestrian Australia National Judges Panel, and have judged at a minimum of one Horse of the Year Shows. Whilst fulfilling these appointments they should have covered a range of classes including Open Show Horse, Open Show Hunter, Leading Rein, Rider and Childs/ Junior classes. The judges' experience should reflect the prestige of the event they are required to judge. <b>A judge appointed to the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships must not have judged Show Horse/Show Hunter classes, Rider classes, Child's classes or Leading Rein classes at a State Horse of the Year, New Zealand Horse of the Year or any Australian Royal Show the current year. Nor have judged at the ASH&amp;RC in the preceding 5 years.</b></p>

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