

Dressage D Level - A Level

How to Become a Judge









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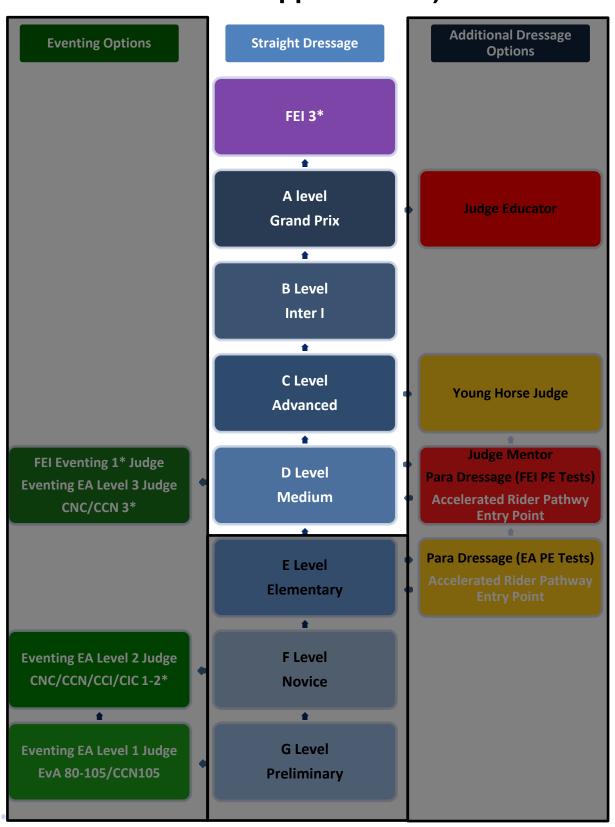
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DRESSAGE JUDGE PATHWAYS (EA and FEI Dressage and Eventing and Additional Opportunities)



Requirements to Upgrade to D-Level

In order to progress to the next level you need to undertake the following:

- Minimum age 20 years
- Shadow Judging Refer to 11.11
 - Minimum of four entire Medium competitions with at least 6 horses in each competition (a total of 24 horses to be judged overall) Note: In order to judge the required minimum number of horses it may be necessary to judge more competitions
 - Supervising judge/s to be an appointed Mentor of at least C-level Shadow judging assessment form to be completed on each occasion
- Sit-Ins Refer to rule 11.11
 - Complete two assessed sit-ins with an approved Judge Educator or Mentor
 - Sit-In assessment form to be completed on each occasion

• Other Requirements

- Attend a seminar that includes D-level
- Complete and pass the Medium theory exam (closed rule book) with a pass mark of at least 80%
- Pass the Medium practical exam at least 10 horses to be judged
- Must have judged at least four (4) competitions at your current highest level i.e. Elementary

Upon satisfactory completion of all of the above, you will be accredited at D-level and may judge Official competitions up to and including Medium level.

Each judge will receive a letter and certificate from Equestrian Australia verifying their accreditation.

In order to remain accredited on the National judges list you must meet compulsory judging activity and professional development requirements each 3 years – refer to rule 11.26 and 11.27. Further information on this can be found on the EA website and will be sent when accredited as a D Level Judge.



EA DRESSAGE JUDGE APPLICATION FORM & PRE REQUISITES REQUIRED FOR UPGRADE TO D LEVEL



Assessment Slip	Date/Location			JE/Mentor/SDA	Signature
Current E level	Expiry:				
Attend an Seminar which	Date:				
includes D Level	Location:				
Complete Medium theory exam with at least 80%	Date:				
exam with at least 60%	Percentage: Date	Compo	stition	Location/Even	4
Judging - must have	•		Location/Even	τ	
judged at least four (4)	1.	Element 3.			
competitions at your	2.	Element 3.			
current highest level	3.	Eleme			
Sit in on 2 separate	4.	Eleme	ent 3.		
occasions with a	1.				
different Judge Educator					
or Mentor Sit in assessment forms	2.				
completed/attached					
Assessment Slip	Date/ Location	n		JE/Mentor/SDA/Name	Signature
				uthority (SDA) for verification	with this
summary sheet. Details ar	d outcome are f		the SDA to the	National Office.	T
Proof of Riding - Provide evidence of	Date	Comp e.g. 3.3	Percentage		
having attained at least		3.3			
overall 55% at Novice (or					
above) level on at least 2					
occasions judged by accredited NOAS judges					
Shadow Judge a	Competition		No of		
minimum of 4 entire	e.g. 4.3	Date	Horses		
Medium competitions					
with at least 6 horses in each (a total minimum of	1.				
24 horses to be judged	2.				
overall - may need to do	3.				
more comps to get the total No of horses)	3.				
(Supervising judge must be	4.				
an appointed Mentor or a Judge Educator)					
All Shadow judging evaluation forms	Yes		No 🔲		
submitted			. 10		
Described For a	Date:				
Practical Exam Completed	Location:				
	Competent	닏			
	Not Yet Comp	etent 🔲			

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Requirements to Upgrade to C-Level

In order to progress to the next level you need to undertake the following:

- Minimum age 20 years
- Shadow Judging Refer to 11.11
 - Minimum of four entire Advanced competitions with at least 6 horses in each competition (a total of 24 horses to be judged overall) Note: In order to judge the required minimum number of horses it may be necessary to judge more competitions
 - Supervising judge/s to be an appointed Mentor of at least B-level
 - Shadow judging assessment form to be completed on each occasion

Note: one Shadow Judging may be replaced by an additional sit-in

- Sit-Ins Refer to rule 11.11
 - Complete two assessed sit-ins with an approved Judge Educator or Mentor
 - > Sit-In assessment form to be completed on each occasion

Other Requirements

- > Attend a seminar that includes C-level
- Complete and pass the Advanced theory exam (closed rule book) with a pass mark of at least 80%
- Pass the Advanced practical exam at least 10 horses to be judged
- Must have judged at least four (4) competitions at your current highest level i.e. Medium

Upon satisfactory completion of all of the above, you will be accredited at C-level and may judge Official competitions up to and including Advanced level.

Each judge will receive a letter and certificate from Equestrian Australia verifying their accreditation.

In order to remain accredited on the National judges list you must meet compulsory judging activity and professional development requirements each 3 years – refer to rule 11.26 and 11.27. Further information on this can be found on the EA website and will be sent when accredited as a C Level Judge.



EA DRESSAGE JUDGE APPLICATION FORM & PRE REQUISITES REQUIRED FOR UPGRADE TO C LEVEL



Assessment Slip	Date/Location			Print Name - JE/Mentor/SDA	Signature	
Current D level	Expiry:			0_,,0		
Attend an Seminar which	Date:					
includes C Level	Location:					
Complete Advanced theory	Date:					
exam with at least 80%	Percentage:					
ludaina must boyo	Date	Compe	tition		Location/Eve	nt
Judging – must have judged at least four (4)	1.	Med	4.			
competitions at your	2.	Med	4.			
current highest level	3.	Med	4.			
	4.	Med	4.			
Sit in on 2 separate						
occasions at Advanced level	1.					
with a different Judge	2					
Educator or Mentor Sit in assessment forms	2.					
completed/attached						
Assessment Slip	Date/ Locatio	n			JE/Mentor/SDA/Name	Signature
Completed assessment slips to Details and outcome are forward				ority ((SDA) for verification with this	summary sheet.
Proof of Riding - Provide	arded by the 3DA	Comp e.g.				
evidence of having attained	Date	3.3	Percent	age		
at least overall 55% at						
Elementary (or above) level						
on at least 2 occasions judged by accredited NOAS						
judges by accredited NOAS						
Shadow Judge a minimum	Competition		No of	:		
of 4 entire Advanced	e.g. 5.3	Date	Horse			
competitions with at least 6 horses in each (a total	1.					
minimum of 24 horses to be						
judged overall - <i>may need</i>	2.					
to do more comps to get the	3.					
total No of horses) (Supervising judge must be	J.					
an appointed Mentor or a	4.					
Judge Educator)						
All Shadow judging						
evaluation forms submitted		_				
Note: 1 shadow judging can be substituted with An	Yes No					
additional sit-in e.g. 3xsit-						
ins & 3xSJ						
	Date:					
	Location:	Location:				
Practical Exam Completed	Competent					
	Not Yet Comp	etent				

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Requirements to Upgrade to B-Level

In order to progress to the next level you need to undertake the following:

Shadow Judging – Refer to 11.11

- Minimum of three entire Prix St Georges competitions with at least 6 in each competition, and
- Minimum of three entire Intermediate I competitions with at least 6 horses in each competition (a total of 36 horses to be judged overall)

Note: In order to judge the required minimum number of horses it may be necessary to judge more competitions

- Supervising judge/s to be an appointed Mentor of at least A-level
- Shadow judging assessment form to be completed on each occasion.

Note: One shadow judging at PSG level may be replaced by an additional sit-in

- Sit-Ins Refer to rule 11.11
 - Complete two assessed sit-ins with an approved Judge Educator or Mentor
 - > Sit-In assessment form to be completed on each occasion

Other Requirements

- Attend a seminar that includes B-level
- Complete and pass the B level theory exam (closed rule book) with a pass mark of at least 80%
- ➤ Pass the Intermediate I practical exam at least 15 horses to be judged (this exam is held annually, in principle, at the National Dressage Championships and at another suitable event (subject to the number and quality of horses) with the venue advised to candidates at least 6 months prior to the practical exam
- Must have judged at least four (4) competitions at your current highest level i.e. Advanced

Upon satisfactory completion of all of the above, you will be accredited at B-level and may judge Official competitions up to and including Intermediate 1 level.

Each judge will receive a letter and certificate from Equestrian Australia verifying their accreditation.

In order to remain accredited on the National judges list you must meet compulsory judging activity and professional development requirements each 3 years – refer to rule 11.26 and 11.27. Further information on this can be found on the EA website and will be sent when accredited as a B Level Judge.



EA DRESSAGE JUDGE APPLICATION FORM & PRE REQUISITES REQUIRED FOR UPGRADE TO B LEVEL



Assessment Slip	Date/Location			JE/Mentor/SDA	Signature
Current C level	Expiry:				
Attend an Seminar which	Date:				
includes B Level	Location:				
Complete B level theory	Date:				
exam with at least 80%	Percentage:				
	Date	Compe	tition	Location/Ever	nt
Judging – must have judged at least four (4)	1.	Adv	5.		
competitions at your	2.	Adv	5.		
current highest level	3.	Adv	5.		
	4.	Adv	5.		
Sit in on 2 separate		I	,		
occasions at PSG or Inter	1.				
I level with a different					
Judge Educator or Mentor Sit in assessment form	2.				
completed/attached					
Assessment Slip	Date/ Location			JE/Mentor/SDA/Name	Signature
-	s to be forwarded t	o the State	Dressage Au	thority (SDA) for verification	
sheet. Details and outcome					with this summary
Proof of Riding - Provide	Date	Comp	Percentage		
evidence of having	Duito	e.g. 3.3	1 0100mago		
attained at least overall 55% at Medium (or					
above) level on at least 2					
occasions judged by					
accredited NOAS judges					
Shadow Judge a	Competition	Date	No of		
minimum of 3 entire PSG and 3 entire Inter I	e.g. PSG		Horses		
competitions with at least	1.				
6 horses in each (a total	2.				
minimum of 36 horses to	3.				
be judged overall - may	4.				
need to do more comps to	5.				
get the total No of horses) (Supervising judge must be					
an A level appointed Mentor	6.				
or a Judge Educator)					
All Shadow judging evaluation forms	\square		\square		
submitted	Yes 🔲		No 🔲		
Note: 1 shadow judging at					
PSG level can be substituted with an additional sit-in e.g.					
3xsit-ins & 2xSJ					
	Date:				
Practical Exam	Location:				
Completed	Competent				
	Not Yet Compete	ent 🔲			

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Requirements to Upgrade to A-Level

In order to progress to the next level you need to undertake the following:

Shadow Judging – Refer to 11.11

- ➤ Minimum of three entire Intermediate II or Intermediate A or Intermediate B level competitions with at least 3 horses in each competition, and
- Minimum of three entire Grand Prix competitions with at least 3 horses in each competition (a total of 18 horses to be judged overall)
- > Supervising judge/s to be at least FEI accredited and an appointed Mentor
- Shadow judging assessment form to be completed on each occasion

Note: One Shadow Judging at Intermediate A, B or II level may be replaced by an additional sit-in

- Sit-Ins Refer to rule 11.11
 - Complete two assessed sit-ins with an approved Judge Educator or Mentor
 - Sit-In assessment form to be completed on each occasion

Other Requirements

- Attend a seminar that includes A-level content
- Complete and pass the A level theory exam (closed rule book) with a pass mark of at least 80%
- ➤ Pass the Grand Prix practical exam at least 15 horses to be judged (this exam is held annually, in principle, at the National Dressage Championships and at another suitable event (subject to the number and quality of horses) with the venue advised to candidates at least 6 months prior to the practical exam
- Must have judged at least four (4) competitions at your current highest level i.e. Intermediate I

Upon satisfactory completion of all of the above, you will be accredited at A-level and may judge Official competitions up to and including Grand Prix level.

Each judge will receive a letter and certificate from Equestrian Australia verifying their accreditation.

In order to remain accredited on the National judges list you must meet compulsory judging activity and professional development requirements each 3 years – refer to rule 11.26 and 11.27. Further information on this can be found on the EA website and will be sent when accredited as an A Level Judge.



EA DRESSAGE JUDGE APPLICATION FORM & PRE REQUISITES REQUIRED FOR UPGRADE TO A LEVEL



Assessment Slip	Date/Location			Print Name - JE/Mentor/SDA	Signature
Current B level	Expiry:				
Attend an Seminar which	Date:				
includes A Level	Location:				
Complete A level theory	Date:				
exam with at least 80%	Percentage:	T			
	Date	Compe	etition	Location/Eve	nt
Judging – must have	1.	Inte	er I		
judged at least four (4) competitions at your	2.	Inte	er I		
current highest level	3.	Inte	er I		
	4.	Inte	er I		
Sit in on 2 separate			- 1		
occasions at Inter II or	1.				
GP level with a different					
Judge Educator or Mentor	2.				
Sit in assessment forms					
completed/attached					
Assessment Slip	Date/Location			JE/Mentor/SDA/Name	Signature
Completed assessment slip	os to be forwarded	to the Sta	te Dressage	Authority (SDA) for verificatio	n with this
summary sheet. Details an					
Proof of Riding – This wo	uld have been prov	vided in ord	der to upgrad	e to B level so not necessary	again
Shadow Judge a	Competition	Date	No of		
minimum of 3 entire Inter II and 3 entire GP	e.g. GP		Horses		
competitions with at least	1.				
3 horses in each (a total	2.				
minimum of 18 horses to	3.				
be judged overall - may	4.				
need to do more comps to get the total No of	5.				
horses)					
(Supervising judge must					
be an FEI level appointed	6.				
Mentor or a Judge					
Educator) All Shadow judging					
evaluation forms					
submitted					
Note: 1 shadow judging	Yes 🔲		No 🔲		
at Inter II level can be	165		NO L		
substituted with an additional sit-in e.g. 3xsit-					
ins & 3xSJ					
	Date:				
Practical Exam	Location:				
Completed	Competent				
	Not Yet Compet	ent 🗀]		

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The FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse

- 1. The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.
- 2. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
- Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
- 4. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
- Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.

The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

A full version of the FEI Code of Conduct is contained in the Dressage Rule book – refer to rule 1.2 or can be found at: http://www.fei.org/about-us/standards

NOAS DRESSAGE JUDGES PROTOCOL

Accredited Dressage Judges should adhere to the following NOAS Code of Conduct. As in all equestrian sports, judges must:

- make their decisions having regard for the welfare of the horse above the interests of any others involved
- have an open and friendly attitude towards all competitors while being careful not to show familiarity towards those competing
- be aware that they are responsible for setting and maintaining the image and standards
 of dressage both in the competition arena and away from it and that, as an ambassador
 for dressage, they should conduct themselves with dignity, honesty and good manners,
 especially in difficult situations
- treat requests from competitors to explain their decisions as an opportunity to assist the competitor to improve their performance
- honour a commitment to judge and if unforeseen circumstances prevent this, endeavour to help the organisers to find a replacement
- maintain an objective and fair mind towards all competitors which includes:
 - > not taking into account anything known about riders, horses or past performances
 - guarding against conflicts of interest and avoiding judging in situations in which they have a close personal or professional relationship with a competitor or owner
- ensure to the best of their ability that the same conditions apply to all competitors
- know and understand the scale of marks and ensure that their comments and marks are related
- maintain the same standard for all competitors within a competition and at all events
- be in possession of a current Dressage Rule Book together with any amendments
- know the rules and be prepared to co-ordinate their personal opinion with the principles of the FEI and the EA
- aim to have a thorough knowledge of the correct training of the dressage horse and understand the requirements of the test they are to judge

Note: The EA Code of Conduct for Officials is included in the Member Protection Policy which can be found at: http://www.equestrian.org.au/policies

CONTACT AND REFERENCE INFORMATION

FEI Dressage Judges Handbook - Guidelines for Judging

This is your Bible!!! Learn to love it; it is all there – every mark for every movement from 10 to 0. This is available from the EA National Office.

DVD 'On the Levels'

- Our current tests available from
- http://premierequestrian.3dcartstores.com//2011-On-The-Levels--5th-Edition_p_84.html#

DVD - 'Through the Eye of the Judge with Stephen Clarke' - Series 2

• These are excellent judge education videos for all levels from Novice to Grand Prix. The videos are available from http://www.throughtheeyeofthejudge.co.uk/buy.php

General Information

- Equestrian Australia is the National Federation (NF) for National Rules, Policies, Education/Training, Promotion of the Sport, International Competitions. High Performance Management funding etc. See website for info.
- Australian Sports Commission (Govt) authorises and funds Australian Sport and manages the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme for all sports in Australia.
- EA Branches Registrations, Affiliated Clubs, Schools program.

Reference points

- EA National www.equestrian.org.au
- Official Judges list on EA website > Searches>Officials>Dressage plus the level you want to check, finally the State
- SDA State Dressage Authority e.g. Dressage Queensland, Dressage NSW etc
- FEI www.fei.org
- NOAS: National Officiating Accreditation Scheme Work Books (copyright EA)
- National Officiating Newsletter on-line and hard copy
- Code of Conduct Section 1 of the Rule Book anything detrimental to the Sport should be reported within 14 days

Role of EA & Officials

- Information about EA and the Role of EA Officials, and
- Code of Conduct for Officials

It can all be found on the EA website.

Rule Book, NOAS, Judges Handbook, Dressage Tests + diagrams

We all use these tools all the time.

- Rule Book, updates on Rules annually 1 January
- NOAS updates every year
- EA Tests usually updated every 4 years

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