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## Additional Judge Options



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## Dressage Judge Information Guide (Additional Options)

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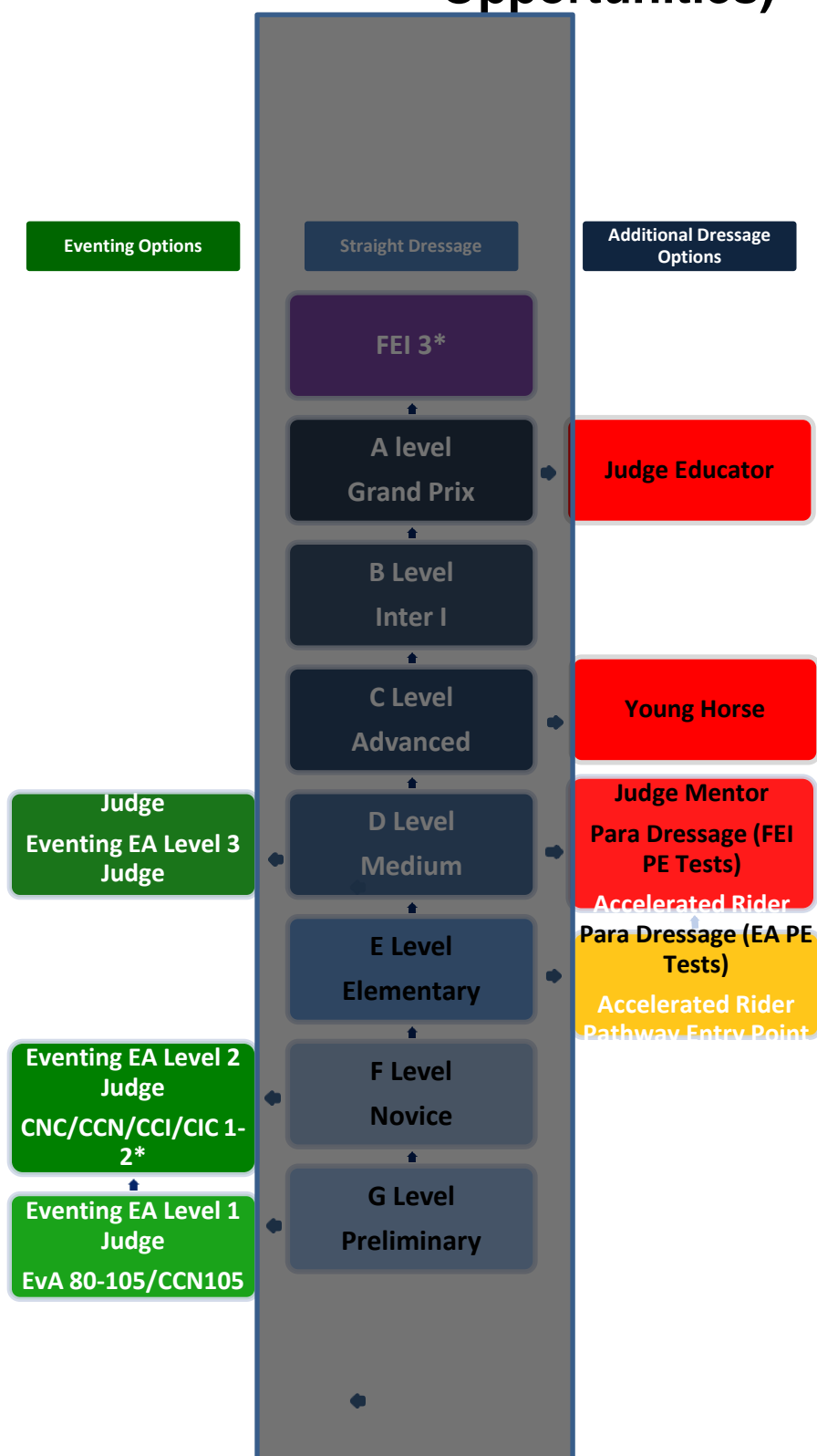
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# DRESSAGE JUDGE PATHWAYS (EA and FEI Dressage and Eventing and Additional Opportunities)



## Benefits to EA Officials

As an EA Official, you will be able to access benefits on offer from our sponsors and partners. EA have relationships with both Government and Commercial partners, and are continually seeking new partnerships to offer incentives that assist our members. For a full list of these partnerships, go to <http://www.equestrian.org.au/Partners>. Following are just some of the partners. Please don't hesitate to contact National office if you have any questions.



# WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS IN JUDGING?

Thank you for your interest regarding additional options for Dressage Judges.

**Young Horse Judging** – Refer to rule 11.7.1f in the Dressage Rule Book.

- Judges need to be at C level to become a YH judge (must judge YH competitions with a higher level judge)
- Attend and participate in a specific Young Horse Seminar
- Prior to sitting a Young Horse exam candidates are required to 'sit in' (this may include writing for Young Horse competitions) at a YH event with at least 6 horses in each of the 4, 5 and 6 year old age group. Minimum number of horses to be judged overall is 18. Young Horse sit-in assessment form to be completed on each occasion
- Complete a theory exam with a pass of at least 80% (this should be completed at the end of the seminar/practical judging)
- Complete and be assessed as competent in a practical exam
- A Young Horse practical exam can only take place where 4, 5 and 6 year old competitions are offered – preferably at the premier Young Horse event in each state e.g. State Young Horse Championships
- In combination at least 15 horses (minimum of 6 horses in the 4 year old competition) must be judged over the 3 age groups in the practical exam
- Once appointed as a Young Horse judge you will be required to attend a specific Young Horse seminar every 3 years to maintain your accreditation

**Para Equestrian (PE) Judging** – Refer to rule 11.7.2 in the Dressage Rule Book

- Judges must be at least E level to judge National PE Para tests
- Judges must be at least D level to judge FEI PE Para tests
- Attend and participate in a full day PE seminar
- Demonstrate satisfactory skills in two assessments:
  - PE written theory test with a pass of at least 80%
  - One shadow judging which must cover Grades 1, 2 and 3
  - The above shadow judging may take place at the PE seminar if sufficient horses or if not it may take place in conjunction with another PE event
- A PE seminar to be held at least every 3 years

**Eventing Dressage Judging** Refer to Annex L in the Dressage Rule Book and Annex H in the Eventing Rule Book

**Accelerated Rider Pathways** – Refer to rule 11.8.1

- This is a scheme for:
  - FEI riders who have obtained an overall average of 62% on three occasions in official Prix St Georges or Intermediate 1. Performances obtained in the past eight years are eligible to enter the scheme at Elementary level. Consideration may be given by the candidate's state JSC for entry at Medium level; or
  - FEI riders who have obtained an overall average score of 60% on three occasions in Official Intermediate A or Intermediate B or Intermediate II or Official Grand Prix. Performances obtained in the past eight years are eligible to enter at Elementary or Medium (it is the candidate's choice)
  - EA NCAS Level 2 General or Level 2 Specialist Dressage or Level 3 Specialist Dressage coaches are eligible to enter at Elementary level. Consideration may be given by the candidate's state JSC for entry at Medium level
  - EA CAS Level 3 General or Specialist Dressage coaches (eligible to enter at Elementary or Medium level)

ALL candidates are required to attend the relevant required seminar and complete and pass their ORBT before commencing their Shadow Judging. Once completed candidates will be accredited at G level on the judges list.



To enter the scheme at **Elementary** level riders/coaches must undertake the following:

- Be a current EA member
- Complete the current Open Rule Book Tests (ORBT) including the Elementary specific questions with a pass of at least 90% (this must be completed and passed prior to undertaking any shadow judging)
- Once accredited at G level, candidates must judge at least one competition at Preliminary Level and at least one competition at Novice Level (may be Competitive, Participant, eventing, Pony Club or equivalent). Candidates to provide proof of completing this
- Attend and participate in a seminar that includes E level
- Pass the Elementary theory exam with a pass of at least 80%
- Complete the 5 Generic Units:
  - 1 – Role of EA
  - 2 – Conflict Resolution – see next page
  - 3 – Safety and Risk Management – see next page
  - 4 – Ethical Issues
  - 5 – Welfare of the Horse

Note: Units 1, 4 and 5 will be covered in the seminars. Units 2 and 3 can be completed online – see next page

- Shadow Judge at least two entire Elementary competitions where the total number of horses judged overall is 24 or more – in order to judge the total minimum it may be necessary to judge more competitions
- Sit-in on at least two occasions at Elementary level
- All Shadow Judging and Sit-Ins must be with a Judge Educator or A or B Mentor
- Pass the Elementary practical exam

To enter the scheme at **Medium** level riders/coaches must undertake the following:

- Be a current EA member
- Complete the current Open Rule Book Tests (ORBT) including the Medium specific questions with a pass of at least 90% (this must be completed and passed prior to undertaking any shadow judging)
- Once accredited at G level, candidates must judge at least one competition at Preliminary Level and at least one competition at Novice Level (may be Competitive, Participant, eventing, Pony Club or equivalent). Candidates to provide proof of completing this
- Attend and participate in a seminar that includes D level
- Pass the Medium theory exam with a pass of at least 80%
- Complete the 5 Generic Units:
  - 1 – Role of EA
  - 2 – Conflict Resolution
  - 3 – Safety and Risk Management
  - 4 – Ethical Issues
  - 5 – Welfare of the Horse

Note: Units 1, 4 and 5 will be covered in the seminars. Units 2 and 3 can be completed online – see next page

- Shadow Judge at least two entire Medium competitions where the total number of horses judged overall is 24 or more – in order to judge the total minimum it may be necessary to judge more competitions
- Sit-in on at least two occasions at Medium level
- All Shadow Judging and Sit-Ins must be with a Judge Educator or A or B Mentor
- Pass the Medium practical exam

Once you have been appointed at Elementary or Medium level you will be required to maintain your accreditation by undertaking the standard reaccreditation process over a 3 year period (refer to rule 11.26 & 11.27).



# Instructions for completing the online generic units for Judges upgrading to E, and those fast tracking to E or D



## Community Officiating General Principles

Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) have launched the Community Officiating General Principles (COGP) eLearning Course. This course is the entry point for most National Sporting Organisations officiating accreditation.

In order to fulfil the competencies of the Conflict Resolution, Safety and Risk Management units, Equestrian Australia Officials are required to complete the AIS COGP Course.

Access the online course via <https://www.ausport.gov.au/ais> and then look for the *Featured Courses > Online officiating course* tab at the bottom left hand side of the page. This tab will take you to the Learning Portal login.

Upon successful login registration, there are a number of courses listed under the 'Browse Learning' field. Select the 'Community Officiating General Principles' course from the many course options provided.

Remember, you can log out of the portal at any stage and then log back in to the portal to continue with the course, and print a certificate upon completion.

## Course Overview

### About the Community Officiating General Principles (COGP) eLearning Course

The course is aimed at first time and beginner officials (e.g. parents). The course contains three modules and will take approximately four hours to complete. There is assessment included within each module of the course.

### What you need to know before you enrol

The course is being offered free of charge, to those people with a valid Australian postal address. The course is subsidised by the Australian Sports Commission to encourage beginner officials to undertake training. Learners will have six months from the date of registration to complete the course.

Learners who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate and have their details recorded on the Australian Sports Commissions national database. Please ensure that you accurately enter your full name when registering for the course, as this will be the name that appears on your certificate.

### Computer requirements to undertake the course

In order to undertake the course you will need access to a computer or mobile device with the following:

- An internet connection
- An operating system of at least Windows 7 or Mac OSX 10.5
- An internet browser – minimum of Chrome 27, Internet Explorer 11.0, Mozilla Firefox 52, Safari 9; or above must be used.
- Note that you may be asked to download Adobe Flash player or Adobe Acrobat reader (both are free downloads) in order to access certain aspects of the course
- An email address

## Instructions for completing the online generic units for Judges

Note: The Reaccreditation period runs from 1 April to 31 March e.g. 1/4/18 to 31/3/21

- Complete an Open Rule Book Test (ORBT) every 3 years
- Attend and participate in a seminar at your level every 3 years
- Attend at least two workshops during the 3 year period
- Judge at 6 Official events at your highest level e.g. Elementary or Medium
- Judge at 3 other events at any level up to your highest level (these events can be Official Competitive, Participation, Young Rider, Eventing etc)
- Earn a maximum of at least 18 activity points (refer to rule 9.27 Updating Activity) – these are over and above your compulsory requirements

**Judge Mentor** – Refer to rule 11.11.2

- By invitation of State Judges Authority (SDA)
- Judges must be at least D level
- Attend an approved Mentors Course prior to being recommended – Note: completion of Skill Specific Trainer or Assessor (SSTA) or Coach Educator (CE) qualifications as a coach meets this criteria along with any judge who has a teaching qualification or has a current Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment

**Judge Educator** Refer to rule 11.10

- By invitation of State Judges Authority (SDA)
- Judges need to be at least A level of at least 3 years continuous years active participation in the sport immediately prior to commencing training
- Be a current Mentor who has attended the required Mentor course
- On at least two occasions co-present at one G or F-E and one D-C seminar and demonstrate their presentation and communication skills with favorable reports from the senior presenter – assessment to be completed by the presenter on each occasion
- As a minimum Judge Educators are required to conduct at least two workshops or seminars, approved by the JSC, every 3 years to maintain accreditation

The specific requirements for each of the above options are contained in the Equestrian Australia (EA) current ***Dressage Competition Rules and Procedures*** (current rules).

Note: Rules are usually updated on 1 January of each year. The current rulebook may be obtained by the following methods:

Electronic (***free of charge***):

- downloaded from the EA website at [www.equestrian.org.au](http://www.equestrian.org.au)

Printed (***from EA National Office or State Branch***):

- Call the National office on (02) 8762 7777 and request via phone
- Call your State Branch (contacts on last page) and request via phone
- Download the order form on the EA website

Seminars are usually arranged by the State Dressage Judges Committee or an affiliated Dressage Club. Please get in touch with your local EA Club if you are not an EA member. The State EA Branch can assist here.

There is also a National Calendar of Seminars and Workshops that is updated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month that can be found on the EA website <http://www.equestrian.org.au/content/officials-calendar> - scroll down to Dressage Calendar.

Once you have completed all of the required pre requisites and been assessed as competent for the option you wish to accredit as, your name will be placed on the appropriate Judges list and you will be able to judge those special competitions, or assist in the education of other judges.





# EA DRESSAGE JUDGE APPLICATION FORM & PRE REQUISITES FOR UPGRADE TO EA YOUNG HORSE JUDGE



(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE UPGRADING JUDGE)

Assessment Slip	Date/ Location	Print Name JE/Mentor/SDA	JE Signature
Current C level or above	Verify:		
Attend an YH Seminar	Date:		
	Location:		
Complete YH Theory Exam with at least 80%	Date:		
	Percentage:		
Prior to sitting a Young Horse exam candidates are required to 'sit in' (this may include writing for Young Horse competitions) at a YH event with at least 6 horses in each of the 4, 5 and 6 year old age group. Minimum number of horses to be judged overall is 18  Sit in assessment form completed/ attached <input type="checkbox"/>	1.		
	2.		

Assessment Slip	Date/ Location	Print Name JE/Mentor/SDA	JE Signature
Assessment slips go directly to the State Dressage Authority for verification with this summary sheet. Results are forwarded by the SDA to the National Office.			
Practical exam completed <i>(Can only take place where 4,5 and 6 year old competitions are offered- preferably at the premier YH event in each state)</i>	Date:		
	Location:		
	Competent <input type="checkbox"/> Not Yet Competent <input type="checkbox"/>		

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[di.saunders@equestrian.org.au](mailto:di.saunders@equestrian.org.au)

**NOTE:** Applications that do not include a completed table will not be accepted

Please provide the following details:

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Suburb:	State:	Post Code:	
Tel:	Mobile:		
Email:			



# EA DRESSAGE JUDGE APPLICATION FORM & PRE REQUISITES FOR UPGRADE TO EA PARA EQUESTRIAN JUDGE



(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE UPGRADING JUDGE)

Assessment Slip	Date/ Location	Print Name JE/Mentor/SDA	JE Signature
Current E level or above	Verify:		
Attend a PE Judge Seminar	Date:		
	Location:		
Complete PE Judge Theory Exam with at least 80%	Date:		
	Percentage:		

Assessment Slip	Date/ Location	Print Name JE/Mentor/SDA	JE Signature
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Assessment slips go directly to the State Dressage Authority for verification with this summary sheet. Results are forwarded by the SDA to the National Office.

One Shadow Judging that must at least cover Grades 1, 2, and 3 - needs to take place at a suitable event if the seminar does not provide enough opportunities to do so.	<b>Class</b>	<b>No of Horses</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>		
	Grade I					
	Grade II					
	Grade III					
Practical exam completed	<b>Date:</b>					
	<b>Location:</b>					
	Competent <input type="checkbox"/> Not Yet Competent <input type="checkbox"/>					

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<b>Tel:</b>		<b>Mobile:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>			



# EA DRESSAGE JUDGE APPLICATION FORM & PRE REQUISITES REQUIRED TO FAST TRACK TO E LEVEL (ELEMENTARY)

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE UPGRADING JUDGE)



Assessment Slip	Date/Location	Name - JE/Mentor/SDA	Signature	
Attend a seminar that includes E Level	Date: Location:			
Complete the current ORBT with at least 90%	Date: Percentage:			
Complete Elementary Theory Exam with at least 80%	Date: Percentage:			
<b>Complete Generic Units (Compulsory)</b> <b>Note: Units 1, 4 &amp; 5 will be covered in your E level seminar</b> <b>Units 2 and 3 may be completed online at <a href="https://www.ausport.gov.au/ais">https://www.ausport.gov.au/ais</a></b>	Unit 1 – EA			
	Unit 2 – Conflict Resolution Refer to page 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Unit 3 – Safety & Risk Management Refer to page 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Unit 4 – Ethical Issues			
	Unit 5 – Horse Welfare			
Must have judged at least 1 Preliminary and 1 Novice competition	Date	Competition	Location/Event	
		Prelim 1.		
		Novice 2.		
Sit in on 2 separate occasions at Elementary level with a different Judge Educator or A or B Mentor Sit in assessment forms completed/attached <input type="checkbox"/>	1.			
	2.			
Assessment Slip	Date/ Location	JE/Mentor/SDA/Name	JE Signature	
Assessment slips go directly to the State Dressage Authority for verification with this summary sheet. Results are forwarded by the SDA to the National Office.				
Shadow Judge at least 2 entire Elementary competition where the overall total number of horses judged is 24 (Supervising judge must be an appointed Judge Educator or an A or B Mentor)	Competition e.g. 3.3	Date	No of Horses	
	1.			
	2.			
All Shadow judging evaluation forms submitted	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Practical Assessment/ Exam Completed	Competent <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Not Yet Competent <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Date:			

**SDA – Please return a copy of this form only to the EA Pathway Department**

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Suburb:	State:	Post Code:
Tel:	Mobile:	
Email:		



## EA DRESSAGE JUDGE APPLICATION FORM & PRE REQUISITES REQUIRED TO FAST TRACK TO D LEVEL (MEDIUM)

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE UPGRADING JUDGE)



Assessment Slip	Date/Location	Name - JE/Mentor/SDA	Signature
Attend a seminar that includes D Level	<b>Date:</b>		
	<b>Location:</b>		
Complete the current ORBT with at least 90%	<b>Date:</b>		
	<b>Percentage:</b>		
Medium Theory Exam	<b>Date:</b>		
Completed with 80% Pass Mark	<b>Percentage:</b>		
<b>Complete Generic Units (Compulsory)</b> <b>Note: Units 1, 4 &amp; 5 will be covered in your D level seminar</b> <b>Units 2 and 3 may be done online at</b> <a href="https://www.ausport.gov.au/ais">https://www.ausport.gov.au/ais</a>	Unit 1 – EA		
	Unit 2 – Conflict Resolution <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Refer to page 5		
	Unit 3 – Safety & Risk Management <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Refer to page 5		
	Unit 4 – Ethical Issues		
	Unit 5 – Horse Welfare		
Must have judged at least 1 Preliminary and 1 Novice competition	<b>Date</b>	<b>Competition</b>	<b>Location/Event</b>
		Prelim 1.	
		Novice 2.	
Sit in on 2 separate occasions at Medium level with a different Judge Educator or A or B Mentor <i>Sit in assessment forms completed/attached</i>	1.		
	2.		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		



Assessment Slip	Date/ Location	JE/Mentor/SDA/Name	JE Signature
Assessment slips go directly to the State Dressage Authority for verification with this summary sheet. Results are forwarded by the SDA to the National Office.			
Shadow Judge 2 entire Medium competitions where the overall number of horses judged is 24 or more ( <i>Supervising judge must be an appointed Judge Educator or A or B Mentor</i> )	<b>Competition e.g. 4.3</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>No of Horses</b>
	1.		
	2.		
All Shadow judging evaluation forms submitted	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Practical Assessment/ Exam Completed	<b>Competent</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Not Yet Competent</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Date:</b>		

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Tel:	Mobile:		
Email:			

**APPLICATION FORM PAGE 2 (TO GO WITH APPLICATION FORMS FOR ALL LEVELS)**

***Your EA membership must be current and this Course Checklist received by the State Dressage Committee before your EA Official registration can be processed.***

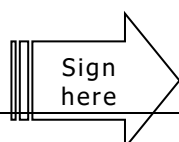
**Your Declaration**

The EA and its affiliated organisations have a duty of care to their members and to the general public who interact with EA Officials, as these responsibilities may involve direct and/or unsupervised contact with people under the age of 18 years. As part of this duty of care and as a requirement of the EA's Member Protection Policy, the EA must enquire into the background of EA Members applying for registration as an EA Official.

All EA Members wishing to be registered by the EA as an EA Official are required to complete the following declaration;

I Sincerely declare:

1. I have met all the requirements in relation to state specific legislation regarding police checks, working with children checks and can produce evidence as required.
2. I do not have any criminal charge pending before the courts, nor any criminal convictions or findings of guilt for offences involving drugs, violence, sexual activity, acts of indecency, child abuse or child pornography.
3. I have not had any disciplinary proceedings brought against me by an employer, sporting organisation or similar body involving child abuse, sexual misconduct or harassment, acts of violence, intimidation or other forms of harassment.
4. I have never been sanctioned for an anti-doping rule violation under any EA anti-doping policy (Athlete or Equine).
5. I have never participated in, facilitated or encouraged any practice prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Agency Code or any other anti-doping policy applicable to me, in the EA Horse Anti-Doping Policy.
6. To my knowledge there is no other matter that the EA may consider to constitute a risk to its members, employees, volunteers, athletes or reputation by accepting my EA Officials registration.
7. I will notify the CEO of the organisation(s) engaging me immediately upon becoming aware that any of the matters set out in clauses [1 to 5] above has changed for whatever reason.
8. I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the EA Code of Conduct for Officials. I acknowledge I may be subject to disciplinary action if I breach the code. (Code of Conduct is available to view via [www.equestrian.org.au](http://www.equestrian.org.au))



SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Database Updated / /

Officials Card Sent ☐ \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

***Candidate – Please return these forms to your State Dressage Authority for verification.***

***State Contact – Please return a copy of these forms to the Pathway Department for judge to be accredited and database updated.***

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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.
3. 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.
5. 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>

# EA CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OFFICIALS

In addition to the EA General Code of Conduct, any person appointed by EA (or its affiliates) as an official must meet the following requirements regarding their conduct and behaviour in any way relating to the sport of equestrian (including without limitation during or in respect of any activity held or sanctioned by EA, or as part of any role as an official appointed by EA or its affiliates):

- Act impartially.
- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes/participants above all else
- Be aware of and abide by the principles of the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse.
- Be fair, equitable, considerate and honest in all dealings.
- Accept responsibility for all actions taken.
- Be professional in all actions. Language, presentation, manner and punctuality should reflect high standards.
- Do not accept or participate in any form of bribery or corruption.
- Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest.
- Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.
- Maintain or improve their current performance level and seek continual improvement.
- Seek to preserve and protect the standing and reputation of EA and its affiliates.

Note: All EA's Code of Conduct can be found at - <http://www.equestrian.org.au/policies>

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

# CONTACT AND REFERENCE INFORMATION

## FEI Dressage 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#](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
- EA Branches – Registrations, Affiliated Clubs, Schools program

## Reference points

- EA National [www.equestrian.org.au](http://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](http://www.fei.org)
- 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, Judges Handbook, Workbooks F-A, Dressage Tests + diagrams

We all use these tools all the time.

- Rule Book, updates on Rules annually 1 January
- EA Tests – usually updated every 4 years - New tests due 1/1/19



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