




## Rule Changes

### Equestrian Australia Show Horse Committee

The following are proposed Show Horse rule changes to become effective 1 January 2019

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
3.18.2	Curb		<p><b>3.18.2 Curb</b></p> <p>The curb bit must be of a type as detailed in the illustrations at the end of this section. Curb bits must not be modified from the manufacturers' design.</p> <p>The limits of the dimensions of the curb bits allowable are as follows:</p> <p>The curb must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber (manufactured state) (bits made only of rubber or rubber and chain not permitted)</p> <p>The lever arm of the curb bit is limited to 10cm (length below the mouth piece)</p> <p>The use of a curb chain on a curb bit is optional but should the curb chain be removed or not used the links on the side of the bit must be removed.</p>

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<b>Section 3</b>	Permitted Bits	It was noted that some horses have a tendency to pull their tongue back over the bit particularly in stressful situations.	<p data-bbox="889 237 1429 268">Addition of tongue lay bit image to be added:</p> 

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	Definitions + Rule 5.7.3	To make the definition of residency clearer – and for purposes of HOTY eligibility	<p><b>“RESIDENCY/ RESIDENT</b></p> <p>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. <b>The horse must live in the same state in which it is registered and where the owner/lessee resides for a period of 3 months and 1 day prior to the commencement date of the State HOTY event. The lease/transfer must be lodged with the state office in which the horse resides 3 months and 1 day prior to the commencement date of the state HOTY.</b></p> <p>5.7.3 Resident in the State (including where appropriate within a 100 km radius of a border) for a total period of 3 months <b>and 1 day</b> immediately preceding the date of that State’s Horse of the Year event. Northern Territory to be exempt from 3 month <b>and 1 day</b> residency rule.</p>

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6.12	AUSTRALASIAN SHOW HORSE AND RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS		All State HOTY and National Australasian Horse and Rider Championships judges will be selected from the EA Show Horse National Judges List and will be randomly selected by EA National Office: The randomly selected judges will be presented to the National Show Horse Committee for ratification. Judges will then be selected in a random order, then allocated on a rotation basis to each state, ie. Judge 1 VIC, Judge 2 NSW until all states have their required number of judges