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SUMMARY OF NATIONAL DRESSAGE RULES

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The Equestrian Australia National Dressage Rules may also be found on the Equestrian Australia Website:

www.equestrian.org.au

Summary of National Dressage Rule Changes

Rule	Title	Details of Change
Content	Section 2	2.14 Ear Fly hoods
2.2	Headgear	<p>2.2 Headgear</p> <p>Competing riders must wear headgear applicable to their level of competition. Grooms, when mounted on a horse, must wear an approved safety helmet with the retaining harness secured and fastened.</p> <p>Approved safety helmets are to be worn at all times with the retaining harness secured and fastened when training/practicing at an event. Whenever a safety helmet is worn whilst competing the retaining harness must be secured and fastened. Failure to have the harness fastened will entail elimination.</p> <p>Current accepted safety helmet standards are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) AS/NZS 3838 (Current Australian Standard) b) VG1 (interim European Standard) c) EN 1384 (Outgoing Current European Standard) during 2016 only – not permitted from 2017 d) ASTN F1163 (Current US Standard)
2.11.1.2	Nosebands & Curb Chains	Nosebands and curb chains may never be so tightly fixed as to harm the horse. Officials should not loosen the noseband, but request the rider to do so. If the rider refuses and the Official thinks the noseband is still too tight, the Ground Jury should be approached to make a ruling. Padding under the noseband is permitted as long as it is securely attached
2.14	Ear Fly Hoods	<p>2.14 Ear Fly Hoods</p> <p>Ear-Fly hoods are permitted to be worn under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the ear fly hood must not cover the horse's eyes b) the ear fly hood may be made of material which provides for sound reduction d) no materials may be used to plug the horses ears e) the OC/TD/Gear Steward will, after completion of the test, request the removal of any ear fly hood to verify that no insulation has been inserted in the ear fly hood and that ear plugs have not been inserted e) sponsor logos are not permitted
2.19	Gear Steward's Check List	<p>2.19 Gear Steward's Check List</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please check the Equipment page on the EA website for approved/not approved dress and gear – www.equestrian.org.au/sport/dressage</p>

Please Read Carefully		Preliminary to Elementary	Medium	Advanced		FEI tests at EA events*
				Informal Dress e.g. short coat	Formal Dress e.g. tail coat	
Headgear Training/Practice	Approved safety helmet	compulsory	compulsory	compulsory		
Headgear Final warm-up and Competition	Approved safety helmet - under 18	compulsory	compulsory	compulsory		
	Approved safety helmet - all riders riding horse or pony under 7 years of age	compulsory	compulsory	compulsory		
	Approved safety helmet 18 and over and riders of horses/ponies over 7 years old	optional	optional	optional	optional	optional
	Bowler or Hunt cap 18 & over	✓	✗ X	✓	x	x
	Top Hat 18 & over	x	only with double bridle	✓	✓	✓

5.1	General Conditions	<p>t) errors of course (EOC) – to be subtracted before the score is divided by 5 to give a final mark out of 10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st EOC error – 0.1 point 0.5 percentage point • 2nd EOC error – 0.2 point 1.0 percentage point • 3rd EOC error – Elimination • 0.5% to be deducted per other error
8.18.2	Rider Qualification – CDIs Overseas	<p>a) to gain support from EA in requesting entries for Grand Prix competitions at CDIs overseas, riders are required to produce proof of recently gaining 62% in two Grand Prix tests in National competitions (in Australia or overseas) within the previous 12 months respective qualifying period (within the 12 months prior to the closing date of entries)</p> <p>b) the German Short Grand Prix Test (S10) is acceptable as a qualification for the above process</p> <p>c) to gain endorsement for CDI5* events, riders are required to produce proof of gaining at least 62% (in the Grand Prix) at two CDI competitions</p> <p>d) for U25, Young Riders, Juniors or Ponies to gain support from EA to compete at CDIs overseas riders are required to produce proof of recently gaining at least 60% or better in two National competitions (in Australia or overseas) at the level they wish to compete in at the CDI</p> <p>e) in exceptional circumstances the Selectors have discretion to waive the above. Any such decisions being considered are to be discussed with the Chair of the ADC</p>
8.18.3	Rider Qualifications – CDIs in Australia	<p>a) to be eligible for CDI/CDIW competitions in Australia combinations are required to produce proof of gaining a minimum of 62% in two National Official Competitive competitions (in Australia or overseas) at the level you wish to enter within the 12 months prior to the closing date of entries</p> <p>b) for CDI-U25 competitions combinations are required to produce proof of recently gaining 60% in two Intermediate A or Intermediate B Intermediate II or Grand Prix tests in National Official Competitive competitions within the 12 months prior to the closing date of entries</p> <p>c) for CDI-Y, CDI-J and CDI-P combinations are required to produce proof of gaining 60% at level within the 12 months prior to close of entries</p>

		d) in exceptional circumstances the Selectors have discretion to waive the above. Any such decisions being considered are to be discussed with the Chair of the ADC
11.4	Judge Accreditation	Accredited judges may act as a member of a Ground Jury at events or competitions in Australia. Refer to the table at rule 11.24 for more details. The National levels are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A-Level – accredited to judge up to and including Grand Prix level • B-Level – accredited to judge up to and including Intermediate I level • C-Level – accredited to judge up to and including Advanced level • D-Level – accredited to judge up to and including Medium level • E-Level – accredited to judge up to and including Elementary level • F-Level – accredited to judge up to and including Competitive Novice level • G-Level – authorised to judge up to and including Official Competitive Preliminary – with conditions – Refer to 11.28 9.28
Annex F	Eventing Dressage	Annex replaced.
Annex G	Elimination & Penalties	As below.
Rule	Pts Deducted	Penalties 'Will' Be Incurred
2.12	2 per judge	Wearing boots, bell boots and/or bandages in the space around the arena or in the arena.
2.12	2 per judge	Wearing boots, bell boots and/or bandages if worn in the arena