



Rule Change Overview

National Jumping Committee

The following are proposed Jumping rule changes to become effective 1st Jan 2017

Chapter	Heading	Article	Revised Wording
Chapter 13	VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS, HORSE INSPECTIONS, MEDICATION CONTROL, PASSPORTS OF HORSES AND POINTS SYSTEM	283 – Points System for Jumping Horses	<p>2. Imported Horses</p> <p>Owners of foreign horses imported into Australia must provide documentation on the previous jumping performances of the horse to the EA State branch. There will be an appeal system if the automatic allocation is not appropriate for the imported horse.</p> <p>Imported horses ages will be determined as at 1st January for horses born in the northern hemisphere, and as at 1st August for horses born in the southern hemisphere. Imported horses must be assessed by the Points panel within 3 months of their importation.</p> <p>Imported horses must be assessed at initial registration or the horse will be automatically allocated the points as listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 year old and below - 0 points • 6 year old – 16 points • 7 year old - 40 points • 8 year old and above - 80 points

Chapter	Heading	Article	Revised Wording
Chapter 7	ELIMINATIONS, DISQUALIFICATIONS, FINES	240 – Fines and Discipline	<p>YELLOW WARNING CARD</p> <p>Extract of Art. 169.7, FEI General Regulations.</p> <p>7. In cases if offences in paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 above and which are of a less serious nature and/or in cases specified in the Sports Rules and/or as mentioned in Article 140:</p> <p>7.1 The President of the Ground Jury, the President of the Appeal Committee, the Chief Steward or the Technical Delegate must notify the Person Responsible during the Period of the Event that he will receive a Yellow Warning Card, which will be delivered either by hand or by any other</p>

suitable means. If after reasonable efforts the Athlete cannot be notified during the Period of the Event that he has received a Yellow Warning Card, the Athlete must be notified in writing within fourteen (14) days of the event.

7.2 Should the same Person Responsible receive one (1) more Yellow Warning Card at the same or any other Event within one year of the delivery of the first Yellow Warning Card, the Person Responsible shall be automatically suspended for a period of two (2) months after official notification.

Also refer to Article 240, EA National Jumping Rules

A Yellow Warning Card may be issued by an EA Level 2 and Level 3 Judges for the offence of a less serious nature at Events. See Article 240.1 in the National Jumping Rules and Article 240 in the FEI Jumping Rules. The EA Official should deliver it personally to the Rider together with an explanation as to why it is being issued and the possible consequences of any further offences being committed. In the case of riders being under the age of 18 years, a Parent/Guardian must be present.

The receipt of a Yellow Warning Card suspends any penalty until a new offence takes place. A Rider receiving two Yellow Warning Cards within a 12 month period for the same offence will incur an automatic disqualification from competition for two months, from the date of the second offence. There will be no right of Appeal.

New rule for 2017 EA Jumping Rule book.

CHAPTER 7 – FINES, YELLOW WARNING CARDS, ELIMINATION AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

Article 240 – Fines and Yellow Warning Cards

Refer to EA General Regulations

1. The Ground Jury is authorised to report competitors to the CEO of Equestrian Australia or the relevant Branch Manager/CEO, according to EA Disciplinary By-Laws point 9, in cases where the rules are breached.
2. Whilst in an official capacity at an EA Sanctioned event the following accredited EA officials may issue a Yellow Warning card for similar breaches of the rule:
 - EA Level 2 Judges
 - EA Level 3 Judges
 - All FEI Judges
 - All FEI Stewards

- EA Technical Delegates

A Rider receiving two Yellow Warning Cards within a 12 month period will incur an automatic disqualification from competition for two months, from the date of the second offence. There will be no right of Appeal.

Examples of such breaches might include:

- 2.1. an athlete who has been eliminated or at the end of his round does not leave the arena without delay;
- 2.2. an athlete who has been eliminated, or who retires and who makes more than one attempt to jump a single obstacle or jumps it in the wrong direction before leaving the arena;
- 2.3. an athlete who jumps one or several obstacles which are part of the course after passing the finishing line or jumps an obstacle without the permission of the Ground Jury for the press (202.6);
- 2.4. an athlete who uses in the exercise and in the schooling areas obstacles different from those provided by the Organising Committee (242.2.6 and 201.4)
- 2.5. an athlete who jumps or attempts to jump the practice obstacle placed in the arena more times than allowed (202.4, 242.2.3 and 262.1.9);
- 2.6. an athlete who does not salute the Ground Jury or the official personalities on entering the arena (256.2.1);
- 2.7. failure to display the identification number in case of repeated offence
- 2.8. an athlete who disrespects the advertising rules or does not comply with the rules laid down under article 256.1.5;
- 2.9. an athlete who disrespects the directives of the Organising Committee;
- 2.10. an athlete who touches an obstacle to the effect of changing it;
- 2.11. an athlete who does not follow orders of officials or shows incorrect behaviour towards Event officials or any other party connected with the Event (other Athlete, FEI/EA employee or representative, journalist, public etc).
- 2.12. an athlete who repeats offences after a warning;

			<p>2.13. an athlete who disrespects the rules regarding dress and saddlery;</p> <p>In the case of a Yellow Warning Card being awarded by an EA Official, he or she should ideally deliver it personally to the Rider, together with an explanation as to why it is being issued and the possible consequences of any further offences being committed.</p> <p>Official Warnings will also ideally be delivered personally to the rider with an explanation as to why it is being issued and the possible consequences of any further offences being committed.</p> <p>In the case of riders under the age of 18 years, a Parent/Guardian must be present when personally delivering the Yellow Warning Card or Official Warning</p> <p>The EA Official will advise their State Branch and or State Jumping Committee of the issue of ALL Yellow Warning Cards and the reasons for the issue within 48 hours of the event.</p> <p>The State Branch of the EA and or the State Jumping Committee, shall as soon as possible advise the National Office, who will advise the rider of the official recording of the Yellow Card offence.</p> <p>Yellow Warning Cards received at both International and National events will be taken into account.</p>
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Chapter	Heading	Article	Revised Wording
Chapter 10	Athletes and Horses	Article 254 – Participation and Number of Horses	<p>Age of Horses</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Horses entered in jumping events in Australia must be aged at least 4 years as at August 1st each year. Horses from the Northern Hemisphere competing in the Southern Hemisphere should be permitted to take part in Competitions for Horses one (1) year older, as their official birth date is 1st January. 2. Horses 5 years and below are not permitted to compete in any competitions with a starting height of 1.25m and above in the first round or Futurity classes. 3. Any horse which competes in the Grand Prix Competition, cannot start in any of the following competitions at the same event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini Prix • Futurity • Future Stars • Stars of the Future 4. Any horse that has competed in an FEI World Cup Competition, cannot start in any of the following classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Futurity • Future Stars • Stars of the Future

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Chapter 10	Athletes and Horses	Article 257 – Saddlery	<p>Article 257 – Saddlery</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the competition arena: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Blinkers are forbidden. 1.2 Standing martingales are permitted for horses in children's horse competitions and in totally national competitions but not in FEI competitions. Running martingales are allowed in all competitions. 1.3 There are no restrictions on bits. However, the Ground Jury has the right, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a bit that may cause injury to the horse. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Gags and hackamores are allowed.

Annex I, II &
III

Annex I Time Allowed
Calculator

Annex II Speed and
Disobedience Table

Annex III Yellow Warning
Cards

Add to the Rule Book instead of sitting on the EA website as additional documents.

Annex I Time Allowed Calculator

Annex II Speed and Disobedience Table

Annex III Yellow Warning Cards

Height	Speed		Disobedience
	Outdoors	Indoors	
1.15m and below	350mpm		3 disobediencies
Above 1.15m and above	350 - 400mpm	325mpm	2 disobediencies
Grand Prix	375 350- 400mpm	350mpm	2 disobediencies

ACTION: Annex II Speed and Disobedience table to be updated to reflect rules 234 & 236.