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**SUMMARY OF
NATIONAL
VAULTING
RULES**

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	<p>Judge completes all components of score (as per the current Australian system)</p> <p>State Championships must have a minimum of 2 Level 3 Judges for Open – Intermediate classes.</p> <p>There must be 2 judges for all other classes, one must be level 3.</p> <p>It is recommended that between any separated tests the judges rotate according to the FEI allocation system. In the case where tests are run together, the judges may remain at the same table position.</p>	
Rule 4.2	<p>Auxillary or Standing Reins are permitted in Participant Pre Novice and Recreational Classes and below.</p>	<p>Standing reins are not permitted in FEI Vaulting Rules and therefore this needs to be removed from the rule book</p>

Rule 5.1 – Class Descriptions	Class name	Round 1			Round 2		This rule has been changed to allow for consistency when vaulters are entering competitions		
		Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 1	Test			
	Individual								
	Open	3* compulsories	Technical Test	Freestyle	No second round				
	Advanced	2* compulsories	Freestyle	NA	2* Freestyle compulsories (optional)				
	Intermediate	1* compulsories	Freestyle	NA	No second round				
	Novice	1* compulsories	Freestyle Walk	NA	No second round				
	Pre-Novice	Preliminary compulsories	Freestyle Walk	NA	No second round				
	Preliminary	Preliminary compulsories	Freestyle Walk	NA	No second round				
	Squad								
	Open	3* compulsories	Freestyle	NA	Freestyle				
	Advanced	2* compulsories	Freestyle	NA	No second round				
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	Pre-Novice	Preliminary compulsories	Freestyle Walk	NA	No second round				
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	Pas de Deux								
	Open	Freestyle	NA	NA	No second round				
	Intermediate Canter	Freestyle	NA	NA	No second round				
	Preliminary Walk	Freestyle Walk	NA	NA	No second round				
	Rule 5.1 (point 3)	At State Championships, the Advanced class may be run over two rounds. At State and National Championships, the Advanced Class second round may consist only of freestyle.						Junior and senior CVI's vary in the number of tests required, having this flexibility in the Australian rules would enable consistency with international competitions. At National events it would allow greater participation at the advanced level especially when resources are limited.	
	Rule 5.3	Vaulters should commence competition at the level appropriate to their ability and the Horse's training. A vaulter may enter any class deemed appropriate to them and change freely between classes						This change has been recommended with the philosophy of do no harm to vaulters or horses	
		Open, Advanced, Intermediate, Novice (Squads and Individuals) and Canter Pas de							

	<p>Deux are considered Competitor classes.</p> <p>Pre – Novice and Preliminary (Squads and Individuals) and Walk Pas de Deux are considered Participant classes.</p> <p>Qualification: To Qualify for entry to Open Level Competition a score of 6.5 in any one round in Advanced or Open must have been obtained in 2 years prior to the competition date.</p> <p>A vaulter may only enter the Open grade in the year in which they turn 14. An individual or squad that has attained the following they may progress to a higher grade:</p> <p>A score of 6.5 or higher attained twice in Advanced may progress to Open. A score of 5.5 or higher attained four times in Intermediate may progress to Advanced. A score of 5.5 or above attained four times in Novice may progress to Intermediate. A score of 5.5 or above attained four times in Pre-Novice may progress to Novice. A score of 6.0 or above attained four times in Preliminary may progress to Pre-Novice.</p>	<p>Qualification criteria added for Open level to ensure vaulters have and maintain the skills for the highest level class which includes tech test</p>
<p>Rule 5.5</p>	<p>A formal process of downgrading is available through the Downgrading Subcommittee of the Judges Panel (3 Judges appointed by the Judges panel at the Judge’s Forum in February of each calendar year).</p> <p>The terms of downgrading are as follows:</p> <p>Squads/Pas de Deux may be downgraded if:</p> <p>a) The horse is changed or b) The lunge is changed or c) At least 50% of the vaulters are changed d) For the health and welfare of the horse</p> <p>Individuals may be downgraded if:-</p> <p>a) If the vaulter has not vaulted for over two months because of serious injury or illness or b) If a vaulter has developed any medical condition which will be aggravated by the current level of competition. c) For the health and welfare of the horse</p> <p>Entrants seeking downgrading approval will need to complete the ‘Application for Downgrading Form’ from the EA Website www.equestrian.org.au. This application must be sent to vaultingjudgesaustralia@gmail.com</p> <p>The application will then be processed by the Downgrading Sub Committee.</p> <p>Please allow two weeks for processing. Athletes seeking to regain their previous grade must notify the Judges panel of their intention to recommence their previous grade.</p> <p>Athletes in possession of downgrading approvals, must forward a copy of approval granted in the current calendar year with their entries to any event they enter. If a competitor is entered in a class level below their previously entered level without a downgrading approval they will be disqualified.</p> <p>If Organising Committees are not in possession of a copy of the downgrading approval before the start of the event the entrant should be offered the HC option</p>	<p>Downgrading rule removed as 5.3 now makes this rule redundant</p>

	<p>or withdrawal option.</p>	
<p>Rule 7.1</p>	<p>The Squad Class consists of two parts, the Compulsories and the Freestyle. The Compulsories and Freestyle must be performed on the same horse with the same lunge except if the lunge is ill or injured in which case a reserve lunge may be substituted.</p> <p>At all local competitions squad classes will be separated into compulsory and freestyle divisions. At National Championships they will be combined. At State Championships either option can be chosen, according to the OC.</p> <p>At National Championships Three squad classes will be offered. These combine compulsories and Freestyle. The same vaulters and horse (including the use of a reserve) must be used for the entire class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advanced - Novice - Preliminary - <p>At all local competitions all level of squad compulsory classes may be offered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open Compulsories - Advanced Compulsories - Intermediate Compulsories - Pre-novice Compulsories and - Preliminary Compulsories - <p>At all local competitions three levels of freestyle classes may be offered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advanced Freestyle (ie according to the FEI 2* and 3* rules) - Intermediate Freestyle (ie according to the FEI 1* rules) - Preliminary Freestyle 	<p>Key points for this recommendation:</p> <p><u>Separating Compulsories and freestyle at local events:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allows greater participation of vaulters - Facilitates the development of new team horses. - The capacity of a team who would like to grow strongly as one is maintained- they can enter compulsories and freestyle on the same horse, with the same members. <p><u>Limiting the number of classes offered at nationals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensures those Squads who participate compete against each other <p>The classes chosen below eliminates every second squad class, theoretically making the steps between these smaller (ie Preliminary, Pre-novice, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Open</p>