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**Justification:** Error in 1 January 2023 rule changes. Reference to August 1 should be for Young Horse only. All other ages need to align with FEI rules.

#### 4.8.3.4 Age of horses/ponies

In regard to the age of horses and ponies:

- a) to be eligible for a Dressage Card/Competitor Licence horses/ponies must be aged 3 years or over; age is determined by natural birthday.
- b) to be eligible to compete in Para-Dressage horses/ponies must be aged 5 years or over.
- c) with exception of Young Horse competitions, the calculation of the age of a horse/pony for competition eligibility depends on the hemisphere where the horse/pony was born. For horses born in the Southern Hemisphere age is assessed from August 1 of the year of birth. For horses born in the Northern Hemisphere age is assessed from January 1 of the year of birth. ~~is determined by its natural birthday~~
- d) for Young Horse competitions only, -age is assessed from August 1 of the year of birth, regardless of the hemisphere (Northern or Southern) where they were born (see rule 9.1b).

#### 4.8.3.5 Ages of horses and ponies for FEI-level tests at EA events and FEI-sanctioned events in Australia and internationally

Horses/ponies of any origin may take part provided they are aged as per the following table:

<b>6 years</b> and over	FEI Pony tests, FEI Junior tests
<b>7 years</b> and over	<u>Small Tour Tests:</u> FEI Prix St Georges, FEI Young Rider tests, FEI Young Rider Freestyle, Intermediate I and Intermediate Freestyle (EA events and FEI- sanctioned Events)
<b>8 years</b> and over	<u>Medium and Big Tour Tests:</u> Intermediate A, Intermediate B, Intermediate II, Medium Tour Freestyle, FEI Grand Prix, FEI Grand Prix Special, FEI Grand Prix Freestyle (EA events and FEI sanctioned events)
<b>FEI-Young Horses</b>	Age for all Young Horses is assessed from <u>4 August 1</u> , regardless of hemisphere where they were born

#### 4.8.3.6 Age and eligibility of imported horses/ponies

In relation to age and eligibility for all competitions except Young Horse:

- a) ~~horses born in the Southern hemisphere must be at least 7 years of age on August 1 of the year of birth, based on their natural birthday to be eligible to enter FEI Small Tour Tests and FEI levels (excluding FEI Pony Tests), and 8 years, based on their natural birthday, to enter Medium and Big Tour Tests: refer to 4.8.3.5 for details of specific tests. Grand Prix~~  
new (a) text:  
**a) horses must be at least 7 years of age to be eligible to enter FEI Small Tour Tests (excluding FEI Pony Tests), and 8 years, to enter Medium and Big Tour Tests. Refer to 4.8.3.4(c) for calculation of age based on hemisphere of birth and 4.8.3.5 for details of specific FEI tests.**
- b) ~~horses born in the Northern hemisphere must be at least 7 years of age on January 1 of the year of birth to be eligible to enter FEI Small Tour Tests (excluding FEI Pony~~

~~Tests), and 8 years of age on January 1 of the year of birth to enter Medium and Big Tour Tests.~~

- e) b) an imported horse/pony must be graded by the SDA, and owners of the horse/pony registered with a foreign National Federation must:
  - provide the SDA with written evidence of overseas performances. If the horse/pony does not have any performances and is to be competed at FEI level, the requirement as set out in rule 4.8.3.2 must be completed. Refer also to rule 4.8.3.5

#### 4.14 Conditions of Entry table

Conditions of Entry table		OFFICIAL COMPETITIVE COMPETITION		OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION COMPETITION	YOUNG HORSE and PONY COMPETITIONS
		HORSE	PONY		
<b>HORSE or PONY</b>	<b>Height</b>	exceeding 149 cm with shoes, 148cm without shoes	<b>not</b> exceeding 149 cm with shoes, 148cm without shoes	may be open height or split horses /ponies depending on OC requirements	<b>Horse:</b> exceeding 149 cm with shoes, 148 cm without shoes  <b>Pony:</b> not exceeding 149cm with shoes 148cms without shoes
	<b>EA registered</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	<b>Performance Card/ Competition Licence</b> available from date of 3rd birthday (age based on natural birthday)	Yes	Pony Dressage Card	No	Yes
	<b>Official bridle number</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	<b>Grading points</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Official but no grading points

	<p><b>Min age of horse</b></p> <p>FEI and EA eligibility age based on <u>hemisphere of birth (August 1 of the year of birth for Southern hemisphere: January 1 of the year of birth for Northern hemisphere) natural birthday</u></p>	<p>EA Tests: <b>3</b></p> <p>FEI <u>Small Tour</u> Tests: <b>7</b></p> <p><u>Prix FEI Medium and Big Tour Tests</u> <u>Grand Prix</u>: <b>8</b></p> <p>(* refer to <u>4.8.3.5</u>)</p>	<p>EA Tests: <b>3</b></p> <p>FEI Pony Tests: <b>6</b></p>	<p>As per Competitive</p>	<p>YH: <b>4, 5, 6 or 7</b></p> <p>age is assessed from <b>4</b> August <u>1</u> of the year of birth only</p>
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