

Please see below the amendments to the EA Dressage Rules which support the change to the marking of technical faults in EA tests as approved by the EA Board as of 1 January 2022.

### **Rule 3.7 Entering the arena**

3.7.f) failure to enter the arena within 45 seconds of the bell being sounded will entail ~~a penalty of 2 points~~ **a technical fault of 0.5%**

3.7.g) entering the arena at A before the bell signal has been given may entail a ~~penalty of 2 points~~ **technical fault of 0.5% per from each judge**

3.7.j) ..... Failure to salute will entail a ~~2 point penalty~~ **technical fault of 0.5%** from each judge

### **3.17 Penalties Technical Faults and Errors of Course**

~~Technical faults and~~ will incur a 0.5% deduction from the final percentage mark as per Annex E. ~~The deduction is from each judge and~~ all judges must have the same number of penalties recorded.

#### **3.17.1 Other-errors technical faults with penalties**

All of the following are considered ~~errors~~ **technical faults and 0.5%** will be deducted for each one, but they are not cumulative and will not result in elimination (including for Freestyle test)

## **SECTION 5 DRESS, SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT**

5.1 Compulsory dress by level and ~~penalties~~ **technical faults** for incorrect dress and equipment.

The following dress is permitted according to the level of competition.

**Penalties for incorrect or not permitted dress, saddlery & equipment are outlined in Annex E**

a) if dress, saddlery or equipment is “not permitted”, use of such items will entail elimination

b) the wearing of “incorrect” dress for the appropriate level will incur a **technical fault of 0.5%** from each judge. Refer table Annex E

### **5.6 Whips**

In FEI level competitions.....

- circling the arena carrying a whip will incur ~~a penalty of 2 points~~ **a technical fault of 0.5%** from each judge
- Entering the dressage arena with a whip will incur ~~a penalty of 2 points~~ **a technical fault of 0.5%** from each judge

### **5.12 Table of equipment permitted/not permitted**

Column 1, row 7

Boots, bell boots and bandages ~~Penalties are cumulative~~

Column 3, row 7

- ~~-2 pts~~ **0.5%** from each judge if worn in the space around the arena
- ~~-2 pts~~ **0.5%** from each judge if worn in the arena

Last row, column 3

In FEI level competitions at Australian & State Championships

- ~~-2~~ **0.5% deduction from each** per judge if carried circling arena in events where not permitted
- ~~-2~~ **0.5% deduction from each** per judge if carried in the arena elimination if carried in test for more than 3 movements

## 5.17 Protective coverings/Boots/Bandages

5.17 a) .....~~Penalties~~ **Technical faults** are outlined on rule 5.12

## 7.6 Allocation of marks and scoring

d) these marks are then added together and any ~~penalty marks~~ **errors of course** are deducted.

e) it is essential that ~~penalty marks~~ **errors of course** are deducted from each individual score before it is totalled. **Individual scores are converted to % scores, and technical faults are then deducted**

## SECTION 8 FREESTYLES

8.1 k) if the test is clearly shorter or longer than the stipulated time limit on the test sheet, a ~~penalty of 2 points~~ **technical fault of 0.5% deduction** from each judge will be incurred from the total of the artistic marks

## SECTION 9 YOUNG HORSE and YOUNG PONY

9.1 t) If a horse leaves the arena with all four feet during a 4- year old state qualifying competition, this will not entail elimination but will incur a ~~2 point penalty~~ **technical fault of 0.5%**, to be deducted .....

### 9.1.2 Dress and Saddlery

9.1.2f) a whip is not permitted to be carried in the 5,6,7 year old competition arena at the State and Australian Championships. A whip must be dropped before entering the space around the arena or the rider will entail a ~~penalty of -2 points from the total score out of 100 prior to conversion to a percentage~~ **technical fault of - 0.5% deducted from the final percentage.**

## Annex E

Elimination, **technical Faults**, penalties **and deductions**

Table heading

~~Penalties will be Incurred~~ **Technical Faults** and Penalties

*In Column 2, under points deducted*

*Errors of course remain the same - 2,  
All other technical faults change to 0.5%*

<b>Penalties will be Incurred Technical Faults and Penalties</b>		
Rule	Points deducted	
3.7	<del>0.5% per judge</del> 2 per	Exceeding 45 seconds to enter the arena
3.7	<del>0.5% per judge</del> 2 per	Failure to salute at the entry halt or final halt
3.7	<del>0.5% per judge</del> 2 per	Entering the arena before the bell is sounded
3.17	2 per judge	1st error of course
3.17	4 per judge	2nd error of course
4.8.5h	<del>0.5% per judge</del> 2 per	Enters competition area not wearing correct identification numbers
5.1, 5.2 5.7, 5.8	<del>0.5% per judge</del> 2 per judge	Incorrect dress where a penalty is provided for
5.4	<del>0.5% per judge</del> 2 per	Wearing gaiters in FEI-level competitions
5.6	<del>0.5% per judge</del> 2 per judge	FEI-level comps at Australian and State C'Ships - Entering the space around the arena carrying a whip
5.6	<del>0.5% per judge</del> 2 per judge	FEI -level Comps at Australian and State Championships – Entering the arena carrying a whip
5.10	<del>0.5% per judge</del> 2 per	Saddle or bridle not black or brown
5.10.1	<del>0.5% per judge</del> 2 per	Stirrups not black or silver or same colour as rider's boots
5.11	<del>0.5% per judge</del> 2 per	Fleece or other visible padding on the upper side of bridle
5.12, 5.17	<del>0.5% per judge</del> 2 per	Wearing boots, bell boots and/or bandages in the space around the arena
5.12	<del>0.5% per judge</del> 2 per	Wearing boots, bell boots and/or bandages if worn in the arena
8.1	0.5% per judge	Not giving the signal for the music to start within 45 seconds of the bell
8.1	0.5% per judge	Entering the arena after 30 seconds of music
8.1	0.5% per judge	If the rider enters the arena clearly late
8.1	0.5% per judge	If the test is longer or shorter than stipulated
9.1	0.5%	1st error Young Horse
9.1	1.0%	2nd error Young Horse
9.1	<del>0.5% 2 per judge</del>	4-year-old YH competition – if horse leaves arena with all 4 feet
9.1.2	<del>0.5% per judge- 2pts 0.4</del>	Carrying a whip in the space around the arena at Australian YH Championships in 5, 6 and 7 year-old competition. To be deducted after score has been multiplied by 2 for a score out of 100
<b>Deduction from Marks in Movements</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holding reins in one hand – see 3.15.1</li> <li>• Use of Voice – 3.16</li> <li>• Tongue – whenever seen</li> </ul>		

## Annex F 13 Elimination, **technical faults and penalties**

### Annex G 8.2.1 Scorers must:

- double the mark where a coefficient is indicated
- add the marks in the total column
- deduct the errors of course
- convert the score to a % and deduct any technical faults and penalties from each judge from the total percentage**

d) e) calculate the **overall** percentage by adding the **percentages of scores** of all the judges and dividing **by the number of judges**. ~~the total by the total marks possible. For example, if 3 judges scored 350, 345 and 349 the total = 1044. Total possible marks for the test was 400. Multiply this number (400) by the number of judges (400 x 3) = 1200. Percentage =  $1044 \div 1200 \times 100\% = 87\%$~~

### **G 8.2.2 Allocation of marks and scoring**

8.8.2 c) marks are then added together and ~~any penalty marks~~ **errors of course** are deducted.

8.8.2 d) it is essential that all ~~penalty marks~~ **technical faults** are deducted from each individual judge's score ~~before they are totalled~~ **once the individual score has been converted to a percentage.**