



Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee – Rule Update
(4 March 2024)

Below are listed errors or now implemented FEI rules that have been noted as incorrect in the current EA Dressage Rulebook (1 January 2024). These updates will be reflected in the 1 July version, however stand as corrections immediately.

Rule	5.12
Heading	Table of equipment permitted/not permitted
Error	'X' located in incorrect column, should be located under column labeled "Permitted in warm- up & exercise areas but NOT past Gear Steward & NOT in competition" to reflect 5.19 Gear check list and ANNEX E - Elimination, technical faults, penalties and deductions.

Updated Rule

5.12 Table of equipment permitted/not permitted

Details of equipment	Permitted in competition	Permitted in warm- up & exercise areas but NOT past Gear Steward & NOT in competition	NOT permitted at an event or venue The wearing of any of the following at an event will entail elimination
Any equipment which the Ground Jury, TD or Chief Steward may determine is against the intent and general principles of dressage			X
Bearing reins (e.g. chambon, deGogue)			X
Bit guards (leather/rubber circular gadgets that stop the bit pulling through)			X
Bitless bridles e.g. hackamores			X
Blinkers, any form			X
Boots, bell boots and bandages		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.5% from each judge if worn in the space around the arena • 0.5% from each judge if worn in the arena 	
Breastplates	Up to and incl Medium with a snaffle bridle		
Crystal mane bands			X
Snaffle Bridle	All levels	All levels	
Double bridle	Med & above & 7yo Young Horse competitions	Med & above & 7yo Young Horse competitions	
Ear plugs	Permitted in presentations only		
False tail/tail extensions - no metal or added extra weight – penalty of elimination For FEI-sanctioned events refer to FEI rules Article 428.4	All levels – no metal or added extra weight or elimination		
Foregirths	All levels		
Grass reins			X
Headphones or similar devices		X	X

Rule	Section 12
Heading	Summary table of the requirements to remain accredited – page 7
Error	Duplication

Updated Rule

Completed over the 3-year-period F to A Judges	G	F	E	D	C	B	A
Minimum Judging Requirements (excluding Freestyles): Judge 6 Official competitions at your accredited level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F at Novice • E at Elementary • D at Medium • C at Advanced • B at PSG or Inter I • A at Inter A to GP (may substitute a SJ at GP or Inter II) Young Horse - judge at least 1YH competition PLUS judge 6 other competitions up to and including your level (refer to rule 12.8.1e) PLUS judge 6 other competitions up to and including your level (refer to rule 12.8.1e)	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Rule	10.17.2
Heading	Qualification for CDIs Overseas
Error	FEI changes to Nations Cup Rules – only offering Big Tour. Removing the disparity to Australian domiciled riders in qualifying for Nations Cup selection.

Revised Rule

10.17.2 Qualification for CDIs Overseas

- a) to gain support from EA in requesting entries for competitions at CDIs/CDIW (Small Tour to Grand Prix Level) overseas, combinations are required to produce proof of gaining a minimum of 64% in at least one competition (at the level you wish to enter) in national Official Competitive competitions (in Australia or overseas) within the 12 months prior to the closing date of entries
- b) the FEI Short Grand Prix and the German Short Grand Prix Test (S10) are acceptable as a qualification for the above process.
- c) to gain endorsement for CDI5* events, combinations are required to produce proof of gaining at least 66% (in the Grand Prix) at two CDI competitions
- d) to gain support from EA in requesting entries for CDI U25 Grand Prix Level, combinations are required to produce proof of gaining 63% or better in two national competitions (in Australia or overseas) in Intermediate A or B, Intermediate II, U25 Grand Prix or Grand Prix within the 12 months prior to the closing date of entries.
- e) to gain support from EA in requesting entries for competitions at CDI Pony, CDI Children's, CDI Junior and CDI Young Rider competitions overseas, combinations are required to produce proof of gaining a minimum of 63% or higher in at least one competition at the level, or the equivalent, in national Official Competitive competitions (in Australia or overseas) within the 12 months prior to the closing date of entries.
- f) In exceptional circumstances where a combination is required by selectors to compete at a CDI in order to obtain an MER, the EADC, in consultation with the Selectors, has the discretion to waive the above.

g) ~~CDIO team standards:~~

Minimum International standards for participation (if any): Athlete/horse combinations must meet minimum Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) requirements for the relevant CDIO (Event) per Annex 7 of the current FEI Dressage Regulations.

EADC encourages participation in Nations Cup events at CDIOs. For CDIO-NC refer to the FEI Dressage Nations Cup Rules. Qualifying scores required at CDI Grand Prix level in the previous 12 months as per 10.17.2 9(d).

~~However, the performances need to be of an acceptable standard as follows:~~

~~———— GP: 66% at a CDI in previous 12 months~~

~~———— Small Tour: 65% in a CDI in previous 12 months (applies to Wellington Florida CDIO)~~

