

EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA LIMITED (EA)

AMENDMENTS TO THE EA NATIONAL SHOW HORSE RULES (RULES) ¹

Introduction

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships (Nationals) were postponed until 2021 with the announced intent that all horses and riders qualifying at their 2020 State Horse of the Year Event would be eligible to compete at the rescheduled 2020 Nationals.

Thereafter, the EA National Show Horse Committee decided that the 2020 and 2021 Nationals would be conducted as one combined event between 1-4 December 2021. Unfortunately, due to further Covid restriction interruptions, the event has now been rescheduled for 10 to 13 March 2022 at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre, Victoria (**Event**). ²

The Rules, as amended by these amendments, shall apply up to the conclusion of the Event as provided for in the "Sunset Clause" (see below). Thereafter, the Rules shall revert to those in place and effective as at 1 January 2021 (or as further amended).

To make it easier to follow, the current rule appears in black type and **the amendments in red type**. Where appropriate, examples are provided to illustrate how the amendment will work in a particular situation.

Amendments

Rules 1.1.3 Childs/Junior Classes

Child/junior classes are for riders 5 years and under 18 years on 1st January in each year (excluding leading rein). The class is to be judged on the suitability of the horse to be ridden by a child. Small Ponies are to be ridden by child 14 years and under **as at 1 January 2021**.

Rule 1.1.4 Horse

Horses shall be shown at their current recorded height and must hold a current EA height certificate to compete at any EA event EXCEPT **at the Event as provided for by rule 6.2**. All certificates are valid for a stated period. Competitors shall carry their EA Registration Papers, Competition Licences (in states where they are issued), EA Height Certificates and EA Membership Card at all affiliated shows and make them available for inspection upon request.

¹ EA National Show Horse Rules effective as at 1 January 2021

² The Event is being organised by the EV Show Horse Committee on behalf of the EA National Show Horse Committee pursuant to Article 106 of the EA General Regulations. The Event will be run in accordance with the EA General Regulations, the EA National Show Horse Rules and all applicable EA rules, policies and regulations.

Rule 5.4 Rider of the Year Classes

Rule 5.4 is replaced by the following:

Riders may only compete in the class/es at the Event for which they are eligible according to their age as at 1 January 2021 notwithstanding that they qualified at their State Horse of the Year and Rider Championship in a younger age group in 2020 or 2021. For example, a rider who qualified in the rider under 12 years class in 2020 who is aged 12 as at 1 January 2021, must compete in the class for riders 12, 13 and 14 years. A rider who was eligible to compete in the 2020 or 2021 in any of the child/junior classes but who has turned 18 by 1 January 2021 must compete in the rider 18 to 25 years class.

Rule 5.5.1 Childs Classes

The rider must be aged between 5 years and under 18 years as at 1 January 2021.

Rule 5.5.2 Leading Rein Classes

Competitors are reminded that leading rein classes are a horse class. For lead rein riders turning five years - the age of 5 commences from the child's birthday. The under 8 age limit is taken as per the child's age as at 1 January 2021. Handler must be 18 years of age and over.

Rule 6.2 Qualifying Class/es

The class a horse qualifies for at State Championships will be the class that the horse competes in at the Event, regardless of changes to a height certificate, save that if a horse qualified at both of its 2020 and 2021 State Championships, it shall only be eligible to compete at the Event in the same class as its 2021 qualification. Example A: if a horse qualified as a Galloway at a State Horse of the Year Championship in 2020 and thereafter qualified as a Hack at the State's Championship in 2021 (because of a change in height measurement) the horse shall only be eligible to compete at the Event in the Hack class/es for which it is qualified. Example B: if a horse qualified as a Hack at its State's Championship in 2020 and thereafter qualified as a Show Hunter at the State's Championship in 2021, the horse shall only be eligible to compete at the Event in the Show Hunter class/es for which it is qualified.

Rule 6.8

Once a horse has qualified for the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships, the competitor must retain current relevant State membership continuously up to and including the duration of the Event and the registration and residency of the horse must remain in the same State at which it qualified for the Event. Once a rider has qualified for the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships, they must retain their relevant State membership continuously up to and including the duration of the Event.

Rule 6.9

A horse will not be disqualified from representing the State in which it qualified for the Event as a result of the change of ownership or lease within the same State. If a horse is sold or leased to another state it is no longer eligible to represent the State in which it qualified. Notwithstanding anything previously referred to, if a horse qualifies at a State HOTA in 2020 and is sold or leased to a

person in another State, provided the requirements of Section 5 of the rules are satisfied (including current registration, membership and residency in the new State), the horse is eligible to compete at its new State's HOTY championship in 2021.

Rule 6.10

A horse and rider which have competed or qualified for State at an Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championship may not compete in any other State's qualifying competition in the period leading up to the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships concerned. Notwithstanding anything previously referred to, if a horse, owner/lessee and rider move to a new State, provided the requirements of Section 5 of the rules are satisfied (including current registration, membership and residency in the new State) both the horse and rider will be eligible to compete at the new State HOTY in 2021. For the avoidance of doubt, a horse and rider qualified to compete at the Event shall only be entitled to represent one State.

Rule 6.11

A horse competing in the Junior/Child's and/or Open Show Horse, Show Hunter and Leading Rein must be ridden by a member from the State or Territory that the horse is representing. The State in which you compete in the HOTY is the state that you must represent at the Event.

Current Rules

For the avoidance of doubt, save as amended by these Amendments or any other amendments properly made, the Rules remain in full force and effect.

Sunset clause

These Amendments shall apply up to and including the last day of the Event. From midnight on the last day the Event these Amendments shall cease to have any continuing force or effect (save that they shall apply with respect to any Appeal Committee or Disciplinary Proceeding commenced or thereafter arising from the Event) and the National Show Horse Rules shall revert to those in place and effective as at 1 January 2021.

These Amendment were approved by the EA National Show Horse Committee on 12 April 2021. The Amendments were revised in October 2021. All Amendments have been ratified or approved by EA.

EA National Show Horse Committee