



EA SHOW HORSE RULE CHANGES SUMMARY – EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2019

2.4.1 Definition

A horse that has not competed under saddle (with the exception of Racing) in any State/Territory prior to a date determined by each State/Territory in which the horse resides and is registered. A Pony that has only competed in Leading Rein or Miniature Turnouts and has not competed off the lead is eligible to be considered a Newcomer. A horse that has competed in breed classes under saddle is not eligible to be considered a Newcomer.

- a) [HOTY Newcomer](#) – The horse must be registered with the EA at the time of close of entries.
- b) The horse must have a current EA Height Certificate.
- c) The horse must be shown in a snaffle bridle.
- d) The horse may compete in the relevant State HOTY event as its first competition.
- e) The horse may compete in the Open section at the HOTY subject to State/Territory qualifying rules where applicable.
- f) All interstate horses must be registered and/or transferred 3 months and 1 day immediately preceding the date of the State Horse of the Year event.

- Stallions are not eligible to compete.

5.6.2 For Lead Rein Riders turning 5 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 1st January in the calendar year that the competition is being held. Handler to be 18 years & over are eligible to compete the day they turn 5 years old.](#)

5.7 [HOTY Open classes](#), Show Horse, Show Hunter, Childs/ Junior, Leading Rein Classes and Rider Classes Horses/Ponies must be:

5.7.1 currently financial EA registered at the time of entry (as per rule 4.2)

5.7.2 3 years of age or over at 1 August.

5.7.3 Resident in the State (including where appropriate within a 100 km radius of the border) [must be registered and/or transferred 3 months and 1 day before their state HOTY for a total period of 3 months and 1 day immediately preceding the date of that State's Horse of the Year event.](#) Northern Territory to be exempt from 3 month and 1 day residency rule.

5.10.8 State Show Horse and Rider Championships Classes

Rider Classes

- Rider under 12 years
- Rider 12, 13 & 14 years
- Rider 15, 16 & 17 years
- Rider 18 – 25 years (inclusive)
- Rider [26 years and over](#) [25 years](#)

5.16 All qualifying events for the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships (i.e.: State HOTYs) must be run by the States Show Horse Committee (who may form or co-opt an organising sub- committee). States may offer combined Child/Junior classes that will be split if there are 3 or more competitors entered in each section. Where split Child/Junior classes have less than 3 competitors in a class at the discretion of the organising committee these classes may be combined .i.e. instead of 2 galloway classes with less than 3 in each they be combined to 14h up to inc. 15hds.

6.6 The selection of State representatives will be the sole responsibility of the State Branch concerned and entries must be lodged through the relevant State Branch by the closing date of the event.

The winner, runner-up and third place getter in the open show horse, open show hunter and leading rein classes retrospective from 1st January 2019 from state qualifying events will be invited to compete at the Australasian Show Horse Championships. The 4th placegetter in these classes will not be a reserve for these sections.

The winner and runner up in the Junior/Child's and Rider Classes from state qualifying events will be invited to compete at the Australasian Show Horse Championships. The winner and runner up place getter from state qualifying events will be invited to compete at the Australasian Show Horse Championships.

Should the winner and runner up accept their invitation to compete, the third place getter will not be required. If the winner or runner up is not able to accept their invitation, then the third place getter will be eligible to compete. The EA Show Horse Committee will not consider applications for horses/ponies/riders placed lower than third place at their State HOTY. In the event that a competitor has more than one horse in a class, the rider will be permitted to ride multiple horses, however if at the request of the judges or organising committee that a "go around" is required for all classes then another rider will need to be elected. The nominated rider must adhere to the age restrictions of the class.

6.11 A horse competing in the Show Horse, Show Hunter and Leading Rein Classes 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 Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships in that calendar year