



Awarding and Wearing of Australian Flag ‘Pockets’ and other ‘Pockets’ or Identification

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PREAMBLE:

The following outlines the guidelines of Equestrian Australia (EA) for riders who compete at the Olympic, World Equestrian Games, or nominated International Equestrian Competitions to wear the Australian Flag 'pocket' on their competition jacket (Dressage, Jumping) or a saddlecloth or saddlecloth overlay on their uniform. This policy formalises when, who and the timeline for wearing a 'pocket' or 'saddle cloth'.

POLICY:

1. Entitlement to wear the Australian Flag "pockets" permanently in Olympic and Paralympic Disciplines

- Only the following Senior competitors are entitled to receive and **permanently** wear on their competition apparel a 'pocket' displaying the Australian Flag or another approved national symbol (e.g. Australian Coat of Arms, AOC Crest):
- Those who, after formal selection or nomination by EA, are representing or have represented Australia at:
 - Olympic or Paralympic Games, or
 - FEI World Equestrian Games.
- Only 'pockets' issued by the EA National Office may be worn.

2. Entitlement to wear "pockets" whilst participating in an International event overseas

- Competitors, including Show Horse, whom EA has nominated to participate in an International event abroad, may wear an Equestrian Australia pocket (once available) **whilst participating in such event**.
- These pocket flags must be worn for the duration of the nominated event only and removed at the conclusion of the event.

3. Other National Identification

- Participants in International events may use a **saddlecloth** or **saddlecloth overlay** with an Australian flag **during such event PROVIDED** their entry to the particular event has been approved or endorsed by Selectors and/or the National Discipline Committees or at least the Chair of Selectors and/or the Chair of the National Discipline Committees for the respective Discipline. These 'saddlecloth or saddlecloth overlay' must be worn for the duration of the nominated event only and removed at the conclusion of the event.

4. Goodwill Ambassador for International Competitions

- EA may appoint a Goodwill Ambassador for international competitions and for a period of time.
- The appointment will be at the discretion of the Board and CEO, considering factors such as experience, reputation, contribution to the sport, alignment with EA's strategic objectives and international classes.
- This individual will represent Equestrian Australia, promoting the organisation's values and objectives while fostering positive relationships with the global

equestrian community.

- Participants appointed as Goodwill Ambassadors may use a “**pocket**” or **saddlecloth** or **saddlecloth overlay** with an Australian flag during the approved event(s), PROVIDED they have sought approval from EA related to each event, they seek to wear the **saddlecloth** or **saddlecloth overlay**.
- The “**pockets**” or **saddlecloth** or **saddlecloth overlay** with an Australian flag may differ from the other Competitive “**pockets**” or **saddlecloth** or **saddlecloth overlay** supplied by EA.