

The following are proposed Dressage rule changes to become effective 1 July 2018

Whole doc	Search	Change: ADC, ADJC, NOAS, NCAS, National Coaching accreditation scheme, National Officiating accreditation scheme	
Whole doc	Search	Remove references to EA FEI tests now only FEI tests	
Rule No		Rule Change	Comments
1.15.3.2	Eligibility of horses and ponies for each level	Make new row between row "EA Intermediate II and EA Grand Prix, including U25 Grand Prix," and row "FEI- sanctioned events in Australia – PSG, Inter I, A, B, Intermediate II/GP CDI U25 CDIY, CDIJ and CDIP" Insert the note below For EA FEI levels, horses and riders providing proof of previous experience at the level may apply to EADC to waive qualification scores	some exp riders may get the ride on exp horse and should not need to prove competency to compete at the level.
2.1.1	Preliminary to Medium levels	c) "riding boots may be either long or short, black or brown"	clarification
2.4	Gaiters/Chapettes	a) gaiters may be worn up to and including Advanced (including YH events) when informal dress is worn (refer to table in rule 2.19) c) the exposed side of the gaiter must be full grain leather g) all gaiters/chapettes must be full grain leather	Clarification following query Duplication
2.5	Spurs	For further information regarding spurs, please see the current Dressage equipment annex version 11 PDF on the EA website (http://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules)	Update
2.18	Exemption Cards and riders with a disability	Exemption cards for compensatory aids will not apply to Young Horse competitions. Test calling in Young Horse competitions will be allowed for riders with the appropriate exemption card.	see also 5.1 below
3.7		i) ... hop top hat...	
3.12.1	Lunging in warm up and exercise areas:	a) lunging and work-in-hand by someone other than the nominated rider is permitted b) work in-hand by someone other than the nominated rider is not permitted c) wherever possible a designated area should be set aside for lunging d) non-compliance with lunging in a designated area may will entail elimination.	
3.17	Penalties and Errors of Course	A penalty is minus 2 marks from each judge for a range of instances as per Annex F. All judges must have the same number of penalties recorded. Error of Course, whether the bell is sounded or not, must be penalised and is cumulative. The penalties for an error of course are as follows: EA level tests (up to Advanced) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the first by - 2 marks • the second by - 4 additional marks • the third by elimination FEI level tests Senior, U25 and Young Rider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first error - -2% from total score • second error – elimination 	To reflect new FEI rules

		<p>Young Horse FEI Children, Pony and Junior and Para</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first error - 0,5% from total score • second error -1% from total score • third error elimination 	
3.17.1	Penalties and Errors of Course	g) in Freestyle tests, a rider not giving the signal to start music within 45 seconds, entering the arena after more than 30 seconds of music	Correction
3.19	Awards and placings	<p>d) in case of equality of percentage for any of the first three places, the higher total of the 4 collective marks, including coefficients, will decide on the placings. If these marks are tied, placings remain tied</p> <p>g) for the purpose of a one-off trophy or point-score award, if a clear winner is required, one of the following criteria should be decided upon and included in the Conditions of Entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • total the 4 collective marks of each tied competitor. The one with the highest total collective marks is the winner 	FEI tests now have 1 collective
	Stewards	<p>Contents 2.19, Stewards</p> <p>2.12 – Table – first row 3rd col heading on both p31 and 32 Gear check Steward</p> <p>2.14 d) OC/TD/Gear Steward/ Chief Judge</p> <p>2.19 – heading Gear Steward’s check list and table, under ear hoods Gear Steward</p> <p>9.8 – g) gear Steward checker</p> <p>9.15.1 j) gear Steward checker</p> <p>9.18 – table – “compensating aids” Gear Steward</p> <p>Annex H – table Col 1 Gear Steward checker</p> <p>Annex K – K8 col1 Gear Stewards, checker</p> <p>K9.1 table col 1 (Official appts and Administrative/secretarial) and 7th dot point. Organise Gear Check Steward clipboard with equipment rules and have them and draw</p>	The chief steward has pointed out that there is inconsistency in the terminology for gear checkers
4.5	Gear Stewards	<p>A Steward is a trained, accredited EA or FEI official. Wherever possible an accredited Steward should be appointed to an event.</p> <p>The following categories of accredited Stewards exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Steward General Australia Dressage FEI Stewards (levels 1,2 3) 3 is the highest level, Nationally accredited Stewards National candidate Stewards <p>Non-accredited gear checkers may also be appointed to attend the gear check area at events to assist in the absence of an accredited Steward or to assist the appointed Steward at larger events.</p> <p>The Steward is responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> guiding the rider on the legality of the saddlery, equipment and dress referred to in Section 2 and the current equipment annex checking the gear of each competitor for each test, either before the test or as specified in the schedule or on the notice board. The exceptions to this rule are in the case of an FEI-sanctioned event or if the bit/bridle is in question, in which case any inspection should be done immediately after the completion of the test. If this inspection requires the removal of the bridle, a head collar/halter must be made available for this purpose. Any removal of equipment must be done by the rider or their agent ensuring that a competitor’s gear check is completed to allow sufficient time for them to proceed to the competition arena and adhere to the time draw. If a problem arises during a gear check which may cause a delay, the competitor or their agent must be requested to re-present to the gear check steward/gear checker immediately after their test concludes consulting with the TD or in their absence, a member of the Ground Jury the Chief Judge if doubt exists regarding any item of saddlery or other 	Clarify name and role gear steward/ check attendant

		<p>equipment</p> <p>e) having a 1.0m and a 1.2 m gauge accessible (e.g. tube, rod, tape measure, mark on fence) to ensure compliance of competitor's whip</p> <p>f) using disposable surgical/protective gloves – one new pair for each horse – if inspecting the bridle (mouth area), touching horse or spurs.</p> <p>Furthermore:</p> <p>g) it remains the full responsibility of the rider to comply with the equipment rules as outlined</p> <p>h) it is the responsibility of the OC to provide preferably at least one accredited Steward for an event. A volunteer may attend the gear check if an accredited Steward is not available.</p> <p>i) if a rider does not have their gear checked by the appointed gear steward/gear checker they will incur elimination</p> <p>j) every consideration must be given to not disturbing the harmony of the horse and rider prior to them entering the competition area</p> <p>k) only the rider or their agent may alter any equipment the gear steward/gear checker must not alter any gear. If gear is too tight, loose or incorrectly fitted, the rider or their agent must make the necessary adjustments</p> <p>l) the issue of yellow warning cards where warranted</p> <p>m) at club level if a steward is appointed they should advise and supervise the volunteer gear checkers</p> <p>If an accredited steward is not appointed to an event a non accredited gear checker may take on the following roles:</p> <p>m) observing the gear of each competitor for each test, either before the test or as specified in the schedule or on the notice board.</p> <p>n) ensuring that a competitor's gear check is completed to allow sufficient time for them to proceed to the competition arena and adhere to the time draw. If a problem arises during a gear check which may cause a delay, the competitor or their agent must be requested to re-present to the gear check immediately after their test concludes</p> <p>o) consulting with the TD or accredited Gear Steward, in their absence, a member of the Ground Jury the Chief Judge) if doubt exists regarding any item of saddlery or other equipment</p> <p>p) having a 1.0m and a 1.2 m gauge accessible (e.g. tube, rod, tape measure, mark on fence) to ensure compliance of competitor's whip</p> <p>q) every consideration must be given to not disturbing the harmony of the horse and rider prior to them entering the competition area</p> <p>r) the gear checker must not alter any gear. If gear is too tight, loose or incorrectly fitted, the rider or their agent must make the necessary adjustments</p>	
4.6	Chief Steward	<p>i) prepare steward rosters as necessary</p> <p>Add from Annex J The Chief Stewards is responsible for ensuring the welfare of horses is upheld, that the rules for the event are adhered to and that events are conducted safely. In this role they are expected to supervise training and warm-up areas, stables and other areas where horses are held, ridden or treated, as well as the field of play for competitions. Any official is authorised to:</p> <p>a) intervene in order to prevent any abuse of horses by riders, grooms, owners or any other person</p> <p>b) intervene in order to prevent any contravention of the common principles of behaviour, fairness and accepted standards of sportsmanship.</p>	
Section 5			
5.1	General conditions	<p>a) Para-Equestrian riders are welcome to ride young horses/ponies in Young Horse tests, but the use of compensating aids is not permitted, Test calling with be allowed for riders with the appropriate exemption card</p> <p>r) results for all competitions and rounds showing the mark for trot, walk,</p>	See also 2.18

		canter, submission and perspective for each horse and the technical mark for 7 year olds must be available online and in hard copy	
5.1.1	Judge requirements	Australian YH Championships a) for 4,5 and 6 year old all competitions and rounds (excluding Consolation rounds) the Ground Jury must consist of 3 judges with 2 being accredited FEI Young Horse judges (for 5 and 6 year olds one must be also being a foreign judge). The third judge can either be an FEI Young Horse judge, an NOAS Young Horse judge or a foreign Young Horse specialist	Clarification
5.1.2	Dress and saddlery	d) a whip is permitted to be carried in the 4 year old age group (only) at the State and Australian Championships in the practice area, the use of one whip is permitted for all age groups e) a whip is not permitted to be carried in the 5, 6 and 7 year old competitions at the State and Australian Championships. In the practice area, the use of one whip is permitted. The whip must be dropped before entering the space around the competition arena or the rider will entail a penalty of 0.1 points from the total score a whip is permitted to be carried in the 4 year old age group (only) at the State and Australian Championships f) in the practice area, the use of one whip is permitted. The whip must be dropped before entering the space around the competition arena or the rider will entail a penalty of 2 points from the total score prior to conversion to a percentage. a whip is not permitted to be carried in the 5, 6 and 7 year old competition arena at the State and Australian Championships. The whip must be dropped before entering the space around the competition arena or the rider will entail a penalty of 2 points from the total score out of 100 prior to conversion to a percentage. See also ANNEX F	Clarification repair inconsistency. The score sheet for 7 year olds which is on the EA website clearly says 2.0 points deduction and refers back to FEI Article 430.6.2.
6.1	Entry, salute and timing	c) once the bell has sounded the rider has 45 seconds, plus 30 seconds of entry music to enter the arena (total of 65 75 seconds)	correction
6.12	EA Levels – Compulsory/Permitted/Not Permitted movements for Freestyles	Tick compulsory for leg yield in Novice	
7.12.5	Counter changes of hand	a) This is a change of direction within half pass whether in trot or canter. b) a) a single counter change is when the horse goes, for example, in half pass to the left right and then changes direction and goes in half pass to the right left (Diagram a below). e) b) two counter changes in trot or canter would mean that the horse goes for example to the right, to the left and then again to the right (Diagram b below).	Make intro sentence. To clarify and match the table.
8.6.1	State teams competitions	a) • Prix Saint Georges, Inter 1, Intermediate 11, or Grand Prix	
Sect 9			
9.11	Arenas	a) As per rule 3.6 the centre line must have the letter A placed in line (not offset) with C at least 10 m (preferably 15 m) back from the arena to allow horses a straight track to enter the arena. b) All Grades (1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 I, II and III, IV and V) compete in an arena 40 m x 20 m c) Grade 4 and 5 IV and V may compete in an 40 x 20 arena or 60 m x 20 m. d) Ideally, draw time for these riders should be the first competitor after a break.	correction
9.12	Practice arenas	d) If possible , provision must should be made for riders with visual impairment to train alone	correction
9.8		e) not crossed out in clean version Jan 17. Cross out and adjust alpha points to suit.	correction
9.9	Commanders and callers	f) All EA tests or FEI tests used at EA competitions can be commanded	correction

		<p>except at the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Championships • National Championships • FEI-sanctioned events. <p>An exception to point f) is if the need for commanded tests is stated as a compensating aid on a rider's FEI PE Master List.</p>							
9.18	Para Equestrian Guidelines	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Commander for EA events (in Australia usually referred to as callers)</td> <td>Can read the words twice. May not carry a whip and must stand in one place</td> <td>All grades in all competitions except in State and State and National Championships and CPEDI's</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Commander for EA events (in Australia usually referred to as callers)	Can read the words twice. May not carry a whip and must stand in one place	All grades in all competitions except in State and State and National Championships and CPEDI's				correction
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10.7 And K8.2.3	Unmarked movement	If a mark has not been recorded and the judge cannot recall the movement, or cannot be found, the mark allotted should be the average of the collective mark/s at the end.	FEI tests only one collective						
Sect 11									
11.9 26	Requirements for judges to remain NOAS-accredited	Amend the table so that 'YH judges only' includes D level (refer to rule 11.14 7-1e)							
11.9 26	Requirements for judges to remain NOAS-accredited	<p>Minimum Judging requirements for G level - centre the X & ticks: Tick boxes each level G to A</p> <p>Make new row at bottom of table and add a new heading 'Activity Points' and transfer the paragraph re activity points under the new heading as it applies to all levels G to A. The paragraph should read as follows:</p> <p>Activity Points Judges must earn a minimum of 18 Activity points over a 3-year reaccreditation cycle period from the Activities Table on the EA NOAS dressage judges Reaccreditation form.</p>	<p>To recognise that G judges can now judge Official Prelim</p> <p>This has already been passed at the Sept 17 SDA meeting</p>						
11.9 26	Requirements for judges to remain NOAS-accredited	<p>Minimum judging requirements - F to A level judges (excluding Freestyles) Effective from 1/4/18 - Judge at 6 Official competitions events (refer to Definitions) at your highest accredited judging level (i.e. 2 per year). e.g. Accredited Medium must judge at 6 competitions events at Medium level. NB: Inter II, Inter A, Inter B recognised for A level. A-level judge may substitute a SJ at GP or Inter II. NB: PSG, Inter I recognised for B level – effective from 1/4/18</p> <p>Minimum judging requirements – Young Horse judges Effective 1/4/18 - Required to judge at least 1 YH <u>event</u> (minimum 2 competitions) in the 3 year re-accreditation cycle</p> <p>A, B level judge may substitute a SJ PSG or Inter I</p>	Would like this retrospective to 1/4/18 which is the beginning of the new reaccreditation period						
11.10 27	Updating Activity Points for reaccreditation	<p>Add under the heading the following and change sentences to be a), b), c) etc:</p> <p>a) Must accrue at least 18 Activity points during the 3 year re-accreditation cycle</p> <p>Add the following in the table</p> <p>j) Act as a penciller/writer for a higher-level judge – 3 per event</p>	To make it clear						
11.11 6	Upgrading judges	<p>a) all members seeking to upgrade must apply to do so in writing through their respective SDA</p> <p>b) applications will be invited by the SDA/SJC on an annual basis in January each year</p> <p>c) candidates must be up to date with having attended the compulsory seminar at their current level before sitting the practical exam</p>	Making it clear that candidates need to be up to date with their reaccreditation						
11.12 28	Requirements for	Must have judged at least four (4) 5 competitions at their current highest level and							

	upgrading to the next level	must be completed BEFORE commencing any pre reqs to upgrade may be undertaken while completing prerequisites below)	
11.12 28	Requirements for upgrading to the next level	<p>In the table under General – 6th row – amend to read six (6) five (5) instead of 4 to match rule 11.18i, j, k</p> <p><i>Note 11.18 i)j)k) has 4 for F – c level and 6 comps for B and A already Therefore, suggest following amendment</i></p> <p>Must have judged at least four (4) competitions Number of competitions required to be judged at their current highest level before commencing prerequisites (may be undertaken while completing prerequisites below)</p> <p>Change ticks to numbers 5 in boxes F to C, 6 in B and A</p>	
11.12 28	Requirements to Upgrade to the Next Level	<p>Under the table make the following changes:</p> <p>Delete the following:</p> <p>*One shadow judging may be replaced by an additional sit in (Advanced and above only). However, if upgrading to B or A level then the substituted sit in must apply to the lower level (e.g. PSG or Intermediate A/ Intermediate B/Intermediate II respectively)</p> <p>** Intermediate II level includes Intermediate A, Intermediate B and Intermediate II.</p> <p>*** Fast track 24 horses required to be judged in total.</p> <p>Replace with the following:</p> <p>NOTE:</p> <p>a) Judges Fast Tracking to Elementary or Medium – required to shadow judge 24 horses in total</p> <p>b) Judges upgrading to Advanced and above – one shadow judging may be replaced by an additional sit-in. However, if upgrading to B or A level then the substituted sit-in must apply to the lower level (e.g. PSG or Intermediate A or B or Inter II</p> <p>c) Intermediate II level includes Intermediate A, Intermediate B and Intermediate II</p> <p>d) Judges upgrading to B level – one shadow judging at Intermediate I may be substituted with an additional PSG</p> <p>The asterix *, **, *** need to be deleted off the table and replaced with a), b), c), d)</p> <p>Under “Shadow judging” “Elementary” Min number of horses to be judged overall (more is better) 30-24</p>	<p>Calrification</p> <p>As per rule 11.15.3</p>
11.12 28	Requirements to Upgrade to the Next Level	<p>11.15</p> <p>To become accredited at E level applicants must</p> <p>f) shadow judge at least 2 entire Elementaryoverall is 24 or more</p> <p>Change table 11.12</p> <p>Shadow judging, Minimum number of horses to be judged, Elementary level 30-24</p> <p>Also Section” Sit Ins” Row 2 Col 7 –Change JE FEI</p>	<p>To reflect 11.15</p> <p>To reflect rule 11.18 .1</p>
11.14.7.1d	EA Young Horse judges and Para-Equestrian judges accreditation	<p>Amend to read as follows:</p> <p>a) Young Horse seminars and exams are to be conducted by the relevant SDA on approval by the EADJC</p>	
11.15 8.3	Fast-track for FEI-level riders and/or Level 2 coaches to become judges	<p>a) be a current EA member</p> <p>b) complete the current ORBT with a pass of at least 80% 90%(this must be completed and passed prior to undertaking any shadow judging)</p> <p>c) attend a seminar that includes E level</p> <p>d) pass the Elementary theory exam with at least 80% 90%</p> <p>To become accredited at E level applicants must</p> <p>f) shadow judge at least 2 entire Elementaryoverall is 24 or more.</p> <p>Summary Table on Page 146</p>	

		Shadow Judging Min number of horses to judged overall 30.	
11.15 8 -4	Fast-track for FEI-level riders and/or Level 2 coaches to become judges	a) be a current EA member b) complete the current ORBT with a pass of at least 80% 90%(this must be completed and passed prior to undertaking any shadow judging) c) attend a seminar that includes D level d) pass the Medium theory exam with at least 90% 80%	Incorrect from Jan 18 amends
11.17 3 4	Payment to JEs & Mentors	Make the following changes: b) a minimum \$30 per candidate for the marking of all levels of theory papers F to A incl Young Horse c) a minimum \$20 per candidate for the marking of Young Horse theory papers Re-reference the other points accordingly	
11.25 18	Upgrading criteria	i) must have judged at least (4) 5 competitions at their current highest level. Judges upgrading between F and C – candidates are required to judge 4 5 competitions, at their current level. The minimum number of horses to be judged overall is 24 horses. This judging must be completed BEFORE commencing any of the pre reqs to upgrade j) Judges upgrading to B – candidates are required to judge for a minimum of 1 year at C level, judge 6 competitions, at their highest level (i.e. Inter-1 Advanced). The minimum number of horses to be judged overall is 18 horses. This judging must be completed BEFORE commencing any of the pre reqs to upgrade	correction
Annex F		5.1.2 - 2pts 0.1 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.	
J9	Competition day	e) check location of gear check area steward-	
J.10.3	Gear check	Section 2 refers to the areas in which certain gear is allowable. Be familiar with these rules. Report to the Gear Steward gear check area 10 to 15 minutes before your test. Gear check is required before each test.	
J.16	Role of stewards	Stewards are responsible for ensuring the welfare of horses is upheld, that the rules for the event are adhered to and that events are conducted safely. In this role they are expected to supervise training and warm-up areas, stables and other areas where horses are held, ridden or treated, as well as the field of play for competitions. Any official is authorised to: a) intervene in order to prevent any abuse of horses by riders, grooms, owners or any other person b) intervene in order to prevent any contravention of the common principles of behaviour, fairness and accepted standards of sportsmanship. Stewards, please ensure you read and understand the rules relating to: • Code of Conduct for the welfare of the horse (see rule 1.2) • Abuse of the horse (see rule 1.3) • Bleeding (see rule 1.4) • Anti-doping and medication control (see rule 1.6) • Dress, saddlery and equipment (see Section 2) • Dress, saddlery and equipment for Para-Equestrian competitors (see rule 9.7) • Eventing Dressage judging (See Annex L) • FEI guidelines for pre- and post-competition training techniques (with particular reference to the directive that no single neck position should be maintained which may lead to tiredness or stress, see Annex G).	the role of Stewards different in the riders annex to the general rules (4,5)

Annex K 8.2.2	Allocation of marks and scoring	b) for Young Horse competitions, and artistic marks in Freestyle competitions marks to 1 decimal place may be used in first and second round qualifying competition (e.g. trot 7.8)	
K.8.3	Stewards and Gear Stewards checkers	It is highly recommended that a Chief Steward is appointed at all dressage events. For more information refer to rule 4.6 and a current list of accredited stewards is available at www.equestrian.org.au It is compulsory to appoint a Gear Steward/s or gear checker/s for all dressage events, refer to rule 4.5.	