



Rule Changes

Equestrian Australia Jumping Committee

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

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
Article 211	Water Jump	To remain consistent with EA terminology	<p>Current Rule The Course Designer must be a National I 3 or FEI accredited to include a water jump in the course.</p> <p>New rule The Course Designer must be EA Level 3 or FEI accredited to include a water jump in the course.</p> <p>Current Rule 211.1 For an obstacle to be called a water jump there must be no obstacle in front, in the middle or behind the water. The water must have a minimum spread in excess of 2.00 m and maximum width of 3.6 m. The water jump may be sited on top of the ground. The width of the front of the water jump must be at least 4 metres and greater than the length. This may include floral decorations</p> <p>New rule 211.1 For an obstacle to be called a water jump there must be no obstacle in front, in the middle or behind the water. The water must have a minimum spread in excess of 2.00 m and maximum spread of 3.6 m. The water jump may be sited on top of the ground. The width of the front of the water jump must be at least 4 metres and greater than the length. This may include floral decorations</p>

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Article 275	Futurity, Stars of the Future & Future Stars	Introduction of an age limit as discussed at the Riders meeting in 2017	<p>Current Rule For Horses with 50 points or less and that are 6yrs or older at the close of entries.</p> <p>New Rule For Horses with 50 points or less and that are 6, 7, 8 and 9yrs old from date of birth at time of competition.</p>

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Article 257	Saddlery	Update in relation to horse welfare	<p>Current Rule 1.2 Standing martingales are permitted in National Competitions but not in FEI Competitions. Running martingales are allowed in all Competitions.</p> <p>New Rule 1.2 Correctly adjusted standing martingales are permitted in National competitions up to 1.30m</p> <p>Current Rule 1.5 Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden in the competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades.</p> <p>New Rule 1.5 Draw reins/running reins/market harborough are forbidden in the competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades</p>

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Article 243	Abuse of Horses	To make what is considered abuse more clear and the responsibility of someone who witnesses horse abuse	<p>Current Rule</p> <p>Other Forms of Abuse: Abuse of a Horses in any other form (such as, but not limited to, hyper sensitising or desensitising of the limbs, the use of banned schooling methods, excessive use of spurs, and other cases as specified in the VRs or any other EA/FEI rules and regulations) are also prohibited and must be penalised appropriately under these rules.</p> <p>New Rule</p> <p>Other Forms of Abuse: Abuse of a Horses in any other form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To whip or beat a horse excessively • To subject a horse to any kind of electric shock device; • To use spurs excessively or persistently; • To jab the horse in the mouth with the bit or any other device; • To compete using an exhausted, lame or injured horse; • To "rap" a horse. • To abnormally sensitise or desensitise any part of a horse; • To leave a horse without adequate food, drink or exercise; • To use any device or equipment which cause excessive pain to the horse upon knocking down an obstacle. <p>and other cases as specified in the VRs or any other EA/FEI rules and regulations) are also prohibited and must be penalised appropriately under these rules.</p> <p>3. Any person witnessing an Abuse must report it in the form of a protest (Art 163) without delay. If an Abuse is witnessed during an event, it should be reported as a protest (Art 163) to an Official. If the Abuse is witnessed outside the Jurisdiction of the Officials it should be reported as a protest (Art 163) to the EA Branch Manager of the State in which the incident took place for referral to the Judicial Committee. Persons witnessing an Abuse should where possible endeavor to stop the Abuse.</p>

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14.3	Championship Divisions and Competition format	Review of Australian Championship format and requirements	<p>New Rule</p> <p>14.3.2 The following rules are to be used for all Championship divisions and Teams Competitions.</p> <p>14. 3.3 The Championship comprises Three Competitions, two Qualifying Competitions and a Final Competition, each taking place on a different day. For the Senior Australian Championship there must be a break of one day between the Second and Third Final Competitions. It is recommended that for the other Championships, that where possible, there is a break of one day between the Second and Third Final Competitions</p> <p>14. 3.4 The obstacle dimensions and speed of the competitions are to be advised in the Championship schedule.</p> <p>The maximum heights for the competitions are:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1025 772 1973 991"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1025 772 1227 842">Division</th> <th data-bbox="1227 772 1496 842">First Qualifier</th> <th data-bbox="1496 772 1733 842">Second Qualifier</th> <th data-bbox="1733 772 1973 842">Final</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1025 842 1227 880">Children</td> <td data-bbox="1227 842 1496 880">Max 1m</td> <td data-bbox="1496 842 1733 880">Max 1m</td> <td data-bbox="1733 842 1973 880">Max 1m</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1025 880 1227 919">Junior</td> <td data-bbox="1227 880 1496 919">1.20m-1.25m</td> <td data-bbox="1496 880 1733 919">1.20m-1.25m</td> <td data-bbox="1733 880 1973 919">1.25-1.35m</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1025 919 1227 957">Young Rider</td> <td data-bbox="1227 919 1496 957">1.30m-1.35m</td> <td data-bbox="1496 919 1733 957">1.30m-1.40m</td> <td data-bbox="1733 919 1973 957">1.35m-1.45m</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1025 957 1227 991">Senior</td> <td data-bbox="1227 957 1496 991">1.40m-1.45m</td> <td data-bbox="1496 957 1733 991">1.50m-1.60m</td> <td data-bbox="1733 957 1973 991">1.50m-1.60m</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Division	First Qualifier	Second Qualifier	Final	Children	Max 1m	Max 1m	Max 1m	Junior	1.20m-1.25m	1.20m-1.25m	1.25-1.35m	Young Rider	1.30m-1.35m	1.30m-1.40m	1.35m-1.45m	Senior	1.40m-1.45m	1.50m-1.60m	1.50m-1.60m
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14.3	Championship Divisions and Competition format	Review of Australian Championship format and requirements	<p>14. 3.5 Allocation of Points for the two Qualifying Competitions</p> <p>The winner of each Competition gets one point more than the number of starters in the First Qualifying Competition. The second placed gets two points less than the winner, the third placed three points less than the winner, and so on.</p> <p>Athletes eliminated or retiring: Athletes who have been eliminated or have retired in the initial round of the first two Competitions do not get points.</p> <p>Equality of points among Athletes: Points won by Athletes who are tied are added up and divided equally. Fractions of 0.5 and more are rounded up; fractions of less than 0.5 are rounded down.</p> <p>Transformation of points to penalties</p> <p>After the Second Qualifying Competition points are transformed into penalties. The Athlete with the highest number of points after the two Competitions will have 0 penalties. For all other Athletes the number of penalties will be calculated by multiplying with the coefficient of 0.50 the difference between their number of points and the points of the leading Athlete after the two Competitions.</p> <p>In this procedure all decimals are rounded down.</p> <p>Classification The overall Champion will be the Athlete with the lowest number of penalties after the three Competitions.</p> <p>An Athlete who qualifies for Round B of the third and Final Competition but who does not start in that Competition will be ranked after Athletes who started in both Round A and Round B of the Final Competition.</p> <p>If Athletes are tied for first place after the three Competitions, there will be a jump-off against the clock over a reduced course of at least six obstacles. In case of equality of penalties and time in this jump-off a second jump-off, against the clock, will be held over the same course. Athletes not in the jump-off but tying on penalties will be separated for the purpose of the Final overall classification by their time in the second round of the Third Competition.</p>

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14.3	Championship Divisions and Competition format	Review of Australian Championship format and requirements	<p>Starting order for Second Qualifying Competition and Final</p> <p>In the Second Qualifying Competition, the starting order is according to the reverse order of points allocated after the First Qualifying Competition. The starting order in Rounds A and B of the Third Competition is, respectively, according to the reverse order of penalties (i.e. points transformed into penalties) after the second Qualifying Competition, and after Round A of the Third Competition.</p> <p>Athletes with equality of points (after the first Qualifying Competition) or penalties (after the second Qualifying Competition or after Round A of the Third Competition) will retain the same starting order among themselves as in the previous Competition or round, whichever is applicable.</p> <p>14. 3.6. The design and construction of all obstacles with regard to safety and technical suitability must be approved by the Technical Delegate and Course Designer. The minimum diameter of poles used in all Championship Competitions must be at least 9 cm. Should a dispute arise relating to these obstacles, the Technical Delegate has the final decision.</p> <p>14. 3.7. The water jump must be used two times in the Senior Championship. It is compulsory in the first round of the team Competition. Water to be used with rail placed above the water for the First Qualifying Competition. The Course Designer will, at his discretion, decide in which other Competitions the water jump will be used.</p>

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14.3	Championship Divisions and Competition format	Review of Australian Championship format and requirements	<p>First Qualifying Competition Conduct, Table, Speed <u>The First Qualifying Competition constitutes Part 1 of the Teams Competition</u></p> <p>This First Qualifying Competition is conducted over a big Table A course and judged under Table C (JRs Art. 239 and 263) without a jump-off in the event of equality for first place.</p> <p>Obstacles, Length of the course Twelve to 14 obstacles, including one double and one treble or two or three doubles. For seniors a water Jump, with rails above the water, 3.6 metres maximum, including the take-off element. At the discretion of the course designer a water jump, with rails above the water, may be included for Juniors and Young Riders.</p> <p>Height 1.50 m maximum, As per the table in 14.3.4 with the spread in proportion to the height. not exceeding two metres (2.20 m for the triple bar). A maximum of two spread obstacles with a width of one metre or less may be used.</p> <p>Length: 500 m minimum, 600 m maximum.</p> <p>Starting order The starting order for the first Competition is a random draw.</p> <p>Equestrian Australia National Jumping Rules 66 Formula for Calculation of Penalties at the completion of the First Qualifying Competition The winner of the first Competition of the Championships is allocated 0 penalties 1. Other Athletes are allocated Penalties according to the formula where the winning time is subtracted from the Athlete's time and the difference in seconds is divided by 2. 2. Fractions of seconds 0.5 or less than 0.5 are rounded down to the nearest whole, fractions of seconds greater than 0.5 are rounded down to 0.5. (examples below) Athlete Time Formula Time converted to Penalties 1st 75.60 0 2nd 76.77 76.77 75.60 = 1.17 / 2 = 0.58 0.5 3rd 77.22 77.22 75.60 = 1.62 / 2 = 0.81 0.5 4th 82.69 82.69 - 75.60 = 7.09 / 2 = 3.545 3.5</p>

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14.3	Championship Divisions and Competition format	Review of Australian Championship format and requirements	<p>Second Final Qualifying Competition <u>The Second Qualifier constitutes Part 2 of the Teams Competition</u></p> <p>Conduct, Table, Speed This Second Qualifying Competition is conducted over one round run under Table A against the clock at a speed of 375 m per minute with one jump-off. (JRs Article 238 2.2)</p> <p>Participation – Round 2. Athletes and Horses which are tied for first place will jump off against the clock–</p> <p>At the discretion of the Technical Delegate, depending on the size of the arena, the speed may be reduced to 350 m per minute.</p> <p>Obstacles, Length of the courses Twelve to 14 obstacles, including one double and one treble or two or three doubles.</p> <p>Height 1.50 m maximum with a spread in proportion not exceeding two metres (2.20 m for the triple bar). As per the table in 14.3.4, with the spread in proportion to the height. A maximum of two spread obstacles with a width of one metre or less may be used. At least two vertical obstacles must be maximum in height. Sloping walls do not count as compulsory vertical obstacles. At least six other obstacles of at least 1.45 m in height. Water jump (compulsory in the first round): 3.3 metres (not including the take-off element giving total of 3.8 m maximum).</p> <p>Length: 500 m minimum, 700 m maximum.</p>

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14.3	Championship Divisions and Competition format	Review of Australian Championship format and requirements	<p>Third and Final Competition The 20 best placed Athletes qualify for the first round (A) of the Third and Final Competition. Athlete on the same penalties for the twentieth position will all be eligible to start in the Round A of the Final. If there are less than 20 athletes who have elected to start in Round A of the Final they will be replaced by the next best placed athlete. A maximum of five athletes may be replaced.</p> <p>Conduct, Table, Speed The third Competition Third and Final Competition is conducted over two rounds (A) and (B) each judged under Table A not against the clock with a time allowed at a speed of 375 m per minute (Art 273 3.3.2; Art 273 2.2). To be specified in the Schedule: 15 Athletes return for the second round. At the discretion of the Technical Delegate, depending on the size of the arena, the speed may be reduced to 350 m per minute.</p> <p>Round A Obstacles, Length of the Courses Round A Ten to 12 obstacles, including one double and one treble or three doubles. Height: As per the table in 14.3.4, with the spread in proportion to the height. At least two vertical obstacles, which must be at maximum height .60 m- maximum with a spread in proportion, not exceeding two metres (2.20 m for the triple bar). A maximum of two spread obstacles with a width of one metre or less may be used. . Sloping walls do not count as compulsory vertical obstacles. Water Jump, if used (see Art. 324.3): maximum of four metres (including the take-off element, giving a total of 4.00 m maximum). Length: 500 m minimum, 600 m maximum. Starting Order: The starting order in Round A of the Third and Final Competition is according to the reverse order of penalties (i.e. points transformed into penalties) after the Second Qualifying Competition.</p>

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14.3	Championship Divisions and Competition format	Review of Australian Championship format and requirements	<p>Round B A different course from Round A comprising eight to ten obstacles including only one combination (one double or one treble). Height As per the table in 14.3.4, with the spread in proportion to the height. At least two vertical obstacles, which must be at maximum height 1.60 m maximum with a spread in proportion not exceeding two metres (2.20 m for the triple bar). A maximum of two spread obstacles with a width of one metre or less may be used. At least two vertical obstacles, which must be 1.60 m in height. Sloping walls do not count as compulsory vertical obstacles. A water jump may not be included, but an obstacle with water beneath, in front or behind (a so called "Liverpool") may be included in the course. Length: 400 m minimum, 500 m maximum.</p> <p>Participation This third Competition is compulsory for the 15 best placed Athletes and Horses (including those with equality of Penalties for 15th place) according to the Penalties over the first Competition and first round of the second Competition . At the completion of Round A of the Third and Final Competition the 15 best placed athletes qualify for the second round, Round (B) of the Final. Athletes on the same penalties for the fifteenth position will all be eligible to start in Round B of the final. If there are less than 15 athletes who have elected to start in round B of the Final they will be replaced by the next best placed athlete. A maximum of five athletes may be replaced. The starting order in Round B of the Third and Final Competition is, according to the reverse order of penalties (i.e. points transformed into penalties) after the Second Qualifying Competition, and after Round A of the Third and Final Competition. If for any reason one or more of these 15 best placed Athletes are unable to start, they will be replaced by participants athletes from the reserve list of five Athletes.</p>

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14.3	Championship Divisions and Competition format	Review of Australian Championship format and requirements	<p>Inspection of Course B</p> <p>Athletes will be may be invited to inspect the course for Round B at the conclusion of Round A.</p> <p>Starting order The starting order for Round A will follow the reverse order of Penalties incurred in the first and second Competitions. In the event of equality of Penalties, the score of the first Competition will decide the starting order. The 15th qualifier will, therefore, start as number one. The starting order for Round B will follow the reverse order of total Penalties incurred in Round A of the Final Competition, as well as in the first and second Competitions.</p> <p>Equestrian Australia National Jumping Rules 68 The Athlete with the most Penalties will start first; the Athlete with the least Penalties will start last. In the event of Athletes with equality of Penalties, the Score of the first Competition will decide their starting order.</p> <p>Individual Placing The individual placing is determined by adding together for each athlete the Penalties incurred in the first Competition, as well as the first round of the second Competition (disregarding the Penalties incurred in the jump-off if there is one) and the two Rounds A and B of the third Competition. The Athlete with the least Penalties will be placed first and declared the Australian Champion. In the event of equality for one of the first three places after Round B of the third Competition, there will be a jump-off against the clock at a speed of 375 m per minute over eight obstacles from the courses of Rounds A and B. At the discretion of the Technical Delegate, depending on the size of the arena, the speed may be reduced to 350 m per minute. The Athletes will be invited to inspect the jump-off course. If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the first place and the second place. If after the jump-off there is equality of Penalties and time for one of the first three places, Athletes concerned will be placed equal.</p>