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Stallion Safe Practice Rules & Regulations Policy

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Equestrian Australia (EA), State Branches and National Discipline Committees, have developed the following set of rules relating to the safe practices of stallions at events.

These rules are consistent with EA's focus on improving safety for everyone, by identifying risks and putting in place measures to mitigate those risks.

It is compulsory at all EA affiliated events for stallion owners/riders/grooms and any other person in charge of a stallion to ensure they are easily identifiable at all times.

This is achieved by the use of appropriately coloured and compliant bridle number holders, halter discs or saddlecloth number holders or an embroidered compliant green disc on the saddlecloth. ~~and vehicle identification.~~ These items are available to purchase from through EA*. Only compliant bridle number holders/discs/identification will be permitted.

Members may source non-branded bridle numbers from elsewhere, providing they are compliant. In order to be complaint, they must have a visible number window of at least 7cm wide and 4cm high, which is surrounded by a bright, fluoro green colour of a minimum 1cm thickness, and are safely and securely held on to the bridle or saddle cloth.

The following rules apply:

1. All colts/stallions over the age of 12 months must wear compliant green Stallion Identification by way of discs/bridle number holders and a suitable restraint at all times whilst away from their home premises at an event.
2. When in competition, the correct identification must be clearly displayed on both sides of the horse's head (attached to bridle or halter) or both sides of the saddle cloth or clearly displayed on both sides of the breastplate or martingale:
 - i. the bridle number holder Identification **see example on next page;* or
 - ii. the disc identificationClearly displayed means the identification must not be obscured by for example, clothing or other items.
- ~~3. Stallion identification (refer items 2.i. and 2.ii) is not permitted on a martingale or breast plate.~~
4. Trucks and/or trailers that transport any colt/stallion must display the EA Stallion Identification Card with a green background ***see example on next page;* giving notice that there is a colt/stallion on board.
5. When tied to a truck or trailer, the colt/stallion must be suitably restrained or yarded within an approved solid framed portable yard and must display the EA Stallion Identification Card with a green background and should also be wearing the correct identification as per point 2.
6. When staying overnight at an event or show, colt/stallion owners must advise the Event Organising Committee when entering and booking horse accommodation that they are bringing a colt/stallion.
7. The placement of colts/stallions require the consideration to mares and other horses when being allocated yards or stables by the Event Organising Committee.
8. The EA Stallion Identification Card with a green background must be placed on the outside of the stable or yard clearly notifying others that the horse within is a colt/stallion. It must also display the name and contact details (including phone number) for the rider or person responsible for the colt/stallion during the event.
9. Colts/stallions may be substituted in prize-giving ceremonies with another horse should the rider, officials or Event Organising Committee deem it to be safer.
10. Riders and/or handlers of colts/stallions must be over the age of 18 years. Special

permission may be granted by the relevant EA National Discipline Committee for a rider/handler to be under the age of 18 years, and in this instance, the rider/handler must be supervised by an adult/parent/guardian whilst at the event. **This exemption does not apply for Dressage (refer to rule 4.8.4.2 EA Dressage Rules).**

11. Stallions are not permitted in Show Horse Classes (*refer rule 1.1.9 of EA Show Horse Rules*).
12. The Organising Committee reserve the right to refuse entry, or remove from competition at any stage, a colt/stallion deemed to be a danger to people or other horses.


EA takes the safety of all owners, riders, grooms, spectators and those involved in equestrian sport very seriously and as such, if you are found to breach any of the above rules, EA reserves the right to incur financial penalties in accordance with the General Regulation Article 169 – Penalties.

*Example of EA branded green Stallion bridle & saddle cloth number holder Identification



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****Example of Stallion Identification Card with green background, which can be downloaded from <https://www.equestrian.org.au/stallion-safe-practice>**



Stallion Identification Card

Name of Horse: _____

EA and/or FEI ID Number: _____

Name of Person Responsible: _____

Contact Number: _____

Secondary Person Responsible: _____

Contact Number: _____