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D Level - A Level

How to Become a Judge



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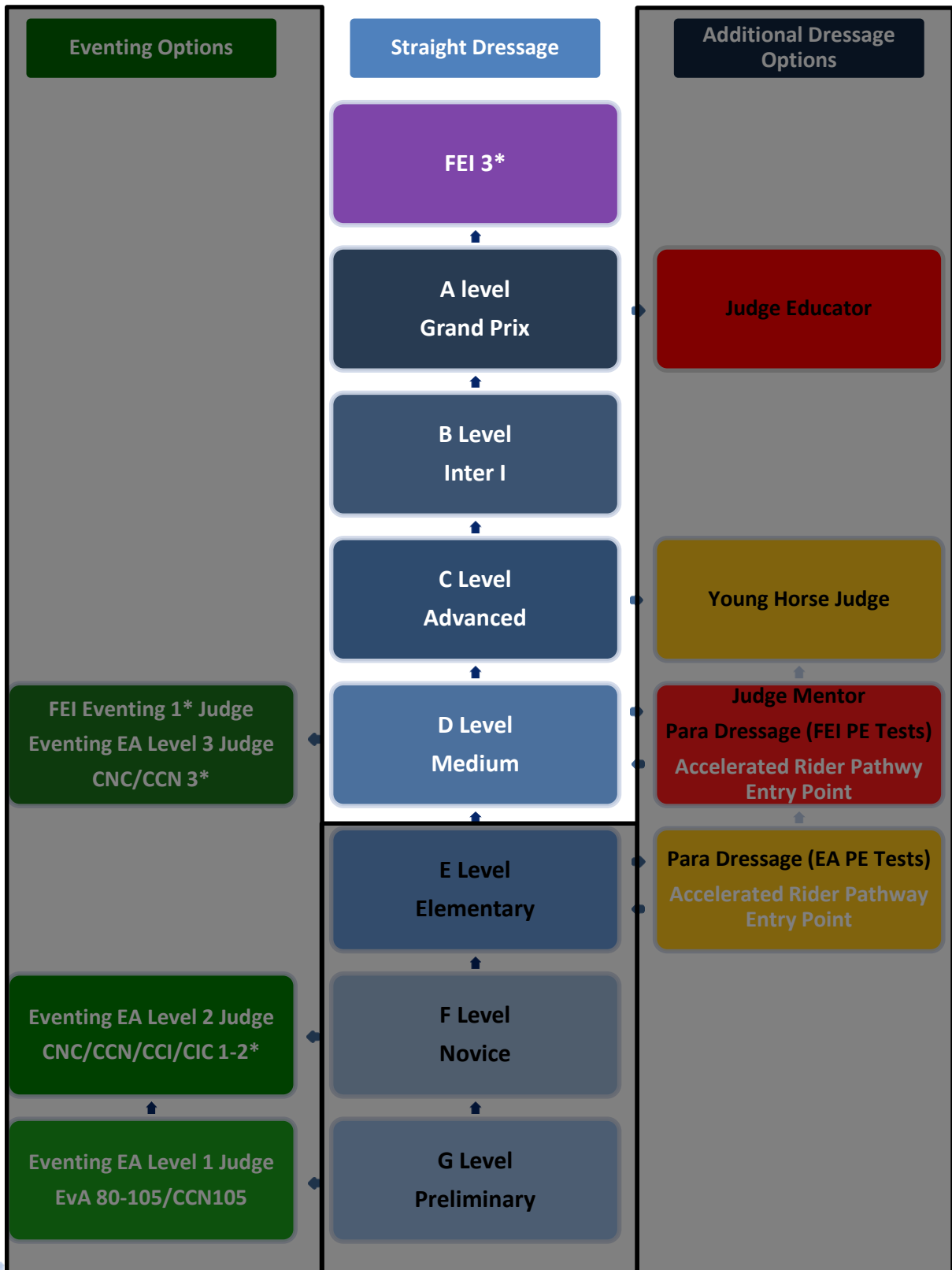
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DRESSAGE JUDGE PATHWAYS (EA and FEI Dressage and Eventing and Additional Opportunities)



Requirements to Upgrade to D-Level

In order to progress to the next level you need to undertake the following:

- Minimum age – 20 years
- **Shadow Judging** – Refer to 11.11
 - Minimum of four entire Medium competitions with at least 6 horses in each competition (a total of 24 horses to be judged overall) Note: In order to judge the required minimum number of horses it may be necessary to judge more competitions
 - Supervising judge/s to be an appointed Mentor of at least C-level Shadow judging assessment form to be completed on each occasion
- **Sit-Ins** – Refer to rule 11.11
 - Complete two assessed sit-ins with an approved Judge Educator or Mentor
 - Sit-In assessment form to be completed on each occasion
- **Other Requirements**
 - Attend a seminar that includes D-level
 - Complete and pass the Medium theory exam (closed rule book) with a pass mark of at least 80%
 - Pass the Medium practical exam – at least 10 horses to be judged

Upon satisfactory completion of all of the above, you will be accredited at D-level and may judge Official competitions up to and including Medium level.

Each judge will receive a letter and certificate from Equestrian Australia verifying their accreditation.

In order to remain accredited on the National judges list you must meet compulsory judging activity and professional development requirements each 3 years – refer to rule 11.24 and 11.25. Further information on this can be found on the EA website and will be sent when accredited as a D Level Judge.



EA DRESSAGE JUDGE APPLICATION FORM & PRE REQUISITES FOR UPGRADE TO D LEVEL

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE UPGRADING JUDGE)



Assessment Slip	Date/Location	Print Name - JE/Mentor/SDA	Signature
Current E level	Verify:		
Attend an Seminar which includes D Level	Date:		
	Location:		
Complete Medium theory exam with at least 80%	Date:		
	Percentage:		
Sit in on 2 separate occasions with a different Judge Educator or Mentor <i>Sit in assessment forms completed/attached</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	1.		
	2.		

Assessment Slip	Date/ Location	JE/Mentor/SDA/Name	Signature
Completed assessment slips to be forwarded to the State Dressage Authority (SDA) for verification with this summary sheet. Details and outcome are forwarded by the SDA to the National Office.			
Proof of Riding - Provide evidence of having attained at least overall 55% at Novice (or above) level on at least 2 occasions judged by accredited NOAS judges	Date	Comp e.g. 3.3	Percentage
Shadow Judge a minimum of 4 entire Medium competitions with at least 6 horses in each (a total minimum of 24 horses to be judged overall - <i>may need to do more comps to get the total No of horses</i>) <i>(Supervising judge must be an appointed Mentor or a Judge Educator)</i>	Competition e.g. 4.3	Date	No of Horses
	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
	4.		
All Shadow judging evaluation forms submitted	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Practical Exam Completed	Date:		
	Location:		
	Competent <input type="checkbox"/> Not Competent <input type="checkbox"/>		

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Officials Education Coordinator EA National Office
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NOTE: Applications that do not include a completed table will not be accepted

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Requirements to Upgrade to C-Level

In order to progress to the next level you need to undertake the following:

- Minimum age – 20 years
- **Shadow Judging** – Refer to 11.11
 - Minimum of four entire Advanced competitions with at least 6 horses in each competition (a total of 24 horses to be judged overall) Note: In order to judge the required minimum number of horses it may be necessary to judge more competitions
 - Supervising judge/s to be an appointed Mentor of at least B-level
 - Shadow judging assessment form to be completed on each occasion

Note: one Shadow Judging may be replaced by an additional sit-in

- **Sit-Ins** – Refer to rule 11.11
 - Complete two assessed sit-ins with an approved Judge Educator or Mentor
 - Sit-In assessment form to be completed on each occasion
- **Other Requirements**
 - Attend a seminar that includes C-level
 - Complete and pass the Advanced theory exam (closed rule book) with a pass mark of at least 80%
 - Pass the Advanced practical exam – at least 10 horses to be judged

Upon satisfactory completion of all of the above, you will be accredited at C-level and may judge Official competitions up to and including Advanced level.

Each judge will receive a letter and certificate from Equestrian Australia verifying their accreditation.

In order to remain accredited on the National judges list you must meet compulsory judging activity and professional development requirements each 3 years – refer to rule 11.24 and 11.25. Further information on this can be found on the EA website and will be sent when accredited as a C Level Judge.



EA DRESSAGE JUDGE APPLICATION FORM & PRE REQUISITES FOR UPGRADE TO C LEVEL

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE UPGRADING JUDGE)



Assessment Slip	Date/Location	Print Name - JE/Mentor/SDA	Signature	
Current D level	Verify:			
Attend an Seminar which includes C Level	Date:			
	Location:			
Complete Advanced theory exam with at least 80%	Date:			
	Percentage:			
Sit in on 2 separate occasions at Advanced level with a different Judge Educator or Mentor <i>Sit in assessment forms completed/attached</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	1.			
	2.			
Assessment Slip	Date/ Location	JE/Mentor/SDA/ Name	Signature	
Completed assessment slips to be forwarded to the State Dressage Authority (SDA) for verification with this summary sheet. Details and outcome are forwarded by the SDA to the National Office.				
Proof of Riding - Provide evidence of having attained at least overall 55% at Elementary (or above) level on at least 2 occasions judged by accredited NOAS judges	Date	Comp e.g. 3.3	Percentage	
Shadow Judge a minimum of 4 entire Advanced competitions with at least 6 horses in each (a total minimum of 24 horses to be judged overall - <i>may need to do more comps to get the total No of horses</i>) <i>(Supervising judge must be an appointed Mentor or a Judge Educator)</i>	Competition e.g. 5.3	Date	No of Horses	
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			
	4.			
All Shadow judging evaluation forms submitted <i>Note: 1 shadow judging can be substituted with An additional sit-in e.g. 3xsit-ins & 3xSJ</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Practical Exam Completed	Date:			
	Location:			
	Competent <input type="checkbox"/> Not Competent <input type="checkbox"/>			
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Requirements to Upgrade to B-Level

In order to progress to the next level you need to undertake the following:

- **Shadow Judging** – Refer to 11.11
 - Minimum of three entire Prix St Georges competitions with at least 6 in each competition, and
 - Minimum of three entire Intermediate I competitions with at least 6 horses in each competition (a total of 36 horses to be judged overall)
- Note: In order to judge the required minimum number of horses it may be necessary to judge more competitions
- Supervising judge/s to be an appointed Mentor of at least A-level
 - Shadow judging assessment form to be completed on each occasion

Note: One shadow judging at PSG level may be replaced by an additional sit-in

- **Sit-Ins** – Refer to rule 11.11
 - Complete two assessed sit-ins with an approved Judge Educator or Mentor
 - Sit-In assessment form to be completed on each occasion
- **Other Requirements**
 - Attend a seminar that includes B-level
 - Complete and pass the B level theory exam (closed rule book) with a pass mark of at least 80%
 - Pass the Intermediate I practical exam – at least 15 horses to be judged (this exam is held annually in conjunction with the National Dressage Championships in Sydney at the end of October and at the Dressage Festival at Werribee in early December)

Upon satisfactory completion of all of the above, you will be accredited at B-level and may judge Official competitions up to and including Intermediate 1 level.

Each judge will receive a letter and certificate from Equestrian Australia verifying their accreditation.

In order to remain accredited on the National judges list you must meet compulsory judging activity and professional development requirements each 3 years – refer to rule 11.24 and 11.25. Further information on this can be found on the EA website and will be sent when accredited as a B Level Judge.



EA DRESSAGE JUDGE APPLICATION FORM & PRE REQUISITES FOR UPGRADE TO B LEVEL

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE UPGRADING JUDGE)



Assessment Slip	Date/Location	Print Name - JE/Mentor/SDA	Signature
Current C level	Verify:		
Attend an Seminar which includes B Level	Date:		
	Location:		
Complete B level theory exam with at least 80%	Date:		
	Percentage:		
Sit in on 2 separate occasions at PSG or Inter I level with a different Judge Educator or Mentor <i>Sit in assessment forms completed/attached</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	1.		
	2.		

Assessment Slip	Date/ Location	JE/Mentor/SDA/Name	Signature
Completed assessment slips to be forwarded to the State Dressage Authority (SDA) for verification with this summary sheet. Details and outcome are forwarded by the SDA to the National Office.			
Proof of Riding - Provide evidence of having attained at least overall 55% at Medium (or above) level on at least 2 occasions judged by accredited NOAS judges	Date	Comp e.g. 3.3	Percentage
Shadow Judge a minimum of 3 entire PSG and 3 entire Inter I competitions with at least 6 horses in each (a total minimum of 36 horses to be judged overall - <i>may need to do more comps to get the total No of horses</i>) <i>(Supervising judge must be an A level appointed Mentor or a Judge Educator)</i>	Competition e.g. PSG	Date	No of Horses
	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
	4.		
	5.		
	6.		
All Shadow judging evaluation forms submitted <i>Note: 1 shadow judging at PSG level can be substituted with an additional sit-in e.g. 3xsit-ins & 3xSJ</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Practical Exam Completed	Date:		
	Location:		
	Competent <input type="checkbox"/> Not Competent <input type="checkbox"/>		

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Requirements to Upgrade to A-Level

In order to progress to the next level you need to undertake the following:

- **Shadow Judging** – Refer to 11.11
 - Minimum of three entire Intermediate II or Intermediate A or Intermediate B level competitions with at least 3 horses in each competition, and
 - Minimum of three entire Grand Prix competitions with at least 3 horses in each competition (a total of 18 horses to be judged overall)
 - Supervising judge/s to be at least FEI accredited and an appointed Mentor
 - Shadow judging assessment form to be completed on each occasion

Note: One Shadow Judging at Intermediate A, B or II level may be replaced by an additional sit-in

- **Sit-Ins** – Refer to rule 11.11
 - Complete two assessed sit-ins with an approved Judge Educator or Mentor
 - Sit-In assessment form to be completed on each occasion
- **Other Requirements**
 - Attend a seminar that includes A-level content
 - Complete and pass the A level theory exam (closed rule book) with a pass mark of at least 80%
 - Pass the Grand Prix practical exam – at least 15 horses to be judged (this exam is held annually in conjunction with the National Dressage Championships in Sydney at the end of October and at the Dressage Festival at Werribee in early December)

Upon satisfactory completion of all of the above, you will be accredited at A-level and may judge Official competitions up to and including Grand Prix level.

Each judge will receive a letter and certificate from Equestrian Australia verifying their accreditation.

In order to remain accredited on the National judges list you must meet compulsory judging activity and professional development requirements each 3 years – refer to rule 11.24 and 11.25. Further information on this can be found on the EA website and will be sent when accredited as an A Level Judge.



EA DRESSAGE JUDGE APPLICATION FORM & PRE REQUISITES FOR UPGRADE TO A LEVEL

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE UPGRADING JUDGE)



Assessment Slip	Date/Location	Print Name - JE/Mentor/SDA	Signature	
Current B level	Verify:			
Attend an Seminar which includes A Level	Date:			
	Location:			
Complete A level theory exam with at least 80%	Date:			
	Percentage:			
Sit in on 2 separate occasions at Inter II or GP level with a different Judge Educator or Mentor <i>Sit in assessment forms completed/attached</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	1.			
	2.			
Assessment Slip	Date/ Location	JE/Mentor/SDA/ Name	Signature	
Completed assessment slips to be forwarded to the State Dressage Authority (SDA) for verification with this summary sheet. Details and outcome are forwarded by the SDA to the National Office.				
Proof of Riding – This would have already been provided in order to upgrade to B level so not necessary again.				
Shadow Judge a minimum of 3 entire Inter II and 3 entire GP competitions with at least 3 horses in each (a total minimum of 18 horses to be judged overall - <i>may need to do more comps to get the total No of horses</i>) <i>(Supervising judge must be an FEI level appointed Mentor or a Judge Educator)</i>	Competition e.g. GP	Date	No of Horses	
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			
	4.			
	5.			
All Shadow judging evaluation forms submitted <i>Note: 1 shadow judging at Inter II level can be substituted with an additional sit-in e.g. 3xsit-ins & 3xSJ</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Practical Exam Completed	Date:			
	Location:			
	Competent <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Competent <input type="checkbox"/>		
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The FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse

1. The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.
2. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
3. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
4. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
5. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.

The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

A full version of the FEI Code of Conduct is contained in the Dressage Rule book – refer to rule 1.2 or can be found at: <http://www.fei.org/about-us/standards>

NOAS DRESSAGE JUDGES PROTOCOL

Accredited Dressage Judges should adhere to the following NOAS Code of Conduct. As in all equestrian sports, judges must:

- make their decisions having regard for the welfare of the horse above the interests of any others involved
- have an open and friendly attitude towards all competitors while being careful not to show familiarity towards those competing
- be aware that they are responsible for setting and maintaining the image and standards of dressage both in the competition arena and away from it and that, as an ambassador for dressage, they should conduct themselves with dignity, honesty and good manners, especially in difficult situations
- treat requests from competitors to explain their decisions as an opportunity to assist the competitor to improve their performance
- honour a commitment to judge and if unforeseen circumstances prevent this, endeavour to help the organisers to find a replacement
- maintain an objective and fair mind towards all competitors which includes:
 - not taking into account anything known about riders, horses or past performances
 - guarding against conflicts of interest and avoiding judging in situations in which they have a close personal or professional relationship with a competitor or owner
- ensure to the best of their ability that the same conditions apply to all competitors
- know and understand the scale of marks and ensure that their comments and marks are related
- maintain the same standard for all competitors within a competition and at all events
- be in possession of a current Dressage Rule Book together with any amendments
- know the rules and be prepared to co-ordinate their personal opinion with the principles of the FEI and the EA
- aim to have a thorough knowledge of the correct training of the dressage horse and understand the requirements of the test they are to judge

Note: The EA Code of Conduct for Officials is included in the Member Protection Policy which can be found at:

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian%20Australia%20Member%20Protection%20policy.pdf>

CONTACT AND REFERENCE INFORMATION

FEI Dressage Judges Handbook – Guidelines for Judging

- This is your Bible!!! Learn to love it; it is all there – every mark for every movement from 10 to 0. This is available from the EA National Office.

DVD 'On the Levels'

- Our current tests – available from
- http://premierequestrian.3dcartstores.com//2011-On-The-Levels--5th-Edition_p_84.html#

DVD – 'Through the Eye of the Judge with Stephen Clarke' – Series 2

- These are excellent judge education videos for all levels from Novice to Grand Prix. The videos are available from <http://www.throughtheeyeofthejudge.co.uk/buy.php>

General Information

- Equestrian Australia is the National Federation (NF) for National Rules, Policies, Education/Training, Promotion of the Sport, International Competitions. High Performance Management – funding etc. See website for info.
- Australian Sports Commission (Govt) authorises and funds Australian Sport and manages the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme for all sports in Australia.
- EA Branches – Registrations, Affiliated Clubs, Schools program.

Reference points

- EA National www.equestrian.org.au
- Official Judges list on EA website > Searches>Officials>Dressage plus the level you want to check, finally the State
- SDA – State Dressage Authority e.g. Dressage Queensland, Dressage NSW etc
- FEI - www.fei.org
- NOAS: National Officiating Accreditation Scheme Work Books (copyright EA)
- National Officiating Newsletter - on-line and hard copy
- Code of Conduct - Section 1 of the Rule Book – anything detrimental to the Sport should be reported within 14 days

Role of EA & Officials

- Information about EA and the Role of EA Officials, and
- Code of Conduct for Officials

It can all be found on the EA website.

Rule Book, NOAS, Judges Handbook, Dressage Tests + diagrams

We all use these tools all the time.

- Rule Book, updates on Rules annually 1 January
- NOAS - updates every year
- EA Tests – usually updated every 4 years

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