



**Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee – Mid-year Rule Review**  
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Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
3.10	Resistance/ Disobedience	Error in recording of technical fault deduction	<p><b>3.10 Resistance/Disobedience</b></p> <p>In regards to a horse showing resistance or disobedience the following will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) any resistance which prevents the continuation of the test for a period exceeding 20 seconds shall be penalised by elimination. This also applies to any resistance before entering the dressage arena and within the arena surrounds. However, resistance that may endanger rider, horse, judges or the public will be eliminated for safety reasons earlier than 20 seconds. There is no appeal against this decision</li> <li>b) a horse leaving the arena with all four feet during a test between the beginning and the end of the test will be eliminated (except in 4-year-old Young Horse competitions at State qualifying events where there is minus <del>2 points</del> 0.5% per judge, see rule 9.1)</li> <li>c) should a horse leave the arena with all four feet after the final halt and salute this will not entail elimination</li> </ul>
3.16	Use of voice	Correction of typo	<p><b>3.16 Use of voice</b></p> <p>The use of the voice or clicking the tongue as an aid by the rider repeatedly is a serious fault, which will be penalised by the judge/s who hear it with a <u>deduction</u> of 2 marks from the mark that would otherwise have been awarded for the movement.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The use of voice is permitted in some cases in Para-Equestrian Dressage as an aid. See rule <del>11.7</del> <b>11.9</b> for more details.</p>

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3.17.1	Other technical faults with penalties – refer to Annex E	Correction of error in recording of technical fault deduction  Correction of Typo	<b>3.17.1 Other technical faults with penalties – refer to Annex E</b>  All of the following are considered technical faults and 0.5% will be deducted for each one, <del>and this is applied each time a technical fault occurs but will not result in elimination. but they are not cumulative and will not result in elimination</del> (including for Freestyle tests): a) a rider entering the space around the arena with whip (where not permitted) or riding in a dressage arena with a whip (when not permitted) or with boots on the horse’s legs or with discrepancy in dress (e.g. lack of gloves). See rule <del>10.6</del> 5.6 for whip penalties at FEI events and Australian and State Championships
3.21	Number/Level of judges required for Official Competitive and Official Participation Competitions	Clarification from EADOC.	<b>3.21 Number/Level of judges required for Official Competitive and Official Participation Competitions</b>  The EADC strongly recommends that a minimum of 2 appropriately qualified judges officiate at every Official Competitive competition. <b>NOTE:</b> For Australian Dressage Championships and some other qualifications, competitors must submit 3 scores from competitions with at least 2 judges officiating.  For levels Advanced and below, if the minimum recommended 2 judges cannot be procured it is permitted that: a) one A level judge may judge up to Advanced level b) one B level judge may judge up to Medium level c) one C level judge may judge up to Elementary level d) one D level judge may judge up to Novice level e) one E or F level judge may judge up to Prelim level f) a G level judge may judge Official competitive Preliminary with another judge of at least F level g) one <del>judge of F</del> G level judge or above may judge Participation competitions at Preliminary and Novice level as a single judge <del>h) a G level judge may judge Participant Preliminary and Novice as a single judge</del>

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4.7	Types of competitions at Restricted events	Correction of Typo	<p><b>4.7 Types of competitions at Restricted events</b></p> <p>Clubs affiliated with their EA State Branch may hold restricted events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>competitions may include any level of EA test from Preparatory to Grand Prix and Para-Equestrian, but are restricted to the conducting club's members only</li> <li>competition may also include club activities for club members against invited EA members to a maximum level of Participation competition <del>(see rule 3.13b)</del> up to and including the current Novice tests and all Para-Equestrian tests</li> <li>EA Dressage Rules apply to these events as per General Regulations Art 100</li> </ol>
4.8.3.3	Heights of horses and ponies	Clarification of when ponies must comply with EA Measuring Rules and improved process by which measuring requests can be monitored.	<p><b>4.8.3.3 Heights of horses and ponies</b></p> <p>In regards to the heights for horses and ponies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>horses must exceed 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes</li> <li>ponies must not exceed 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes</li> <li>ponies must comply with the Equestrian Australia Measuring Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o to compete in official events at State Championships, National Championships, <b>all Young Pony classes <del>or</del> and all competitions where CDI Events are held</b></li> <li>o State Branches are to provide measuring services to competitors at State Championships, National Championships, Young Pony and CDI Events and are encouraged to provide further opportunities for measuring throughout the State where possible</li> <li>o Measuring Certificate is to be sighted (electronic copy) at entry or the height is to be recorded prior to competing at the event</li> </ul> </li> <li>ponies 8 years and over may be eligible for a Life Measurement Certificate. Refer to rule 13 in the EA Measuring Rules.</li> <li>a pony without a current EA Measuring Certificate may be questioned by any Judge or <del>Club Organising Committee Official</del> <b>and served with by sending a "Request to Measure" to the email address: Judge.Notes@equestrian.org.au., with a notation provided to the State Branch.</b> <del>The competitor will be contacted and advised the</del> pony must be measured before being permitted to compete in official pony tests. <del>The</del> <b>pony</b> may still compete in open events</li> <li>the SDA will determine if a transfer from horse to pony status or from pony to horse status is required and advise the EA State Branch accordingly</li> <li>all current grading points will transfer with a change in status</li> <li>a new Dressage Card/Performance Licence will be issued</li> </ol>

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4.8.1	Requirements for horses and ponies for Official Competitive competitions	For the purposes of horse welfare only 2 tests to be ridden per day across the board	<p><b>4.8.1 Requirements for horses and ponies for Official Competitive competitions</b></p> <p>Horses and ponies entered for Official Competitive competition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) must be registered with EA and owned by a current financial EA member. EA registration papers must be made available on the day of competition</li> <li>b) must have a current Dressage Performance Card/Competition Licence (see rule 4.8.3.4)</li> <li>c) horses and ponies competing up to and including <b>advanced</b>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must only enter and compete in 2 consecutive levels per an event (regardless of number of days)</li> <li>• can enter and compete in no more than <del>3</del> 2 tests in one day. This may include a Freestyle or Young Horse competition</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) for horses and ponies competing <b>PSG and above</b>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• can enter and compete in no more than 2 FEI-level tests per day and no more than 2 consecutive FEI levels per event. This includes a Freestyle test. If competing in an EA FEI test horses can only compete in one other EA test on the day</li> <li>• a horse that has competed PSG may only compete in one Advanced level test on the same day</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

#### 4.8.3.2 Eligibility of horses, ponies and combinations for each level

**Justification:** To clarify the intent of this ruling which is to provide pathways for High Performance riders on new horses

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In Official Competitive competitions the following criteria apply at the closing date of entries (see table below):

Graded level	Eligibility of Horses and Ponies for each level
<b>National Level Competitions</b>	
Preliminary/Novice	Horses/ponies with less than 40 upgrading points gained in Elementary and above
Elementary	Horses/ponies with less than 40 upgrading points gained in Medium and above
Medium	Horses/ponies with less than 40 upgrading points gained in Advanced and above
Advanced	Horses/ponies with less than 30 upgrading points gained in FEI competitions
Prix St Georges and Intermediate I tests including FEI Young Rider tests	Combinations must have achieved 60% or above on 2 occasions in Official Advanced competitions to be eligible to compete PSG, Intermediate 1. In the event that the competitions are held at the one event, they must be judged by a different panel of judges
Intermediate A and B	Combinations must have gained at least 60% in an Official Intermediate I competition to compete in Intermediate A and B or Intermediate II
Intermediate II and EA Grand Prix, including U25 Grand Prix	Combinations must have gained 60% on two occasions in Intermediate A, B or Intermediate II to be eligible to compete Grand Prix and U25 Grand Prix. For GP CDNs held in conjunction with FEI Sanctioned events see Rule 4.8.3.i)
FEI National Competitions	<del>Under exceptional circumstances, High Performance riders on suitably experienced horses</del> <del>Horses and riders providing proof of previous experience at the FEI level</del> may apply to the EADC to waive qualification scores.
<b>FEI- sanctioned Competitions - CDI PSG, Inter I, A, B, Intermediate II, GP, CDI U25, CDIY, CDIJ &amp; CDIP</b>	
Within Australia	Refer to rule 10. <del>16</del> 18.3
Outside Australia	Combinations wishing to represent Australia overseas at FEI sanctioned events outside of Australia refer to rule 10. <del>16</del> 18.2

~~**NOTE:** For new combinations at FEI levels from Prix St Georges to CDN Grand Prix, horses and riders providing proof of previous experience at the FEI level may apply to EADC to waive qualification scores based on evidence provided~~

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4.8.4.1	Age categories used in EA Youth Competitions	For the purposes of horse welfare only 2 tests to be ridden per day across the board	<p><b>4.8.4.1 Age categories used in EA Youth Competitions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Junior Rider is eligible to compete from the start of the year they turn 10 (the year they turn 8 if riding a pony) to the end of the year they turn 18</li> <li>b) a Young Rider is eligible to compete in Young Rider competitions from the start of the year in which they turn 16 years of age to the end of the year they turn 21</li> <li>c) a Young Rider or a Junior Rider is eligible to compete in their respective Young Rider competitions or Junior competitions and Official competitions on the same horse at the same event but no more than <del>3</del> 2 tests per day (refer also to rule 4.8.4)</li> <li>d) a Junior of the appropriate age may enter and compete in Junior and Young Rider competitions at the same event, providing they ride a different horse in each competition</li> <li>e) all riders may ride in Young Pony competitions from the year they turn 10 and Young Horse competitions from the year they turn 12</li> </ul>

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4.8.5	Horse Identification numbers and Stallion ID at events	To enable horse identification numbers to be clearly identifiable by judges.	<p><b>4.8.5 Horse Identification numbers and Stallion ID at events</b></p> <p>Horse Identification numbers are compulsory for identification purposes and must be used at all times at an event so that the horse can be identified by all Officials including Stewards.</p> <p>a) two numbers are required to be worn when competing – one on each side of the horse - preferably attached to both sides of the saddlecloth, or both sides of the bridle and must be clearly legible <b>by the judge/s being a minimum of 4cm in height.</b></p> <p>b) the Horse Identification Number must also be worn as described whenever the horse is being ridden/lunged/led/tethered or grazed from the time of their arrival on the grounds until the end of the event</p> <p><b>e) identification numbers shall be in black text, clearly displayed on a white background, <del>the colour of the numbers may vary</del></b></p> <p>d) green stallion identification discs or number holders must be worn by stallions at all times at an event</p> <p>e) green stallion identification discs or number holders must be clearly displayed on both sides of the stallion’s head (attached to bridle or halter) or both sides of the saddle cloth on both sides of the breastplate: as per EA Stallion Safe Practices Policy</p> <p>f) horse Identification numbers must be worn in addition to stallion discs, either as the green bridle identification number holder or the green stallion disc identification plus horse ID number</p> <p>Failure to correctly wear Horse Identification Numbers will incur the following:</p> <p>g) when led, grazed, lunged or ridden on the grounds. An initial verbal warning followed by the issuing of a Yellow Warning Card for further non-compliance</p> <p>h) if the horse does enter in the competition arena not wearing correct identification numbers, -0.50% per judge is deducted</p>

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4.11, 4.11.1	Conditions of Entry for Participation competitions	Issue raised of riders competing 2 times in a Participant test, once as Participant level and again as HC, clarify riders cannot complete twice at this level in different categories	<p><b>4.11 Conditions of Entry for Participation competitions</b> For riders wishing to compete in Participation level competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) refer to the EA General Regulation for membership requirements</li> <li>b) the minimum age for riders on ponies is from the start of the year in which they turn 8 and on horses from the start of the year in which they turn 10</li> <li>c) one rider per horse is permitted at any event</li> <li>d) please refer to your state authority in relation to state-specific membership requirements</li> <li>e) refer to the EA General Regulations for any horse/pony registration requirements</li> <li>f) there is no restriction on the height of the horse/pony</li> <li>g) if a horse/pony is graded, it may only compete at its graded level or higher, or HC at a lower level</li> <li>h) a horse/pony may only be entered and compete once in each competition</li> </ul> <p><b>4.11.1 General</b> Other items to note for Participation-level competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) competitions are conducted under the rules of EA with some minor exceptions as mentioned in 4.11 (e.g. height or age, etc)</li> </ul>
5.11.3	Snaffle bridle	Clarification on one-eared bridles	<p><b>5.11.3 Snaffle bridle</b> A snaffle bridle is an English-type bridle with a single snaffle-type bit and one set of reins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a snaffle bridle is compulsory in all tests up to and including Elementary level</li> <li>b) a snaffle bridle is optional at Medium level and above <del>Advanced and all FEI level competitions</del></li> <li>c) one-eared bridles are not permitted under penalty of elimination</li> </ul>

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5.2	Headgear and helmets	Introduction of mandatory helmet tagging as a safety measure identifying helmets that have been checked as conforming to currently approved helmet safety standards.	<p><b>Headgear and helmets</b></p> <p>In relation to helmets and other headwear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) any person mounted on a horse must wear an approved safety helmet with the retaining harness secured and fastened. Failure to have the harness fastened will entail elimination.</li> </ul> <p>Protective headgear must conform with one of the current approved safety standards outlined below. The EA General Regulations at rule 122.2 prescribe the current standards. It is the responsibility of the rider to ensure they are using a current standard safety helmet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) current Australian standard AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) provided they are SAI Global marked</li> <li>c) new Australian standard ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked</li> <li>d) current American standards ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked, or SNELL E2001</li> <li>e) current British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided they are BSI Kitemarked</li> <li>f) interim European Standard VG1 (01.040: 2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark</li> <li>g) black or may be same colour as coat, a reflective strip (not to entire helmet) permitted</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">   <i>BSI Kitemarked</i> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   <i>SAI Global marked</i> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   <i>SEI marked</i> </div> </div> <p style="color: red;">(h) All helmets are required to be tagged with a current visible EA ‘Helmet Tag’ (effective 1 July 2022) indicating they meet the current approved safety standards. Failure to have helmet appropriately tagged may entail a recorded warning.</p> <p style="color: red;"><del>5.2.1</del> All headgear should be secured when competing. However, if a rider’s hat comes off during the test the C-Judge must stop the test, so the rider can retrieve and replace the hat. The rider can have outside assistance to retrieve the hat. Once the hat has been replaced the test and judging recommences from where it was stopped.</p> <p><b>5.2.21</b> Any type of camera may not be attached to a helmet or anywhere on the rider, saddlery or horse.</p>

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6.1.1	Ground Jury	Correction of typo	<p><b>6.1.1 The Ground Jury is responsible for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the technical judging of all individual and team competitions</li> <li>b) the allocation and verification of final placings in a competition</li> <li>c) settling all technical problems that may arise during the course of the event that come under their jurisdiction within the field of play – ref dot points d) and e) below.</li> <li>d) referring any written protests received for ‘Horse Abuse’ to the OC (refer 1.3.1 <del>and 5.1</del>)</li> </ul>
7.7	Unmarked movement	Reduce confusion about what should be done if mark is missing or omitted in either EA National or FEI tests	<p><b>7.7 Unmarked movement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <del>the mark allotted should be the average of the collective marks at the end. In relation to the FEI tests where there is only one collective mark the average of the body of the test, excluding the collective, should be made</del></li> <li>b) for both EA and FEI tests – if a mark has not been recorded and the judge cannot recall the movement, or cannot be found, or if a rider omits a movement and the Judge at C doesn’t notice and the rider and has left the arena, <del>if a rider omits/forgets a movement and the Judge at C doesn’t notice (i.e. at the end of the test there is a mark missing and the rider has left the arena)</del> a mark equal to the average for the whole test (excluding collectives) is given, with no error of course, as the judge would have been responsible for stopping them</li> </ul>
8.1	Entry, salute and timing	Correction of error in recording of technical fault deduction	<p><b>8.1 Entry, salute and timing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>k) if the test is clearly shorter or longer than the stipulated time limit on the test sheet, a technical fault of 0.5% deduction from each judge will be incurred, from the total artistic marks. <del>For FEI freestyles 0.5% from the total artistic percentage</del></li> </ul>

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9.1	<b>SECTION 9 YOUNG HORSE and YOUNG PONY</b>	<b>Correction of error in recording of technical fault deduction</b>	<p><b>9.1 General conditions</b></p> <p>t) if a horse leaves the arena with all four feet during a 4-year-old state qualifying competition this will not entail elimination but will incur a technical fault of 0.5% to be deducted <del>before the score is divided by 5</del>. This rule does not apply to the Australian YH Championships</p> <p>u) Errors of Course <b>and technical faults (see Annex E)</b> to be subtracted once score has been converted to a percentage score:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st error – 0.5 percentage point</li> <li>• 2nd error – 1.0 percentage point</li> <li>• 3rd error – Elimination</li> <li>• 0.5% to be deducted <del>per other error</del> <b>for each technical fault</b></li> </ul>
9.2	<b>Conduct of qualifying events</b>	<b>Correction of Typo</b>	<p><b>9.2 Conduct of qualifying events</b></p> <p>In the case of holding qualifying events:</p> <p>a) callers are permitted for 4,5 and 6 year old competitions</p> <p>b) the age of horses is taken from the 1st August (see rule <del>4.8.4</del> <b>4.8.3.4</b>)</p>

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9.6	Selection of Young Horses to represent Australia overseas	This rule no longer applies as the FEI has changed their guidelines and Federations are now only allowed one representative for each age group, not two. There will no longer be an automatic qualification.	<p><b>9.6 Selection of Young Horses to represent Australia overseas</b></p> <p>The EA National Dressage Selectors will select the Australian representatives for the FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses based on merit and with reference to any EA Selection Policy and in addition to the rules of the FEI/World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses. In particular, horses must be registered with a stud book recognised by the WBFSH.</p> <p>For five and six year old young horses to be considered for endorsement to the FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses they must have a minimum of 2 performances of at least 80% in an official young horse competition with at least 7.5 for each pace.</p> <p>For seven year old young horses to be considered for endorsement they must have a minimum of 2 performances of at least 70%, a minimum of one performance is required in an official young horse competition, and one performance may be from an official competitive Prix St-Georges.</p> <p>a) for Australian based horses, at least one of these scores must be achieved in the second round of the Australian Young Dressage Horse Championships</p> <p>b) for young horses not domiciled in Australia, performances must be from official Young Horse qualifiers with preference given to shows using the FEI tests for 5, 6 &amp; 7 year old's. If submitting performances using national tests the onus is on the applicant to provide proof that the level of the national test used for qualifying scores is equivalent to the level of the FEI tests for 5, 6 &amp; 7 year old's</p> <p>Competition results, including a link to the results section of the event website and the judging sheets (complete with date, venue and names &amp; signatures of judges) must be forwarded to the EA National Office as proof of performances.</p> <p>If selected to represent Australia horses and riders are required to be FEI registered and hold a valid FEI Passport or FEI Recognition Card.</p> <p><del>Providing they fulfil the scoring criteria, the winners of the Five Year Old Championship and Six Year Old Championship at the AYDHC will be automatically offered a place in the FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses. This offer is also conditional on the horses achieving at least one (1) more qualifying performance as per 5.6.</del></p>

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10.13.1	Other Australian Championships	Correct typo for item (m) to reference Section 10.13.1.1 (Qualifying Scores) instead of Section 10.11.1.1	<p><b>10.13 Other Australian Championships</b></p> <p><b>10.13.1 Australian Youth Dressage Championships 8–21 years</b></p> <p>a) qualifying performances are contained in rule <del>10.11.1.1</del> <b>10.13.1.1</b></p>
10.15	State Youth Dressage Championships	Correct typo for item (j) to reference Section 10.15.1 instead of Section 8.13.1	<p><b>10.15 State Youth Dressage Championships</b></p> <p>State Young Riders Dressage Championships are in principle to be conducted using the same rules as the Australian championships with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) qualifying performances to be determined by the SDA</li> <li>b) judges must be at least D level</li> <li>c) a minimum of 2 accredited judges is required for each EA competition</li> <li>d) a minimum of 3 judges is required for FEI competitions</li> <li>e) a minimum of 2 interstate (from different states) or overseas A or B level accredited judges must be on the Ground Jury</li> <li>f) the competitors' state of origin must be included in the programme and draw</li> <li>g) all horses and/ponies must hold current EA registration</li> <li>h) the highest level test at each level is not compulsory but must be used if an EA Judges' practical exam is scheduled</li> <li>i) competitions may be run in divisions</li> <li>j) see <del>8.13.1</del> <b>10.15.1</b> for additional notes on qualifying scores for State and National Interschool competitions.</li> <li>k) A Chief Steward must be appointed from the current FEI accredited or National Stewards list. (See 4.1 for role) See rule 7.9 for payment of out of pocket expenses</li> </ul>

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10.18.2 <b>(Board approved 10/05/22)</b>	Qualification for CDIs Overseas	To bring qualifications for CDIs Overseas in line with the rule changes in rule 10.18.3 a) and d) in the rule below	<p><b>10.18.2 Qualification for CDIs Overseas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) to gain support from EA in requesting entries for competitions at CDIs overseas, combinations are required to produce proof of gaining a minimum of <del>63</del>64% in at least <del>two</del> one competitions (at the level you wish to enter) in national Official Competitive competitions (in Australia or overseas) within the 12 months prior to the closing date of entries</li> <li>b) the German Short Grand Prix Test (S10) is acceptable as a qualification for the above process.</li> <li>c) to gain endorsement for CDI5* events, combinations are required to produce proof of gaining at least 66% (in the Grand Prix) at two CDI competitions</li> <li>d) for U25, Young Riders, Juniors or Ponies to gain support from EA to compete at CDIs overseas combinations are required to produce proof of recently gaining at least 60% or better in two national competitions (in Australia or overseas) at the level they wish to compete in at the CDI</li> <li>e) In exceptional circumstances <del>where a combination is required to compete at a CDI in order to obtain an MER for WEG or Olympic Games, the EADC, in consultation with the Selectors, has the discretion to waive the above. the Selectors have discretion to waive the above. Any such decisions being considered are to be discussed with the Chair of the EADC</del></li> <li>f) CDIO team standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EADC encourages participation in Nations Cup events at CDIOs. However, the performances need to be of an acceptable standard as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ GP: 66% at a CDI in previous 12 months</li> <li>➤ Small Tour: 65% in a CDI in previous 12 months (applies to Wellington Florida CDIO)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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10.18.3	Qualification for CDI's in Australia	To clarify the intent for the ruling which is to provide for High Performance riders who may have imported horses and wish to gain MERs for WRG/Olympic Games. By raising the qualifying score to 64% and only requiring one qualifying score for CDIs, we are hoping to maintain a standard of performance, whilst catering for a range of circumstances.	<p><b>10.18.3 Qualification for CDIs in Australia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) to be eligible for CDI/CDIW competitions in Australia combinations are required to produce proof of gaining a minimum of <del>63</del> 64% in at least <del>two</del> one competitions (at the level you wish to enter) in national Official Competitive competitions (in Australia or overseas) within the 12 months prior to the closing date of entries</li> <li>b) CDI-U25 competitions combinations are required to produce proof of gaining 60% in two Intermediate A or Intermediate B or Intermediate II or Grand Prix tests in national Official Competitive competitions within the 12 months prior to the closing date of entries</li> <li>c) CDI-Y, CDI-J and CDI-P combinations are required to produce proof of gaining 60% at level in national Official Competitive competitions within the 12 months prior to close of entries (see 4.8.3 for levels)</li> <li>d) in exceptional circumstances where a combination is required to compete at a CDI in order to obtain an MER for WEG or Olympic Games, the EADC, in consultation with the Selectors, has the discretion to waive the above. <del>the Selectors have discretion to waive the above. Any such decision being considered are to be discussed with the Chair of the EADC</del></li> </ul>

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11.5.2.1.	Sharing of horses	Incorrect placement of rule, amended, removed from rule below – 11.15.3.1	<p><b>11.5.2.1. Sharing of horses</b></p> <p>c) where horses are shared by one rider from the lower Grades I, II and III and one rider from the higher Grades IV and V the following applies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on competition days, if the lower grade rider competes first, then 30 minutes schooling by a trainer/coach/groom/other rider will be permitted prior to the test. For the higher-grade rider, this is considered to be the 30 minutes schooling by the rider and therefore no further allocation of time will be permitted. This is on the grounds of horse welfare</li> <li>• on competition days where the higher grade rider competes first, this is considered to be the 30 minutes schooling (by a trainer/coach/groom) permitted for the lower grade rider and therefore no further allocation of time will be permitted for the lower grade rider. This is on the grounds of horse welfare</li> <li>• on non-competition days, the horse may be ridden by both riders, but no time will be allocated for the horse to be schooled by a trainer/coach/groom (i.e. the 30 minutes). It is considered that the higher grade rider is schooling the horse for the lower grade rider</li> <li>• <b>Sharing between a PE and non-PE athlete at an event is prohibited.</b></li> </ul>
11.15.3.1	Sharing of horses	Incorrect placement of rule, amended in rule above	<p><b>11.15.3.1 Sharing of horses</b></p> <p>d) sharing is only permitted between 2 PE athletes within Grades <del>and sharing between a PE and non-PE athlete at an event is prohibited.</del></p>

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11.10.1	Para-Equestrian Judges	OCs are frequently unable to get 2 PE judges for a PE test, thus, to ensure more PE tests are run suggest using one PE-accredited and one national judge for at non-championship events	<p><b>11.10.1 Para-Equestrian Judges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a list of accredited national Para-Equestrian judges is on the EA website or available from your EA state branch office</li> <li>b) there should be at least 2 judges for each competition, <b>if 2 PE-accredited judges are not available, one 1 PE-accredited judge and one national judge of at least D-level may be used (PE judged to be placed at C)</b></li> <li>c) where 2 judges are used one should be placed on the long side, if the arena layout provides for this</li> <li>d) at National Championships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if 3 judges are used, it is recommended, at the least, that they comprise 1 FEI PE judge and 2 national PE judges – if a CPEDI then must have a minimum of 2 foreign FEI PE judges</li> <li>• if 5 judges are used, it is recommended, at the least, that they comprise 2 FEI PE judges and 3 national PE judges. If a CPEDI then there must be at least 3 foreign FEI PE judges</li> </ul> </li> <li>e) at State Championships a minimum of 2 national PE judges must be used</li> <li>f) all judges judging PE must be PE accredited (<b>unless a national judge of at least D-Level is being used as stated in (b) above</b>) and at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. D (Medium level) to judge all EA PE tests and FEI PE tests</li> <li>b. E (Elementary) to judge EA PE tests</li> </ul> </li> <li>g) PE seminars are to be conducted by a National PE Judge Educator</li> <li>h) seminars are to be of one-day duration</li> <li>i) for re-accreditation purposes the judge must be in attendance for the entire duration of the seminar <b>and</b> be an active participant</li> <li>j) participation certificates are to be issued to attendees</li> <li>k) for reaccreditation, judges are required to attend a specific PE seminar every 3 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to become a PE Judge, you must be E level or above to judge. You must also attend and participate in a full day PE seminar, and demonstrate satisfactory skills in 2 assessments:</li> <li>• a PE written theory test with a pass of at least 80%</li> <li>• one shadow judging which must at least cover Grades I, II and III. This shadow judging may take place at the PE seminar if sufficient horses or it may take place in conjunction with another PE event</li> </ul> </li> <li>l) a PE accreditation seminar is to be held at least every 3 years</li> </ul>

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Annex E	Elimination, technical faults, penalties and deductions	Correction of error in recording of technical fault deduction	<p><b>Technical Faults and Penalties</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>9.1.2</td> <td>0.5% per judge</td> <td>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 <del>multiplied by 2 for a score of 100</del> converted to a percentage.</td> </tr> </table>	9.1.2	0.5% per judge	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 <del>multiplied by 2 for a score of 100</del> converted to a percentage.
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## Annex H Categories of National dressage events and Regional and major club championships

### H1 Categories of National dressage events

FEI-sanctioned events such as CDIs are conducted under FEI rules and are excluded from this plan.  
In order to assist OCs the following tables summarise the recommended criteria for each category of event.

**Justification:** Regional Championships removed from rule 4.8.3.3, tidying an inconsistency.

	Regular club events including Official Competitive and Participation competitions	Regional and major Club Championships (to be defined by SDA in calendar)	State Championships	National Championships
<b>Arenas</b>	Sand preferred or other suitable surfaces (soft grass). Best conditions possible for horses taking into account weather conditions  Arena surrounds. EA Dressage rule book applies.	At least 1 sand arena is recommended  Other arenas sand preferred or other suitable surfaces (soft grass) so that arenas are the best possible, taking into account weather conditions.  Arena surrounds. EA Dressage rule book applies.	Preferably 3 to 4 sand arenas. Must include 1 for warm-up. Each state to determine suitability of grounds  Arena surrounds. EA Dressage rule book applies.	Minimum of 4 sand arenas required and one sand warm- up arena  Arena surrounds. EA Dressage rule book applies.
<b>Camping</b>	Truck and float parking required. Camping facilities not compulsory	Truck and float parking required. Camping facilities not compulsory	Camping sites should be available on the ground with	Camping sites for up to 80 campers, incl access to power, water and amenities
<b>Catering</b>	Not compulsory	Not compulsory	To be provided on the competition grounds from start of competition	To be provided on the competition grounds from start of the competition
<b>First Aid</b>	Highly desirable	Highly desirable	Highly desirable	Compulsory
<b>Pony Measuring Service</b>	Not required – but encouraged annually	<del>Not required – but encouraged annually</del> <del>Required</del>	Required	Required