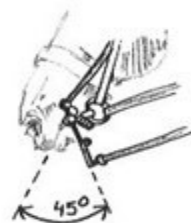





Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee – Rule changes Summary January 2021

Rule	Heading	Revised Rule
	Definitions	(v) Horse Identification Numbers are important and compulsory at events for the purpose of horse identification and can for example relate to bridle number and saddlecloth number
1.3.1	Reporting of abuse	Anyone witnessing an incident of abuse must report it in the form of a written protest (see EA General Regulations <i>Article 163</i>) in confidence to the OC immediately who will refer the matter on their behalf within 14 days to the State Branch authority to initiate action. within 14 days of the incident to the State EA office, which has the option of passing it to the Disciplinary Tribunal. Competitors are alerted to the fact that, as well as FEI and EA General Regulation 142, cruel application of spurs, whips or bits is illegal in some Australian states and territories
1.3.2	Reporting of abuse	Where the Judge at C is of the opinion that the horse and rider combination are not able to fulfil the requirements of the level of the test; and/or the performance is not in the best interests of the horse's welfare due to extreme tension ; and/or clearly shows abusive riding, the combination will be eliminated. There is no appeal against this decision.
3.7 (f)	Entering the arena	(f) failure to enter the arena within 45 seconds of the bell being sounding will entail a penalty of 2 points per judge. Should a rider continue and not enter within a further 30 45 seconds they will be eliminated
3.12.2 (i)	Riding in Competition, warm-up & exercise areas	(i) a maximum duration of pre-competition warm-up or training of one hour is the standard; riders require permission from the Chief Steward (which will be granted only in exceptional circumstances) to extend a training session beyond one hour. The warm-up or training session must include relaxation periods, they do not include walking on a loose rein, to or from stables, or for exercise prior to or post warmup. Riders are also reminded that post-test repetition of movements may not exceed 10 minutes NOTE: Chief Steward in consultation with OC may reduce maximum duration due to welfare of horse e.g., extreme weather conditions

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3.19 (e)	Awards and placings	<p>(d) in case of equality of percentage for any of the first three places, the higher total of the collective mark/s, including coefficients, will decide on the placings. If these marks are tied, placings remain tied</p> <p>(e) should there still be a tie, the rider score will be the final decider</p>
4.4 (d), (e) & (f)	Gear Check	<p>d) however, in circumstances where a horse is unsettled then the combination may request to have a gear check after their test – refer also to rule 6.5.1e, 6.5.1f</p> <p>e) failure to have a gear check will incur elimination</p> <p>f) the bit inspection should not be checked until after the test unless requested by the competitor</p>
4.8.3.3	Heights of horses and ponies	<p>In regards to the heights for horses and ponies:</p> <p>a) horses must exceed 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes</p> <p>b) ponies must not exceed 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes</p> <p>e) the height of the pony is to be included on entry forms</p> <p>d) it is recommended that ponies carry a current EA height certificate to verify height, especially for taller ponies</p> <p>e) a pony is to comply with the National Measuring Rules within 12 months of competing in Official Events – and MUST be measured before entering a separated Pony Official competition, including State and Australian Championship</p> <p>f) where a protest is lodged against the height of a pony in accordance with EA measuring rules the pony must be re-measured within 30 days of the protest</p> <p>c) ponies must comply with the Equestrian Australia Measuring Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to compete in official events at Regional Championships, State Championships, National Championships, Young Pony or CDI Events • State Branches are to provide measuring services to competitors at Regional Championships, State Championships, National Championships, Young Pony and CDI Events and are encouraged to provide further opportunities for measuring throughout the State where possible • Measuring Certificate is to be sighted (electronic copy) at entry or the height is to be recorded prior to competing at the event <p>d) ponies 8 years and over may be eligible for a Life Measurement Certificate. Refer to rule 13 in the EA Measuring Rules.</p> <p>e) a pony without a current EA Measuring Certificate may be questioned by any Judge or Club Official and served with a “Request to Measure”, with a notation provided to the State Branch. The pony must be measured before being permitted to compete in official pony tests. They may still compete in open events</p> <p>f) ponies 8 years and over may be eligible for a Life Measurement Certificate. Refer to rule 13 in the EA Measuring Rules</p> <p>g) 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</p> <p>h) all current grading points will transfer with a change in status</p> <p>i) a new Dressage Card/Performance Licence will be issued</p> <p>j) only current measurement certificates approved by the EA, will be accepted</p> <p>NOTE: Current EA Measuring Rules apply</p>

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5.2 (h)	Headgear and helmets	h) black or may be same colour as coat, a reflective strip (not to entire helmet) permitted
5.5 (k)	Spurs	k) pony riders, (regardless of age), may only wear spurs that are no longer than 4.0 cm. The length of the spur is measured from the boot to the tip of the spur NOTE: for FEI CDIP competitions, spurs no longer than 3.5cm are permitted
5.10.1	Stirrups	In regards to stirrups: a) must be black or silver or same colour as the rider's boots
5.20	Permitted Bits	<div> <div>31.(a) Curb Chain (refer 5.11.4.2)</div> <div>  </div> </div> <div> <div>31.(b) Curb Chain (refer 5.11.4.2)</div> <div>  </div> </div>

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6.3	Technical Delegate (TD)	Refer to Annex I – Payment for Officials – for the current per diem a) is to be paid \$100 per day including accommodation (if required), mileage at the current rate and meals c) ideally, should not be a judge at the event but could be a reserve judge for a small competition
6.6	Chief Steward	A Chief Steward is to be appointed for all Australian Championships and State Championships and is highly recommended for Regional & Official Events. They are to be appointed from the current list of FEI accredited and Nationally accredited stewards. See rule 7.9 for payment of appointed Chief Stewards. Refer to Annex I – Payments for Officials - for the current per diem
7.7	Unmarked movement	a) 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 has left the arena, 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 b) for both EA and FEI tests – if a rider omits/forgets a <u>movement</u> 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) 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
7.9	Guidelines for reimbursement	<p>Out-of-pocket expenses for judges, accredited FEI/EA Stewards</p> <p>It is required that judges, officials, accredited FEI stewards and EA stewards will receive an honorarium as reimbursement of expenses as follows. However, the official and OC may negotiate a mutually suitable arrangement at time of invitation. Refer to Annex I – Payment for Officials – for current per diem</p> a) for judges a minimum of \$50 per day or \$20 per hour of actual judging (whichever is greater) b) for accredited FEI and EA Stewards a minimum of \$50 per day or \$20 per stewarding hour up to a maximum of \$150 per day c) mileage at the minimum rate of 68c per km for the round trip to maximum of \$300. Where longer distances are involved this can be negotiated at time of invitation d) for regional events where airfares and/or accommodation are provided, the honorarium may be negotiated between the judge/accredited FEI or EA Steward and the OC e) any negotiation must take place at the time of the invitation f) when a rider, who is also an accredited judge, has entered to compete at an event and subsequently is asked to judge at the same event, the usual practice shall be that the rider/judge is paid the judging honorarium only, but not the travel money g) judge protocol session to be determined by prior arrangement to a maximum of \$300 per day plus mileage
7.10 (g)	General Items	g) the use of electronic communication, including mobile phones, is not permitted while judging horse and rider are in the arena The use of mobile phones and digital scoring system features are permitted however, <u>only</u> for the use of communication between judges for the purpose of identifying and agreeing on technical issues such as presence of blood, potential lameness, errors of course and other technical issues
10.5	Other requirements	a) competitors must have performance qualification as per the rules b) two places in each competition (excluding Freestyles) are reserved at the Australian Championships for the highest qualified combinations from each state c) in the event of a withdrawal of an accepted state combination, the OC must fill the vacancy with an entry from that same state d) the remainder of available spaces are to be filled by taking the horses in order from the ranked list

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10.6	Teams	Team entries must be made by state branches before the Team entry closing date as per the event schedule
10.13.2 (j) & (n)	Australian Pony Dressage Championships	(j) all ponies must hold current EA registration and must provide an EA approved height certificate on request as part of the conditions of entry (n) measuring services must be provided to ensure all exhibits have the opportunity to be measured prior to the event
10.14 (l) & (m)	State Dressage Championships	l) all ponies must hold current EA registration and must provide an EA approved height certificate as part of the conditions of entry m) measuring services must be provided to ensure all exhibits have the opportunity to be measured prior to the event
11.7 (p)	Dress, saddlery and equipment	p) safety vests are only permitted when they are not (including inflatable), dark in colour, are permitted
12.8.1 (c)	Compulsory conditions to maintain accreditation	c) attend at least 2 workshops in the accreditation period (i.e. attend a seminar <u>and</u> at least 2 workshops in the 3 year cycle or a workshop every year as detailed in rule 12.18 and 12.19) – it is recommended that judges attend some judge education every year
12.13.1 (e)	Young Horse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in combination, at least 15 horses (minimum of 6 horses in the 4-year-old competition) must be judged over the 3 4 age groups in the practical exam
12.14.2	Fast Track Scheme	All candidates are required to attend the relevant required seminar and complete and pass their current General ORBT before commencing their shadow judging. Once completed candidates will be accredited at G F level and placed on the judges' list. Candidates can then continue completing the remaining pre-requisites at their intended level. However, if the fast-track candidate has not upgraded to the approved level of E or D within 24 months, the candidate will be removed from the judges list.
12.14.3 (e)	To enter at E (Elementary) level	e) once accredited at G F level, candidates must judge at least one competition at Official Preliminary Level and at least one Official competition at Novice level (may be Competitive, Participant, Eventing, Pony Club or equivalent)
12.14.4	To enter at D (Medium) level	e) once accredited at G F level, candidates must judge at least one competition at Official Preliminary Level and at least one Official competition at Novice level (may be Competitive, Participant, Eventing, Pony Club or equivalent)

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12.16	Payment to Judge Educators and/or Mentors	<p>Refer to Annex I – Payment for Officials – for current per diem</p> <p>The following fees are payable to by the SDA to Judge Educators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a minimum \$300 for 1 day; or if longer than 2 days then the fee to be negotiated for the conduct of judges' seminar b) a minimum \$30 per candidate for the marking of all levels of theory papers F to A incl Young Horse c) a minimum \$75 per candidate undertaking a practical exam where the OC provides all results on a spreadsheet. If the OC is unable to provide this assistance, there will be a cost involved to cover the additional work done by the JE at \$50 per hour per candidate – maximum \$150 per candidate d) minimum \$50 per candidate for the assessing of Young Horse practical exam e) in addition to the above, where the Judge Educator is driving to the fixture they may claim mileage at 68c per km for the round trip to a maximum of \$300 f) \$30 per candidate for each shadow judging session g) when a rider, who is also an accredited judge, has entered to compete at an event and subsequently is asked to judge at the same event, the usual practice shall be that the rider/judge is paid the judging honorarium only, but not the travel money- h) judge protocol session – the current hourly rate for judging or a maximum of \$300 per day or an amount determined by prior arrangement is recommended
12.17.2	Appointment of Mentors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) all Mentors must be current accredited judges b) SDAs may invite suitably-qualified A, B, or C or D level judges or suitably-experienced retired judges to be Mentors. Existing D level judges shall maintain their accreditation as a Mentor c) the EADOC, on recommendation from the SDA, will be responsible for appointing Mentors and the names of suitable candidates are to be forwarded to the EADJC EADOC for final approval before being placed on the official list d) all judges being recommended for appointment by the EADJC as a Mentor must have attended an approved Mentors Course prior to being recommended appointed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o this course will count as a workshop in any 3 year re-accreditation period <p>NOTE: Completion of Skill Specific Trainer or Assessor (SSTA) or Coach Educator (CE) qualification as a coach meets this criterion, along with any judge who has a teaching qualification or has a current Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) mentors will be required to attend a Mentor Course during each re-accreditation period (every 3 years) – such attendance will be counted as one of the compulsory workshops required – such workshop may be held virtually or face to face f) mentors will be reviewed, in consultation with the relevant SDA, every 3 years g) the EADOC provides (through the SDAs and EA National office) appropriate education on how to interact and impart their knowledge to candidates and others h) the names of the candidates should be sent to the EADOC for final approval before being placed on the official list i) if the candidate is a retired judge then they must keep themselves refreshed through attending dressage educational activities and attend a seminar at their previous judging level, as well as completing the ORBT with at least 90% every 3 years at re-accreditation time

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112.17.3 (b)	Ways for a candidate to shadow judge	<p>(See Annex I – Dressage Shadow Judging – Procedures for Candidates and Clubs</p> <p>a) candidates must obtain approval from the Judge Educator/Mentor judge prior to the competition</p> <p>b) a candidate can judge a Competitive, Participation, Restricted, or Eventing, or Interschool competition in an unofficial capacity. Pony club competitions can also be used provided current EA Dressage tests are used – see below restriction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only 1 Eventing, Interschool or Pony Club shadow judging assessment is permitted
12.17.4 (h)	Ways for a candidate to do assessed sit-ins	<p>h) tutoring/mentoring may take place from outside the competition arena e.g., in a quiet place in the stands. For an upgrading/assessed sit-in the following applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ must take place with a Judge Educator or approved Mentor applicable to their level ○ no more than 2 candidates at a time ○ each candidate to propose marks for a minimum of 6 horses i.e., need at least 12 horses in the competition if there are 2 candidates ○ sit-in assessment form to be completed for each candidate
12.18	Judges Seminars	<p>Additionally:</p> <p>a) ideally a seminar is to cover no more than two national levels</p> <p>b) seminars covering 3 levels – F/E/D – will only be considered in regional areas. The approval of the EADJC EADOC is required on recommendation from the SDA. Current G-level judges can attend to maintain their accreditation. An F/E/D seminar is not to be used for trainee judges upgrading to G. G candidate judges must attend a G or G/F seminar to become accredited</p> <p>c) a seminar must be of at least one day duration should be a minimum of 5-6 hours duration. If the generic and technical theory sessions are all delivered prior to the practical session, then this could be reduced to 3-4 hours</p> <p>d) for upgrading or reaccreditation purposes the judge must be in attendance for the entire duration of the seminar and be an active participant</p> <p>e) a seminar must include (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generic concepts such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊖ basic principles to be adhered to when judging, including eventing ⊖ the role of EA Generic Unit 1 ⊖ communication & conflict resolution – Generic unit 2 ⊖ safety & risk management – Generic unit 3 ⊖ ethical issues – Generic unit 4 ⊖ horse welfare – Generic unit 5

NOTE: These generic concept units can be delivered online from 2021 in three ways:

- online, either by the individual judge doing the modules in the comfort of their home

(**N.B.** this option not available to G and F seminars); or

- via an online meeting platform session with a JE; or

- at the practical seminar

- technical theory related to the basic training scale principles for the level of the seminar

- the technical theory content, which must be interactive, can also be delivered online for all levels; and

- can be undertaken at a separate time

- be of at least 2-3 hours duration

- ~~• rules and protocol, including eventing~~

- ~~• discussion of paces~~

- explaining the collective mark(s)

- ~~• explaining the collective marks~~

- practical judging training, which usually involves individual movements and may also involve whole tests with suitable horses

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- any updates relevant to the level of seminar

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f) online delivery of seminars for D level and above, for one seminar during a reaccreditation period is offered as a delivery option when special circumstances dictate that a face-to-face session is not possible. This will be in consultation with the EADJC EADOC

g) videos-DVD's may be used only as an **additional** aspect of teaching or for assessment

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12.20	Judges Workshops	<p>a) workshops are to be conducted by a Judge Educator, A or B level Mentor or other person approved by the EADJC EADOC on recommendation from the SDA using material in consultation with the EADJC EADOC for consistency of content</p> <p>b) face to face workshops may be held on varying subjects and may be of less than one day in duration (e.g. 2–3 hours or more). Subjects are limitless and may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • types of competitions such as freestyles, young horse or pony dressage • rules and procedures • sport science • judge/trainer/rider interaction at all levels • generic Units 1 to 5 <p>c) workshops may also be delivered online as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • material to be in consultation with the EADOC for consistency of content • must be of at least one hour duration • must be interactive • the JSC may restrict numbers attending <p>d) where the workshop is in relation to Para Equestrian the Para Judge Educator conducting the workshop must also be a PE judge</p> <p>e) where the workshop is in relation to Young horses the Judge Educator conducting the workshop must also be a YH Judge Educator</p>
12.24 (h)		<p>h) judges upgrading between F and C – candidates are required to judge 5 Official EA competitions, at their current level – this does not include Eventing Dressage. The minimum number of horses to be judged overall is 24 horses. This judging must be completed BEFORE commencing any of the pre-requisites to upgrade (G level judges upgrading to F can also include Participant and Restricted competitions)</p>
12.24.3 (d)		<p>d) as an option, a JSC may seek approval from the EADOC for the Examining Judge to be separate from the judging panel, but they must be positioned on the side of the arena</p>
Annex F.16	Role of stewards	<p>A maximum duration of pre-competition warm-up of one hour is the standard; riders require permission from the Chief Steward (which will be granted only in exceptional circumstances) to extend a training session beyond one hour. The training session must include relaxation periods. They do not include walking on a loose rein, to or from stables, or for exercise prior to or post-test warmup. Riders are also reminded that post-test repetition of movements may not exceed 10 minutes.</p> <p>NOTE: Chief Steward in consultation with OC may reduce maximum duration due to welfare of horse e.g., extreme weather conditions</p>

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GF 8.2.4	Other Scoring Issues	<p>Particularly when using electronic scoring, apparent errors may occur on a score sheet (e.g., a “1” awarded by C Judge and “7” awarded by B judge for same movement) and may not be noted by various checks within formal posting considerations for placings.</p> <p>In this instance, a rider may request a change to the score providing contact is made with OC or Event Secretary within 24 hours of the last test. In consultation with the Judge, the score may be rectified. This will not affect placings, but riders may use the updated result as a qualifying score.</p>
Throughout the document		EAJDC (EA Dressage Judges Committee) has been changed to EADOC (EA Dressage Officials Committee)