



Rule Changes

Equestrian Australia Jumping Committee

The following Jumping rule changes become effective 1 January 2022

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
EA National Jumping Rules Article 256	Dress, Protective Headgear and Salute	Helmet Tagging be compulsory for all EA Affiliated Jumping events effective 1 January 2022 with a phase in period commencing as soon as practicable in 2021	Article 256 – Dress, Protective Headgear and Salute addition to 1.4 All Athletes must wear properly fastened Protective Headgear whenever mounted at an EA or FEI event in Australia. "Protective Headgear" is a helmet that: i. meets one of the current approved safety standards set out in Article 122 Equestrian Australia General Regulations; and ii. is tagged with a current visible EA 'helmet tag' (Effective January 1st 2022) Failure to wear such Protective Headgear where and when required after being notified to do so by an Official, shall result in a Recorded Warning or Yellow Warning card being issued to the athlete unless exceptional circumstances apply.

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EA National Jumping Rules Article 259.4	Stewards EA	<p>This proposed rule change was discussed at length by the EAJC, EAJC Stewards and Judges working groups, and the State Jumping Committees. The proposed rule change was suggested as a tool to combat the presenting issue of riders demonstrating bad and unethical riding behaviors and standards specifically relating to horse welfare. The EAJC noted that to combat this issue Stewards in the sport needed to be active in their roles as having more Stewards in the sport would not necessarily stop the issue from presenting if the Stewards were not actioning the issue when it occurs. The EAJC agreed that the best way to deter the behaviors occurring was for Officials and Stewards to enforce the rules that are in place now for these situations, as then the incidents would be managed and reduce future occurrences. The EAJC also noted that more education needed to be provided to Stewards to equip them with knowledge to action the incidents.</p>	<p>Article 259.4 - Stewards EA: Where possible the schooling area(s) should be supervised by a Steward when in use. Events Competitions with total prizemoney over \$30,000 \$10,000 in cash or kind at any EA affiliated event are to have: - a minimum of one National Steward present, for the duration of the show one steward at least must always be present whenever the warmup/schooling arena(s) are in use for the competition that the \$10,000 or over prizemoney is applicable to, to ensure that the rules are observed - It is preferable that a National Steward is in attendance for the duration of the event in the warmup/schooling arena(s) to ensure that the rules are observed</p> <p><u>NOTE: Effective 1 JULY 2022</u></p>

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EA National Jumping Rules Article 275	EA Futurity, Stars of the Future and Future Stars classes	<p>As a result of lockdowns in various states across Australia, and the subsequent cancellation of events over the past 18 months and continuing, many horses that would have qualified as Futurity horses will now be too old for those classes. While this is not true for all states, both VIC and NSW have had extended lockdown and many major national events have been cancelled, meaning many of those horses may not have had the runs to jump straight into mini prix classes. This is particularly important because the majority of larger shows do not cater for horses at the 1.20m-1.30m level that do not qualify for Futurity classes.</p>	<p>Article 275 – EA Futurity, Stars of the Future and Future Stars classes No class can be called a Futurity, Stars of the Future, Future Stars unless it meets the following criteria.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The height is a recommendation depending on the ground, could be 1.25/1.30m first round. Jump off at 1.40m. Width: round 1 maximum of 1.50m, triple bar 1.70m; jump off 10cms more. 2. recommendation – a Liverpool is included 3. For Horses that are 6yrs, 7yrs or 8yrs from the date of birth at the time of competition, there is no point restriction. For the calendar year 2022 horses that are 9yrs from the date of birth at the time of competition may compete.