



Rule Changes

Equestrian Australia Jumping Committee

The following Jumping rule changes become effective 1 January 2023

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
Art 201 4.5	Arena, Schooling Areas and Practice Obstacles	Making the rule reference more clear	4.5 For Competitions where the maximum obstacle height is 1.40m or less, the obstacles in the practice arena may not exceed in height and width 10 cm more than the actual maximum height and width of the obstacles of the competition in progress. If the obstacle height of the Competition in progress is greater than 1.40m, the obstacles in the practice arena may not exceed 1.65 m in height and 1.80 m in width. This paragraph is applicable to all Categories except for Pony Riders; refer to FEI JR's Annex XI, Art. 17 for the maximum height and width of obstacles in the practice arena at Pony Jumping Events.
Art 208 3.	Obstacles General	Update and correction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sponsored Obstacles (refer to FEI rules 208.3) 2. Maximum Height of Obstacles (refer to FEI rules 208.4) 3. Under no circumstances, except in Six Bar and Puisseance and in Power and Skill Competitions may any obstacle exceed 1.70 m in height. Spread obstacles must not exceed 2m in spread with the exception of triple bars, which may have a maximum spread of 2.20 m. This applies also in the case of one or of several jump-offs. The water jump may not exceed FEI: 4.00m, 4. EA 3.60 m in spread including the take-off element.
Art 210	Spread Obstacles	Amendment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A spread obstacle is an obstacle, which is built in such a manner that it requires an effort both in spread and in height. FEI approved safety cups must be used as support for the back pole of spread obstacles and in case of a triple-bar to support the centre and back poles of the obstacle. The maximum depth of the safety cups for the top back pole of a spread obstacle is 18 mm; safety cups used for the centre poles of a triple bar or for lower poles of other obstacles may have a maximum depth of 20 mm. EA: As of 1 January 2024, the maximum depth of the safety cups for the top back pole of a spread obstacle is 18 mm; safety cups used for the centre poles of a triple bar or for lower poles of other obstacles may have a maximum depth of 20 mm. FEI approved safety cups must be used in the Competition arena and schooling areas. exercise-area.

Art 224	Falls	updated	<p>4.EA: In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse at any time in the Competition arena, in the practice arena or elsewhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete and/or the Horse must be checked and cleared by the Event's medical service, respectively the and/or Veterinary Delegate (or a vet attending the event or in their absence the officiating Judge), before remounting and/or taking part in any further competitions at the event. before the Athlete and/or the Horse may be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event, according to the provisions outlined in paragraphs 4.1 – 4.3 below.</p>
Art 234	Speed	1.1 FEI Rule change, 1.1.1. National Clarification	<p>1.1-350 325 m per minute minimum and 400 m per minute maximum. In indoor arenas the speed may be reduced to 325 m per minute; the speed may also be reduced to 325 m per minute in outdoor arenas providing it is stated in the Schedule.</p> <p>1.1.1. EA: Competitions with a maximum height less than 1.05m in the first round to be conducted at a speed of 325m per minute. Competitions with a height of 1.05m up to and including 1.30m in the first round to be conducted at a speed of 350m per minute. Competitions above 1.30m in the first round to be conducted at 375m per minute outdoors; 350m per minute indoors the speed may also be reduced to 325m per minute in indoor arenas providing it is stated in the Schedule.</p>
Chapter 7 Art 240 2.12 & 3.	Yellow Warning cards	Updates and corrections	<p>2.12. an Athlete who does not follow orders or shows incorrect behaviour towards Event Officials or any other party connected with the Event (other Athlete, Organising Committee, FEI/EA employee or representative, journalist, public etc).</p> <p>2.13. an Athlete who repeats offences after a warning;</p> <p>3. In cases of offences mentioned in paragraphs article 169 6.2 and 6.3 of the EA General Regulations and which are of a less serious nature, any Official as defined designated in the relevant Sport Discipline Rules for the purpose of awarding a Yellow Warning Card, may award a Yellow Warning Card to the Person Responsible. The Official who awards the Yellow Warning Card must notify the Person Responsible, the Ground Jury and the EA CEO of the Yellow Warning Card as soon as possible. The Yellow Warning Card is to be delivered personally during the Period of the Event. If for any reason that is not possible, then the Yellow Warning Card must be provided to the Person Responsible within fourteen (14) days by mail or email or other suitable means. A Yellow Warning Card may be issued in addition to any other sanction(s) that may be issued in accordance with these GRs and/or the relevant Sport Rules.</p> <p>Should the same Person Responsible receive one (1) more Yellow Warning Card at the same or any other International or National Event within one (1) year (12 months) of the delivery of the first Yellow Warning Card for the same any offence, the Person Responsible shall automatically be suspended for a period of two (2) months after official notification from or on behalf of, the EA CEO. The start date of the suspension shall be decided in accordance with the FEI and EA General Regulations and confirmed in the notification.</p>




			<p><i>In the case of Athletes under the age of 18 years, a Parent/Guardian must be present when personally delivering the Yellow Warning Card or Official Warning</i></p> <p><i>The EA Official will advise their State Branch and or State Jumping Committee of the issue of ALL Yellow Warning Cards and the reasons for the issue within 48 hours of the Event.</i></p> <p><i>The State Branch of the EA and or the State Jumping Committee, shall as soon as possible advise the National Office, who will advise the Athlete of the official recording of the Yellow Card offence.</i></p> <p><i>Should the same Person Responsible receive one (1) more Yellow Warning Card at the same or any other International or National Event within one (1) year (12 months) of the delivery of the first Yellow Warning Card for the same any offence, the Person Responsible shall automatically be suspended for a period of two (2) months after official notification from or on behalf of, the EA CEO. The start date of the suspension shall be decided in accordance with the FEI and EA General Regulations and confirmed in the notification.</i></p> <p><i>Yellow Warning Cards received at both International and National events will be taken into account.</i></p>
<p>Art 241 2.</p> <p>4.</p>	<p>Eliminations</p>	<p>Clarify</p> <p>FEI Rule Change</p>	<p>2. The Athlete has the right to one attempt to jump one single obstacle, after retiring or after being eliminated, providing that obstacle is part of the course of the current Competition. This however does not apply to Elimination arising from a fall.</p> <p>4. <u>President of the Ground Jury (or in the absence of the President of the Ground Jury from the Ground Jury box, the Ground Jury Member designated by the President of the Ground Jury to take over the running of the Competition in their absence) may, in their sole discretion, ring the bell (or instruct another Ground Jury member to ring the bell) to eliminate an Athlete/Horse combination while a round is ongoing if the President of the Ground Jury (or their designee) decides that it would be contrary to the principles of horse welfare to allow the combination to continue the round. The decision to eliminate is final and not subject to appeal or protest.</u></p>
<p>Chapter 10</p> <p>Art 251 5.4</p>	<p>EA Entries</p>	<p>Further clarification</p>	<p>5.4 <i>The Owner, Athlete and Horse must meet the membership requirements as set out in the EA General Regulations Art 100, Art 113, Art 139</i></p>
<p>Art 254</p>	<p>EA Participation , Age and Number of</p>	<p>Further clarification & wording adjustment</p>	<p><i>Age of Horses</i></p> <p>1. <i>Horses entered in any Jumping Events in Australia must be aged at least 4 years. The age is to be calculated as per the Horse's date of birth. If there is an age group series the calculation of the age is to be determined at the start of the series for the</i></p>

	horses		<i>duration.</i>
Art 255 2. & 3.	EA Amateur Riders, Juniors, Children and Young Riders	Adjustment	<p>2 Juniors: Athletes can take part in Competitions for Juniors <i>from the calendar year they turn 12</i> until the end of the calendar year, in which they reach the age of 18 years</p> <p>3 Children: An Athlete may compete in Children's classes <i>from the calendar year they turn 12</i> until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 14 years old.</p>
Art 256 1. Dress 1.1 1.5	Dress, Protective Headgear, Artificial Aids and Salute	Rewording/clarification Update from FEI rules	<p>1.1 Athletes are required to wear correct dress when appearing before spectators and are required to dress in accordance with article 256 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 paragraph 2, 3 or 4 of this article when they are competing or during the presentation of prizes.</p> <p>1.5. 1.5 Athletes are required to wear the uniform or dress approved by their National Federation, a jacket, white or light fawn breeches, black or brown boots. Other dark coloured boots may be approved at the discretion of the FEI (<i>EA: discretion of EA</i>); boots may have one contrasting colour only, around the top, heel and/or toe. Boots must have a heel. Shirts may have long or short sleeves and must have a predominately white collar; long-sleeved shirts must have white cuffs. A white tie or choker (<i>EA: ratcatcher</i>) must be worn. Competition jackets may be any colour and must have outward facing buttons. If the jacket has a collar it must be a lapel collar which may be the same colour as the jacket or a different colour. Piping of any colour is allowed around the collar only. (EA: Piping of any colour is allowed on the jacket (not just on the collar). Jackets without a collar are allowed providing the shirt collar and tie are visible when the jacket is closed. If a jacket is not worn (refer to Art. 256.1.3 for exceptions due to weather), shirts must have sleeves; either short or long sleeves are permitted.</p>
Art 257	Saddlery	Clarification	2.5 EA: At all EA Events, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used: 2.5.1 Boots as described in Article 257 2.4
Art 259.5	Code of Conduct & Conflict of Interest	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Not compete in any classes at 1.30m or over at any Event at which I am an Official and only compete in classes under 1.30m with written approval from the relevant State Jumping Committee</i>
275 3.	EA Futurity, Stars of the Future and Future Stars classes 3.	Change/allowance for 2023 due to covid in previous years	3. <i>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 years 2023 2021-2022 horses that are 9yrs from the date of birth at the time of competition may compete.</i>

<p>Art 276 2.3</p>	<p>Competition with Winning Round 2.3</p>	<p>FEI Rule update</p>	<p>2.3 Both rounds are judged under Table A against the clock. For exceeding the time allowed in the winning round Athletes are penalised with one penalty point for every four seconds commenced</p>
<p>Art 282</p>	<p>ATHLETES AND HORSES</p>	<p>Performance cards have now been removed from the EA National Jumping Rules as voted on & passed by the EAJC and the SDC</p>	<p><i>Athletes, owners and Horses must meet the requirements set out in the EA General Regulations as per the type and level of Competition they are participating in. Full Horse registration will automatically give the Horse an official points total, a Competition name and a Competition number.</i></p> <p><i>It is the Athlete's responsibility to have the Horse's identity papers and Competition licenses at all Events where they are competing. The Judge or their representative can request an Athlete to produce these at any Event where the Horse is competing. Where a Horse is placed in a Competition the Horse's Competition license must be presented to the Judge at the prize giving ceremony.</i></p> <p><i>Horse Competition Licenses must be returned to the relevant State Office at annual renewal time to be validated by the State Office against the database.</i></p>
<p>Art 283 3.Competition License</p>	<p>EA Points System for Jumping Horses Competitions which count for points</p>	<p>Performance cards have now been removed from the EA National Jumping Rules as voted & passed on by the EJC and the SDC</p>	<p>3. Competitions which count for points</p> <p><i>All Competitions, 1.05 metres and above with 15 or more Horses and which carry a total of \$200 or more in prize money and or goods, excluding trophies advertised in the Schedule, will count for points with exceptions of Art.283.4.</i></p> <p><i>This includes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 All Table A competitions under Art. 238 both against and not against the clock; 3.2 Competitions for Young Riders 3.3 Competitions for Amateurs 3.4 Competitions for Young Horses 3.5 Competitions judged under Table C Art. 239 3.6 Competitions judged under Art. 238 2.2 and Art 245.3 3.7 Grand Prix Competitions Art. 261 3.8 Accumulator Competition Art. 269 3.9 All Competitions judged under Art. 273 3.10 All Competitions judged under Art. 274 3.11 Competition with Winning Round Art. 276 3.12 Derby Art. 277 <p><i>An exception to the above: Competitions 1.05 metres and above with less than 15 Athletes or prize money less than \$200. Athletes placed in the top three may elect at the time of the presentation to receive the allocated points. The decision to take this option must be made at the Competition and be communicated to the Judge, who will mark the results sheet that is sent to the EA office so that the office can allocate the correct points to the Horse.</i></p> <p><i>Athletes or owners may elect to take 1 point if a Horse jumps two clear rounds The decision to take this option must be made at the Competition and be communicated to the Judge. who will mark the performance card with a circled numeral "1" and must initial the entry. The Judge should then record this decision on the results sheet that is sent to the EA office so that the Office can allocate the correct points to the Horse.</i></p> <p><i>This rule applies to official classes that are conducted under Table A rules.</i></p>

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<p>Chapter 14 14.5</p>	<p>Eligibility 5.1</p>	<p>Update/clarification</p>	<p>5.1 Child Athlete: An Athlete is eligible for the Children's Championships from the commencement of the year of their 12th birthday until the end of the year of their 14th year.</p>

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Annex V OFFICIALS	Requirements to attain and maintain Jumping Course Designer accreditation	Updated; Lvl 2, 1, Preliminary	Level 2 National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current EA Member • Be a currently registered EA Level 1 Jumping CD for minimum 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an EA Jumping CD Level 2 over 2 days in the previous three years • Pass EA Jumping CD exam requirements for Level 2 • Obtain a score of 6.5 or above on course plans prepared at the course • Nominated by two CDs of EA Level 3 or FEI Level 2 or higher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officiated as a Level 1 CD at a minimum of six EA Jumping Events in the previous three years • Worked as an assistant on at four separate EA Jumping events (one of which must be of at least two days duration) for a minimum of 6 days total with two different Level 3 or higher CD's previous three-two years. • Submit Course Plans from 2 events where they have officiated at and Log Books to their State Jumping Committee. The SJC obtain feedback from 2 riders at these events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the first day of a CD Update or Refresher Clinic or Course once every three years • Draw a satisfactory course plan at this clinic and achieve a score of 6.5 or above • Meet re-accreditation requirements set by EA
			Level 1 National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current EA Member • Be at least 18 years • Be currently registered as a preliminary Course Designer for at least 1 year Or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competed in six shows annually at 1.30m or above for the last 4 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend EA CD Level 1 Course over two days, in the previous three years • Pass EA Jumping CD exam requirements for Level 1 • Obtain a score of 6 or above on course plans prepared at the course • Nominated by two CD of EA Level 2 or higher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competed in six shows annually at 1.30m or above for the last four years OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted 3 different EA Level 2 or higher CD's on at least 6 occasions at EA/FEI Jumping Events-competitions in previous three years Worked as an assistant at four separate EA Jumping events for a minimum of 6 days in total with two different Level 2 or higher CD's in previous two years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the first day of a CD Update or Refresher Clinic or Course once every three years • Draw a satisfactory course plan at this clinic and achieve a score of 6 or above • Meet re-accreditation requirements set by EA
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Judge Level	Initial Requirements	Theory Requirements	Practical Requirements	To Maintain Accreditation
FEI Level 2 - 4	Refer to FEI promotion Education requirements FEI Level 2 Course Candidates must be current EA Level 3 Judge (must have passed EAL3 course since 2016) to be eligible to attend a FEI Level 2 course			
FEI Level 1	Candidates must be a current EA Level 3 Judge (must have passed EA L3 course since 2016) to be put forward by NF to the FEI to meet extra requirements under the FEI Equivalency system			
Level 3 National (equivalent to FEI Level 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current EA Member Be a currently registered EA Level 2 Jumping Judge for minimum 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an EA Level 3 Judges Course in the previous three years At Clinic pass theory exam 80% Attend an EA/FEI Jumping Course Designer Course in the previous three years Attend ad EA/FEI Steward course in the previous 3 years Nominated by two Judges of FEI Level 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officiated as a Level 2 Judge at a minimum of six EA events in the previous two years; Worked as an assistant at two separate EA/FEI events with two different FEI Level 2 Judges or higher, in the previous two years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an EA Judges Update or Refresher Course once every three years Meet reaccreditation requirements set by EA
Level 2 National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current EA Member Be a currently registered EA Level 1 Jumping Judge for minimum 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an EA Level 2 Judges Course in the previous three years At the clinic pass theory exam 80% Nominated by two Judges of EA Level 3 or higher with written references 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officiated as a Level 1 Judge at a minimum of six EA events in the previous two years Worked as an assistant on two separate EA/FEI events (one of which must be of at least two days duration) with two different Level 3 or higher Judges previous 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an EA Judges Update or Refresher Course once every three years Meet reaccreditation requirements set by EA
Level 1 National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current EA Member Be at least 18 years Preliminary Judge (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend EA Level 1 Judges Course over two days in the previous three years Pass EA Jumping Judge ORBT with 85% Nominated by two Judges of EA Level 2 or higher with written references Complete AIS Community Officiating Principles Course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competed in six shows annually for the last four years OR Assisted as a Judge on at least four occasions in previous 2 years with a EA Level 2 or higher Judge at EA or FEI Show Jumping events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an EA Judges Update or Refresher Course once every three years Meet reaccreditation requirements set by EA
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