



Rule Changes

Equestrian Australia Jumping Committee

The following Jumping rule changes become effective 1 January 2025

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
201	Number of horses in the arena at once	To make it clearer that up to three horses may be in the arena at once	<i>At the discretion of the Organising Committee and under the direct supervision of the steward and/or judge at the next Horse may enter the competition arena while the preceding Horse and Athlete combination is still completing their round <u>and the previous combination is leaving the arena.</u></i>
201	Elimination for distracting a combination on course	Change of article numbering	<i>EA: Athletes distracting the Athlete /combination on course may be eliminated at the discretion of the judge (see JRs Art. 241-4.6<u>5.6</u>)</i>
241.5.6	Elimination for distracting a combination on course	This rule was deleted from Eliminations by mistake a year or two ago when it was 241.4.6 and needs to be re-inserted into the newly numbered section now Art 241.5.6. The matter is referenced in Art 201 so needs to be qualified under Eliminations which are left to the discretion of the Ground Jury.	<u>5.6 An Athlete entering the Competition arena and distracting the Athlete/Horse on course during a Competition.</u>
238.5.2	Optimum Time with Jump Off	Add new guidelines for Optimum Time Classes.	Optimum Time Classes Classes are scored on Faults under Table A, however, all ties are broken on the basis of Optimum Time.

			<p>1. Optimum Time in First Round</p> <p>The first round is decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. In the case of equality of faults, ties will be broken on the following basis: an “Optimum Time” (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan; the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc.</p> <p>2. Optimum Time in First Jump-Off</p> <p>a. The first round and first jump-off are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. In case of equality of faults, ties will be broken on the following basis: an “Optimum Time” (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan; the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc.</p> <p>b. The first round and first jump-off are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clear in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. In case of a fall of a Rider and/or Horse after crossing the finish line of the first round, the Rider/Horse combination may not continue to the jump-off, and will be placed according to their Score in the first round. A competitor who leaves the arena after a clear round (before or after the tone) will be considered to have withdrawn from the jump-off. In the case of equality of faults in the jump-off, ties will be broken on the following basis: an “Optimum Time” (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan; the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc. If there are no clear rounds and a tie exists, the results will be determined by the scores and time from that round. It is recommended that no more than twelve numbered obstacles be included in the first round when the class is scored under this table.</p> <p>c. Special Two Phase Competitions - The first phase to consist of 5 to 7 jumping efforts and the second phase of 4 to 6 jumping efforts. Placing will be according to the aggregate penalties in both phases In the case of equality of faults, ties will be broken on the following basis: an “Optimum Time” (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the second phase.) will be posted on the course plan; the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) in the second phase will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc.</p> <p>Athletes who are eliminated or retire from either the first or second phase will not be placed.</p>
257.2	Saddlery – Tack inc Hind Boots	To update with the FEI Jumping Rules regarding tack covering numbering,	<p>2.45 EA: At all EA Events, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:</p> <p>1. <u>2.4.1</u> Boots as described in Article 257 2.4</p> <p>2. <u>2.4.2</u> Boots that have a protective rounded element on the inside_{only}, and boots with a rounded protective element on the inside and outside, that is, double-shell boots that wrap around the back of the</p>

setting out and to include the FEI TackApp

fetlock, are permitted providing they meet the following criteria:

All boots must be designed in such a way that both sides can be bent to fit around the Horse's leg without effort. For double-shell boots specifically, the boots must be pre-moulded to the shape of a horse's fetlock, i.e. the boot must be pre-moulded in a "U" shape, in such a way that the boot naturally wraps around the fetlock. Double shell boots that require the fastener(s) to be attached to permit the boot to wrap around the fetlock are not permitted. The boot must have a maximum length of 20 centimeters at its longest point. Hind boots with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boot or on both sides of the boot are allowed providing the protection is made of soft pliable material. The pastern protection that extends below the rounded shell on the inside is not taken into account when measuring the length of the boot (refer to the FEI [Tack App](#) and Jumping Stewards' Manual Annexes for instructions on how to measure the length of the boot correctly).

The rounded protective part of the boot must be placed around the fetlock. (For boots with a protective element on one side only, the protective element must be placed around the inside of the fetlock).

The inside of the boot must be non-abrasive, and smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

The boot may have no more than of two fasteners. Only the following types of fasteners are permitted:

Velcro-type fasteners:

- Each strap must:
 - Have a Velcro or Velcro-type fastening system
 - Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm if there are two straps or
 - Have a minimum width of 5 cm if there is only one strap
- For boots with a protective element only on the inside of the fetlock, straps may be elastic or non-elastic
- For double-shell boots, the straps must be elastic



Stud-type fasteners:

- Each strap must:
 - Be made of elastic
 - Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm



- Have holes that fit over a stud on the boot

Hook-type fasteners:

- Each strap must:
 - Be made of elastic
 - Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm
 - Have a hook at the end that fits into an “eyelet” on the boot



The inside surface of the fastener that is in direct or indirect contact with the horse’s skin must be non-abrasive. All fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the ~~fastener~~ strap must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the fastening component of the other side of the boot but must not wrap around the entire boot. Velcro-type fasteners may be secured with another Velcro-type strap extending vertically over the fastener where it is attached to the fastening component (for examples, refer to ~~FEO Jumping Stewards’ Manual~~ [FEI Tack App, Stewards’ Manual and Annexes](#)). No mechanism that allows the fastener to double back on itself or that allows leverage of any kind to be applied to the fastener is permitted.

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself. The use of Vet Wrap or similar lightweight bandaging material under hind boots is permitted; when possible it should be applied in the presence of the Steward. A member of the Stewarding team has the right at any time to require the Vet Wrap/bandaging material to be removed and re-applied in their presence.

Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes only providing they are properly adjusted and loose, and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse’s leg does not exceed 500 grams under any circumstances, including when the equipment is wet (see JRs 257.2.3). Pastern bands may ~~not~~ be used around the pastern providing they are not overtightened.

2.4.3 EA: For ALL Jumping Competitions for young horses (four, five, six, seven and eight year old Horses) including horses eligible under Article 275:

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn at all Young Horses Competitions:

- Hind boots that have a rounded protective element on the inside only are the only type of hind boot allowed. The boot must have a maximum interior length of 16 centimetres; the width of the fastener must be at least five centimetres. Hind boots with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boot are allowed providing the protection is made of soft pliable material. The pastern protection that extends below the

rounded shell on the inside is not taken into account when measuring the length of the boot. (refer to FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual on the FEI website for photographs).

- Boots must be designed in such a way that both sides can be bent to fit around the Horse's leg without effort. The rounded protective element of the boot must be placed around the inside of the fetlock.
- The inside of the boot must be non-abrasive and smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points, i.e. there may be no pads or blocks under the lining, on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.
- Only non-elastic Velcro-type fasteners are permitted; no hooks, buckles, clips or other methods of attaching the fasteners may be used. The inside surface of the fastener that is in direct or indirect contact with the horse's skin must be non-abrasive. The fastener must be one-directional, that is, the strap must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the fastening component on the other side of the boot but must not wrap around the entire boot. The fastener may be secured with another Velcro-type strap extending vertically over the fastener where it is attached to the fastening component (for examples, refer to the FEI TackApp, FEI Veterinary Regulations, Jumping Stewards' Manual and Annexes).
- No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself. The use of Vet Wrap or similar lightweight bandaging material under hind boots is permitted; when possible it should be applied in the presence of the Steward. A member of the Stewarding team has the right at any time to require the VetWrap/bandaging material to be removed and re-applied in his/her presence.
- Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and loose, and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams under any circumstances, including when the equipment is wet (see JRs 257.2.3). Pastern bands may be used around the pastern providing they are not overtightened.
- EA: Any hind leg protections that are found to be over tensioned to the point of being cruel or detrimental to the Horse's welfare in the opinion of the Judge/Steward, may be penalised. Athletes shall remove and reapply boots that are suspected of being over tensioned at the Judge's or Steward's request at any time, at any show in Australia.

			<p>1. 2.56 Plastic shields that cover the horse's eyes (i.e. glasses or sunglasses for horses) are forbidden at any time when mounted or when exercising the Horse, including lunging. They may be used in the stable area and grazing areas.</p> <p>2. 2.67 The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden. For the use of tongue guards, see FEI VRs Art. 1035.4</p> <p>3. 2.78 Failure to comply with any of the provisions of Art. 257.2.1 – 257.2.6 in the Competition arena will incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.21).</p> <p><i>EA: Only hind boots as described in the FEI JRs Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5, may be used at all EA and FEI Jumping Events.</i></p> <p><i>Any hind leg protections that are found to be over tensioned to the point of being cruel or detrimental to the Horse's welfare in the opinion of the Judge/Steward, may be penalised. Athletes shall remove and reapply boots that are suspected of being over tensioned at the Judge's or Steward's request at any time, at any show in Australia.</i></p> <p><i>All other permitted saddlery, tack and guidelines as per FEI Stewards Jumping Manuals in the section for Senior Riders.</i></p> <p>4. 3. Advertising and Publicity on Saddlery and Equipment The requirements set forth in JR Art. 256.3 FEI Rules for Jumping Events apply with regard to restrictions on advertising on saddlery and equipment.</p> <p><u>4. Please also refer to the FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database or the FEI TackApp. For EA competitions, all other permitted saddlery, tack and guidelines is as per the FEI TackApp in the section for Senior Riders: NOT for FEI CSI(O)P (Ponies) or FEI CSI(O)Ch (Children). Also refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations or Stewards Jumping Manuals</u></p>
257.2	Tack	Update in line with FEI	2.2 Intentionally Blank — to align with FEI
276	Competition With Winning Round	Update in line with FEI	1.7 All three 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 4 seconds commenced.

Annex V	Officials	Clarification of requirements	Requirements to attain and maintain Jumping Course Designer accreditation					
			CD Level	Initial Requirements	Theory Requirements	Practical Requirements	To Maintain Accreditation	
			FEI Level 1-4	<p>Refer to FEI promotion requirements FEI Level 2 Course Candidates need to have completed 6 EA events at National Level as a CD in a minimum of 2 years and at a minimum height of 1.25m to be eligible to be put forward to a FEI Level 2 Course FEI Level 1 Course Candidates need to be a current EA Level 1 or above Course Designer to be eligible for considered to attend a FEI Level 1 Course. Priority will be given to highest EA accredited applicants</p>				
			Level 3 National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current EA Member • Be a currently registered EA Level 2 Jumping CD for minimum 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an EA Jumping CD Level 3 Course in the previous three years • Pass EA Jumping CD assessment requirements for Level 3 by Obtaining a score of 7 or above on course plans prepared at the course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officiated as a Level 2 CD at a minimum of eight EA Jumping events in the previous three years; • Worked as an assistant CD at four separate EA or FEI Jumping events with two different FEI Level 2 CD's or higher, in the previous three years • Submit Course Plans from 2 events where they have officiated at and Log Books to the L3 Course Director. The Course Director 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 7 or above • Meet re-accreditation requirements set by EA 	
			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 course over 2 days in the previous three years • Pass EA Jumping CD assessment requirements for Level 2 by • Obtaining a score of 6.5 or above on course plans prepared at the course • Endorsed* 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 at four separate EA Jumping events for a minimum of 6 days in total with two different Level 3 or higher CD's previous 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 	

			<p>Level 1 National</p> <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 <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competed in six <i>shows</i> annually at 1.30m or above for the last a <i>period of 4 years</i> <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current registered EA Level 2 Jumping Coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend EA CD Level 1 Course over two days, in the previous three years • Pass EA Jumping CD assessment requirements for Level 1 by • Obtaining a score of 6 or above on course plans prepared at the course <u>If using competition pathway need to score 6.5 or above on course plans prepared at the course.</u> • Endorsed* by two CD of EA Level 2 or higher • Complete <u>ASCIS Community Officiating Principles Essentials Skills</u> Course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competed in six shows <i>annually at 1.230m or above for the last four years-</i> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 2 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
			<p>Preliminary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current EA Member • Be at least 18 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an EA CD prelim Course over 2 days in the previous three years • Pass EA Jumping CD assessment requirements for Preliminary by Obtaining a score of 5.5 or above on course plans prepared at the course • Endorsed* by two CD of EA Level 2 or higher • Complete <u>ASCIS Community Officiating Principles Essentials Skills</u> Course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted 3 different EA Level 1 or higher CD on three occasions in previous three years at EA Jumping Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the first day of a CD Update or Refresher Clinic or Course once every three years
<p>*Endorsed – The person endorsing must have worked with the applicant in an active role as a course designer or assistant course designer and in their opinion as an EA Official the applicant is up to officiating at the required level of competency at their stage of learning.</p>						

<p>CHAPTER 14 - 14.3</p>	<p>Championship Divisions and Competition Format</p>	<p>Changes added to reflect the new classes introduced to the Australian Jumping Championships.</p>	<p>14.3 Championship Divisions and Competition Format</p> <p>4.1 The OC is required to conduct Championships for the following divisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Senior Jumping Championship. • Australian Young Rider Jumping Championship • Australian Junior Jumping Championship. • Australian Children’s Championship • National Teams Trophy. • Young Rider Teams • Junior Teams • Mini Prix Jumping Championship • Futurity Jumping Championship • Amateur Jumping Championship <p>4.2 The following rules are to be used for all Championship divisions and Teams Competitions.</p> <p>4.3 The Championship comprises Three Competitions, two Qualifying Competitions and a Final Competition, each taking place on a different day. For the Senior Australian Championship there must be a break of one day between the Second and Third Competitions. It is recommended that for the other Championships, that where possible, there is a break of one day between the Second and Third Competitions</p> <p style="color: red;">3.3.2 The following rules are to be used for Mini Prix, Futurity and Amateur divisions.</p> <p style="color: red;">3.3.3 Special Two-Phase Competition: The qualifying Competitions are to be run on 2 separate days. 50% or a minimum of the 20 best athletes will qualify for the final.</p> <p style="color: red;">3.3.4 Scratchings or withdrawals up to a maximum of 5 athletes may be replaced.</p> <p style="color: red;">3.3.5 Order of starting in the final is seeded, based on the placings in the qualifying competition.</p> <p style="color: red;">3.3.6 The qualifying competitions comprise of two phases run without interruption, each at an identical or different speed, the finishing line for the first phase being identical with the starting line for the second phase.</p> <p style="color: red;">3.3.7 The first phase is a course of five to seven obstacles with or without combinations. The total number of obstacles in both phases is a minimum of 11 and maximum of 13 obstacles. The second phase may include one combination.</p> <p style="color: red;">3.3.8 Athletes completing the first phase may continue in the second phase.</p> <p style="color: red;">3.3.9 The second phase finishes after crossing its finishing line.</p>
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3.3.10 This competition must be judged in accordance with the following formula:

First Phase

Table A

Not against the clock

Minimum 5 - Maximum 7 Obstacle

Second Phase

Table A

Against the clock

Remaining obstacles

(Total of minimum 11 and obstacles and maximum 13 obstacles in both phases)

Placing

According to the aggregate penalties in both phases (Faults on obstacles and penalties for exceeding the time allowed in both phases) and, if necessary, according to the time of the second phase.

3.3.11 Athletes who are eliminated, retire or do not finish, from either the first or second phase will not be placed.

3.3.12 In the event of equality for first place, the tied athletes will be placed equal first.

QUALIFICATION FOR FINAL

4.3.13 In order to fulfil the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Final (see JRs Art. 261.5) both phases of the Competition conducted according to Art. 274.2.5 must be completed.

4.3.14 inner of the **final competition** will be the **Australian Champion**.

4.4 The obstacle dimensions and speed of the competitions are to be advised in the Championship schedule. The maximum heights for the competitions are:

Division	First Qualifier	Second Qualifier	Final
Children	<u>1.05m</u>	<u>1.10m</u>	<u>1.15m</u>
Junior	<u>1.25m</u>	<u>1.30m</u>	<u>1.35m</u>
Young Rider	<u>1.35m</u>	<u>1.40m</u>	<u>1.45m</u>
Senior	<u>1.50m</u>	<u>1.55m</u>	<u>1.60m</u>
Mini Prix	<u>1.40m</u>	<u>1.45m</u>	<u>1.50m</u>
Futurity	<u>1.30m</u>	<u>1.35m</u>	<u>1.40m</u>
Amateur	<u>1.10m</u>	<u>1.15m</u>	<u>1.20m</u>

14.1.8	GENERAL	To assist with the smooth running of the Australian Championships	<p>14.1.8 All horses must have a bridle number.</p> <p>14.1.9 All horses in Championship classes are to be stabled on the ground at the event.</p> <p>14.1.10 All horses in Championship classes to be trot up at the start of the event.</p>
251.4	STARTS	Included for horse welfare	The same horse may be ridden by Senior, Young Rider, Junior or Child at the same event provided this is not restricted in the schedule. However, horses are restricted to two Competition starts per day unless the Schedule states that more are permitted. A maximum of 3 competition starts are allowed per day.
283	SCORING	Removed in 2023, have been re-instated into the rules	<i>For all competitions they officiate at, it is the responsibility of the Judge to forward correctly completed sheets or digitalised scores and results to the relevant Equestrian Australia State office within 14 days of the completion of the Event.</i>
282	ATHLETES AND HORSES	Removed in 2023, have been re-instated into the rules	<i>Where an Athlete or a Horse is found to be ineligible for the Competition, any prize money is to be forfeited. The Athlete will be reported to the EA.</i>
282	ATHLETES AND HORSES	Removed in 2023, have been re-instated into the rules	<i>Split Concurrent Height Competitions when more than one Competition is run within the same height Competition, horses will only be eligible to compete in one Competition section. To reduce the time required to run these Competitions, separate draws are recommended</i>