Rule Changes



Equestrian Australia Jumping Committee

The following Jumping rule changes become effective 1 January 2021

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
202	ACCESS TO THE ARENA AND PRACTICE OBSTACLE	Addition of reference to ensure clarity.	Article 202 ACCESS TO THE ARENA AND PRACTICE OBSTACLE 1. Athletes on foot may only be admitted once to the arena before each Competition and this includes Competitions with jump-off(s). Permission to enter the arena will be given by the Ground Jury ringing the bell and by displaying a notice "Arena Open". An announcement must also be made over the public address system. However, in Competitions over two rounds with different courses, Athletes may inspect the course before the second round with the permission of the Ground Jury. Refer Art 225 Unauthorised Assistance
225.4	Unauthorised Assistance	Wording edited Numbering corrected	Article 225 – Unauthorised Assistance Earphones and/or other electronic communication devices are strictly prohibited in EA Jumping Competitions, and such usage is penalized by Elimination. For the avoidance of any doubt, Athletes, grooms or any other person may wear one earphone at any other time while mounted (see JRs Art. 256 2.2 1.10) 256 1.1.0) including the practice arena
256 2.2 1.10	Dress, Protective Headgear and Salute		1.10 Earphones and/or electronic communication devices may never be worn during FEI Jumping Competitions. For the avoidance of any doubt, Athletes, grooms or any other person may wear one earphone at any other time while mounted, including the practice arena.

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234	Speed	Clarity	Article 234 – Speed 1. The speeds for Jumping Competitions are as follows: EA: The speed of the Competition may be changed if the arena is of insufficient size or if the Competition arena footing does not allow the Competition to be conducted fairly and or safely at the speed published in the event schedule. The decision to change the speed of the Competition is made by the Course Designer and President of the Ground Jury in consultation. 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; the speed may also be reduced to 325m per minute in indoor arenas providing it is stated in the Schedule. 1.2 Puissance / Power and Skill competitions: no minimum speed required. 1.3 The speed at which the competition is to be conducted should be published in the event schedule. 1.4 Young Horse Competitions: 325 m per minute minimum
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236	TABLE A	Consistency	Article 236 - TABLE A. EA: Faults are penalised in Penalty points or by Elimination according to the table set out. EA Faults and Penalties are in italics
239	TABLE C	Consistency	Article 239 TABLE C Faults under Table C are penalised in seconds which are added to the time taken by the Athlete to complete his round or by Elimination. EA Faults and Penalties are in italics

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243	Speed	Clarification	 1.4 Young Horse Competitions: 325 m per minute minimum 4yo and 5yo horses: 325 m per minute minimum 6yo and above horses: 350 m per minute minimum

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255	EA Amateur Riders, Juniors, Children and Young Riders		 Juniors: Athletes can take part in Competitions for Juniors until the end of the calendar year, in which they reach the age of 18 years 2.1 Athletes may take part in open Competitions 1.20m and above from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 12 years. 2.2 Junior Titles at State, National Championships and in Junior Championships with heights of 1.20m above in show schedules a minimum age of 12yrs applies 2.2.3 A Junior Athlete may compete in Junior and Senior Competitions on the same horse at the same event in National and State Jumping Competitions, and Agricultural Shows UNLESS permission is denied in the Schedule. 2.3 In Competitions with the word "Senior" in the title (Example: Senior Championship, Senior-Grand Prix, Senior Six Bar), Athletes are eligible to compete from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn 18 years. 2.4 Junior competitions are special classes that do not count for points.
256	Dress, Protective Headgear and Salute	Wording to reflect FEI wording for Art 256	1.5.1 Summer / Alternative Dress Athletes may wear summer / alternative dress eg. coloured polo shirts or windcheaters in special competitions by agreement with the Organising Committee.

257	Saddlery	Alignment with FEI Rules	2.5 At all National and FEI Jumping Events for Young Riders, Juniors, Children, Amateur and at all FEI World Jumping Challenge Events, only hind boots meeting the following description may be used. 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 oat the Judge's or Steward's request at any time, at any show in Australia.
			From 1 January 2020, boot rules as per the FEI Jumping Rules Article 257 will be implemented for all EA and FEI Jumping Events.
			For implementation as of 1 January 2021: Only hind boots as described in JRs Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5, 257.2.5.1 and 257.2.5.2 may be used at all EA and FEI Jumping Events.
			2.5.1 Boots as described in Art. 257.2.4. for Jumping Competitions for Young Horses.

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Chapter 11	Officials	Consistency with FEI Consistency of EA Pathways	See attached documents - EA EA Jumping Rule Proposal – Officials 2021 V2 (attached PDF) with changes in red
259.4		of the horse	Article 259.4 - Stewards EA: Where possible the schooling area(s) should be supervised by a Steward when in use. Events with total prizemoney over \$30,000 in cash or kind are to have - a minimum of one National Steward for the duration of the show - One steward at least must always be present whenever the arena(s) are in use, to ensure that the rules are observed.

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14.3 3.7	Championship Divisions and Competition Format	details	Round A Obstacles, Round A Ten to 12 obstacles, including one double and one treble or three doubles. The water jump must be used in the first qualifier with rails above, and without rails in the first round of the final competition of the Championship for Seniors, Young Riders and Juniors. For Seniors it must be dug in. An above ground water jump is allowed for Young Riders and Juniors. round of the Final competition. For Senior Riders, the preference is to have the water jump dug in the ground. For Young Riders and Juniors, a water jump above the ground can be used. Participation: At completion of Round A Athletes who elect not to start in Round B will not be replaced and will be placed equal.
14.5	Eligibility		5.5 An Athlete may compete in two consecutive divisions, i.e. Children and Junior, Junior and Young Rider or Young Rider and Senior

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			AUSTRALIAN WORLD CUP RULES Changes of date from 2020/2021 Season to 2021 Season and insertion of the following sentence in Section 1. SECTION 1: WORLD CUP JUMPING AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE RULES AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE - WORLD CUP ADDENDUM Australian League will commence one week after WC Final and finish 31st December each year. These rules are to be read in conjunction with the FEI rules for the World Cup for Jumping Riders. Where these rules are silent, FEI Rules prevail. Update to 4. SWABBING to bring in line with FEI regulations:
			1.1. Medication Control sampling ("swabbing") may take place at any FEI event as decided by the FEI Veterinary Department (refer to VR Article 1068). Swabbing is compulsory at all World Cup shows with international participation and is at the expense of the FEI. Athletes must provide the horse's FEI passport or FEI Recognition Card for the swabbing procedure; failure to do so will entail elimination from the competition and forfeiture of prize money.
			AUSTRALIAN JUMPING YOUNG RIDER SELECTION SERIES CRITERIA Dates and contact details for Results updated