



Equestrian Australia Show Horse Committee – Mid-year Rule Review
(For implementation 1 July 2022)

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
5.20	State Badge	For consistency as rule was silent on National Badges	5.20 State & National Badges No state or national badges are to be worn at a State's Horse and Rider of the Year competitions.

1.5.4	Protests	For consistency with other discipline rules	<p>1.5 Protests Pertaining to the Application of Competition Rules/Conditions of Entry</p> <p>1.5.4 Lodging Protest</p> <p>Protests to the Appeals Committee must be given personally to the President of the Appeals Committee. Protests made to the EA State Branch Manager must be received by the EA Branch not later than 14 days after the end of the event. A protest will not be accepted against the final decision of the ground jury.</p>
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1.6	Protests, reports, appeals, Yellow and Recorded Warning Cards	For clarification on yellow and recorded warning card process	<p>1.6 Protests, reports, appeals, Yellow and Recorded Warning Cards</p> <p>Officials and competitors need to abide by the Codes of Conduct as contained in the EA Member Protection Policy. Refer to the Complaints Procedures, EA Disciplinary By-laws at www.equestrian.org.au for processes.</p> <p>A copy of the “Yellow Warning Card” and “Recorded Warning Card” is annexed to the Rules.</p> <p>1.6.1 A Yellow Warning Card may be imposed for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abuse of horse (an action or omission involving the mistreatment of a horse). • Abuse of Official (including abusive or bullying behaviour directed to an Official and conduct directed towards an Official that denigrates the Official). • Failure to follow a direction of an Official relating to compliance with these rules. <p>a) Serious infringements involving Abuse of horse, Abuse of an Official or failure to follow a direction relating to compliance with these Rules must incur a Yellow Warning Card.</p> <p>b) Only EA approved Show Horse Officials (Judges) with the appropriate EA accredited training have the authority to issue a yellow warning card at an event. Following a meeting with the party concerned at the event Yellow Warning Cards may be issued on the day and when being awarded by an EA Official (Judge) should ideally be delivered personally to the rider, together with an explanation as to why it is being issued and the possible consequences of any further offences being committed. If after reasonable efforts the rider cannot be notified during the period of the event that they have received a Yellow Warning Card, the rider must be notified within 14 (fourteen) days of the event.</p> <p>c) In the case of riders under the age of 18 years, a Parent/Guardian must be present when the rider is issued with the Yellow Warning Card.</p> <p>d) Where a rider receives two or more Yellow Warning Cards within a 12-month period for the same offence the State Show Horse Committee will prepare a report for referral to the EA Branch for consideration under the Disciplinary Bylaws/General Regulations.</p> <p>e) Yellow Warning Cards received at both International and National events will be considered.</p> <p>f) The EA Official will advise the Organising Committee who will advise their State Branch CEO and State Show Horse Committee of the issue of ALL Yellow Warning Cards and the reasons for the issue within 48 hours of the event.</p> <p>g) The State Branch CEO shall advise the National Office within 72 hours thereafter, who will arrange for the Yellow Warning Card issue to be entered into a National Database and will place the notice on the EA National website.</p> <p>h) The name of the official giving the Yellow Card, their jurisdiction at the event and the name of the rider should be listed on the National Database, along with the reason for the decision.</p>
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