



Rule Changes

Equestrian Australia Vaulting Committee

The following Vaulting rule changes become effective 1 January 2021

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
4.1 Page 13	Vaulting Horse	To allow horses to be substituted for horse welfare and vaulter safety	<p>Competitors may start on their own horses or horses placed at their disposal. Horses may only be changed prior to the start of class for vaulter safety or horse welfare reasons. Competitors must have the opportunity before the event to get used to an unknown horse. Substitution of Horses that have been changed after the Chef's meeting or declaration of entries must be immediately notified by the Competitor or their Representative to the Steward, Organising Committee or the Ground Jury. Horse points must not be exceeded by any change.</p> <p>The Vaulter must remain on the same horse for the entire class.</p> <p>The Compulsory and the Freestyle of all rounds must be performed on the same horse with the same lunge.</p>

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5.1.3 Page 13		Advanced class at Nationals in Senior and Junior classes forces anyone 18 or younger into the Junior class, request that this forced split be removed.	At Nationals Championships the Advanced Classes must may be divided into Senior and Junior at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Senior is defined as being 18 years and older on the first day of competition.

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5.3 Page 18	Class Entry	<p>The application of this rule is to only the Open level, and whilst it is there for the welfare of the horse and the vaulter, is unfair. It is proposed to reintroduce qualification scores for advancement through the levels.</p> <p>The purpose of needing a qualification score to advance to the next level is for the welfare of the horses and the vaulters, as there are times when the vaulter is not ready for the higher level and puts themselves and the horse at risk. By having a qualification score, it will help keep the vaulters within Australia to a certain standard. This will also help with our international competitors as having a higher standard in Australia will help prepare them for international competitions.</p> <p>These scores follow the qualification criteria of the FEI and by having vaulters need to achieve them twice it ensures they are consistently at the level needed to progress.</p>	<p>Vaulters should commence competition at the level appropriate to their ability and the Horse's training. A vaulter may enter any class deemed appropriate to them and change freely between classes.</p> <p>Open, Advanced, Intermediate, Novice (Individuals), Advanced, Novice (Squad) and Open/Intermediate Pas de Deux are considered Competitor classes.</p> <p>Pre – Novice and Preliminary (Individuals), Preliminary Squads and Preliminary Pas de Deux are considered Participant classes.</p> <p>Qualification/Eligibility</p> <p>To qualify for entry to Open Class Competition a score of 6.5 in a full (consisting of both compulsories and freestyle) round or the final score in Advanced must have been obtained. To remain eligible in open — a score of 6.5 in any full round consisting of both compulsories and freestyle in Advanced or the final score in Open must have been obtained in 2 years prior to the competition date. Equivalent FEI classes count for qualification/eligibility. A vaulter may only enter Open class competition from the year they turn 14.</p> <p>5.3.1 Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No qualification score is required to compete in Preliminary, Pre-Novice or Novice individual. • To compete in Intermediate individual a final score of 5.5 or higher must be attained in Novice. • To compete in Advanced individual a final score of 6.0 or higher must be attained in Intermediate. • To compete in Open individual a final score of 6.5 or higher must be attained in Advanced. • To remain eligible in Open a score of 6.0 or higher must be maintained and achieved at least once in the 2 years prior to the competition date. • A vaulter may only enter Open class competition from the year they turn 14. • Equivalent FEI classes count for qualification/eligibility. <p>5.3.2 Pas de Deux</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No qualification score is required for Preliminary or Intermediate pas de deux. • To compete in Open pas de deux a final score of 6.0 or higher must be attained in Intermediate pas de deux or the two vaulters must both be of Advanced level or above individually.