



## Rule Changes

### Equestrian Australia Vaulting Committee

The following Vaulting rule changes become effective 1 January 2022

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
EA National Vaulting Rules Article 5.	<b>5. VAULTERS</b> <b>5.1 CLASS DESCRIPTIONS</b>	Given the limited quantity of events on Vaulting calendars and with reference to the most recent restrictions affecting events during 2020/21, it is appropriate to allow OCs the ability to offer HC entries at events so that the those who attend events can enter their less developed horses and gain the necessary experience for their various horse and vaulter combinations. Competing HC allows the horse to journey to events with other horses and is of particular importance to the growth of the sport in Australia giving horses more opportunity to be in a competition environment.	<b>5. VAULTERS</b> <b>5.1 CLASS DESCRIPTIONS</b> Please note: <b>5.1.8 HC entries may be offered at competition including the Championship Competition at the discretion of the event Organising Committee.</b>
EA National Vaulting Rules Article 4.	<b>4. HORSES</b> <b>4.1 VAULTING HORSE</b>	The sport of vaulting lacks the promotion of horse preparation from an earlier age and by a Young Horse class could serve as a platform for which owners and trainers can present their developing potential Vaulting Horses in a competitive environment and determine if they possess the necessary talent and mindset for the sport.	<b>4. HORSES</b> <b>4.1 VAULTING HORSE</b> The vaulting horse or <b>pony entered in competitor or participant class</b> must be at least 6 years old, of any breed or suitable size. All horses entered at State and National Championships must be registered with the EA. All horses used in competitor classes at any other event must hold the appropriate EA registration.

<p><b>EA National Vaulting Rules Article 4.5</b></p>	<p><b>Horse Inspection</b></p>	<p>Currently Dressage, Jumping, and Eventing do not conduct a veterinary (trot up) inspection at their Australian National Championships for classes conducted under their national rules. It is required at National Championships that all horses attend the veterinary inspection and that a qualified Veterinary Surgeon is in attendance to advise at least one member of the Ground Jury on the soundness of all horses presented at a lameness check. Removal of this rule (paragraph 2 and 3) will reduce the financial strain on states running the National Championships. This will ensure consistency between the disciplines.</p>	<p><b>4.5 Veterinary Horse Inspection</b> Horses are required to trot a minimum of one circle prior to Judge A indicating that the first vaulter can commence. Should Judge A decide that the horse is not fit for competition they must signal the lunge to stop the horse and ask them to retire the horse. Judge A may also eliminate a vaulter or group if the horse is showing signs such as stress or lameness. <del>It is required at National Championships that all horses attend the veterinary inspection and that a qualified Veterinary Surgeon is in attendance to advise at least one member of the Ground Jury on the soundness of all horses presented at a lameness check. The performance of the veterinary inspection will be conducted as per FEI Veterinary Regulations Art. 1011. At the Veterinary Inspection all horses must present original EA registration papers.</del></p> <p><b>4.6 Horse walk score</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Horse Walk Score at 25% for all classes</li> <li>- The walk horse score will be judged in accordance with the FEI Vaulting guidelines.</li> <li>- A1. Rhythm and impulsion 20%. Relaxation and Straightness 20%</li> <li>- A2. Vault Ability of the Horse 40%</li> <li>- A3. Lunging 20%</li> </ul>
<p><b>EA National Vaulting Rules Article 1.4</b></p>	<p><b>1.4 Arenas</b> <b>1.4.1 Event Arena and Circle</b></p>	<p>To allow for arena familiarisation at Vaulting competitions.</p>	<p><b>1.4 Arenas</b> <b>1.4.1 Event Arena and Circle</b> The arena must be a circle with a diameter of at least 18m and must be of a soft and springy material. Arenas should always be assessed prior to competition by the Ground Jury to ensure both the safety of vaulters and horses. In the case of a competition held indoors the height must be a minimum of 5m. The public must be a minimum of 2m away from the circle and a minimum of 13m away from the centre of the lunging circle. The horse moves left or right on a circle with a minimum diameter of 15m. There is not a maximum diameter for a circle. A visible marking of the centre of the circle is recommended. <b>1.4.2 Practice Warm-Up Arena</b> A practice arena is compulsory and must be as in the paragraph above, however, it is recommended that there should be two or more practice arenas. If the event takes place indoors the possibility for practicing indoors must be available to all competitors. It is permitted to work the horses mounted in the warm-up arena. <b>1.4.3 Arena Familiarisation</b> <del>At all competitions all entered competitors must have an appropriate amount of time to familiarise their horses within the competition arena. An appropriate amount of time is to be determined by the Organising Committee but is to be no less than three minutes per horse.</del></p>

<b>EA National Vaulting Rules Article 3.</b>	<b>Judges</b>	By implementing this rule change the EAVC is enabling the protection of the welfare of the horse and vaulter by ensuring an accredited Judge is in attendance.	<b>3. JUDGES</b> <b>At competitions all recreational classes must have a minimum of one level 1 Judge.</b> Barrel and Recreational Classes at National Championships maximum of 2 judges, one must be level 3.
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