



Rule Changes

Equestrian Australia Vaulting Committee

The following Vaulting rule changes become effective 1 January 2025

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
1.5	Entry Schedules	To ensure vaulter have adequate preparation for barrel classes in the lead up to competition.	<p>1.5 Entry Schedules</p> <p>If offering barrel classes at a competition, it is required that a photograph/diagram and description of the competition barrel be listed within the schedule. The barrel must be within the specifications of rule 6.2.2. The description and photograph/diagram should clearly show the shape of handles, whether it is a barrel roller or fixed handles and whether stirrups are attached. Schedules for National Championships must be ratified by the EAVC prior to public release.</p>
1.6.1	Individual	Adding description of Pre-Open Technical Test.	<p>Technical Test</p> <p>The technical test consists of five technical exercises. As well as additional Freestyle exercises, chosen by the vaulter. The technical elements may be shown in any order. Technical exercises can be found at www.inside.fei.org/fei/disc/vaulting/rules</p> <p>The Technical Test in Pre-Open only requires 3 technical exercises to be performed. The choice of which 3 is up to the vaulter.</p>
1.7	Levels of competition	Addition of Pre-Open level	<p>1.7 Levels of competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open • Pre-Open • Advanced • Intermediate • Novice • Pre-Novice • Preliminary

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1.10	Competition Entry	Addition of Pre-Open level	1.10 Competition Entry Open, Pre-Open and Advanced levels are considered Competitor Competition. Intermediate, Novice, Pre-Novice, and Preliminary levels are considered Participant Competitions.
1.10.1	Individual	Clarification of qualifying scores to include relevant CVI classes & addition of Pre-Open level	1.10.1 Individual <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 or FEI CVI1*. • To compete in Advanced individual a final score of 6.0 or higher must be attained in Intermediate or FEI CVI1*. • To compete in Pre-Open individual a final score of 6.0 must be attained in Advanced/FEI CVI2*/FEI CVIYV2* • To compete in Open individual a final score of 6.5 or higher must be attained in Advanced/ FEI CVI2* or Pre-Open/FEI CVIYV2*. • 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. • Equivalent FEI competitions count for qualification/eligibility. • A person may compete in Individual competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn 6 years old. • A vaulter may only enter Open competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn 14.
1.10.3	Pas de Deux	Clarification of qualifying scores to include relevant CVI classes	1.10.3 Pas de Deux <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/FEI CVI 1* Pas de Deux or the two vaulters must both be of Advanced level or above individually.
2	JUDGES	Addition of Annex A	Details of current Criteria for Judges Accreditation and current accredited Judges are is available in Annex A from the National Judge Assessors and the EA Office . A list of current Vaulting Officials can be found on EA Website at www.equestrian.org.au/members/search/official

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2.1	Australian Judges Allocation System	Addition of Pre-Open level & correction accidentally left in during 2023 rule review.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Championships must have 4 judges for Open, Pre-Open, Advanced and Intermediate competitions. Each of these judges must be Level 3. State Championships must have a minimum of two Level 3 Judges for Open, Pre-Open, Advanced and Intermediate competitions. There must be 2 judges for all other competitions, one must be Level 3. Novice, Pre-Novice and Preliminary competitions at National Championships must have a minimum of 3 judges, one must be Level 3. All recreational competitions must have a minimum of one Level 1 Judge. Barrel and Recreational competitions at National Championships have a maximum of 2 judges, one must be Level 3. It is recommended that between any separated tests/rounds the judges rotate according to the FEI allocation system. In the case where tests/rounds are run together, the judges will remain at the same table position. 					
3.1	Vaulting Horse (Horse points table)	Addition of Pre-Open level	Categories	Competition	Compulsories/ Technical test Points	Freestyle Points	Total per round Points	
			Individual	Open	1	2	4	
				Pre-Open	1	2	4	
				Advanced	1	2	3	
				Intermediate	1	2	3	
				Novice	1	1	2	
				Pre-Novice	1	1	2	
				Preliminary	0.5	0.5	1	
			Squads	Open	6	-	6	
				Advanced	6	6	12	
				Intermediate	6	6	6	
				Novice	6	2	8	
				Pre-Novice	6	-	6	
				Preliminary	2	2	4	
			Pas De Deux	Open		4	4	
				Intermediate		3	3	
				Preliminary		2	2	

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3.2.3	Side reins	Clarification of side rein ruling, change to positioning allowed in lower levels.	<p>Either two side reins, or Draw reins (3 point reins) are permitted in the competition circle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw reins (3 point reins) are attached from the surcingles through the bit rings back to the surcingles/girth points on the same side. • For Intermediate to Open levels, the distance between the two attached points (top and bottom) on each side of the surcingles must not be greater than 40 centimetres. • If choosing to attach draw reins (3 point reins) to the girth points then competitors must be aware that there is a possibility for these to shift during competition and if found to be greater than 40cm, the competitor will be eliminated. • The draw reins (3 point reins) must be adjustable only as per manufacture and any homemade modification of the adjustments of the draw reins (for example, making a knot) is not permitted. (Standing or auxiliary reins are not permitted). • For horses in Novice and below it is permitted that draw reins (3 point reins) can be attached between the front legs to the girth and there is no maximum distance requirement between the two attachment points. <p><i>Note: FEI has conducted thorough scientific testing on the use of side reins/draw reins (3 point reins) in an extensive range of situations and has concluded that the restrictions for draw reins to be no more than 40cm apart is appropriate for cantering horses.</i></p> <p>*pictogram of allowed draw reins in Intermediate levels and above:</p>
4.1.2	Pre-Open Compulsories – Individual	Addition of Pre-Open level	<p>4.1.2 Pre-Open Compulsories – Individuals</p> <p><u>Consists of eight exercises as described in 2* Compulsories in FEI Vaulting Guidelines at https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/vaulting/rules</u></p> <p>Change of following heading numbers</p>
4.2	Exercises – Technical Test	Addition of Pre-Open level	<p>4.2 Exercises - Technical Test</p> <p>The Technical Test consists of five Technical exercises specified by the FEI and additional Freestyle exercises, chosen by the vaulter. There is a time limit of 1 minute for the Technical Test. The five required Technical exercises can be found at https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/vaulting/rules</p> <p><u>For the Pre-Open Technical Test, the vaulter may choose any 3 of the 5 technical exercises to perform.</u></p>

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5.2.1	Open/Pre-Open Individual	Addition of Pre-Open level	5.2.1 Open/Pre-Open Individual Compulsories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horse Exercises 																	
5.5.1	Horse Walk Score	Adjustment to include connection in judging the walk horse	5.5.1 Horse Walk Score <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horse Walk Score at 25% for all competitions The walk horse score will be judged in accordance with the FEI Vaulting guidelines. <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="5">A1</td> <td>Rhythm</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ImpulsionRelaxation</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RelaxationConnection</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>StraightnessActivity</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Straightness</td> <td><u>10%</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>A2</td> <td>Vault Ability of the Horse</td> <td>40%30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A3</td> <td>Lunging</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	A1	Rhythm	10%	Impulsion Relaxation	10%	Relaxation Connection	10%	Straightness Activity	10%	Straightness	<u>10%</u>	A2	Vault Ability of the Horse	40% 30%	A3	Lunging	20%
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6.2.1	Judges for Barrels	Clarification of judge weighting for barrel classes	<p>6.2.1 Judges for Barrels</p> <p>If more than one judge is used, Judge A will be seated on the left side of the barrel, with their table parallel to the barrel, at approximately 3 metres away. Organising committees of non-Championship events may choose to have these competitions judged by one judge only, who may be a Level 2 Vaulting Judge.</p> <p><u>The following weighting for scoring will be applicable to barrel classes.</u></p> <p>Compulsory</p> <p><u>1 Judge</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Judge A</td> <td>Exercises</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>2 Judges</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Judge A</td> <td>Exercises</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Judge B</td> <td>Exercises</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Freestyle</p> <p><u>1 Judge</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Judge A</td> <td>Artistic 50 % & Performance 50%</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>2 Judges</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Judge A</td> <td>Artistic</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Judge B</td> <td>Performance</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> </table>	Judge A	Exercises	100%	Judge A	Exercises	50%	Judge B	Exercises	50%	Judge A	Artistic 50 % & Performance 50%	Judge A	Artistic	50%	Judge B	Performance	50%
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6.2.2	Specifications	Update to reflect current rules.	<p>Handles - As a guide, handles can be positioned 20 cm apart at the base and located 30 cm from the front of the barrel. As there are no rulings on size and location of handles on a surcingle there are no restrictions related to handles on a barrel, however they must be safe for the task. Barrel handles must meet the specification requirements of the surcingle (Refer to section 3.2.4). Handles may be padded.</p>																	

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Annex A	Requirements to attain and maintain Vaulting Judge accreditation	Addition of Annex A	Judge Level	Initial Requirements	Theory Requirements	Practical Requirements	To Maintain Accreditation	
			FEI Levels 1-4	Refer to FEI promotion requirements <i>Candidates need to be a registered Level 3 Vaulting Judge to be eligible for promotion to FEI L1.</i>				
			Level 3 National Can Judge all Equestrian Australia Vaulting Competitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a registered EA Level 2 Vaulting Judge • Judged as an EA Level 2 Judge at a minimum of two events in the previous 12 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete 15 hours of Level 3 syllabus training with an EA Vaulting Judge Level 3 within 12 months includes FEI Foundation Course for Officials. • An Open Book theory exam (pass of 80%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shadow judged Advanced and Open Competitions at 2 events with the following requirements within the last 2 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 individuals (Advanced and Open) ○ 3 Pas d’Deux (canter) ○ 1 squad (Advanced or Open) ○ To include compulsories, freestyle, horse scores and tech test • Practical Judging exam (Open and Advanced Competitions in a live situation with a pass of 80%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course once every three years • Meet reaccreditation requirements set by EA- • Judges must judge 3 events in 3 years. • Judges who are EA Coaches and are actively coaching must Judge at 1 event every 3 years. 	

			<p>Level 2 National</p> <p>Can Judge EA Vaulting competitions up to and including Intermediate competitions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a registered EA Level 1 Vaulting Judge • Judged as an EA Level 1 judge at a minimum of two events in the previous 12 months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete 8 hours of Level 2 syllabus training with an EA Vaulting Judge Level 3 within 12 months • A Open Book theory exam (pass of 80%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shadow judged Pre-Novice, Novice and Intermediate Competitions at 2 events with the following requirements within the last 2 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 individuals (Pre-Novice, Novice & Intermediate) ○ 3 Pas d’Deux (walk) ○ 1 squad (Pre-Novice, Novice or Intermediate) ○ To include compulsories, freestyle and horse scores • Practical Judging exam (Pre-Novice, Novice, Intermediate Competitions in a live situation with a pass of 80%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an Officials Update Clinic/Course once every three years • Meet reaccreditation requirements set by EA- • Judges must judge 3 events in 3 years. • Judges who are EA Coaches and are actively coaching must Judge at 1 event every 3 years.
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			<p>Level 1 National</p> <p>Can Judge EA Vaulting Preliminary, Barrel and recreational competitions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current EA Member • Be 18 years of age. • Have a minimum of one of the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be an current EA Vaulting Coach Level 1 or - Athlete at Intermediate or above or - Have pencilled or time kept at a minimum of 2 events for at least 4 hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete 8 hours of Level 1 syllabus training with a EA Vaulting Judge Level 3 within 12 months • A Open Book theory exam (pass of 80%) • Complete ASC Community Officiating Essential Skills Course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shadow judged Preliminary and barrel Competitions at 2 events with the following requirements within the last 2 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 individuals ○ 3 Pas d’Deux (walk) ○ 1 squad (Preliminary) ○ To include compulsories, freestyle, and horse scores • Practical Judging exam (Preliminary and Barrel Competitions in a live situation with a pass of 80%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an EA Vaulting Judges Course once every three years • Meet reaccreditation requirements set by EA- • Judges must judge 3 events in 3 years. • Judges who are EA Coaches and are actively coaching must Judge at 1 event every 3 years.
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