



**Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee – Rule Updates**  
**For implementation 1 January 2023**

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
12.0	12.0 Dress 12.1 Drive-1 and Drive-2	Acceptance of Level TWO body protectors WHERE THE BODY PROTECTOR IS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR DRIVERS.	<p><b>12.0 Dress</b></p> <p><b>12.1 Drive-1 and Drive-2 Classes</b></p> <p>a) Dress for all on the carriage should be neat, tidy, sun-safe, and should conform to the style of the carriage and harness used.</p> <p>b) Shorts are not acceptable for anyone on the carriage.</p> <p>c) Jackets are not compulsory, especially in hot and humid weather.</p> <p>d) EA accredited helmets are compulsory for all on the carriage, at any time. Helmets are to be EA tagged from 1 July 2022. Refer Annex 9</p> <p>e) A back/body protector (as per EA standards – <del>BETA Level 3</del>) is compulsory for anyone on the carriage under the age of 18 years.</p> <p>f) Body/back protectors of any level are encouraged for those 18 and over, on a carriage.</p> <p>g) If a competitor wishes to wear an air vest it must be worn over the top of a body/back protector and not on its own, where a body/back protector is compulsory. Body protectors are compulsory for Marathon. A body protector manufactured after 2009 and labelled as complying to one of the following standards is mandatory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EN13158:2009 Level 3</li> <li>• BETA 2009 Level 3</li> <li>• EN13158:2018 Level 3</li> <li>• BETA 2018 Level 3</li> <li>• <b>An accredited Level TWO body protector of any of the standards listed above, but ONLY WHERE IT IS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR CARRIAGE DRIVERS and labelled as such.</b></li> </ul> <p>h) Aprons are optional for Drive-1 and Drive-2.</p> <p>i) Gloves should be worn by everyone on the carriage. Failure of the Athlete and/or the Navigator/Backstepper/s to wear gloves will result in deductions.</p> <p>j) There must be a whip on the carriage, but there is no deduction for not using it in Drive-1 and Drive-2 classes. Failure to have a whip on the carriage will incur a penalty.</p>

## Annex 7 Officials - Education and Accreditation Pathway for Driving Officials

**Justification:** Currently rules state: Requirements to attain & maintain accreditation for Course Designers & Technical Delegates are being developed and will be included once finalised. *Technical Delegate requirements now complete and ready to be added to the Rule Book as below.*

### Requirements to attain and maintain Driving Technical Delegate Accreditation

Technical Delegate	Initial Requirements	Theory Requirements	Practical Requirements	To Maintain Accreditation
FEI Level	Refer to FEI promotion requirements <b>Candidates need to be a current Level 3 Technical Delegate to be eligible for promotion to FEI.</b>			
Level 3 National  (All EA Driving Competitions including EA CAN 1* & 2*)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a current registered EA Level 2 EA Driving Technical Delegate for minimum of 1 year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend an EA Driving Officials Course previous 3 years</li> <li>Successfully complete the EA Driving Technical Delegate ORBT with a pass mark of 80%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officiated at 2 EA-Driving events as a EA Driving TD covering all phases in previous 3 years.</li> <li>Assist EA Level 3 or higher Driving TD at two competitions which includes Marathon Phase in previous three years</li> <li>Recommend but not mandatory to attend EA Eventing TD/CD course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend an EA Driving Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccréditation requirements set by EA.</li> <li>Have officiated as an EA Driving TD a minimum of 1 time in the previous 3 years</li> </ul>
Level 2 National  (All EA Driving Competitions up to and including EA CAN1*)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a current registered Level 1 Driving Technical Delegate for minimum of 1 year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend an EA Driving Officials Course previous 3 years</li> <li>Successfully complete the EA Driving Technical Delegate ORBT with a pass mark of 80%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officiated at 2 EA Driving events covering Dressage and Cones phases in the previous 3 years.</li> <li>Assist EA Level 3 or higher Driving TD at one competition which includes Marathon Phase in previous three years.</li> <li>Recommend but not mandatory to attend training lessons with an EA Driving Coach. If possible one session should include multiples.</li> <li>Recommend but not mandatory to attend EA Eventing TD/CD course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend an EA Driving Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccréditation requirements set by EA.</li> <li>Have officiated as an EA Driving TD a minimum of 1 time in the previous 3 years</li> </ul>

<p>Level 1 National</p> <p>(EA Drive-1 &amp; 2 Challenge Tests and EA Drive-1 &amp; 2 Dressage Tests &amp; Cones Courses)</p>	<p>Be a current EA member over 18yrs old</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a minimum of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be a registered EA Level 1 or higher General or Driving Coach</li> <li>-Competed at the minimum of 1 EA Participant or higher/FEI Driving Competition</li> <li>-Be a registered EA TD in another discipline</li> <li>-Be registered as a Driving Official/TD with another Driving Organisation</li> <li>- Be a Provisional Driving TD for 1 year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend an EA Driving Officials Course previous 3 years</li> <li>• Successfully complete the EA Driving Technical Delegate ORBT with a pass mark of 80%</li> <li>• Complete AIS Community Officiating Principles Course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist at 1 EA/FEI Cones event at any level in the past three years</li> <li>• Assist at 1 EA/FEI Marathon event in the past three years</li> <li>• Assist an EA Driving TD at two EA/FEI events at any level.</li> <li>• Recommend but not mandatory to attend training lessons with an EA Driving Coach. If possible one session should include multiples.</li> <li>• Recommend but not mandatory to attend EA Eventing TD/CD course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend an EA Driving Officials Update Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccrreditation requirements set by EA.</li> <li>• Have officiated as an EA Driving TD a minimum of 1 time in the previous 3 years</li> </ul>
<p>Provisional (Interested)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a current EA Member over 18 years old</li> <li>• Interested in EA/FEI Driving</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend an EA Driving Officials Course previous 3 years</li> <li>• Have current copies of, or access to EA/FEI Driving Rules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist an EA Driving Technical Delegate</li> <li>• Attend and assist with EA Driving Competitions</li> </ul>	

**Note:** An FEI Driving Technical Delegate can apply to the EA National Driving Committee for consideration to be approved for immediate appointment as an EA National Level 3 Driving Technical Delegate.

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Annex 8	Fast-Track – EA Accredited Driving Judges	Inclusion of fast-track opportunity for EA Dressage Judges	<p><b>ANNEX 8 - Fast-Track - EA Accredited Driving Judges</b></p> <p>Expression of interest from applicants who are either FEI Drivers, <u>EA Level 1 or higher and/or Level 1, Level 2</u>-Driving Coaches <u>or an EA Dressage Judge F Level or higher</u> and meet the criteria below should be lodged with EA for approval.</p> <p>The application form can be downloaded from the EA website.</p> <p>To enter the fast-track scheme applicants must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) FEI drivers who have obtained an overall average total of 60% or higher in the Dressage Phase in FEI Driving competitions.</li> <li><u>b) EA Level 1, 2 Driving Coaches with current accreditation.</u></li> <li><u>c) Currently registered EA Dressage Judge F Level or higher</u></li> </ul> <p>a)</p> <p>All applicants will be eligible to enter at Level 1 based on evidence provided in their application.</p> <p>All candidates are required to attend the relevant required seminar and complete and pass the current General ORBT before being accredited.</p> <p><b>Education Pathway</b></p> <p>An education pathway is currently being developed for Driving, Judges, TD, CD and Stewards.</p>