



The following changes to the Equestrian Australia General Regulations become effective 1 July 2023

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
Article 100	EA Activity Classification	The driving competition pathway of 2 development levels has now been finalised and EA Driving rules recently released. The introduction of the two development levels EA Drive-1 & EA Drive-2 has required a review of the EA GR Matrix to work in with the participant & competitor membership levels as below.	See details below
Article 100	EA Activity Classification	To be able to enforce the age of horses competing at 1.04m and below, in the interests of Horse Welfare, a minimum of base registration of the horse was required.	See details below

Article 100 – EA Activity Classification

1. Official and Closed Equestrian activity conducted under the relevant sport rules may be classified as either Competitive activity; Participation activity or Restricted activity and must abide by the respective conditions as stated below;

Event/ Activity type	Discipline Specific Activity							Conditions	
	Dressage	Jumping	Eventing	Show Horse	Vaulting	Driving	Interschools		
Official events	Competitive	Grand Prix Intermediate II Intermediate I Prix St George Advanced Medium Elementary Novice Prelim							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be an EA Competitor member • Horse must hold EA Full Horse Registration • Must meet state competition licence requirements
		FEI Para-Equestrian	1.05m and above	3 Star 2 Star 1 Star EvA105 EvA95	National Championship State HOY Championship	Open Advanced Intermediate Novice	FEI CAI Level Competitions EA CAN Level Competitions EA Drive -2 EA Drive-1 FEI Level competition	National Championship State Championship	
Official events	Participation	Novice Prelim Prep	1.04m and below	EvA80	Affiliated events*	Pre-novice Preliminary Barrel	EA Drive-2 EA Drive-1 Non-FEI levels and training events	Regional Events**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be minimum EA Participant member • EA Horse Registration (Full or Base) is encouraged and may be enforced (for bio-security purposes) • For Jumping 1.04m and below EA Horse Registration (Full or Base) is mandatory • Competition licence not required
		EA National Para-Dressage							
Closed events	Restricted	<p>Definition- Club activities for club members against other club members of the same club. Classes or training activities may be of any discipline level but must abide by the conditions of a closed event; AND/OR club activities for club members against invited EA members to a maximum level of class as defined as participation activity</p>					<p>Conditions -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entries open to members of the host club only • Horses do not have to be registered • Can only be conducted by EA Club Affiliates – not Sport Affiliates or Commercial groups • Classes may • be of any discipline level 		

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Article 144	Judges	<p>FEI General Regulation change in 2019, age limited removed.</p> <p>Competency based evaluation system.</p>	<p>Article 144 – Judges</p> <p>1. A Judge is a member of a Ground Jury appointed to control a Competition or Event. The number and category of Judges to be appointed as members of a Ground Jury for a Competition or Event is laid down in the GRs and Rules for each Sport.</p> <p>2. There are up to four categories of Judges: National Judges, FEI International Candidate Judges (C), FEI International Judges (I), FEI Official International Judges (O). The details of the necessary qualifications for each category are laid down in the Rules for each Sport.</p> <p>3. The “National” category may be split further as appropriate under EA Sport Rules.</p> <p>4. EA State Branches shall send to EA National Office the names and qualifications of persons in their States who are recommended to exercise the functions and fulfil the duties required of National Judges with reference to the requirements and training laid down in the Rules for each Sport. National Sport Committees shall appoint National Judges and Judges for their respective Sports. EA maintains records of all National Judges.</p> <p>5. Under FEI GRs, Judges of all categories must retire at the end of the year in which they reach the age of 70. In special circumstances and at the decision of the relevant FEI Technical Committee, this age limit may be extended for a further 4 years.</p> <p>65. Judges in each category may not fill appointments at a higher level than laid down in the respective Sport Rules according to their qualifications.</p> <p>76. All judges must hold either EA Competitor or Supporter membership.</p>

<p>Chapter V – Horses Article 137</p>	<p>Horse Registration and Identification; Owners and Lessees</p>	<p>Terminology and Process changes to facilitate digitisation of Identification Certificates</p>	<p>Chapter V Horses</p> <p>Article 137 – Horse Registration and Identification</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Except as provided in this paragraph (1), horses and ponies must be registered with EA to enter Official Competitive Activities, Events and Competitions. Registration is a means of identification, to establish ownership for competition purposes and if need be, proof of identification and a measure of bio -security. Horses and ponies are encouraged to hold at a minimum EA Base Horse Registration to take part in Official Participation Activities, Events or Competitions and/or Closed Club/Restricted Activities and may be enforced at a State or OC's discretion. 2. EA Identification papers <u>Certificate</u> must include the registered number with EA, the full name and, address and signature of the owner, or owners. The description of the horse and diagram must be accurately completed and it should include a record of all vaccinations and medication control tests. If the name of the horse is ever changed or any pertinent changes are made the Person Responsible <u>owner, or owners</u> must return the <u>request the</u> identification papers <u>Certificate is updated to reflect the changes.</u> to EA for updating. 3. EA Horse Documentation by way of <u>an EA Identification papers-Certificate</u> (and/or <u>FEI/EA Passport</u>) and Competition Licence/s should be available at Competitive Events in case proof is requested by an EA Official or Organising Committee member 4. A horse must be microchipped according to the standard AS 5018/5019, before it can be registered. Members must get a registered veterinarian to fill out and sign the microchip details on the application form before EA can accept it. 5. The Person Responsible for a horse at an Event is responsible for the accuracy of their <u>EA Identification papers-Certificate</u> and keeping accurate results records for each Sport. Papers- <u>The EA Identification Certificate (and/or FEI/EA Passport)</u> must be available for inspection when required by an official of EA or the OC <u>Organising Committee</u>. 6. A horse may only have one <u>FEI/EA Passport</u> Identification document. If EA is satisfied that an Identification document has been lost, it may issue a new one clearly marked 'duplicate' and bearing the same number as the original Identification Document. 7. The President of the Ground Jury may arrange for random inspections of the horses' <u>EA Identification papers-Certificates (and/or FEI/EA Passport)</u>, particularly those horses that win prize money so the horses concerned can be positively identified. Every case of misleading or inaccurate information on an identification <u>EA Identification Certificate (or EA/FEI Passport)</u> paper, or if the horse cannot be positively identified, must be reported to EA or the relevant State Branch, giving the number of the identification paper and the name of the horse and the Person Responsible. 8. When a horse dies the <u>EA Identification papers-Certificate</u> may be retained by the owner, but must be first sent to EA for cancellation. <u>However, the owner or owners must change the horse status to deceased.</u> 9. Details of registration for the grading and/or classification of horses in each Sport are provided for in the Rules of each Sport.
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<p>Chapter V – Horses Article 139</p>	<p>Horse Registration and Identification; Owners and Lessees</p>	<p>Terminology and Process changes to facilitate digitisation of Identification Certificates</p>	<p>Article 139 – Owners and Lessees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All individual owners, including part-owners and syndicates, must be a current member to the respective EA State Branch. Commercial Group affiliates may register a horse under a business name but forfeit the rights of an individual member. EA Clubs and Sport Affiliates are not eligible to register or be part- owners of a horse. The Primary Owner is the owner who is to receive any information relating to the horse, i.e. its registration papers <u>EA Identification Certificate</u>, competition licence etc. Usually the rider/<u>person responsible</u> or the owner with the largest ownership share is the primary owner. 2. EA accepts registrations on the understanding that the Person or Body making the registration is the bona fide owner, part-owner or lessee of the horse. EA will accept no responsibility on cases of disputed ownership, which must be settled by the parties concerned. 3. EA will keep a register of the owners of horses including multiple ownerships. Changes of owners and records of leasing agreements must be entered in the <u>EA Identification Papers Certificate</u> by EA. 4. Owners of horses sold or leased must return the <u>update their EA Identification Papers Certificate</u> immediately to EA with the name and address of the Purchaser or Lessee <u>and change the horse status to sold or leased</u>. The new owners <u>or lessee</u> will pay <u>any</u> the change of ownership <u>or lease</u> fee. 5. Leasing of horses is permitted under the following conditions. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The form and duration of the lease agreement is a matter for the parties concerned; it does not require the approval of EA. b. The member to whom the horse is leased is regarded in all respects by EA as the bona fide owner and shall have the same rights and duties.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">c. When a horse is leased this will not be regarded as a change of ownership for the purposes of competition.d. If a leasing agreement is cancelled during the period of lease or is renewed, EA must receive written confirmation from the parties of the lease.
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