



The following changes to the Equestrian Australia General Regulations become effective 1 July 2022

| Rule | Heading | Justification | Revised Rule |
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| <p>Chapter VI Protection of Athletes and Horses</p> | <p>Article 140 - Protection of Athletes</p> | <p>Ensure promotion of coaching pathways</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Chapter VI Protection of Athletes and Horses</p> <p>Article 140 - Protection of Athletes</p> <p>2. EA Accredited Coaches</p> <p>Only EA Accredited Coaches (paid or voluntary) must be used at all State and National Squad Clinics or EA sanctioned training events.</p> <p>a) The coach must hold an appropriate EA Coaching accreditation for the level they are coaching.</p> <p>b) The EACC recognises from time to time that the AIS funded High-Performance Program will utilise specialist international coaches in accordance with their agreed medal outcomes, all other International Coaches not holding a current EA Coaching Accreditation may be granted an exemption on application to the EA Coaching Committee provided they hold an equivalent overseas qualification as detailed in the IGEQ matrix.</p> |

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| <p>Chapter VI Protection of Athletes and Horses</p> | <p>Article 141 - Protection of Athletes</p> | <p>Horse Welfare</p> | <p>Chapter VI Protection of Athletes and Horses Article 141 - Protection of Horses</p> <p>In cases of a Horse’s illness or injury during an Event the Ground Jury will decide, after consulting the Veterinary Delegate or Commission, whether the Horse may continue in that or subsequent Competitions.</p> <p><i>A Horse’s sensory hairs may not be clipped and/or shaven or otherwise modified in any way under penalty of elimination from the event. Individual sensory hairs may be removed by a veterinarian to prevent pain or discomfort for the Horse. Areas of hair that must be clipped, shaven or removed to allow veterinary treatment are exempt from this rule.</i></p> <p><i>A phase in period of six months is being introduced to ensure horses are competing with sensory hairs. From 1st July 2022, horses found competing with clipped/shaven/otherwise modified sensory hairs will be issued a recorded warning. From 1st January 2023, horses found competing with clipped/shaven/otherwise modified sensory hairs will be eliminated from the event.</i></p> |
| <p>Chapter I Equestrian Activity, Events and Competitions</p> | <p>Article 100 – EA Activity Classification</p> | <p>Membership Growth and Engagement</p> | <p>Chapter I Equestrian Activity, Events and Competitions Article 100 - EA Activity Classification</p> <p>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;</p> <p>Matrix Official Events Vaulting Competitive membership FEI Level competitions (CVI3*, CVI2*, CVII*) Open, Advanced Participation membership Intermediate, Novice, Pre-Novice, Preliminary, Barrel</p> <p>See matrix below</p> |

| Event/Activity type | | Discipline Specific Activity | | | | | | Conditions | |
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| | | 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 FEI Para-Equestrian | 1.05m and above | 5 Star 4 Star 3 Star 2 Star 1 Star EvA95 | National Championship State HOY Championship | FEI Level Competition (CVI3*, CVI2*, CVI1*) Open Advanced Intermediate Novice | FEI Level competition | National Championship State Championship | <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 |
| | Participation | Novice Prelim Prep EA National Para-Dressage | 1.04m and below | EvA80 | Affiliated events* | Intermediate Novice Pre-novice Preliminary Barrel | 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) • Competition licence not required |
| Closed events | Restricted | 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 | | | | Conditions - <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 | | | |