



Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee – Mid-year Rule Review
For implementation 1 July 2022
(EA Board Approved – Updated 16 June 2022)

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
1.5 (Board approved 16/06/22)	Sensory Hair	Implementation of Sensory Hair ruling by EA as of 1 July 2022.	<p>1.5 Sensory Hair</p> <p>A horse’s sensory hairs may not be clipped and/or shaven or otherwise modified in any way. 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.</p> <p>A phase-in period of six months is being introduced to ensure horses are competing with sensory hairs. From 1 July 2022, horses found competing with clipped/shaven/otherwise modified sensory hairs will be issued a Recorded Warning. From 1 January 2023, horses found competing with clipped/shaven/otherwise modified sensory hairs will be eliminated from the event.</p> <p>NB: Rule 1.5 - Protests, reports, appeals and Yellow Warning Cards, will become Rule 1.6 - Protests, reports, appeals, Yellow Warning Cards and Recorded Warning Cards as per next page</p>

Rule: 1.5 Protests, reports, appeals and Yellow Warning Cards

Board approved 16/06/22

Justification: Introduction to Recorded Warnings. With the inclusions of Helmet Tagging and Removal of Sensory Hair (EA General Regulations - **Article 141 - Protection of Horses**) rulings as of 1 July 2022, a Recorded Warning Card has been introduced to enable the identified officials to caution an athlete without imposing the sanction of elimination (initially). Moving forward, with introduction in 2023, there will be the addition of other infringements and penalties considered for Recorded Warning Cards and the option of other judges designated by an OC to issue Recorded Warnings enabling OCs time to implement this process.

1.56 Protests, reports, appeals, ~~and~~ Yellow Warning Cards, ~~and~~ Recorded Warning Cards

Officials and competitors need to abide by the Codes of Conduct as contained in the EA Member Protection Policy. Refer to the EA General Regulations Articles 163, 164 and 165, EA Codes of Conduct, EA Member Protection Policy and its associated Attachment D1 Complaints Procedures, EA Disciplinary By-laws at www.equestrian.org.au for processes.

Refer to EA General Regulations *Article*169.6.3 for the potential penalty in relation to complaints about incorrect behaviour towards event officials or any other party connected with the event (e.g. other rider, journalist, public member, etc).

- 1.56.1 A Yellow Warning Card may be imposed on the parties concerned or the Person Responsible (PR) for the following:
- abuse of horse (an action or omission involving the mistreatment of a horse). Any incidents considered to be serious Abuse of the Horse may be better dealt with through the formal Protest procedure as outlined in Dressage Rule 1.3.1. However, it is possible to both issue a Yellow Warning Card and pursue formal protest procedure
 - abuse of an Official (including abusive or bullying behaviour directed to an Official and conduct directed toward an Official that denigrates the Official)
 - failure to follow a direction of an Official relating to compliance with these rules
 - serious infringements involving Abuse of Horse, Abuse of an Official or failure to follow a direction relating to compliance with these Rules must incur a Yellow Warning Card, unless lodged as a formal protest and subject to EA General Regulations (see above)

1.6.2 A Recorded Warning Card may be imposed on the parties concerned or the Person Responsible for the following:

- failure to wear an EA-approved tagged helmet*
- riding a horse with clipped or trimmed whiskers without providing a veterinary certificate (prior to January 2023).

*Riders with a non-compliant helmet and no EA helmet tag (see Section 5.2) will be given a Recorded Warning Card and eliminated; riders with a compliant helmet (see Section 5.2) but no tag will be given a Recorded Warning Card but allowed to compete.

1.56.23 An Official, for the purpose of ~~awarding-issuing~~ a Yellow Warning Card ~~or Recorded Warning Card, is~~ may be any of the following:

- an FEI or National-accredited Steward

- an EA Technical Delegate
- an FEI-accredited Judge
- an EA National Judge Educator

An Official may issue a Yellow Warning Card [or Recorded Warning Card](#) only when officiating at an Event. They can be ~~given either by hand~~[hand-delivered](#) or [issued](#) any other suitable means and will state the reason for the ~~Yellow Warning Card~~[warning](#).

The Official who ~~awards~~[gives](#) the Yellow Warning Card [or Recorded Warning Card](#) must notify the Person Responsible, the Ground Jury, where applicable, and the CEO of the State Branch where the incident occurred, ~~of the Yellow Warning Card~~ as soon as possible.

The Yellow Warning Card [or Recorded Warning Card](#) is to be delivered personally during the Period of the Event. If after reasonable efforts the Person Responsible cannot be notified during the Period of the Event ~~that~~ they have received a Yellow Warning Card [or Recorded Warning Card](#), the Person Responsible must be notified in writing within fourteen (14) days of the Event. A Yellow Warning Card [or Recorded Warning Card](#) may be issued in addition to any other sanction(s) that may be issued in accordance with the EA General Regulations and/or the relevant Sport Rules.

1.56.34 It is preferable for a Parent/Guardian to be present when a rider under the age of 18 is issued with the Yellow Warning Card [or Recorded Warning Card](#).

1.56.45 Should the same Person Responsible receive one (1) or more Yellow Warning Card(s) [for any offence](#) at the same or any other Event (~~whether~~ Australian or International) within one (1) year of the ~~award of the~~ first Yellow Warning Card, the matter shall be referred to the State Branch CEO who shall determine whether to refer the Person Responsible to a Judicial Committee.

1.56.56 The Official who ~~awards~~[gives that a](#) Yellow Warning Card [or Recorded Warning Card](#), will advise the State Branch CEO ~~(from the State the event occurred in)~~ and State Dressage ~~Committee Authority~~ (from the State ~~that where~~ the event occurred ~~in~~) of the issue of Yellow Warning Card/s [or Recorded Warning Card](#) and the reasons for its issue within 48 hours after the delivery of the ~~Yellow Warning Card~~[warning](#) to the Person Responsible. The State Branch CEO shall advise EA within 72 hours thereafter. EA will arrange for the Yellow Warning Card [or Recorded Warning Card](#) issued to be entered into ~~its~~ [the EA](#) national database.

1.56.67 A Yellow Warning Card [or Recorded Warning Card](#) is a decision arising from the field of play and as such there is no Appeal against the issuing of ~~a Yellow Warning Card~~[such a warning](#).

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3.10	Resistance/ Disobedience	Error in recording of technical fault deduction	<p>3.10 Resistance/Disobedience</p> <p>In regards to a horse showing resistance or disobedience the following will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) any resistance which prevents the continuation of the test for a period exceeding 20 seconds shall be penalised by elimination. This also applies to any resistance before entering the dressage arena and within the arena surrounds. However, resistance that may endanger rider, horse, judges or the public will be eliminated for safety reasons earlier than 20 seconds. There is no appeal against this decision b) a horse leaving the arena with all four feet during a test between the beginning and the end of the test will be eliminated (except in 4-year-old Young Horse competitions at State qualifying events where there is minus 2 points 0.5% per judge, see rule 9.1) c) should a horse leave the arena with all four feet after the final halt and salute this will not entail elimination
3.16	Use of voice	Correction of typo	<p>3.16 Use of voice</p> <p>The use of the voice or clicking the tongue as an aid by the rider repeatedly is a serious fault, which will be penalised by the judge/s who hear it with a <u>deduction</u> of 2 marks from the mark that would otherwise have been awarded for the movement.</p> <p>NOTE: The use of voice is permitted in some cases in Para-Equestrian Dressage as an aid. See rule 11.7 11.9 for more details.</p>

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3.17.1	Other technical faults with penalties – refer to Annex E	Correction of error in recording of technical fault deduction Correction of Typo	<p>3.17.1 Other technical faults with penalties – refer to Annex E</p> <p>All of the following are considered technical faults and 0.5% will be deducted for each one, and this is applied each time a technical fault occurs but will not result in elimination. but they are not cumulative and will not result in elimination (including for Freestyle tests):</p> <p>a) a rider entering the space around the arena with whip (where not permitted) or riding in a dressage arena with a whip (when not permitted) or with boots on the horse’s legs or with discrepancy in dress (e.g. lack of gloves). See rule 10.6 5.6 (e) for whip penalties at FEI events and Australian and State Championships and 9.1.2 (f) for Young Horse.</p>
3.21	Number/Level of judges required for Official Competitive and Official Participation Competitions	Clarification from EADOC.	<p>3.21 Number/Level of judges required for Official Competitive and Official Participation Competitions</p> <p>The EADC strongly recommends that a minimum of 2 appropriately qualified judges officiate at every Official Competitive competition. NOTE: For Australian Dressage Championships and some other qualifications, competitors must submit 3 scores from competitions with at least 2 judges officiating.</p> <p>For levels Advanced and below, if the minimum recommended 2 judges cannot be procured it is permitted that:</p> <p>a) one A level judge may judge up to Advanced level b) one B level judge may judge up to Medium level c) one C level judge may judge up to Elementary level d) one D level judge may judge up to Novice level e) one E or F level judge may judge up to Prelim level f) a G level judge may judge Official competitive Preliminary with another judge of at least F level g) one judge of F G level judge or above may judge Participation competitions at Preliminary and Novice level as a single judge h) a G level judge may judge Participant Preliminary and Novice as a single judge</p>

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4.7	Types of competitions at Restricted events	Correction of Typo	<p>4.7 Types of competitions at Restricted events</p> <p>Clubs affiliated with their EA State Branch may hold restricted events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) competitions may include any level of EA test from Preparatory to Grand Prix and Para-Equestrian, but are restricted to the conducting club's members only b) competition may also include club activities for club members against invited EA members to a maximum level of Participation competition (see rule 3.13b) up to and including the current Novice tests and all Para-Equestrian tests c) EA Dressage Rules apply to these events as per General Regulations Art 100
4.8.3.3	Heights of horses and ponies	Clarification of when ponies must comply with EA Measuring Rules and improved process by which measuring requests can be monitored.	<p>4.8.3.3 Heights of horses and ponies</p> <p>In regards to the heights for horses and ponies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) horses must exceed 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes b) ponies must not exceed 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes c) ponies must comply with the Equestrian Australia Measuring Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o to compete in official events at State Championships, National Championships, all Young Pony classes or and all competitions where CDI Events are held o State Branches are to provide measuring services to competitors at State Championships, National Championships, Young Pony and CDI Events and are encouraged to provide further opportunities for measuring throughout the State where possible o Measuring Certificate is to be sighted (electronic copy) at entry or the height is to be recorded prior to competing at the event d) ponies 8 years and over may be eligible for a Life Measurement Certificate. Refer to rule 13 in the EA Measuring Rules. e) a pony without a current EA Measuring Certificate may be questioned by any Judge or Club-Organising-Committee Official and served with by sending a "Request to Measure" to the email address: Judge.Notes@equestrian.org.au, with a notation provided to the State Branch. The competitor will be contacted and advised the pony must be measured before being permitted to compete in official pony tests. They pony may still compete in open events f) the SDA will determine if a transfer from horse to pony status or from pony to horse status is required and advise the EA State Branch accordingly g) all current grading points will transfer with a change in status h) a new Dressage Card/Performance Licence will be issued

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4.8.1	Requirements for horses and ponies for Official Competitive competitions	For the purposes of horse welfare only 2 tests to be ridden per day across the board	<p>4.8.1 Requirements for horses and ponies for Official Competitive competitions</p> <p>Horses and ponies entered for Official Competitive competition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) must be registered with EA and owned by a current financial EA member. EA registration papers must be made available on the day of competition b) must have a current Dressage Performance Card/Competition Licence (see rule 4.8.3.4) c) horses and ponies competing up to and including advanced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must only enter and compete in 2 consecutive levels per an event (regardless of number of days) • can enter and compete in no more than 3 2 tests in one day. This may include a Freestyle or Young Horse competition d) for horses and ponies competing PSG and above: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • can enter and compete in no more than 2 FEI-level tests per day and no more than 2 consecutive FEI levels per event. This includes a Freestyle test. If competing in an EA FEI test horses can only compete in one other EA test on the day • a horse that has competed PSG may only compete in one Advanced level test on the same day

4.8.3.2 Eligibility of horses, ponies and combinations for each level

Justification: To clarify the intent of this ruling which is to provide pathways for High Performance riders on new horses

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In Official Competitive competitions the following criteria apply at the closing date of entries (see table below):




Graded level	Eligibility of Horses and Ponies for each level
National Level Competitions	
Preliminary/Novice	Horses/ponies with less than 40 upgrading points gained in Elementary and above
Elementary	Horses/ponies with less than 40 upgrading points gained in Medium and above
Medium	Horses/ponies with less than 40 upgrading points gained in Advanced and above
Advanced	Horses/ponies with less than 30 upgrading points gained in FEI competitions
Prix St Georges and Intermediate I tests including FEI Young Rider tests	Combinations must have achieved 60% or above on 2 occasions in Official Advanced competitions to be eligible to compete PSG, Intermediate 1. In the event that the competitions are held at the one event, they must be judged by a different panel of judges
Intermediate A and B	Combinations must have gained at least 60% in an Official Intermediate I competition to compete in Intermediate A and B or Intermediate II
Intermediate II and EA Grand Prix, including U25 Grand Prix	Combinations must have gained 60% on two occasions in Intermediate A, B or Intermediate II to be eligible to compete Grand Prix and U25 Grand Prix. For GP CDNs held in conjunction with FEI Sanctioned events see Rule 4.8.3.i)
FEI National Competitions	Under exceptional circumstances, High Performance riders on suitably experienced horses Horses and riders providing proof of previous experience at the FEI level may apply to the EADC to waive qualification scores.
FEI-sanctioned Competitions - CDI PSG, Inter I, A, B, Intermediate II, GP, CDI U25, CDIY, CDIJ & CDIP	
Within Australia	Refer to rule 10. 16 18.3
Outside Australia	Combinations wishing to represent Australia overseas at FEI sanctioned events outside of Australia refer to rule 10. 16 18.2

~~**NOTE:** For new combinations at FEI levels from Prix St Georges to CDN Grand Prix, horses and riders providing proof of previous experience at the FEI level may apply to EADC to waive qualification scores based on evidence provided~~

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4.8.4.1	Age categories used in EA Youth Competitions	For the purposes of horse welfare only 2 tests to be ridden per day across the board	<p>4.8.4.1 Age categories used in EA Youth Competitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Junior Rider is eligible to compete from the start of the year they turn 10 (the year they turn 8 if riding a pony) to the end of the year they turn 18 b) a Young Rider is eligible to compete in Young Rider competitions from the start of the year in which they turn 16 years of age to the end of the year they turn 21 c) a Young Rider or a Junior Rider is eligible to compete in their respective Young Rider competitions or Junior competitions and Official competitions on the same horse at the same event but no more than 3 2 tests per day (refer also to rule 4.8.4) d) a Junior of the appropriate age may enter and compete in Junior and Young Rider competitions at the same event, providing they ride a different horse in each competition e) all riders may ride in Young Pony competitions from the year they turn 10 and Young Horse competitions from the year they turn 12

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4.8.5	Horse Identification numbers and Stallion ID at events	To enable horse identification numbers to be clearly identifiable by judges.	<p>4.8.5 Horse Identification numbers and Stallion ID at events</p> <p>Horse Identification numbers are compulsory for identification purposes and must be used at all times at an event so that the horse can be identified by all Officials including Stewards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) two numbers are required to be worn when competing – one on each side of the horse - preferably attached to both sides of the saddlecloth, or both sides of the bridle and must be clearly legible by the judge/s being a minimum of 4cm in height. b) the Horse Identification Number must also be worn as described whenever the horse is being ridden/lunged/led/tethered or grazed from the time of their arrival on the grounds until the end of the event c) identification numbers shall be in black text, clearly displayed on a white background, the colour of the numbers may vary d) green stallion identification discs or number holders must be worn by stallions at all times at an event e) green stallion identification discs or number holders must be clearly displayed on both sides of the stallion’s head (attached to bridle or halter) or both sides of the saddle cloth on both sides of the breastplate: as per EA Stallion Safe Practices Policy f) horse Identification numbers must be worn in addition to stallion discs, either as the green bridle identification number holder or the green stallion disc identification plus horse ID number <p>Failure to correctly wear Horse Identification Numbers will incur the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g) when led, grazed, lunged or ridden on the grounds. An initial verbal warning followed by the issuing of a Yellow Warning Card for further non-compliance h) if the horse does enter in the competition arena not wearing correct identification numbers, -0.50% per judge is deducted

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4.11, 4.11.1	Conditions of Entry for Participation competitions	Issue raised of riders competing 2 times in a Participant test, once as Participant level and again as HC, clarify riders cannot complete twice at this level in different categories	<p>4.11 Conditions of Entry for Participation competitions For riders wishing to compete in Participation level competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) refer to the EA General Regulation for membership requirements b) the minimum age for riders on ponies is from the start of the year in which they turn 8 and on horses from the start of the year in which they turn 10 c) one rider per horse is permitted at any event d) please refer to your state authority in relation to state-specific membership requirements e) refer to the EA General Regulations for any horse/pony registration requirements f) there is no restriction on the height of the horse/pony g) if a horse/pony is graded, it may only compete at its graded level or higher, or HC at a lower level h) a horse/pony may only be entered and compete once in each competition <p>4.11.1 General Other items to note for Participation-level competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) competitions are conducted under the rules of EA with some minor exceptions as mentioned in 4.11 (e.g. height or age, etc)
5.4 (Board approved 16/06/22)	Gaiters	Removal of duplication	<p>5.4 Gaiters Riders please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) gaiters may be worn up to and including Advanced (Including YH events) with short coat only b) gaiters may only be worn with approved short boots c) the exposed side of the gaiter must be full grain leather d) the gaiters must match the colour of the boots, which must be black, brown or same colour as the coat e) Gaiters must be in brown, black or same colour as boots. Decorative or hunting tops are permitted refer to 5.3 f)
5.11.3	Snaffle bridle	Clarification on one-eared bridles	<p>5.11.3 Snaffle bridle A snaffle bridle is an English-type bridle with a single snaffle-type bit and one set of reins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a snaffle bridle is compulsory in all tests up to and including Elementary level b) a snaffle bridle is optional at Medium level and above Advanced and all FEI level competitions c) one-eared bridles are not permitted under penalty of elimination

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5.2	Headgear and helmets	Introduction of mandatory helmet tagging as a safety measure identifying helmets that have been checked as conforming to currently approved helmet safety standards.	<p>Headgear and helmets</p> <p>In relation to helmets and other headwear:</p> <p>a) any person mounted on a horse must wear an approved safety helmet with the retaining harness secured and fastened. Failure to have the harness fastened will entail elimination.</p> <p>Protective headgear must conform with one of the current approved safety standards outlined below. The EA General Regulations at rule 122.2 prescribe the current standards. It is the responsibility of the rider to ensure they are using a current standard safety helmet.</p> <p>b) current Australian standard AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) provided they are SAI Global marked c) new Australian standard ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked d) current American standards ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked, or SNELL E2001 e) current British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided they are BSI Kitemarked f) interim European Standard VG1 (01.040: 2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark g) black or may be same colour as coat, a reflective strip (not to entire helmet) permitted</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <i>BSI Kitemarked</i> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <i>SAI Global marked</i> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <i>SEI marked</i> </div> </div> <p>(h) All helmets are required to be tagged with a current visible EA ‘Helmet Tag’ (effective 1 July 2022) indicating they meet the current approved safety standards. Failure to have helmet appropriately tagged may entail a recorded warning.</p> <p>5.2.1 All headgear should be secured when competing. However, if a rider’s hat comes off during the test the C-Judge must stop the test, so the rider can retrieve and replace the hat. The rider can have outside-assistance to retrieve the hat. Once the hat has been replaced the test and judging recommences from where it was stopped.</p> <p>5.2.21 Any type of camera may not be attached to a helmet or anywhere on the rider, saddlery or horse.</p>

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6.1.1	Ground Jury	Correction of typo	<p>6.1.1 The Ground Jury is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the technical judging of all individual and team competitions b) the allocation and verification of final placings in a competition c) settling all technical problems that may arise during the course of the event that come under their jurisdiction within the field of play – ref dot points d) and e) below. d) referring any written protests received for ‘Horse Abuse’ to the OC (refer 1.3.1 and 5.1)
6.2 (Board approved 16/06/22)	Appeal Committee	FEI Article 438 no longer applies Appeal Committees	<p>6.2 Appeal Committee</p> <p>An Appeal Committee consists of a president and 2 to 4 other persons and must be appointed for Australian and State Championships. It is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) dealing with protests referred to it b) dealing with appeals against decisions of the Ground Jury c) dealing with all cases of infringements of any rules for which the Ground Jury is not responsible d) inviting any person deemed necessary to help them reach a decision e) at least one judge from the competition in which the incident occurred must be consulted <p>The following may not serve as a member of the Appeal Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f) owners of horses entered in the competition pertaining to the protest g) judges of the competition pertaining to the protest h) coaches of competitors entered in the event i) competitors entered in the event j) close relatives of those listed above k) Chefs d'Equipe or other officials of teams entered in the event l) the Technical Delegate m) any person with a conflict of interest <p>The decision of the Appeal Committee is final. Refer also to EA General Regulations Articles 150 and 160. and FEI Article (rule) 438.</p>

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7.7	Unmarked movement	Reduce confusion about what should be done if mark is missing or omitted in either EA National or FEI tests	<p>7.7 Unmarked movement</p> <p>a) the mark allotted should be the average of the collective marks at the end. In relation to the FEI tests where there is only one collective mark the average of the body of the test, excluding the collective, should be made</p> <p>b) for both EA and FEI tests – if a mark has not been recorded and the judge cannot recall the movement, or cannot be found, or if a rider omits a movement and the Judge at C doesn't notice and the rider and has left the arena, if a rider omits/forgets a movement and the Judge at C doesn't notice (i.e. at the end of the test there is a mark missing and the rider has left the arena) a mark equal to the average for the whole test (excluding collectives) is given, with no error of course, as the judge would have been responsible for stopping them</p>
8.1	Entry, salute and timing	Correction of error in recording of technical fault deduction	<p>8.1 Entry, salute and timing</p> <p>k) if the test is clearly shorter or longer than the stipulated time limit on the test sheet, a technical fault of 0.5% deduction from each judge will be incurred, from the total artistic marks. For FEI freestyles 0.5% from the total artistic percentage</p>
9.1	SECTION 9 YOUNG HORSE and YOUNG PONY	Correction of error in recording of technical fault deduction	<p>9.1 General conditions</p> <p>t) if a horse leaves the arena with all four feet during a 4-year-old state qualifying competition this will not entail elimination but will incur a technical fault of 0.5% to be deducted before the score is divided by 5. This rule does not apply to the Australian YH Championships</p> <p>u) Errors of Course and technical faults (see Annex E) to be subtracted once score has been converted to a percentage score:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st error – 0.5 percentage point • 2nd error – 1.0 percentage point • 3rd error – Elimination • 0.5% to be deducted per other error for each technical fault
9.2	Conduct of qualifying events	Correction of Typo	<p>9.2 Conduct of qualifying events</p> <p>In the case of holding qualifying events:</p> <p>a) callers are permitted for 4,5 and 6 year old competitions</p> <p>b) the age of horses is taken from the 1st August (see rule 4.8.4 4.8.3.4)</p>

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9.6	Selection of Young Horses to represent Australia overseas	<p>This rule no longer applies as the FEI has changed their guidelines and Federations are now only allowed one representative for each age group, not two. There will no longer be an automatic qualification.</p>	<p>9.6 Selection of Young Horses to represent Australia overseas</p> <p>The EA National Dressage Selectors will select the Australian representatives for the FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses based on merit and with reference to any EA Selection Policy and in addition to the rules of the FEI/World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses. In particular, horses must be registered with a stud book recognised by the WBFSH.</p> <p>For five and six year old young horses to be considered for endorsement to the FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses they must have a minimum of 2 performances of at least 80% in an official young horse competition with at least 7.5 for each pace.</p> <p>For seven year old young horses to be considered for endorsement they must have a minimum of 2 performances of at least 70%, a minimum of one performance is required in an official young horse competition, and one performance may be from an official competitive Prix St-Georges.</p> <p>a) for Australian based horses, at least one of these scores must be achieved in the second round of the Australian Young Dressage Horse Championships</p> <p>b) for young horses not domiciled in Australia, performances must be from official Young Horse qualifiers with preference given to shows using the FEI tests for 5, 6 & 7 year old's. If submitting performances using national tests the onus is on the applicant to provide proof that the level of the national test used for qualifying scores is equivalent to the level of the FEI tests for 5, 6 & 7 year old's</p> <p>Competition results, including a link to the results section of the event website and the judging sheets (complete with date, venue and names & signatures of judges) must be forwarded to the EA National Office as proof of performances.</p> <p>If selected to represent Australia horses and riders are required to be FEI registered and hold a valid FEI Passport or FEI Recognition Card.</p> <p>Providing they fulfil the scoring criteria, the winners of the Five Year Old Championship and Six Year Old Championship at the AYDHC will be automatically offered a place in the FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses. This offer is also conditional on the horses achieving at least one (1) more qualifying performance as per 5.6.</p>

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10.10 (Board approved 16/06/22)	Horse inspections and swabbing	No longer included in FEI Dressage Rules	10.10 Horse inspections and swabbing In relation to horse inspections and swabbing the following applies: a) all horse inspections will be conducted in accordance with Article 1011 of the Veterinary Regulations and Annex 1 of the FEI Dressage Rule Book b) horse inspections will be held for Grand Prix horses at Australian Championships c) horses in the Australian finals of International competitions will also be required to undergo horse inspection d) random swabbing must be conducted in accordance with the EA National Medication Control Policy three swabs, at least, must be taken at national events
10.13.1	Other Australian Championships	Correct typo for item (m) to reference Section 10.13.1.1 (Qualifying Scores) instead of Section 10.11.1.1	10.13 Other Australian Championships 10.13.1 Australian Youth Dressage Championships 8–21 years a) qualifying performances are contained in rule 10.11.1.1 10.13.1.1
10.15	State Youth Dressage Championships	Correct typo for item (j) to reference Section 10.15.1 instead of Section 8.13.1	10.15 State Youth Dressage Championships State Young Riders Dressage Championships are in principle to be conducted using the same rules as the Australian championships with the following exceptions: a) qualifying performances to be determined by the SDA b) judges must be at least D level c) a minimum of 2 accredited judges is required for each EA competition d) a minimum of 3 judges is required for FEI competitions e) a minimum of 2 interstate (from different states) or overseas A or B level accredited judges must be on the Ground Jury f) the competitors' state of origin must be included in the programme and draw g) all horses and/ponies must hold current EA registration h) the highest level test at each level is not compulsory but must be used if an EA Judges' practical exam is scheduled i) competitions may be run in divisions j) see 8.13.1 10.15.1 for additional notes on qualifying scores for State and National Interschool competitions. k) A Chief Steward must be appointed from the current FEI accredited or National Stewards list. (See 4.1 for role) See rule 7.9 for payment of out of pocket expenses

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10.18.2 (Board approved 10/05/22)	Qualification for CDIs Overseas	To bring qualifications for CDIs Overseas in line with the rule changes in rule 10.18.3 a) and d) in the rule below	<p>10.18.2 Qualification for CDIs Overseas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to gain support from EA in requesting entries for competitions at CDIs overseas, combinations are required to produce proof of gaining a minimum of 6364% in at least two one competitions (at the level you wish to enter) in national Official Competitive competitions (in Australia or overseas) within the 12 months prior to the closing date of entries b) the German Short Grand Prix Test (S10) is acceptable as a qualification for the above process. c) to gain endorsement for CDI5* events, combinations are required to produce proof of gaining at least 66% (in the Grand Prix) at two CDI competitions d) for U25, Young Riders, Juniors or Ponies to gain support from EA to compete at CDIs overseas combinations are required to produce proof of recently gaining at least 60% or better in two national competitions (in Australia or overseas) at the level they wish to compete in at the CDI e) In exceptional circumstances where a combination is required to compete at a CDI in order to obtain an MER for WEG or Olympic Games, the EADC, in consultation with the Selectors, has the discretion to waive the above. the Selectors have discretion to waive the above. Any such decisions being considered are to be discussed with the Chair of the EADC f) CDIO team standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EADC encourages participation in Nations Cup events at CDIOs. However, the performances need to be of an acceptable standard as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GP: 66% at a CDI in previous 12 months ➤ Small Tour: 65% in a CDI in previous 12 months (applies to Wellington Florida CDIO)

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10.18.3	Qualification for CDI's in Australia	To clarify the intent for the ruling which is to provide for High Performance riders who may have imported horses and wish to gain MERs for WRG/Olympic Games. By raising the qualifying score to 64% and only requiring one qualifying score for CDIs, we are hoping to maintain a standard of performance, whilst catering for a range of circumstances.	<p>10.18.3 Qualification for CDIs in Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to be eligible for CDI/CDIW competitions in Australia combinations are required to produce proof of gaining a minimum of 63 64% in at least two one competitions (at the level you wish to enter) in national Official Competitive competitions (in Australia or overseas) within the 12 months prior to the closing date of entries b) CDI-U25 competitions combinations are required to produce proof of gaining 60% in two Intermediate A or Intermediate B or Intermediate II or Grand Prix tests in national Official Competitive competitions within the 12 months prior to the closing date of entries c) CDI-Y, CDI-J and CDI-P combinations are required to produce proof of gaining 60% at level in national Official Competitive competitions within the 12 months prior to close of entries (see 4.8.3 for levels) d) in exceptional circumstances where a combination is required to compete at a CDI in order to obtain an MER for WEG or Olympic Games, the EADC, in consultation with the Selectors, has the discretion to waive the above. the Selectors have discretion to waive the above. Any such decision being considered are to be discussed with the Chair of the EADC

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11.5.2.1.	Sharing of horses	Incorrect placement of rule, amended, removed from rule below – 11.15.3.1	<p>11.5.2.1. Sharing of horses</p> <p>c) where horses are shared by one rider from the lower Grades I, II and III and one rider from the higher Grades IV and V the following applies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on competition days, if the lower grade rider competes first, then 30 minutes schooling by a trainer/coach/groom/other rider will be permitted prior to the test. For the higher-grade rider, this is considered to be the 30 minutes schooling by the rider and therefore no further allocation of time will be permitted. This is on the grounds of horse welfare • on competition days where the higher grade rider competes first, this is considered to be the 30 minutes schooling (by a trainer/coach/groom) permitted for the lower grade rider and therefore no further allocation of time will be permitted for the lower grade rider. This is on the grounds of horse welfare • on non-competition days, the horse may be ridden by both riders, but no time will be allocated for the horse to be schooled by a trainer/coach/groom (i.e. the 30 minutes). It is considered that the higher grade rider is schooling the horse for the lower grade rider • Sharing between a PE and non-PE athlete at an event is prohibited.
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11.10.1	Para-Equestrian Judges	OCs are frequently unable to get 2 PE judges for a PE test, thus, to ensure more PE tests are run suggest using one PE-accredited and one national judge for at non-championship events	<p>11.10.1 Para-Equestrian Judges</p> <p>a) a list of accredited national Para-Equestrian judges is on the EA website or available from your EA state branch office</p> <p>b) there should be at least 2 judges for each competition, if 2 PE-accredited judges are not available, one 1 PE-accredited judge and one national judge of at least D-level may be used (PE judged to be placed at C)</p> <p>c) where 2 judges are used one should be placed on the long side, if the arena layout provides for this</p> <p>d) at National Championships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if 3 judges are used, it is recommended, at the least, that they comprise 1 FEI PE judge and 2 national PE judges – if a CPEDI then must have a minimum of 2 foreign FEI PE judges • if 5 judges are used, it is recommended, at the least, that they comprise 2 FEI PE judges and 3 national PE judges. If a CPEDI then there must be at least 3 foreign FEI PE judges <p>e) at State Championships a minimum of 2 national PE judges must be used</p> <p>f) all judges judging PE must be PE accredited (unless a national judge of at least D-Level is being used as stated in (b) above) and at least:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. D (Medium level) to judge all EA PE tests and FEI PE tests b. E (Elementary) to judge EA PE tests <p>g) PE seminars are to be conducted by a National PE Judge Educator</p> <p>h) seminars are to be of one-day duration</p> <p>i) for re-accreditation purposes the judge must be in attendance for the entire duration of the seminar and be an active participant</p> <p>j) participation certificates are to be issued to attendees</p> <p>k) for reaccreditation, judges are required to attend a specific PE seminar every 3 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to become a PE Judge, you must be E level or above to judge. You must also attend and participate in a full day PE seminar, and demonstrate satisfactory skills in 2 assessments: • a PE written theory test with a pass of at least 80% • one shadow judging which must at least cover Grades I, II and III. This shadow judging may take place at the PE seminar if sufficient horses or it may take place in conjunction with another PE event <p>l) a PE accreditation seminar is to be held at least every 3 years</p>

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Annex F F 12.1 (Board approved 16/06/22)	Reporting to the judge	Correction of error in recording of technical fault deduction, not previously picked up	<p>F.12.1 Reporting to the judge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If Horse Identification numbers have been issued there is no need to stop and talk to the judge; simply ride past each judge ensuring that your Horse Identification numbers can be clearly seen b) if you have a medical problem that restricts your hearing let the judge know so that they can make a clear indication when to start the test c) if Horse Identification numbers are not issued, once the horse before you leave the arena, progress to the Chief Judge at C and await instructions d) a judge's instruction may be 'I have a bell' or 'I will ring the bell and hold my hand out the window' to let you know when to enter the arena e) if you do not have a Horse Identification number make sure all judges know your name and the name of your horse f) once you have given this, recommence warming up around the arena g) once the judge rings the bell you have 45 seconds to enter the arena. The penalty is <u>2 marks 0.5%</u> per judge if this exceeded. If you are not sure if you heard the bell, circle again and re-present to the Chief Judge h) entering the arena before the bell may entail a penalty of <u>2 points 0.5%</u> per judge
Annex G G.8.2.3 (Board approved 16/06/22)	Unmarked movements	<p>Reflect change made to Rule 7.7</p> <p>Text to be removed, as is a duplication of text in G.8.2.4</p>	<p>G.8.2.3 Unmarked movements</p> <p>If a mark has not been recorded and the judge cannot recall the movement, or cannot be found, <u>or the rider omits a movement and the judge at C doesn't notice and the rider has left the arena, a mark equal to the average for the whole test (excluding collectives) is given, the mark allotted should be the average of the collective marks at the end.</u></p> <p>G8.2.4 Particularly when using electronic scoring, apparent errors may occur on a score sheet (e.g. a "1" awarded by C Judge and "7" awarded by B judge for same movement) and may not be noted by various checks within formal posting considerations for placings.</p> <p>In this instance, a rider may request a change to the score providing contact is made with OC or Event Secretary within 24 hours of the last test. In consultation with the Judge, the score may be rectified. This will not affect placings, but riders may use the updated result as a qualifying score.</p>

Annex H Categories of National dressage events and Regional and major club championships

H1 Categories of National dressage events

FEI-sanctioned events such as CDIs are conducted under FEI rules and are excluded from this plan.
In order to assist OCs the following tables summarise the recommended criteria for each category of event.

Justification: Regional Championships removed from rule 4.8.3.3, tidying an inconsistency.

	Regular club events including Official Competitive and Participation competitions	Regional and major Club Championships (to be defined by SDA in calendar)	State Championships	National Championships
Arenas	Sand preferred or other suitable surfaces (soft grass). Best conditions possible for horses taking into account weather conditions Arena surrounds. EA Dressage rule book applies.	At least 1 sand arena is recommended Other arenas sand preferred or other suitable surfaces (soft grass) so that arenas are the best possible, taking into account weather conditions. Arena surrounds. EA Dressage rule book applies.	Preferably 3 to 4 sand arenas. Must include 1 for warm-up. Each state to determine suitability of grounds Arena surrounds. EA Dressage rule book applies.	Minimum of 4 sand arenas required and one sand warm- up arena Arena surrounds. EA Dressage rule book applies.
Camping	Truck and float parking required. Camping facilities not compulsory	Truck and float parking required. Camping facilities not compulsory	Camping sites should be available on the ground with	Camping sites for up to 80 campers, incl access to power, water and amenities
Catering	Not compulsory	Not compulsory	To be provided on the competition grounds from start of competition	To be provided on the competition grounds from start of the competition
First Aid	Highly desirable	Highly desirable	Highly desirable	Compulsory
Pony Measuring Service	Not required – but encouraged annually	Not required – but encouraged annually Required	Required	Required

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Annex I Board approved 16/06/22	Payment for Officials	To match changes made to Guidelines for reimbursement - Out-of-pocket expenses for Officials previously	Payment to Judge Educators and/or Mentors The following fees are payable by the SDA:								
				Seminar – 1 day	Marking F to A & YH Theory Exams – per candidate	Marking F to A Practical Exams	Marking YH practical Exams	Shadow Judging	Official Sit-In (as per 12.17.h)	Protocol Session per hr/max	Mileage per km/max mileage
			JE	\$300	\$30	\$75	\$50	\$30	\$30		€8€ 70c/\$300
			Mentor					\$30	\$30		€8€ 70c/\$300
Judges							\$20/\$300				