

**Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee – Mid-year Rule Review**  
**(For implementation 1 July 2021)**  
**Pending EA Board approval**

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
4.8.3.3	<b>Heights of horses and ponies</b>	<p>Remove the requirement for a pony height certificate for Regional Championships.</p> <p>The primary reason being that it disadvantages riders in remote and regional areas and for these areas 4.8.3.3 (e) - the back up of a judge or OC to request to see a certificate for any pony they think is borderline, is sufficient.</p> <p>Also Regional Championship placings don't come into play or give any 'preference' when it comes to entries for State or National Championships - its qualification and performance that determine these entries.</p>	<p><b>4.8.3.3 Heights of horses and ponies</b></p> <p>In regards to the heights for horses and ponies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) horses must exceed 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes</li> <li>b) ponies must not exceed 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes</li> <li>c) ponies must comply with the Equestrian Australia Measuring Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o to compete in official events at <del>Regional Championships</del>, State Championships, National Championships, Young Pony or CDI Events</li> <li>o State Branches are to provide measuring services to competitors at <del>Regional Championships</del>, State Championships, National Championships, Young Pony and CDI Events and are encouraged to provide further opportunities for measuring throughout the State where possible</li> <li>o Measuring Certificate is to be sighted (electronic copy) at entry or the height is to be recorded prior to competing at the event</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) ponies 8 years and over may be eligible for a Life Measurement Certificate. Refer to rule 13 in the EA Measuring Rules.</li> <li>e) a pony without a current EA Measuring Certificate may be questioned by any Judge or Club Official and served with a "Request to Measure", with a notation provided to the State Branch. The pony must be measured before being permitted to compete in official pony tests. They may still compete in open events</li> <li>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</li> <li>g) all current grading points will transfer with a change in status</li> <li>h) a new Dressage Card/Performance Licence will be issued</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Current EA Measuring Rules apply</p>

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4.6.1	<b>Amateur Owner Rider (AOR)</b>	Rule open to interpretation of “occasional payment for coaching”. To ensure an even rider playing field, “no payment” is to be received for coaching.	<p><b>4.6.1 Amateur Owner Rider (AOR)</b>  Amateur Owner Rider (AOR) is a division of Official Competitive riders. The intent of the division is to highlight and reward non-professional riders. For the purposes of this rule, a professional is someone who derives an income from activities in equestrian sport including breaking, training, coaching or riding horses. It does not however exclude riders who may also earn a living running an agistment property, work in the racing industry or saddlery for example. It is more about recognising riders with their own horses only to ride and train who are obliged to earn an income to support their sport outside of riding, <del>coaching</del> and training.</p> <p>All amateur owner riders must meet the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the rider must be a Competitive member of their state branch of Equestrian Australia</li> <li>b) the horse must have a life registration with Equestrian Australia</li> <li>c) the horse/pony registration lodged with Equestrian Australia must reflect the name of the amateur owner rider as owner or part-owner of the horse. Leased horses are eligible if the amateur owner rider competitor is reflected as the lessee on the EA horse registration of that horse</li> <li>d) <b>the rider may not receive payment for coaching</b></li> <li>e) the rider’s income may only include sponsorship <del>and occasional payment for coaching</del></li> <li>f) the horse/pony must be primarily ridden and trained by the rider/owner with only periodic ridden assistance by person(s) other than the owner, specifically during the period 4 weeks prior to the event</li> <li>g) the rider must be aged 21 and over – can enter in the calendar year in which they turn 21</li> <li>h) the division is for Official Competitive competitions. The Organising Committees may run this division at any level (ideally at all levels Preliminary - GP) and it can be run either within the competition or separately</li> <li>i) Organising Committees must designate the AOR on the draw if there is a separate competition conducted within the one competition</li> <li>j) for a State/Regional/Club Leader Board it would be ideal to select several events at which scores will count towards the annual Leader Board</li> <li>k) if the OC receives evidence that the rider is in breach of these rules then this rider will forfeit any awards and prizes</li> </ol>

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9.5	<b>Consolation Finals</b>	For Consolation Finals the 2 <sup>nd</sup> round Preliminary Tests be used instead of the FEI Final tests to make it easier for the horses that did not make the cut for the Finals.	<p><b>9.5 Consolation finals</b></p> <p>Any 4, 5, 6 and 7 year old horses and 4, 5 and 6 year old ponies that are not eligible to compete in the second round will be eligible to compete in the Consolation final providing they have scored at least 6.0 (60%) in the first round. The Consolation final is to be judged by 2 accredited Young Horse judges sitting at C. The tests to be ridden will be as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1124 408 2076 663"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1124 408 1319 440">Age</th> <th data-bbox="1319 408 2076 440">Consolation final</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1124 440 1319 472">4YO</td> <td data-bbox="1319 440 2076 472">Current FEI Dressage test for 4 year olds</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1124 472 1319 504">4YO Pony</td> <td data-bbox="1319 472 2076 504">Current FEI Dressage test for 4 year olds</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1124 504 1319 536">5YO</td> <td data-bbox="1319 504 2076 536">Current FEI Dressage test for 5 year olds – <del>Final</del> Preliminary</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1124 536 1319 568">5YO Pony</td> <td data-bbox="1319 536 2076 568">Current FEI Dressage test for 5 year olds – <del>Final</del> Preliminary</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1124 568 1319 600">6YO</td> <td data-bbox="1319 568 2076 600">Current FEI Dressage test for 6 year olds – <del>Final</del> Preliminary</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1124 600 1319 632">6YO Pony</td> <td data-bbox="1319 600 2076 632">EA test for 6 year olds</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1124 632 1319 663">7YO</td> <td data-bbox="1319 632 2076 663">FEI 7yo Dressage Test for 7 year olds - <del>Final</del> Preliminary</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Age	Consolation final	4YO	Current FEI Dressage test for 4 year olds	4YO Pony	Current FEI Dressage test for 4 year olds	5YO	Current FEI Dressage test for 5 year olds – <del>Final</del> Preliminary	5YO Pony	Current FEI Dressage test for 5 year olds – <del>Final</del> Preliminary	6YO	Current FEI Dressage test for 6 year olds – <del>Final</del> Preliminary	6YO Pony	EA test for 6 year olds	7YO	FEI 7yo Dressage Test for 7 year olds - <del>Final</del> Preliminary
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