



**Equestrian Australia Driving Committee – Rule Updates**  
**For implementation 1 January 2025**

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
18.3.2	<i>Reinback</i>	Needs to be removed as was moved to 18.3.1(h)	<del>18.3.2—Reinback</del>  The horse must perform the rein back by walking backwards in a straight line with the legs lifted and set down in diagonal pairs, remaining on the bit and not resisting the contact, with the poll remaining the highest point.

<b>ANNEX 8</b>	<b>Fast Track – EA Accredited Driving Judges</b>	Add further avenues for applicants to be accredited Driving Judges	<p><b>ANNEX 8 - Fast-Track</b></p> <p><b>8.1 EA Accredited Driving Judges</b></p> <p>Expression of interest from applicants who are either FEI Drivers, EA Level 1 or higher Driving Coaches or an EA Dressage Judge F Level or higher 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>b) EA Level 1, 2 Driving Coaches with current accreditation.</li> <li>c) Currently registered EA Dressage Judge F Level or higher</li> </ul>
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17.5.2	Athlete and Horse Combination Qualification	17.5.2 Addition to rule to allow for new FEI competition formats – Driving World Challenge and Driving Youth Cup	<p>17.5.2 In order to compete in an EA CAN1* event, an Athlete and Pony/Horse/s combination must have successfully:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Completed an FEI CAI1*, OR</li> <li>b) Completed an EA CAN1* event or higher, with a Dressage score of at least 60% (64 penalties), OR</li> <li>c) Completed TWO Competitor Drive-2 classes (either Dressage and Cones, or Challenge tests), and have achieved at least 60% (64 penalties) in a Dressage test or 65% in a Challenge test. One HC score may be counted in this. The two classes need to be either at different events, or at least have different judges, OR</li> <li>d) Successfully completed a FEI World Challenge or FEI Youth Cup event</li> <li>e) Applied to the EA National office for consideration of an equivalent performance record, and this has been accepted.</li> </ul>

17.5.3	17.5.3 Athlete and Horse Combination Qualification	17.5.3 Addition to rule to allow for new FEI competition formats – Driving World Challenge and Driving Youth Cup	<p>17.5.3 In order to compete in an EA CAN2* event, an Athlete must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Be a current FEI 2* Driver, OR</li> <li>b) Have successfully completed two FEI CAI1* events, OR</li> <li>c) Have successfully completed TWO EA CAN1* events and have achieved at least 60% (64 penalties) in the Dressage phase of each; OR</li> <li>d) <b>Successfully completed a FEI World Challenge or FEI Youth Cup event</b></li> <li>e) Have applied to the EA National office for consideration of an equivalent performance record, and this has been accepted</li> </ul>
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4	17.5 Athlete and Horse Combination Qualification	17.5.4 Remove existing wording and replace with updated wording to provide clarification.	<p><del>17.5.4 In order for an Athlete to apply for FEI Athlete's registration as a Driver through the EA National office, the same criteria apply as for an EA CAN, that is, the Athlete and the horse/s need to have completed two Drive-2 classes (maximum one HC) with a Dressage score of at least 60%, or equivalent, as assessed by the EA National Office, after application.</del></p> <p>17.5.4 Australian Competitors Overseas</p> <p>For an Athlete to apply for FEI Athlete's registration as a Driver through the National Office, the same criteria apply as for rules 17.5.2 and 17.5.3.</p> <p>To gain support from EA to compete in competitions overseas, combinations are required to produce proof of results gained from EA National Competitor level competitions. Results gained in competitions of other Driving Organisations in Australia or Overseas must be comparable to the requirements for EA National or FEI level events. The NSP will review applications in line with relevant FEI welfare, anti-doping and safety policies.</p> <p>Results must be current i.e. within 2 yrs of making an application to Equestrian Australia.</p>
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