

DRESSAGE CLUB PACK 2008



Checklist for Running Your Event - Dressage

FEI & EFA DRESSAGE RULES INCLUDED

Rules & Regulations

- All dressage events are conducted and scored under the current Rules for Dressage (EFA & FEI)
- It is the responsibility for all Organisers to be in possession of the current EFA & FEI rule book.

General

- Organisers can run more than one class at any given level during their event. ie. can run 2 novice tests one being 2B and the other 2C

Arenas

- The arena must consist of a low continuous fence about 0.3 metres high
- Driven in stakes, unbreakable rope, chain or tape, line marking or rope on the ground or thin poles on the ground will not be permitted.
- Should be level and separated from the public (including photographers and video operators) by a distance all round of 15 metres if possible but at least 10 metres.
- For the sake of the riders, organizers are strongly encouraged to mark the centre line, but it is not necessary to mark D, X and G.
- Arena's should be placed at least 10 metres apart 15 metres if room permits
- Should be positioned so judges are not facing into the sun

Prizes

As per rule 3.19 of the EFA Rules:

In the following official events, if an entry fee is charged, then prize money or goods in kind must be given to at least 3 places. The value of the last prize must not be less than the entry fee.

- National
 - State Championships,
 - Royal Show Dressage
 - Regional, Country or Club Championships,
 - Gala Dressage, Dressage Days or weekends.
- Within the above rules, the details regarding number of prizes and amount of prize money is at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

Judges

- The Judge of a dressage event is not permitted to conduct a clinic for horses and or riders within two weeks prior to an event. If a clinic is held prior to an event then horse/rider combinations taking part in the clinic are not permitted to enter the dressage event.
- All EFA Tests must have two judges or a single judge of at least 'C' Level. (Refer 11.10 Number/Level or judges required to Judge a competition.)
- Effective from 1/01/08 one judge of at least F Level Judge is required to judge Official Preliminary competitions, although it is highly recommended that another judge (at least F level) be added.
- Organisers responsibility to judges: - it is courteous and essential that you confirm the judging appointment in writing. Is advised to confirm the time, date, venue, directions, reimbursements and a copy of the tests to be judged, at least two weeks before the appointment.
- Judges should not be expected to judge any more than 35 horses in one competition
- There should be maximum of 35 horses, if more than 30 competitors the class must be divided or a reserve list established.
- Recommended reimbursement to judges is as follows:
 - For Travel up to 50km to venue - \$15 per hour with a minimum of \$60.00
 - For Travel over 50kms - \$0.35c per kilometer with a minimum of \$60
 - This should be confirmed in writing prior to the fixture.

If the club requires a deviation from any of the above, an application needs to be made to the Dressage Judges Taskforce at least four weeks before the event date.

NB Events run with insufficient judges will be declared invalid for grading points.

Checking eligibility to compete

- Before competing every competitor must produce a performance card stamped valid for 31/12/08 and that the horse is eligible to compete in the grade it has been entered. Riders must produce a valid membership card.
- If clubs forward a copy of the draw with both Horse registration numbers and Riders EFA Numbers; an entry check can be done at the EFA (Office). This saves the Organisers checking these details on the day of the competitions. However if must be forwarded at least four days prior to the competition day.
- In EFA and FEI tests, riders may only compete in 2 consecutive levels, but in no more than three tests per day which may include a Freestyle which can be ridden in one day.
- Horses with 80 grading points or more that compete at FEI level are limited to participating in two consecutive FEI levels, plus a corresponding Freestyle at any fixture.
- In Official competitions the following criteria apply at the closing date of entries:
 - Preliminary & Novice level horses/ponies with less than 60 points

- Elementary Level horses/ponies with less than 120 points
- Medium Level horses/ponies with less than 180 points
- Advanced Level horses/ponies with less than 240 points
- Prix St Georges and above horses with at least 80 points that have on

Advanced

- Grand Prix have

Two occasions achieved 60% in judged by at least two judges.

horses with at least 80 points that

achieved 58% in Intermediate II for entry to EFA competitions, or have achieved 60% in Intermediate II for entry to CDI events.

- FEI Pony
- FEI Young Rider (CDI-Y) have

ponies with at least 60 points

horses with at least 80 points that

gained 60% at Prix St Georges

- The purpose of the Bridle numbers is to identify horses for competition. Bridle Numbers are **COMPULSORY** and riders without Bridle Numbers could be refused entry. Bridle Numbers are not required for associate classes.
- All riders/owners must be financial senior or junior members of the EFA.

Associate Classes

- Only clubs affiliated with the EFA are eligible to conduct Associate competitions.
- Competitions are to be conducted under the rules of the EFA with some minor exceptions e.g. Height of horse and age of rider.
- Organisers have the right to split classes into two sections for Full Membership riders and for Associate member riders.
- Competitions do not attract grading points.
- Associate competition can be conducted in conjunction with Official competitions.
- Organisers are required to send in competition results to the EFA Office as per official competitions and results will be entered into the Leader board for the Highpoint Championships.
- For judging requirements (Refer 11.10 Number/Level or judges required to Judge a competition.)

- Riders in Associate classes at fixtures run by affiliated clubs must be current members of the EFA (WA Branch), at least at Associate level, or a member of the club running the event.
- No age restriction on riders age
- Are required to inform the organiser of the type of EFA Membership they hold on their entry form eg. Full EFA or Associate
- Horses do not need to be registered.
- No height restriction applies
- If a horse is registered and either has a ***current dressage card or has previously been graded*** it must compete at its graded level or H/C in a lower level.
- Riders are required to inform the organisers as to the number of points the horse currently has on the entry form.

Young Riders System

- Young Riders should not be judged as a separate class and need to be judged within the open class. Grading points are allocated according to their place in the open class.
- Young Riders will also be placed separately according to the Young Riders class. Clubs will be asked to award two sets of ribbons.
- A Rider may compete as Open Young-Rider from the date they turn 16 years up to and including the end of the calendar year in which they turn 21 years.
- Riders must be full Financial Senior or Junior members of the EFA
- Horses must exceed 149cm (with shoes) or 148cm (without shoes) and hold a current Open grading card

National Pony Classes

- Pony must be registered with the EFA, rider and owner must be current financial members of the EFA.
- Competitors in Pony Dressage Competitions must have a Pony Dressage Performance Card. The card will be endorsed with "PONY" stamped on the front.
- The pony must not exceed 148cm in height without shoes.
- A Pony must have a current EFA height certificate which must be obtained annually until the pony reaches 8 years of age. Organisers have the right to request proof measurement.
- Judges will be the same as for EFA Rules for Official Competitions.
- A rider may compete as a pony rider from the beginning of the year in which they turn 10 until the end of the year in which they turn 16. Riders are considered Adults from the year in which they turn 17 years
- A pony may not compete in Pony and Associate Dressage competitions at the same event.
- As per EFA Rules, juniors and Adults can compete in the same test but not on the same pony during the event.

- The option to separate juniors and Adults is at the discretion of the Organising committee.
- New safety helmets and dress as per EFA Rules.
- Organisers are required to send in competition results to the EFA Office as per Official competitions and results will be entered as Official results.
- In Associate Pony Dressage the above rules apply. However, no grading points will be awarded. Judges, membership and registration will be as per Associate Rules.
- Competitors will be allowed to enter and compete in two consecutive levels as per the EFA Dressage Rules and restricted to two ponies per competition.
- Grading system – The same scale of grading points that are used for horses exceeding 148cm (without shoes) applies to ponies as follows:

Results and Allocation of Points

To earn grading points, horses must gain 60% in Preliminary or Novice of the possible marks and a placing. At elementary and above horses must gain 58% or more, provided they are in the first six placings, irrespective of the number of awards.

Points are awarded on the following scale for all EFA and FEI Open Classes:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
6	5	4	3	2	1

Results Sheets and EFA Levies

- Results must be entered onto the EFA MASTER RESULTS SHEET and returned to the EFA Office **within fourteen days of the competition.** **Please ensure that the horse's name and registration numbers are recorded as per their performance card, including all prefixes.**
- Master sheets are available from the EFA (WA) Office free of charge. All performances must be recorded on the Master Sheet, not just the place getters.
- Where possible the results can be emailed to registrar@efawa.com.au in an excel file. These forms are available from the EFA (Office)
- Clubs should keep a copy of all their master results.
- The EFA Dressage Start Levy \$12.00 per horse per day.
- Levies should be forwarded to the EFA with the results, with a clear breakdown of the number of official and associate entries.
- In line with recent FEI rules, effective immediately the scores of each judge for ALL competitions are to be shown in percentage only (not points) and to 3 decimal points and preferably the placing of each judge.

The following is an example:

Horse	Rider	Judge at E	Judge at C	Judge at M	Final %	Place
Fred	M Smith	76.123(2)	78.329 (1)	79.193 (1)	77.882 (1)	1

Stallion Code of Conduct

The Equestrian Federation of Australia (WA Branch) has, in the interests of public and horse safety, developed the following Stallion Code of Conduct which is a set of guidelines to be introduced by affiliated clubs and event Organisers.

If the COC is adhered to, the likelihood of an accident involving a loose stallion will be minimized. It is understood that "accidents" can happen but taking all possible precautions and making all riders aware of the presence of a stallion minimizes the possibility of accidents.

1. No stallion should be moved around any venue without a "bit" in his mouth - this can be either bridles or rearing bit.
2. The Method of securing a stallion at a venue where no stables are available is as follows:

No stallion should be restrained or tied to a truck/float without a secure metal framed yard surrounding the stallion.

They must have suitable arrangements to ensure that the risk of breaking free is minimized. These methods can be secure hobbles, neck tie or tethering along with the secure metal yards etc.

3. Stallions should not be housed in portable electric taped yards at any event.
4. Riders should be over 17 years to ride stallions either for warming up purposes or competition purposes at shows.
5. Handlers should be over 17 years of age.
6. It is the stallion owners/riders responsibility to ensure that all possible safety precautions are taken.

This Code of Conduct is designed to make things easier for Stallion Owners, Riders and Handlers.

JUDGE	JUDGES NAME	EFA No	LEVEL	JUDGING POSITION	PLEASE RETURN WITHIN 10 DAYS TO:
				C	<i>DRESSAGE RESULTS</i>
					<i>Or e-mail to</i>