



IMPORTANT NOTE:

The Rule Amendments are currently awaiting ratification from the EA Board.

Equestrian Australia

Amendments to National Show Horse Rules (Rules)

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Introduction

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships were postponed until 2021 with the announced intent that all horses and riders qualifying at their 2020 State Horse of the Year Event would be eligible to compete at the rescheduled 2020 Nationals.

The EA Show Horse Committee has decided that the 2020 and 2021 Nationals will be conducted as one combined event between 1-4 December 2021 (**Event**).

The Rules, as amended by these amendments, shall apply up to the conclusion of the Event as provided for in the "Sunset Clause" (see below). Thereafter, the Rules shall revert to those in place and effective as of 1 January 2021.

To make it easier to follow the amendments, the current rule appears in black type and the amendments in red type. Words that are deleted from the current rule are struck through. Where appropriate, examples are provided to illustrate how the amendment will work in a particular situation.

Rules 1.1.3 Childs/Junior Classes

Child/junior classes are for riders 5 years and under 18 years on 1st January in each year (excluding leading rein). The class is to be judged on the suitability of the horse to be ridden by a child. Small Ponies are to be ridden by child 14 years and under **as at 1 January 2021**.

Rule 1.1.4 Horse

Horses shall be shown at their current recorded height and must hold a current EA height certificate to compete at any EA event EXCEPT **at the Event as provided for by rule 6.2** ~~the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships at which horses must be shown in the height class in which they qualified at their State Horse of the Year Titles~~. All certificates are valid for a stated period. Competitors shall carry their EA Registration Papers, Competition Licences (in states where they are issued), EA Height Certificates and EA Membership Card at all affiliated shows and make them available for inspection upon request.

Rule 5.4 Rider of the Year Classes

Rule 5.4 is replaced by the following:

Riders may only compete in the class/es at the Event for which they are eligible according to their age as at 1 January 2021 notwithstanding that they qualified at their State Horse of the Year and Rider Championship in a younger age group in 2020 or 2021. For example, a rider who qualified in the rider under 12 years class in 2020 who is aged 12 as at 1 January 2021, must compete in the class for riders 12, 13 and 14 years. A rider who was eligible to compete in the 2020 or 2021 in any of the child/junior classes but who has turned 18 by 1 January 2021 must compete in the rider 18 to 25 years class.

Rule 5.5.1 Childs Classes

The rider must be aged between 5 years and under 18 years as of 1st January in the year of the National (Australian) Championships Event.

Rule 5.5.2 Leading Rein Classes

Competitors are reminded that leading rein classes are a horse class. For lead rein riders turning five years - the age of 5 commences from the child's birthday. The under 8 age limit is taken as per the child's age as at 1st January in the calendar year that the competition is being held. Handler must be 18 years of age and over.

6.2 Qualifying Class/es

The class a horse qualifies for at State Championships will be the class that the horse competes in at the Australasian Show Horse Championships Event, regardless of changes to a height certificate, save that if a horse qualified at both of its 2020 and 2021 State Championships, it shall only be eligible to compete at the Event in the same class as its 2021 qualification. Example A: if a horse qualified as a Galloway at a State Horse of the Year Championship in 2020 and thereafter qualified as a Hack at the State's Championship in 2021 (because of a change in height measurement) the horse shall only be eligible to compete at the Event in the Hack class/es for which it is qualified. Example B: if a horse qualified as a Hack at its State's Championship in 2020 and thereafter qualified as a Show Hunter at the State's Championship in 2021, the horse shall only be eligible to compete at the Event in the Show Hunter class/es for which it is qualified.

Rule 6.8

Once a horse has qualified for the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships, the competitor must retain current relevant state membership in that calendar year and the residency of the horse must be the same at which it qualified for the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships. Once a rider has qualified for the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships, they must retain their relevant State membership for that calendar year

Rule 6.9

A horse will not be disqualified from representing the State in which it qualified as a result of the change of ownership or lease within the same State. If a horse is sold or leased to another state it is



no longer eligible to represent the State in which it qualified. Notwithstanding anything contained in rules 6.8 and 6.9, if a horse qualified at a State Championship in 2020 then changed ownership and residency to a different State and qualified at its new State's championship in 2021, the horse shall be eligible to compete at the Event for its new state.

Current Rules

For the avoidance of doubt, save as amended by these Amendments or any other amendments properly made, the Rules remain in full force and effect.

Sunset clause

These Amendments shall apply up to and including the last day of the Event. From midnight on the last day the Event these Amendments shall cease to have any continuing force or effect (save that they shall apply with respect to any Appeal Committee or Disciplinary Proceeding commenced or thereafter arising from the Event) and the National Show Horse Rules shall revert to those in place and effective as of 1 January 2021.