Show Horse Media Release.

Attention: EA Show Horse Competitors, Owners and Officials.

We wish to advise that the EA Board has endorsed to amend the EA National Measuring Rules and the EA National Show Horse Rules, effective immediately.

The changes to the rules relate to protest only, and may affect some competitors at the 2014 Australasian Show Horse & Rider Championships to be held in Werribee in December 2014.

Amended rules are listed below in red.

EA Measuring Rules
8.10 Life Measurement
Life measurement may be permitted under some EA sport rules for horses that have reached 8 years of age and have 3 consecutive official EA measurements in the same height division with two of those measurements being completed by EA official measurers.

8.11 (removed from 8.10) Protests Against Height Measurement
Any person/individual or state branch has a right to protest the height of a horse and can lodge a protest in accordance with EA National Show Horse Rules 1.5 (accompanied by a $500 administration fee) for re-measurement of the protested horse. For the horse to be remeasured, it must be remeasured in accordance with the EA Measuring Rules, within 60 days of the protest and at a time mutually agreed upon. It is also a requirement that 2 Official EA Measurers be in attendance along with an EA official as an observer. One measurer must not have measured the horse for its current height certificate.

A maximum of one protest per horse annually, with any 2nd or subsequent protest about the horse, will only be allowed at the discretion of the EA/Branch Show Horse Sport Committee.

Horses that are not remeasured within 60 days of the protest date are ineligible to compete at EA events until remeasuring occurs.

A horse that has a protest lodged against it is ineligible to compete at any EA State Horse of the Year Show and/or the EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships until remeasuring occurred.

Equestrian Australia National Show Horse Rules
4 State Horse of the Year and Riding Championships

These rules are to be adhered to by the State Organising Committees in the conduct of State Horse of the Year and Riding Championships and only refer to those classes that qualify horses/riders for the Australasian Show Horse Championships. States are still able to include additional conditions to the conduct of their State event that are State-specific and not in contradiction to these rules.
4.1 The event is to be conducted under the rules and by-laws of Equestrian Australia.
4.2 Horses must be registered with Equestrian Australia Ltd and owned or leased by a current financial member of that State and registration papers be in the name of the owner or lease at the time of entry.
4.3 Horses can only be shown at State HOTY by a financial member of that State.
4.4 Show Horse, Show Hunter and Leading Rein Classes - All horses must have a current EA Height Certificate. Refer to the EA Measuring Rules.

4.4.1 A horse that has a protest lodged against it is ineligible to compete at an EA State Horse of the Year Show until remeasuring occurred.
4.2.2 A horse that has a protest lodged against it and is remeasured, must compete in accordance with National Show Horse Rules 1.1.4
4.4.3 EA qualified measurers (2) will be attendance for the duration of any EA State Horse of the Year Show for remeasuring purposes.

5 Australasian Show Horse and Riding Championships

5.1 Horses must be registered with, and riders and owners members of, Equestrian Australia Ltd.
5.2 All horses in the Show Horse, Show Hunter and Leading Rein Classes are required to have a current EA Height Certificate at the time of competing in their State event and the Australasian event. Refer to the EA Measuring Rules.

5.2.1 A horse that has a protest lodged against it is ineligible to compete at the EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships until remeasuring occurred.
5.2.2 A horse that has a protest lodged against it and is remeasured, must compete in accordance with National Show Horse Rules 1.1.4
5.2.3 EA qualified measurers (2) will be attendance for the duration of the EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships for remeasuring purposes.

Note: National Show Horse Rules 1.1.4 - Horses shall be shown at their current recorded height and must hold a current EA Height certificate to compete at any EA event including State and Australasian Horse of the Year Events. All certificates are valid for a stated period.

The EA Measuring Rules and the EA National Show Horse Rule book effective 1st January 2015 will reflect these amendments.

End.