

**Equestrian Australia Show Horse Committee – Rule Review**  
**(For implementation 1 JAN 2023 )**

Rule	Heading	Justification	Revised Rule
Annexure A 10.1	Yellow Warning Cards	Alignment with Dressage & implementation of rules by EA Officials	<p>Amend the Yellow Warning Card which states <b><i>National Show Horse Officials (Judges) which have received approved and appropriate EA training have the authority to issue a Yellow Warning Card at an Event.</i></b>” to read:</p> <p>This card is for use at EA Official Show Horse events. <del>National Show Horse Officials (Judges) which have received approved and appropriate EA training have the authority to issue a Yellow Warning Card at an Event.</del> <b><i>“An Official for the purpose of issuing a Yellow Warning Card or Recorded Warning Card may be any of the following:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An FEI or National accredited Steward</li> <li>• An EA Technical Delegate</li> <li>• An EA State or National Judge”</li> </ul> <p>See Rule 1.5 and 1.6: Protests, Reports, Appeals, Recorded and Yellow Warning Cards. Yellow warning cards following a meeting with the party concerned at the event may be issued on the day and when being awarded by an EA Official, should ideally be delivered personally to the rider/<b><i>owner/exhibitor/member</i></b> together with an explanation as to why it is being issued and the possible consequences of any further offences being committed.</p> <p>In the case of a rider being under the age of 18 years, a Parent/Guardian must be present when personally delivering the Yellow Warning Card. Where a rider receives two or more Yellow Warning Cards within a 12 month period for the same offence the State Branch will prepare a report for referral to the EA Branch for consideration under the Disciplinary Bylaws/General Regulations. If after reasonable efforts the rider cannot be notified during the period of the event that they have received a Yellow Warning Card, the rider must be notified within 14 (fourteen) days of the event.</p> <p>Yellow Warning Cards issued at both international and National events will be taken into account.</p>

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1.6.1	Yellow Warning Cards		<p><b>1.6.1 A Yellow Warning Card may be imposed for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (...)</li> <li>a) Serious infringements involving Abuse of horse, Abuse of an Official or failure to follow a direction relating to compliance with these Rules must incur a Yellow Warning Card. <b>Only EA approved Officials have the authority to issue a yellow warning card at an event. An Official for the purpose of issuing a Yellow Warning Card or Recorded Warning Card may be any of the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An FEI or National accredited Steward</li> <li>• An EA Technical Delegate</li> <li>• An EA State or National Judge</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Following a meeting with the party concerned at the event Yellow Warning Cards may be issued on the day and when being awarded by an EA/FEI Official should ideally be delivered personally to the rider/owner/exhibitor/member, together with an explanation as to why it is being issued and the possible consequences of any further offences being committed. If after reasonable efforts the rider cannot be notified during the period of the event that they have received a Yellow Warning Card, the rider must be notified within 14 (fourteen) days of the event.</li> <li>(...)</li> <li>f) The EA/FEI Official will advise the Organising Committee who will advise their State Branch CEO and State Show Horse Committee of the issue of ALL Yellow Warning Cards and the reasons for the issue within 48 hours of the event.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Annexure 10.2</b></p>	<p><b>Recorded Warning Card</b></p>		<p>Amend the Recorded Warning Card which states <b><i>National Show Horse Officials (Judges) which have received approved and appropriate EA training have the authority to issue a Recorded Warning Card at an Event.</i></b> to read:</p> <p>This card is for use at EA Official Show Horse events. <del>National Show Horse Officials (Judges) which have received approved and appropriate EA training have the authority to issue a Recorded Warning Card at an Event.</del> <b>An Official for the purpose of issuing a Yellow Warning Card or Recorded Warning Card may be any of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>An FEI or National accredited Steward</b></li> <li>• <b>An EA Technical Delegate</b></li> <li>• <b>An EA State or National Judge</b></li> </ul> <p><b>See Rule 1.5 and 1.6: Protests, Reports, Appeals, Yellow and Recorded Warning Cards.</b> Recorded Warning Cards following a meeting with the party concerned at the event may be issued on the day and when being awarded by an EA Official, should ideally be delivered personally to the rider/<b>owner/exhibitor/member</b>, together with an explanation as to why it is being issued and the possible consequences of any further offences being committed. In the case of a rider being under the age of 18 years, a Parent/Guardian must be present when personally delivering the Recorded Warning Card. If after reasonable efforts the rider cannot be notified during the period of the event that they have received a Recorded Warning Card, the rider must be notified within 14 (fourteen) days of the event. A Recorded Warning Card may be issued in addition to any other sanction(s) that may be issued in accordance with the EA General Regulations and/or the relevant Sport Rules. The Official who gives a Recorded Warning Card, will advise the Organising Committee who will advise the State Branch CEO and State Show Horse Authority (from the State where the event occurred) of the issue of Recorded Warning Card/s and the reasons for its issue within 48 hours after the delivery of the warning to the Person Responsible. The State Branch CEO shall advise EA within 72 hours thereafter. EA will arrange for the Recorded Warning Card issued to be entered into the EA national database.</p> <p>A Recorded Warning Card is a decision arising from the field of play and as such there is no Appeal against the issuing of such a warning.</p>
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<p><b>1.6.2</b></p>	<p><b>Recorded Warning Card</b></p>		<p>1.6.2 A Recorded Warning Card may be imposed for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Showing a horse with clipped or trimmed whiskers without providing a veterinary certificate (prior to January 2023).</del></li> <li>• Failure to follow a direction of an Official (Judge) relating to compliance with these rules.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Serious infringements involving Abuse of horse, Abuse of an Official or failure to follow a direction relating to compliance with these Rules must incur a Yellow Warning Card. Only EA approved Show Horse Officials (Judges) with the appropriate EA accredited training have the authority to issue a Recorded Warning Card at an event. <b>An Official for the purpose of issuing a Yellow Warning Card or Recorded Warning Card may be any of the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>An FEI or National accredited Steward</b></li> <li>• <b>An EA Technical Delegate</b></li> <li>• <b>An EA State or National Judge</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Following a meeting with the party concerned at the event Recorded Warning Cards may be issued on the day and when being awarded by an EA/FEI Official (Judge) should ideally be delivered personally to the rider <b>/owner/exhibitor/member</b>, together with an explanation as to why it is being issued and the possible consequences of any further offences being committed. If after reasonable efforts the rider cannot be notified during the period of the event that they have received a Recorded Warning Card, the rider must be notified within 14 (fourteen) days of the event.  (...)</li> <li>d. The EA Official (Judge) will advise the Organising Committee of the Recorded Warning. The Organising Committee will advise their State CEO and State Show Horse Committee of the issue of ALL Recorded Warning Cards and the reasons for the issue within 48 hours of the event.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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5.3.1	Protest	Eliminate contradiction with the EA Measuring Rules	Removal of rule 5.3.1 <del>5.3.1 A horse that has a protest lodged against it is ineligible to compete at an EA State Horse of the Year Show until re-measuring has occurred.</del>
5.9.1.1 & 5.9.2.3	COVID Rules HOTY		<p>5.9 To Judge State Horse of the Year Judges must have a minimum of two years’ experience on a State or National list.</p> <p>5.9.1 Judge Allocation - Local A maximum of two judges from any one state are permitted.</p> <p><del>5.9.1.1 Effective 14th July 2020, for the purpose of an interim rule due to COVID19, at the discretion of the Organising Committee pursuant to all avenues being exhausted to secure Judges, unlimited home state Judges and more than 2 judges from one state randomly selected by the EA National Office can be used to officiate at the 2020 HOTYS for the States of NSW, QLD, SA, WA</del></p> <p>5.9.1.1 Due to special circumstances, for example a pandemic, National or State Emergency, or if for whatever reason State borders are closed, a State may be permitted to source their judges from within their own State or from a State not effected by closure, upon request to the National Show Horse Committee</p> <p>5.9.1.2 Effective 13th August 2020, for the purpose of an interim rule due to COVID19, during special circumstances, for example if borders are closed, a State will be permitted to source all Judges from within their State, upon request from EASHC</p>
6.6	Childs Show Hunter & Childs Open Hack Classes	Increase participation for child’s classes at Australian Championships	<p>6.6 The winner, runner-up and third place getter in the open show horse, open show hunter and leading rein, and open rider classes <b>and Junior/Child’s Classes</b> from state qualifying events will be invited to compete at the Australasian Show Horse Championships. The 4th placegetter in these classes will not be a reserve for these sections</p> <p><del>The winner and runner up in the Junior/Child’s Classes from state qualifying events will be invited to compete at the Australasian Show Horse Championships. Should the winner and runner up accept their invitation to compete, the third place getter will not be required. If the winner or runner up is not able to accept their invitation, then the third place getter will be eligible to compete. The EA Show Horse Committee will not consider applications for horses/ponies/riders placed lower than third place at their State HOTY.</del></p>

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5.15	Class Numbers	Correction to rule	Where split Child/Junior classes have less than 3 competitors in a class at the discretion of the organising committee these classes may be combined, .i.e. instead of 2 Galloway classes with less than 3 in each they be combined to <b>over</b> 14h up to inc. 15hds.				
5.17	Judges Accept	Rule Redundant – no jurisdiction over Royal Show appointments	<del>Judges who have accepted to Judge at a State Horse of the Year and Rider Championships will not accept a Judging appointment in similar classes for a Royal Show in the same State in that calendar year.</del>				
5.9.8	State Show Horse & Rider Championship Classes	Splitting the youngest age group into a more even split	<table border="1" data-bbox="898 651 2047 874"> <tr> <td data-bbox="898 651 2047 687"><b>RIDER CLASSES</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="898 687 2047 724">Rider 5 and under 9 years*</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="898 724 2047 794">Rider 9, 10 &amp; 11 years*</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="898 794 2047 874"><i>*Option to merge classes for smaller states (WA/TAS/NT) if insufficient entries to a Rider under 12 years class.</i></td> </tr> </table>	<b>RIDER CLASSES</b>	Rider 5 and under 9 years*	Rider 9, 10 & 11 years*	<i>*Option to merge classes for smaller states (WA/TAS/NT) if insufficient entries to a Rider under 12 years class.</i>
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1.3.1	Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse – Training and Preparation	Align rules with General Regulations	<p><b>F) A Horse’s sensory hairs may not be clipped and/or shaven or otherwise modified in any way under penalty of elimination from the event. Individual sensory hairs may be removed by a veterinarian to prevent pain or discomfort for the Horse. Areas of hair that must be clipped, shaven or removed to allow veterinary treatment are exempt from this rule.</b></p>				