

JD RULES QUESTIONNAIRE

Download a copy of the Rules from the EA website and see if you can answer the following questions:

Who is ultimately responsible for knowing the rules? _____

Making your entry to a competition.

Competitions are run at the following levels and there is an entry requirement for each level. Years are determined by the year in which horse or rider turns at age.

Riders are encouraged to join Equestrian Australia, Eventing NSW and/or the club that is holding an event. There are two membership levels of Equestrian Australia, participant (P) and competition (C). In addition, for some levels of competition there are performance requirements which must be obtained at a lower level. These are known as Minimum – Eligibility Requirements (MER). Fill in the following table so you know the requirements at each level of competition:

Competition level	Minimum age of horse	Minimum age of rider	Membership type	Horse registered with EA?	MER required?	Colour for jump nos
45cm (EvA45)						
60cm (EvA60)						
80cm (EvA80)						
95cm (EvA95)						
105cm (EvA105)						
1* (CNC*)						

2* (CNC**)						
3*(CNC***)						

Eventing NSW encourages its junior members to remain at a level until they have achieved final scores of less than 60 and for riders competing at EvA80 and above Performance Patches are awarded to riders who achieve three such results on the same horse in the same level. These patches are coloured to match the level of the course ridden.

There is a restriction on the size for Performance or Sponsorship patches, what is this?

What are the restrictions on displaying State or National emblems on riding jackets?

A rider may not enter a class at a level higher than the lower level of either his or his horse's grade – applies to EvA105 and above. (Example: a Preliminary rider may not ride a 2* horse higher than EvA105.)

What is a Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) and to which classes does it apply?

What is a Reverse Qualification?

From which level of competition can this be applied? _____

How does a rider return to the original level?

Riders in higher classes may ride down one level without penalty but if they rider down two levels (Example: 3-star horse entering in 1-star class where a higher level is offered), what is the penalty? _____

At the competition

Each competition is run by a committee of volunteers who appoint officials to oversee various aspects of it. These officials are highly trained for the position. Experienced **judges** are used in the dressage and jumping phases but clubs rely on **volunteers** at each fence for the cross country. The cross country is overseen by a **Central Controller** and two or more **Sector Controllers** who are all in radio contact with jump judges and the **Technical Delegate** (TD) who is ultimately responsible for the safety and rules for the whole of the competition. At some events there are **Stewards** who liaise with the TD and the riders, usually through a **Rider Representative**. The Rider Representative's name and phone number will be on the notice board. So there are three people to whom you can go for help or information at every event. In addition, any **JDC coach** will always help you with any other problems you have.

Check the rules to see when the following equipment should be worn, used or carried and any limits on type and size. Mark with a * those that have options as to type/length etc.

Equipment	Practice Arena	Dressage	Jumping	Cross Country
Dressage whip				
Riding crop				
Back number				
Back protector				
Bridle Number				
Medical armband				
Spurs				
Bridle				
Approved helmet				

Whip option: A whip **no longer than 75 centimetres** and not weighted at the end is allowed while jumping any obstacle. A whip is not allowed entering the space around the arena and during the Test.

Spurs option: Spurs capable of wounding a Horse are forbidden. Spurs must be of smooth material (metal or plastic). If there is a shank it must **not be more than four centimetres** long (the overall shank must be measured **from the boot to the end of the spur**) and must point only towards the rear. Spurs are optional at all levels in all phases.

Can you lunge a horse at the event? _____

Who may ride your horse at the event and if not the entered rider what may this person do?

Welfare of the Horse

There are rules regarding horse welfare. These include actions which can be deemed as abuse of the horse, which is broadly defined as an action or omission which causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a Horse. Name these:

1. Rapping. (*check out what it is that constitutes 'rapping'*)
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

What constitutes dangerous riding: **(NOTE these carefully - many juniors are unaware of the extent of these provisions)**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

What are the penalties that could be given to a rider for abuse of the horse?

1. Recorded verbal warning.
2. Yellow Warning Card. (*which will be displayed on the notice board at the event, embarrassing!*)
- 3.
- 4.

Under what circumstances may a rider NOT use the whip?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What is the 'blood' rule?

Can a horse from any class in the competition be drug tested (swabbed)? _____{

Why should you not use 'bute' before a competition, given that it is against the rules, what is its effect on the horse and what could result from its being used?

What does the display on a horse of a green disc indicate? _____stallion.

Dressage Phase

Can you carry a whip into the dressage arena?

Are dressage whips allowed in the practice arena?

What is the rule regarding leaving the arena during a dressage test?

How are movements in the dressage test scored?

E _____

How many errors of course are allowed before elimination? _____

Jumping Phase

In the practice area for jumping (and for cross country) there will be some obstacles that you can jump. They will be flagged.

What is the colour of the flag which you must leave on your right? _____.

By how much can the height of the practice jumps be increased?

What is the appropriate dress for walking a show jumping course?

The cross country

Can a rider be led into the start box?

Can a rider ride through the start box before the start is given?

What constitutes 'outside assistance'?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

in what circumstance can assistance be rendered without penalty?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What is the criterion for 'clearing' a fence?

Can you jump any fence on course that is not in your course and flagged if it is lower than your course? _____

What is a black flag option?

Can a horse step sideways without penalty?

Can a horse circle before a jump without penalty?

If you have a fall on the cross country, you are eliminated from that class. What must you do before leaving the competition or getting on another horse? _____.

What is the penalty for not complying with this rule?

What is the designated speed (in metres/minute) for each of the classes in a competition:

Class	EvA45	EvA60	EvA80	EvA95	EvA105	CNC1*
Speed/min	____m/min	____m/min	____m/min	____m/min	____m/min	____m/min

What is the optimum time on course?

What is the time limit?

Which levels have penalties for riding faster than the optimum time? _____

How many seconds faster than the optimum time is allowed before penalties accrue in these classes? _____

Can a rider dismount during the cross country?

When might an athlete be stopped on course and is there any penalty?

What is the overtaking rule?

How many refusals on course in NSW are you allowed in EvA80 and below? _____

What are the penalty options for a rider intentionally 'wasting' time riding circles or zig-zags to avoid time penalties in classes EvA105 and below where there are optimum time penalties?

If you have a refusal at part B of a two-part fence, do you have to re-take part A? _____

If you have a refusal at part A after a refusal at part B, does this constitute a second refusal at this fence? _____

How many refusals at any one jump are you allowed in any class before being eliminated? -

When may you circle before or around a fence without being given jumping penalties?

Are you allowed to ride the horse back after being eliminated?

How are placing decided in the event of two or more competitors finishing on the same penalty score?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

If you believe that there has been an error in the scoring, what is the process for (a) making an enquiry, or (b) lodging a protest? (c) Is there a time frame for either of these?

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ AND COMPLETE THIS. FILE IT IN YOUR LOGBOOK.