

Jindera Equestrian Association Inc (JEA) – Conditions and Information Sheet

PLEASE NOTE – ONUS IS ON THE RIDER TO KNOW THE RULES OF DRESSAGE – GEAR CHECKS ARE NOW MADE FOLLOWING YOUR TEST – YOU SHOULD CHECK THAT YOUR GEAR IS CORRECT (INCLUDING THE CORRECT LENGTH OF YOUR WHIP 100CM PONIES AND 120CM HORSES), IF INCORRECT YOU MAY INCUR PENALTIES OR ELIMINATION.

NEW 2026 EA DRESSAGE RULES AND 2023 EA TESTS CAN BE DOWNLOADED AT

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/Dressage-rules>

- Events will be held in accordance with current Equestrian Australia (EA) rules as amended, except where FEI rules apply.
- The Jindera Equestrian Association (JEA) Committee may grant exemptions to the rules for special promotional competitions.
- **The JEA Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry/entries.**
- **The onus is on competitors to know the current EA rules.**
- The conditions below are relevant for competitions held by JEA.

Welfare of the horse is paramount.

EA Risk Disclaimer

- Horse riding is a dangerous activity and can result in serious injury (including death) and loss.
- All persons who ride or tend to a horse at JEA events do so entirely at their own risk. Neither the Equestrian Federation of Australia, or Jindera Equestrian Association, nor the committee or member thereof, accepts any liability for any personal injury (including death), suffered by any person from or relating to any incident involving a horse or contributed to by any negligent act, error or omission of Jindera Equestrian Association, the committee, or a member thereof.

Code of Conduct

- Competitors are expected to follow the Code of Conduct as set by the EA. Any abuse of officials, judges, other competitors or horses will not be tolerated, and a Warning/Yellow Card may be issued.
- Riders and owners of competing horses and other people associated with them must, under penalty of elimination, obey any order or direction given to them by any responsible official (judges, stewards, official of the day, committee members) and they must, in particular, be careful not to do anything liable to upset or hinder the undisturbed progress of the competition.
- Any competitor/participant who bullies, harasses or sends an abusive text message, messenger post, email, letter or posts a message on social media to a committee member, volunteer, judge, steward or other official will be automatically eliminated from the competition and JEA membership (if applicable) will be revoked immediately. The JEA Committee may also ban the competitor/participant from participating in any future JEA competitions, training days, championships or other events organised by JEA.

Entry Requirements

- **Official Competitive and Closed Unrestricted Competitions-** Refer current 2026 EA National Dressage Rule Book for eligibility.
- **Preparatory Tests** - open to horses who haven't won more than 3 Preparatory Tests, or who haven't placed at Novice level or above.
- **Age of Horse/Pony** - must be 3 years old to be eligible for a Dressage Performance Card.
- **Height of Horse/Pony** - refer to current 2026 EA Dressage rules. Height cards may be requested at the event.
- **Capped Entries** - Due to time constraints, a maximum of 35 horses/ponies per competition by the JEA Committee. If oversubscription, there will be a short reserve list. Horses will be accepted in order of receipt of entry (provided with ALL horse/rider/EA details).
- **Rider Change** – Any change of a rider must be notified, in writing, to the JEA Committee no later than 40 minutes prior to the start of the competition. A rider of a horse may not be changed if another rider has ridden the horse at the event venue, either in the warmup, on in competition.
- **Number of Tests Per Day** - No more than 3 tests per horse can be ridden and in two consecutive levels.
- **Maximum Number of Horses** - No more than two horses can be entered in one competition. If you wish to enter additional horses, please email (jinderaeques@gmail.com) the JEA Committee for approval.
- **Minimum Time Between Tests** - If the competition entries are less than 10 entries, the JEA Committee cannot guarantee the recommended minimum of 90 minutes between draw times for horses with the same rider.
- **Horses Competing Below Their Grade** – Horses cannot compete in Official Competitive classes below their graded level, unless they compete Hors Concours (non-competitively). This only applies to horses that have accumulated grading points (which occurs at Elementary level and above).
- **Bridle numbers** must be supplied at entry.
- **Entries will only be accepted on www.nominate.com.au.**
- **Stables/Yards/Camping** – Must be booked Via AWEC on Global Entries. No temporary yards/fences made predominantly of electric fencing or rope are to be used as per current EA rules.
- **Property Identification Codes** - All competitors must abide by current regulations as set down by the NSW DPI in respect to travelling and horse events. All competitors are to provide PICodes when entering.
- **The JEA Committee reserves the right to alter these conditions of entry.**

Prior to Competition

- **Draw position cannot be changed without the permission of the JEA Committee.**
- **Draw timing requests** will be acknowledged by the JEA Committee, however it's not always possible to change.
- **Substitution** - After the close of entries, a competitor may only substitute a horse or pony with the approval of the JEA Committee and no later than 48 hours prior to the event.
- **Hors Concours** – Riders wishing to ride HC must declare their intention prior to the start of the competition in writing.
- **Scratching/Refunds will be processed in full (except JEA admin fee) up to the closing date of entries. Scratching after entries have closed will receive a maximum of 50% refund for entries, refer to the current 2026 EA National Dressage Rule Book on presentation of a doctors or veterinary certificate to the JEA Committee. Refunds/scratching's for CSU stables and camping should be made via nominate@nominate.com.au**
- **Non-Approved Gear** - If competitors wish to ride in a Stock Saddle or other non-approved gear, they must have obtained a doctor's certificate stating why the gear modification is needed. This is not available to riders competing in the EA OC competitions.

Day of Competition

- **One rider per horse for the whole event.**
- **Stallions** – Horse float, yard, stable - Green Stallion Identification Discs are to be shown at all times. Stallions are to be handled as per EA guidelines.
- **Bridle Numbers** – two numbers are required to be worn when competing, one on both sides of the horse, preferably attached to each side of the saddlecloth or bridle and must be clearly readable. The bridle numbers must also be clearly displayed at all times when the horse is tied up, in a yard, being lunged, grazed, walked at an event.
- **When presenting to the judge**, the rider does not have to stop, however the rider must make sure the judge has seen their bridle number.
- **Callers** are allowed except FEI. Callers are to be discrete to other competitors.
- **Random swabbing may take place.** If approached by Official Steward/Vet Officer for the day, competitors must allow samples to be taken from their horse for drug testing.
- **EA Registration and Performance Cards** must be available on the day of competition (official events). No refunds for incomplete paperwork or registrations.
- **Warm-up** – please use designated warm up areas, be aware of group riding rules, look where you are going, and keep at least 10m from competition arenas. Warm-up arena is only to be used by those directly warming up for competition. Those working horses and not competing directly may use the open area, however it is at their own risk. Lunging to occur in the lunging yard, this can change due to weather and will be advised by JEA Committee.
- **Conditions for riding attire.** Rules as per the current EA Dressage rules. Top Hats are now not allowed, as approved safety helmet is to be worn at all times.
- **Gear check – all riders and horses must submit to a gear check by the Steward following riding in a competition. Failure to do so could will entail penalties or elimination.**
- **Dogs** – if brought onto the venue, dogs must be restrained at all times and must not enter the competition area.
- **Children/Prms** are not to enter the competition area.
- **Video cameras and equipment** are to be kept at least 10m from competition arenas, preferably at the C or A end of the arena.
- **Competing Horses Only Permitted** - Only horses that are entered for a competition are permitted in the Competition area during an event, unless prior approval is sought from the JEA Committee.