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## General Information

### EA National Measuring Rules

- 1.1. These Rules shall be known as the EA National Measuring Rules.
- 1.2. These rules apply to all horses registered by EA, regardless of height, breed or discipline.
- 1.3. EA reserves the right to bring disciplinary action against, or suspend or eliminate any member or horse not complying with the measuring rules.

### Definitions

2. The following definitions shall apply in these Rules.
  - 2.1. Annual Measurement has the meaning defined in Rule 12;
  - 2.2. The National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS) is the national scheme for accreditation of Officials.
  - 2.3. The EA Chief Measurer of an EA Branch is a person/s appointed pursuant to Rule 4.
  - 2.4. Discipline means a discipline recognised by EA.
  - 2.5. Discipline Committee means the group within the EA Branch responsible for organising that Discipline for that EA Branch;
  - 2.6. EA means Equestrian Australia Limited.
  - 2.7. EA Measurer, means a person accredited pursuant to these rules and who may assist an EA Chief Measurer in the Measuring process;
  - 2.8. EA Branch means a Branch of EA within the meaning of clause 5 of the EA Constitution.
    - 2.8.1. Where these Rules provide that an EA Branch may take any action, such an action may be taken by the CEO of the EA Branch or in such other manner as the Board of Directors of the EA Branch may determine from time to time;
  - 2.9. EA Codes of Conduct means those Codes of Conduct published from time to time by EA on its website.
  - 2.10. EA Measurers, as per the table, means a person accredited pursuant to NOAS and these rules to act as a measurer.

<b>Qualification Type</b>	<b>Level</b>
Measuring	EA Chief Measurer
Measuring	EA Measurer

- 2.11. EA Measuring Day has the meaning defined in Rule 6.
- 2.12. EA Measurement Card means a card described in Rule 8 issued in accordance with these Rules.
- 2.13. EA Measurement Summary Sheet means the sheet recording measurements described in Rule 5.
- 2.14. EA National Office means the National head office of EA established from time to time.
- 2.15. FEI means the Federation Equestre Internationale.
- 2.16. Horse refers to horses, ponies or galloways of any height.
- 2.17. Life Measurement has the meaning defined in Rule 13.
- 2.18. Limited Measurement has the meaning defined in Rule 11.
- 2.19. Measuring Device means the measuring device defined in Rule 21.8
- 2.20. A Request in Writing means either a request by email, SMS or other electronics that may be stored and retrieved.

### **Age of a Horse**

3. For horses born in the Southern Hemisphere, the age of the horse shall be reckoned from 1 August in the year in which it was foaled if foaled on or after that day. If foaled before that day it will be reckoned from 1 August the previous year.
  - 3.1. For horses born in the Northern Hemisphere the age shall be reckoned from 1 January in the year in which it was foaled.

### **Officials**

4. Each EA Branch shall nominate one or more persons as the EA Chief Measurer of that EA Branch.
  - 4.1. The EA Chief Measurer is authorised to train and accredit person/s to be an EA NOAS Measurer.
  - 4.2. As from 1 July 2017, any person intending to perform an official EA measurement of a horse must first be accredited.
  - 4.3. As from 1 July 2017, any person desiring to act as an EA Measurer must first be accredited.
  - 4.4. Each EA Branch must:

- 4.4.1. Maintain a Register of accredited EA Measurers;
- 4.4.2. Notify the EA National Office of the name of each person accredited as an EA Measurer in that State; and
- 4.4.3. Keep the National Office informed promptly of changes to the accreditation of any such person.
- 4.5. EA Measurers are to maintain respect towards competitors/owners/handlers at all times.
- 4.6. Measurement of each Horse must be undertaken strictly in compliance with the procedures specified in these Rules.
- 4.7. An EA Measurer must NOT alter EA Registration Papers or FEI Passports.
- 4.8. An EA Measurer must not alter any document issued by a non-EA organisation or society.

#### **Conflict of interest**

- 4.9. Each EA Measurer must at all times comply with the EA Codes of Conduct.
- 4.10. No EA Measurer shall measure or assist in the measurement of, or record the measurements for, a horse
  - 4.10.1. In which they or any member of their family, as described in 1.A in EA National Show Horse rules, has any financial interest whether as an owner or otherwise;
  - 4.10.2. Where the horse or the rider of the Horse is being, or has been in the preceding 6 months, trained or coached by them, or any member of their family; or
  - 4.10.3. In which they have an interest of any character whatsoever.
- 4.11. EA Measurers shall not discuss the measurement of any horse, except in any official capacity, with Event Officials, the Officials of EA or of an EA State branch.
- 4.12. It is important at all times that EA Measurers act, and be seen to be acting, with complete integrity and responsibility and ensure that any queries that may be raised by any person relevantly interested in the measurement of a horse, are satisfactorily answered, either at the time of measuring or in due course.
- 4.13. All EA Measurers should obtain a personal kit, which should contain the following:
  - 4.13.1. Identity tag (available from the EA office);
  - 4.13.2. File/notebook and clipboard with pens;

- 4.13.3. Sunscreen, sun hat;
- 4.13.4. EA Measuring Rules;
- 4.13.5. EA Measurement card;
- 4.13.6. A conversion card showing cm and hands; and
- 4.13.7. EA Measurement Summary Sheet.

## **Measurement Records**

- 5. At each occasion that measuring occurs, an EA Measurement Summary Sheet shall be used to record all measurements performed on the day.
  - 5.1. Each EA Measurer performing measurements is responsible for recording, or supervising the recording, of all measurements on an EA Measurement Summary Sheet.
  - 5.2. Each EA Measurement Summary Sheet will contain the following information:
    - 5.2.1. Date of measurement;
    - 5.2.2. Venue of measurement;
    - 5.2.3. The name of each EA Measurer undertaking, or assisting in the process of measuring the horse whose measurements are recorded on the sheet with their signature;

And in each row:

  - 5.2.4. Name of horse;
  - 5.2.5. EA Registration Number or FEI Passport Identification, where appropriate, of the horse;
  - 5.2.6. Micro chip number;
  - 5.2.7. Name of owner;
  - 5.2.8. Height as measured in both centimetres AND hands;
  - 5.2.9. Measurement type, being one category only of Annual, Limited or Life as described in Rules 11, 12 and 13 below;
  - 5.2.10. Date of expiry of the period during which the measurement is valid;
  - 5.2.11. Signature of the EA Measurer;

- 5.3. The EA Measurer, on the day the measurements recorded on that sheet were undertaken, shall review each completed summary sheet and sign or initial at the bottom of each page certifying that the information in the summary is correct.

- 5.4. The EA Measurer shall submit all Measurement Summary Sheets signed by them to the EA Branch within whose jurisdiction the measurement has been performed, within 14 days after the measurement was performed;
- 5.5. The EA Branch Office will retain in its records all Measurement Summary Sheets submitted to it for a minimum of 7 years;
- 5.6. The Branch must amend the electronic database record of the height of any horse that has been measured from the height at which they were initially registered to the most current measurement within 5 business days of receipt of a Measurement Summary Sheet.

### **Measuring Days**

6. An EA Measuring Day shall be a day upon which EA Measurers shall measure horses where:
  - 6.1. The day, has been approved as a measuring day by the EA Branch, or by one of its Discipline Committees; or
  - 6.2. The day is advertised, either on a web site controlled by EA, by an EA Branch, by a Discipline Committee or by other notices, as a measuring day.
  - 6.3. Measurement of a horse pursuant to these Rules may only be performed by an EA Measurer on an EA Measuring Day and where the conditions set down in these Rules are observed.

### **Fees**

7. The fee for measuring shall be set by each EA Branch;
  - 7.1. Any fee for measuring shall be paid by the person responsible for the horse;
  - 7.2. Fees may be varied or subsidised by the EA Branch;
  - 7.3. The EA branch shall determine payment of expenses of EA Measurers which may include but not be limited to:
    - 7.3.1 Permitting the EA Measurers to keep a set portion of measuring fees collected;
    - 7.3.2 Payment of expenses upon submission of receipts;
    - 7.3.3 Pre-paying airfares and accommodation.



## Measurement Cards

8. There shall be one common EA Official Measurement Card that records the details pursuant in Rule 5.2 for the horse identified on it,
  - 8.1. Each EA Branch shall be responsible for issuing to EA Measurers blank EA Measurement Cards to be completed and signed in accordance with these Rules;
  - 8.2. A completed and signed EA Measurement Card shall be recognised by all EA Branches and by all Disciplines as the sole proof held by the owner or rider of the horse, of the height of the horse identified on it during the period that the EA Measurement Card is valid or as otherwise provided by these Rules.
  - 8.3. The EA Measurers, who carry out the measurement of the horse to which an EA Measurement Card relates, must check that each of the details described in Rule 5.2 have been inserted on the EA Measurement Card consistently with the details contained on the EA Measurement Sheet and must sign and date the EA Measurement Card on the day upon which the Measurement was undertaken.
  - 8.4. No person is eligible to alter any information on an EA Measurement Card after it has been signed by an EA Measurer other than the EA Measurer together with the EA Official who, acting jointly, may correct obvious clerical errors by co-signing or intialing the correction.
  - 8.5. Any EA Measurement Card that has been altered by any person other than the EA Measurer by whom the Card was signed shall be absolutely void for all purposes.
  - 8.6. An EA Measurement Card will be issued to the person presenting a horse for measurement, by the EA Measurer, at the EA Measuring Day immediately after the horse has been officially measured.
  - 8.7. Having been officially measured and issued with an EA Measurement Card, the horse shall be entered in and compete in the height division which corresponds to the height on the EA Measurement Card bearing the date of the last occasion on which the horse was measured, for so long as that EA Measurement Card is valid.
    - 8.7.1. Subject to sub-rule 8.7.2, no horse may concurrently have its measurement recorded on more than one EA Measuring Card;
    - 8.7.2. Where an EA Branch has been reasonably satisfied by receipt of a Statutory Declaration, that an EA Measuring Card has been lost or destroyed, it may issue a duplicate EA Measuring Card, so marked, which corresponds in

every respect with the information in relation to the horse contained in the EA Measuring Sheet recording the last measurement of that horse.

### **The Term of Validity of a Measurement Card**

9. Each EA Measurement Card shall remain valid for (whichever occurs first):
  - 9.1. The expiration of the period identified on it; or
  - 9.2. The occurrence of a measurement by an EA Measurer at an EA Measuring Day on a date after the date on which the EA Measurement Card was issued.
10. An EA Measurement Card may only be issued, immediately after the measurement of a horse, as being valid for the period of:
  - 10.1. Six months where it qualifies for Limited Measurement;
  - 10.2. Twelve months from the date of measurement where the horse is eligible for Annual Measurement; or
  - 10.3. The life of the horse where it qualifies for Life Measurement

### **Limited Measurement**

11. Horses aged under five years are eligible for Limited Measurement.
  - 11.1. A Limited Measurement is valid for six months from the date of measurement.
  - 11.2. A horse may not be remeasured on a limited measurement prior to 6 months.

### **Annual Measurement**

12. Horses aged five years and over are eligible for Annual Measurement.
  - 12.1. An Annual Measurement is valid for a maximum of 12 months from the date of measurement.
  - 12.2. A horse may be re-measured for an Annual Measurement a minimum of nine calendar months after the date of the previous Measurement.

### **Life Measurement**

13. Life measurement may be permitted under some EA Discipline rules.

- 13.1. Where the Discipline Rules permit, a horse may be granted Life Measurement from the date of measurement, where the horse:
  - 13.1.1. Has reached eight years of age; and
  - 13.1.2. ~~Has had three~~ **On the third** consecutive official EA measurements in the same height division with at least two different EA Measurers; and
  - 13.1.3. Where the third consecutive measurement has:
    - 13.1.3.1 Occurred after the horse has reached 8 years of age; and
    - 13.1.3.2 Been undertaken by an EA Measurer pursuant to these Rules;
 

or
    - 13.1.3.3 Been undertaken pursuant to the EA Measuring Rules in force at the date of that third consecutive measurement.
    - 13.1.3.4 **Measures over 168cm regardless of age**
      - 13.1.3.4.1 **Has had one official EA measurement of which must be witnessed by two Measurers present at the one measuring opportunity**
14. Where a horse qualifies to compete in one or more classes at any EA State Horse of the Year Show, the EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships whilst it has a valid EA Measuring Card showing a height that falls within those classes, it may compete in those classes at that Event notwithstanding that by the time of the Event, the period for which the EA Measuring Card is valid has expired.
  - 14.1. Where a horse has been granted a life measurement, that horse may compete in a class consistent with that height unless there is a protest against it so doing.
  - 14.2. Any protest pursuant to Rule 14.1 may be based only upon an alleged non-compliance with these Rules and not against the height of the horse.  
No protest can be made against a horse that holds a life certificate

## **Protests**

15. Any person or including an EA Branch or a Discipline Committee, may protest against a horse competing in a height class.
16. The protest document lodged with the EA Branch shall include the following:
  - 16.1.1. Name of horse and owner/rider
  - 16.1.2. Grounds for protest with as much detail as possible including Rule non-compliance

- 16.1.3. Details of persons making the protest
  - 16.1.4. A \$500 non-refundable administration fee
17. The EA Branch shall not accept as a valid protest, a protest against the height of a horse, where there has been another protest, to any EA Branch, against the height of that horse in the preceding 12 month period, unless it is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances, in which event the EA Branch may, in its absolute and unfettered discretion, accept the protest.
18. Upon accepting a protest against the height of a horse, the EA Branch must forthwith give notice of the protest to the owner, rider or other person responsible for the horse and advise that person that the horse is required to be re-measured
19. Upon receipt of a notification by the EA Branch to the owner, or other person responsible for the horse, that there has been a protest to the height of the horse, the horse must be remeasured in accordance with these Rules, within 30 days of the protest and at a time agreed upon with the EA Branch (which must make reasonable arrangements to allow the horse to be measured within that time).
- 19.1. The re-measurement of the horse must, in addition to being conducted by a EA Measurer in accordance with these Rules, also be conducted in the presence of an additional EA Measuring Official as an observer.
20. Where a protest is lodged against the height of a horse within 30 days of any of the Events into which it has been, or is intended to be, entered to compete:
- 20.1. Pursuant to sub-rule Rule 22.2, the horse is ineligible to compete until remeasuring has occurred within 30 days, save that the EA Branch must make reasonable arrangements for the horse to be re-measured in accordance with these Rules prior to the commencement of the Event, as defined in the Rules pursuant to which the Event is conducted, (as opposed to prior to the commencement of any class into which the horse may be entered).
  - 20.2. Where the horse qualified to compete in the classes of the Event with an EA Measurement Card valid at that time and for those classes, it is entitled to compete in the Event notwithstanding the Protest

## **Measuring Area and Device**

### **Specifications of Measuring Area**

21. All measuring of a horse must be undertaken on a measuring area:

- 21.1. With a flat concrete surface;
- 21.2. Laid in a horizontal plane;
- 21.3. Flat to within 0.25” (6mm);
- 21.4. The entire surface of which shall conform to these specifications.
- 21.5. Preferably located in a quiet area free, from avoidable disturbances and distractions which may unsettle the horse;
- 21.6. Any new measuring surface must be certified by a suitably qualified person (i.e Engineer, Surveyor, Metrologist) before it may be used for measuring horses.
  - 21.6.1. Every three to five years, the measuring surface and measuring device is to be checked by such a suitably qualified person;
  - 21.6.2. a copy of the Certificate of Compliance of the surface or any other Report received from the suitably qualified person is to be forwarded to the EA Branch and retained by it in its records.
- 21.7. Other facilities to be provided for the use of the EA Measurers should include:
  - 21.7.1. Access to a covered shelter;
  - 21.7.2. An ability to preclude public access at the discretion of the EA Measurers;
  - 21.7.3. Chairs for the EA Measurers;
  - 21.7.4. A table or clip board on which the EA Measurement Cards and Measurement Summary can be completed;
  - 21.7.5. A conversion table showing measurements in cm and hands; and
  - 21.7.6. A suitable container for collection of fees and a receipt book.
- 21.8. A measuring device (“the measuring device”) approved by the EA State Branch must be used for all measurements of a horse.
  - 21.8.1. The device must be fitted with at least one spirit level and must be shod with metal.
  - 21.8.2. Prior to EA Branch approval, the device must be certified by the state weights and measures authority, a surveyor or an appropriately qualified or experienced engineer.
- 21.9. Prior to using a measuring device to measure horses on a Measuring Day, the EA Official must make such enquiries and inspections as they believe necessary so that they are reasonably satisfied that the device to be used to measure the horses is accurate.

## Measurement of EA-Registered Horses and Ponies

### Presentation of the Horse

22. Before measuring a horse, the EA Measurers shall identify the horse by comparing its micro chip number against its EA Registration Papers and FEI Passport if one has been issued.
  - 22.1. If no such document can be produced, the horse may only be measured under the requirements of a horse not registered with the EA.
23. Swabbing may occur under the EA Medication Control Policy and Equine Anti-Doping and Medication Control rules.
24. Horses shall be measured in both centimetres and “hands” (4 inches). Heights shall be recorded in both scales.
25. Where the horse has been previously measured, it is preferable that the original record of the last measurement is presented.
26. The EA Mesurer will introduce themselves to the horse handler and advise that the horse handler must stay with the horse and observe all proceedings at all times until the measuring is complete.
27. It is the responsibility of the owner, and in his interest, to ensure that the horse is well-handled, accustomed to the application of a measuring stick, and correctly prepared for measurement.
  - 27.1. All horses submitted for measurement must present in a bridle and bit and be in the care of one competent person only.
  - 27.2. The handler must be 16 years of age or older and must be wearing suitable enclosed footwear.
  - 27.3. The owner (if not the handler) may also observe the measurement, however other persons may not crowd the measurement area and surrounds.
  - 27.4. Directions from EA Measurers must be followed.
  - 27.5. At the time of measurement, if in the opinion of the EA Mesurer:
    - 27.5.1. The horse is unfit to be measured for any reason
    - 27.5.2. The horse presents evidence of improper preparation (this includes the EA Mesurer being satisfied of compliance in his opinion that the shoes and hooves comply with the matters in Rule 29, or
    - 27.5.3. The conditions for measurement are unacceptable,

the owner shall be informed that the horse will be measured at a later date, when it is in a fit condition to be measured.

- 27.6. The decision of the EA Measurer as to the fitness and presentation of the horse for measurement, including the matters described in this rule and Rule 29, shall be final and not subject to any appeal to any body or person.

### **Measurement Procedures**

28. Prior to commencing to measure horses on an EA Measuring Day, the EA Measurers shall:
- 28.1. Check that they are satisfied that the measuring site is level, and clear of any dirt or debris;
  - 28.2. Check the rails of the Measuring Stand to ensure that they are secure;
  - 28.3. Check that removable rails are available for limiting the horse's movement forwards or backwards whilst in the Measuring Stand;
  - 28.4. Check that the Measuring Device, if fixed, is securely held by fixing bolts and nuts and is perpendicular. If the Measuring Device is portable, they must check that they are satisfied that it is in a suitable condition to be used;
  - 28.5. Check the height of the reading on the Measuring Device is accurate by measuring from the underside of the measuring arm when in a horizontal position to the floor with a standard length pole with two level bubbles so it can be held vertically (i.e. 15hh reading on Measuring Stick measures at 152.4cm).

### **Shoes**

29. The horse may only be measured either with all four shoes, two front shoes or without shoes.
- 29.1. Horses with only hind shoes, or with one front shoe missing will not be measured.
  - 29.2. If unshod:
    - 29.2.1. The horse must either have all four shoes removed and the feet correctly prepared and balanced as for shoeing, with the wall taken down level with the bearing edge of the sole.
    - 29.2.2. Trimming of the feet, which in the opinion of the EA Measurer is excessive, is not allowed.
  - 29.3. A shoe allowance of up to 3/8" (1cm) will be deducted if the horse is shod.
    - 29.3.1. The exact amount of the shoe allowance shall be decided by the EA Measurer who may measure the shoe and shall exercise his discretion

as an expert as to any allowance that it is appropriate to deduct from the measured height of the horse.

- 29.3.2. Horses will not be accepted for measurement with any form of partial shoes.

### **Handling of the Horse**

- 30 The horse should be handled quietly and allowed to relax before measurement is attempted. Relaxation has shown to produce significant changes in height.
- 31 The time taken to check the identity of the horse and check for signs of improper preparation will usually be adequate time for the horse to relax.
- 32 In the event of a horse not relaxing or becoming unsettled the EA Measurer, at his/her discretion, may request that the horse be re-presented at a later time to give the horse the opportunity to relax and settle within one hour.

### **Positioning of the Horse**

33. The horse must be positioned for measurement with the front legs parallel and perpendicular; the toes of the front feet should be in line.
34. Both hind feet must be taking weight and as near perpendicular as possible; the toes of the hind feet should be not more than 15cm out of line with each other.
35. The poll must not be lower than the highest point of the wither nor may it be excessively raised at the time of measurement.

### **Measurement of the Horse**

- 36 The horse owner must have a clear view of procedures and be given an explanation of each step of the process.
- 37 The application of a twitch or a “tinker’s grip” (skin twitch) is not permitted, nor is any other touching of the horse that is deemed unnecessary by the EA Measurer.
- 38 The measurement shall be taken at the highest point of the wither.
- 39 The measuring arm should be brought to the highest point quietly and gently so as not to unsettle the horse and must not be forced down on the wither but should touch gently.



- 40 Prior to reading the height of the measuring device it is important to constantly check the position of the poll to ensure it is not lower than the wither nor may it be excessively raised and that the horse is standing with weight evenly distributed over all legs.
- 41 If the height indicated would necessitate re-classification of the horse, special care must be taken to ensure that the horse is given every opportunity to fully relax.
- 42 The horse shall be measured twice only and shall spend a maximum of 10 minutes in the measuring area on each occasion.
- 43 Where a second measurement is required the horse shall be returned to the EA Measurer at a time the EA Measurer appoints, being no later than 1 hour after the time of the first measurement.

### **Completion of the Measurement Card and Summary**

44. If the EA Measurer is in any doubt with regard to the measurement (especially where a horse is borderline as between two classes, or where the horse is presented a second time), the EA Measurer should not proceed with the issue of the EA Official Measurement until the horse has been jointly measured with a second EA Measurer.
45. Once the horse has been presented for measurement both the EA Measurement Summary Sheet and the EA Measurement Card shall be completed, checked and signed in accordance with Rules 5 and 8 above.
46. The only exceptions to this Rule are where the horse does not settle or where the horse or the conditions are not fit for measurement.
47. The EA Measurement Card shall be handed to the owner or responsible person presenting the horse for measurement.
48. The EA Measurement Summary Sheet and any fees due to the EA Branch under Rule 7 shall be delivered to the EA Branch.
49. If for any reason whatsoever the EA Measurer is not satisfied with any aspect of the measurement, the EA Measurement Card should not be completed or issued and the matter referred to the Chief Measurer of the EA Branch.

### **Right of Appeal by the Owner and Re-measurement**

- 50 The owner of a horse has the right to appeal to the EA State Branch against an Official Measurement.

- 51 No person other than the owner or lessee (where the lease is registered with EA) of a horse may appeal a measurement.
- 52 The appeal shall be in writing and lodged with the EA Branch within seven days of the date of measurement, accompanied by a fee of \$500.
- 52.1 The appeal fee is non-refundable regardless of the outcome of the appeal.
- 53 The appeal document shall include the following:
- 53.1 Name of horse
- 53.2 The name, a contact address, preferably both a physical address and an email address, and a contact phone number of the owner;
- 53.3 A photocopy of the Measurement Card;
- 53.4 The grounds for the appeal and any written submissions that the owner wishes to advance.
- 54 The EA State Branch shall consider the appeal within seven days of its receipt and the grounds and submissions and shall decide if the horse will be remeasured.
- 54.1 The EA Branch shall promptly advise the owner at the contact address or contact phone number included in the appeal document.
- 54.2 If the Appeal is rejected by the EA Branch, the Measurement recorded on the EA Measurement Card will stand.
- 54.3 If the appeal is allowed and a direction made that the horse will be remeasured, until the remeasurement has occurred, the measurement recorded on the EA Measurement Card shall stand and the horse shall be entered in and compete at the height measured as recorded on that Measurement Card.
- 55 Remeasurement of the Horse:
- 55.1 Where a horse is directed by the EA Branch on the determination of an appeal to be remeasured, the measurement will be undertaken by two EA Measuring Officials both present at the same time, and at least one of whom was not involved in the original measurement of the horse.
- 55.2 The results of the remeasurement will be final.
- 55.3 The horse's owner and the handler may be present at the remeasurement, however no observers, except an EA appointed observer, are allowed to be present unless the EA Branch, in its unfettered discretion, permits.
- 55.4 An owner may only lodge one appeal with respect to the measurement of a horse in any calendar year.

## **Measurement of Horses and Ponies not Registered with EA**

### **Preamble**

As a service to the wider Horse Industry, EA offers measurement services for horses that are not registered with EA. Horse owners may require a measurement for a number of reasons, such as registration with stud books or breed societies, measurement for sale of the horse, measurement for entry into competitions not administered by EA.

### **Fees**

56 The fee for measuring shall be set by each EA Branch. Fees may vary from those set for the measurement of EA registered horses.

56.1 Any fee for measuring shall be paid by the owner/lessee.