

SEDA Rules

Current from 01/01/2013

Grounds Rules

- No person is permitted to ride any horse on the grounds unless they are a member of Equestrian Australia or SEDA.
- **There is to be no riding on the cross-country course and strictly no jumping during SEDA days**
- **Official/Associate days** – No person is permitted to ride on the grounds any horse that is not entered for the current competition.
- **Club days** – permission may be sought to ride horses other than those entered, but this permission must be sought **prior** to the event from the convenors of the day.
- Horses must be under control at all times. The technical delegate will address any unsafe behaviour, of horse or rider, and you may be asked to leave the grounds.
- Please pick up manure and hay before you leave, and refill any holes made.
- Please do up the chains on the yards when leaving.
- Any damage to the grounds or equipment must be reported immediately to a committee member.

Parking

- All parking on grounds is to be in accordance with signage on the day, if no signage is present, please park in the area surrounding the horse yards.
- **There is to be no parking on the cross country course**
- At larger events a parking officer may direct parking.

Warming Up

- Horses must be lunged in the bottom enclosed arena only.
- When lunging only one lunge rein can be used. Side reins may be used.
- The top enclosed arena (in front of the club rooms) is available for warming up of ridden horses.
- **There is to be no riding on the cross country course.**
- Competitors must not warm up or ride near the competition arenas whilst a test is in progress.
- Horses may only be ridden (worked) by the competing rider on the day, except at training and club days. Grooms may ride the horse at walk on a loose rein only.

Warm-up area etiquette

- Safety is paramount and a collision should be avoided at all times.

- Before entering the warm-up area, make sure the immediate area is clear.
- Riders should pass left shoulder to left shoulder when on an outside track, otherwise riders should give way to horses on their left.
- The more progressive gait has priority (ie. trot over walk, canter over trot).
- Lateral work has priority over all paces.
- When circling, anticipate your path so as to not stop the flow of other riders.
- Mounting, dismounting and gear adjustment should be done on the boundary of the warm-up area.
- Consideration should be given to the behaviour of other horses in the area that may upset your horse.
- It may be necessary to leave the warm-up area if your horse is upsetting others.
- If a horse is upsetting the majority of others, an Official should be sought with a view to requesting that horse's removal for safety's sake.

Coaching of Riders

- Coaching must be conducted outside of the designated warm-up area. This means coaches must not stand inside of the designated warm-up area for safety reasons.

Dress Code

- Protective hats meeting current Australian Standards and approved riding boots must be worn at all times when mounted. Current numbers AS/NZS3838, EN1384, ASTM F1163.
- Gloves are required to be worn (preferably white) when riding, in accordance with EA rules.
- For dress code for Official competitions, see EA rules.
- Riders competing in Unofficial/Associate/Club days are permitted to wear neat casual attire, preferably SEDA polo shirts or own shirt with collar and sleeves.
- Riders competing at the SEDA championships in Associate classes are required to wear hacking jackets.

Saddlery and Tack

- Only EA approved bits and tack are permissible. See EA dressage rules.
- During training and club days, horses are permitted to wear boots or bandages in the competition arena.

Plaiting

- Plaiting is compulsory for all Official classes, and for all Associate classes conducted on the same day as Official competitions.
- Plaiting is not compulsory for training and Club days.

Competition Entry

- Horses may only be entered in Official **or** Associate **or** training tests in any one competition.
- Horses may not compete in more than three (3) tests per day.
- A horse may only compete in two consecutive dressage levels on the day.
- Official and Associate competitions will be conducted under EA rules.
- For SEDA training days and club days, riders need to be a SEDA member, or member of an approved EA associated club. Horses do not need to be registered.

Hors Concors (HC)

- Official riders wishing to ride HC must elect to do so when submitting entries for the competition.

Upgrading of horses for SEDA series

- Horses having won the series in their grade (Preparatory, Prelim, Novice) are required to upgrade in the following series to be competitive, or must compete HC.

Pony dressage

- Pony dressage classes will be offered for Official and Associate competitions.
- Riders are not split between junior and senior.
- If competing in Official competitions, ponies must be EA registered, owners and riders financial EA members, and hold Performance card and Height certificate.

Late entries/Scratching from a competition

- Late entries are not accepted.
- If withdrawing or scratching please advise the convenors as soon as possible using the telephone number on the draw.

Draws

- Entrants must forward a stamped self-addressed envelope if they wish to receive a copy of the draw by mail.
- Draws will be posted on the SEDA website.

Refund Policy

- If a competition is cancelled for any reason, entry fees will be refunded in full.
- If you scratch before the close of entries, SEDA will refund your entry fee in full.

- If you scratch after the close of entries, and a medical or veterinary certificate is provided, SEDA will refund entry fees less a \$15 administration fee.

Calling of tests

- All tests may be called up to and including Advanced as per EA rules. (EA Sec 3.14)

Presenting to the judges

- At club, training days, and Associate competitions please present to the judge directly.
- At Official competitions, where bridle numbers are worn, please ensure the judge can identify your number as you ride past or present directly to the judges.

Presentations

- Results will be displayed prior to presentations.
- At Official/Associate/Championship events, riders are to be present in competition attire and unmounted. These events are often sponsored and representatives of the companies involved may be attending, therefore the competitor's appreciation must be demonstrated by their presence at the presentation ceremony.

Prohibited Substances List – effective 4/4/2011

- Refer to EA rulings
- We reserve the right to swab horses at our events.

Weather policy

- Hot weather policy – if the forecasted temperature is greater than 35 degrees for the competition day, as advertised on the Friday nightly news, the competition will be cancelled.
- We reserve the right to cancel competitions due to fire, flood or storms.

Volunteering

- As a valued SEDA member, **you will be required to assist at a club event**, eg setting up, catering, pencilling, running, computing, packing up. Please nominate a preference of month and job on your membership form.
- **All members will be expected to assist at our Championships. A roster will be drawn up.**

SEDA *HOT* WEATHER POLICY

A scheduled event will be **CANCELLED** if:

- The predicted temperature for the advertised day of the event is to be **35 degrees Celsius** or above.
- There is a **CATASTROPHIC** fire warning for the local area (even if the temperature is not predicted to be 35 degrees Celsius)
- The automatic cancellation will occur upon the release of the weather forecast for the local area, **2 days prior** to the advertised day **UNLESS** conditions are deemed to be CATASTROPHIC the day before in which case cancellation will automatically occur. This will enable SEDA to contact judges and volunteers in advance causing fewer disruptions to people.

If for some reason the weather is cooler on the day than predicted or the fire rating for the day is downgraded on the day, the event will remain cancelled.

As a competitor it is your responsibility to be aware of this policy as you will not be individually contacted.

All entry fees will be automatically refunded so there is no need to contact SEDA unless your payment is not returned.

Due to our busy yearly schedule, it is unlikely that the event will be rescheduled as a free date would be hard to find.

The EA Dressage rule book is available from the National EA website.

Please familiarise yourself with the current rules.