

Young Horse Qualifiers.

Organisers need to review the changes that came into effect in July 2017 relating to the introduction of young horse tests for **7-year-old horses**.

There has been some confusion regarding the process to follow for this age group. Most clubs running young horse competitions are conducting qualifying competitions and a simple explanation of how what is required followd.

More information on young horse can be found in section 5 of the EA Dressage Rule book.

Young Horse Qualifying 7-year-old competitions

The rider rides the 7-year old Technical Test – which is the **Advanced 5.2 test**.

http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/YoungHorse_TechnicalTest_7-year-old.pdf

Judges: Two young horse judges sit together on the longside (either E r B) and judge the test the same as they do for other YH qualifier competitions using the **7-yr-old score sheet** that can be downloaded for the EA website. The scores are calculated as normal for other YH tests and converted to a percentage.

Young Horse Score sheet link: <http://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-YH>

An Additional (Technical Judge) sits at C and judges the 7-year old Technical Test – which is the **Advanced 5.2 test** as they would normally do. The results for the technical judges is calculated as per a regular competition using the paper below.

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The technical judge must be a **B level or higher**.

Final Results:

The percentage score from the Technical judge (Adv 5.2) is added to the percentage given by the young horse judges and divided by two to give the final result.

Eg. Horse/rider scores 66.50% in the 5.2 **and** 7.00 (or 70.00%) from the young horse judges.
= 66.50 + 70.00 (136.50) divided by 2 for a final result of **68.28%** for the 7-year-old qualifying competition.

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