

OFFICIAL MEASURING AT 2016 NSW Dressage Championships
Saturday, 10th and Sunday, 11th September 2016

Official Measurer: Mr Joe Charnock

Location: at the far end of Stable Block A behind **J Row**.

Time: 11am to 2.30pm

Cost: Payments are to be made directly to Mr Charnock, in cash. A fee \$10 for EA registered horses/ponies. A Fee of \$15 applies for non-EA-registered horses/ponies.

Paperwork: Bring your horse's/pony's EA registration papers or FEI Passport and its previous record of measurement, if available, with you. The EA registration document must be presented before the horse/pony can be measured as its identity and microchip number must be checked.

For horses/ponies over 5 years of age, a minimum period of 9 months must have elapsed since the last measuring and for horses/ponies under 5 years, a period of 6 months.

Presentation: Horses/ponies must:

- be presented unsaddled **and wearing a bridle with a bit**;
- be in the care of one competent handler aged 16 years or over wearing suitable enclosed footwear; and
- be, in the opinion of the Measurer, fit and properly prepared (e.g see Shoeing below).

It is advisable to have the horse/pony used to the application of a measuring stick over the wither - the stick swings over the horse's wither at SIEC. The horse can be presented for measuring twice only on the day and may spend a maximum of 10 minutes in the area for each measuring. **Prepare your horse/pony!**

Shoeing: The horse/pony may be measured with all four shoes, two front shoes or without shoes. NB those with missing hind or front shoes or in grass tips will not be measured. Excessive paring of the hooves if unshod is not allowed. A shoe allowance of 3/8"/1cm is deducted if the horse is shod.

Spectators: the owner of the horse/pony, if not the handler, must have a clear view of the measuring. Other persons may not crowd the measuring area. Directions given by the Measurer must be followed.

Rules re Ponies in Official Competition:

Refer EA National Dressage Rules 1.15.7 heights of Horses and Ponies) :

Ponies must NOT exceed 149cm with shoes or 148cms without shoes.

"Where a complaint is lodged with the OC about the height of a horse/pony and a valid measurement certificate cannot be produced to verify the height:

e) the OC may request that the horse/pony be measured within 7 days of the event that gave rise to the complaint and advise the EA accordingly"

j) only current A "valid" height certificate means one issued within the last 12 months by the EA, a Hack Council or an RAS.

It is likely that In 2017, competitors will be required to provide a current EA height certificate in order for a pony to be issued a dressage performance card/competition license.

Further Information Regarding Official Measuring: see EA website

www.equestrian.org.au, Measuring Rules effective 1 July 2008, updated 2014.

http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian%20Australia%20Measuring%20rules_0.pdf