

How to run a measuring day:

Before you start – check the EA Measuring page to see if a measuring date is planned in your region as part of another event. <http://www.equestrian.org.au/content/show-horse-and-dressage-measuring-rules-and-days>

You already have a certified area confirmed. Yes - If no – go to how to get a certified measuring area.

Call Joe Charnock – NSW Official EA & Show Horse Council Measurer on 0414 842 331

Book a date – preferably on the day of a competition to make it good value for your competitors.

Find out what costs will be involved – they may include:

EA Fee (often about \$10 - \$20 for Unregistered horses)

Travel and overnight accommodation for the Measurer and assisting officer. Joe will advise.

Divide this number by a guesstimate of how many you think may apply for measuring. You'll generally need around 20. Make this amount the fee.

Put a class called "official EA/SHC measuring" on your competition schedule on nominate (or whatever platform you use) for people to apply and pay for... Ask them to note if they are competing on the day.

Advertise the measuring day at all the feed shops and saddleries in your region, as well as any regional facebook pages – not just to your dressage club members.

Add the measuring class to the draw allowing approx. 12 minutes each – it is best if those not competing and stallions are measured first – and then add people competing after they have ridden if possible.

It is possible that in some areas where travel costs add up that the fee for measuring may seem a bit steep – but it is much easier to support one at a local competition, than having to travel to a measuring location further away.

Please make sure the Measuring Officers have a break and provide lunch.

Pay the Official Measurer at the end of the day.

How to get a certified measuring area:

[The requirements of measuring are in the National Measuring Rules on the EA website – summarised here:](#)

You'll need to be at least two hours away from your nearest official measuring location – or it won't be viable. Current locations are: Albury, Wagga (in progress) Young, Canberra, Nowra, Hawkesbury, Morrisett, Lismore, Tamworth and Dubbo.

Find a location on your grounds (or as we did at Shoalhaven, build one) that has flat concrete about 4m x 3-4m and has a wall – it would be nice if it was covered. It should be a safe place for horses to stand and have a reasonable area around it for waiting horses to stand safely.

There should be some shelter for the Measurer in the event of rain or hot sun and also two chairs and a table plus a clipboard. The Measurer brings the certified device.

Call a local Engineer to come and certify that it is within a 2% grade of perfectly flat.

Send a copy of the certificate to Joe Charnock – give him a call to arrange: 0414 842 331

We are truly well served by our Measurer and appreciate his efforts to provide measuring services across NSW.

What to tell Owners about getting Measured

[The requirements of measuring are in the National Measuring Rules on the EA website – summarised here:](#)

You will need:

- to have your horse or pony in a bridle with a bit; and handled by someone 16 or over;
- the horse or pony's EA registration card or papers – and or any breed or identification papers for unregistered (EA) horses or ponies;
- the horse or pony's previous measuring card (if previously measured)
- Have money to pay the measuring fee \$10 for EA reg \$20 for Non EA reg plus local attendance fee for organising club, accommodation and travel. Contact the organising club to confirm the final amount – if not paying in advance.
- Practice to accustom your horse or pony to a measurer approaching (have someone walk up to him with a tall stick – calmly)