

2024 EA Rules

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to have an EA accredited steward at:

- An official competition (OC): YES - ALL OFFICIAL COMPETITIVE EVENTS REQUIRE A STEWARD
- An unofficial competition (CR/CU): NO - BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- A protocol day: NO
- A training day: NO
- Arena Familiarisation: IF IT IS PART OF AN OFFICIAL COMPETITIVE EVENT, THEN YES!

Do I need to have designated first aid official at:

- An official competition (OC): YES
- An unofficial competition (CR/CU): NO-but highly recommended (note: rulebook is not clear on this point)
- A protocol day: NO-but highly recommended (note: rulebook is not clear on this point)
- A training day: NO-but highly recommended (note: rulebook is not clear on this point)
- Arena Familiarisation: YES-when part of an official competitive competition

For the purposes of the above question what is the definition of a first aid official -no clear definition in rulebook, but must have a First Aid Certificate as an absolute minimum requirement.

FALL of RIDER/HORSE (Rule 3.23)

In the event of a fall of a horse or rider or other traumatic incident it is the decision of the designated first aid official to assess if the rider may continue to compete with a clearance from a medical practitioner IE a doctor- at the event without first getting a medical clearance (from a medical practitioner – Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency [AHPRA] registered doctor).

If the First Aid official determines that the rider does not require further medical assessment, they may clear the rider to continue at the competition. If the First Aid official deems the rider is not fit to continue competition (for example they suffer a sufficient knock to the head), the rider must then be cleared by an AHPRA-registered doctor before competing again.

GEAR CHECK (Rule 4.4)

A gear check is compulsory for each test and failure to have a gear check will entail elimination.

A gear check will be done immediately the horse leaves the arena by an accredited steward. Please note that only the Chief Judge may eliminate the horse (stewards are not permitted to eliminate horse/riders).

BLOOD (rule 1.4)

C Judge: if the C judge notices fresh blood anywhere on the horse during a test they will stop the horse and the horse will be eliminated.

Steward: if the steward notices fresh blood in the horse's mouth or in the spur area at the end of the test they will inform the C judge who will eliminate the horse.

IF the steward notices fresh blood anywhere else the horse is not automatically eliminated but the judge at C may eliminate the horse.

PRIZE MONEY (Rule 3.20)

Prize money can be replaced with goods in kind to an **equivalent value**. (Note that rule 3.20-b refers to the specific events where prize money must be given)

SCRATCHINS/WITHDRAWALS (Rule 4.3)

Conditions of entry regarding scratchings/withdrawals take precedence over Rule 4.3

How much is required to be refunded: The refund shall be a minimum of 50% of the entry fee.

Is an admin fee refundable: NO

When can riders scratch and still be entitled to a refund: No refunds will be issued for withdrawals/scratchings advised from the day prior to the start of the event, unless the OC deems otherwise in the Conditions of Entry.

Vet certificates: a refund may only be made if documented proof (i.e. veterinary or medical certificate) is provided prior to the commencement of the event or produced within 3 days of the completion of the event to the Event Secretary

Please note that this information sheet is compiled by DNSW based on our understanding of the EA Rules.

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