

Change to gear check rules for EA dressage events.

Guidelines for Organisers, Clubs, Stewards, Judges and Riders

The official gear check is to be done **immediately after** the rider has completed their test.

To avoid riders presenting to the judge with incorrect gear the following is recommended.

As a rider, please introduce yourself to the steward before warm up - that way we know you are present - and can mark you on the draw / let you know if your arena is on time.

Riders (especially riders new to the sport) are encouraged to ride past an official steward at the gear check area/warm-up before proceeding to the competition arena for their test.

- Stewards will do a **visual** check (eg check bridle numbers, helmet tags, spurs and look for any other anomalies), **before** riders proceed to competition arena.
 - Riders may ask the Steward to check certain gear if they are in doubt (eg whip length etc)
- After each test the rider is to present immediately to the Steward for a gear check. Do not alter or change any gear beforehand and no-one is to touch the horse before the check.
- Clubs/Organisers should notify details of the gear check on their conditions of entry and on the draw.

Extract from rule 1.1

- *competitors are responsible for knowing and complying with these rules. It remains the full responsibility of the rider to comply with the equipment rules as outlined in the rules*