

NATIONAL ADULT AMATEUR OWNER RIDER DIVISION

FACT SHEET

Effective 1st July 2021

Criteria

Amateur Owner Rider (AOR) is a division of Official Competitive riders. The intent of the division is to highlight and reward non-professional riders. For the purposes of this rule, a professional is someone who derives an income from activities in equestrian sport including breaking, training, coaching or riding horses. It does not however exclude riders who may also earn a living running an agistment property, work in the racing industry or saddlery for example. It is more about recognising riders with their own horses only to ride and train who are obliged to earn an income to support their sport outside of riding and training.

All amateur owner riders must meet the following criteria:

- a) the rider must be a Competitive member of their state branch of Equestrian Australia
- b) the horse must have a life registration with Equestrian Australia
- c) the horse/pony registration lodged with Equestrian Australia must reflect the name of the amateur owner rider as owner or part-owner of the horse. Leased horses are eligible if the amateur owner rider competitor is reflected as the lessee on the EA horse registration of that horse
- d) the rider may not receive payment for coaching
- e) the rider's income may only include sponsorship
- f) the horse/pony must be primarily ridden and trained by the rider/owner with only periodic ridden assistance by person(s) other than the owner, specifically during the period 4 weeks prior to the event
- g) the rider must be aged 21 and over – can enter in the calendar year in which they turn 21
- h) the division is for Official Competitive competitions. The Organising Committees may run this division at any level (ideally at all levels Preliminary - GP) and it can be run either within the competition or separately
- i) Organising Committees must designate the AOR on the draw if there is a separate competition conducted within the one competition
- j) for a State/Regional/Club Leader Board it would be ideal to select several events at which scores will count towards the annual Leader Board
- k) if the OC receives evidence that the rider is in breach of these rules then this rider will forfeit any awards and prizes

These criteria are an extract from the **EA National Rules 2021 4.6.1 Amateur Owner Rider (AOR)** which are published at <https://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules> The published rules will always take precedent.

Organisation

- The Division is for Official Competitive classes. The Organising Committees may run this Division at any level (ideally at all levels Preliminary - GP) and it can be run either within the class or separately.
- Organising Committees must designate the Amateur Owner Rider on the draw if there is a separate class conducted within the one class.
- For a State/Regional/Club Leader Board it would be ideal to select a number of events at which scores will count towards the annual Leader Board.