

Pony Measuring for Dressage Events – Dressage Rules and FAQ's

EA Rule 4.8.3.3 Heights of horses and ponies

[Please find on page 48 of the National Rules 1/1/2021](#)

In regard to the heights for horses and ponies:

- a) horses must exceed 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes
- b) ponies must not exceed 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes
- c) ponies must comply with the Equestrian Australia Measuring Rules
 - to compete in official events at Regional Championships, State Championships, National Championships, Young Pony or CDI Events
 - State Branches are to provide measuring services to competitors at Regional Championships, State Championships, National Championships, Young Pony and CDI Events and are encouraged to provide further opportunities for measuring throughout the State where possible
 - Measuring Certificate is to be sighted (electronic copy) at entry or the height is to be recorded prior to competing at the event
- d) ponies 8 years and over may be eligible for a Life Measurement Certificate (Refer to rule 13 in the EA Measuring Rules).
- e) a pony without a current EA Measuring Certificate may be questioned by any Judge or Club Official and served with a "Request to Measure", with a notation provided to the State Branch. The pony must be measured before being permitted to compete in official pony tests. They may still compete in open events.
- f) the SDA will determine if a transfer from horse to pony status or from pony to horse status is required and advise the EA State Branch accordingly
- g) all current grading points will transfer with a change in status
- h) a new Dressage Card/Performance Licence will be issued

[NOTE: Current EA Measuring Rules apply](#)

FAQs

- Does my horse or pony need to be measured to compete in unofficial dressage – **No**
- Does my horse or pony need to be measured to compete in official dressage – **No**
- Does my pony need to be measured to compete as a Pony in my Club's official dressage – **No (However** - Yes if at an event a Judge or Official requests your pony be measured - for borderline heights, may still compete open official until measuring obtained)
- Does my pony need to be measured to compete at National, State and Regional Championship events and Young Pony or CDI events – **Yes ***
- Do all ponies need to be measured at National, State and Regional Championship* events and Young Pony or CDI events – **Yes** – all ponies are treated equally.
- Where ponies compete equally against horses, no measuring certificate is required

* The requirement for Height Certificates at Regional Championships is currently under review as the EADC takes into consideration some regional clubs may not have the facilities to provide measuring at regional championship events. Dressage Rule 4.8.3.3 (e) would apply in these situations.

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