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Dressage Judge Information Guide (Levels G-E)
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DRESSAGE JUDGE PATHWAYS
(EA and FEI Dressage and Eventing and Additional Opportunities)

Eventing Options

Straight Dressage

Additional Dressage Options

FEI 3*

A level
Grand Prix

Judge Educator

B Level
Inter I

C Level
Advanced

Young Horse Judge

FEI Eventing 1* Judge
Eventing EA Level 3 Judge
CNC/CCN 3*

D Level
Medium

Judge Mentor
Para Judge (FEI Tests)
Accelerated Rider Pathway Entry Point

Eventing EA Level 2 Judge
CNC/CCN/CCI/CIC 1-2*

E Level
Elementary

Para Judge (EA Tests)
Accelerated Rider Pathway Entry Point

Eventing EA Level 1 Judge
EvA 80-105/CCN105

F Level
Novice

G Level
Preliminary

Additional Dressage Options

Judge Educator

Young Horse Judge

Judge Mentor
Para Judge (FEI Tests)
Accelerated Rider Pathway Entry Point

Para Judge (EA Tests)
Accelerated Rider Pathway Entry Point
HOW DO I BECOME A DRESSAGE JUDGE?

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the steps involved in becoming a Dressage Judge.

The rules that govern the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS) are incorporated into the Equestrian Australia (EA) current *Dressage Competition Rules and Procedures* (current rules). Note: Rules are usually updated on 1 January of each year. The rulebook may be obtained by the following methods:

Electronic (*free of charge*):
- downloaded from the EA website at [www.equestrian.org.au](http://www.equestrian.org.au)

Printed (*from EA National Office or State Branch*):
- Call the National office on (02) 8762 7777 and request via phone
- Call your State Branch (contacts on last page) and request via phone

The steps to becoming an H Level (Probationary) National Dressage Judge are:

You must be:
- at least 17 years of age
- a current EA member of at least Supporter category
- complete the application form on page 2
- attend an EA approved G-level seminar
- complete the current G level open rule book test (ORBT) with a pass mark of at least 90%
- shadow judge one entire Preliminary and one entire Novice competition; or two entire Novice competitions with at least 10 horses in each competition using an appointed Mentor – can be any type of event as long as a current mentor is judging i.e. could be Eventing or Closed Club event
  - shadow judging assessment form to be completed by the JE/Mentor on each occasion and forwarded to the State Dressage Authority (SDA)

Note: The required Seminar and ORBT **must** be completed and passed before undertaking the Shadow Judging

Seminars are usually arranged by State Dressage Judges Committee or an Equestrian Australia Dressage Club. Please get in touch with your local EA Club if you are not an EA member. The State EA Branch can assist here.

Once you have completed all of the requirements above and you have been approved by the State Judges Committee, your name will be placed on the Judges list as an G (Preliminary) level judge and you will be able to judge Official Preliminary as the 2nd or 3rd judge with another judge of at least F level, Participation Preliminary (on your own) and Participation Novice (recommended with another F level judge or higher).
## G — Level Expression of Interest Form

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**Send to: Your State Dressage Authority (contact your State EA Branch for further info)**

*On receipt of this application, your State Dressage Authority will provide you with more information and once you have confirmed that you wish to continue, will send out an open rule book test (ORBT) for you to complete.*
## EA Dressage Judge Application Form & Pre Requisites for Appointment as G Level

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**SDA – Please return a copy of this form only to the Education Department**

Officials Education Coordinator EA National Office
PO Box 673, SYDNEY MARKETS, NSW 2129 OR Fax: 02 9763 2466 OR E-mail (preferred): info@equestrian.org.au

**NOTE:** Applications that do not include a completed table will not be accepted

Please provide the following details:

- **Current EA Member Number:**

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Requirements to Upgrade to F-Level

(Minimum age – 18 years)

In order to progress to the next level you need to undertake the following (refer to Rule 9.26):

- **Shadow Judging** – Refer to rule 11.11
  - Minimum of three entire Novice competitions with at least 10 horses in each competition (a total of 30 horses to be judged overall) Note: In order to judge the required minimum number of horses it may be necessary to judge more competitions
  - Supervising judge/s to be an appointed Mentor (it is preferable that they are different)
  - Shadow judging assessment form to be completed on each occasion

- **Sit-Ins** – Refer to rule 11.9.11
  - Complete two assessed sit-ins with an approved Judge Educator or Mentor
  - Sit-In assessment form to be completed on each occasion

- **Other Requirements**
  - Attend a seminar that includes F-level
  - Complete and pass the Novice theory exam (closed rule book) with a pass mark of at least 80%
  - Pass the Novice practical exam – at least 15 horses to be judged

Upon satisfactory completion of all of the above, you will be accredited at F-level and will be eligible to judge Official competitions up to and including Novice level.

Each judge will receive a letter and certificate from Equestrian Australia verifying their accreditation.

In order to remain accredited on the National judges list you must meet compulsory judging activity and professional development requirements each 2 years – refer to rule 11.25. Further information on this can be found on the EA website and will be sent when accredited as an F Level Judge.

So, once again, thank you for enquiring about becoming a Dressage judge. We urge you to take the first step and become an G-Level (Preliminary judge), take the levels one step at a time and enjoy the knowledge that you will gain and the colleagues that you will meet.
# EA Dressage Judge Application Form & Pre Requisites for Upgrade to F Level

(To be completed by the upgrading judge)

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### Shadow Judge

- A minimum of 3 entire Novice competitions with at least 10 horses in each (a total minimum of 30 horses to be judged overall - may need to do more comps to get the total No of horses) - (Supervising judge must be an appointed Mentor or a Judge Educator)

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- All Shadow judging evaluation forms submitted Yes ☐ No ☐

### Practical Exam

- Completed Date: Location: Competent ☐ Not Yet Competent ☐

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Requirements to Upgrade to E-Level

In order to progress to the next level you need to undertake the following:

- **Minimum age** – 20 years

- **Generic Units – Complete the 5 Generic Units as follows:**
  - Unit 1 – Role of EA and NOAS – will be covered in the seminar
  - Unit 2 – Conflict Resolution – can be completed on line [HERE](#)
  - Unit 3 – Safety & Risk Management – can be completed on line [HERE](#)
  - Unit 4 – Ethical Issues – will be covered in the seminar
  - Unit 5 – Welfare of the Horse – will be covered in the seminar

- **Shadow Judging** – Refer to rule 11.11
  - Minimum of three entire Elementary competitions with at least 10 horses in each competition (a total of 30 horses to be judged overall) Note: In order to judge the required minimum number of horses it may be necessary to judge more competitions
  - Supervising judge/s to be an appointed Mentor
  - Shadow judging assessment form to be completed on each occasion

- **Sit-Ins** – Refer to rule 11.11
  - Complete two assessed sit-ins with an approved Judge Educator or Mentor
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- **Other Requirements**
  - Attend a seminar that includes E-level
  - Complete and pass the Elementary theory exam (closed rule book) with a pass mark of at least 80%
  - Pass the Elementary practical exam – at least 15 horses to be judged

Upon satisfactory completion of all of the above, you will be accredited at E-level and may judge Official competitions up to and including Elementary level.

Each judge will receive a letter and certificate from Equestrian Australia verifying their accreditation.

In order to remain accredited on the National judges list you must meet compulsory judging activity and professional development requirements each 2 years – refer to rule 11.25. Further information on this can be found on the EA website and will be sent when accredited as an E Level Judge.
EA DRESSAGE JUDGE APPLICATION FORM &
PRE REQUISITES FOR UPGRADE TO E LEVEL
(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE UPGRADING JUDGE)

Assessment Slip  | Date/Location | Print Name - JE/Mentor/SDA | Signature |
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Current F level | Verify: | | |
Attend a Seminar which includes E Level | Date: | | |
| Location: | | | |
Complete Generic Units (Compulsory)
*Note: Units 1, 4 & 5 will be covered in your E level seminar*
| Unit 1 – EA/NOAS | | | |
| Unit 2 – Conflict Resolution | | | |
| Unit 3 – Safety & Risk Management | | | |
| Unit 4 – Ethical Issues | | | |
| Unit 5 – Horse Welfare | | | |
Complete Elementary theory exam with at least 80% | Date: | Percentage: | |
Sit in on 2 separate occasions at Elementary level with a different Judge Educator or Mentor
*Sit in assessment forms completed/attached* | 1. | | |
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All Shadow judging evaluation forms submitted

Yes  No

Practical Exam Completed | Date: | Location: |
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Please provide the following details:

Current EA Member Number:
Name:  Date of Birth:
Address:  |
Suburb:  State:  Post Code:  |
Tel:  Mobile:  |
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Your EA membership must be current and this Course Checklist received by the State Dressage Committee before your EA Official registration can be processed.

Your Declaration

The EA and its affiliated organisations have a duty of care to their members and to the general public who interact with EA Officials, as these responsibilities may involve direct and/or unsupervised contact with people under the age of 18 years. As part of this duty of care and as a requirement of the EA’s Member Protection Policy, the EA must enquire into the background of EA Members applying for registration as an EA Official.

All EA Members wishing to be registered by the EA as an EA Official are required to complete the following declaration;

I Sincerely declare:

1. I have met all the requirements in relation to state specific legislation regarding police checks, working with children checks and can produce evidence as required.
2. I do not have any criminal charge pending before the courts, nor any criminal convictions or findings of guilt for offences involving drugs, violence, sexual activity, acts of indecency, child abuse or child pornography.
3. I have not had any disciplinary proceedings brought against me by an employer, sporting organisation or similar body involving child abuse, sexual misconduct or harassment, acts of violence, intimidation or other forms of harassment.
4. I have never been sanctioned for an anti-doping rule violation under any EA anti-doping policy (Athlete or Equine).
5. I have never participated in, facilitated or encouraged any practice prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Agency Code or any other anti-doping policy applicable to me, in the EA Horse Anti-Doping Policy.
6. To my knowledge there is no other matter that the EA may consider to constitute a risk to its members, employees, volunteers, athletes or reputation by accepting my EA Officials registration.
7. I will notify the CEO of the organisation(s) engaging me immediately upon becoming aware that any of the matters set out in clauses [1 to 5] above has changed for whatever reason.
8. I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the EA Code of Conduct for Officials. I acknowledge I may be subject to disciplinary action if I breach the code. (Code of Conduct is available to view via www.equestrian.org.au)

SIGNED:_________________________________________________
DATE:_________________

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Attachments Rec’d □ Database Updated / /

Candidate – Please return these forms to your State Dressage Authority for verification.

State Contact – Please return a copy of these forms to the Education Department for judge to be accredited and database updated.

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Email (preferred) : education@equestrian.org.au

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The FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse

1. The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI’s Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

2. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.

3. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.

4. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.

5. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.

The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

A full version of the FEI Code of Conduct is contained in the Dressage Rule book – refer to rule 1.2 or can be found at: http://www.fei.org/about-us/standards
NOAS CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ACCREDITED DRESSAGE JUDGES

Accredited Dressage Judges should adhere to the following NOAS Code of Conduct. As in all equestrian sports, judges must:

- make their decisions having regard for the welfare of the horse above the interests of any others involved
- have an open and friendly attitude towards all competitors while being careful not to show familiarity towards those competing
- be aware that they are responsible for setting and maintaining the image and standards of dressage both in the competition arena and away from it and that, as an ambassador for dressage, they should conduct themselves with dignity, honesty and good manners, especially in difficult situations
- treat requests from competitors to explain their decisions as an opportunity to assist the competitor to improve their performance
- honour a commitment to judge and if unforeseen circumstances prevent this, endeavour to help the organisers to find a replacement
- maintain an objective and fair mind towards all competitors which includes:
  - not taking into account anything known about riders, horses or past performances
  - guarding against conflicts of interest and avoiding judging in situations in which they have a close personal or professional relationship with a competitor or owner
- ensure to the best of their ability that the same conditions apply to all competitors
- know and understand the scale of marks and ensure that their comments and marks are related
- maintain the same standard for all competitors within a competition and at all events
- be in possession of a current Dressage Rule Book together with any amendments
- know the rules and be prepared to co-ordinate their personal opinion with the principles of the FEI and the EA
- aim to have a thorough knowledge of the correct training of the dressage horse and understand the requirements of the test they are to judge

Note: This Code of Conduct can be found at:
WHAT MAKES A GOOD JUDGE?

As a judge you have to be highly organised, yet flexible. You have to be able to focus, make decisions quickly, and be confident of the training you have received and knowledge you have acquired as a judge. You must possess diplomacy, tact and common sense. You have to be able to recognise and acknowledge mistakes you may make whilst judging and also be able to diffuse a volatile situation.

You are part of a team and if you are the Chief Judge, you have to lead that team. You must be approachable by riders and coaches. You must also act professionally in relation to your judging. As a judge, you most probably have a greater impact on the sport than riding coaches!

As a judge you must be able to perform the three S’s:

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DEMANDS REQUIRED OF A DRESSAGE JUDGE

As a judge you must train yourself to have the following qualities:

- Absolute objectivity and impartiality, free of personal bias/opinion, but be humble and sympathetic.
- The ability to see; be able to distinguish and to compare performances consistently from the first to the last horse in a competition, finding the correct rankings in giving the marks.

Today, when competitions last much longer than in the past, it is important for the judges to be:

- mentally alert to be able to concentrate for long periods of time;
- physically fit; and
- be able to be consistent and fair from the beginning to the end of the competition

The judge must have a thorough knowledge of dressage theory as well as practical dressage training. The Training Scale underpins all that we do when judging.

Judges must be able to recognise BASIC QUALITIES and, therefore, MAIN FAULTS that originate from an incorrect training program. They should be able to differentiate between faults due to momentary unfitness or a careless mistake. They should, be able to distinguish the difference between significant and insignificant faults.

*It is very helpful if a dressage judge has trained horses themselves and taken part as a competitor. This increases a judge’s empathy and understanding and may help to guide a rider so that future problems can be avoided.*
OBJECT OF DRESSAGE

(Refer to Rule 7.1)

The object of dressage is the harmonious development of the physique and ability of the horse. As a result, it makes the horse calm; supple; loose and flexible, but also confident; attentive and keen, thus achieving perfect understanding with the rider.

These qualities are revealed by:

(a) the freedom and regularity of the paces
(b) the harmony, lightness and ease of the movements
(c) the lightness of the forehand and the engagement of the hindquarters, originating in a lively impulsion
(d) the acceptance of the bridle, with submissiveness throughout, and without any tension or resistance

The horse thus gives the impression of doing of their own accord what is required of them. Confidently and attentively, they submit generously to the control of the rider; remaining absolutely straight in any movement on a straight line and bending accordingly when moving on curved lines.

The walk is regular; free and unconstrained. The trot is free, supple, regular, sustained and active. The canter is united, light and cadenced. The hindquarters are never inactive or sluggish, and they respond to the slightest indication of the rider, giving more life and spirit to the whole body.

In all the work, even at the halt, the horse must be ‘on the bit’. A horse is said to be on the bit when the neck is more or less raised and arched ACCORDING TO THE STAGE OF TRAINING AND THE EXTENSIONS OR COLLECTION OF THE PACE, and they accept the bridle with a light and soft contact and submissiveness throughout. The head should remain in a steady position, slightly in front of the vertical, with a supple poll at the highest point of the neck, and no resistance should be offered to the rider.

A judge has to co-ordinate their personal opinion with the general principles of the Dressage Rules of the EA and the FEI.

In these rules, it is stated how the various exercises must be executed and what is important in each movement. Therefore, each judge MUST have a copy of the rules and carefully study them.
CONTACT AND REFERENCE INFORMATION

FEI Dressage Judges Handbook – Guidelines for Judging
- This is your Bible!!! Learn to love it; it is all there – every mark for every movement from 10 to 0. This is available from the EA National Office.

DVD ‘On the Levels’
- Our current tests – available from

DVD – ‘Through the Eye of the Judge with Stephen Clarke’ – Series 2
- These are excellent judge education videos for all levels from Novice to Grand Prix. The videos are available from
  [http://www.throughtheeyeofthejudge.co.uk/buy.php](http://www.throughtheeyeofthejudge.co.uk/buy.php)

General Information
- Equestrian Australia is the National Federation (NF) for National Rules, Policies, Education/Training, Promotion of the Sport, International Competitions. High Performance Management – funding etc. See website for info.
- Australian Sports Commission (Govt) authorises and funds Australian Sport and manages the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme for all sports in Australia.
- EA Branches – Registrations, Affiliated Clubs, Schools program.

Reference points
- Official Judges list on EA website > Searches>Officials>Dressage plus the level you want to check, finally the State
- SDA – State Dressage Authority e.g. Dressage Queensland, Dressage NSW etc
- FEI - [www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org)
- NOAS: National Officiating Accreditation Scheme Work Books (copyright EA)
- Certificate and NOAS Registration ID Card – issued by EA National Office
- National Officiating Newsletter - on-line and hard copy
- Code of Conduct - Section 1 of the Rule Book – anything detrimental to the Sport should be reported within 14 days

Role of EA & Officials
- Information about EA and the Role of EA Officials, and
- Code of Conduct for Officials
It can all be found on the EA website.

Rule Book, NOAS, Judges Handbook, Dressage Tests + diagrams
We all use these tools all the time.
- Rule Book, updates on Rules annually 1 January
- NOAS - updates every year
- EA Tests – usually updated every 4 years
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