

AERA Rule Book Changes & Updates

Effective from the 1st January 2009

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A45.5 (Amendment)	INTRODUCTORY RIDE CONTROLS All horses competing in Introductory Rides shall comply with a minimum riding time determined by the Ride Committee in consultation with the Chief Steward and Head Veterinarian, but in any case not less than a time calculated at an average speed of 14km per hour over the distance of the ride.	17
R5.1 (Amendment)	RIDING DIVISIONS Junior - Riders who are 17 years or under in the year of the ride.	22
R5.6 (Amendment)	RIDING DIVISIONS A rider in the Youth Division of an FEI Ride will not receive National Points/kilometres unless they are 18 years or older in the year of the ride and weigh a minimum of 73kgs i.e. no points/kilometres for Lightweights and Juniors. Note: this rule does not apply if an AERA Lightweight and AERA Junior division is held at the same event.	22
H5.5 (New)	NOVICE HORSE AND THE NOVICE HORSE LOGBOOK That for Vet-Gate-Into-Hold times, Novice Horse "time" shall be taken as time taken on course. Present times must not be included in this calculation.	26
H6.2 (Amendment)	ENDURANCE HORSE AND ENDURANCE HORSE LOGBOOK Every horse issued with an Endurance Horse Logbook must be identified either by: a) a microchip implant plus certified veterinary identification of same - the details of which will be recorded in the Endurance Horse Logbook for that horse. If a prohibited substance is administered during this procedure, the appropriate withholding period must be observed.	26 & 27

H6.5 (New)	ENDURANCE HORSE AND ENDURANCE HORSE LOGBOOK That as from 1 st January 2010, all horses qualifying to endurance status must be microchipped to be eligible to compete.	27
H7.3 (Delete)	ISSUING OF NEW OR REPLACEMENT LOGBOOKS Delete Rule H7.3 – The Division-designated logbook official will mark each blank page of new logbooks with the horse's name prior to sending the logbook to the applicant.	27
P2.2 (New)	EXEMPT SUBSTANCES Omeprazole, prescribed and administered under the control of a veterinarian, at the recommended doses for treatment and prevention of gastric ulceration is exempt from the provisions of these prohibited substance rules.	44
Appendix 5 (New)	PROTOCOL FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITORS AT AERA & FEI EVENTS. International riders that wish to compete at AERA and FEI events must comply with the following, as per the AERA Constitution: 1. All international riders must supply proof that they are a current member of their National Federation or a current National Rider License of their country of residence. 2. All international riders must pay the "day membership" fee at each event in the state in which they are competing, and fill out and sign the insurance waiver form. 3. All international riders must supply a current Letter of No Objection from their National Federation at all FEI events in Australia.	

Change to Logbooks

Body condition score be assessed as part of the initial examination and recorded in the log book at each ride. "Anal Tone" is to be replaced with "Body Condition Score". The following scoring system is to be applied:

Score	Neck	Back and Ribs	Tail and Pelvis
0 Very poor	Marked 'ewe' neck which is narrow and slack at the base.	Skin is stretched tightly over ribs. Individual ribs and vertebrae prominent.	Deep cavity under tail, rump is sunken, pelvis structure prominent
1 Poor	'Ewe' neck still obvious. Neck narrow and slack.	Ribs and individual vertebrae well defined.	Deep depression under tail, rump is sunken but skin supple, pelvis well defined.
2 Moderate	Narrow but firm neck	Ribs just visible. Individual vertebrae cannot be seen but are easily felt.	Slight cavity present under tail. Rump flat either side of the backbone.
3 Good	Firm neck but no crest (with the exception of stallions)	Firm neck but no crest (with the exception of stallions) Ribs and vertebrae cannot be seen but are easily felt.	Rump is rounded, pelvis is easily felt.
4 Fat	Wide firm neck with a slight crest forming.	Firm pressure is needed to feel ribs. Slight gutter forming along the loin.	Gutter forming down rump to tailhead, pelvis can be felt with firm pressure.
5 Very Fat	Very wide and firm neck with a marked crest.	Ribs cannot be felt; back is broad with a definite gutter.	Rump is bulging, definite gutter down rump to tailhead. Pelvis buried.

Ride Secretaries, Veterinarians and Pencillers are authorised to change "Anal Tone" to "BCS" in the logbooks to reflect this change.