



Steward's Corner

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W.A STATE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS - Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 May 2017

Whips – refer to 2.6 of the current EA Dressage Rules:

Whips for EA Tests at the State Championships:

- Whips (to maximum length - including tassel - of 100cm for ponies and 120cm for horses) may be carried in both the warm-up arena, and in the competition arena, for dressage tests from Preliminary to Advanced level.

Whips for FEI Tests at the State Championships:

- Whips (to maximum length - including tassel - of 100cm for ponies and 120cm for horses) may be carried in the warm-up arena only for tests from PSG to Grand Prix level.
- The following penalties apply if a whip is carried past the Gear Steward:
 - Circling the arena carrying a whip will incur a penalty of 2 points from each judge;
 - Entering the dressage arena with a whip will incur a penalty of 2 points from each judge;
 - Carrying a whip in a test for more than 3 movements will entail elimination.

Unauthorised Assistance

Any intentional outside intervention by voice, signs, etc, is considered assistance to a rider or horse and is Penalised by Elimination. Refer to Rule 3.11 of the EA Dressage Rules.

Head Phones

Head Phones are permitted in warm-up and exercise areas, but not past the Gear Steward and not in Competition. Refer Table 2.12 and Annexure F of the EA Dressage Rules. The penalty is Elimination.

Medication Control

- Random swabbing of ponies/horses is mandatory at the WA State Dressage Championships.
- This applies to both Competitor and Participant entries.
- For easy identification by the attending veterinarian, please have available:
 - Your horse's EA Registration papers if you are entered as a "Competitor";
 - Any Breed or Racing Papers if you are entered as a "Participant".
 - If you have no registration papers for your pony/horse, then swabbing will still take place with the attending veterinarian completing a standard form for animal identification.

Best of luck to all Riders at the WA State Dressage Championships!