

Steward's Corner
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Padding on Bridles

Please refer to rule 2.11b – Padding is permitted under bridles but any padding MUST be discreet and applied to the underside of the bridle only.

Padding is not to be visible. The following examples are not permitted.



Bridles Numbers – AGAIN

Bridle number MUST be clearly shown whenever the horse is out of the stable. This includes when leading with a halter or hand grazing.

The other day I saw a cattle tag attached to a halter on a horse tied to a float with the bridle number written on it in black text- very effective and visible.



CONCUSSION POLICY Impending

Riders and Officials need to know that EA resolved to introduce a policy on managing concussions in all disciplines. The following is an introduction of what to expect:

- In the event of a fall/accident anywhere at the event where a concussion can be reasonably suspected, the competitor must receive medical clearance by qualified medical personnel before continuing to compete.
- The competitor is solely responsible for ensuring the medical assessment takes place. Should a competitor refuse to be evaluated, they will be disqualified from the competition.
- If qualified medical personnel suspect a concussion or believe the competitor may be at risk of concussion due to the nature of the fall or impact, the competitor will be suspended from competition for 21 days or until medically released.
- Adherence to this suspension period is solely the responsibility of the competitor.
- Officials will advise the rider (or guardian) of the suspension applying and may issue a concussion card to the person monitoring the rider.
- Officials will advise the EA NSO (NSO@equestrian.org.au) and the relevant discipline committee of the concussion occurring and a record of the concussion may be kept centrally.



The mechanism proposed for the inclusion of the protocol in rules and regulations is its inclusion in the Equestrian Australia General Regulations at Article 140 – Protection of Athletes and the target timeframe for implementation is 1 October 2018.

That's all for this issue.

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