



# Equestrian Australia Adult Amateur Owner Rider and Dressage QLD AAOR Series Fact Sheet

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. Why does Dressage Queensland not run AAOR divisions at regional events?

- The decision to run AAOR divisions is entirely at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Any club can run an AAOR division at an official competitive event. DQ is only responsible for administering the Dressage Qld AAOR Series. If you feel there is a need for an AAOR division at clubs in your area, please approach the Organising Committee.

### 2. I am under 21yo. Why does Dressage Queensland no longer allow me to compete in the AAOR division?

- Despite AAOR being an initiative of DQ, the scheme has now been adopted nationally and runs under rules defined by the National Body, Equestrian Australia. As DQ is unable to amend these rules, to cater for our under 21yo riders in 2016 we brought in a Young Rider division for 1\*, 2\* and QLD Open State Championship events. Riders aged between 10 and 21yo competing in the horse division will be eligible for additional rosettes in each level from Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced and FEI Small Tour. Please note, there will be no Series for young riders due to the large number of end-of-year Young Rider Performance Trophies available at the DQ Awards Night.

### 3. I ride a pony, and EA says I am eligible to compete as an AAOR, but some clubs do not offer AAOR for ponies. Why is this?

- It is entirely at the Organising Committee's discretion as to whether they run AAOR classes, and which levels or divisions they run AAOR divisions. They may not see the value in offering AAOR for a class where the numbers are already very small.

### 4. Why has the AAOR Series changed from placing points to highest aggregated average?

- The AAOR scheme has been highly received in Queensland by both riders and clubs. There are an extensive number of competitions available to riders each calendar year that count towards the Series. We feel that by altering the current Series to a percentage system this gives riders the opportunity to be selective with the competitions they attend rather than feeling like they need to attend every Series event to be capable of being a finalist. This will promote the welfare of the horse, while still encouraging participation by the AAOR riders at Series events as riders will still attempt to increase their average percentage by numerous competitions.

**If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Dressage Queensland:  
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