

## Steward's Corner

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This will be the last Stewards corner for 2017. Time for a break.



- Anthony Reckin
- Cecily Draper
- John Wilson

They have all successfully upgraded to FEI Level 1 steward status. This swells our ranks to 8 FEI stewards for QLD.

The **2018 Dressage rule book** is now available on the EA web site here -

[http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA\\_Dressage\\_Rules\\_MARKED\\_17082017.pdf](http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA_Dressage_Rules_MARKED_17082017.pdf)

Of importance to Gear Stewards is the rule change in relation to competitors having a gear check:

### 1.11 Gear check (as at 1/1/18)

- a) a gear check is **compulsory** for **each** test.
- b) all competitors must present to the Gear Steward.
  1. unless otherwise specified in the schedule or on the notice board the gear check for each test will take place prior to each test.
- c) failure to have a gear check **will incur** elimination.

As a result of the above change from 'may' to '**WILL**' incur elimination this will mean that the gear steward/s needs to be meticulous in their recording of who has gone through gear check.

- Those that have had a gear check should have a tick beside their name
- Those that have officially scratched need to be crossed out and 'SCR' written beside their name
- Those that just don't bother to turn up need to have 'DNS' noted beside their name.

This record of all competitions must be kept at least until the results are final & presentations are complete. Some clubs may decide to keep this information longer.

It will be up to event organisers to have a process in place whereby it will be easy to check to ensure that everyone on the results sheet has in fact been gear checked. You may be able to help facilitate this.

If it is found that there is a horse/rider combination on the results sheet that has not in fact gone through gear check then this will need to be raised with the OC who will then need to investigate. As part of their investigations they will need to talk to the gear steward and check the gear stewards paper work. Therefore, it is important that this paperwork is available.

I will be asking DQ to ensure that all affiliated clubs are aware of this change and that they will put some internal procedures in place to cater for this rule change.

I hope you all have a great Xmas and New Year and take the opportunity to re-charge the batteries for another busy year in 2018.

