



New Grading System Questions and Answers

1. Can I stay in my current level?
 - Yes

2. What happens if I want to down grade?
 - You need to apply to your State Dressage Authority (SDA) with reasons why you want to downgrade. Details about downgrading are contained in rule 1.16 of the Rule Book.

3. If I purchase a new horse how do I know what level he or she might be?
 - You need to ask the person selling the horse if the horse is currently registered with EA and whether it has a Dressage Performance Card. If it has a performance card it may not be up to date so it is best to either do a search on-line at www.equestrian.org.au or contact your State EA office for details of its current grading. You would need to ask the date of the last performance recorded and then check with the owner to see if this is correct as there may be outstanding performances not yet recorded.

4. Who maintains my horse's performance card?
 - It is your responsibility to maintain your performance card.

5. Do I have to achieve a certain mark to gain points?
 - Yes, based purely on performance (not placing) as follows:
 - Between 60% to 61.999% = 1 point
 - Between 62% to 63.999% = 2 points
 - Between 64% to 65.999% = 3 points
 - Between 66% to 67.999% = 4 points
 - Between 68% to 69.999% = 5 points
 - Between 70% to 71.999% = 6 points
 - 72% and over = 7 points

6. What happens if my horse gains more than 30 points competing at his level - Novice?
 - Nothing. If your horse is graded Novice and you only compete Novice and gain grading points you can continue to do this for ever and a day.

7. Does this new scoring system include Preliminary?
 - Yes, Preliminary will be a separate level.

8. What happens if I gain points at competitions outside of Australia?
 - This will only usually apply to FEI horses. However, if you were to compete overseas then any performances gained in that country would need to be provided to EA on your return to Australia so that your level can be reviewed based on those performances.

9. If my 9 year old riding her pony wins a competition, does this first place attract points?
 - No, grading is based purely on performance and no longer on placing.

10. Are points awarded for placing
 - No.

11. What competitions are excluded from gaining points?
 - Associate, Young Rider, Freestyle, Young Horse

12. My horse is Novice level and I have competed in 5 Elementary classes over the last 6 months with the following scores: Comp A - 56%, Comp B - 59%, Comp C - 62%, Comp D - 64% and Comp E - 64.5% - how many points have I gained?
 - You will have 8 grading points as follows:
 - Comp A - 56% - no grading points
 - Comp B - 59% - no grading points
 - Comp C - 62% - 2 grading points
 - Comp D - 64% - 3 grading points
 - Comp E - 64.5% - 3 grading points

13. My horse is Elementary level and is working Advance at home. Can I enter into an Advanced class?
 - Yes, no change to what you can do now.

14. My horse is Elementary level and is working PSG at home. Can I entered into a PSG class?
 - No. To enter PSG you must have competed at Advanced level on at least 2 occasions at 2 different events and gained at least 60% on both occasions.

15. How many points do I need to go up a grade?
 - You need 30 points gained at a higher level than you are currently graded.