

## Dressage Queensland Young Horse/Pony 'how-to' for Event Organisers

*Running a Young Horse competition can at times be a little confusing. On the face of it, it seems uncomplicated but when you delve into it... which tests do I use? How many judges do I need? What sheets do I need to provide the judges and where do they sit?*

*Here is a brief little 'organiser's how-to' for making sure you have what you need for a Young Horse competition.*

Young Pony rules can be found in Chapter 9 of the EA Dressage Rules Book

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/Dressage-rules>

### 1. Judges

- **Accreditation:** For most young horse or pony classes you will require two suitably accredited Young Horse judges. A list of Queensland judges can be found here [https://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/EquestrianQueensland\\_JudgesList20210208\\_0.pdf](https://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/EquestrianQueensland_JudgesList20210208_0.pdf). Whether they are young horse judges is denoted by the YH in the second column. However, for 7-year-old young horse classes you will also require a third judge to judge the technical aspect. This judge must at least B level but does not need to be a young horse accredited judge (although ideally, they will be).
- **Seating:** For 4- to 6-year-old tests, if you are doing two rounds of competition and are using the commanded test, judges will sit together at E or B. For single round competitions, or the second round of a two-round competition, judges will sit together at C. For 7-year-old tests, the technical judge will always sit at C and the paces (young horse) judges will always sit at E or B.

2. **Tests:** (only one test per age group needs to be printed for the judges to keep track of the test pattern and accuracy. The FEI tests have the score sheet included in the file, so if printing both pages of the FEI tests then you won't need to print additional scoring sheets as below. To save confusion we would highly recommend publishing the direct links to the tests in any competitor's information packs ahead of the event)

- **One Round – only ridden one horse at a time.**

4-year-old Young Horse & Pony test [https://inside.fei.org/system/files/YH4\\_2017.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/system/files/YH4_2017.pdf)

5-year-old Young Horse & Pony test [https://inside.fei.org/system/files/YHP5\\_2017.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/system/files/YHP5_2017.pdf)

6-year-old Young Horse test [https://inside.fei.org/system/files/YHP6\\_2017.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/system/files/YHP6_2017.pdf)

6-year-old Young Pony test

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/YH%206%20Pony%20-%20EA%20Test%20-%206%20year%20old%20Ponies.pdf>

7-year-old Young Horse & Pony test

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/YoungHorse\\_TechnicalTest\\_7-year-old.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/YoungHorse_TechnicalTest_7-year-old.pdf)

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- **First round of two Rounds (to be read out by a 'commander'. Recommended to have two to three horses in the ring at the same time.**

4-year-old Young Horse & Pony commanded test

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA%20YH%20Commanded%20test%20for%2004-year-olds.pdf>

5-year-old Young Horse & Pony commanded test

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA%20YH%20Commanded%20test%20for%2005-year-olds.pdf>

6-year-old Young Horse commanded test

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA%20YH%20Commanded%20test%20for%2006-year-olds.pdf>

6-year-old Pony commanded test

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA%20YP%20Commanded%20test%20for%2006-year-olds.pdf>

7-year-old Horse & Pony technical test

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/YoungHorse\\_TechnicalTest\\_7-year-old.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/YoungHorse_TechnicalTest_7-year-old.pdf)

- **Second round of two rounds (to be ridden one horse at a time)**

4-year-old Young Horse & Pony test [https://inside.fei.org/system/files/YH4\\_2017.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/system/files/YH4_2017.pdf)

5-year-old Young Horse & Pony test [https://inside.fei.org/system/files/YHP5\\_2017.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/system/files/YHP5_2017.pdf)

6-year-old Young Horse test [https://inside.fei.org/system/files/YHP6\\_2017.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/system/files/YHP6_2017.pdf)

6-year-old Young Pony test

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/YH%206%20Pony%20-%20EA%20Test%20-%206%20year%20old%20Ponies.pdf>

7-year-old Young Horse & Pony test [https://inside.fei.org/system/files/YHP7\\_2021.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/system/files/YHP7_2021.pdf)

3. **Extra sheets:** If paper scoring you will also need to have scoring sheets for the judges to write their scores and marks (print enough for one per horse, plus a couple of spares in case of mistakes):

4-year-old Young Horse & Pony score sheet

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/DressageScoreSheet2016\\_Young\\_Horse\\_4yo\\_updatedMarch.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/DressageScoreSheet2016_Young_Horse_4yo_updatedMarch.pdf)

5-year-old Young Horse & Pony score sheet

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/DressageScoreSheet2016\\_Young\\_Horse\\_5yo\\_updatedMarch.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/DressageScoreSheet2016_Young_Horse_5yo_updatedMarch.pdf)

6-year-old Young Horse score sheet

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/DressageScoreSheet2016\\_Young\\_Horse\\_6yo\\_updatedMarch.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/DressageScoreSheet2016_Young_Horse_6yo_updatedMarch.pdf)

6-year-old Young Pony score sheet

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/DressageScoreSheet2016\\_Young\\_Pony\\_6yo\\_updatedMarch.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/DressageScoreSheet2016_Young_Pony_6yo_updatedMarch.pdf)

7-year-old Young Horse & Pony score sheet

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/DressageScoreSheet2017\\_Young\\_Horse\\_7yo.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/DressageScoreSheet2017_Young_Horse_7yo.pdf)

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**Handy sheet for judges to keep track of allocated marks** (you only need to print one per age group):

4-year-old horse

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/JudgeRecordSheet2016\\_Young\\_Horse\\_4y\\_o.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/JudgeRecordSheet2016_Young_Horse_4y_o.pdf)

4-year-old pony

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/JudgeRecordSheet2016\\_Young\\_Pony\\_4y\\_o.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/JudgeRecordSheet2016_Young_Pony_4y_o.pdf)

5-year-old horse

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/JudgeRecordSheet2016\\_Young\\_Horse\\_5y\\_o.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/JudgeRecordSheet2016_Young_Horse_5y_o.pdf)

5-year-old pony

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/JudgeRecordSheet2016\\_Young\\_Pony\\_5y\\_o.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/JudgeRecordSheet2016_Young_Pony_5y_o.pdf)

6-year-old horse

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/JudgeRecordSheet2016\\_Young\\_Horse\\_6y\\_o.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/JudgeRecordSheet2016_Young_Horse_6y_o.pdf)

6-year-old pony

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/JudgeRecordSheet2016\\_Young\\_Pony\\_6y\\_o.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/JudgeRecordSheet2016_Young_Pony_6y_o.pdf)

4. **Draw time:** It is recommended to allow 10 minutes between groups for commanded tests and 8 minutes between horses for individual/second round tests.