

## **STALLION IDENTIFICATION Q&A**

EA takes safety and risk management very seriously. The changes from guidelines to rules have not been implemented because of any recent incidents involving Stallions, but rather to safeguard all those attending and involved in any EA event in the future.

**Q) When do these rules supersede the current guidelines?**

**Answer:** Rules come into effect on the **1st July 2018**

**Q) Why are stallions required to display green discs?**

**Answer:** The introduction of this rule is to improve stallion visibility. It's of vital importance that we work with our community to ensure the safety of all involved.

**Q) Must the new bridle number holder be used on ALL bridles, or is this only needed for events/competitions that require the display numbers?**

**Answer:** All stallions competing in EA sanctioned events must now wear compulsory green identification on either side of the horses head or saddle cloth. This can be either the compliant bridle number holders or halter/ saddle discs. For competition purposes, discs are suitable to use as appropriate identification if numbers aren't required. However, identification discs or numbers should not be attached to either martingales or breastplates because both martingales and breastplates come in a variety of designs and as a consequence it is not easy to determine a point that accommodates all designs.

**Below are all the options authorised**

Bridle Number Holder with numbering



Halter Disc with Velcro holder



Green Disk OR Saddle Number Holder



**Q) Can you please confirm whether stallions that only compete in Jumping have to wear the Bridle Number Holders, or can they use the halter discs on their bridles instead?**

**Answer:** For competition purposes, both halter discs and clearly visible saddle cloth discs are deemed suitable to use as the appropriate form of identification if numbers aren't required.

**Q) Can you stallion identification be on the martingales or breastplates?**

**Answer:** No. Green stallion identification must be on either side of the horses head or clearly visible on the saddle cloth and is no longer permitted on the martingales, breastplates or elsewhere.

**Q) What is the justification for not allowing bridle numbers on martingales or breastplates?**

**Answer:** EA is continually focussed on improving member safety and horse welfare. Improving stallion visibility will help protect the well-being of the stallion and those around them. The introduction of these rules takes out any ambiguity there may have been from the guidelines and ensures stallions can be easily noticeable.

**Q) Can I display my bridle number on my saddle blanket as mares and geldings do?**

**Answer:** Yes. Green stallion identification must be on either side of the horses head or saddle cloth.

**Q) My stallion competes in pony dressage and I am concerned that the green identification bridle number will be too big for my his head.**

**Answer:** Green stallion identification must be on either side of the horses head or saddle cloth. For competition purposes, discs are suitable to use as the appropriate identification.

**Q) Aren't the green magnetic disc on trucks more visible than the proposed identification card?**

**Answer:** Feedback received highlighted the current magnets did not continue to stick to the trucks over the course of the year and through the varying weather conditions. It was also felt necessary to include additional information should there be a situation that required the identification of the horse to be known and the person(s) responsible to be contacted.

**Q) Many people don't know what the green discs are for. What is EA going to do to about this?**

**Answer:** With the introduction of the new identification rules, EA will promote awareness through direct communication with members, online education and communication at individual events throughout Australia.

**Q) Is it compulsory to purchase the EA branded number holders?**

**Answer:** No, members can choose to source their own. However, members need to ensure they are compliant, as stipulated in the policy. In order to be compliant, they must have a visible number window of at least 7cm wide and 4cm high, which is surrounded by a bright, fluoro green colour of a minimum 1cm thickness, and are safely and securely held on to the bridle or the saddle cloth.

**Q) On the green Stallion Identification Card printouts it has a section for the stallion's EA or FEI ID number, does my stallion need to be registered with EA to compete at events?**

**Answer:** Sport rules vary based on the level of competition that you and your horse are competing at and as such, it is not always the case that registration is required. However, EA would always recommend the stallion identification card be displayed with as much information as possible.

**Q) I am 16 years of age, can I compete on a Stallion?**

Riders and/or handlers of colts/stallions must be over the age of 18 years. Special permission may be granted by the relevant EA National Discipline Committee for a rider/handler to be under the age of 18 years, and in this instance, the rider/handler must be supervised by an adult/parent/guardian whilst at the event.

**Q) Can I compete my stallion in Show Horse classes?**

Stallions are not permitted in Show Horse Classes (*refer rule 1.1.9 of EA Show Horse Rules*).