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# Awarding and Wearing of Australian Flag ‘Pockets’ and other ‘Pockets’ or Identification

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## **PREAMBLE:**

The following outlines the guidelines of Equestrian Australia (EA) for riders, who compete at Olympic or World Equestrian Games, to wear the Australian Flag 'pocket' on their competition jacket (Dressage, Jumping) and to allow them to wear this pocket permanently. This policy formalises this practice and adds other dimensions to it.

## **POLICY:**

### **1. Entitlement to wear the Australian Flag "pockets" permanently**

#### **Olympic and Paralympic Disciplines**

- Only the following Senior competitors are entitled to receive and **permanently** wear on their competition apparel a 'pocket' displaying the Australian Flag or another approved national symbol (e.g. Australian Coat of Arms, AOC Crest):
- Those who after formal selection or nomination by EA are representing or have represented Australia at:
  - Olympic or Paralympic Games, or
  - FEI World Equestrian Games.
- Only 'pockets' issued by the EA National Office may be worn.

### **2. Entitlement to wear "pockets" whilst participating in an International event overseas.**

- Competitors, including Show Horse, who have been nominated by EA to participate in an International event abroad, may wear an Equestrian Australia pocket (once available) **whilst participating in such event**.
- The wearing of these pockets flags are for the duration of the nominated event only and must be removed at the conclusion of the event.

### **3. Other National Identification**

- Participants in International events may use a **saddlecloth** or **saddlecloth overlay** with an Australian flag **during such event PROVIDED** their entry to the particular event has been approved or endorsed by Selectors and/or the National Discipline Committees or at least the Chair of Selectors and/or the Chair of the National Discipline Committees for the respective Discipline.
- The wearing of these pockets flags is for the duration of the nominated event only and must be removed at the conclusion of the event.