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.

1. Can you please confirm when these rules supersede the current guidelines?

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

1. Could you please confirm whether the new bridle number holder must be used on ALL bridles, or whether this is only needed for events/classes that require the exhibit to display numbers?

***Answer****: All stallions competing in EA sanctioned events must now wear compulsory green identification on either side of the horses head. This can be either the compliant bridle number holders or halter discs. For competition purposes, halter discs are suitable to use as appropriate identification on a bridle if numbers aren’t required.*

1. 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. Please find link below to see if your horse requires an EA registration number:* [*http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/New%20Membership%20Structure%20-%20brochure\_0.pdf*](http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/New%20Membership%20Structure%20-%20brochure_0.pdf)

1. 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, the halter discs are deemed suitable to use as the appropriate form of identification on a bridle if numbers aren’t required.*

1. Can you please confirm that stallion identification can no longer be on the saddle blanket?

***Answer****: Green stallion identification must be on either side of the horses head and is no longer permitted on the saddle blanket.*

1. Do I have the option to display my bridle number on my saddle blanket like mare’s and geldings may do?

***Answer****: Green stallion identification must be on either side of the horses head. If you wish to display your bridle number (not green), on either side of the saddle blanket, you may do so.*

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

***Answer****: Green stallion identification must be on either side of the horses head. For competition purposes, the halter discs are suitable to use as the appropriate identification on a bridle. If you wish to display your bridle number (not green), on either side of the saddle blanket, you may do so.*

1. What is the justification for not allowing bridle numbers on other areas of the horse?

***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.*

1. Would the green magnetic disc on trucks not be 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.*

1. I have only ever ridden geldings or mares and as such, can you please explain what the green discs on a stallion is for?

***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.*

1. 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.*