



# SECTION E: DRESSAGE AND PARA DRESSAGE

## 2026 CLARIFICATION MEMO

### EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2026 – AMENDED JUNE 10, 2026

**NOTE:** The following rules have been clarified for the 2026 season.

As these clarifications are under continued review for the 2027 rulebooks, changes HAVE NOT been made in the Section E rulebooks posted to Equestrian Canada's website.

Amended June 10, 2026

#### CHAPTER 3 COMPETITIONS

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#### ARTICLE E 3.11.9 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LEVELS/TESTS/CLASSES PER HORSE PER DAY

##### 1. Rider/Horse combinations:

1. For classes at Equitation, Rising Stars Equitation, Materiale, Introductory, Training, First, Second levels and all para dressage national tests plus FEI Grade I and II tests and FEI Children, FEI Pony and FEI 4 and 5 year old tests - a rider/horse combination may compete in any 2, but only 2, consecutive levels/divisions and may compete up to a maximum of 3 tests per day including the freestyle. In-hand classes are exempt from this rule.
2. For classes at the Third, Fourth and FEI Junior levels plus FEI Grade III, IV, V and FEI 6 and 7 year old tests - a rider/horse combination may compete in any 2, but only 2, consecutive levels/divisions and up to a maximum of 2 tests per day including the freestyle. In-hand classes are exempt from this rule.
3. For classes at the FEI Young Rider, FEI Prix St. George, FEI Intermediate I, FEI Intermediate II, FEI Intermediate A, FEI Intermediate B, FEI Grand Prix U25, FEI Grand Prix levels - a rider/horse combination may compete in a maximum of 1 test per day including the freestyle. In-hand classes are exempt from this rule.

~~Exception: Rider/horse combinations competing in the FEI Young Rider division may compete in an FEI Young Rider Freestyle test in addition to one FEI Young Rider technical test per day.~~

**Amendment** - Exception above is reinstated, and has been clarified as follows:

**Exception:** Rider/horse combinations competing in the FEI Young Rider or FEI Grand Prix U25 division may compete in an FEI Young Rider or FEI Grand Prix U25 Freestyle test in addition to one FEI Young Rider or FEI Grand Prix U25 technical test per day.

Exception: Rider/horse combinations may in addition to the above compete in an Equitation or Rising Stars Equitation class.

**Amendment** – The 2026 exception has been removed:

~~2026 Exception Only: Rider/horse combinations competing in the FEI Young Rider/FEI U25 division, at a one-day show, may compete in a FEI Young Rider/U25 Freestyle test in addition to one FEI Young Rider/U25 technical test per day.~~

##### 2. Horse or pony:

1. For classes at Equitation, Rising Stars Equitation, Materiale, Introductory, Training, First, Second levels and all para dressage national tests plus FEI Grade I and II tests and FEI Children, FEI Pony and FEI 4 and 5 year old tests - a horse may compete in a maximum of 3 tests per day.  
Exception: For Bronze competitions only – A horse/pony being shared, may compete in Equitation, Rising Stars Equitation, Materiale, Introductory and Training level up to a maximum of 4 tests per day, keeping in mind that the horse/pony cannot compete against itself.
2. For classes at the Third, Fourth and FEI Junior levels plus FEI Grade III, IV, V and FEI 6 and 7 year old tests - a horse may compete a maximum of 2 tests per day. Exceptions: Apply in situations where the horse is shared between a dressage and para dressage Grade I or II rider. In these cases, a horse may compete in up to 3 tests per day.  
**Exception:** Horses or ponies may in addition to the above compete in an Equitation or Rising Stars Equitation class.
3. For classes at the FEI Young Rider, FEI Prix St. George, FEI Intermediate I, FEI Intermediate II, FEI Intermediate A, FEI Intermediate B, FEI Grand Prix U25, FEI Grand Prix levels - a horse may compete in a maximum of 1 test per day. Exceptions: Apply in situations where the horse is shared between a dressage and para dressage Grade I or II rider. In these cases a horse may compete in up to 2 tests per day.

**Note:** The maximum test per day restrictions also applies when competitions are running different levels of sanctioning at the same competition i.e. Bronze and Gold competition or Bronze, Silver, Gold competition etc.

**Exception:** ~~Horses or ponies~~ A horse/pony competing in the FEI Young Rider/FEI U25 division, at a one-day competition, may compete in an FEI Young Rider/FEI U25 Freestyle test in addition to one FEI Young Rider/FEI U25 technical test per day.

**Amendment** - The exception above has been amended as follows:

**Exception:** ~~Horses or ponies~~ A horse/pony competing in the FEI Young Rider or FEI Grand Prix U25 division, at a one-day competition, may compete in an FEI Young Rider or FEI Grand Prix U25 Freestyle test in addition to one FEI Young Rider or FEI Grand Prix U25 technical test per day.

Exception: A horse/pony may in addition to the above compete in an Equitation or Rising Stars Equitation class.

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