

Understanding the Disciplinary Yellow Warning Cards

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What are Yellow Warning Cards?

Yellow Warning Cards are national and international warnings that are handed out to athletes for certain offences, mainly for animal welfare or incorrect behaviour.

Who has the authority to award a Yellow Warning Card?

EA accredited officials in official capacity at EA sanctioned events¹:

- EA Level 2 Judges
- EA Level 3 Judges
- All FEI Judges
- FEI Chief Stewards
- EA Technical Delegates

When can a Yellow Warning Card be awarded?

A Yellow Warning Card can be awarded in cases of offences of abuse of horse and/or incorrect behaviour towards event officials (See EA General Regulations Art 169 Paragraph 6.2 and 6.3) and “which are of a less serious nature”².

The Equestrian Australia National Jumping Rules sets out examples of potential breaches at Article 240.2. These summarily include, **but are not limited to**:

- An Athlete that does not leave the arena promptly after being eliminated;
- An Athlete that has been eliminated but completes the round without permission from the Ground Jury;
- Failure to display the identification number in case of repeated offence;
- An Athlete who violates the advertising rules;
- An Athlete who disrespects the directives of the OC;
- An Athlete who repeats offences after a warning.

A more extensive example list can be found at Article 240.2 of the Equestrian Australia National Jumping Rules.

If I have awarded a Yellow Warning Card, do I need to notify anyone?

Yes – The Athlete, The Ground Jury, The State Branch and/or the State Jumping Committee who will advise the National Office³.

¹ Equestrian Australia National Jumping Rules, Effective 1 January 2019 Updated 1 July 2019 (amended 31/01/2020) Article 240.2

² Equestrian Australia General Regulations, Effective 11 December 2019, Article 169.6.2 – 169.7.1

³ Equestrian Australia General Regulations, Effective 11 December 2019, Article 169.7.1, Equestrian Australia National Jumping Rules, Effective 1 January 2019 Updated 1 July 2019 (amended 31/01/2020) Article 240.3

How do I go about awarding a Yellow Warning Card to an Athlete?

If you as an appropriate EA Official award a Yellow Warning Card, it should be delivered to the Athlete in person at the event with an explanation as to why it was issued and any possible consequences of further offences⁴.

If for any reason that is not possible, then it must be provided to the athlete within fourteen days by mail, email or other means⁵.

What if the Athlete is under 18 years of age?

To award a Yellow Warning Card to an athlete 18 years or younger a Parent/Guardian must be present at the time. It must be done by personal delivery and the State Branch or State Jumping Committee must be notified of the issuing and reason within 48 hours of the event.⁶

Can a Yellow Warning Card be issued to an athlete on another sanction?

Yes – if those sanctions are in accordance with the Equestrian Australia General Regulations or relevant Sport Rules⁷.

Useful Links

Equestrian Australia National Jumping Rules:

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

Equestrian Australia General Regulations:

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/policies>

The information in this document is derived from Equestrian Victoria's rules and guidelines. It is a resource to help understand Yellow Warning Cards but does not replace the rulings in either the Equestrian Australia National Jumping Rules or Equestrian Australia General Regulations. The onus is on the reader to make sure the relevant rules discussed in this document is the same in the current and most update version of the stated rules. These are subject to change.

⁴ Equestrian Australia National Jumping Rules, Effective 1 January 2019 Updated 1 July 2019 (amended 31/01/2020) Article 240.3

⁵ Equestrian Australia General Regulations, Effective 11 December 2019, Article 169.7.1

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⁷ Equestrian Australia General Regulations, Effective 11 December 2019, Article 169.7.1