



EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA (EAM) GRADING SYSTEM FOR DRESSAGE

Requirement for horses and ponies to participate and obtain grading points.

1. Must be registered with EAM and owned by a current EAM member.
2. Must have a current digital dressage performance log book.
3. **Grading points are accumulated at the horse's/ pony's current grading level**
 - 3.1. Must only enter and compete in two consecutive levels per event from the current grading; graded Prelim – can enter Prelim and Novice or Novice and Elementary. Graded Novice – can enter Novice and Elementary or Elementary and Medium.
 - 3.2. Enter and compete in no more than 3 tests in same day.
 - 3.3. From Preliminary level and above, there will be no sharing of horses at official EAM Competitions
4. **Grading points for entries:**
 - 4.1. Grading is assessed as at the closing date of entries.
 - 4.2. Where an event is cancelled/ postponed.
 - 4.2.1. If the event can be rescheduled within 6 weeks of the original date, then a horse may compete at the level they were as at the closing date of entries for the original event.
 - 4.2.2. If the event is rescheduled more than 6 weeks from the original date and horse in the meantime has been upgraded the horse must compete at its new graded level.
5. **Eligibility of horses and pony for each level.**
In official competitions, the following criteria applies at the closing date of entries:
 - 5.1. Upgrading points are accumulated from Preliminary level onwards.
 - 5.2. If a horse / pony is only competing at the current grading level, it has to accumulate 80 grading points at that level before it is upgraded
 - 5.3. If a horse / pony is competing at levels ABOVE the current grading level, it has to accumulate 40 grading points at that level before it is upgraded

GRADED LEVEL	ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE AT EACH LEVEL
Preliminary	Horses/ponies with less than 40 upgrading points gained in Novice and above
Novice	Horses/ponies with less than 40 upgrading points gained in Elementary and above
Elementary	Horses/ponies with less than 40 upgrading points gained in Medium and above
Medium	Horses/ponies with less than 40 upgrading points gained in Advanced and above
Advanced	Horses/ponies with less than 40 upgrading points gained in FEI competition

6. Upgrading Points

- 6.1. Horses and ponies are graded on a points system based on percentage gained.
- 6.2. Points are obtained when the horse or pony gains 60% or above in Official EAM Sanctioned competitions from Preliminary level and above.
- 6.3. Points gained at NF Official competitions outside Malaysia will also be counted.
- 6.4. When, for any reason, the height of a horse/pony changes and they are required to change from a pony to a horse (or vice versa), the grading and any upgrading points of the horse/pony shall be retained in the new category.

GRADED LEVEL	UPGRADING
Preliminary	If only competing at Preliminary, upgrading after accumulating 80 points If competing Novice and above, upgrading after accumulating 40 points (The higher level will take precedence)
Novice	If only competing at Novice, upgrading after accumulating 80 points If competing Elementary and above, upgrading after accumulating 40 points (The higher level will take precedence)
Elementary	If only competing at Elementary, upgrading after accumulating 80 points If competing Medium and above, upgrading after accumulating 40 points (The higher level will take precedence)
Medium	If only competing at Medium, upgrading after accumulating 80 points If competing Advanced and above, upgrading after accumulating 40 points (The higher level will take precedence)
Advanced	If only competing at Advanced upgrading after accumulating 80 points If competing PSG and above, upgrading after accumulating 40 points (The higher level will take precedence)

7. Awarding of Upgrading Points

- 7.1. Upgrading points are awarded for ALL EAM sanctioned Official competitions, including Young Rider competitions, (with the exception of Freestyle, Young Horse and Participation competitions) regardless of any restrictions e.g., age, breed etc.
- 7.2. Upgrading points are awarded based on percentage only (not placing).
- 7.3. Upgrading points are only awarded from performance in Official competitions as follows regardless of placing:
 - Between 60% to 61.999% = 1 point
 - Between 62% to 63.999% = 2 point
 - Between 64% to 65.999% = 3 point
 - Between 66% to 67.999% = 4 point
 - Between 68% to 69.999% = 5 point
 - Between 70% to 71.999% = 6 point
 - 72% and over = 7 point

8. Prize money

- 8.1. Only awarded to the riders with 60% and above
- 8.2. Prize money will be awarded according to table as follows:
 - 4 riders – only 1 placing
 - 8 entries – only 2 placings
 - 12 entries – only 3 placings
 - *4 entries – 1 placing

9. Down-Grading of Horses/Ponies

Applications for down-grading of horses/ponies for any category of competition must be directed to the EAM and the following applies:

- 9.1. Applications for down-grading must be made in writing with supporting documentation.
- 9.2. An application to downgrade a horse/pony must be made or endorsed by the registered owner or lessee.
- 9.3. Each request will be considered separately and on its merit.
- 9.4. The decision to down-grade and to what level is entirely at the discretion of the EAM.
- 9.5. May occur only once in the duration of a rider's partnership with the horse/pony.
- 9.6. May occur more than once in a horse/pony's lifetime but must not occur more than once in a two-year period.
- 9.7. Must not exceed a maximum of three levels e.g., e. g Advanced to Novice.
- 9.8. If the horse is ridden by someone other than the rider for whom the downgrade is requested, it must compete at its previous level and any grading points earned will be awarded in relation to that previous level.