

# Application to Downgrade



## Dressage

Pony Club WA State Dressage Committee has no specific grading rule however refers back to the EA Grading Rule:

EA National Dressage Rules

01/01/2019

### *4.10 Downgrading of horses/ponies*

*Downgrading of horses/ponies Applications for downgrading of horses/ponies for any category of competition must be directed to the relevant SDA and the following apply:*

- a) applications for downgrading must be made in writing with supporting documentation*
- b) an application to downgrade a horse/pony must be made or endorsed by the registered owner or lessee*
- c) each request will be considered separately and, on its merit. The decision to downgrade and to what level is entirely at the discretion of the SDA*
- e) downgrading may occur only once in the duration of a rider's partnership with the horse/pony*
- f) downgrading may occur more than once in a horse/pony's lifetime but must not occur more than once in a 2-year period*
- g) will only apply to those graded at least Elementary level and above*
- h) must not exceed a maximum of three levels (e.g. Advanced to Novice refer to rule 4.8.2 for definition of levels)*
- i) 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*
- j) when a downgrade is granted the combination must fulfil any criteria regarding eligibility of horses/ponies for each level as outlined in 4.8.3.2*

Rider	
Email	
Horse	
Grading Level	
Event	
Grade you wish to enter	
Reason for downgrade request	

Please submit applications to [dressage@ponyclubwa.asn.au](mailto:dressage@ponyclubwa.asn.au) by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019