

RIDING LICENCES

Current UIPM competition rules stipulate that the riding course consist of 10 obstacles, including two obstacles comprising two elements (i.e. doubles), at the following heights:

Senior	Junior
Maximum 110cm (upright) 110x130cm (spread) 110x130cm (oxer)	Maximum 100cm (upright) 100x120cm (spread) 100x110cm (oxer)
Minimum 100cm	Minimum 85cm
At least 5 jumps must be at the maximum height	At least 2 jumps must be at the maximum height

Taking these rules into account, MPA issues riding licences at two heights:

- 100cm (junior) [Domestic Riding Licence Form Junior](#)
- 110cm (senior) [Domestic Riding Licence Form Senior](#) & [International Riding Licence Form Senior](#)

Australian athletes wishing to ride in MPA events in Australia must hold a riding licence for a height appropriate to the competition. This requirement aims to promote the safety and welfare of horses and riders and encourage more horse owners to make horses available.

Athletes seeking selection for UIPM 'Category A' or 'Category B' competition overseas must hold an International Riding licence (senior or junior, as appropriate). Athletes wishing to ride in UIPM Category C competitions may also be required to hold a riding licence, either to obtain selection or by the hosting National Federation.

To apply for a riding licence, you must submit to MPA (secretary@modernpentathlon.org.au):

- a riding competency certificate** in the approved form for the relevant height, signed by an EA or FEI qualified level 2 showjumping coach; and
- video footage** demonstrating your competency to ride a course at the relevant height and of the requisite length/complexity.

Please note that the quality of the footage is important. MPA relies on the footage to validate and support the riding competency certification when deciding whether or not to issue a licence. If you are wanting to compete overseas, MPA may also be asked to submit the footage to the host National Federation before you will be allowed to ride. For these reasons, you are strongly encouraged to ensure that the height of the course is visibly ascertainable (by use of a measuring stick or similar) and that you are sufficiently close-up to gauge the quality of your hands, seat and degree of control on approach and away from an obstacle. You should provide footage of 2 rides on different horses (same course or different courses).

