

## Summary of the Business of the meeting of the National Jumping Committee (NJC) Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 April 2016

As this was an extra-ordinary meeting for the NJC the Chair invited others from outside of the committee to attend to add ideas and comments on a number of issues.

### **Jump Score Program Demonstration by Dave Berman.**

Dave presented his Jump Score program which is currently being used by Toowoomba SJ club.

Dave showed the NJC the system how it scores, produces results, creates draws etc. The idea of the system is for the penciller to use (live scoring) and to replace the score sheet as all scores can be recorded and displayed electronically.

The system can produce live scoring and results which can be sent via email or to a server which can then be uploaded e.g. EA Online.

The system has been designed to be displayed using laptops, tablets and smart phones.

### **Tiered Show Formation & Star Ratings**

The NJC voted and agreed to implement a National Star Rating system for Jumping Events in Australia and for criteria to be developed.

A working group of Clare Walker, Gavin Chester, John McMillian, George Sanna & John Vallance has been formed to formulate the criteria.

Further discussions will be held at the July meeting.

### **National Jumping Calendar**

The NJC decided there needs to be one contact person for Jumping OCs so the calendar can be formulated.

Graeme Watts was nominated as the contact person.

### **Points System**

The NJC feel the need to consider and protect the grass roots level in order to develop the sport and prepare future riders for major championships and the current points system does this effectively.

There was a healthy discussion around smaller states and smaller events where riders could earn points too quickly and this then disadvantaged those horses when competing in larger events.

One of the major problems as seen by the NJC is with the current recoding of the points process.

The NJC voted to retain the current points system with the recommendation to write to Judges and Riders reminding them of the current ruling regarding competition licenses and their responsibilities.

### **Change from State Based to Skills Based Committee**

This was an agenda item from the previous meeting and was discussed further. The NJC will send back to the State committees for their feedback on the NJC being a Skills Based Committee for implementation in Oct 2017 and to vote at July 2016 meeting.

### **Business arising from last meeting**

#### **o \$5 levy on Jumping Competition licenses to create a pool of funds for the ASJC**

The NJC asked the CEO and EA Board member present to comment and explain to the NJC why this request was rejected at the last EA Board Meeting.

The response was that it was discussed by EA Board at the last meeting and the comments were that the levy should tally with what ICDF funding does as funding for events.

Putting a levy on one discipline could create a burden of administration for the state branches. Another factor is that EA cannot set a national levy as this has to be in cooperation

with the State Branches as EA have an MOU with each state branch.

○ **Boot Rule**

The committee discussed a letter which was received from the Chief Steward for Jumping regarding the confusion of the new boot rule and Young horse Style classes.

The NJC agreed to look at new wording for the rule and add definitions to the rule book to avoid any further confusion.

**Young Rider Series 2016**

The SA delegate commented that SA held the first round of the YR series in April and it was a success however had to ensure some of the criteria was adhered to.

Issues for all OC's in each state to be aware of are:

- riders with 2 horses had not nominated their horse for points
- the course must have the correct fences

It is recommended that state delegates need to make sure their nominated events for the YR series are aware of the criteria that needs to be met so that their state riders are eligible for the series.

The Chair commented that this is good feedback and encourages all state delegates to make sure their OCs are aware of the criteria for the YR series.

**Next meeting:**

19 July 2016.

**Gavin Chester, Chair NJC.**