

## EA National Discipline Committee Athlete Representative

The EA Athlete Representative is responsible for providing a voice for all Australian competitors for their respective discipline for which they are elected (Dressage, Driving, Endurance, Eventing, Jumping, Para Dressage, Show Horse or Vaulting) from grassroots through to International FEI level to the EA National Discipline Committee and ensure that competitors have a greater say in decision making for their sport.

The Athlete Representative provides advice to and from competitors to the Committee by preparing a report for each Discipline Committee meeting on key issues for the respective discipline, coordinating consultations, and providing feedback to athletes on behalf of the EA applicable discipline committee.

The Athlete Representative works closely with the other members of the EA National Discipline Committee, officials and staff of EA in a professional manner to contribute to the achievements of the EA National Discipline Committee objectives.

### Functions of the Committee

The EA National Discipline Committee operates under the following terms including requirements of Committees laid down in Clause 2 of the Committee By-Laws of Equestrian Australia.

### Composition

The National EA Discipline Committees are skills-based and consist of elected and appointed members plus the Athlete Representative. To be able to hold office they must be an EA Member of a category other than Junior and must not be employees of EA or one of its Branches. The Terms of Reference and Appointments and Procedures policy can be found on the EA website.

Committee members should have the following skills:

- a) A thorough knowledge of the Sport of the respective Discipline, including a working knowledge of the rules
- b) Administrative skills, including the use of e-mail and word processing and spreadsheet applications
- c) Analytical skills
- d) The ability to think strategically
- e) Proven ability to maintain confidentiality
- f) A thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the EA National Discipline Committee and the EA Board
- g) Ability to facilitate and promote high standards of sportsmanship and ethical performance when competing/participating at the national or international level
- h) Ability to relate immediately to Athletes competing and participating at all levels of the sport and establish relationships to promote feedback to Equestrian Australia on matters concerning Athletes.



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## Criteria

The successful Athlete Representative will meet the following criteria:

- A current member of EA
- At least 18 years of age and must not have been sanctioned for any sporting code violations during their sports career
- Good communication skills and communicates in a timely manner
- Professionalism when dealing with; the EA National Discipline Committee, State Discipline Committees, Officials, Event Organisers, and EA Staff
- Abide by the EA's code of conduct, by-laws, and policies
- Knowledge of EA Sport rules and EA Policies & Procedures
- An athlete as defined by the General Regulations or competes in Official Competitions as defined by the General Regulations
- Regular active respective discipline athlete at EA competitions (EA level at least to EA State Championships level/ EA HOTY level in their respective discipline) or FEI/international level within the last 2 Years – please provide a brief list of competitions you have competed in during the previous 2 years from the date the EOI was released
- Confirm your agreement to EA making reasonable inquiries of EA Integrity regarding your nomination
- Provide the reference number for your Working With Children Check (WWCC) or equivalent (e.g. Blue Card)
- Confirm that you will immediately apply for a WWCC or equivalent should you be appointed to an EA National Discipline Committee.

## Role/Responsibility

- Promote the perspective of the athlete in committee discussions and bring forward agenda items addressing issues impacting athletes
- Seek and communicate the views of athletes at all levels of the sport
- Represent the committee and provide feedback to athletes regarding committee decisions
- Act in a professional and equitable way when dealing with committee members and the sport community
- Report to the committee on activities undertaken as the athlete representative
- Provide an initial contact point for athletes seeking information or raising issues with the committee
- Conduct a minimum of one annual riders' meeting. This should take place at the National Championships for the respective discipline but additional meetings can be arranged with permission of the OC at other major events.

## Term

- (a) One term equates to three years.
- (b) Terms are as per the calendar year – starting at the start of January and finishing at the end of December.

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## **Elections**

The Athlete Representative will be elected by the respective EA discipline's membership. The EA National Discipline Committee will seek nominations for a representative and an online election process will follow to select the representative. Should only one nomination be received, appointment will be by the EA National Discipline Committee as per the National Discipline Committee Appointment and Procedures Policy.

## **Meetings**

Attend all respective EA National Discipline Committee meetings, either virtually or face-to-face as agreed by the EA National Discipline Committee.