

EA National Dressage Committee Athletes' Representative

The EA Athletes' Representative is responsible for providing a voice for all Australian Dressage competitors to the National Dressage Committee and ensure that competitors have a greater say in decision making for their sport.

The Athletes' Representative provides advice to and from competitors to the Committee by preparing a report for each Dressage Committee meeting on key issues for Dressage and coordinating consultations and providing feedback to athletes on behalf of the EA Dressage Committee.

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

Functions of the Committee

The EA Dressage 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 EA Dressage Committee is skills based and consists of five elected members plus the Athletes' 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.

Committee members should have the following skills:

- A thorough knowledge of the Sport of Dressage, including a working knowledge of the rules
- Administrative skills including the use of e-mail and word processing and spreadsheet applications
- Analytical skills
- The ability to think strategically
- Proven ability to maintain confidentiality

Criteria

The successful Athletes' Representative will meet the following criteria:

- 18yrs and over
- Good communication skills
- Professionalism when dealing with the committee and officials
- Abide by the EA code of conduct
- Knowledge of rules
- Active Dressage competitor at national or international level within the last 12 months

Role/Responsibility

- Promote the perspective of the athlete in committee discussion and bring forward agenda items addressing issues impacting athletes
- Seek and communicate the views of athletes at all levels
- 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 Dressage community
- Report to the committee on activities undertaken as the athletes representative
- Provide an initial contact point for athletes seeking information or raising issues with the committee

Elections

The Athletes' Representative will be elected by the EA Dressage membership. The EA Dressage 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 Dressage Committee as per the National Discipline Committee Appointment and Procedures Policy.

Meetings

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