



EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA (Administrator Appointed) COACHING COMMITTEE (EACC)

UPDATE

Meeting Held: Tuesday 30 June 2020 via Videoconference

Below is a summary of the meeting

MEETING DISCUSSION

Update from EA Office

- **Syllabus Review** – an update was provided on the syllabus review. The closing date of stage 1 was extended from 26 June to 17 July. The next stage will be reviewing the proposed changes, editing the existing work books and establishing a small group to review the syllabus holistically.
- **Coach renewals** – coach renewals opened 29 June with all EA coaches receiving an individual email outlining the process, what's new and what's going to change for 2021/22. Included in the correspondence was a document outlining the achievements of 2019/20, the expenditure of coach registration funds and an outline of what to expect in 2020/21.
- **2020/21 Insurance** – it was confirmed that EA will continue its relationship with Gow Gates for insurance during 2020/21.
- **Voluntary Administration** – The next phase and key dates of the Voluntary Administration process were explained.
- **TAE Business Case** – An update was provided on the status of the TAE Business Case that was developed for the EA Board to review. KH and AH reviewed it and provided feedback to RS. AH also forwarded it to EA Director Cathi Collier. It's important to note that the Directors have no influence during Voluntary Administration and as such, the Business Case was forwarded to KC from KordaMentha for comment. The recommendation provided to RS was that the subject is on hold until an interim EA Board is in place and the feedback from AH can be addressed until that time.

TAFE NSW engagement

EA was invited to join other industry experts on a panel to review NSW TAFE syllabus. Questions were raised regarding the purpose of the request. It was agreed that EA is not in a position to engage at this time.

IGEQ Annual Conference

The IGEQ conference scheduled at the end of November in Vienna will now be held as a virtual event on 24-25th November due to Covid19. As EA delegates, SK and TC will be attending the AGM (only 2 delegates are invited) however, due to the nature of the virtual event, more EA representatives may be able to join other components of the conference.

SK will be presenting on Safety and Risk with Meredith Chapman (EA NSM).

Intro Riding and Intro Horse Management

Again, the idea of introducing Introductory Horse Management and Introductory Riding as a pre-requisite for athletes prior to entering competition for the first time was raised. This is in line with the suggestion that Introductory Horse Management and Introductory Riding be introduced for Interschools competitors. The idea was supported in principle but the EACC were reminded that whilst they may be able to suggest and influence, these decisions need to be made by Sport Discipline Committees and State Branches as part of rule development and the running of competitions. This item to be added to the agenda of the Joint NDC/EACC Chairs meeting, CEO meeting and EA Sport Operations meeting.

Appropriate accreditation of state squad coaches

The appropriate accreditation of state squad coaches was raised and confirmed that from 1 July, State Branches and NDCs all agreed that State Squad Coaches were required to be current EA appropriately qualified coaches, coaching within their accreditation. It was raised that this is not yet occurring across all states.

Whilst this was an EACC initiative supported by State Branches and NDC's it is the responsibility of the States to ensure implementation. EA and EACC can only influence in this area. *POST MEETING UPDATE – this was raised and confirmed at the Joint CEO meeting held 1 July.*

Top-up insurance

In reference to coaching above your EA accreditation the issue of Gow Gates offering 'top-up' insurance, covering coaches to coach outside their level of accreditation was raised. EA staff were unable to comment but advised they would look into it.