



Equestrian Australia Coaching Committee (EACC) - UPDATE

Meeting held: Wednesday 15 January 2020

Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EACC meeting.

Meeting Discussion

Update from EA office

General items

The EA office currently has 3 staff vacancies (CEO, National Discipline Committee Liaison Manager and Pathways Officer – Athletes). As a result of this, the remaining staff members are all taking on additional work and prioritising workloads and projects.

State coaches list updated (attached)

Having received information from all state branches regarding state coaches, there are 43 people listed. Of the 43:

- 2 coaches are not currently registered
- 3 do not have coaching accreditation (current or otherwise).

Now that we understand the impact, the Board resolution regarding the use of current registered EA accredited coaches for state squads can be implemented from 1 July 2020. This will be communicated to National Discipline Committees, State Branches and State Coaching Committees.

Coach of the year (2019) awards

Having reviewed some of the state branch coach of the year finalists for 2019, it was noted that some coaches are not current registered coaches with EA.

The EACC were unanimous in the position that all coaches who have been short listed need to be current and financial at the time of the awards. This is to be reviewed with implementation encouraged at a State level.

Syllabus Working Group update

Unfortunately, little progress has been made on the establishment of these groups, organising meetings and sharing of information. This needs to be the priority of the EA Coaching Pathways Officer.

Discussion was had regarding the composition of the CE/SSTA working group with another EA CE to be contacted for inclusion.

Clarification was provided on the inclusion of the Horse Management resources as part of the syllabus review. This work is to be undertaken by the CE/SSTA working group.

An anomaly with the current Introductory Coaching resource was brought to the attention of the EACC. The EA Office received advice from a CE that she and another CE were operating from two different resources that were both published with the same date but with differing content. Version control is a critical component of the syllabus review.

TAE - Professional Development Opportunity for CE/SSTA's

This needs to be the priority of the EA Coaching Pathways Officer.

Clarity was provided around the process – individual CEs will be organising training with an RTO and they will be able to seek a refund from EA.

Coaching Conference Update

The EACC discussed the Coaching Conference scheduled for May. A number of international and national contacts were approach to determine availability to run a master class or be a key note speaker. At the time of the meeting, no responses had been received.

The EACC recognised that time was quickly running out to organise the event and discussed if there was enough time to secure coaches to run master classes, engage key note speakers and start promoting the event to ensure success.

It was agreed that the EACC would prefer to postpone the Forum rather than deliver something that was not to the desired standard. This decision was communicated to the State Branches and NDCs.

IGEQ Update

EACC IGEQ delegate

The EACC discussed the value of having 2 representatives who can ensure that the position and needs of the Australian system are considered appropriately by the international organisation.

There were concerns regarding budget due to the increase in costs associated with travel. As the EACC delegate who attended the meeting in December, Tim Calkin felt that there was a great deal of value in 2 delegates attending and that to make the decision to exclude a second delegate with the amount of change occurring at the IGEQ would be premature.

It was discussed that the delegate role was potentially too big a job for one person. There was discussion regarding co-opting Simon Kale as IGEQ delegate until June 2020 to allow time for IGEQ changes and then re-assess.

Meeting Schedule

As a general guide, the EACC agreed that the meeting should be held on the second Monday of the month. This feedback is to be provided to the EA office for inclusion in the office calendar.