



Equestrian Australia Coaching Committee (EACC) - UPDATE

Meeting held: Monday 16 December 2019

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

Meeting discussion

Update from EA office

CEO departure

Lucy Warhurst has ceased in her role as CEO effective 12 December 2019. The board are working through the process of the 'next steps' which will be communicated as soon as this has been confirmed.

The EACC have expressed their utter dismay and the EACC would like some clarity as to why?

Vaulting Coaches Forum

EA representatives attended the Vaulting Coaches Forum on 7 December. The forum was well attended and highlighted some sport specific challenges from a coaching syllabus perspective.

Topics discussed included the structure of EA, the introduction of the EACC, the syllabus review, pathways for athletes, coaches and officials and the national coaching forum to be held in May.

Promotion of coaching accreditation

The EA office is planning to promote EA coach accreditation at a pro-rata price (\$360 including insurance) in order to entice coaches back into the scheme. Coaches who paid full price in Dec will be reimbursed so that they do not miss out.

Syllabus Working Group update

Vaulting syllabus working group has been confirmed leaving Show Horse and Driving which will be confirmed ASAP.

The following steps need to be actioned ASAP:

- Meetings to be confirmed
- Development of ToR using a combination of the previous ToR and the spreadsheet that outlines considerations
- Advising that the content review should be completed by end of March 2020
- Establish one person in each group to be the contact between the group and EA

Coaching Conference Update

The dates of the coaching conference have been confirmed at 25, 26 and 27 May at the AIS in Canberra. This will start to be advertised in January.

The EACC and EA office will connect with NDC's and state branches asking for ideas for inclusion. The EACC will be utilising some connections that have recently been made at the IGEQ conference.

TAE - Professional Development Opportunity for CE/SSTA's

Next steps in the communication of the TAE - Professional Development Opportunity for CE/SSTA's was confirmed. The following needs to be actioned ASAP:

- Drafting correspondence thanking everyone for their interest and advising;
 - That due to the overwhelming interest, this opportunity will only be available to CE's during the 2019/20 financial year and will be reviewed for delivery in 2020/21
 - Those who have indicated their interest will be contacted with further detail and asked further questions eg:
 - Do you understand the potential time commitment of the course is a few hours a week for a period of up to 12 months?
 - Do you understand the delivery method? – due to the geographic spread of EA CE's, you will need to source own provider of the course and confirm your enrolment
 - EA have a funding source available to provide a contribution to the overall costs but are you able to provide your own funding up front with EA reimbursing you on completion?
 - Do you understand that EA are not in a position to advise the exact contribution amount available until the results of this survey are made available?
 - Some people have advised that they qualify for RPL. This cannot be confirmed until transcripts have been provided. If you have not done so, please ensure you have attached them to your survey response or email them to Kellie.hayes@equestrian.org.au .
 - What coaching and coach educator activities are you currently engaged in etc
 - Understanding this information are you still interested

IGEQ Update

- Everything went well at the Dec conference and the matrix of coach accreditation is scheduled to be updated online
- 2 EA delegates were approached by the IGEQ to be on a working group to assist with reviewing the matrix for all other countries.
- 1 EA delegate has been asked to be a member of the IGEQ Safety Committee
- There is a new IGEQ executive team who are young, dynamic and motivated to ensure the continual improvement of the IGEQ.

Outstanding topics to be prioritised

Items that need to be resolved as a matter of urgency:

- Coach Indemnity Waiver to be reviewed and updated with the possibility of making it electronic so coaches can send to students for completion prior to a session
- Insurance improvements including both education and understanding of the current product and service standards of the current provider.

The letter of transparency to coaches outlining expenditure of registration money is no longer included as an item to be resolved as the discussion was to be held with the CEO who is no longer employed by EA.