



Equestrian Australia Driving Committee - UPDATE

Meeting held: 4 August 2021

Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EA Driving Committee meeting

MEETING DISCUSSION

Opening and Welcome:

Chair welcomed new Committee Members – Mary Seefried, Bob Edwards and Athletes' Representative – Corby Cunnington.

Officiating & Officials

Amy McGregor (EA Pathways Officer - Officials) attended the meeting to address:

- (i) **Re-accreditation of Officials**
 - Refresher course required for officials to re-accredited in March 2022. Online 2hr course addressing topics – Concussion Protocols, Rule Updates, Helmet Tagging etc. to be organised.
Course to be run before the end of the year.
- (ii) **FEI Courses**
 - Confirmation that no FEI event is planned to be run in 2022. FEI Course has been applied for; no event will mean flexibility in dates. Committee will be kept posted.

Helmet Tagging

Discussions on the best way to implement Helmet Tagging for Driving. Agreed a representative from the Event OC would be the best person to take on the responsibility of tagging – contacting EA requesting tags, being available during event and completing Jot Form Reporting responsibilities.

Helmet Tagging to be phased in during first 6 months of 2022 and become mandatory 1 July 2022.

EA Coaching Committee – EA Driving Committee Contact

Bob Edwards has been identified as the Driving contact for the EA Coaching Committee.

FEI Proposed Rules

Brief discussion on FEI Rules being proposed for introduction in 2022. Agreed for committee members to review the tabled documents and provide feedback and a targeted meeting be held 17th August 2021.

National Rules

Discussions took place regarding the drafted rules, rules format and competition pathway. Agreement was reached that the EA Driving rules need to be a national document only and not use the FEI Rules as a base document, given the few FEI events run in Australia. Agreement to wait for the FEI 2022 Rule release and then re-draft National Rules including FEI sections that are appropriate.

Athlete Representative

Discussion regarding a communication avenue for athletes, given there are very few Driving events being held. Request from active State Driving Committees/State Branches, to nominate an athlete to form an athlete contact group, providing a contact point and discussion forum for the EA Athlete Representative. Agreement to introduce.

Next Meeting

17 August 2021 – FEI Proposed Rules Review