**EA National Health and Safety Committee Athletes’ Representative**

The EA Athletes’ Representative is responsible for providing a voice for all Australian equestrian competitors to the National Health and Safety Committee (“NHSC” or “Committee”) and ensure that athletes have a greater say in decision making for their sport.

The Athletes’ Representative provides advice to and from athletes to the Committee by preparing a report for each NHSC meeting on key issues for equestrian sport health and safety and coordinating consultations and providing feedback to athletes on behalf of the EA NHSC.

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

**Functions of the Committee**

The NHSC operates under the following terms including requirements of Committees laid down in Clause 2 of the Committee By-Laws of Equestrian Australia. Working with and supporting the National Safety Manager, the NHSC advise the Board on the health, safety and welfare of athletes, horses, and participants of equestrian sport.

**Composition**

The NHSC appointed by the Equestrian Australia (‘EA’) Board is skills based and consists of elected members plus the Athletes’ Representative. To be able to hold office the Athletes’ Representative must not be employees of EA or one of its Branches.

The Athletes’ Representative for the NHSC should have sufficient skills, knowledge, and experience to ensure familiarity with the following:

1. A thorough knowledge of the equestrian disciplines, including a working knowledge of the EA National Sport Rules, FEI and EA General Regulations, Code of Conduct, and Policies
2. Passionate about health, safety, and welfare as it relates to the delivery of community and elite level equestrian sports
3. Administrative skills including the use of e-mail and word processing and spreadsheet applications
4. Analytical skills
5. The ability to think strategically
6. Proven ability to maintain confidentiality

**Criteria**

The successful Athletes’ Representative will meet the following criteria:

* 18yrs and over
* Good communication skills
* Professionalism when interacting with the committee and officials
* Abide by the EA code of conduct
* Knowledge of the EA National Sport Rules, FEI and EA General Regulations, Code of Conduct, and Policies
* Active equestrian 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 equestrian 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 membership. The EA NHSC will seek nominationsfor 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 NHSC as per the National Discipline Committee Appointment and Procedures Policy.

**Meetings**

Attend all EA National Health and Safety Committee meetings, either virtually or face-to-face as agreed by the EA National Health and Safety Committee.