



SHOW HORSE  
AUSTRALIA

# Equestrian Australia Show Horse Committee UPDATE

Meeting held: 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EASH Committee meeting

## MEETING DISCUSSION

### Opening and Welcome:

Chair welcomed all the attendees and thanked them for their valuable time.

### Insurance:

A new insurer, Marsh has been appointed effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021. The EA Board will further review the insurance coverage provided once the new arrangement has been bedded down. This is still in progress.

### Continual Fencing Rule

Agreement 'continual' fencing should remain. If OC have breaks due to equipment shortages, these can be joined by rope to ensure the fence is continual avoiding issues of stepping out. Exact wording for the rule book still under consideration.

### Rules changes

Rule changes for 2022 have been approved by the EA Board. A summary of the rule changes can be found [HERE](#) . For all competitors competing at the 2020/21 Australasian Show Horse & Rider Championships (10 to 13 March 2022 ) please click [HERE](#) for further rule information.

### Measuring of Young Horses

This rule remains on the agenda.

### 2020-2021 Australasian Show Horse & Rider Championships

Judge appointment process for the 2022/21 Australasian Show Horse & Rider Championships has been finalised. Judges have been ratified by the EASHC and announced on the EA website [HERE](#)

#### Open Judges

- Bridget Sell (NSW)
- Ross Lipp (QLD)
- Leanne Donoghue (SA)
- Maryjane Mitton (VIC)

#### Junior/Childs Judges

- Tania Hay (TAS)
- Debby Cheesman (VIC)
- Gail Iskra (QLD)
- Joann Maunder (NSW)

### **State HOTY Scoring and Judge Rotations**

Discussions around scoring and judge rotations in States.

- Agreed all states should be using the same scoring system.
- Rotation of judges may vary from State to State depending on their numbers and classes, however, should be transparent to eliminate the perception of unfairness.

Rescore section in the rule book will be reviewed with an explanation to ensure all States are scoring in the same manner.

### **Sensory Hair Ruling**

Meeting held between EA Board Representatives and EASHC Representatives (Kerry Patchett – chair, Lorri Mansell – National OC and Chris Lawrie – AR). Points stressed were: SH was not an FEI discipline, the committee is concerned about the future and sustainability of SH, no guidelines for the implementation of the rule, responsibility being placed on officials when at FEI level it is a veterinary regulation, steps missed in the consultation process with no member consultation.

EASHC have engaged a solicitor (on pro bono basis) providing advice to the EA Board on whether EA is obliged to implement the FEI Sensory Hair Rule, as EA had decided to implement the rule to both FEI and non-FEI disciplines this having the greatest impact on Show Horse members.