



Equestrian Australia Show Horse Committee UPDATE

Meeting held: 27th January 2022

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

MEETING DISCUSSION

Opening and Welcome:

Chair welcomed & thanked all members for their time and welcomed Rachel Ratini (newly appointed EA GM Sport Operations) to EA and the Show Horse meeting, providing Rachel the opportunity to meet the committee and also introduce herself, overview of her role and background.

Continual Fencing Rule

Agreement 'continual' fencing rule 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.

Measuring of Young Horses

This rule remains on the agenda.

State HOTY Scoring

- Agreed all states should be using the same scoring system.

Rescore section in the rule book will be reviewed with an explanation to ensure all States are scoring as per the National rules. Still under review.

National Show Horse Rule 5.20 State Badge

Rule 5.20 refers to the wearing of State Badges at a State's Horse of the Year competition. The rule states '*no state badges are to be worn at a State's Horse of the Year*'. The rule is silent on the wearing of a National Badge worn at a State's Horse of the Year.

*Agreed Rule 5.20 be amended to read "No state **or national badges** are to be worn at a State's Horse and Rider of the Year competition".*

Yellow Warning Card

Discussions regarding YWC and their use. EASHC to review the YWC in the Show Horse Rules and ensure it is current and will review training processes for officials.

HOYT - number of horses being entered with one rider in the same class

Discussions regarding athletes riding more than one horse in a class which creates difficulty for smaller states with the random draw selection of order to enter the arena under. Those riding more than one horse generally end up riding near to first and last in a class.

Agreed states need to consider each states individual circumstances and provide a random draw that best suits the needs and integrity of the event. Recommendations were given from the states as to how this may be best managed without impacting on competitors and the event. A state may also decide to include guidelines around this in the conditions of entry to the event. These guidelines must be published at time of entry.

Amateur Owner Rider Classes

Discussion on owner rider classes and how the purpose of the classes needs to be maintained. Ownership definition to be reviewed.

Next Meeting

At the National Championships in March - TBC