



## EA COACHING COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** 9 August 2021

**Time:** 19:30 AEST

**Via Videoconference**

### Below is a summary of the meeting

#### Meeting Discussion

**IGEQ** - SK advised he was presenting on Sept 29, 2021 on behalf of Australia on Risk Management at the IGEQ. Meredith Chapman, EA NSM is also involved and SK has been liaising on concussion protocols. SK has requested Australian coaches be allowed to attend and an online link to be provided. The IGEQ AGM will now be online rather than in person in South Africa.

**Update from EA Pathways Officer** - Coaching (written report – taken as read). Discussion around the amount of manual coach registration processing required even with coaches completing their transaction online. EO advised the EA Board is looking at the current systems. EO pleased to see VIC had payment options but understood there had not been a big take up.

**Syllabus Review** – On hold with registration renewal process being 100% current priority. Discussion around how States can help and can the registration renewal process be streamlined.

**Insurance** – the new waiver for coaching clients has been distributed and loaded onto the website. PC and TC asked if they need to use the new EA national waiver or can they continue using their own state one. EO advised they should move across to the new national waiver.

**Concussion** – Concussion training agreed to be mandatory and to be phased in Jan 1, 2022. Meredith Chapman will be recording one of her training sessions which will be available online to new coaches and coaches who have not as yet attended a concussion training session.

**Coach Branding** – SueB advised the link is now up on the Coaching Resources page on the EA website. SB requested the Committee could all share their state based coaching FB pages amongst each other and each committee member should join each page.

**Using EA Coaches at State EA Events/Squad Clinics** – SB has spoken to Mandy Jones, President, DNSW, and Mandy has requested a directive to come out of EA from a high level confirming the requirement to use currently registered EA coaches. SB to speak to Prue Spurrett.

**EACC Charter** – LG to send standard Ts&Cs to SB. Deadline set to have revised charter accepted by end Aug 2021.

**CE/SSTA Courses 2021** - identification of candidates who have attended courses over the last few years who have yet to complete all requirements for qualification. States to advise if they are aware of any coaches who have completed part of their SSTA training but are still to do their practical assessments to ensure that they do not miss out on training being planned for later in the year. Soft copy of the SSTA workbook to be provided to all EACC members by SueB. SB requested all future SSTA training to use the workbooks.

**Marsh Insurance FAQ** – Marsh is looking for feedback on coaches on what to include in a coach insurance FAQ. Here is the link to existing EA website FAQ <https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/coaching-insurance-frequently-asked-questions>. Feedback to be provided to SueB for compilation.

**Horse Whiskers.** - Refer attached email and report from Andrew Hamilton requesting feedback to EA Board. EACC unanimously agreed to support the EA stance on whiskers.

**Concussion training update** – final two dates for the year:

**Teaching guides/exemplars for theory components of the coaching accreditation levels.** - Discussion led by TD on whether all CEs are on the same page with regards to the theory components of training asking if we need to create teaching guides that outline the theory standards required eg. minimum standards for a lesson plan. TD suggested we should share resources and get permission to use student examples (with names removed). SB asked if the EACC needs to hold a forum devoted to this.

**Level 3 Courses** – Discussion around gaps in coaching syllabus books – non-Olympic disciplines do not have fully established pathways to progress. TD advised there is no pathway to L3 for Vaulting or Driving. SB advised this will be addressed in the Syllabus Review. SK advised Vaulters asked about L3 3 or 4 years ago but there is no L2 vaulting course either.

SK also advised the Driving levels are:

L1 – 1 horse

L2 – 2 horses – tandem/pair

L3 – 3 or more horses – unicorn or team.

Discussion then around no L2 SH therefore no L3 SH either.

### **State Round Up**

- **VIC** – TC advised the monthly Train to Teach day was held on 4/8 with 5 Intro candidates and 1 x L1 candidate. Intro train to teach days will from now on be completed separately from L1 training days.

2 x Zoom meetings planned – 1 with Kerry Mack 10/8/21 and 1 planned for later in the year with Mary Hanna.

- **NSW** – SB advised the lockdowns brought about cancellations to F2F PD days and planner Zoom events are still a work in progress. A number of EOIs have been received from prospective presenters and interviews have commenced. These events will be offered to NSW coaches in the first instance and then if there is space availability, they will be opened nationally.

- **TAS** – no lockdowns! Elections for the Coaching Committee underway. TAS coaches appreciative of the current Zoom opportunities.

- **SA** – last state meeting had to be cancelled. SA committee unanimous on the introduction of compulsory concussion training for coaches.

- **WA** – 11 coaches attended the Commit to Coaching day in August. Days being held monthly and the committee are planning the CE/SSTA workshop for later in the year.

- **QLD** – QOTT coaching programmes has launched with 25 EA accredited coaches. Only EA coaches are participating in this programme. Riders with recent OTT horses can get 10 vouchers for lessons with the participating coaches.

A zoom pathways meeting was held early Aug – 39 potential intro coaches registered and 18 turned up. TD developed a presentation that stepped candidates through the pathway. The next step pathways workshop planned for Sept to assist L1 coaches wanting to get to L2.

A driving personal skills workshop was also held.

**Next meeting:** Monday 13 September 2021 at 19:30 AEST