



Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee - UPDATE

Meeting held: 5 August 2021

Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EADC meeting

MEETING DISCUSSION

High Performance Update – Brett Davey

- i) **HP Dressage Manager Role**
 - Assisting elite riders (in Australia & OS)
 - Increasing talent pool
 - Work with athletes, officials, selectors on developing ideas to grow & improve the sport
 - In the short term, debrief after Olympics, traveling OS to catch up with riders, fact finding in Denmark.
- ii) **EA Para-Equestrian Panel (EAPEP)**
 - No update
- iii) **WEG**
 - Recently discussions held with FEI during the Olympics, further information to be advised shortly.

National Calendar for Officials Clinics

Link of updated calendar for information:-

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/officials/calendar>

[National Calendar of Dressage Seminars-Workshops-Exams](#) (as 01/08/21)

Sport Rules

- i) **FEI Proposed 2022 Rules changes tabled**

Committee in agreement with FEI proposed changes.
Suggestion submitted– 6.4 Gadgets - Agree however suggested addition of the word “ hooves” .
To read:
6.4 Any decoration of the horse is not allowed. It is not allowed to paint any part of the horse’s body **(including hooves)**. Using colored wound spray and ointment of necessary is permitted.
Suggestion to be submitted to FEI as feedback.

The Final Draft of the proposed FEI Rule changes will be provided to National Federations in **October 2021** to be voted on at the FEI General Assembly in **November 2021**.
- ii) **2022 EA Dressage Rules** – Proposed changes recommended through the year and any received from the States tabled. All changes agreed to. Draft attached – pending EA Board Approval.

NDC Appointments

Previously publicised:

- i) **EADC Appointments** – Virginia Creed (until 12/22) and Maria Schwennesen (until 12/23)
- ii) **EADOC Appointments** – PollyAnn Huntington, Elizabeth Coe & Kim Thomas re-appointed – all through until 12/23. Cathie Drury Klein as Dressage Steward General, and co-opted member, Deborah MacNicol (Dressage Technical Delegate).

Helmet Tagging

Initial discussions held, with further discussions to be held with Dressage Chief Steward & State Chairs in October.

Roll out introductory phase to commence in first half of 2022, to become mandatory as of 1 July 2022.

EA Coaching Committee – EADC Contact

Gillian Botten has been identified as the Dressage contact for the EA Coaching Committee.

FEI Event Applications

All FEI Dressage Calendar Applications submitted to EA were endorsed by EADC.

Hosting Major Events

Carlton Performance Horses Pty, led by Jade Woodhead, has been appointed to host 2022 Australian Dressage, Pony Dressage & Para Equestrian Championships at the Boneo Park Equestrian Centre from 13 – 16 October 2022.

No applications were received for Australian AOR Championships or Pacific League Final.

Exemption Committee

Prue Spurrett & Virginia Creed representing the EADC met with the Exemption Committee members recently to discuss the role of the committee, how they function and connection to the EADC.

Outcomes for action:

- Review Exemption Application Form
- Review Website Information and update
- Seek input from the Exemption Committee into Exemption Rule in Dressage Rules
- Compile Exemption List with photos of aids for distribution to States for OC's
- Review Interschool rule exemption rule
- Function on Nominate to have Exemption Card available to view for the Rider, OC and Judges –

Australian Dressage Ranking Proposal

Discussions regarding an Australian Dressage Ranking proposal submitted to the committee was discussed. The EADC agreed, at this point in time, the world ranking system is sufficient for our riders.

Athlete Representative Appointment Process

Discussion on EOI's being called for, for the athletes' representative, prior to the Australian Championship, to allow athletes time to fully consider the role in place of nominations being called from the floor. Agreement for EOI's to be called for in September. (To be reviewed due to Australian Championships Cancellation)

Next Meeting

EADC/SDA Chairs Meeting – Saturday 2 October 2021