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# Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee - UPDATE

Meeting held: 11 January 2022

Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EADC/SDA meeting

## MEETING DISCUSSION

### Election of Chair

Virginia Creed elected as EA Dressage Committee chair. Virginia has stepped down from her role as EVIC Dressage Chair to accept the role.

Prue Spurrett was sincerely thanked for her leadership, commitment and dedication to the EADC over the past 6 years prior to signing off as chair and handing the role over to Virginia.

### Learning Management System

Jill Taylor (EA Participation Pathways Manager) provided an update on the progress of the LMS. PowerPoint Presentation was presented highlighting the following points:

- 12 Nov 2021 EA signed proposal with ASLC (Australian Support Learning Centre), department of SA (Sport Australia)
- Onboarding date will be 31 March 2022
- Platform being used is Kineo (Kineo contract with SA).
- SA has generic content that EA will have access to – courses for officials, administrators etc.
- EA will be responsible for uploading sport specific content

Q: Who is responsible for the sport specific content?

A: We will be taking content already developed and making it online friendly. Whether the content should be F2F or online will be decided upon by the experts. The idea is to create courses that are readily accessible and try to diminish the barriers of education & courses.

Q: Are you considering purchasing online training content behind a pay wall? Is there a budget for this?

A: LMS is the priority. Further down the track, plan to develop a curated page to be accessible to members which will be information considered high value and endorsed by the experts.

Noted: Dressage LMS working Party has already been formed:

Julie Ely Jones, Liz Coe, Lee Howells, Susan Barton Johnston, Mary Seefried (Observer).

Q: What is the timeline?

A: 31<sup>st</sup> March ASLC will be giving their direct attention to EA and upskilling staff to manage the LMS. Concussion course will be the first module to be uploaded.

## **Exemption, Eligibility for FEI Tests and Performance Gold Medal Qualifications**

Data review commenced for qualification scores.

### **Number of EA tests to be ridden per day**

As per the rules, riders can enter 3 tests per day. This raises concern from a horse welfare perspective and given FEI only allow 2 tests per day.

Agreement to amendment to the rule book for July 2022, only 2 tests to be ridden in one day across the board.

### **National Steward Pathway**

A National Steward Pathway has been developed in consultation with the current Steward Generals and Amy McGregor (EA Pathways Manager – Officials) into a two-level system, allowing a process for those who wish to progress to promotion to FEI level and those who wish to stay at a National Level. Overview identifying sport specific criteria for Level 1 & 2 was reviewed.

The proposed pathway was endorsed by the EADC.

Awaiting endorsement from all disciplines before being approved by the EA Board and released.

### **Horse ID number – Size/Location Recommendations**

Recommended Guidelines for Horse Identification Numbers:

- Must be clearly visible to the judge
- Minimum 5cm in height
- Must be clearly displayed on bridle or saddle cloth on each side of the horse

Minimum size of 5cm being revisited as thought to be too big. Further investigation being done.

**Next EA Dressage Committee Meeting – Tuesday 11 April 2022**