



Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee - UPDATE

Meeting held: Saturday 16th November 2019

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

MEETING DISCUSSION

Opening and Welcome:

Chair welcomed all the attendees and thanked them for their valuable time and also welcomed Ricky Macmillan to the role of Chair of EA and looked forward to working with her. Comments on the positives from the previous year:

- Improved communication lines
- Holding of three meetings with the other EA Discipline Chairs to discuss common areas
- EA Discipline Committees invited to present to the EA Board with Dressage being the first NDC to meet with the Board
- Cost of the USDF tests to be met by funds outside the EADC budget
- Approval in principle for the introduction of the 75%+ Silver Lapel Pins with planning for implementation now underway and acknowledges the training and partnership that produces outstanding results at the highest level of Dressage competition- Grand Prix.
- Thanks to Karen Myers for all the work she has done and acknowledges the value she has brought to the role, coming from a multi-sport background, and wished her well in her future ventures.

Visiting Coaches / Masterclass

Reminder to the States that if they become aware of an overseas Coach or someone running a Masterclass, to encourage them to contact the other States to see if the visit can be extended to share this expertise.

Australian Championships

Event was very successful with no negative feedback and very few issues. Key points from the event:

- There were training sessions set up for the online scoring system used for the event.
- The OC was grateful for the support received from the States.
- The Riders Hub was very well received by all in attendance.
- Greater number of withdrawals/scratchings from the event than in previous years but they were for the usual reasons.
- Spectator numbers were very poor for the whole competition and especially for the Saturday night CDI.
- The OC was very disappointed that there was no promotion of the event from EA and felt that this contributed to the poor attendance.

- PSG Stars of the Future was costly and not well promoted resulting in poor entry numbers.
- Recommended rule updates to remove PSG Stars of the Future
- Recommended update to the Australian Grand Prix Champion as follows: the Australian Grand Prix Champion is the *highest placed Australian* combination
- OC also said that there needs to be a reminder to judges to turn off their mobile devices whilst judging, especially when live scoring is in action.
- OC also recommended that there be a scoreboard (paper or screen) available at the venue as this is often a great place for athletes, spectators and supporters to meet and discuss the event.
- Conducting the FEI Dressage World Challenge is an issue as it is expensive and not well understood. The OC suggested the Committee look at the timing and see if there is the possibility of an EOI asking if others are interested in running the event.

Riders Certificates

Riders certificates were discussed, and the Chair will meet with EA Business Operations and Integrity Manager after his meeting with the ASF to discuss EADC requirements including areas of focus and timing.

Coaching Update/Syllabus review

Following an EOI, Dressage had a large response. Keen to ensure that the work done in 2017 will be used as a basis for the update. This review will encourage coaches to progress from Level 1 to Level 2 and then to Level 3 accreditation. EADC and the SDAs are looking forward to the opportunity to work with the members of the Coaching Syllabus review group.

AAOR Guidelines

The updated AAOR guidelines were reviewed and agreed. These rules will be updated in the EA National Dressage Rules and on the EA website. Additional promotion of the AAOR Championships will be pursued with the EA Office.

Yellow Warning Cards

Discussion on recent situations regarding YWC.

Young Rider Exchange with NZ

Agreement to proposal from Equestrian Sport NZ. Chair will further discuss format, location and involvement of Australian Selectors.

FEI Calendar Applications

Applications were circulated and agreed by the Committee

Reports

Reports from the Dressage Steward General, the Australian Dressage Championships Event Director and the States were tabled.