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# Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee - UPDATE

Meeting held Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EADC meeting

## MEETING DISCUSSION

### Level 3 (Elite or Masters) Coaching

This will be followed up as part of the Coaching Committee Syllabus review with the level recommended across all disciplines with a performance baseline for coaches to achieve this level.

### Event Facility documentation

Recommendation that events document available facilities using a description of facilities including the following (and others as applicable):

- Stables
- Yards
- Arena types
- Surface of arenas
- Availability of water and wash bays
- Shade
- Camping
- Power
- Toilets
- Showers
- Canteen

### Joint Chairs Meeting

Sport Governance Structure Discussion paper from the Joint Chairs meeting in July was discussed:

Key points:

- The disciplines currently have a silo approach
- The Committees do not necessarily receive regular and ongoing input from Medical / Safety / Veterinary and it was agreed that all Committees need this input and the silo approach means that they are denied that opportunity
- By having the Chairs meet on a regular basis, it allows the Disciplines to get a consistent message to disseminate.
- It was surprising how many of the issues that each Discipline was addressing were similar across all Disciplines and having the Chairs meet on a regular basis allowed them to discuss many of the issues especially relating to the welfare of the horse and rider safety.
- Dispute resolution and the need for officials to be secure to be able to implement the rules and warnings with the backup of EA was discussed.

- PR is an ongoing problem and needs to be improved. EA needs to become more proactive in working with the OCs to promote significant events as well as acknowledging sponsors, non-riding supporters and all involved in the sport as well as athletes, volunteers and officials.
- The Chairs have agreed that they want to continue to meet on a regular basis to maintain the lines of communication and would like to encourage the same kind of information sharing at a State level as well.
- They felt that the NDCs were best placed to provide feedback as NDCs are the place of service delivery as well as Ambassadors for their Discipline. An example of a good communication line would be from David Cameron as the EA Board Riders Representative to the Discipline Committee Riders Representatives and then to the State Discipline Riders Representatives.
- Another important action would be to include the National Safety Manager / Officer and the Stewards General as part of both the Chairs Joint Meeting and the Discipline Committee Meetings, when appropriate.

### **EA Rules & Test Apps**

The Committee was in favour of a Rules app based on the FEI has Rules and Sport apps. Chair to follow up with the Business Operations and Integrity Manager.

### **EADJC – Judging:**

The EADJC asked for a number of items to be added to the EADC agenda for 2020:

- Video judging sessions including shadow judging
- A definition of 'remote' for judging education purposes
- Question of whether training / shadow judging can be done using Rider Video, potentially live or as a tool later
- Whether, if video judging is used for training / shadow judging, there needs to be a disclaimer on the entry indicating this use
- Whether there could be a fee charged for the use of either live streaming or Rider Video to offset the cost of providing these services. Note: there would be a cost saving for the judge / trainee as they would not have to travel.
- What disclaimer is needed by the judge / trainee indicating that the work is theirs and not done in collaboration with anyone else.

### **Para Equestrian**

Para Equestrian is currently looked after by HP at Elite / FEI levels.

EADC would like develop Para at grass roots level in Australia by encouraging athletes to compete at local Dressage competitions, where Para Equestrians can compete as part of the open competition but also provide ribbons for Para Equestrians within that group.

### **Pacific League**

With the introduction of CDI4\* events, qualifications criteria need to be updated to include CDI3\* and above.

Recommendation regarding overseas riders:

- Should be a points-based system
- This will bring overseas based riders into the system
- With the change to a points-based system, it is more likely that the spot would be taken by an overseas-based rider.
- Previously the only way that an overseas-based rider could qualify would be through a wildcard entry.
- These recommendations are based on the fact that the committee want the best to be representing the Pacific League.
- To make these changes it was suggested that Australia and New Zealand put forward a combined proposal.

## **Young Horse Type Class for 'Older Horses'**

The Committee was interested in pursuing these events where there is a class for older horses judged in the same way as Young Horse Classes.

## **Riders Certificates**

Following support in the EADC and SDA meeting, Chair to follow up with EA Business Operations and Integrity Manager:

Available for Competitive Members only.

Option 1 is supported, and the levels should be denoted with stars:

- Preliminary / Novice
- Elementary
- Medium
- Advanced
- Small Tour
- Medium Tour
- Big Tour

## **Fund Raising**

If funds become available, suggested areas of support were outlined:

Judges, Officials

- Facilitation for remote judges to travel to major events through the provision of a travel subsidy
- Development of online judging / shadow judging resources and education
- Provision of technology for above and potentially for online scoring (tablets, headphones, etc.)

Riders

- Development of Protocol Sessions with the ability to 'invite your coach/parent to sit in' aimed at both FEI and National levels
- Improve accessibility to competition by encouraging the incorporation of para riders into Regional / State / Official / Participant / Interschool competitions

Others

- Supporters / Sponsors / Owners: improved acknowledgement and recognition of their contribution to the sport
- Writers / Marshalls / Gear Checkers: provision of education

## **AOR**

EADC would like to encourage all States to embrace the AOR concept with AOR running in conjunction with Open Classes in the same way as Pony and Young Rider classes.

These results can then feed into the Leader Board allowing these riders to compete at the AOR National Championships, and in the Australian Championships classes, the Highest Placed AOR be recognised with the award of a rosette or ribbon.

## **IT System**

The Committee would like to see the following and will follow up with the Business Operations and Integrity Manager:

- Improved recording of seminar attendance for Refresher Courses needing to be available online
- Improved ORBT administration