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## Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee - UPDATE

Meeting held Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EADC meeting:

### MEETING DISCUSSION

#### **Appointment of Chair:**

Prue Spurrett was unanimously elected as EADC Chair for 2020

#### **High Performance Pathways:**

Discussion on the ability to source funding for Protocol Days, including the Olympic Eventing 5\* test as well as funding for Officials training.

#### **Equestrian Queensland – Draft State-wide Facilities Plan 2019-2028**

Committee congratulated EQ on a well-produced, comprehensive document, covering all levels of events and agree that this is the framework needed so all parties involved in event organisation have achievable standards for their members, from Tier 4 through to Tier 1.

#### **EADC Goals 2020**

- Improved PR promotions of equestrian sports, including recognition of owners and sponsors.
- Tokyo 2020 lead up provides excellent opportunity to profile the top horse and rider combinations and their preparation on their journey to Tokyo.
- Use opportunity to also interview up and coming riders at events like Sydney CDI and DJWTS.

#### **PSG Stars of the Future**

Has now been removed from 2020 EA National Dressage Rules.

#### **Forms Online**

A number of forms were reviewed and will be deployed online, although there will still be an option of paper forms. The forms will come into the EA Office and then sent to the SDA for their approval. Once approved, they will be returned to the EA Office and then forwarded to the EADC and will only be approved once majority support was received.

#### **Stallion Exemption**

Committee supported the withdrawal of a Stallion Exemption that had been granted. Recommendation was that the athlete work to build a stronger partnership with the horse and then demonstrate reapply at a future date.

#### **AOR Criteria**

The AOR criteria was clarified in the rules and a News article will be published.

**Exemption Request**

Established combination, who had been out of competition due to injury in 2018, was provided an exemption to compete at Willinga Park without a qualifying score due to cancellation of a number of events because of bushfires.

**Competition -vs- training surfaces**

Discussion regarding competition -vs- training surfaces as well as travel and how to educate athletes on how to compensate sufficiently at competition and strategies to employ to ensure travel does not adversely affect performance. Further investigation to be done to see how this can be conveyed to athletes.