



ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED

Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee UPDATE

Meeting held on Tuesday 30th June 2020

Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EADC meeting

MEETING DISCUSSION

2020 Australian Championships

Following discussions on reviving the 2020 Australian Dressage Championships following the withdrawal of DNSW due to the uncertainty caused by the COVID 19 pandemic, the EADC can now confirm cancellation of the 2020 Championships. The continuing outbreaks have made forward planning unviable.

The EADC expressly thanks the input and attempts from those involved in trying to bring this event about this year.

Officials - Judges

The Committee welcomed Kerrie Swan-Bates to present on current discussions and work being undertaken by EA Dressage Judge Committee.

The presentation acknowledged that as the Sport evolves professionally it was more important than ever to address the need to keep Officials educated and updated by way of a variety of different platforms. EADC congratulated EADJC on the initiative to date with "Zoom" presentations. Other work included:

- a review on the PowerPoint presentations with valuable input from Peter Shaw and Sue Cunningham.
- September Judge Educator and Mentor workshops will be held online this year. Some topics proposed: • Building confidence • Use of Zoom • COVID protocols.
- Encouraging new Judges into the system. SDA's were implementing great Buddy/Mentor programmes and constant communication direct to this group were the main catalysts required to retain new Judges. It was widely acknowledged that encouraging younger riders to become judges was difficult as OC needed to enable them to ride at the competition and judge as well.
- Fast Track system if onerous will not encourage people to consider Judging but if courses could be run over a weekend and alongside a large event like a CDI (similar to FEI courses) it was felt this could prove successful particularly if a riders experience at their competition level could be factored in.
- Cross-pollination of Judges with other Disciplines, for example Eventing and Driving
- Coaches could direct interest from Students to Judging
- Adult Riding Clubs, Pony Club could also be areas to investigate