



ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED

## **Equestrian Australia Driving Committee - UPDATE**

**Meeting held: 30th June 2020**

**Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EADC**

### **MEETING DISCUSSION**

#### **Opening and Welcome:**

Chair welcomed all the attendees and thanked them for their valuable time

#### **EA Website and Social Media platforms**

- EA pages will be updated with current and informative content. Budget did not currently allow for the purchase of commercial photography so alternative images will be sought.
- The Driving Australia (Equestrian) Facebook page will be a platform to host news of National, High Performance and generic State items. The site is both moderated and administered by EA staff. Pending items will be discussed with the Committee prior to posting. This will require date sensitive items to be submitted with this in mind.

#### **Officials**

The Committee were pleased to hear of the following considerations to Officials requiring accreditation or reaccreditation of their status during COVID-19:

- FEI announcement that an extension to 15 December 2021 for some officials to complete the Competency Based Evaluation Scheme (CES)
- FEI announcement that a Virtual Maintenance course to cope with the high number of In-Person maintenance courses scheduled for 2021 for some FEI Officials
- EA announcement that National officials will be extended to March 2023.

#### **Coaching Update/Syllabus review**

Progressing well. Next Meeting for Driving is the 17<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Strategic Operational Plan**

Current projects the Committee are working on include:

- Club Handbook
- Rulebook Operational Plan
- January 2021 Rule Review process
- Drive Overview document
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## High Performance Update 2020 National Driving Squad Announcement

HP have provided the Committee the following update on process and timelines:

### ✓ **December 2019**

EA News Item calling for Squad/Selection/Team EOI/Novice

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/news/eois-national-driving-squad-2020-open>

Other platforms this was shared include: The Australian Equestrian Team Instagram account, Driving Australia (Equestrian) Facebook page and announcement sent to all National Driving Committee Members and State branches.

### ✓ **June 2020**

Squad announced and listed on EA News as well as other social media platforms as above

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/news/2020-national-driving-squads-announced>

The Driving Squad works as a rolling Squad (as does Eventing and Dressage recognition Squads) and Drivers are welcome to apply throughout the year as long as they meet the criteria as per the policy. Squads are reviewed every 12 months. There is no closing date on the EOI, it remains open for anyone that wishes to apply.

### ✓ **Communication Channels**

KordaMentha have current control of EA Communication channels currently due to the VA, so for the moment, HP will be broadcasting to stakeholders via email and on The Australian Equestrian Team Social Media until further notice.

### ✓ **Communication and Social Media Plans for National Driving Squads to roll out soon:**

- Squad Profiles
- Training Exercises and Tips
- Squad Features
- Squad Interviews
- Competition Updates
- Clinic Follow ups
- HP Virtual Meeting updates
- Horse Profiles
- In the Stable with....(HP Series)
- Video Updates
- Individual Updates from Squad Riders

The committee thanked HP for this comprehensive update and looked forward to seeing the stories above and the interest in the discipline these should generate.