



Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee - UPDATE

Meeting held: 7 February 2023

Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EADC meeting

MEETING DISCUSSION

Welcomed New EADC Members

EADC welcomed new members Kerrie Swan-Bates (TAS) and Lisa Baker (WA).
Chair election - Gillian Botten re-appointed as chair after holding interim position from August 2022.

Correspondence

All correspondence addressed.

Trans-Tasman

Initial discussions regarding re-implementing Trans-Tasman Event. Further investigations to take place with NZ.

Rule clarifications raised

- **Elimination of a combination**

No mention in the rule book that indicates who can eliminate a horse/combination at an event. Agreement, should be included in the rules. Eliminations:

Inside FOP - C judge eliminating on field on play at relevant ground/test.

Outside FOP – President of the Ground Jury (C Judge of highest level test)

Wording to be devised and implemented 1 July 2023

- **State Flags/Badge (only Aus flag/badge mentioned in rules)**

When and for how long can the State Flag/Badge be worn/used. States currently have differing requirements. Agreed no change to rules required at this point in time.

- **Rule 9.1**

Consideration being given to reviewing the use of compensating aids for Para-Equestrian riders in Young Horse classes.

- **Rule in Annex I - Payment for Officials**

"This also applies to judges who request shadow judging at an event but also judge some classes" suggested to be removed for 1 July 2023. Originally included to cover those judges wishing to shadow judge and then requested to judge, as their travel was already going to be their own expense. If an

official attends an event to shadow judge and then coincidentally judges, reimbursement of travel expenses would need to be negotiated with the OC prior to commencement.

Events

EOI's considered for 2024 Major Dressage Championships. Events allocated as follows:

2024 Australian Young Horse and Young Pony Championships - 21-23 March, 2024 to be hosted by Equestrian Victoria

2024 Australian Youth National Dressage Championships - 11-13th July, 2024 to be hosted by Dressage QLD

2024 Australian Dressage, Pony & Para Championships - 17-20 Oct, 2024 to be hosted by Dressage NSW. (2025 Australian Dressage, Pony & Para Championships - 16-19 Oct, 2025 also to be hosted by Dressage NSW)

Gold Medal Performance Model

Current system to remain in place for 2023.

Development of new direction for 2024 around allocated events in each State at which performances can be attained (Set performance score to ensure it is the best riders being awarded), standardising the level of event. 2 major events, one being the State Championships. Athletes awarded, with no need to apply. Bringing the award back to a recognition of outstanding performance.

Pony ID Numbers

Following on from previous discussions - whether the "P" or another form of identification is really required to identify ponies. Agreement the issue sits with scoring and separating the divisions. Pony needs to be identified on the entries, carried over to the scoring.

FEI Rules change

Article 407 – Scheduling Events. Submissions due 1 March 2023.

Combination Exemptions

Exemption requests not being submitted in a timely manner, statement to be placed on application form and on website:

- Applications for exemptions can take up to 2 weeks to process, athletes should take this into consideration when planning to enter events.
- No competition should be entered without the required qualifications or a written statement from the EADC stating the qualification scores have been waived (exemption approved).

AOR

Correspondence received regarding AOR and suggested grading system. Discussion around why AOR was implemented – non-professional rider division, highlight amateur riders that do not do it as a profession and have a 'normal' job. AOR seems to be working well in most States that run it. Agreement to leave the rule as it currently stands, cannot justify changing the system, as it suits the majority and working well.

Next EADC meeting - Tues 18th April 2023, 7.30pm AEST