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# Equestrian Australia Driving Committee - UPDATE

Meeting held: 3 April 2023

Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EA Driving Committee meeting

## MEETING DISCUSSION

### **Backstepper Competency**

FEI Driving Rules - 'The NF must ensure that the Groom must be knowledgeable and experienced in Driving'

EA Driving Rules - 'As for the Athlete, the Navigator/Backstepper must also have achieved the level of competence required to result in safe, harmonious event participation. Coaching and training of the Navigator/Backstepper is just as important as the coaching and training of the Athlete.'

To assist with acknowledging Backstepper competencies, the EA Driving Committee are developing a certification (education resource and quiz) for Backsteppers to be introduced over the next 6-12 months.

### **Official's Pathways**

Continued work on development of the Officials Courses. Aiming for a refresher course to be run in August 2023.

### **Para-Equestrian**

Discussion around para-equestrian including pathways, equity classes and driver classifying. Driving Para-Equestrian rules to be reviewed as part of mid-year rule review. Also, discussions regarding a Disability Driving Pathway for clubs where no classification is required.

### **FEI Driving Forum 2023**

Forum agenda tabled.

### **Next Meeting**

Monday 5 June 2023