



Equestrian Australia Eventing Committee - UPDATE

Meeting held 16th February 2021

Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EAEC meeting

MEETING DISCUSSION

Veterinary

➤ **Mandatory testing**

Kristen Neil presented a recommendation to the EA Eventing Committee at their September 2020 meeting regarding the mandatory testing for any horse fatality (National or FEI Level). The Committee agreed that in the event of rider fatality, mandatory equine medication control should happen in line with new FEI legislation being introduced in 2021 with the States having extra test kits on hand. The Committee felt that this was something that EA should be introducing by way of the General Regulations, not just in specific disciplines, the EAEC supported the proposal. EAEC support in principle the rationale to have a Vet available at all times of a competition but noted there are times (eg. dressage day) when one may not be available and are supportive of changing wording to Vet on call. The EAEC is awaiting a recommendation of wording from Kristen to be added to the General Regulations for inclusion in the upcoming meeting agenda 11th of May.

➤ **Vet Checks**

The concern about horses competing at an event shortly after they have been seen to be potentially sore or lame at a previous event was discussed. It was emphasised that the Welfare of the Horse is paramount. It was suggested that this continue to be included and emphasised in the Riders Notes with a reminder that it is also the Riders responsibility to ensure the Welfare of the Horse.

Equestrian Australia Rules and Regulations

➤ **Yellow Warning Cards and Eventing Recorded Warnings**

The EAEC confirmed that Yellow Warning Cards and Eventing Recorded Warnings (previously called Official Warnings) will be made available via MyEA online for accredited EA Officials only.

➤ Stewarding

The EAEC moved that the following changes be made to the **EA 515.6.1 CCN Chief Steward and EA 535.7.1 CCN Stewarding rules.**

EA 515.6.1 CCN Chief Steward Chief Steward

- A Chief Steward **may should** be appointed to assist Organising Committees and Technical Delegates.
- A Chief Steward and other stewards may be appointed from the National Stewards list.

EA 535.7.1 CCN Stewarding

One or more Stewards **may should** be appointed to ensure that the rules regarding exercising and warming-up are obeyed. If so, a Steward should be present at whatever times the Organising Committee has laid down that practice obstacles may be used. Other practice and exercise areas may be patrolled by Stewards in a random manner.

➤ Cross country course event exemptions

The EAEC discussed and approved the following course exemptions as follows:

That an exemption to the 28-day course closure be approved to change it to a 14-day course closure for the following event be approved.

- Oxley
- Mansfield
- Heytesbury
- Ballarat
- Tintern (held on Little Wandin)
- Friends of Werribee
- Candlebark
- Avenel
- Tooradin
- Colac

That an exemption to the 28-day course closure be approved to change it to a 14-day course closure for the following event be approved.

- Wingham NSW
- Kircaldy Park SA
- State Equestrian Centre WA for all events

Equipment

➤ Nose Net Exemptions

The current email application system is still in place, with a listing of Nose Net Exemptions for both Eventing and Dressage being circulated weekly with the YWC, Express Permissions etc.

➤ Helmet Tagging

News articles will be published reminding all that helmet tagging and random inspection of safety vests will also recommence.

➤ Peaks on Helmets

Wayne Copping presented to the EAEC the question of riders competing cross country with helmets with peaks, as they are currently not allowed under British Eventing or NZ Eventing Rules. Following extensive discussion, it was agreed that the meeting would refer the

question to Geoff Sinclair for feedback, as well as Meredith Chapman, National Safety Manager. James Leva from AEF let the meeting know that they had discussed this question and they had also referred it to Meredith to see if she could find any evidence to support or not support the question of peaks on helmets. The matter will be further discussed at the next EAEC meeting.

Australia Eventing Forum Rule Proposals

The meeting discussed the two Rule Proposal changes proposed by the Australian Eventing Forum. The Committee Members had taken these proposals to their respective State Eventing Committees for discussion and recommendations. Michelle Debenham and James Leva addressed the meeting and discussed the reasoning behind these proposals and the process of consultation that the AEF had undertaken.

Following discussion by the EA Eventing Committee members, it was agreed that the Committee would like the following amendment be proposed to the various State Eventing Committees and ask for their feedback by 2 March 2021 regarding the following change to be made effective 1 July, 2021. *Since the meeting the implementation date has been changed to 'as soon as practicable' and has been approved by the EAEC. This proposal is currently with the EA Board for approval.

➤ **Rule Change 1 - Compulsory Retirement after multiple Show Jumping faults**

525.4- Compulsory Retirement after multiple Show Jumping Faults

In National level competitions CCN2*-S and above, where Show Jumping is held before Cross Country, combinations who incur more than 20 jumping faults must, as a preventive risk management measure, withdraw before Cross Country.

The EAEC carried that the EA National Eventing Rules be amended as follows from July 2021.

525.4- Compulsory Retirement after multiple Show Jumping Faults

In **all** National level competitions **EvA80** ~~CCN2*-S~~ and above, where Show Jumping is held before Cross Country, combinations who incur more than 20 jumping faults must, as a preventive risk management measure, withdraw before Cross Country. **There was insufficient support from the committee to include 1* and below.**

➤ **Rule Change 2 – Order of Phases – CCN-S 2*,3*, 4***

EA 502.1.7 Short Format Competition (CCN-S)

The Dressage Test always takes place first. Either the cross country or the jumping may form the last test **for 1* and below.**

~~OCs are encouraged to have the cross-country test last – particularly for the Star Classes.~~

For 2* and above, the Dressage Test is followed by the jumping test with the cross-country test last – this may be varied in exceptional circumstances with the express permission of the EAEC.

Concussion Submission and Reporting via MyEA

- o All concussion reports by officials to be submitted electronically, triggering an email to the athlete providing the details regarding concussion, compulsory suspension periods and methodology for return to sport,
- o The uploading of medical clearances by the athlete,
- o Allow officials and coaches to search on their submitted reports and allow the appropriately accredited officials and coaches to check if any athlete is currently suspended due to concussion (Status = Concussion on Hold).
- o The system is due to go live shortly.
- o Training will be provided by the National Safety Manager to all the users who will be entitled to use the system.