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# Equestrian Australia Eventing Committee - UPDATE

Meeting held Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EAEC meeting

## MEETING DISCUSSION

### **Level One General Coaching**

Discussion regarding Level 1 Coach being permitted to coach to 80 cm but they are assessed at 95/105 cm. Request to the Coaching Committee asking that a Level 1 General Coach be able to coach to the level to which they are assessed.

### **EquiRatings**

There was no support from the EAEC for a rider levy to cover the cost of EquiRatings

### **Length of Hackamores allowed Rule 539.2.2**

It was noted that most hackamores are 14 cm or less with very few less than 10 cm. Chair to propose that the FEI review the rule regarding the length of the hackamore.

### **Risk Management**

State's current risk management plans were sent to the National Safety Officer and National Safety Manager to be consolidated into a consistent National document.

### **Prize Money**

The Committee discussed the need to amend prize money rules when OCs were experiencing financial pressures, and agreed that EA 505.3.5 CCN Prize Money should be amended to add the following:

- Application to vary this rule must be made to the respective State Eventing Committee and approved by the State Branch.

### **Medical and Concussion requirements**

Amended documentation was provided to the National Safety Manager for her consideration.

### **CD Pathways**

Recommendations from the EA Course Designers Advisory Group Meeting were endorsed except for the requirement for Peer Review as this was felt not to be practical. The National Safety Manager will be informed of the decision

In addition, the Upgrade, Maintenance and Implementation recommendations were endorsed. The Officials Pathways Manager will be informed of the decision.

The Committee agreed that Annex K should be updated for Course Designer Level 2 National & Level 3 National. Level 3 now includes CCN3\*S/L. This class was removed from

Level 2 CDs. The Committee will work with the small number of current Level 2 National CDs who have been designing CCN3\* S/L courses to see if they should/can progress to Level 3 CDs.

## **Yards**

At the recent NDC Chairs Teleconference, the question of Portable Yards was discussed, and it was agreed that an amendment should be made to the General Regulations 109.3. The Committee agreed that the EA National Eventing Rules should be amended to reflect this update.

### **524.3.1.2 EA Portable Yards**

Stables, yards and portable yards (if used) must be a minimum of 3 metres x 3 metres and be of safe and solid construction. (Refer General Regulations Art. 109.3).

## **Eventing Steward General and Appointment & Accreditation of FEI Stewards**

Nominations for the Stewards General roles will take place on the usual 4-yearly basis after the Olympics.

There was also discussion on the need for additional stewards, especially in Queensland and WA and the rotation of Chief Stewards at events to ensure that stewards gain appropriate experience. It was recommended that the Steward General work with Organising Committees to see if this rotation can happen, if appropriate.

## **Exemption Process**

It was agreed that the following process should be followed, and the Committee Members were asked to ensure that this process was passed onto the State Eventing Committees:

- Application received by State Eventing Committee
- State Committee (all) reviews and recommends exemption/express permission
- Chair then forwards recommendation to the State Branch for endorsement
- Once that endorsement has been received, it should then be forwarded to the EA Eventing Committee via the EA Office (including all recommendations/endorsements) for review.

## **National Calendar for FEI and National Events**

The National Calendar that the States had put together was circulated. It was agreed that EA will maintain the master copy and will put a link to it on the EA website. If there are any changes to the published calendar, it is the States responsibility to inform the EA Office of the change for the calendar to be updated.

## **Yellow Warning Cards**

It was agreed that the Yellow Warning Card listing was a valuable tool for TDs and should be made available to TDs and the Eventing Steward General online and password protected in future.

## **EQ Draft Statewide Facilities Plan 2019 -2028**

Supported by the EA Eventing Committee via an email to EA Business Operations and Integrity Manager. It appears to be an excellent document charting future development for EQ.

## **Eventing Nose Net Exemptions**

Approval was delegated to the EA Eventing Committee Chair with the following process agreed:

- Online form to be submitted to the EA Office.
- Form to be checked. If the Veterinary Certificate is not on letterhead, or stamped by the Vet, EA Office to contact the Vet to confirm that they had completed the certificate.
- Form and certificate to be forwarded to the EA Eventing Committee Chair for approval.

- Once approved, EA Office will provide a Nose Net Exemption letter to the athlete. A copy should be provided to the OC upon entry, and a copy should be carried by the athlete for review by stewards, judge or any other official upon request.
- EA to maintain a Nose Net Register including Dressage Nose Net exemptions which should be circulated weekly with the Yellow Card, Passport, Express Permission, etc. email.

## Reports

**EA Yellow Warning Cards:** It was noted that EA Yellow Warning Cards form in the National Eventing Rules Annex M needed to be updated to reflect a 2-month disqualification period (currently showing 4 months).

**Spot checks of Body Protector compliance:** Recommend that the finish / cool down area was the best place to do spot checks of Body Protector compliance.

**Helmet Tagging:** If a helmet tagger was not available at a specific event, the helmet should be checked for compliance by an official and then a list of those people made and sent to the State Eventing Committee. They can then follow up and advise when / where a helmet tagger is available to tag the helmet.

The flyer with helmet and body protector requirements to be added to the EA Eventing website.

## Non-compliant Body Protectors

The Committee agreed that for the following procedure should be followed:

- For the first infringement, the TD will ensure that the rider knows that their vest is non-compliant and that it must be replaced
- The TD will include the list of riders with non-compliant body protectors on the TDs report with the details sent to the State Eventing Committee
- The State Eventing Committee will send an email to the rider outlining the need for a compliant body protector and detailing the standards as per EA National Eventing Rule EA 538.3.1 Cross-Country Body Protectors.
- If there is a second infringement, a recorded warning should be issued by the TD.
- For any further infringements, a Yellow Warning Card will be issued.

**2020 Fall Report Form** to be added to the Eventing Resource Page.

**Eventing NSW Cross Country Critical Incident Training Video** to be added to the EA website.

**Riders Rep Report** link to be added to the Eventing Resource Page.

**Cross Country Resource Guide** on <https://www.equestrian.org.au/eventing> need to be updated. Request to be sent to author requesting update.

**TD Feedback:** Request for TDs to provide any feedback (compliments and complaints) to the Eventing Steward General regarding Stewards.

**Eventing Recorded Warning:** The use of the Eventing Recorded Warning was discussed and the rule in the EA Eventing National Rules to be updated.

**Acting CEO and General Manager – Business Operations and Integrity** introduced himself and provided a brief update.

- Sport Operations – Di Saunders will be joining EA in a full-time casual role for next 3 months to as part of the Sport Operations team.
- The NDC and Coaching Chairs Meeting has been supported by the Board and will be held 3 times per annum with 2 x teleconference meetings and a face-to-face meeting

probably in July. The Board is keen to ensure that at least one Board Member attends (more where possible) to help understand the sports. They felt that this was a better approach than having the NDC / Coaching Chairs present at a board meeting on a rotational basis.

- At the recent NDC / Coaching Chairs teleconference, the question of portable yards was raised by a number of the disciplines. The amendment in General Regulations 109.3 as requested has now been approved by the Board.

**National Safety Manager** introduced herself to the meeting and gave a brief overview of the activities she has undertaken since joining EA as the National Safety Manager.

Her focus will be on the health and safety of both horses **and** riders.

She recently attended the FEI Eventing Risk Management Seminar and Forum held in Aintree UK from 24-26 January 2019 and found the seminar very informative. Aintree stressed rider responsibility as part of the seminar. She has also reviewed the thirty-one coronial recommendations and believes that the Committee should be commended on the work done to date. She believes that there is a large amount of work being done behind the scenes that is not visible to the public and congratulated all involved in the roles they have played. She believes that we are ahead of many countries in the area of safety. She has also recently presented at the Pony Club Safety Seminar and says that there are many issues that cross over.

She will focus on the need to tighten our documentation and then work through to ensure that we are able to implement what is documented.