

Equestrian Australia Eventing Committee - UPDATE

Meeting held: Tuesday 8th October 2019

Below a summary of proceedings at the recent EAEC Committee meeting:

1. Addition to Express Permission Rule 503.2

MOTION: For article 503.2

- (a) "With the express permission of his National Federation, an Athlete may compete in a two three star Competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 16.
- (b) b) With the express permission of his National Federation, an Athlete may compete in a one two star level Competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 14 Add: Express permission for juniors is required until the year they turn 18 years.

Also add to bottom of table 520.3

All in favour - Carried

2. Yellow Card

Discussion regarding mandatory yellow card for misuse of whip especially for younger riders. Ability to provide the TD opportunity to discuss the issue and provide guidance and only issue verbal or recorded warning. Taking an educational approach.

MOTION: For Article 527

"All cases of excessive use of the whip, shall automatically be sanctioned with a Yellow Warning Card or by stronger sanction(s) (as provided for under Article 525.2) Add: OR in the case of a National class a Verbal or Recorded Warning MAY suffice.

All in favour - Carried

3. Level 1 General Coaching

The jumping height permitted for a level 1 coach is 80 cms. Discussion around opening dialogue with Coaching Committee to enable a Level 1 General coach to coach to the level to 95/105cm.

4. Making Eventing Safer Fund & Equiratings

EAEC to write to Making Eventing Safer Committee to request funding from MES Fund for an extension for an additional 12 months for Equiratings.

5. Nose Net

If a rider has an exemption from Dressage, then this should be able to be carried over for National Eventing events.

Motion: If a Nose Net exemption has been granted from the EA Dressage Committee that it be recognised for EA National Eventing. Alternatively, an application can be made to the EA Eventing Committee for a Nose exemption.

All in favour - Carried

The request will follow the Dressage protocol, be circulated to two (2) members of the committee for approval (Chair and Mattea Davidson). To be add to rule 539.2.3

6. General Rule Review

- (i) 520.2 Typo the long format B or A FEI Athletes should read CCI4*-L (there are 2 that are 3*-L)
- (ii) 503.2 Rider Ages reviewed ages and agreed appropriate.
- (iii) 509.2.4 Entries

Entry Fee Refunds

Refund policy must be published.

Change to:

Entry Fee Refunds

Refer to the National refund policy

https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Eventing Australia Refund Policy 2019 0.pdf

(iv) 520.4.1 to be changed to

1 x EvA105 or 3 CCN95 or 2 CCN95 and 1 PC Championship at A grade or grade 1. (Jnrs as a combination - if established/categorised (rule 519.1) exemption by application may be considered)

(v) 504.2.4 Riding Down

Discussion around the rule that a rider cannot ride down at State Championships. Agreement to delete from rules as consideration needs to be given to the number of rides a rider has had at the height and confidence at riding at the height.

MOTION: For Article 504.2.4 Delete below from rules

Riding Down: Championships

A horse shall not be allowed to ride down directly to a Championship. If a horse has been ridden down, it shall only be allowed to compete at a Championship if it has competed, only, at the lower level for the 12 calendar months prior to the Championships.

All in favour - Carried

7. Medical Coverage at Events – Proposed New Rules

Rules tabled.

Queried recommendation of medical coverage against mandating it for the proposed new rules and the option of advising the level of medical coverage on the entry.

All State Representatives have been requested to cost the new medical rules against what they currently pay.

8. Education Update

(a) Proposed Pathways tabled for TD, CD & Judges.

Motion: Proposed requirements to attain and maintain Eventing accreditation for TDs, CDs and Judges be approved.

All in favour, Carried

- (ii) Wayne Copping agreed to be Committee Liaison for education matters.
- (iii) State representative to provide nominations for FEI Level 1 Seminar by 15th December. Seminar to be held in 2nd week of May 2020.
- (iv) Discussion on how to deal with Volunteer officials when not 'up to standard': e.g. steward, jump judge, marshal. Committee agreed any concerns should be taken to the TDs to or Ground Jury to address on the day. Also, the suggestion of mentoring and shadowing of roles like Cross Country Control is essential.

(v) Trial of Fence Judge Lanyards

Feedback from QLD - Attachment to the radios was good but the manner they were attached to the radios needs to be improved (on a ring or further up on the lanyard would be better). Critical incident video was promoted on the FB page.

Recommendation that the incident response card be implemented for all events. Suggestion that they be on a separate lanyard or alternatively on a small ring attached to the radio or radio lanyard. Look at sponsorship for printing, laminating and providing lanyards.

(vi) Review of Policy and Procedures for Managing Serious Eventing Incidents

Policy tabled.

Agreement by EAEC to implement from January 2020 –subject to the provision of the planned template and education material.

8. High Performance Update from Will Enzinger

Oceania Championships: Opportunity to test new Rule format. Experience, comradery and team bonding were excellent for all riders in all teams. Nelson Pessoa, works with overseas based team members, came over to the Oceania camp and was able to work with the riders.

Tokyo Test Event: All HP Team plus Amanda Ross, Shane Rose, Stuart Tinney and Andrew Hoy attended.

Opportunity to gather information on Olympic venue, logistics to get to venues, shops, general familiarisation and facilities in vicinity. 1 ½ day briefing on vision of Eventing in Australia moving forward. Core temperature studies done on Andrew Hoy.

State Funding: Funding proposal has gone out to all States. Funding model includes Off Horse/Eventing/Participant No. dependent funding. Plan is to try to have States to put together a long-term strategy and use the funding to support this.