



Equestrian Australia Jumping Committee - UPDATE

Meeting held: Monday 18th March 2019

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

1. Minutes – 12th February 2019 – Business Arising

(i) Rules

Only 3 minor changes in the 2019 rules picked up from feedback provided. Rules will be emailed to Karen to be placed on website.

On behalf of the EAJC Graeme thanked Anne for the massive task of re-typing and completing the rules.

Judges Reference Group to work on the National Rule amendments by the end of July.

Boot Rule as per FEI, adopted and came into effect as of 1 January 2019 – Blue boot insert is barred by the FEI and therefore barred by EA.

(ii) Young Rider vs New Zealand return challenge Australia

Young Rider v New Zealand return challenge could possibly be hosted by a State Branch. Host State Team v New Zealand.

EOI's to be sought from States for 2020 - no funding support from EA, borrowed team format to be used found in jumping rules (event 3 days).

(iii) Process for making complaints

One pager to be drafted – explaining when, how and why a yellow card is issued.

(iv) Futurity Rules

Article 275 as proposed approved by the board, effective 1 July 2019.

Article 275 – Futurity, Stars of the Future and Future Stars classes

No class can be called a Futurity, Stars of the Future, Future Stars unless it meets the following criteria.

1. The height is a recommendation depending on the ground, could be 1.25/1.30m first round. Jump off at 1.40m. Width: round 1 maximum of 1.50m, triple bar 1.70m; jump off 10cms more.
2. recommendation – a Liverpool is included
3. For Horses with 50 or less and that are 6yrs, 7yrs or 8yrs or older at the close of entries. **from the date of birth at the time of competition. There is no point restriction.**
4. Any Horse that has started in a World Cup Class cannot compete in any Future Stars, Futurity or Stars of the Futures classes.

5. Placings: one place for every 6 starters overall, with a minimum of 5 placings. After 5th place, prize money can be the refund of the entry fee.
6. Entry fee: minimum should be \$50 and that a minimum 50% of the entry fee pool should go towards prize money.
7. Organiser's minimum contribution to prize money is \$750.
8. Break up of total prize money should be 1st - 25 %, 2nd - 20%, 3rd - 15%, 4th -10% then 5-10th place 5% each.

Number of rounds: can be two or three ie 238 2.2; 273 3.1 or 3.2 or 3.3 or 3.4

Graeme advised the meeting that the FEI have approved the last competition at Borneo to be a qualifier.

(v) ICDF Funding for Australian Championships

Graeme has commenced work on the suggestion of a percentage of the ICDF funding going to towards the Australian Championships for all disciplines with Eventing & Dressage.

(vi) FEI Level 1 Jumping Course Designers Course (4-9 April 2019)

Attendance at the FEI Level I course gains status as an assistant. No status as a Course Designer. Min. 10 participants required. Active National Level 1 up can participate. Following completion of the course will be listed as FEI Level 1, National standing will remain.

2. Re-accreditation of Officials on an EA National Level

Discussion regarding submission from SA of officials in SA losing their EA National accreditation if they have not attended a refresher course in the last 3 years.

Passed Motion: Both SA officials Michael Haese and Andrew Paech are considered to have fulfilled their re-accreditation obligations.

Suggestion that a National Education Calendar be developed. Level 1/2 State run, L3 EAJC responsibility. One Level 3 run each year.

Passed Motion: EAJC approach EV to run L3 Judges Promotion Course in July.

3. Re-Accreditation : Stewards

Query received as to why a current EA Steward should seek re-accreditation as an EA steward when i) they have never been asked to officiate and ii) there are no events other than the Australian Championships where their qualifications would be required.

More involvement of Stewards is required. Event organisers are encouraged to use Stewards and shadowing stewards.

Recommendation to State Branches from the EAJC that where possible Stewards should be utilised.

4. Clarification on Article 273

Query from Jumping SA seeking clarification of Article 273 and in particular 273.3.3.1 on the whether or not the second can be raised.

EAJC has adopted the FEI rule. It is up to each event to decide how many they bring back for the second round. The second course may be identical or different, up to the Course Designer. Rules decided for the event must be specified in the Schedule and are specific to each individual event, not a National Rule.

5. Unified Jumping System

On going issue raised by Jumping Tasmania. From state to state we still see event programs referring to D,C,B,A grade and we regularly see programs referring to old articles ie AM5 etc.

EAJC to recommend to States that correct programming protocol and article numbers be followed/used in line with the National Jumping Rules.

6. Show Jumping Clinic – by Mr Ho

Jumping Qld would like to seek permission for Mr Ho (Singapore) to conduct a showjumping judges refresher clinic in Gatton, before our World Cup event.

Approved by EAJC.

7. Australian Young Rider Series

Jumping Tasmania and Jumping SA would like to encourage EAJC to refocus on the National Young Rider Series.

Graeme mentioned the series had not run so successfully over the past few years, however was successful before that. Prize money had been offered in the past, however nothing has been offered in the past 3 years.

It has been a logistical issue from an office perspective in receiving the points and results from States.

EDJC would like to see the series continue. Graeme to contact States and advise it is going ahead, being the only pathway for young riders and selection to the 'National Young Riders Squad' of 15.

Squad to receive recognition on media, Rug or Jacket for top 3 place getters (budget permitting).

Passed Motion: EAJC seeks the continuation of the series and Stuart Jenkins to investigate the cost of 3 jackets for awards.

8. Recommendation from “Jumping Tasmania Inc” and ratify by “Equestrian Tasmania Inc” Official Elizabeth Richards be upgraded from EA Judge Level 2 to EA Judge Level 3.

Request received from Jumping Tasmania to upgrade Elizabeth Richards from EA Judge L2 to EA Judge L3. All relevant forms with supporting information was submitted.

Request needs to be approved by EAJC , Elizabeth has fulfilled the criteria as a judge.

Passed Motion: Application from Jumping Tasmania to upgrade Elizabeth Richards from EA Level 2 to EA Level 3 Judge to be approved.

Note: Applications need to come as a recommendation from the State Branch to EAJC.

9. Current Amateur Rule

Discussion lead by Stuart Jenkins regarding the amateur rule being for riders 21 years and over. Presently we tend to have a program gap regarding riders (19-20year old) who have become too old for juniors and aren't up to moving onto Young Rider level.

It appears that this group of riders are often missing out in event programs and some are abandoning the sport.

Is it worth expanding the current rule to allow for riders 19 years and over to compete in the amateur section? This is the obvious place for them as the heights tend to suit capability levels.

Aquis is planning to run their own “amateur” tour for riders 19 years and over.

Suggestion to investigate how many riders would fit into this category and look at what happens and feedback from Aquis. Proposal to be drafted and distributed to States for feedback.

10. Junior Athletes

Graeme Watts suggested we re-introduce the minimum age of Juniors to year of their 12th birthday. Now that we are running Children’s classes there is no need for the young juniors to be riding against the older juniors.

Discussion around so few children’s classes being conducted due to full programs that it was not required.

11. Tiered Events

Graeme Watts addressed the fact that the item around tiered events had been thrown around and placed in the too hard basket for 3 years. It was time to do the figures and see if we want to pursue or drop the idea.

Much time was spent on using the criteria suggested to ascertain if the top 12 events could be tiered. Outcome was that it was very subjective, conflict of interest with the people applying the points system. Further thought to be put into the idea, pros and cons for the tiering system and to be re-discussed at teleconference on 2 April 2019.

12. Communication

Committee confirmed their preferred timelines in relation to once a committee meeting date had been set – calling for agenda items, closing dates of agenda items, distribution of minutes to who and how.

Suggested:

- Call for agenda items 2 months out from meetings date when possible
- Closing date 14 days from meeting date
- Minutes to be sent to chair for approval within 7 days (where possible)
- Summary of minutes to be distributed to States/CEO’s/Website.

13. Budget

Decided to have a teleconference to address the budget on 2 April 2019 7pm.

14. Performance Cards

Stuart Jenkins raised the issue of taking the time to fill out Performance Cards and send in to the State Branch, only to have them sent back with events removed from the card (therefore points not gained).

Graeme referred to the item in the Competition Rules Competition Licences (page 78) Article 283 6.1 and is going to write a letter to the State Branches to ensure correct procedure.