



MEETING SUMMARY

Equestrian Australia Ltd.

EA Jumping Committee



The following items were discussed at the meeting of the Equestrian Australia Jumping Committee held 5th September 2017.

Calendar of events from States – The EAJC will continue to try and gather information and create a national calendar that lists WC qualifying competitions, state championships and up to 10 significant events in each state.

Amateur Rule – The EAJC changed the eligibility rule for people who have previously competed at 4* Eventing at last the meeting. The old rule needs to be removed from the rule book – **Article 255.1** - Must never have competed in a 4* 3 Day Event

ICDF Funding – There was not a large number of jumping applications but all applications that had an FEI component at the time of application were awarded funding. The EAJC would like to seek further clarification on the way funding is allocated.

EAJC to ask EA for some feedback regarding why the ASJC didn't receive ICDF in order to help the next OC

World Jumping Challenge & Youth Olympics – Camden and Gatton have run their events and Boneo is schedule to take place in November. The WA leg is to be held at the WA State Champs. Camden ran two rounds of competition which will allow competitors to be included in the FEI World Jumping Challenge.

Judges upgrade – Judges wishing to upgrade to National Level 3 are required to apply to the EAJC through their state committee and the results of the exam are to be included in the application.

Course Design Syllabus – Further work is being prepared on a new syllabus for Course Designers

Young Horse Classes – Any horse that starts in a series - age, points, height is deemed eligible for the duration if they meet the requirements as of the date of the first competition.

Upgrading / Downgrading- The EAJC do not support the reintroduction upgrading/downgrading

Verification of points - There is concern in relation to the belief that some states do not check and verify competition licenses at renewal. It is imperative that all States follow the correct procedure to ensure all licenses and points are up to date and accurate.

The rules state that judges must sight and sign all competition licenses. The EAJC will need to contact judges to remind them of their obligations in relation to competition licenses and sending in the results and score sheets to the relevant State branch.

Futurity Competitions- Currently there are no age restrictions in the national rules for futurity classes, although the intention is for the classes to develop young horses.

The EAJC will seek further information from the States. The EAJC will write to all States/OC's that ran futurity classes to understand what conditions were put on the class. Until further information can be collected the rule will remain as it currently stands.

Australian Jumping Championships- The allocation of 2018, 2019 and 2020 Australian Show Jumping Championships are to be awarded to Boneo Park. The allocation is for 3 years but will be reviewed after the first year if necessary.

Proposed FEI Rule Changes 2018- The EAJC support FEI rule proposals except **Article 234.1.5 Young Horse Competitions:** 325 m per minute minimum. This rule will not be adopted in the EA National Jumping Rules

The proposed EA National Jumping Rulebook was revised and unanimously accepted by the EAJC with the below additional changes.

These will be officially accepted into the EA rulebook upon confirmation of their ratification by the FEI at the AGM in October.

Rule 14.3.1

Children's' Competitions- Australian Children's Championship - Max starting height in first round of 1 metre.

Remove Rule 254.2 from rules in relation to 5yo and replace with: For any points restricted series the calculation of points is to be determined at the start of the series for the duration.

Standing Martingales- There was discussion in relation to the use of standing martingales. This will be referred to the official's panel for review and recommendation at a later date, until then the rule will stand in its current form.

Recommended Speed of Competitions- Competitions with a maximum height less than 1.05 metre in the first round be conducted at a speed of 325 metres per minute.

Competitions with a height of 1.05 metre and up to 1.30 metres in the first round be conducted at a speed of 350 metres per minute.

Competitions above 1.30 metres in the first round be conducted at 375 metres per minute.

FEI Competitions- The committee reviewed the FEI Calendar applications. All CSI* applications were accepted. The CSI*-W were discussed with the Chair of the World Cup Committee (WCC), John McMillan.

Age of Horses - The committee acknowledged and discussed SA's concerns in relation to the new age calculation of horses and the TB industry. The decision to change the rule was made in the best interest of the sport. The EAJC feel this rule is fair to TB as horses are not competed in Jumping until age 4yo.

Membership Structure- There was discussion in relation to the current membership structure. The EAJC do not feel that single membership categories, such as the EVIC Show Horse category, would be beneficial. However the EAJC would like to have some membership statistics relating to those members who have ticked jumping on their membership form, for planning purposes.

EA General Regulations- The EA general regulations need to be reviewed and brought up to date.

EA Sponsorship- The EAJC would like further information in relation to the benefits of signing sponsors and any restrictions faced by OC's, in the signing of these sponsors particularly if they are in direct competition to EA sponsors.

Teams Competitions- Guidelines that need to be followed have been developed and will be included as an annex to the EA Jumping Rule Book.

Chef de Equipe Selection Panel- The EAJC elected Stuart Jenkins as the additional member of the Chef selection panel.

Junior Competition Invitations- Hong Kong – The EAJC endorse this invitation. EOI for riders and Chef are required and will be self funded. Sent to States and Committees.

Taipei – The EAJC endorse this invitation. EOI for riders and Chef are required and will be self funded. Sent to States and Committees.

Horse registration- A new horse registration form has been developed to ensure that owners of imported horses follow the correct procedure at the time of registration. This new form is currently being tested before being rolled out.

4 Year Plan - The EAJC will develop a 4-year plan to help support the sport with the goal of encouraging and increasing interest and spectatorship. There is also the potential to develop additional series for riders.

Teams Competition at 2017 ASJC- Inform OC and States that due to some confusion over the judging and scoring system and is still under review from FEI we will ask for teams of 4 under the original conditions. Can bring in one team member from another state for the third rider.

Riders Fitness to compete- The concussion test needs further discussion and also the potential inclusion of an alcohol policy, as medics have in the past refused to treat riders after a fall if they were intoxicated.

Riders Association Meeting- Stuart Jenkins was briefed on the process in relation to the Riders meeting to be held the ASJC where a riders' representative will be elected. Kirsty will be present to take minutes. When the date and time is confirmed this can be shared on the EA website and via the ASJC channels. Stuart will compile an agenda.

Tiered System of Events- Discussion over the progress of the tiered system and the implementation timeline occurred. Further discussion is required and will form part of the 4 year plan.