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Equestrian Australia Ltd

## EA Vaulting Committee Meeting Summary

Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EAVC meeting

### MEETING DISCUSSION

#### **Vaulting insurance**

The EAVC identified that the issue for Vaulting is that the insurance matrix is calculated by the amount of club members/events per year. Training once a week counts as an event for Vaulting, but with very low members per club. This means it's a highly expensive thing to get club insurance. The EAVC will continue to investigate options for Vaulting for a more suitable insurance offering.

#### **FEI rules review**

The EAVC reviewed the suggested rule changes from the FEI and will refer them to the Vaulting Judges Working Group for further advice.

#### **Officials Pathways**

The EAVC has been working closely with the EA Pathways Officer for Officials further developing the Officials Pathways for Vaulting. The EAVC will be referring the developed framework on to the Vaulting Judges Working Group for their peer review.

#### **EA National Vaulting Rule Review items:**

The EAVC moved to make the following amendments to the EA National Vaulting Rules:

*(Please note: these rule amendments will be submitted to the EA Board for ratification to be effective 1 September)*

#### **Rule amendment # 1:**

##### 5. VAULTERS

##### 5.1 CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Please note:

5.1.8 HC entries may be offered at competition including the Championship Competition at the discretion of the event Organising Committee.

## **Rule amendment # 2:**

### **4. HORSES**

#### **4.1 VAULTING HORSE**

The vaulting horse or pony **entered in competitor or participant class** must be at least 6 years old, of any breed or suitable size. All horses entered at State and National Championships must be registered with the EA. All horses used in competitor classes at any other event must hold the appropriate EA registration.

## **Rule amendment # 3:**

### **4.5 ~~Veterinary~~ Horse Inspection**

Horses are required to trot a minimum of one circle prior to Judge A indicating that the first vaulter can commence. Should Judge A decide that the horse is not fit for competition they must signal the lunger to stop the horse and ask them to retire the horse. Judge A may also eliminate a vaulter or group if the horse is showing signs such as stress or lameness.

~~It is required at National Championships that all horses attend the veterinary inspection and that a qualified Veterinary Surgeon is in attendance to advise at least one member of the Ground Jury on the soundness of all horses presented at a lameness check. The performance of the veterinary inspection will be conducted as per FEI Veterinary Regulations Art. 1011.~~

~~At the Veterinary Inspection all horses must present original EA registration papers.~~

### **4.6 Horse walk score**

- Horse Walk Score at 25% for all classes
- The walk horse score will be judged in accordance with the FEI Vaulting guidelines.
- A1. Rhythm and impulsion 20%. Relaxation and Straightness 20%
- A2. Vault Ability of the Horse 40%
- A3. Lunging 20%

## **Rule amendment # 4:**

### **1.4 ARENAS**

#### **1.4.3 Arena Familiarisation**

~~At all competitions all entered competitors must have an appropriate amount of time to familiarise their horses within the competition arena. An appropriate amount of time is to be determined by the Organising Committee but is to be no less than three minutes per horse.~~

## **Rule amendment # 5:**

### **3. JUDGES**

~~At competitions all recreational classes must have a minimum of one level 1 Judge.~~

Barrel and Recreational Classes at National Championships maximum of 2 judges, one must be level 3.

### **Next meeting**

TBC.