

## Equestrian Australia Show Horse Riders' Representative

The National Show Horse Riders' Representative is responsible for providing a voice for all Australian Show Horse competitors to the Equestrian Australia Show Horse Committee (EASHC) and ensures that competitors have a greater say in decision making for their sport.

The Show Horse Representative provides advice to and from competitors to the Committee by preparing a report for each EASHC meeting on key issues for Show Horse and coordinating consultations and providing feedback on behalf of the EASHC.

The Show Horse Riders' Representative works closely with the other members of the EASHC, officials and staff of EA in a professional manner to contribute to the achievements of the EASHC's objectives.

### Functions of the Committee

The Equestrian Australia Show Horse Committee operates under the following terms including requirements of Committees laid down in the Committee By-Laws of Equestrian Australia.

### Composition

The EASHC is state based and consists of a representative from each State, plus a Riders Representative. To be able to hold office they must be an EA Member of a category other than Junior and must not be employees of EA or one of its Branches.

Committee members should have the following skills:

- a. A thorough knowledge of the Sport of Show Horse, including a working knowledge of the rules
- b. Administrative skills including the use of e-mail, word processing and spreadsheet applications
- c. Analytical skills
- d. The ability to think strategically.
- e. Proven ability to maintain confidentiality

### Criteria

The successful Show Horse Riders' Representative will meet the following criteria:

- 18yrs and over
- Good communication skills
- Professionalism when dealing with the committee and officials
- Abide by the EA code of conduct
- Knowledge of rules
- Active Show Horse competitor at national level within the last 12 months

### Role/Responsibility

- Promote the perspective of the athlete in committee discussion and bring forward agenda items addressing issues impacting athletes
- Seek and communicate the views of athletes at all levels
- Represent the committee and provide feedback to athletes regarding committee decisions
- Act in a professional and equitable way when dealing with committee members and the Show Horse community

- Report to the committee on activities undertaken as the athletes representative
- Provide an initial contact point for athletes seeking information or raising issues with the committee
- Lead/facilitate a meeting at the National Show Horse Championships

### **Elections**

The Riders' Representative must be elected by the EA membership. The EASHC will seek nominations for a representative and an election process will follow to select the representative.

### **Meetings**

The EASHC will meet in accordance with an EA Board-approved operational plan and budget at locations and venues that minimise the travel, accommodation, venue and catering cost to EA.

Meetings will include an EA Representative.