



## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

### **TO HOST THE 2026 EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA NATIONAL ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Equestrian Australia Endurance Committee invites all Endurance Organising Committees to apply to conduct the Equestrian Australia (EA) Endurance Championships. The Championships will consist of the following FEI events:

- CEI1\* / CEIJY1\*
- CEI2\* / CEIJY2\*
- CEI3\* (the Championship Event) / CEIY3\*

The 2026 EA Endurance Championships will be run under FEI rules and EA General Regulations. EA General Regulations can be found here: <https://www.equestrian.org.au/policies>

The Equestrian Australia (EA) Endurance Championships are conducted for and on behalf of Equestrian Australia (EA). Event Organising Committees (OCs) are invited to submit their expression of interest to conduct this event in 2026.

If also running AERA competitions, applicants must have the support of their relevant AERA State Branch before submitting an application.

The National Discipline Committee (EAEnC) will assess all submissions and further details may be requested from interested parties. The NDC will then appoint the OC to run the Championships.

#### **The Event**

The Equestrian Australia Endurance Championships should be an event in its own right, not absorbed into an existing event. The intent for the Equestrian Australia Endurance Championships is to present an event that is equivalent to an FEI3\* competition by way of standards and facilities.

Other conditions that must be adhered to include:

#### **Technical Delegate**

The NDC will approve a Technical Delegate (TD) to assist the OC in its preparation for and conduct of the Equestrian Australia Endurance Championships. The TD will operate as per Article 152 and 153 in the EA General Regulations.

The TD must submit a report to the NDC (EAEnC) within two (2) weeks of the competition finishing.

## **Marketing & Branding**

The OC is required to coordinate a joint event announcement with EA.

EA assigns the rights to the marketing of the event to the OC. However, EA's logo and/or specific EA discipline logo is to be used as the brand logo of the Equestrian Australia Endurance Championships and as part of all marketing collateral and should adhere to EA's brand guidelines.

EA branding should form part of the event promotion including:

- 4-6 EA signs in vet ring/recovery area
- Display of pull-up banners at corporate hospitality marquees and functions
- PA/MC recognition
- Display of advert on screens (if applicable)
- Logo recognition across all marketing collateral including (but not limited to) event program, website, big screen, posters
- Event advertising

## **Media**

It is the OCs responsibility to ensure there is a dedicated media area (with internet connection) available at the event, as well as adequate accreditation to provide media access to the event. The OC should liaise with EA to ensure all press needs are catered for in the lead up to and at the event.

## **Prizegiving Ceremony**

The OC will schedule a prizegiving ceremony at the conclusion of the Championships with trophies presented for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> places (EA supplied) in the CEI 3\* event. The EAEnC will provide the OC with perpetual trophies for the winner of both the CEI 3\* event and Best Conditioned horse award. The winner of the Best Conditioned horse award for the CEI 3\* is to be presented with (EA supplied) trophy rug.

## **Corporate hospitality**

The OC will invite the EA Board Chair, National Discipline Chair, EA CEO and relevant EA State CEO to appropriate functions such as prizegiving ceremonies. Event passes should be provided to other EA Board Members, EAEnC members, Selectors and the High-Performance Director.

## **Post-Event Report**

The OC will provide a full post-event report on supplied template including a financial report outlining the profit and loss, attendance numbers and sponsorship obligations within two (2) months of the completion of the event to EA C/O: the EAEnC. A template will be provided to the successful applicant.

## **Risk Management**

The OC is required to submit a risk management plan a minimum 12 weeks prior to the event. A template will be made available to the successful applicant.

The risk management plan needs to include provisions for:

- The appointment of a person responsible for safety and risk management at the event (where no one in particular is appointed, the Event Director or the Club President assumes this responsibility).
- Contact details of emergency personnel and agencies such as first aid and ambulance services, police and fire brigade, nearby hospitals, treating vet, farrier, etc.
- Provision on-site of some of these services, possibly including an emergency management system that outlines what should happen.
- The identification of risks for the event, including the competition(s) and, of course, the venue.

- The documentation of the measures proposed to deal with the identified risk.
- A system to ensure waiver/release forms are signed by participants as appropriate.
- An incident reporting system that is communicated to all involved in the event.
- An incident/accident investigation system that helps prevent a recurrence of the incident.

### **Timing Equipment**

Electronic timing equipment with a visual display is mandatory.

### **On Course Crewing**

It is preferable that arrangements for on course crewing are made available. Where on course crewing is included, the use of crewing bibs is required.

### **Medication Control**

Medication Control is mandatory - Sampling of the winner and one or two random samples must be conducted in accordance with EA Rules for medication control.

An appropriate area for Medication Control sampling must be provided by the OC and approved by the Technical Delegate and Veterinary Delegate.

### **Funding**

The OC will be responsible for funding the event. Funding grants may be available from the relevant EA State branch but are not guaranteed.

### **Submission of EOI**

Interested Organising Committees are required to complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) form below and return to the EA National Office by email to [endurance@equestrian.org.au](mailto:endurance@equestrian.org.au).

**Closing date: COB 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2026**

Please contact the EA Endurance Sport Development Officer at the EA National Office by email to [endurance@equestrian.org.au](mailto:endurance@equestrian.org.au) if you have any questions regarding this information. A FEI **Ride Organiser Pack** is available on the EA website to assist with completing an application.

*In the event an OC is not able to meet one or more of the requirements of this EOI they may seek approval from the EAEnC to agree to such changes as they may require. The EAEnC may agree but shall not be bound to do so and is not able to grant exemptions to the Rules in force at the time of the Australian Endurance Championships.*

**EOI Equestrian Australia Endurance Championships application form:**

<b>Proposed Dates</b>	
<b>Name of Organisation/Club</b>	
<b>EA Club Affiliation #</b>	
<b>Name of Primary Contact</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	
<b>What other classes will be scheduled in conjunction with this event</b> e.g. AERA rides	
<b>Number of stables/yards available (stables are required for 3* horses)</b>	
<b>Camping facilities (how many sites (powered), toilet/shower facilities, etc.)</b>	
<b>Previous events OC has run</b>	
<b>Timing equipment</b> (electronic timing equipment with a visual display is mandatory)	
<b>GPS Live tracking for 3* event</b> (mandatory)	

<p><b>Other equipment considerations</b> (calibrated scales, track marking arrows, distance markers, caution signs, crewing bibs, traffic control/road crossings)</p>	
<p><b>Any other comments/relevant information and/or attachments</b></p>	