

EA Endurance Riders Representative.

The Endurance Riders Representative is responsible for providing a voice for all Australian Endurance Riders on the National Endurance Committee and ensures that riders have a greater say in decision making for their sport.

The Endurance Riders Representative provides advice to and from riders to the Committee by preparing a report for each NESC meeting on key issues for riders and coordinating consultations and providing feedback to riders on behalf of the NESC.

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

Functions of the Committee

The EA National Endurance Sports Committee operates under the following terms including requirements of Committees laid down in Clause 2 of the Committee By-Laws of Equestrian Australia.

Composition

The NESC is skills based and consists of five elected members plus the Riders' Representative, selected for their experience and skills relevant to the work of the Committee. 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. A National Endurance Committee member cannot continue also to be the Chair of a Branch Committee. Four members present at a meeting to form a quorum.

Committee members may serve a maximum of three terms of two years each before they have to have a break of at least one year, except that on initial establishment of the Committee; members will draw for the following initial terms: Two members for a term of one year and three members for a term of two years. Each of these initial terms will count as a full term of two years for the purposes of Committee rotation.

The Committee will elect a Chair from among its members. Members should hold the position of Chair no longer than two consecutive two-year terms, after which a break of at least one year's duration should follow.

Committee members should have the following skills:

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

Criteria

The successful Endurance 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 Endurance Rider at National or International 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 Endurance 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

Elections

For elections of the Endurance Riders Representative, the following procedure is followed:

- a. Expressions of Interest will be called as at the 14th January 2016.
- b. Any member meeting requirements listed above may nominate or be nominated for election.
- c. Expressions of Interest will close Friday 29th January 2016.
- d. Current NESC Committee Members will vote for the Riders Representative once all nominations have been received.

Meetings

The NESC will meet twice a year in person 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 must include the EA CEO or the CEO's representative.