

Equestrian Australia Limited



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MEMBERSHIP BYLAWS

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Equestrian Australia Limited ('EA')
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1 Introduction

In accordance with Article 31.1 of the Constitution, these By-Laws will apply to all categories of membership of Equestrian Australia (EA) and have been adopted by and may only be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Directors.

2 EA Membership

2.1 EA is a Company limited by guarantee.

EA is comprised of:

- Equestrian New South Wales
- Equestrian Victoria
- Equestrian Queensland
- Equestrian South Australia
- Equestrian Western Australia
- Equestrian Tasmania

and such further Branch or Branches as the Members may from time to time admit to membership.

In admitting a Branch to membership, the Members may apply special conditions relating to the payment of affiliation fees and the appointment of a Director, PROVIDED THAT special conditions are not to apply for a period in excess of five (5) years from the date of admission to the Branch.

2.2 EA State Branches may appoint or admit the following additional members:

- (a) Honorary Life Member of EA – means any person upon whom the State Board has resolved to confer honorary life membership for distinguished and exceptional service to EA, to one of the Branches or to equestrian sport in Australia.

2.3 The Membership of the Branches and of EA may be comprised of

2.3.1 Individual Members;

- (a) Competitor members;
- (b) Supporter members; and
- (c) Participant members.

2.3.2 Group Affiliates;

- (a) Club Affiliates;
- (b) Sport Affiliates; and
- (c) Commercial Groups.

2.3.3 or any other category of membership as determined by the Board from time to time.

2.4 The following provisions apply to the categories of membership set out in clause 2.3

- (a) **Competitor member** means any person that participates and contributes to the competitive environment of equestrian sport, who has applied for and has been granted membership of a Branch and therefore of EA, and on behalf of whom the

Branch pays the applicable membership fee to EA. Sub-categories of EA Competitor membership include;

- (i) **Competitor member – Senior** means any person eighteen (18) years and over who is entitled to receive the privileges of a Competitor member.
 - (ii) **Competitor member – Junior** means any person under the age of eighteen (18) years old who is entitled to receive the privileges of a Competitor member, excluding State voting rights.
 - (iii) **Competitor member – Life** means any person who is entitled to receive the privileges of a Competitor member at a discounted rate through a paid life membership.
- (b) **Supporter member** means any person that contributes to the competitive environment of equestrian sport but does not participate in competitions, who has applied for and has been granted membership of a Branch and therefore of EA, and on behalf of whom the Branch pays the applicable membership fee to EA. Sub-categories of EA Supporter membership include;
- (iv) **Supporter member – Coach** mean any person who holds a current EA NCAS Coach Accreditation who is entitle to receive the privileges of a Supporter membership.
 - (v) **Support member – Official** means any person who holds a current EA NOAS Official Accreditation who is entitled to receive the privileges of a Supporter membership.
 - (vi) **Supporter member – owner** means any person who is listed as owner of an EA Registered Horse who is entitled to receive the privileges of a Supporter membership.
- (c) **Participant member** means any person who actively participates and contributes to grassroots and recreational equestrian sport activities, who has applied for and has been granted membership of a Branch and therefore of EA, and on behalf of whom the Branch pays the applicable membership fee to EA. Sub-categories of EA Participant Membership include;
- (vii) **Participant member – Senior** means any person eighteen (18) years and over who is entitled to the privileges of an EA Participant membership.
 - (viii) **Participant member – Junior** means any person under the age of eighteen (18) years who is entitled to receive the privileges of a Participant membership, excluding State voting rights.
- (d) **Club Affiliate** means any equestrian club that supports a membership and contributes to equestrian sport development that has applied for and has been granted affiliation with a Branch and therefore EA.
- (e) **Sport Affiliate** means any equestrian group who affiliates for the purpose of non-commercial equestrian sport delivery who has applied for and has been granted affiliation with a Branch and therefore EA.
- (f) **Commercial Group** means any businesses or groups who align with EA to access EA services for a commercial benefit who has applied for and has been granted affiliation with a Branch and therefore EA.

- 2.5 The following national privileges and restrictions apply to the categories of membership set out in clause 2.3

| | Competitive Activity | Participation activity | Closed Activity | Competition Licence | Horse Registration Accredited | Education Programs | State Voting Rights | EA Member Insurance | EA Affiliate Insurance | Conduct Closed Activities | Conduct EA Events | National Admin Law | ICDF levy | Grassroots Levy |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Competitor | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | |
| Supporter | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | |
| Participant | | X | X | | X | | X | X | | | | X | | X |
| Club Affiliate | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | | |
| Sport Affiliate | | | | | | | | | X | | X | | | |
| Commercial Group | | | | | X | | | | X | | X | | | |

For classifications of equestrian competitive and participation activity refer to the EA General Regulations.

- 2.6 (a) A person or body seeking membership of EA may apply for membership only of the Branch in the State or Territory in which he or she resides,
- PROVIDED THAT any person who:
- (i) resides within 100 km of a State or Territory border; and
 - (ii) declares at the time of applying for membership that he or she intends to compete regularly in equestrian competitions or is a Board or Committee member in the neighbouring State or Territory,
- is eligible for membership of the Branch in that neighbouring State or Territory. For the purposes of this clause a resident of the Australian Capital Territory is deemed to be a resident of New South Wales.
- (b) Members who cease to reside in Australia may during their absence from Australia retain membership of EA and of the Branch of which they were a member when they last resided in Australia.
- (c) Members moving from one State or Territory to another will retain their EA Membership and will not be obliged to pay membership fees until the next renewal in their new State or Territory.
- 2.7 Each Member of a Branch of any category as at the date of the coming into force of these rules is deemed to have been admitted to EA in the same category pursuant to these By-Laws.

3 Register of Members

- 3.1 A Register of members of all categories resident in each State, and of their addresses and other details as required by EA, must be kept and maintained by the State Branch as part of the National Database of EA.

4 Register of Horses

- 4.1 A Register of Horses must be kept and maintained by the Branch as part of the National Database of EA. The register of horses may comprise of;

- (a) **Life Horse Registration** means lifetime registration of a horse for the purposes of competition, including the recording of biosecurity information and the input of competition records for the respective Sport.
- (b) **Base Horse Registration** means lifetime registration of a horse not actively participating in competitive equestrian activity for purposes including bio-security and microchip registration.

5 Addresses for Service of Notices

- 5.1 The address for service of notice to any member must be recorded in the records of the relevant Branch as part of the National Database of EA.

6 Termination of Membership

- 6.1 Group Affiliate members will cease to be Group Affiliate members:

- (a) if they resign by notice in writing to the Branch;
- (b) if the relevant Branch after having given the Affiliate Member an opportunity of being heard is of the opinion that its constitution, objects or activities deprive it of its eligibility as an Affiliate Member;
- (c) if they are dissolved;
- (d) if they fail to pay their annual subscription for a period of thirty (30) days after it becomes due; or
- (e) if they conduct competitions contrary to the rules of EA.
- (f) If they do not hold a current insurance policy, including public liability cover which meets the specific requirements set by the respective Branch from time to time.

- 6.2 Individual Members will cease to be members of EA and their Branch:

- (a) if they resigns by notice in writing to EA or the Branch;
- (b) if they die;
- (c) if they are declared incapable of managing their own affairs;
- (d) if in the opinion of EA or the relevant Branch they fail or omit to observe or perform any of the provisions of the rules of EA or the Branch on their part to be observed and performed or if they are called upon to resign by their Branch and in this respect the Branch shall not be required to assign any reason or to justify its action in calling upon a member to resign. However no Branch will take any such action without having given the member an opportunity of being heard and ensuring that the rules of natural justice are observed; or
- (e) if they fail to pay the annual subscription for a period of thirty (30) days after it becomes due.