



# MINUTES

## EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA LTD

### Equestrian Australia Jumping Riders Meeting

HELD: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Australian Showjumping Championships, 7:00pm AEST  
 Werribee Park, VIC

#### 1. OPENING/WELCOME

Stuart Jenkins, EA Riders' Representative, opened the meeting at 7:13pm welcoming all those attending.

#### 2. ATTENDANCE

##### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Stuart Jenkins (SJ)	National Riders' Representative
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##### ALSO ATTENDING

Kirsty Pasto	Committee Liaison Manager
General EA membership	

#### 4. ELECTION OF NATIONAL JUMPING RIDERS' REPRESENTATIVE

Item	Discussion	Action
4.1	<p>SJ explained the role of the EA Jumping Riders' Representative and the responsibilities of those wanting to stand for election.</p> <p>Stuart Jenkins put himself forward for election. No other candidates stood.</p> <p><i>Moved: Colleen Brook</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Jamie Winning-Kermond</i></p> <p><i>Carried: Unanimously by all in attendance</i></p>	Kirsty to notify the EAJC that SJ is the EAJC Riders' Representative

#### 5. Agenda Items

##### 5.1 Rule Changes

Discussion	Action
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SJ requested that all Riders continue to familiarise themselves with the rules and the changes that occur in January and July. These can be found on the EA website.	
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### 5.2 Clarification of horses age

Discussion	Action
SJ reminded riders that the age of jumping horse is now calculated by the horse's date of birth.	

### 5.3 Saddlery

Discussion	Action
SJ clarified the Hind Boot Rule which states: For all young horse style classes that are judged subjectively, hind leg protections must have a maximum interior length of 16 cm. The width of the fastener must be at least 5 cm. Boots with the capacity to be tensioned are not allowed.	

### 5.4 Competition Licenses

Discussion	Action
SJ reminded all present of the requirements for judges to be signing and sighting all performance cards at each show, as there have been reports that this is not always carried out. It is a requirement as per the rules.	

### 5.5 Judge Acknowledgment

Discussion	Action
SJ requested that riders remember to show courtesy towards all judges and stewards. This includes acknowledging judges in the ring and keeping stewards informed if riders may be late due to competing several horses in different rings.	

### ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ARISING/LATE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion	Action
<p>There has been discussion in relation to allowing 5yo to start in classes 1.25 and above. The EAJC were thinking of removing this rule. SJ called for the rider's opinion, which resulted in some discussion. The majority of the riders felt that this was acceptable. There were some who thought the change was not required.</p> <p>It was suggested that there should be consideration given to introducing an age limit to the Future Stars Classes. This topic saw much discussion about what an appropriate age would be, with varying opinions. A favoured suggestion was 6, 7 and 8yo's and another suggestion was until the date they turn 9 years old to allow for young mares having foals or thoroughbreds. General consensus however was future star classes to be 8 years old or under.</p> <p>SJ opened the floor to the riders for any issues they would like clarified or taken to the EAJC. Further discussion was carried out regarding the back boot rule SJ brought up earlier. Majority of riders were very much against the use of back boots on young horses and would like to see the rule reversed. SJ let the riders know he believed the boot rule was removed due to the demand on judges. Riders suggested fines could be introduced. There was discussion as to what the FEI back boot rule was?</p> <p>Gavin Chester addressed the riders wanting them to know that the EAJC is there to help and assist but riders also need to self-police and be familiar with, and abide by, the</p>	

rules. The EAJC also gets feedback from the State branches about the fines and issues riders are having and they have an obligation to address and implement further rules based on this feedback.

Potential introduction of Wild Cards in the event a rider is unlucky on the day; the OC could issue a wild card. More feedback and discussion is required.

It was noted that riders and OC's need to respect the smaller classes and adhere to the same standard as the Grand Prix classes.

## **6. REPORTS**

N/A

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

Australian Show Jumping Championships 2018

## **8. MEETING CLOSE**

SJ closed the meeting at 7:38pm