



Equestrian Australia Coaching Committee (EACC) - UPDATE

Meeting Held: Tuesday 18 February 2020

Below is a summary of the meeting.

MEETING DISCUSSION

Comments on 15 January 2020 minutes.

State Coaches

State Branches and NDCs to be notified of 1 July 2020 deadline for all State Squad coaches to be current accredited EA Coaches.

Coach of the Year Awards

A process to be developed to ensure consistent nominations against like criteria nationally. This will allow nominated coaches to be ranked against criteria.

It's critical to ensure that coaches who make the list of finalists are current registered coaches.

Update from EA office

- At the EA Board meeting on 17 February 2020, the priorities identified by the EACC and a copy of minutes from the previous meetings held were tabled for review and comment. There was no specific mention of the priorities at the meeting but positive commentary was provided on progress and the IGEQ update.

The Board and EA office recognise challenges associated with the current staffing situation.

- Due to the current staffing situation, the EA office is looking at an interim solution and have approached former EA employees to assist over the coming 3 months.

Syllabus Working Group update

The Syllabus Review has been prioritised by the EACC.

The need to bring everyone together was discussed. Initially there should be a webinar for all involved in the working groups (end of March / beginning of April).

Following this, a Face to Face meeting should be held to bring everyone together for a full day working session and possible cross referencing with the groups.

In July, we should commence a peer review then put out an EOI seeking interest for a full and comprehensive assessment of the entire syllabus.

- General Coaching syllabus – the general coaching syllabus has not been included in the syllabus review. It was agreed by the EACC that the General Coaching Syllabus should be assessed by each of the Olympic Disciplines to cover the relevant parts.
- Orientation to EA Coaching Seminar – Kellie Hayes raised a question regarding the content and delivery of the Orientation to EA Coaching that is mentioned in the Introductory Coaching resource. Each state has a different approach.

It was agreed that due to the different approaches and understanding of what is compulsory (or not) at a state level, the EA office should further investigate to ensure that all coaches starting the coaching pathway are provided with consistent standardised information in line with a National framework and localised delivery approach.

- Level 3 Course – The Level 3 Syllabus has not been included for review by a Syllabus Working Group.

It was agreed that the Level 3 Syllabus should be reviewed by both the SSTA/CE Working Group and the respective discipline Working Groups.

It was also agreed that EA should commit to running a Level 3 Course commencing at the end of 2020 or beginning of 2021. There has been a great deal of interest in this and it has been a number of years since one was held.

TAE - Professional Development Opportunity for CE Update

All RPL information has been provided to Glenys Cox and Belinda Bailey to review and provide advice. Further information has been requested from SSTA/CEs who indicated that they qualified for RPL but have not provided details. This feedback was requested by 28 February.

Once this information has been received, a survey will be sent to all CE's regarding the next steps and the financial contributions available from EA.

For those SSTA/CEs who already hold qualifications or who qualify for RPL, the next steps are unclear on how they become registered / promoted to Train or Train and Assess the VET qualifications. This requires clarity.

Promotion opportunities become available as this will allow those already working with SSTA/CE's and seeking VET qualifications the ability to access Centrelink funding etc.

This information needs to be captured in the database and reflected on the website.

IGEQ

The following documents were provided to the EACC for review and comment:

- Correspondence from IGEQ Chairwomen re Safety and Risk Working Group requesting support from EA to appoint Simon Kale as chair of this working group
- Minutes from IGEQ conference as provided by the IGEQ
- IGEQ Conference reports from Simon Kale and Tim Calkin

Following the review of this information, a discussion regarding the EA IGEQ delegates was had. Based on the request from the IGEQ, the reports from Simon and Tim and the support provided by the EA Board, the EACC formalised the appointment of two IGEQ delegates in line with the EACC current appointment period (2 years). Simon Kale is one of those appointments due to his involvement in the IGEQ Safety and Risk Working Group.

From the reports provided by Simon and Tim, it was concluded that the IGEQ is showing some great potential under new management. Both reports indicated that with 2 delegates, EA will be in a strong position to help drive the necessary changes.

With the appointment of two delegates, objective expectations of EA's involvement will need to be set and the budget for 2020/21 will need to reflect the costs associated with having two delegates.

CE/SSTA Updates 2020

A list of 46 SSTA/CEs who need to complete updates in 2020 was provided. The list was reviewed and needs to be double checked as there was some incorrect data.

From the data available, 4 CE/SSTA Updates will be required in 2020 (NSW, VIC, QLD & WA). These will be run by the State branches with EA providing some financial assistance – which is yet to be determined.

There is one CE from SA who requires an update. It would be more cost effective to provide financial support for her to attend an update in Victoria rather than delivering one in SA.

It was made clear that any SSTA/CE update delivered must follow the resources that have been provided by EA. Whilst it is acknowledged that these require review, they are the resources currently available to us. It was agreed that an answers template should be created for the CE/SSTA assessment.

Pony Club Australia

Correspondence from Pony Club Australia was discussed and concerns were raised.

Robert Stewart received an email from Pony Club Australia *Introducing Pony Club Australia's new Centre Accreditation program* as he is on the panel of approved instructors.

The feeling of the EACC was that this will impact the progress and implementation of the Ride-a-Horse program and the opportunity for EA coaches to coach at the grass roots level.

There is a clear feeling from the EACC that EA will be left behind if no action is taken but considering the current resourcing challenges, there is concern that it may be too late.

Whilst there is no formal arrangement in place, the relationship with Pony Club Australia and Equestrian Australia is improving with neither party opposed to discussing future opportunities. Recently a member of the EA Board attended the Pony Club Australia National Safety Conference (providing really positive feedback) and the EA National Safety Manager presented on the future directions of EA following the inquest.

High Performance

The opportunity of Will Enzinger presenting about the High Performance program was raised. An invitation is to be extended.

Coaching forums

The disappointment of cancelling the National Coaching Conference was again discussed. Each state advised that they are running professional development / conferences / forums. From the discussion, conflicts in dates and similar topics with the same presenters were being considered.