



Equestrian Australia Coaching Committee (EACC) - UPDATE

Meeting held: Thursday 31 October 2019

Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EACC meeting.

Meeting discussion

Outcomes of Board meeting

The EA Board resolved to support a recommendation made by the EACC that only current EA coaches can coach at club, state and national level and all coaches should have the appropriate accreditation relevant to the level they are coaching.

An implementation plan was discussed to allow coaches the opportunity to upskill where required and for state branches to review selection processes and identify suitably qualified coaches.

Some challenges of implementation were discussed, this includes that of the 332 affiliate clubs only 15 are premium clubs who have agreed to only use EA coaches. This information highlighted the need for an appropriate communication and implementation plan so that local equestrian clubs are still supported.

A marketing campaign should be developed highlighting the benefits of using an EA coach and educating.

EA should lead by example and provide guidance and influence a consistent appointment process for state coaching roles. The next steps in the process are:

- Notification of the Board resolution and implementation of this to state branches and national discipline committees
- Request feedback from state branches and national discipline committees regarding current selection and appointment processes of coaches
- Advise that the EACC would like to support state branches and national discipline committees with a consistent appointment and selection criteria and process so that coaches have enough time to be upskilled or reselected in light of the resolution by 30 June 2020.

CE/SSTA accreditation criteria and process

Clarification was requested regarding the current process for becoming an SSTA/CE following the recent SSTA/CE updates that were funded by EA and delivered by the States. The question was raised regarding what was delivered at these updates and what criteria have the new SSTA/CE's been assessed against.

The current process involves each state providing a list of attendees for the 2 days course. There will be a list of people who wish to become an SSTA/CE who should attend a third day. The State branches should organise for this additional training and provide a list to the EA office.

Simon Kale advised that in previous years, there was a syllabus of learning and assessment that all new SSTA/CE's should be taken through and assessed against with 2 CE's signing off the competencies of the individuals. This workbook should be used before people are accredited at this level.

It was agreed at the meeting that the current process will be accepted for the period May to December 2019 however the resources should be introduced and be included in the syllabus review.

Confirmation of Syllabus Working Groups and next steps

The EACC reviewed the information gathered through the EOI process that determined who amongst the CE and SSTA community would be interested in joining working groups for the syllabus review.

All respondents will be contacted and thanked for their interest.

Working parties have been selected for the following disciplines/areas:

- Coach Educator /Skills Specific Trainer and Assessor
- Dressage
- Eventing
- Jumping

Individuals selected to these groups will be contacted, congratulated and thanked for volunteering. Each respective discipline committee will be notified.

The following working parties did not receive the same level of interest and therefore, the EACC will approach targeted individuals and the discipline committees to seek assistance with forming working parties with the appropriate knowledge and skill:

- Driving
- Show Horse
- Vaulting
- Introductory

Coaching Conference discussion (18, 19, 20 May 2020)

A Working group for the delivery of the Coaching Conference was formed:

- Tim Calkin
- Simon Kale
- Robert Stewart
- Sally-Ann Barbera
- Kellie Hayes
- Sasha Ulasowski.

Canberra was discussed as a possible location due to easy access and proximity to an airport and the AIS and National Equestrian Centre all in close proximity to each other.