



Equestrian Australia Coaching Committee (EACC) – UPDATE

Meeting held: Thursday 29 August 2019

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

1. PRESENTATION BY GOW GATES (10am to 12pm)

Gow Gates presented current insurance offerings available to EA coaches.

From this presentation and feedback provided by the EA Coaching Committee a FAQ will be developed for distribution to EA coaches and placement on the EA website.

Gow Gates and EA have committed to providing further education and information on this important topic.

2. OPENING/WELCOME

Sasha Ulasowski was introduced and welcomed to her role as EA General Manager Sport Operations

3. MEETING DISCUSSION

3.1 Letter to EA Coaches

A letter to all EA coaches will be drafted with the EACC stressing that timing is critical as the EACC are a newly formed committee and Kellie and Sasha are newly appointed to EA in support of the coaching membership. If the delay is too long, we will miss the opportunity to express the desire of a new start.

3.2 Committee IGEQ delegate appointment and strategy

Tim Calkin and Simon Kale will be attending the conference as the official delegates of Equestrian Australia with the intention of Tim being the sole delegate from 1 January 2020.

It will be requested that the IGEQ represent Australia's position on the matrix more appropriately with an update to be provided following the Dec conference.

3.3 Syllabus review and working groups

Members of the original working groups have been contacted regarding the work started in 2017. Some of the original members no longer wish to be included or have not responded.

All SSTA's/CE's will be contacted to see if they would like to join working groups where there is no longer the appropriate number of people available.

SSTA, CE and Mentor categories are to be added to the Syllabus review as well as the 2004 procedures manual.

3.4 Pathway for CE's and pre-requisites

The EACC confirmed that the information on the EA website stating a CE must be a SSTA for 2 years prior to becoming a CE is correct. This was a recommendation made by the Australian Sports Commission and adopted by EA as it provides a true pathway and provides time for SSTA's to develop the experience required to become a CE.

SSTA's are able to assess Introductory Horse Management and Introductory Riding certificates whilst Coach Educators assess Coaching.

3.5 Fast tracking protocols for specific disciplines

There is concern regarding coaches within the Eventing discipline who are coaching above their approved level. Whilst they may be very skilled, according to the EA coaching matrix, they would not be covered by insurance should this be necessary. Life experience is not recognised as an accreditation where one exists.

3.6 Recognition of competition results for Show Horse (L1) in riding module

Recognition of competition results will be reviewed as part of the Show Horse syllabus review

As there are a limited number of competitions available for this discipline, it was suggested that recognition be given for 4 first places (in a class with 5 or more) in Agricultural Shows or above (riding only) to fast track people through L1 riding.

3.7 Standardising CE/SSTA and coach update

The frequency of coach updates will be reviewed in line with the syllabus and be changed to every second year (not third) in line with SSTA/CE Updates.

It was agreed that a standardised delivery model needs to be developed for coach and SSTA/CE Updates. 2019 was an anomaly in the delivery of SSTA/CE updates with states delivering the updates instead of EA. From 2020, delivery will once again be the responsibility of EA so therefore, delivery and content will be standardised.

To ensure the standardisation of coach updates, it was proposed that coach updates could be completed online through the EA learning management system (LMS) that is in the final stages of development. Online content could include Insurance, Risk Management, New process, Sport Australia updates and information, Legislation changes etc

A face to face component would also be required on an annual basis to ensure ongoing education but this could be broadened to include attendance at an EA official update, course designing seminar etc

3.8 TAE training update

The Sports Training – Equestrian package is almost approved. Once approved CE's need to have Training and Education (TAE) qualifications to deliver Level 3 and/or Level 4 Sports Coach - Equestrian.

The Working Group are focused on finding a provider who can deliver TAE qualifications nationally but prior to seeking this information, need to know the number of CE's who are interest and the number of CE's who may already be able to deliver this package (may already work for RTO's or Tafe etc) to obtain a quote.

Contact will be made with all current CE's to determine interest in obtaining TAE qualifications to deliver Level 3 or Level 4 Sports Coach – Equestrian

3.9 Proposed 2020 Coach Conference

The proposal of hosting a national coaching conference was discussed. It was suggested that the conference should be held over a few days and the dates proposed are May 18, 19 & 20. Location TBD

Proposed topics could include:

- Presentations by HP athletes and coaches e.g. an invitation could be made to Boyd Exell or it could link with international coaches
- International speakers and presenters
- National presenters
- Launch of the new syllabus, revised pathway, fast tracking, lapsed coaches, IGEQ framework, LMS and renewals processes etc
- Streams that include:
 - Planning sessions around sport
 - Master classes with disciplines – show jumping, carriage driving, eventing
 - Sport Psychology, Biomechanics (Sport Australia)
 - Fall safety (former gymnast) and other national safety updates
 - VET information
 - ASADA
 - EA presentation discussing things such as
 - Ride a horse platform
 - Officials updates

3.10 Promotion of EA Coaching Pathway

A number of ideas on promoting the EA Coach Pathway were discussed. The ideas were agreed to in principle and a marketing campaign could be developed around the launching of the new syllabus.

3.11 Proposal for committee training

A proposal regarding the training of volunteer committee members was tabled. The proposal outlined that *the healthy future of the equine industry is led by the healthy state of our committees*. Training options will be investigated that could be implemented across all national sport discipline committees and offered to state committees

3.12 Waiver review

The waiver provided by EA on the website is outdated and requires review. Items such as permission to use photos, social media etc should be included.

3.13 Business plan

A coaching business plan with 5 key areas of focus, timeframes and outcomes that will guide the coaching committee for the next 2 years