



## **Equestrian Australia Coaching Committee (EACC) - UPDATE**

**Meeting held: Thursday 17 October 2019**

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

### **Meeting discussion**

#### **Outcomes of Board meeting 23 September:**

- Communication of EA Board Sub-Committee minutes  
The EACC discussed the meeting minutes and the board resolution providing direction on the distribution of this information.
- Restructure of board sub-committees  
At the 23 September Board Meeting, the board were asked to consider restructuring the board sub-committees so that the Chairs of the existing committees formed a sport sub-committee. The existing sub-committees would be established as working groups. This was recommended with the full support of the Discipline and Coaching Committee Chairs to provide greater opportunities to work as 'one sport' and to reflect the depth of knowledge across all disciplines.

The board resolved to consider this as part of the EA strategy (in development).

#### **Syllabus review update and next steps**

The survey responses were discussed.

When selecting groups, it was agreed:

- They should be no more than 5 on a working group
- CE experience and current activity within the coaching scheme should be considered
- Accreditation level within the discipline should also be considered

It was discussed that there needs to be a clearly defined process once decisions have been made on who is to be included in each working group. The need to communicate with respective discipline committees was also agreed.

#### **Level 2 Vaulting & Driving to be included in the syllabus review process**

Level 2 Vaulting coaching and a Level 2 Driving coaching syllabus exist and are to be included in the syllabus review.

#### **Ready Set Trot, Ready Set Vault and Trot Canter Gallop**

Ready Set Trot, Ready Set Vault and Trot Canter Gallop coaching programs are to be included in the syllabus review with this information to be communicated to the Discipline committees and State Branches.

### **Professional Development Opportunity for CE/SSTA's update**

Documents were provided to the EACC regarding the training and the alignment of the syllabus with the TAE training package and what is being offered.

EA have identified some financial assistance in the 2019/20 budget to support CE/SSTA's to complete the training. It was proposed that the financial support is only provided on completion of the qualification – then they can apply to receive funding

It should be understood that EA Coach Educators can still deliver EA coach accreditation but without TAE training qualifications they can't offer qualifications under ASQA even though they correspond. This provides the opportunity for trainees working with qualified TAE CE's to access support such as AusStudy and ABStudy etc

Process on how to roll this out to the community requires further discussion and agreement.

### **Draft business plan for EACC**

A draft business plan has been developed and requires further work. This document cannot be finalised until the EA Strategic Plan has been approved.

### **FAQ for insurance**

A draft FAQ for coach specific insurance was tabled which only included the simpler Q&A. The more complex questions are still being worked on by Gow Gates and the EA office.

### **Criteria for coach of the month**

EA staff outlined the current process for selecting the EA coach of the month.

The EACC agreed:

- more robust criteria should be established for EA Coach of the month and EA Coach of the year
- the process for selection of EA Coach of the Year should be clarified
- Where possible, members of the EACC should influence each state coaching committee/advisory panel so there is consistent nomination criteria and selection processes at a state level

### **Election v appointment to state coaching committees**

There was discussion regarding the different nomination processes of state based coaching committees and the question was asked should they be:

- voted by the Board
- voted by other EA Coaches

In some states the coaches are appointed by the board/state office and in others they are elected by the coaching community and members with endorsement by the state branch & board.

### **Coaching Conference**

A working group for the delivery of the Coaching Conference was proposed with a short meeting proposed to discuss this topic on 31 October.

**Accreditation v registration of coaches**

It was agreed that to be current, you must be registered as accreditation and registration are not one and the same.

It was agreed that to upgrade a coaching level, you need to be a member of your state branch and a current registered coach. This information needs to be communicated to State Branches, Discipline Committees and be available on the EA website.

**National Eventing Committee discussion points for consideration / ideas**

The National Eventing Committee asked for assistance from the EACC to ensure riders competing in cross country for the first time have a greater understanding of the risks etc and that they understand how to conduct basic assessments whilst conducting a course walk etc.

These topics have been raised with the EACC in the past with some comprehensive information provided. The EACC will provide this information again and continue to encourage the Discipline Committee to provide the names of coaches for fast tracking through the system.

Some ideas were discussed that provide long term solutions that should be incorporated into the syllabus review.

The EACC feel that the solution requires an all of sport approach as it was acknowledged that whilst coaching can assist with closing the skill gap, there is a requirement for everyone involved in Eventing to play their part. For example, Officials at club event days should be educated to understand that if a rider does not adequately complete a jumping round, this is an early indication that they may not be ready for XC and rules should be adapted to reflect this etc