



2026-2027 Fees and Levies

Questions and Answers for NSW Members

Note: Where EA rules, membership bylaws, discipline rules or published fee schedules provide more specific detail, those documents will apply.

Q: What are the main changes to ENSW Member fees and levies for 2026-2027?

A: When setting the 2026–2027 fees, the ENSW Board aimed to ensure that expected income would cover the cost of supporting and delivering equestrian sport across NSW.

The Board also wanted fees to better reflect where the money is spent. Competitor Membership fees have therefore been reduced, with this decrease offset by an increase in discipline-specific Competition License fees which will be used to directly support the delivery of the disciplines in NSW.

The main changes are:

- Competitor Membership fees have been reduced by \$27 for Seniors and \$29 for Juniors.
- The one-off \$33 EA IT Levy charged in 2025–2026 has been removed.
- Discipline-specific Competition Licence fees have increased by \$45. Each licence now includes a \$12 EA component, while the ENSW portion has increased from \$45 to \$78.
- The ENSW portion of Competition Licence income is used to support the relevant discipline, including events, officials education, administration, pathways and other discipline activities.
- A discount applies when purchasing multiple Competition Licences, with the third licence only \$12.
- Recreational Membership has increased slightly to better reflect the cost of providing and administering the membership.
- Officials Membership remains free. ENSW is again paying the EA administration and insurance charges for accredited officials. Officials who also compete have been sent a discount code to use when renewing.

Overall, the changes reduce the general Competitor Membership fee, direct more discipline-related income back into the relevant discipline and help ENSW continue supporting equestrian sport across NSW within its expected income. The 2026-27 Membership Fees can be found here: [2026.27 ENSW Schedule of Fees.pdf](#)

1. Questions about ENSW fees

Q: What does the ENSW membership fee fund?

A: The ENSW component supports the delivery of equestrian sport across NSW, including member and club support; discipline administration; events; member and official education; participation and performance pathways; communications; safety initiatives and delivery of national programs within NSW

Q: Who decides ENSW membership fees?

A: The ENSW Board determines State fees each year as part of its annual budget process.

Q: Why have Competitor Membership fees reduced?

A: NSW has reduced Competitor Membership fees while increasing Competition Licence fees so that funding is more directly linked to the discipline's members participate in.

Q: Why have Competition License fees increased?

A: The increase better aligns funding with the costs of supporting each discipline. Each licence also includes the new \$12 EA national administration component.

Q: How is Competition Licence income used?

A: The NSW component supports the discipline in which you compete, including event support; officials education; discipline administration; participation and performance pathways; and other agreed discipline priorities.

Q: What do Recreational Members receive?

A: Recreational Members receive insurance; member communications; NSW member support; governance rights associated with their membership category. Competition rights are not included.

Q: Why is Officials Membership free?

A: NSW recognises the vital contribution accredited Officials make to the sport. For 2026–2027, NSW continues to pay both the EA administration fee and insurance costs on behalf of eligible accredited officials.

Q: I am an Official who also competes. How do I use my discount code?

A: Eligible Officials have been emailed a discount code. Enter the code during renewal of your competing membership. If you haven't received your code, please contact the NSW office.

2. Questions about EA Administration fees

Q: What is the EA Administration fee?

A: This is the national component of your membership that funds Equestrian Australia's administration and delivery of national services. It is separate from insurance and the NSW membership fee.

Q: What does the EA Administration fee fund?

A: It supports national services including rules and policies; integrity and safety programs and support; coach and official accreditation; national governance; national communications; membership and horse databases and national sport administration.

Q: How much of my membership goes to EA?

A: The amount depends on your membership category. JustGo displays the EA and NSW fee components before payment.

Q: Who decides the EA Administration fee?

A: The EA Board approves national membership fees following recommendations from the EA Fees and Levies Committee, which includes two State Branch representatives.

Q: Is the EA fee the same across Australia?

A: Yes. The EA component is consistent nationally. Total membership fees differ because each State Branch determines its own fees.

Q: Why do I pay an EA fee as well as an NSW fee?

A: EA funds national governance, systems, integrity, rules and accreditation. NSW funds the delivery of equestrian sport and member services in NSW.

Q: Is there still an IT Levy?

A: No. The one-off IT Levy introduced in 2025–2026 has been removed.

Q: Why is the EA charge on each Competitional License?

A: Each Competition Licence is administered nationally and maintained within the national membership system. The \$12 EA component contributes to this administration.

3. Questions about insurance

Q. Has my insurance cover changed?

A. No. Whilst the provider has changed (from Marsh to Gow Gates) the insurance cover is the same as the 2025/26 membership year.

Q: How much of my membership fee relates to insurance?

A: The insurance charge is \$79 for senior members and \$29 for junior members.

Q: I belong to an NSW affiliated riding club, do I receive personal accident and public liability cover when I'm riding at the club?

A: No. Club affiliation insurance protects the affiliated club and its approved activities. It does not provide the individual 24/7 Personal Accident and Public Liability insurance included with eligible EA and NSW memberships.

Q: Where can I find the full insurance terms, exclusions and claim information?

A: The current insurance information, policy documents and claims information are available on the EA website here: [Insurance | Equestrian Australia](#)

Want more information?

The following links may be useful

- [EA Membership page](#)
- [EA 2026 Individual Member Guide](#)
- [EA 2026 Affiliate Member Guide](#)
- [EA Insurance information](#)
- [EA Membership Bylaws 2026](#)
- [ENSW membership information and fee schedule](#)