



NOMINEE: Michael Benson

Location: Pitt Town, NSW

Full Name	Michael Benson
Training & Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered Public Accountant. • Registered Company Auditor. • Registered Tax Agent. • Justice of the Peace. • Responsible Manager Registration – Australian Financial Services Licence • Advanced Diploma of Financial Planning – Securities Institute of Australia. • Member of ENSW. • Fellow of the National Institute of Accountants.
“Sport Governance” Skills and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Own accountancy practice based in Pitt Town, New South Wales. • Director of a group of companies involved in venture capital and property development in New South Wales and Queensland. • Member of ENSW Board since 1993
Sport Knowledge and Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started riding at Pony Club at the age of 12 in country Victoria. • Past President for ten years during the late 70’s and early 80’s of Hawkesbury Riding Club (formerly Kellyville Riding Club). • Past Director and Treasurer of the NSW Horse Council. • 1985 – 1988 Past Auditor of Dressage NSW • 1989 – 1992 Past Treasurer of Dressage NSW • 1993 to present - Current Director of Equestrian NSW • Participated in the development of SIEC as an alternative committee delegate to SOCOG for the 2000 Sydney Olympics. • Headed the Management Committee for the hosting of the International Supporters Pavilion during the 2000 Sydney Olympics. • Delegate to the NSW Olympic Committee since 2002. • Chairman of the Finance Committee for ENSW. • Chairman of ENSW during 2008.
Business and Related Skills and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner in two firms of Chartered Accountants. • Commenced with a three partner firm based in Sydney CBD 1984 to 2001. Then a Top Ten Mid-tire national firm based in Sydney CBD 2001 to 2009. • Running accountancy business based in Pitt Town NSW • Director of a group of companies involved in venture capital. and property development in NSW and QLD
Other Relevant Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broaden the sports profile in prime time media both printed and electronic. • Improve the sports exposure to new audiences while maintaining our traditional support base. • Increase the number of competitions and improve the venues and facilities – beginning with club activities and going right through to FEI level international style competitions • Improve and enhance our ability to send NSW riders to compete overseas and to be able to guarantee them funded return to Australia. • Improve our lines of communication to government and also improve our brand with the big end of the corporate world with the view to increasing sponsorship.