

ESA MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS



EQUESTRIAN
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP,
AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP &
HORSE REGISTRATION EXPLAINED**



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What is Competitor Membership?

Competitor membership is tailored more for the advanced rider, but also allows the holder to compete at any level of equestrian sport.

Competitor Senior or Junior membership is available.

Competitor Member benefits:

- Participate in all levels of competition in the sport
- Register horses - Full & Base
- Purchase competition licences
- Covered by 24/7 Personal Accident and Public Liability Insurance
- Vote at ESA Board elections and AGM's (18+ only)
- Access EA & State Communications
- Access member only offers
- Access accredited education programmes
- Attend the ESA Annual Awards Night

Competitor Membership

Competitors can compete in the following:

Dressage & Para Dressage

Competitor Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced, Prix St George, Intermediate A & B, Intermediate I & II, Grand Prix & FEI Para-Equestrian. (Dressage Competition Licence required)

Prep classes, Participant & Closed Restricted* Competitions & National Para Dressage tests of all grades. (Competition licence not required)

*For Closed Restricted competitions open to EA Members.

Jumping

1.05m and above (Jumping Competition Licence required)

1.04 and below (Base Registration required, Competition licence not required)

Eventing

EvA95, 1*, 2*, 3*, 4*, 5* (Eventing Competition licence required)

EvA80 and below (Competition licence not required)

Show Horse

State Championships/HOTY & National Championships

Affiliated Shows*

*EA Affiliated Ag Shows are exempt from Show Horse entrants requiring EA Membership. Other Official Club or Affiliated events require Participant membership at a minimum.

Vaulting

Advanced, Open & Participant Levels

Barrel, Preliminary, Pre-Novice, Novice & Intermediate

Driving

FEI Level competition

Non FEI level & training events

Interschool

State & National Championships (Competition licence may be required)

Regional Events (Competition licence may be required)

Conditions: Horse must hold EA Full Horse Registration.



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What is Participant Membership?

Participant Membership allows the member to actively participate and contribute to lower level competitions & training opportunities in equestrian sport.

Participant Senior or Junior membership is available.

Participant Member benefits:

- Participate in lower level competition & training opportunities in the sport
- Register horses, Full & Base
- Covered by 24/7 Personal Accident and Public Liability Insurance
- Vote at ESA Board elections and AGM's (18+ only)
- Access EA & State Communications
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Participant Membership

Participants can compete in the following:

Dressage & Para Dressage

Participant & Closed Restricted* Competitions & National Para Dressage tests of all grades. (Competition licence not required)

*For Closed Restricted competitions open to EA Members.

Jumping

1.04m and below (**Base Registration required**, Competition licence not required)

Eventing

EvA80 and below (Competition licence not required)

Show Horse

Affiliated Shows*

*EA Affiliated Ag Shows are exempt from Show Horse entrants requiring EA Membership. Other Official Club or Affiliated events require Participant membership at a minimum.

Vaulting

Barrel, Preliminary, Pre-Novice, Novice & Intermediate

Driving

Non FEI level & training events

Interschool

Regional Events (Competition licence may be required*)

*You will need to know the rules required for each discipline.

Conditions: The Member must have a minimum of Participant Membership to compete at this level. Horses do not need to be registered, with the exception of Jumping where a Base Registration is required.

A Participant Member may only compete at the level each discipline classifies as Participant activities.

Where a Competition Licence is required, the member must be a Competitor Member.



Recreational Membership

Recreational Members can participate in the following:

Recreational Membership is **NON Competitive**. It is for those who enjoy participating in equestrian activities for pleasure such as;

- riding at home
- riding at a friends
- riding at an agistment property
- lessons & clinics (not run by an affiliated club)
- trail riding
- beach riding

It can be beneficial for those who ride for pleasure who are also on an Organising Committee, Discipline Committee or ESA Board.

Conditions: Horses do not need to be registered.

Recreational Membership is strictly non competitive, if you would like to participate in EA Affiliated training opportunities or compete low level, you will need to upgrade to a minimum of the Participant Membership option.

What is Recreational Membership?

Recreational Membership allows the member to actively participate in everyday riding & unaffiliated training opportunities and contribute to the running of equestrian sport.

Recreational Senior or Junior membership is available.

Recreational Member benefits:

- Participate in everyday riding & training opportunities in the sport
- Register horses - Base ONLY
- Covered by 24/7 Personal Accident and Public Liability Insurance
- Vote at ESA Board elections and AGM's (18+ only)
- Access EA & State Communications
- Access member only offers
- Attend the ESA Annual Awards Night



Supporter Membership

Supporter Membership can include the following:

- Supporter Coach
- Supporter Official
- Supporter Volunteer
- Supporter Owner/Other

Supporter Membership is **NON Riding**. It is for those who participate in equestrian activities off the horse;

- Non riding Coaches
- Accredited EA Officials
 - Stewards
 - Judges
 - Course Designers
 - Technical Delegates
- Volunteers
 - ESA Board Members
 - ESA Discipline Committee Members
 - Affiliated Clubs Organising Committee Members
- Owners
- Parents & other family members

Supporter Members are recognised for their significant contribution to the sport and giving back through their various avenues.

It can be beneficial for those on an Organising Committee, Discipline Committee or the ESA Board.

Conditions: Supporter Membership is strictly non riding, if you would like to ride as well as perform Supporter duties, you will need to upgrade to a minimum of Recreational Membership. If you wish to participate in EA Affiliated training opportunities or compete low level, you will need to upgrade to a minimum of the Participant Membership option.

To hold Supporter Coach or Officials Membership you must meet all of EA's standards and appear on a current accredited list.

What is Supporter Membership?

Supporter Membership is for those that contribute to the running of equestrian sport but do not ride.

Supporter membership is only available for Seniors.

Supporter Member benefits:

- Register horses - Full & Base
- Purchase competition licences
- Covered by 24/7 Personal Accident and Public Liability Insurance
- Vote at ESA Board elections and AGM's
- Access EA & State Communications
- Access member only offers
- Access accredited education programmes
- Attend the ESA Annual Awards Night



Horse Registration

Full Registration

A lifetime registration of competitive horses permitting participation in equestrian activities across all disciplines.

Only horses with Full Registration can hold Competition Licences.

Base Registration

A lifetime registration of horses for the purpose of bio security or securing a name. Base Registration is mandatory for horses jumping 1.04m and below at Affiliated EA competitions.

You can upgrade to Full Registration at any time by simply paying the difference.



Having your horse registered with EA and their microchip number and Property Identification Code (PIC) number in the system, will ensure that should disease breakout, the relevant government agencies such as Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA), Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) and Animal Health Australia will be able to support you.

Who can Register Horses?

Horses can only be registered by a current EA Member or Commercial Affiliate.

| | BASE | FULL |
|----------------------|------|------|
| Competitor | ✓ | ✓ |
| Participant | ✓ | ✓ |
| Recreational | | |
| Supporter | ✓ | ✓ |
| Affiliate/Club | | |
| Commercial Affiliate | | ✓ |

Benefits of a HORSE REGISTRATION

| | Full | Base |
|--------------------------------|------|------|
| Registered for Life | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bio-security & PIC no. records | ✓ | ✓ |
| Microchip database records | ✓ | ✓ |
| Hold Competition Licences | ✓ | |



What is Club Affiliation Membership?

For Equestrian Clubs that support the membership and contribute to the sports development across the country.

Club Affiliation benefits:

- Access to competitive Club insurance packages
- Ability to conduct Club (Closed Restricted), Participant & Competitive activities & events
- Use of EA rules, regulations & intellectual property (IP)
- Easier access to accredited EA Coaches and Officials
- Ability to deliver EA accredited programs
- Access to EA & State Communications
- Covered by the Member Protection Policy and other relevant policies of EA
- Promotion on the ESA website & social media platforms
- Vote at ESA Board elections and AGM's
- Access to a range of additional services offered by the State Branch

Club Affiliation

What is Club Affiliation?

A Club Affiliation allows non for profit groups to run activities and competitions affiliated with Equestrian SA, these can be in the form of Club (Closed Restricted), Participant or Competitive.

Who can purchase Club Affiliation?

- Discipline Based Clubs
- Agricultural Shows
- Breed Societies
- Pony Clubs
- Riding Clubs
- Hunt Clubs
- Riding for the Disabled Clubs

There are 2 membership options based on how many events the club holds during the membership year:

- Club 1-2 Events Membership
- Club 3+ Events Membership

Insurance

As an EA Affiliate, you have access to the EA National Insurance Program, which offers Affiliates Personal Accident, Public Liability, Professional Indemnity and Management Liability Insurance.

The EA National Insurance Program provides:

- Personal Accident Insurance for voluntary workers, committee members, judges, officials and administrators ONLY (i.e. NOT members).
- Public & Product Liability for members of affiliated clubs/associations, voluntary workers, committee members, judges, officials and administrators.
- Professional Indemnity for coaches, administrators, voluntary workers, medical officers, judges and officials.
- Management Liability for committee members, directors, administrators and employees.

Please note Insurance is purchased SEPERATELY to Affiliate - Club Membership and done so directly through EA or your chosen insurer, NOT ESA



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What is Commercial Affiliation Membership?

For Equestrian Clubs that support the membership and contribute to the sports development across the country.

Commercial Affiliation benefits:

- Access to competitive insurance packages
- Use of EA rules, regulations & intellectual property (IP)
- Easier access to accredited EA Coaches and Officials
- Ability to deliver EA accredited programs
- Access to EA & State Communications
- Ability to conduct Participant & Competitive activities & events
- Covered by the Member Protection Policy and other relevant policies of EA
- Access to a range of additional services offered by the State Branch
- Register horses - Full & Base
- Purchase competition licences

Commercial Affiliation

What is Commercial Affiliation?

Businesses or groups which affiliate with Equestrian SA to access EA services for a commercial benefit.

Who can purchase Commercial Affiliation?

- Corporate groups & businesses
- Equestrian centres
- Riding centres or riding schools
- Horse breeders or studs*
- Syndicates or Corporate ownerships*

*To register horses and purchase competition licences as an owner only, riders must hold an EA individual membership.

Equestrian SA 2026 - 2029 Strategy

Equestrian South Australia (ESA) enters the 2026–2029 strategic period with a clear mandate:

- ★ to restore confidence,
- ★ modernise governance,
- ★ strengthen integrity and welfare standards and,
- ★ ensure sustainable growth of equestrian sport across South Australia.

This Strategic Plan responds to the evolving expectations of members, government and the broader sporting community. It recognises that long-term success requires disciplined governance, transparent leadership, inclusive participation pathways and responsible financial stewardship.



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ESA's Vision is to be a transparent, accountable and high-performing State Sporting organisation that supports safe participation, develops excellence, and rebuilds member trust in equestrian sport across South Australia.

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