

Membership & Competition Structure

Membership Structure

We recognise that everyone joins our sport for a different reason and that not everyone intends to compete at the highest level of the sport.

Whether you're a volunteer, official, owner, coach or you just like to compete at the lower levels of the sport with your horse and have fun with your friends, we want to ensure there are appropriate categories for everyone.

WHICH MEMBERSHIP IS RIGHT FOR ME?		
COMPETITIVE	NON COMPETITIVE	AFFILIATES
COMPETITOR	SUPPORTER	CLUB
<i>For the competitor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24/7 Personal Accident Insurance• 24/7 Public & Product Liability Insurance• Participation at all levels of competition, including Participation classes*• Life and Base register horses• Purchase Competition Licenses• Accesses EA & ESA communications• ESA Annual Awards night member discounts• Sports Pass Rewards Card• Voting Rights (18+ only)	<i>For the Coach, official, owner or supporter</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24/7 Personal Accident Insurance• 24/7 Public & Product Liability Insurance• Participation at all levels of competition, including Participation classes*• Life and Base register horses• Purchase Competition Licenses• Accesses EA & ESA communications• ESA Annual Awards night member discounts• Sports Pass Rewards Card• Voting Rights (18+ only)	<i>For Clubs</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to competitive Club insurance packages• Use of EA sport rules & intellectual property• Access to EA Coaches and Officials• Ability to deliver EA accredited programs• Access EA & ESA communications• Ability to conduct closed activities/events
PARTICIPANT	RECREATIONAL *NEW*	AFFILIATE
<i>For the Grass Roots competitor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24/7 Personal Accident Insurance• 24/7 Public & Product Liability Insurance• Participation in Participation classes at events*	<i>For the Pleasure Rider</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24/7 Personal Accident Insurance• 24/7 Public & Product Liability Insurance• Accesses EA & ESA communications	<i>For organisations and commercial groups</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to EA Insurance packages• Use of EA sport rules & intellectual property

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**For more details on our membership benefits and structure visit www.sa.equestrian.org.au*

Recreational members are those who enjoy riding a horse in equestrian activities for pleasure, riding out or may be a member of an equestrian club. A Recreational member may have had limited association with ESA in the past and could be a member of an equestrian club that is outside of the seven EA sports and could participate at events within the closed club environment. The Equestrian South Australia, Recreational member will now be able to ride with safety of 24/7 insurance.

For the ESA State Interschools Championships and all other Interschool events in SA, they are classified as Competitive activities and EA Junior Competitor membership is required for entry.

MEMBER CATEGORY				
<i>Benefit</i>	<i>Recreational</i>	<i>Supporter</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Competitive</i>
Compete in Competitive competition				√
Compete in participant level competitions			√	√
Accredited education programs (coach & officials)		√	√	√
Life & Base register horses		√	√	√
Purchase competition licenses		√		√
Sit on EA Committees		√	√	√
24/7 Insurance	√	√	√	√
ESA Annual Awards night member discount	√	√	√	√
Access to EA & State communications	√	√	√	√
SportsPass Rewards Card	√	√	√	√

Competition Structure

Event/ Activity type		Discipline Specific Activity						Conditions	
		Dressage	Jumping	Eventing	Show Horse	Vaulting	Driving		Interschools
OFFICIAL EVENTS	Competitive	Grand Prix, Intermediate II Intermediate I, Prix St George, Advanced Medium, Elementary Novice, Prelim FEI Para-Equestrian	1.05m and above	3 Star 2 Star 1 Star EvA105 EvA95	National Championship State/HOY Championship	Open Advanced Intermediate Novice	FEI Level competition	National Championship State Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be an EA Competitor member• Horse must hold EA Full Horse Registration• Must meet state competition licence requirements
	Participation	Novice Prelim Prep EA National Para-Dressage	1.04m and below	EvA80	Affiliated events*	Pre-novice Preliminary Barrel	Non-FEI levels and training events	Regional Events**	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be minimum EA Participant member• EA Horse Registration (Full or Base) is encouraged and may be enforced (for bio- security purposes)• Competition licence not required
CLOSED EVENTS	Restricted	Definition- Club activities for club members to compete against other club members of the same Club (classes or training activities may be of any discipline level but must abide by the conditions of a closed event) AND/OR club activities for club members against invited EA members to a maximum level of class as defined as participation activity.				Conditions - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entries open to members of the host club only or invited EA members• Horses do not have to be registered• Can only be conducted by EA Club Affiliates – not Sport Affiliates or Commercial groups• Classes for members only may be of any discipline level or to a maximum participation level for invited EA members			

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