

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.

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 Interschool Championships and all other Interschool events in SA, they are classified as Competitive activities and EA Junior Competitor membership is required for entry. There are a number of different categories of competitions that affiliated clubs can hold. These include:

Closed Events: club activities for club members to compete against other members of the same club. Clubs may invite ESA members to participate in these activities, however they may choose to allow their club members only.

Participant Events: ESA Participant & Competitor members may compete at these events in 'below the line' classes. No grading points are acquired for horses in these events, and EA horse registration is not required. Many ESA affiliated clubs will hold Club & Participant events, where both club members and ESA Participant & Competitor members may compete.

Competitive or Official Events: these are official events that acquire grading points for horses. Only ESA Competitor members may enter these classes, and horses must be EA registered, all registered owners of the horse must hold current membership and the horse must have the relevant performance cards.