

# ONE SPORT, ONE MEMBERSHIP

## Introducing equestrian's new membership structure



### EVENT ORGANISERS QUICK GUIDE

## Adapting to the new equestrian membership structure

### What are the changes that affect event organisers?

As of 1 July 2013 how EA activities and discipline specific classes are classified has changed. Organising Committees conducting EA events should note that the EA General Regulations have been updated and all activities and events run under the EA rules will now be required to conduct classes and monitor memberships and horse registrations as per the below activity classification table.

A three (3) month grace period will exist for events scheduled and submitted to the State Branch office prior to 30 June 2013. Any newly scheduled event during this period must be conducted under the revised General Regulations and Sport Rules, however members of QLD, WA and NT may be exempt as their membership is calendar year (refer to page 2).

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"> <li>• Must be an EA Competitor member</li> <li>• Horse must hold EA Full Horse Registration</li> <li>• Must meet state competition licence requirements</li> </ul>
	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"> <li>• Must be minimum EA Participant member</li> <li>• EA Horse Registration (Full or Base) is encouraged and may be enforced (for bio-security purposes)</li> <li>• Competition licence not required</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Entries open to members of the host club only or invited EA members</li> <li>• Horses do not have to be registered</li> <li>• Can only be conducted by EA Club Affiliates – not Sport Affiliates or Commercial groups</li> <li>• Classes for members only may be of any discipline level or to a maximum participation level for invited EA members</li> </ul>			

\* In the discipline of Show Horse only EA affiliated Ag Shows are exempt from Show Horse entrants requiring EA membership. Entrants into all other official Club or affiliated events require EA Participant membership at a minimum.

\*\* In the State of QLD only, Interschool regional events from Rockhampton and north only require an EA Participant membership. For the QLD State Interschools Championships and all other Interschool events in QLD, they are classified as Competitive activities and EA Junior Competitor membership is required for entry.

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#### Can Unofficial and Associate classes still be run?

Unofficial and Associate classes no longer exist. Examples of the types of competition that can now be run include;

##### 1. Official Competitive

Any discipline of any class level. Entrants require EA Competitor membership and Full Horse registration. May be conducted by all EA Sport Affiliates. (Same as the current official competition structure).

##### 2. Official Participation

Any discipline up to the maximum class level as defined in the above table. Entrants require EA Participant membership and are encouraged to have their horse registered. May be conducted by all EA Sport Affiliates. (Similar to the old Associate but restricts host club members from participating).

##### 3. Closed Restricted

Any discipline of any level. Entry is only open to members of the host club. Horse registration is encouraged. May only be conducted by EA Club Affiliates – Not Sport Affiliate or Commercial Groups. (Same as the current club member only competition structure).

##### 4. Closed Un-restricted

Any discipline up to the maximum class level as defined in the above table. Entrants may be members of the host club or invited EA members. Horse registration is encouraged. May only be conducted by EA Club Affiliates – Not Sport Affiliate or Commercial Groups. (Similar to the old Associate but restricts the level of competition to participation classified activities).

#### What do we do about events that have already been organised?

A three (3) month grace period will exist for events scheduled and submitted to the State Branch office prior to 30 June 2013. Any newly scheduled event during this period must be conducted under the revised General Regulations and Sport Rules.

As of 1 December 2013 events held in NSW, VIC, SA and TAS must use the revised General Regulations and Sport Rules (effective 1 July 2013).

Events held in QLD, NT and WA prior to 1 Jan 2014 may operate under the revised Sport Rules (effective 1 July 2013) but may also permit entries based on the below membership category conversation table until 1 Jan 2014;

Competitive Events	May accept entries from current EA Senior, Junior, Life Member, Associate, Senior Show Horse and Student members
Participation Events	May accept entries from current EA Senior, Junior, Life Member, Associate, Senior Show Horse, Student, Recreational – Senior, Recreational Junior and Regional Junior members

#### When do the changes come into effect?

**EA General Regulations** Effective 1 July 2013 in all States.

**EA Membership By-laws** Effective 1 July 2013 in NSW, VIC, TAS and SA; Effective 1 Jan 2014 in QLD, NT and WA.

For the 6 month period until 1 Jan 2014, QLD, NT and WA may choose to operate under the new or previous version of the EA Member By-laws as the case may be.

#### Sports Rules

Rules for all disciplines effective as of 1 July 2013. Note the QLD, WA and NT memberships changes differ as outlined above.

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