



EQUESTRIAN
QUEENSLAND

SPORT COMMITTEE & SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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The Constitution of Equestrian Queensland deems that all members of Sport Committees or Sub-Committees associated with the management and development of the Sport are expected to hold membership with the Sport.

The main reason for membership in the Sport especially for committee members that have direct input into the management and policy development of a particular sport or event, is accountability to the Equestrian Queensland Board.

Any Sub-committee set up by a respective Sport Committee is an extension of that particular Sport Committee and as such, the same requirement that applies to members of the Sport Committee must also apply to Sub-committee members.

It is also important to recognize the distinction in terms of volunteerism - on one level a person may volunteer their services to be a penciller, assist in the running of an event, be a judge or the like, but in doing this they have no direct input into the management and development of the particular Sport. As soon as an individual sits on a Sports Committee or Sub-committee where the role they play as a volunteer changes to the extent they are assuming tasks and responsibilities that can have direct input on the management and policy development of the sport - accountability is needed.

In terms of insurance, it is important to protect the interests of the Sport and this can only be achieved by ensuring we take all necessary precautions. By expecting all Sport Committee and Sub-committee members involved in policy development and management of the sport to also be members of the sport, we are ensuring that our insurance and membership protection policy protects those very individuals involved in the management process as well as the sport itself.

As such, the Equestrian Queensland Board has determined that any Sport Committee or Sub-committee member that has input into the development or management of any aspect of the sport, via policy development or otherwise, must be at least a paid participant or supporter member of the sport. Where there is no involvement from the point of view of policy development or management direction the Board does not require mandatory membership in the sport.

It is expected that all Sport Committees will enforce this policy.