

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

That the Constitution of Equestrian Queensland Inc. is repealed and replaced with the Constitution annexed hereto and marked "A".

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

The existing EQ constitution was last amended in 2010 and following consultation with sport committees at the annual forum in October, some minor changes have been proposed by the EQ board under three broad themes.

1. Classes of membership- update to reflect the current structure
2. Terminology updates to modernise
3. To align objects with EA

Below is a table summarising the proposed amendments to be considered by members as a Special Resolution at the 2016 EQ AGM to be held at 6pm on March 15, 2017.

SECTION	SUBJECT	PROPOSED CHANGE	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE
2	Objects of the branch	Revise wording to better align with EA	Consistency with EA where possible – see table 1 below
2	Objects of EA as adopted by the branch	Remove and incorporate into objects of the branch (above)	There is no need for this section. The majority of the clauses in this section are no longer part of the current EA objects (see Table 1). Further most of the EA objects are included in the EQ objects
12.1	Definitions – Refers to general manager	Change to Chief Executive Officer	Consistency of terminology
17.1(a) (b)	Classes of members	Update this to reflect current membership structure	Consistency of terminology
25.1 (ii)(iii)	Advertising notice of AGM in major Queensland newspaper	Remove clause (ii) Slight re-wording of clause (iii)	Reflects contemporary communication practice, while retaining requirement to advise members through internal communication channels

37.6 (b)	Conflicts	Add new phrase prohibiting directors from holding any official position with another organisation which provides an actual or perceived conflict of interest	Consistent with change to EA constitution to reflect ASC MGP
38.1	Appointment of CEO	Add new clauses (a) (i) (ii), (b), (c) to include that the CEO may not be appointed or elected to the Board for three years after ceasing employment	Consistent with change to EA constitution to reflect ASC MGP
46.3	Conflicts	Add new section that is consistent with requirements of Board Directors	Consistent with change to EA constitution to reflect ASC MGP
42.5	Qualifications of sport committee nominees	Remove the 200 word limit	Reflects consistency with board director nominations which has no word limit on resumes.
51.1	Audit committee	Add new section requiring formal establishment of audit committee including external person with accounting qualifications	Consistent with change to EA constitution to reflect ASC MGP

TABLE 1: COMPARISON OF EA AND EQ OBJECTS

EQ	EA	PROPOSED CHANGES FOR EQ
a) create a single uniform entity through and by which participation in Equestrian activities in Queensland can be conducted, promoted, regulated and administered;	create in conjunction with the Branches a uniform entity through and by which Equestrian sport in Australia can be encouraged, conducted, promoted and administered and to be the governing body of Equestrian sport in Australia; (a)	No change
b) to conduct in Queensland such activities as are necessary or appropriate to give effect to, and are not inconsistent with, the objects of Equestrian Australia Ltd ("The Federation") as adopted by the Branch;	promote and encourage Equestrian sport and the conduct of international competition as a member of the Fédération Equestre Internationale ("FEI"); (b)	b) to conduct in Queensland such activities as are necessary or appropriate to give effect to, and are not inconsistent with, the objects of Equestrian Australia Ltd ("The Federation") as adopted by the Branch;
c) to conduct, or to permit the conduct in conjunction with the Branch, of any activity in Queensland which may be conveniently carried out on premises subject for the time being to the control of the Branch or in Branch with activities related to the horse and pony which is intended		c) to conduct, or to permit the conduct in conjunction with the Branch, of any activity in Queensland which may be conveniently carried out on premises subject for the time being to the control of the Branch or in Branch with activities related to the horse and pony which is intended to

to support, financially or otherwise, equestrian interests in Queensland		support, financially or otherwise, equestrian interests in Queensland
	adopt and accept the rules of the FEI and abide by the interpretation of such rules as determined from time to time by the Company; (c)	d) adopt and accept the rules of the FEI and abide by the interpretation of such rules as determined from time to time by EA;
d) to associate or affiliate with other persons or bodies having an interest in the promotion of sport or recreation, equestrian or otherwise, or in equestrian activities		e) associate or affiliate with other persons or bodies having an interest in the promotion of sport or recreation, equestrian or otherwise, or in equestrian activities
	represent and act on behalf of, and in the interests of, the Branches and the Participating Members in all matters pertaining to Equestrian sport at a national and international level; (d)	f) represent and act on behalf of, and in the interests of Members in all matters pertaining to Equestrian sport at a state level;
e) control, manage and conduct Equestrian competition particularly at a State level;	control, manage and conduct Equestrian sport competitions, exhibitions, events, demonstrations and displays at a national level; (e)	g) control, manage and conduct Equestrian sport competitions, exhibitions, events, demonstrations and displays at a State level
f) to conduct or commission research and development for improvements in Equestrian activities and Equestrian equipment;		Delete
g) use and protect the Intellectual Property of the Branch;	use and protect the Intellectual Property of the Branch; (n)	No change, except renumbering
h) promote the importance of Equestrian standards, techniques, awards and education to bodies involved in or related to Equestrian sports;	promulgate and secure uniformity in such rules and standards as may be necessary for the management of Equestrian sport, Equestrian sport competitions and related activities, including but not limited to the rules of the sport and coaching and officiating standards; (p)	i) promulgate and secure uniformity in such rules and standards as may be necessary for the management of Equestrian sport, Equestrian sport competitions and related activities, including but not limited to the rules of the sport and coaching and officiating standards;
	act in good faith and loyalty to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the Company and Equestrian sport, its standards, quality and reputation for the collective and mutual benefit of the Branches and the Participating Members and Equestrian sport; (h)	j) act in good faith and loyalty to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the Branch and Equestrian sport, its standards, quality and reputation for the collective and mutual benefit of the Members and Equestrian sport;
i) strive for and maintain government, commercial and public recognition of the Branch as the authority on Equestrian activities in Queensland;	strive for and maintain government, commercial and public recognition of the Company as the authority for Equestrian sport in Australia; (o)	k) strive for and maintain government, commercial and public recognition of the Branch as the authority for Equestrian activities in Queensland;

j) pursue through itself or others such commercial arrangements, including sponsorship and marketing opportunities, as are appropriate to further the objects of the Branch;	pursue through itself or others, such commercial arrangements, including sponsorship and marketing opportunities, as are appropriate to further the objects of the Company; (q)	No change, except renumbering
	promote the economic and sporting success, strength and stability of the Company and each Branch and to act interdependently with each Branch in pursuit of these Objects; (j)	m)promote the economic and sporting success, strength and stability of the Branch in pursuit of these Objects;
k) ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account in all Equestrian activities and related activities conducted by the Branch;		Delete
	encourage, conduct, promote, advance and govern Equestrian sport (l)	n)encourage, conduct, promote, advance and govern Equestrian sport in Queensland;
l) promote the health and safety of Members	promote the health and safety of riders, horses, officials and other individuals participating in Equestrian sport in any capacity; (t)	o)promote the health and safety of riders, horses, officials and other individuals participating in Equestrian sport in any capacity;
m) act as final arbiter on all matters pertaining to the conduct of Equestrian (FEI) activities in Queensland, including disciplinary matters;	act as final arbiter on all matters pertaining to the conduct of Equestrian sport in Australia, including disciplinary matters; (u)	No change, except renumbering
n) establish and conduct educational programs for officials/volunteers in the implementation and interpretation of Equestrian competition rules and standards;	establish and conduct education and training programs for riders, coaches, judges, officials, support personnel and staff in the implementation and interpretation of Equestrian sport rules and standards, and any of the policies, codes of conduct, protocols and principles which are formulated, adopted or implemented under the Object in Rule 2(w); (v)	q)establish and conduct education and training programs for riders, coaches, judges, officials, volunteers, support personnel and staff, in the implementation and interpretation of Equestrian sport rules and standards, and any of the policies, codes of conduct, protocols and principles which are formulated, adopted or implemented under the Object in Rule 2(o);
o) formulate and implement appropriate policies, including policies in relation to equal opportunity, equity, drugs in sport, health, safety, junior and senior programs, infectious diseases and such other matters as arise from time to time as issues to be addressed in Equestrian sports;	formulate, adopt, implement and observe appropriate policies, codes of conduct, protocols and principles including policies, codes of conduct, protocols and principles in relation to member protection, equal opportunity, equity, anti-doping, sports medicine, integrity, corruption, health, safety, junior and senior programs, infectious	r)formulate, adopt, implement and observe appropriate policies, codes of conduct, protocols and principles including policies codes of conduct, protocols and principles in relation to member protection equal opportunity, equity, anti-doping, sports medicine, integrity, corruption, health, safety, junior and senior programs, infectious

	diseases and such other matters as arise from time to time as issues to be addressed in Equestrian sports; (w)	diseases and such other matters as arise from time to time as issues to be addressed in Equestrian sports;
p) represent the interests of its Members and of Equestrian Sports generally in any appropriate forum;	represent the interests of the Participating Members and of Equestrian sport generally in any appropriate forum including representations to government on issues facing the Equestrian sport industry; (aa)	No change, except renumbering
q) have regard to the public interest in its operations;	have regard to the public interest in its operation (bb)	No change, except renumbering
r) encourage Members to realise their potential and athletic abilities		No change, except renumbering
s) encourage and promote performance-enhancing drug free competition;	encourage and promote performance-enhancing drug free competition; (cc)	No change, except renumbering
t) give, and where appropriate, seek recognition for Members to obtain awards or public recognition in fields of endeavour other than Equestrian sports;	give, and where appropriate, seek recognition for athletes, officials and other individuals participating in Equestrian sport in any capacity to obtain awards or public recognition; and (dd)	give, and where appropriate, seek recognition for Members to obtain awards or public recognition (in fields of endeavour other than Equestrian sports;)
u) seek and obtain improved facilities for the enjoyment of Equestrian activities;		No change, except renumbering
v) undertake and or do all such things or activities which are necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of these objects; and	undertake and or do all things or activities which are necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of these objects. (ee)	y) undertake and or do all such things or activities which are necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of these Objects;
w) ensure the Branch is to managed in such a way that it does not have a negative net worth at the end of the Financial Year		Delete – will be covered under new clause (m): <i>promote the economic and sporting success, strength and stability of the Branch in pursuit of these Objects;</i>
aa) to collate information both from within and without Australia with regard to all matters affecting the horse and the pony, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing to collect all available information with regard to the history and development of the horse and pony respectively, their habit, their care and management, their breeding and training, their	n/a	Delete

welfare and the most suitable methods of exhibition;		
bb) to co-ordinate and to distribute such information to the Australian public, and in particular to members;	n/a	Delete
cc) to promote the interests of horse and pony breeding and to encourage the use and protection of horses and ponies and stimulate public interest in horses and ponies in the care and management thereof;	n/a	Delete
dd) to promote, facilitate and assist in the acquisition and distribution of knowledge of the various arts and sciences connected with the horse and the pony and the management and use thereof;	n/a	Delete
ee) to promote and facilitate scientific research for the purpose of acquiring knowledge of the horse and the pony and of furthering the interest of the breeders and owners of horses and ponies, and of improving breeding methods of horses and ponies;	promote and facilitate scientific research and experiments for the purposes of acquiring knowledge of the horse, its care, management and training, and of furthering the interests of the breeders and owners of horses and of improving breeding and breeding methods of horses (y)	No change, except renumbering
ff) to print, publish and distribute by sale or otherwise any periodicals or books or leaflets, and to conduct any courses of instruction, lectures, or discussions conducive to the promotion and the objects of the Federation;	n/a	Delete
gg) to promote and/or hold and/or assist in holding exhibitions (including competitions, demonstrations of performance and other displays) of horses and ponies;		Delete - will be covered under new clause (m): <i>encourage, conduct, promote, advance and govern Equestrian sport in Queensland</i>
hh) to promote, encourage and organise the entry of equestrian teams in Olympic Games and other competitions international and national;	select and manage Equestrian sport teams and individuals to represent Australia in international competitions and events inside and outside Australia; (f)	aa) to promote, encourage, select and manage Equestrian sport teams and individuals to represent Queensland in national competitions and events inside and outside Australia;

ii) (gg) to foster relations between equestrian bodies and to act as the peak representative body for equestrian sport in Queensland.		(gg) to bb) foster relations between equestrian bodies and to act as the peak representative body for equestrian sport in Queensland.
	encourage, conduct, promote, and administer Equestrian sport throughout Australia, through and by the Branches for the mutual and collective benefit of the Participating Members and Equestrian sport; (g)	n/a
	co-operate with, and promote mutual trust and confidence between the Company and the Branches and between the Branches themselves in pursuit of these Objects; (i)	n/a
	affiliate and otherwise liaise with the FEI and such other bodies as may be desirable, in the pursuit of these Objects; (k)	n/a
	apply the property and capacity of the Company towards the fulfilment and achievement of these Objects; (m)	cc) apply the property and capacity of the Company towards the fulfilment and achievement of these Objects; and
	maintain and extend the operations and activities of the Company through Branches; (r)	n/a
	in conjunction with Branches further develop the Company and Equestrian sport into an organised institution having regard to these Objects; (s)	n/a
	assist, cooperate and liaise with applicable international and national anti-doping and integrity organisations having jurisdiction over Equestrian sport; (x)	dd) assist, cooperate and liaise with applicable international and national anti-doping and integrity organisations having jurisdiction over Equestrian sport.
	formulate, adopt, implement and observe proper investigation, supervision and reporting policies in relation to the sports science practices in Equestrian sport; (z)	n/a