

EVENT FUNDING OVERVIEW

Funding under the EQ Sport Development – Event Funding Program is available to support the delivery of high-quality equestrian events in Queensland. Funding may be applied toward the following eligible expenses:

1. **Travel and/or accommodation costs for foreign or Australian-based technical officials** (including judges, technical delegates, course designers, and stewards) who are required under the relevant rules to officiate at International, National, State, or approved Showcase* events.

Where the program is oversubscribed, priority may be given to events that provide recognised educational or mentoring opportunities for officials or athletes.

SHOWCASE EVENTS – DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPORT

- Funding may be provided for innovative, participation-focused initiatives that align with the EQ 2025–2028 Strategic Plan. Showcase event funding may be granted once only per initiative.

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ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for funding, applicants must:

- Be an EQ Sport Committee or a current EQ-affiliated organisation.
- Hold a current Certificate of Currency for insurance.
- Demonstrate that the event will be conducted in accordance with EQ and Equestrian Australia (EA) safety and risk-management protocols, including the use of Medical Service Providers in accordance with Equestrian Queensland Policy.
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APPLYING FOR FUNDING

How to Apply:

- Confirm that all eligibility requirements have been met.
- Complete all relevant sections of the online application form available on the EQ website.
- The maximum level of funding available per major event is up to \$5,000 (excluding GST).

Before any application is approved, EQ will seek endorsement from the Chair of the relevant EQ Sport Committee.

IMPORTANT DATES

- All events and activities are to take place during 2026
- Applications must be submitted by no later than **COB Monday 10 March 2026**. Late or incomplete applications may not be accepted.

HOW IS OUR APPLICATION ASSESSED?

EQ reserves the right to determine priorities for the allocation of funding, taking account of:

- the quality of the information provided; and
- the total funds available in the program

All applicants will be notified in writing as it relates to the outcome of their application. EQ will make contact if further information is required to assess your application.

WHAT IS REQUIRED AFTER THE EVENT FUNDING HAS BEEN APPROVED?

- A post event report together with a tax invoice must be provided for the full amount [100%] of the funds and submitted to EQ no later than 60 days from the date of the event with the EQ Acquittal information found in link provided [HERE](#)
- The post event report (acquittal template included) should include:
 - Number of athletes, horses and spectators
 - Outline of social media platforms used, engagement and reach over the duration of the event
 - Any local and/or national media received
 - How was Equestrian Queensland recognised as a partner of the event
 - Actual profit and loss statement

EQ reserves the right to review final allocation of funding following receipt of final documentation where the information supplied differs greatly to the original application or where the terms and conditions of funding have not been met.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

EQ is to be recognised as a partner of the event for our support including the provision of:

- Press releases (if applicable)
- Acknowledgment on event online platforms
- EQ's logo is to be used and recognised as an event sponsor as part of all marketing collateral
- EQ branding should form part of the event promotion including:
 - PA/MC recognition
 - Logo recognition across all marketing collateral including event program, website, big screen, posters and other
 - Advertising (where applicable) in program, website, social media and if available on live streaming
 - The OC, as a minimum, will invite the EQ Chair and EQ CEO to all special functions held as part of the event and, if practical, allow an EQ representative to present an Award.