



EQUESTRIAN  
QUEENSLAND

# EQ AFFILIATED CLUB FORUM

## Event Delivery

Monday 24th March 2025 at 7pm

# Agenda



- **Welcome & Introduction**
- **Discipline Rule Updates**
- **Event Safety Requirements**
- **Delivering EA Participant & Competitive Events**
- **Disaster Recovery Funding**
- **Questions**

# Equestrian Queensland Club Development Forum



## Welcome and Introduction

**Keep your mic muted when you are not speaking.** Most important: this will limit noise interference.

**You will need to unmute yourself** to begin speaking when needed.

**Avoid talking over others & introduce yourself each time you speak.** Unlike an in-person meeting, it's sometimes difficult to distinguish between multiple conversations leading to confusion.

**Be clear, concise.** Speak in a concise and clear manner and tone so that everyone can hear what you are saying.

Remember to pause occasionally to ensure attendees have time to ask questions

**Camera use.** Using (or not using) your camera is up to you. A limited number of windows will display meeting attendees.

Be sure to pause/turn off your camera if you need to move around to avoid distracting others

**Meeting recording.** Tonight's meeting will be recorded.

# Discipline Rule Updates

- **Sensory Hairs Rule Changes – EA General Regulations** – applies to all disciplines
- **Change in Helmet Standards** as of 2026
- **Dressage Rules Update** – Updated as at 1 January 2025
- **Jumping Rules Update** – Updated as at 1 January 2025
- **New Driving Rules** as of 1 January 2025
- Formation of **Para-Equestrian & Virtus Sub-Committee**

## 2025 Calendar Competition Dates

- For the disciplines of Eventing, Jumping and Dressage, participant and competitive event dates must be submitted to the respective sport committee for approval. This process is to ensure that we have sufficient officials available and to prevent a clash of events.

# SENSORY HAIR INFORMATION

Since July 2022, The clipping/ shaving or otherwise modifying sensory hairs (Whiskers) has been prohibited unless for veterinary reasons.

Following a decision at the FEI General Assembly in November 2024 to modify the Veterinary Regulations From January 2025. A similar prohibition will apply to removing or shortening the hair within the rims of the auricle

From 1st January 2025, horses found competing with hair in the auricles removed or shortened within the rims of the auricle will be issued a recorded warning and from 1st July 2025 will be eliminated from the event.

**EA General Regulations**  
Chapter VI Protection of Athletes and Horses **Article 141 -**  
**Protection of Horses**



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## Update to helmet standards

EA is updating its helmet standards in light of the recent changes to the FEI standards:

**EN1384:2023 with a quality testing label** is now an approved standard and will be added to the list of approved standards and published on the website.

**VG1** remains approved by the FEI but **only with a quality testing label** (eg BSI Kitemark).

EA recognises that members may have purchased products allowable under the previous EA standards list which accepted VG1 without a quality testing label. As lack of ongoing quality testing does not necessarily mean that a product will not meet the original standard, EA will continue to accept existing yellow-tagged helmets and will yellow-tag any as yet untagged helmets with this standard up **until 31 December 2026**.

From **1 January 2027** a new tag (of a different colour) will be required to indicate compliance with the updated standards and a progressive system of retagging existing helmets that meet the updated standards will be introduced during 2026. More information will be provided prior to the roll out of the new tags.

# Equestrian Activity Events and Competitions

## Article 100 – EA Activity Classification

- Official and Closed Equestrian Activity conducted under the relevant sport rules may be classified as either Competitive activity; Participation activity or Restricted activity and must abide by the respective conditions as stated below;

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	5 Star 4 Star 3 Star 2 Star 1 Star EvA95	National Championship State HOY Championship	FEI Level Competition (CVI3*, CVI2*, CVI1*) Open Advanced	FEI CAI Level Competitions EA CAN Level Competitions EA Drive -2 EA Drive-1	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*	Intermediate Novice Pre-novice Preliminary Barrel	EA Drive-2 EA Drive-1	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>• For Jumping 1.04m and below EA Horse Registration (Full or Base) is mandatory</li><li>• Competition licence not required</li></ul>
Closed events	Restricted	Definition- Club activities for club members 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; <b>AND/OR</b> 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</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 may be of any discipline level</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

# Conducting Participant & Competitive Events

## DRESSAGE

- Please refer to Sections **3** (pages 33 – 42) & **7** (pages 80-85) National Dressage Rules (link below)  
[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA%20Dressage%20Rule%20Book%202025\\_Final\\_v2.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA%20Dressage%20Rule%20Book%202025_Final_v2.pdf)
- Have your date approved by **Dressage Queensland**, please submit to: [dqclubliaison@gmail.com](mailto:dqclubliaison@gmail.com), if your event is postponed and moved to another date, please resubmit new date for approval.
- **Entry checks** need to be completed by EQ for Participant and Competitive events; it is important that the entry check report is forwarded to EQ as soon as entries are finalised. The entry check takes time as we follow up on those rider/horses that are not compliant and give them the opportunity to fix the issue. Please take this into account when determining the closing date of your event (or extending entries!)
- Only current EA tests may be used
- Consider the inclusion of Para-Equestrian & Virtus tests. We are currently in the process of forming the Dressage Qld PE & Virtus Sub-Committee and will be putting out a survey to get to better understand demand and club requirements. Please let us know if your club is interested.
- Only **current accredited judges** are eligible to officiate at Competitive and Participant competitions. Link to current EQ officials and their qualification level - <https://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/dressage/for-clubs>
- For Competitive Dressage events – an **EA Accredited Dressage Steward** must be engaged
- Dressage Queensland **Event Manual** - <https://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/dressage/for-clubs>
- Maximum of 35 horses per competition
- **Questions?**



# Conducting Participant & Competitive Events

## Eventing

- **EA National Eventing rules:**  
[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/2025%20EA%20%26%20FEI%20Eventing%20Rules\\_Clean%20Version\\_1st%20January%202025\\_0.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/2025%20EA%20%26%20FEI%20Eventing%20Rules_Clean%20Version_1st%20January%202025_0.pdf)
- Please have your event date approved by **Eventing Queensland**: [evqsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:evqsecretary@gmail.com), if your event is postponed and moved to another date, please resubmit new date for approval.
- Specific Information must be contained in the event schedule (as outlined in rules)
- The scheduled must be provided to Eventing Queensland for approval
- EQ will be in contact regarding the EA Eventing Safety Checklist
- Specific information must be contained in the event program (as outlined in rules)
- MERs need to be checked by EQ prior to commencement of event, please take this into account when determining closing date of your event (or the extending of entries!). It can at times be a complex process and cannot be rushed.
- **Questions?**

# Conducting Participant & Competitive Events

## Jumping

- **EA National Jumping rules:**  
[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA\\_National\\_Jumping\\_Rules\\_CLEAN\\_1\\_July\\_2022.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA_National_Jumping_Rules_CLEAN_1_July_2022.pdf)
- Please have your event date approved by **Jumping Queensland**: [jumpingqldsecretary@equestrianqld.com.au](mailto:jumpingqldsecretary@equestrianqld.com.au), if your event is postponed and moved to another date, please resubmit new date for approval.
- Entry checks need to be checked by EQ prior to commencement of event, please take this into account when determining closing date of your event (or the extending of entries!). We like to give competitors time to fix their issue so that they can participate in the event.
- Only current accredited judges and course builders are eligible to officiate at Competitive and Participant competitions. Link to current EA officials and their qualification level – please contact the EQ Office regarding this.
- EQ may be in contact regarding the EA Jumping Safety Checklist
- EOI is currently open to host the 2024 State Country Jumping Championships -  
<https://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/jumping/news/eoi-host-2023-country-jumping-championships>
- **Questions?**

# Conducting Participant & Competitive Events

## Driving

➤ EA National Driving rules:

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA%20DRIVING%20RULES%201.1.2025%20CLEAN%20VERSION\\_0.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA%20DRIVING%20RULES%201.1.2025%20CLEAN%20VERSION_0.pdf)

- Please submit your event date to **Driving Queensland**: [drivingqueenslandcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:drivingqueenslandcommittee@gmail.com) to enable EQ and Driving Qld to promote your event and add to the driving calendar (club days too).
- Entry checks for Participant and Competitive events need to be checked by EQ prior to commencement of event, please take this into account when determining closing date of your event (or the extending of entries!). We like to give competitors time to fix their issue so that they can participate in the event.
- Risk Assessments for Driving events are quite unique, EQ recommends consulting with Driving Qld for assistance.
- **Questions?**



## **EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

Event Sponsorship Opportunities and/or Education Workshop Sponsorship Opportunities:

<https://www.racingqueensland.com.au/animal-welfare/off-the-track/event-sponsorship>

<https://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/member-resources/clubs>

# General Information

- All Dressage results must be forwarded to EQ within 7 days of the event
- All Jumping results must be forwarded to EQ within 14 days of the event
- Eventing results must be forwarded to EQ office within 3 days of the event
- EQ recommends that Driving results be submitted with 14 days of the event
- Link to EQ Club Resources page - <https://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/content/affiliate-resources>
- Game Plan from the Australian Sports Commission: <https://www.sportaus.gov.au/club-development>
- Club IQ - <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/club-support>



# Safety

## New State Jumping Safety Checklist

- In 2025 EQ will be piloting the EA Jumping Safety Checklist with selected clubs/events
- The checklist will cover:
  - Serious Incident Management Plan (SIMP)
  - Event Risk Management Plan
  - Form 06A – Medical Service Provider Agreement Checklist
  - EQ have been in touch directly with those that will be part of the pilot
- We encourage all events – regardless of discipline to have a SIMP in place for their event as well as an Event Risk Management Plan.
- Form 08 Incident Reporting Info Sheet:  
<https://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA%20Form%2008%20Reporting%20Poster%20updated%205%20March%202025.pdf>

# FORM 08 INCIDENT REPORTING

ON THE DAY



Life Threatening Injury /  
Fatality (SIMP Activation)

1



Incident Resulting in Injury  
or Other Incident

2



Concussion Injury

3



Horse Incident or Injury  
Including Fatality

4



Falls / No Injury + Event  
Entry Numbers

5



Event Entry Number

6

It is **mandatory** to **report all incidents**, that occur at an EA affiliated equestrian activity and **must be completed within 24hrs**.

Form 08's are to be completed by the **Medical Service Provider (MSP) or Veterinarian** when in attendance  
OR in the absence of a MSP or Vet, Form 08's are to be completed by **Coaches, Officials or an Organising Committee member**.

This form is to be used to report a serious incident/fall where an athlete or person sustains an injury that requires transfer to a medical facility for tertiary care, whilst participating in any Equestrian Australia (EA) activity.

For life threatening injuries or incidents resulting in a fatality,  
the event Serious Incident Management Plan (SIMP) must be activated

**If an incident has occurred to both a human and horse, two forms must be completed.**

For all queries relating to health and safety, incident reporting or risk management, email the  
EA National Safety Team at [safety@equestrian.org.au](mailto:safety@equestrian.org.au)

For urgent enquiries and serious incident reporting phone: 0481 162 596

**EA INCIDENT REPORT  
FORM 08**



24 HOURS AFTER

# Revised Form 08 Incident Report Form

## ➤ Minor/Nil injury

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/health-and-safety-training>

Please select option below and "Submit"



### What are you reporting?

- ☐ 1. Life threatening injury / fatality (SIMP ACTIVATION)
- ☐ 2. Incident resulting in injury or other incident
- ☐ 3. Concussion injury
- ☐ 4. Horse Incident or Injury including fatality
- ☒ 5. Falls/ No Injury + event entry numbers
- ☐ 6. Event Entry Number

### State or Territory

Please select



### Event (Insured) Activity Name

eg Sydney HT / Eventing Clinic

### Discipline eg Jumping, Showing

Please Select



### Date of Event / Activity

dd-mm-yyyy



Date

### How many entries in total for this event?

e.g. 120 (60 horses in 2 classes each)

Note: 1 entry = 1 horse in 1 class eg: 1 horse in 2 classes = 2 entries

### How many minor injuries / falls

ex: 23

### How many falls (no injuries)

ex: 23

# Revised Form 08 Incident Report Form

## ➤ Serious Incident Report

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<https://www.qld.equ>



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State or Territory \*

Equestrian Activity \*

Official (Insured) Event Name

eg Sydney 3DE, NVSJ World Cup Show

Discipline \*

Includes private coaching

Choose from Dressage,  
Driving, Endurance,  
Eventing, Interschools,  
Para Equestrian, Private  
Coaching, Show Horse,  
Show Jumping, Official  
Training Clinics eg Squads,  
Vaulting



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# Revised Form 08 Incident Report Form

## ➤ Serious Incident Report

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/health-and-safety-training>

<https://www.qld.equestrian.>



EA-HSMS-MED-Serious Incident Report -Form 08

**Date of Incident \***  
  
Date

**Time**

**Athlete/'Patient' Name \***

**Date of Birth \***  
  
Date

**Age in Years**

**Gender**  
☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non Binary

**Athlete Mobile Number**

**Athlete email address**

**Was the event SIMP activated as a result of this injury/incident? \***  
☐ Yes ☐ No

**Suspected injury/illness/incident type (select one or more) \***  
☐ fracture (break)  
☐ bruising  
☐ sprain  
☐ bleeding  
☐ haemothorax/pneumothorax  
☐ laceration/s  
☐ airway obstruction  
☐

**Brief description of incident \***

Please include incidents involving others, location and circumstances



# Revised Form 06A Medical Service Provider Checklist

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/risk-management-and-compliance>

## Medical Service Provider Service Agreement & Checklist

*This document outlines the agreed services to be provided by a Medical Service Provider (MSP), with all sections of this agreement to be completed prior to the commencement of any Equestrian Australia (EA) endorsed equestrian event or activity.*

MSP:	Contact person:
Address:	Contact No:
Event/Activity:	Event/Activity Dates:

### Part A. To be completed by Medical Service Provider (Checklist)

#### **MSP Documents (copies to be provided)**

- ☐ Signed copy of Service Agreement — copy provided to Organising Committee (OC)/activity representative
- ☐ Professional Indemnity Insurance Certificate of Currency (Service Provider name, Policy Number, Period of Cover, Liability 20 Million)
- ☐ Workers Compensation Certificate of Currency (current)
- ☐ List of medical personnel attending the equestrian event/activity and their relevant skills-set.

#### **Other Current Documents (copies available on request)**

- ☐ AHPRA registration or skills certifications of all attending Medical Personnel (Names-Numbers)
- ☐ Medical response vehicle licence registration current (if applicable)
- ☐ Medical personnel licence/certification to operate a four-wheel-drive vehicle (if applicable)
- ☐ Equipment certifications/calibrations (current)

#### **Event or Equestrian Activity Operations**

- ☐ Quotation of Medical Service provision for the equestrian event/activity (attached)
- ☐ Pre-event Medical Services Audit to be completed (copy to OC/activity representative)

# Disaster Relief Assistance for Queensland Clubs

## Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program

**Apply now**



### What can the funding be used for?

- Replacement of damaged equipment
- Purchase of clean-up supplies
- Hire costs
- Payment of services to assist in clean-up

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/disaster-recovery>

<https://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/member-resources/clubs>



# Questions?

<https://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/member-resources/clubs>