

AS AN EQ MEMBER YOU GET:

- Personal Accident Insurance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (full details can be downloaded from the insurance information section on our website www.qld.equestrian.org.au).
- A competition licence which allows you to compete on any registered horse in any Equestrian Queensland sport.
- Access to Official and Associate Competitions.
- Access to well trained and competent officials throughout the State and a National Officials education system.
- Access to well trained and competent coaches and a National Coach education system.
- Access to Sport Committees and the development, education and technical training they undertake on behalf of your sport.
- Horse registration.
- Your record of performances.
- A Weekly E-news and Sport's E-newsletters.
- Access to an office and support staff.
- Your Annual Awards Night which recognises and rewards contribution to your sport.
- An Annual Conference which trains, educates and benchmarks equestrian sport.
- Representation, support and government lobbying by the peak horse sports body when required.

WHAT ELSE DOES EQUESTRIAN QUEENSLAND DO THAT I GET BENEFIT FROM?

- Provides rider / driver development programs and pathways.
- Provides a stronger and more viable membership which in turn provides a stronger and more viable and better serviced sport.
- Has a national structured website so you can get information at your fingertips.
- Works on a National Database.
- Provides a 1-800 number for NT and regional members
- Develops procedures and a Judiciary (including swabbing) to make your sport fun, fair and equitable.
- Has structured framework for you to be involved in your sport.
- Has National Affiliation.
- Has professional staff and office.
- Has an extended State Equestrian Centre.

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- Has coaching and officiating opportunities.
- Has education programs for everyone involved in the sport.
- Provides advice, support and advocacy on Management and Marketing Issues.
- Membership in the sport allows the EQ Board to put money back into your sport as prize money and associated development activities that are of benefit to all riders.



WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF HAVING A MEMBERS' COMPETITION LICENCE?

1. The recognition that all equestrian activities originate from within the ONE sport. This licence recognises support across all sports.
2. It provides a single competition licence system for a whole of sport approach to participation in any of our equestrian sports – "licence to ride".
3. No further ongoing add-on costs, such as performance cards, as it relates to participation across any EQ equestrian sport throughout the year.
4. All riders hold a "Members Competition Licence", nothing more. This is indicative of your right to ride, as opposed to a Performance Card.
5. A member may ride any horse anytime in any sport as long as the horse is registered with the EA (with the exception of events where horse registration is not necessary).
6. Sport Committees will no longer collect and reconcile development levies as all members will contribute to the development process across all sports through their membership.
7. Guaranteed increase in funds from Equestrian Queensland to ALL sports for the purposes of development of your sport.
8. There will be no longer any need to maintain a performance card unless you so desire.
9. This provides a streamlined approach to membership and participation in our sport for all concerned.
10. As there has been no membership fee increase for the past 2 years the EQ Board has approved this new all inclusive approach to membership within our sport, with the confidence it offers ongoing membership which is, and will remain, less expensive over time than the previous manner in which fees were assessed.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA?

Equestrian Australia (EA) is the custodian for many equestrian sports in Australia.

The main function of the EA is to provide a structured and regulated framework for equestrian competitions with fair rules and regulations for competitors. Equestrian Qld's aim is to improve facilities, and access to competitions and training throughout Queensland.

We are also here to encourage and promote equestrian sport, increase spectator levels, administer coach education and attract sponsorship funding.

By joining the EA you become part of a professionally run sporting organisation. Equestrian Queensland is seen as the Peak Horse Sports Body in Queensland and as a multi-faceted organisation. Together we can improve horse sports throughout Queensland.



WHAT SPORTS CAN I COMPETE IN IF I BECOME AN EQUESTRIAN QUEENSLAND MEMBER?

- Carriage Driving (International sport).
- Dressage (Olympic sport).
- Eventing (Olympic sport).
- Show Horse (National sport).
- Showjumping (Olympic sport).
- Vaulting (International sport).
- QISEA (School sport).



To compete internationally in Endurance which is an FEI Sport, you would need to be an EA member.

WHEN CAN I START TO COMPETE IN OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS?

Carriage Driving - To compete Officially, you must be 12 years of age or over on the day of competition.

Dressage - To compete in Official Classes, you must be 12 years of age or over on the day of the competition. Horse must be EA registered and be over 14.2 hands.

Pony Dressage - You can compete in Pony Dressage in the calendar year in which you turn 10 until the end of the calendar year in which you turn 16. The horse must be EA registered and be under 14.2 hands.

Eventing - Starting age depends on the level you wish to compete. For Introductory (beginner level), is the calendar year in which you turn 11.

Show Horse - You can compete at the age of 3.

Showjumping - you can compete in the calendar year in which you turn 12.

Vaulting - The day you turn six, you may start vaulting. There are many types of classes available and may be on a horse or barrel. Vaulters with disabilities may enter RDA classes and participate on a barrel or horse.

QISEA - Queensland Inter-School Equestrian Association is a school based competition for grade 1 to 12 students covering Dressage, Combined Training, Eventing, Show Horse and Showjumping.



WHERE CAN I COMPETE?

Equestrian Queensland Affiliate Clubs can be located throughout Queensland and cover a range of horse sport activities throughout the year. For more details, contact Equestrian Queensland's office on:

07 3891 6611 or visit our website: www.qld.equestrian.org.au.

IS THERE A COACH NEAR ME?

Equestrian Queensland administers the EA National Coaching Accreditation Scheme in Queensland. We train equestrian coaches to an industry standard and accredit those coaches who reach that standard. Find out more about our coaching system and where our coaches are by checking out our website (www.qld.equestrian.org.au) or by contacting the Sport Development Officer at the Equestrian Queensland Office.

IN SUMMARY

Equestrian Queensland membership is about being part of a structured organisation that formulates rules, regulations, training and competitions in equestrian sports and that ensures fairness for all competitors.

You also support the sport at Regional, State, National and International Level. It is this support which helps secure the future of horse sports in Queensland and Australia.



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