

Affiliation Agreement

Between the Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc (AERA) and -
_____ (the Division Association Member).

Preamble

The AERA and its six DA members manage the sport of endurance riding in Australia in a partnership. This partnership is formalised in the Constitution of the AERA. To maximise the effectiveness of this partnership and to achieve the best possible results for the sport of endurance riding in Australia, both parties agree to always endeavour to work in a collaborative manner.

The AERA Management Committee members represent the joint and common interests of the AERA, the Division Associations and all Australian endurance riders.

Each Division Association agrees:

1. to appoint AERA Management Committee members and / or AERA Delegates who are competent and committed with a good capacity to contribute and who recognise the need to respect privacy and procedure, and agree to be bound by the AERA Confidentiality Agreement
 2. to authorise, endurance events within its boundaries.
 3. to ensure that the AERA Rules and veterinary procedures approved by AERA are applied at all affiliated Endurance Events.
 4. to formulate constitutions consistent with the AERA constitution.
 5. to establish and have published an annual calendar of Endurance Events to be held within the boundaries, and to co-operate with AERA in determining the dates for recognised AERA events.
 6. to keep records of the results of all Endurance Events within the boundaries and to forward such records to AERA within 7 days of the event.
 7. to conduct point score competitions based on performance in Endurance Events as defined by the rules of AERA.
 8. to resolve disputes, implement warning systems and take disciplinary action in a manner consistent with the riding rules and procedures formulated or approved by AERA.
 9. to collect fees on behalf of AERA.
 10. To ensure AERAspace entries for veterinarians and accredited officials (TPRs, chief stewards) in its Division are current and accurate.
 11. to withhold or withdraw affiliation of an Endurance Event where evidence exists that the organisers of the event have not adhered to or do not intend to adhere to the riding rules procedures and veterinary procedures as approved by AERA.
 12. to furnish to AERA copies of all annual reports including audited accounts and draft minutes of their annual general meeting within 30 days.
 13. to generally promote the sport of Endurance Riding.
 14. to execute affiliation and other agreements as required by AERA
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AERA agrees:

1. to act as a coordinating body for the sport of endurance in Australia and it will aim to promote all aspects of the sport, including the highest ideals of sportsmanship and horsemanship, with horse welfare being of prime consideration, as embodied in the mission “to complete is to win”.
2. to promote and foster the sport of Endurance Riding by formulating AERA Rules as defined in clause 2(c) of the Constitution and veterinary procedures to be observed by all organisers of Endurance Events affiliated with AERA through the Division Associations.
3. to ensure that the AERA Rules and veterinary procedures are observed in a manner that provides protection for the wellbeing of horses ridden in Endurance Events.
4. to maintain complete and accurate records of the results of Endurance Events conducted in Australia, to conduct a national annual point score and to maintain a Registry of the performance and welfare of endurance horses and an archive for the sport.
5. to liaise with properly accredited members of the veterinary profession, or any recognised body, in relation to the welfare of horses in Endurance Events.
6. to supervise the organisation of an annual Australian National Championship Endurance Ride over a distance of not less than 160kms, within a maximum elapsed time of 24 hours to be known as the Tom Quilty Gold Cup Endurance Ride, in accordance with the guidelines and procedures as current from time to time
7. to establish and liaise with Division Associations of AERA.
8. To formulate standards and processes by which Divisional members can be accredited to be stewards and other officials and veterinarians.
9. to encourage and assist members of the Division Associations to compete in international Endurance Riding competitions and to select team members to represent Australia when necessary.
10. to encourage, promote, and conduct Endurance Events with international standing within Australia and to negotiate or contract with any organisation or administrative body as may be necessary.
11. to encourage the conduct of research into, and to disseminate information collected in relation to, the performance, training, feeding, husbandry, diseases, physiology, injuries and genetics of horses in the sport of Endurance Riding
12. to maintain a working relationship with the international endurance community through liaison with EA, FEI and other national bodies
13. to maintain the mandate for management of National Endurance Rides within Australia through continuance of binding agreements with EA;
15. to provide a National Database, to be used by the Divisions to record division memberships and Endurance Horse Registrations, to record ride details, to provide a reporting facility to AERA and the Divisions to help in administration of the sport and any other function as determined from time to time.

Financial agreements

AERA will:

1. provide access for the Division Associations and their members to suitable Personal Accident and Public Liability Insurance at competitive rates
2. contribute to the conduct of the Tom Quilty Gold Cup event in accordance with the guidelines and Event Standards that are current at the time
3. provide minutes of its Management Committee meetings and Annual General Meeting to its Divisional Members within 30 days of such meetings and provide a copy of its annual financial statement to its Divisional Members no later than 14 days before its Annual General Meeting.

Division Associations will:

1. pay to AERA fees associated with the provision of services. These are not necessarily limited to, but can include fees for:
 - i) Membership Affiliation
 - ii) Ride Entry Levies
 - iii) Logbook Issuing, renewing and upgrading
 - iv) Horse Registration
 - v) Endurance Horse Ownership Transfer
 - vi) Meeting Cost Recovery
 - vii) Insurance
 - viii) Agreed costs associated with the running of the Tom Quilty Gold Cup
2. pay fees to AERA in a timely fashion, according to the current rates as decided by AERA from time to time, and as invoiced by AERA.
3. provide to AERA a written record of all Divisional General meetings within 30 days of such meetings. It shall provide a copy of its annual financial statement to AERA within 30 days of its Annual General Meeting.