

EA National Stewards Course

Friday 29th Nov 2019

Clarendon (DNSW grounds), Racecourse Rd, Clarendon

INFORMATION:

Suitable for anyone interested in becoming an Accredited EA Dressage Steward, Gear Checkers, Club Committees, Judges & Riders. All Welcome

The Equestrian Australia (EA) Steward training program is part of the National Official Accreditation Scheme, a national program to further enhance the reputation and quality of EA events domestically and internationally. This course is proudly supported by Dressage VIC.

The purpose of Stewarding is:

- To protect the welfare of the horse and ensure fair play.
- To support the Organising Committee in the successful running events in line with the Current EA/FEI rules and regulations.
- To help and assist competitors in their endeavour to compete at their best in a safe and fair environment
- To ensure our good public image is upheld
- To supervise competition, training and warm-up areas, stables and other areas where horses are held.
- To assist competitors in meeting approved regulations for saddlery, bridles, bits, spurs, logos etc.

Stewards must:

- Be able to work as part of a team
- Have excellent communication skills
- Have the ability to manage safety, risks & crisis
- Have the ability to manage and resolve conflicts
- Have a demonstrated interest in Stewarding at events
- Have an understanding of horses



TO BE ACCREDITED AS AN EA NATIONAL STEWARD YOU ARE REQUIRED TO

- o Be at least 18 years of age
- o Be a current Member of Equestrian Australia of the correct category
- o Have a personal fitness level that will enable you to physically complete the practical requirements of the course and the duties required of an EA National Steward.

The National Steward course is designed to include face to face delivery and several units of self-paced study. This course has four units of study designed to provide candidates with a complete range of experiences and the knowledge to actively officiate at EA *official* competition up to and including National Championships in each discipline.

- o Attend an approved EA Steward Course of one day's duration
- o Competently complete 2 Open Rule Book Tests related to the rules of your chosen discipline and one of a Generic nature with a pass of at least 90%. Complete the AUS Sport online learning course "Community Officiating General Principles"
- o Competently complete 3 Shadow/Assistant Stewarding experiences under the Guidance of approved EA Steward Mentors

Enquiries/bookings: Cathie Drury-Klein (Steward General Dressage, AUS) Ph 0417 224 432, email: cathiedk@bigpond.com

Equestrian Aust. National Stewards Refresher & Workshop

**Saturday 30th November 2019, venue to be confirmed but near Clarendon
NSW**

Thank you to Dressage NSW for financial support of this Steward Education program.

This Refresher/workshop is open to all Current EA Dressage Stewards and will fulfil requirements for the next accreditation period.

Some of the proposed items to be discussed are listed below and attendees will be invited to bring items for discussion to the Workshop. The day is meant to be an interactive platform with an educational edge.

- **Visiting & understanding the 2020 new EA Dressage Rules**
- **Yellow Warning Cards, changes to the EA General Regulations**
- **Managing Gear Checkers at events, education of Candidate Stewards**
- **Open Rule book Test**
- **Working in a Team environment at events**, who is in charge when working in groups, treat each other with respect, no one is superior.
- **Communication & managing conflict with** Includes discussion on how to approach riders & horses at the Gear Check and prior to them entering the competition arena
- **Taking photos & videos**: when, where, why: what if under 18yo?
- **Social media**: do's and don'ts
- **Stallion riders under 18**: how do we check
- **Helmets how do we know age of riders? How do we check if current standard?**
- **Pony heights?**
- **Noseband checking**: the protocols if suspected too tight
- **Stewarding opportunities O/S**
- **Other items for discussion**

The workshop will take place from approx. 10am to 3pm

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