

# EA National Stewards Course (information)

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

The Equestrian Australia (EA) Steward training program is part of the National Official Accreditation Scheme (NOAS) governed by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and is a truly national program to further enhance the reputation and quality of EA competition domestically and internationally.

## 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 NOAS 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 some 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 Seminar of one day's duration
- o Competently complete an Open Rule Book Test related to the rules of your chosen discipline with a pass of at least 90%
- o Competently complete 3 Shadow/Assistant Stewarding experiences under the Guidance of approved EA Steward Mentors.

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