



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Membership Structure

The below is designed to assist States with enquiries regarding the membership structure.

1. Why was a review undertaken?

It was designed to create a national approach to membership and an inclusive structure that recognises all members. We wanted members across the country to receive the same recognition status. We also wanted to create a structure to attract more participants to the sport – not at the high competitive level, but at all levels of the sport.

2. What benefit is it for me?

The benefits are largely provided to our participant and supporter members – under the new structure they will have greater influence within the sport, have greater recognition as well as increase access to the base level of **all** sports.

3. What has changed?

There are now 6 membership categories nationally – previously, depending on what State you were in, categories varied as did the benefits you received. This new structure creates a consistent approach.

4. How does this affect my club?

Clubs will continue to affiliate with their EA State Branch. Under this structure, Clubs now have increased opportunity to conduct competitions for Club members and other EA members.

5. What can clubs run now?

Clubs can now run an official competitive competition, official participant competition, closed activity or a combination of all.

6. Am I an EA member if I am a member of a club?

No you need to join separately with your EA State Branch. Simply log on to your State website.

7. What insurance do Club members have?

You will need to discuss with your Club what your Club insurance covers you for. EA members receive 24/7 Personal Accident Insurance and Public Liability through the EA Insurance Program – this would not be offered by your Club. For more details on insurance check out the Gow Gates Insurance website www.gowgatessport.com.au/equestrian

8. Do I have to be a member to compete?

To compete in any official competitive or participation activities, you must hold the relevant EA membership. To participate in closed Club activities, you must be a member of that Club. Some Clubs may extend invites for their close Club activities – you will however need to be an EA member to take part.



9. What is my new membership category?

Please refer to the website and click on 'new membership structure'.

10. What is the maximum level I can compete?

EA competitor members – can compete at any level (as per the EA sport rules)

EA participant members – may compete in any activities outlined in the participant activity table.

	<i>Dressage</i>	<i>Jumping</i>	<i>Eventing</i>	<i>Show Horse</i>	<i>Vaulting</i>	<i>Driving</i>	<i>Interschools</i>	<i>Conditions</i>
<i>Competitive</i>	Grand Prix Intermediate II Intermediate I Prix St George Advanced Medium Elementary Novice Prelim FEI Para-Equestrian	1.05m and above	3 Star 2 Star 1 Star Pre Novice Prelim	National Championship State Championship	Open Advanced Intermediate Novice	FEI Level competition	National Championship State Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horse must hold EA Full Horse Registration Must meet state competition licence requirements
<i>Participation</i>	Novice Prelim Prep National Para-Dressage – tests of all grades	1.04m and below	Introductory	Affiliated events*	Pre-novice Preliminary Barrel	Non-FEI levels and training events	Regional Events**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competition licence not required

11. Why is Prelim & Novice Dressage in competitive and participation?

For Dressage classes that attract grading points – members will need to be competitor members.

However, all prelim and novice participation classes will not attract grading points and we want to ensure members can participate at this level without having to be a “competitor” member.

Dressage members should note – if you intend to compete in prelim and novice competitive classes (i.e. attract grading points), you must be a competitor member and hold a competition license. Refer to the Dressage sport rules for further details.

12. If I am a competitor member can I compete in participation activities?

Yes

13. What membership do I need to gain grading points?

Competitor

14. Do I have to be a member to compete in Show Horse events and an Ag show?

Affiliated Ag Shows (those registered with the EA State Branch) may be exempt from requiring entrants/competitors in Show Horse to hold EA membership.



15. Do I have to be a member to compete in jumping events at an Ag show?

Yes in Jumping you must be an EA member to compete in classes in Ag Shows.

16. Do I have to register a horse to compete at Prelim Eventing?

Yes

17. Do have to be a member to register my horse?

Yes

18. Do I have to pay coach registration and insurance or does my membership cover it?

You must pay your coach registration separately to your membership (through the EA office). You must be a member of your EA State Branch in order to receive coach registration and insurance.

19. I am an official but I compete, what membership should I have?

Competitor membership

20. I am a coach but I also compete, what membership should I have?

Competitor membership

21. I am a coach but don't ever compete, what membership should I have?

Supporter

22. How much does my membership cost?

Refer to your State Branch website for cost breakdown.

23. Can I bump my membership up during the year if I decided to start competing or want to compete State Interschools?

Yes, you can upgrade your membership at any point throughout the year. Contact your State Office for details on fees and processes.

24. Can I be a participation member and register my horse as I don't need a competition licence?

Any EA member can register a horse. EA Competitor or Supporter Member may purchase Competition Licences however only an EA Competitor Member is permitted to ride with a Competition Licence.

25. As a club, can we run a one day competition that includes competitive classes as well as participation classes?

Yes, however all entrants must meet the minimum requirements as set out in the EA General Regulations.

26. My Ag Show is running SJ classes under 1.04, can't I just be a participation member?

Yes you can be a Participant member if entering a jumping class under 1.04m. If you want to enter a 1.05 jumping class you must be an EA Competitor member.