



**TO: The Equestrian Victoria Membership**  
**FROM: Matthew Brown, CEO Equestrian Victoria**  
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**SUBJECT: Equestrian Victoria 2018/2019 Membership Renewals**

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***Membership renewals for the 2018/2019 financial year are now open. To renew your membership please go to: <https://www.nominate.com.au/EAOnline/portal/Login.aspx>***

Thank you for your ongoing support of Equestrian Victoria (EV). Your membership supports the continued improvement of the equestrian sport within Victoria and the services we offer and we look forward to communicating EV's updated Strategic Plan to the membership shortly.

The 2018/19 financial year will see increases in all membership categories. However, it is important to note that EV's last membership levy increase was 2 years ago and that EV has limited the 2018/19 increase to 2% of the EV retained levy component, in line with CPI.

Unfortunately, due to a number of significant claims against EA's insurance policies in recent history our insurers have had no option but to increase the insurance component to ensure that our membership continues to receive the best and most appropriate cover possible. As a result there has been a substantial increase in the insurance component of our membership levies. A full breakdown of the insurances is included with this communication.

Before completing your membership, please take the time to read the membership information on our website: <http://www.vic.equestrian.org.au/> to ensure you select the right membership category for you.



## Membership – Where does my money go?

The following information explains how your fees are spent and how this benefits you and our sport. This breakdown is based on a 2018-2019 Competitor Senior membership, with similar costing applying to all membership categories.

The table below provides a detailed breakdown of your 2018/2019 membership levies. These levies are effective from 1 July 2018.

		MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY			
		SENIOR COMPETITOR	JUNIOR COMPETITOR	SENIOR PARTICIPANT	JUNIOR PARTICIPANT
<b>LEVY COMPONENT</b>	<b>Equestrian Australia Admin Levy</b>	<b>\$51.31</b>	<b>\$17.10</b>	<b>\$17.10</b>	<b>\$8.55</b>
	<b>EA ICDF Levy</b>	<b>\$11.76</b>	<b>\$7.48</b>	<b>\$11.21</b>	<b>\$11.21</b>
	<b>Insurance Levy</b>	<b>\$67.76</b>	<b>\$25.77</b>	<b>\$67.74</b>	<b>\$25.77</b>
	<b>Nominate Electronic Fees</b>	<b>\$17.75</b>	<b>\$8.75</b>	<b>\$11.25</b>	<b>\$7.40</b>
	<b>Equestrian Victoria Admin Levy</b>	<b>\$174.16</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$79.07</b>	<b>\$69.80</b>
	<b>GST</b>	<b>\$32.27</b>	<b>\$15.91</b>	<b>\$18.64</b>	<b>\$12.27</b>
	<b>TOTAL LEVY</b>	<b>\$355.00</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>	<b>\$205.00</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>

## National Levy

The EA National Administration levy is a portion of your membership allocated to Equestrian Australia for the purpose of administering our sports. The EA National Office is the interface for all international matters. These include overseas competitions, licensing, horse identification, FEI officials, FEI seminars, FEI events held in Australia, World Cup, Australia's participation in world-wide series, updating of FEI rules etc.

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### **International Competition and Development Fund (ICDF)**

Equestrian Australia has traditionally, through the ICDF, granted funds to projects and events that are within the “International Competitions” category and which further develop the sport in general. While EA will not collect this levy in the 2018/19 financial year, Equestrian Victoria will continue to collect and apply funds to Victorian based events that meet these criteria.

### **Insurance**

Our national insurance policy provides personal insurance cover for EA members for injuries sustained whilst engaged in recreational non-income deriving equestrian activities twenty-four (24) hours a day. Full policy details are available at: <http://www.equestrian.org.au/Insurance> or by calling Gow Gates on: 1800 811 371.

### **Nominate Electronic Fees**

Nominate is EA’s online national membership portal and database. Accordingly Nominate charges a 5.5% fee which supports the delivery of this facility. The database is continually being updated to ensure we hold accurate membership, horse, results and competition details. Nominate also provides an online service for our members to update membership details and enter competitions.

### **GST**

As per Australian Tax Office (ATO) guidelines, one eleventh of all income is remitted to the Australian Tax Office for GST.

### **Equestrian Victoria Administration**

The balance of your fees goes towards the running costs of the Equestrian Victoria, a not-for-profit organisation and the recognised governing body for equestrian sport in Victoria. Equestrian Victoria formulates and facilitates policies and procedures, rules, training and development, coaching and competitions in equestrian sports from grass roots through to the highest level. Major administrative expenses include salaries for discipline specific staff, communications functions including the EV website, and assorted administration support services. Funds collected also underpin the delivery of EV’s Strategic Plan.

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