

# EV Board and SDC Forum



## OVERVIEW







The Equestrian Victoria Board invited each of the Sport Discipline Committees (SDC) to attend an online feedback forum held via Zoom on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The purpose of the forum was:

- For EV Board to listen to the key issues being faced by and priorities of each Sport Discipline Committee.
- Facilitate cross-discipline engagement and learnings, and;
- Consider discipline-specific strategic actions/initiatives for the EV strategic plan update.

Prior to the session, all members of the SDCs had an opportunity to provide feedback via an online survey and the common themes from the results were shared prior to the forum. During the forum, each SDC had 15 minutes to raise and discuss any items most relevant to its discipline and members.

The feedback from the evening has been very positive and the initiative will now become a regular occurrence (once or twice per year).

## KEY THEMES AND DISCUSSIONS

	<b>Member Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Positive feedback on member communications and emphasis on how the organisation has kept members up to date through COVID.</li><li>• The SDCs have a strong focus on improving member satisfaction, value for money and the overall experience across all disciplines.</li><li>• In addition, technology which can streamline event administration processes was highlighted as an area for investigation.</li></ul>
	<b>Club Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The SDCs would like to be able to increase support for clubs and club volunteers in key areas of safety and risk management, veterinary care, biosecurity, good governance, code of conduct and disciplinary processes/procedures.</li></ul>
	<b>Shared Learnings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The SDCs identified many common priorities where they could share learnings and work closer together, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developing and strengthening mentoring roles for officials and judges, coaching and volunteer education, youth and development squad programs and pathways.</li></ul></li></ul>
	<b>National Influence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It was recognised that some specific issues cannot be directly controlled by EV, such as the sport's insurance program (which is administered by Equestrian Australia) with many riders paying multiple insurances across several organisations.</li></ul>
	<b>Commercial Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Many of the SDCs discussed the potential of increased commercial partnerships (and less volunteer administration) if they were able to 'package up' a series of event sponsorships, rather than dealing with sponsors for each individual event.</li></ul>
	<b>WPNEC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Another common topic raised was WPNEC and how it can be improved over the coming years, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continued upgrades and enhancements, increased storage to reduce equipment bump-in/out requirements and consistent management and pricing of events/services.</li></ul></li></ul>