



Ethos Online June 2010

***A newsletter for EA registered Trainees, Coaches and Officials.
Please share this information with your students, friends, colleagues and associates.***



Greeting from Ben Harris NEM

It has been a whirlwind start in the first 2 weeks in the office, but thank you to all the people I have spoken to so far for the information, advice and very positive outlook in relation to the education programs EA runs. It is very encouraging to hear that there are successful aspects of the system, and also that given the right circumstances and justification, change is not completely out of the question for aspects that are potentially not at the lofty standard they should be.

My background in coach/official education with the Australian Sports Commission and more recently running a Coaching/Administration degree in Sydney will hopefully allow me to look critically at all aspects of the current system and ask the right questions of it. No system is perfect and I believe it would be a mistake to try and create one, or even give the impression that is what I am going to do. Effective systems also demand certain requirements and responsibilities from all parties involved (including the consumer) to run efficiently and maintain suitable standards. With this in mind, the aim is to be able to implement a framework that is transparent and easily understood, allowing for the most efficient development and continuing education of coaches and officials nationally.

My intention coming into this position is not to look back at what my predecessors have/have not achieved and judge them on it, but to look forward and build on the system currently in place. My personal objective that I carry into this role from my previous position is:

"To improve the standard of coaching/officiating and enhance athlete development and performance through the delivery of quality evidence based coach and official education programs."

This objective is underpinned by a philosophy of continual reflection and improvement driven by the needs of the stakeholders. Ultimately it is the athletes at all levels at the centre, with their development driven by the efforts of coaches, officials and a range of other support personnel. Ultimately the athletes will not be given the best opportunity to reach their performance goals (at any level) if the coaches and officials are also not developed appropriately.

I must also highlight the outstanding effort of Rebecca Willis who has been performing 2 jobs for the last three months or so in the National Office. She has done a wonderful job in keeping things running, but I am sure you can understand that some aspects have been put on hold during this time since she is only human!

Her crash course in equestrian for me is invaluable and an enormous help in getting me up to speed so that sooner rather than later I can pick up the slack and clear the work that has built up in the last couple of months. As a team we can then really get down to working on how to attend to any gaps or shortcomings in the current education system for coaches, officials and all other interested parties. I look forward to working with, and ultimately for, all of you and am excited about the challenges of this role that have been made apparent in the early stages in the job!



Coach Registration and Insurance Renewals

That time of year is approaching fast!! Only 3 months until your coach registration and insurance renewals are due. Check NOW whether you need to update your first aid or attend a clinic - please don't leave it until the 30th

September.



EA on

EA invites you to visit page.

EA recognises that

with people, social media has grown to be one of the most effective mediums.

With its customised look and feel, the new Equestrian Australia You Tube channel named 'EquestrianAUS' offers equestrian fans around the world the chance to view constantly updated equestrian videos.

"We are in the process of expanding our new media footprint and the creation of a You Tube channel and facebook page is the first stage of the strategy, a new media strategy is an important aspect of our business and is key to increasing the profile of equestrian sport within Australia," commented Grant Baldock Equestrian Australia CEO.

You Tube provides EA with a great way to share multimedia. Already footage from last weekend's Melbourne International Three-Day Event can be viewed on the EA page.

EA welcomes the interactive nature of social networking sites such as facebook and looks forward to building a page where members can share thoughts and ideas directly with EA. Direct links are now permanently on our home page or just click on the icons below.



Facebook and Youtube

our new official You Tube channel and Facebook

when it comes to interacting online and engaging

SSTA/CE Update 6-7 July 2010

A Reminder that an update clinic for existing CE/SSTA will be held in Robertson, NSW. Day 1 will take place at Robertson Community Technology Centre, 58-60 Hoddle Street (opposite Murray Tractor Imports) on the main street of town. Day 2 will take place at Wallaby Hill Equestrian Centre.

Please click here for

[Registration Form](#)

[Provisional Timetables, Maps and Directions](#)

Pre-Requisites to become a CE and SSTA

The National NCAS Committee has been reviewing policies in this regards. With all decisions and changes of direction come disadvantages to some - for which we apologise. However, we believe the overall result of these decisions will be of benefit to the majority.

Firstly, it has been decided that completing the 4 units of the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, as previously stipulated, is no longer required to become qualified as a CE or SSTA.

Instead, EA will use the ASC Mentor and Assessing Training Program (which is aligned with the relevant units of the Cert IV TAA - but sport focused rather than VET). Initially this training will be incorporated into the workshops to become an SST/CE being held in Brisbane and Perth. The committee is considering future training and updating models for SSTA/CEs.

If you have already undertaken your Cert IV TAA please accept our apologies. Remember that this not wasted time or money as it is a very useful qualification, particularly in order to work in a training environment.

Secondly, To become a CE one must be registered as a coach for no less than 5 of the previous 7 years. At least 2 or more of those years must be as a Level 2 Coach. It is no longer necessary to be an SSTA for 2 years before moving on the CE status.



Clinics to become an SSTA or CE

A 3 day clinic for those wishing to become and SSTA or CE will be held as follows:

6-8 August – Pinelodge, Thornlands Qld
16-18 August – SEC, Brigadoon WA

Attendance at 2 of the 3 days of these clinics also acts as an update for existing CE/SSTA.

[Please click here to download Information and Registration for Queensland](#)

[Please click here to download Information and Registration for WA](#)



Global Education Program for Eventing Officials

Applications are now open for Eventing Officials to be involved in the FEI Global Education Program.

The mission statement of the GEP is:

Expand and raise the quality and experience of Eventing Officials worldwide, by identifying, educating and promoting FEI Eventing Officials, with specific effort for developing and less experienced countries.

Improve/line up safety standards and support of Officials while officiating/judging worldwide
To make a significant difference to the current situation with the 1st 5 year period.

The Pillars of the Program

- Shadow Officiating (Judges and TDs)
- Exchange of Eventing Officials (Judges & TDs)
- Mentoring Scheme (Judges & TDs)
- Course Designers
- Stewards – in order to line up with the FEI Clean Sport Program as of 2010

[For more information please click here](#)



FEI Eventing Officials Course – 11-14 June

2010 Report from Mary Longden

the FEI Eventing Clinic held in conjunction with the Melbourne 3DE was enjoyed by all. Running the Judges, TDs and Course Designers disciplines concurrently added an understanding of the complexities and talent needed to run FEI Eventing competitions. Roger Haller's immense knowledge all aspects added to the richness of the course. On the practical side, under the able tutelage of Virginia Creed, I found verbally judging the 2* dressage one at a time but in a group situation very interesting as one could appreciate how and why other judges mark.

On the cross country day there was a slight lack of concentration as the first 1* horses galloped past out 'classroom' marquee as we were discussing the legal aspects of the sport!!!

There was never a dull moment as there are so many vitally important aspects to making our sport safe, fun and fair.



SINGAPORE POLO CLUB

Positions Vacant

The Singapore Polo Club is a prestigious members' Club and the premier equestrian facility in Singapore and South East Asia.

Due to expansion of the Show Jumping and Dressage part of the yard of more than 50 horses, we are inviting dynamic and self-motivated professionals to join our team as:-

- a) Yard Manager
- b) Riding Instructor

Yard Manager

- Minimum of 2 years' experience as a Yard Manager
- Possession of minimum Stage 4 Stable Management Certificate
- Good interpersonal and communication skills with members, staff and management
- Experience in staff management to an efficient and high standard

Riding Instructor

- Minimum of 2 years' working experience as a Riding Instructor
- Possession of the British Horse Society's Assistant Instructor (BHS AI) Certificate or equivalent qualification
- Good people skills to deliver high quality customer care.
- Enjoy teaching at all levels, from beginners to competition riders.

Attractive terms will be offered to successful candidates. Applications, with complete resume, including a recent photograph and stating current and expected salaries, should be addressed to:-The Human Resources Manager Singapore Polo Club 80 Mount Pleasant Road Singapore 298334 Or emailed to jimmytoh@singaporepoloclub.org



Training Calendar

The Calendar for Candidates, Coaches and Officials can only be as accurate as the information that is provided.

If you are from a Discipline, Coaching or Organising Committee please let me know any changes or new dates.

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