



## MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA AND EQUESTRIAN SOUTH AUSTRALIA JOINT STATEMENT

Dated Friday, 11 October 2024

Dear Member,

The boards of Equestrian Australia (EA) and Equestrian South Australia (ESA) are pleased to share with you our progress and collaboration towards building a better future for our sport. To this end, we have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for EA and ESA to work together. You can [download the MOU here](#), but a few key elements of the agreement are:

- EA and ESA are committed to work collaboratively and in good faith to trial the restructure to equestrian sport, realise efficiencies and improved services to members, stakeholders and participants in the sport.
- We agree that any structural changes will be thoroughly investigated and impacts determined and agreed before implementation
- This process will help us trial the first part of the restructure, the function and structure that can be achieved without constitutional change. Importantly, before any new Constitution is adopted, you as members will have the opportunity to vote on any Constitutional changes in due course.
- The National Discipline Committees will be guiding and supporting state discipline committees and local organising committees to deliver the sport, with a 'one stop shop' for administration sitting in the background to support both members and committees.
- ESA funds and property will be quarantined for the use of and benefit of ESA members and EA and ESA will continue to work with the relevant funding authorities to ensure funding opportunities are maximised for equestrian sport in South Australia.
- It is non-binding.

Over the coming months you can expect to see us develop and trial changes (such as internal procedures and organisational delegations) as we establish stronger ties and build national discipline committees that are resourced and enabled to support local delivery of each discipline. We will also continue to streamline shared services behind the scenes so that the administrative functions take less of your time.

You can also find further information about the Discipline Model and proposed restructure at [www.EArestructure.com.au](http://www.EArestructure.com.au).

Kind regards,

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