



**Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Northern Territory  
Branch and associated voting rights on National Discipline  
Committees.**

**between:**

**Equestrian Australia Limited ("EA")**

**and**

**its Member Branches  
("the Branches")**

## Vision

It is the vision of EA to have a vibrant Equestrian Community with increasing participation in a professionally run sport, where all members have the opportunity to fulfil their aspirations.

### 1.0 INTERPRETATION

1.01 In this Agreement the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

*Equestrian Australia Limited ("EA") is the FEI recognised body for the promotion and administration of the sport of Equestrian in Australia.*

*The Branches are the recognised bodies, which, within the policy framework of EA, govern the sport of Equestrian in their respective States and Territories.*

*Agreement means this Memorandum of Understanding.*

*Branch means a Member State that is a signatory to this Agreement and recognised accordingly within the EA Limited Constitution.*

*General Meeting ("GM") means a properly convened General Meeting of EA.*

*Annual General Meeting ("AGM") means a properly convened Annual General Meeting of EA.*

*The Fédération Equestre Internationale ("FEI") means the international governing body of the sport of Equestrian.*

*Member means any member of EA or of its Branches in any membership category.*

*Athletes include carriage drivers, vaulters and members leading show horses.*

*Territory means the Northern Territory or Australian Capital Territory*

1.02 Unless the context otherwise requires, reference to:

- I. the singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular and words importing one gender include the other
- II. persons include incorporated and unincorporated bodies, partnerships, joint ventures and Branches and vice versa and their legal personal representatives, successors and assigns
- III. a party includes the party's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns;
- IV. a statute or other law includes regulations and other instruments under it and amendments, re-enactments or replacements or any of them.

1.03 Where a word or expression is given a particular meaning, other parts of speech and grammatical forms of that word or expression have a corresponding meaning.

1.04 "Including" and similar words are not words of limitation.

1.05 Headings are for convenience only and do not form part of this Agreement or affect its interpretation.

## **2.0 RECITALS**

2.01 The objects of EA and its Branches include the promotion of the interest and well-being of the sport of Equestrian as well as improving the physical, mental and social well-being of Australian citizens through participation in Equestrian activities.

2.02 EA and the Branches have come to a mutual agreement as to how they can promote and develop the sport of Equestrian in Australia.

EA and Branches have agreed to allocate responsibilities in the manner identified in this Agreement, so that the parties can, through carrying out their mutual obligations under this Agreement, meet their goal of promoting and developing the sport of Equestrian in Australia.

2.03 EA acknowledges that the Branches are legally autonomous and financially independent bodies but are at the same time joint Members and stakeholder of the Federation. Except in accordance with this Agreement, EA undertakes not to attempt to compromise that autonomy in any way. EA and the Branches acknowledge that both parties are committed to the development of the sport of Equestrian in Australia and undertake to support each others' efforts.

2.04 As the result of the adoption of a new national constitution in 2009 EA acknowledges the Northern Territory ceased to be a Member Branch. EA and the State Branches agree to Equestrian NT continuing to maintain a position on State representational sport committees or nominate for positions on skill based sport committees, including all associated rights as representatives on such committees and;

2.05 Also agree to the presence of representation from the Northern Territory at EA Joint Sessions, including meetings of State Branch Chairs and State Branch CEO's

## **3.0 IT IS AGREED:**

3.1 That in respect of all National Discipline Committees, Equestrian Northern Territory as the EA representative body responsible for the governance of Equestrian sport in its respective Territory, will maintain both a position and voting rights on those committees.

3.2 That in respect to meetings of EA Joint sessions of State Branch Chairs and/ or CEOs and national forums, Equestrian Northern Territory is to be represented.