

## EQUESTRIAN NSW – SUPPORTING THE SPORT



### **OUR VISION**

***The vision of Equestrian NSW is to provide leadership for equestrian sport in NSW, promoting participation and the pursuit of excellence from the grass roots to the elite levels of the sport, based on a foundation of fair and safe competition and the welfare of its human and equine athletes.***

### **WHAT IS THE ROLE OF EQUESTRIAN NSW?**

Equestrian NSW (ENSW) is the state branch of Equestrian Australia (EA) which is the peak body for equestrian sports in Australia. The main function of ENSW and EA is to provide a structured and regulated framework for equestrian competitions with fair rules and regulations for competitors and to promote, develop and grow the sport. Our aim is to improve facilities and access to competitions and training throughout NSW. We are also here to encourage and promote equestrian sport, increase spectator levels, administer coach and officials education and attract sponsorship funding.

### **WHY JOIN EQUESTRIAN NSW?**

By joining ENSW, you become part of a professionally run sporting organisation. ENSW is the peak horse sports body in New South Wales and is a multi-faceted organisation. Together we can promote horse sports throughout New South Wales.

### **WHAT BENEFITS DO I GET?**

1. Access to **EA competitions** - As a senior or junior member, you can compete in official competitions across the disciplines. Associate members are able to compete in our unofficial classes across all disciplines.
2. Access to **training and development opportunities**, ENSW facilitates and financially supports programs for;
  - Coaches in the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme
  - Officials in the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme/EA medication control
  - State Development Squads – elite, young rider, emerging talent
  - EA Measuring
3. **ENSW Yearbook** - this is published annually and is a valuable resource for members covering events, FEI news, athlete profiles and general articles of interest. This glossy, full colour publication is a great keepsake.
4. **Annual Awards** – as a member of ENSW you are eligible to be nominated for our annual awards and you are invited to attend the gala dinner.
5. **Insurance** – one of the most valuable features of your membership is personal accident insurance which all of our members receive. Your insurance covers you for any equestrian related activity.

6. **Industry and Member Advocacy** – ENSW has a proven record in advocating for the rights of members and the promotion of equestrian sport and horse owners to the wider community. In 2007/2008 Equestrian NSW fought fiercely for your rights during the Equine Influenza outbreak, providing crucial financial support to hundreds of ENSW members in lockdown, access to EI vaccinations for all ENSW registered horses, promotion of the non-racing sector's interests, essential ministerial and departmental access at both state and federal level, sourcing and administering over \$26 million to the entire non-racing sector in NSW for the Commonwealth Horse Assistance Payments relief fund and finally, the conduct of the massive Return of the Horse event. ENSW continues this advocacy role today and into the future in a variety of areas.

7. Access to extensive **funding opportunities** – as a member you have, where applicable, access to the Special Projects Fund, officials training funds, competitors funding, volunteer support and recognition. You also benefit, across all disciplines and levels, from the ENSW continuing tradition of injecting hundreds of thousands of dollars back into the sport each year.

8. **Horse Registration** - Horses registered with ENSW have a lifetime registration. Horse registration provides owners with the ability to compete at structured competitions throughout Australia.

9. Use of and access to new **information and communication technology**. With the introduction of a newly designed, multi-purpose ICT platform, ENSW members will be able to enjoy a fully integrated and interactive relationship with ENSW/EA. Features of the new system are a national database with member access to results, records of performance, personal details and event live streaming as well as an online entry system.

10. **Record of Performances** - Senior and junior members have Horse Performance Cards issued for which the records are maintained and made available from the office. Results are maintained by the branch and pre-entry checks completed before each event. For jumping cards approximately \$18,000 pa is directed back to Jumping NSW to assist in the sports' development.

11. **National Affiliation and Database** – ENSW, like all state branches, is a member of EA. The national database enables us to more effectively keep track of horses and members nationwide as well as providing a comprehensive national register of results.

12. Structured Framework - EA provides a **structured framework for equestrian sports** in New South Wales. This is an essential part of the organisation's process, in that administrative support and a mechanism for the distribution of relevant information is provided by the office.

13. Administration of **Procedural and Disciplinary Matters** (including swabbing) - No organised sport can operate without a disciplinary arm. This enables the sport to continue in an environment with a system to control instances occurring contrary to the rules and spirit of the sport. The funding of random swabbing in accordance with the EA Medication Control Policy for events is part of these procedures.

14. **Website, e-newsletter and social media** - The site is a valuable membership tool with on-line registrations, renewals and access to up-to-date information, visit [www.nsw.equestrian.org.au](http://www.nsw.equestrian.org.au). Each month members also receive a detailed e-newsletter which covers events and activities for that month.

15. **Professional Staff** - Your staff at ENSW are committed to membership service. We are here to help you. Our roles include sport management, facility development, membership/horse registration, secretarial support and communication, administration of the sport and government liaison. We are continually developing the regional structure to improve the standard of facilities within all regions of New South Wales.

16. **Right to vote** for a strategically driven board. Senior, official, honorary, life and corporate members all have the ability to nominate and vote for our skills-based board of directors which strategically drives the sport in NSW. The most recent strategic plan, developed May 2011, focuses on increasing participation, improving sports promotion, increasing communication to stakeholders, reviewing governance structures, growing the financial strength of the branch and continuing to promote high performance amongst other issues.

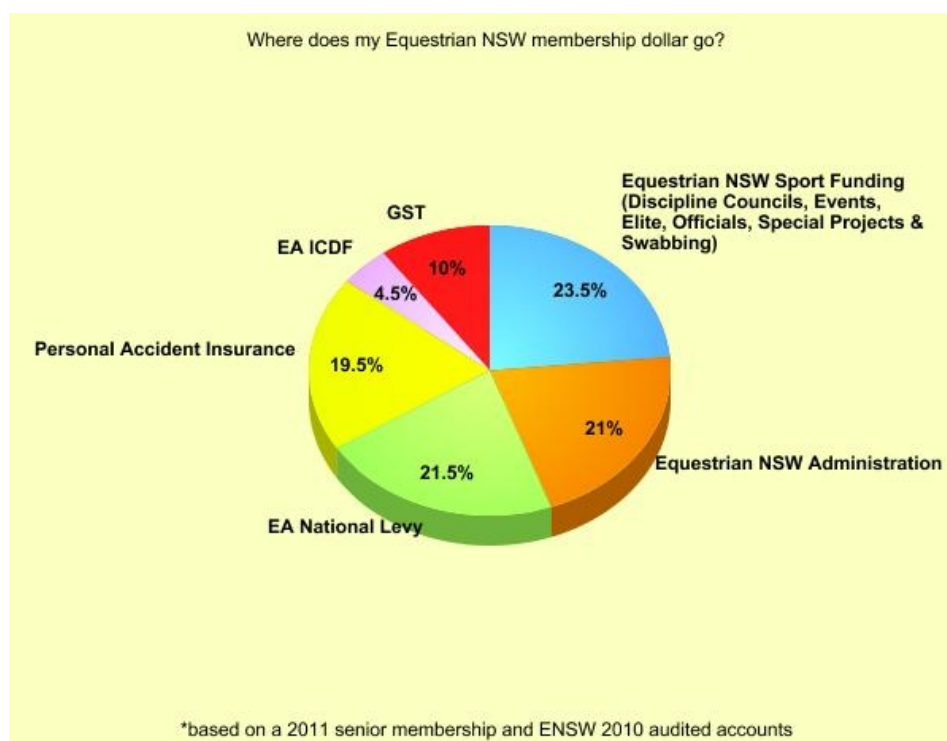
## Where does my money go?

Equestrian NSW compares very favourably to most other sports annual membership fees and other state EA branches and the insurance component of your fee cover is very competitive when compared to any individually priced equestrian personal accident cover available. The individual and club membership renewal fees for 2011-2012 are;

Senior	\$215	Officials	\$100
Junior	\$105	Affiliate Club	\$195
Associate	\$140		

*NB. Joining fee applies to new senior, junior and affiliate members.*

The following helps to explain how your fees are spent and how this benefits you and our sport. This breakdown is based on a senior membership, with similar percentages applying to other member categories.



## Supporting the Sport – ENSW Funding of Equestrian Sport Annually

Most importantly your membership fees go back into the sport in a very significant way. In the past 12 months, ENSW alone has provided financial assistance in the areas of event funding, committee/council administration, youth development, elite program (NSWIS), special projects, club support, officials development, volunteers program, course maintenance, swabbing, clinics and regional programmes to each discipline as follows\*;

Dressage	\$54,000	Saddlehorse	\$33,000	Interschool	\$18,000
Eventing	\$57,000	Driving	\$16,000	High Performance	\$45,000
Showjumping	\$52,000	Vaulting	\$12,000		

\*Figures rounded down to nearest thousand

**TOTAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION BACK INTO SPORT 2010/2011 FROM MEMBERSHIP FEES = \$287,000**

## **National Levy**

The National Levy is a portion of your membership that is allocated to the EA national office for the purpose of administering our sports – particularly in terms of national rules and regulations, member protection, international and national competition, national infrastructure, horse research and whole-of-sport development. The 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.

## **Insurance**

A proportion of your membership fee goes to your Personal Accident Insurance which protects you while participating in "recreational equestrian activities of non-commercial nature". Cover is 24/7 and applies to any horse related activity of a non-commercial nature.

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

The Equestrian Australia ICDF grants money to projects and events that are within the "international competitions" category and those which further develop the sport in general as well as in particular disciplines. The EA Finance Committee encourages applications from organisers of workshops, clinics and seminars for riders, coaches, trainers and officials.

## **GST**

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

## **ENSW Administration**

The balance of your fees goes towards the running costs of the EFA NSW office. We are a non-profit organisation. However we have ongoing costs and endeavour to balance the annual budget whilst running a professional organisation. The yearbook, annual awards gala dinner, governance (board/committee operation, AGMs), marketing, website management, postage, printing, stationary, meetings, telephone, utilities and salaries are the major administration expenses.

## **In Summary**

ENSW membership is about being part of a structured, professional organisation that develops and promotes the sport and manages rules, regulations, committees, training and competitions in equestrian, ensuring fairness and opportunities for all competitors. As part of ENSW you are also supporting the sport at regional, state, national and international level. It is this support which helps secure the future of horse sports in New South Wales and Australia.



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