



## AERA Sub-Committee Terms of Reference

**Name of Sub-committee** AERA National Veterinary Panel

**Membership and appointment**

The AERA National Veterinary Panel shall comprise up to two vets from each Division, nominated by that Division by 31 January each year.

The term of appointment shall be two years, from 1 February in the year of nomination to 31 January two years later.

**Chairing**

The Panel Chairperson shall be elected from and by its members. AERA will appoint a National Vet Panel Liaison at the AERA Management Committee Meeting immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

**Frequency of meetings**

The Panel shall conduct its business as and when determined by itself.

**Record of meetings**

Minutes are to be taken of meeting.

**Reporting mechanisms**

The panel shall report to the AERA Management Committee before each scheduled AERA Management Committee Meeting.

**Functions and delegated authority**

The panel's role is to consult and be consulted by AERA on any matters that relate to the welfare of the horse.

This shall include, but is not limited to:

- maintaining a watching brief over the standard of veterinary supervision at national and state events
- promoting a high standard of professionalism amongst endurance veterinarians
- advising AERA on the ongoing education of accredited veterinarians
- making a recommendation to AERA on veterinary fees for endurance events
- where appropriate, engaging with vets who have been involved with the management of equine catastrophies at events.

The National Veterinary Panel is an advisory body and all decisions must come as recommendations to the AERA.