



AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC.

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SPONSORSHIP AND DONATIONS BYLAW

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Bylaw is to clarify the protocols whereby AERA will pursue and accept sponsorship and donations, with an emphasis on the basic principles of consistency and transparency.

PREAMBLE – references to the Constitution of the Association

1. It is important that any sponsorship or donation to the AERA is made in accordance with and consistent with the Objects of the AERA as stated in the AERA Constitution (March 2021):

Objects

- 3.1 AERA will act as a coordinating body for the sport of endurance in Australia and it will aim to promote all aspects of the sport, including the highest ideals of sportsmanship and horsemanship, with horse welfare being of prime consideration, as embodied in the mission “to complete is to win”.***
- 3.2 To promote and foster the sport of Endurance Riding by formulating AERA Rules as defined in clause 2(c) of this Constitution and veterinary procedures to be observed by all organisers of Endurance Events affiliated with AERA through the Division Associations.***
- 3.3 To ensure that the AERA Rules and veterinary procedures are observed in a manner that provides protection for the wellbeing of horses ridden in Endurance Events.***
- 3.4 To maintain complete and accurate records of the results of Endurance Events conducted in Australia, to conduct a national annual point score and to maintain a Registry of the performance and welfare of endurance horses and an archive for the sport.***
- 3.5 To liaise with properly accredited members of the veterinary profession, or any recognised body, in relation to the welfare of horses in Endurance Events.***
- 3.6 To supervise the organisation of an annual Australian National Championship Endurance Ride over a distance of not less than 160kms, within a maximum elapsed time of 24 hours to be known as the Tom Quilty Gold Cup Endurance Ride, in accordance with the guidelines and procedures as current from time to time***
- 3.7 To establish and liaise with Division Associations of AERA.***
- 3.8 To formulate standards by which Division Associations can accredit their members to be stewards and officials so as to assist in the efficient conduct of Endurance Events and to maintain Registries of such accredited members.***
- 3.9 To encourage and assist members of the Division Associations to compete in international Endurance Riding competitions and to select team members to represent Australia when necessary.***
- 3.10 To encourage, promote, and conduct Endurance Events with international standing within Australia and to negotiate or contract with any organisation or administrative body as may be necessary.***
- 3.11 To encourage the conduct of research into, and to disseminate information collected in relation to, the performance, training, feeding, husbandry, diseases, physiology, injuries and genetics of horses in the sport of Endurance Riding.***

2. All sponsorship arrangements and donations must be approved by the AERA Management Committee, also consistent with the AERA Constitution:

34 Funds – Source

34.1 The funds of AERA shall be derived from levies on Division Associations, entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the Management Committee, such other sources as the Management Committee determines.

34.2 Levies on Division Associations shall be proportional to the membership of each Division Association.

34.3 All money received by AERA shall be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of AERA's bank account.

34.4 AERA shall, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

35 Funds – Management

35.1 Subject to any resolution passed by AERA at a Special General Meeting, the funds of AERA shall be used in pursuance of the objects of AERA in such manner as the Management Committee determines.

35.2 All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any 2 members of the Management Committee, being members authorised to do so by the Management Committee.

35.3 The financial affairs of AERA may be managed by electronic means in such manner as the committee determines.

SPONSORSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

The AERA will establish and maintain a sponsorship sub-committee which will present to the Management Committee proposals for sponsorship opportunities when appropriate. Any action on such proposals must be with the approval of the Management Committee.

SPONSORSHIP AND DONATION PROPOSALS

Any proposal for any sponsorship and/or donation, (either money or in kind) must be approved by the Management Committee.

Anonymous donations will not be accepted, although the Management Committee may decide to maintain a degree of confidentiality of the identity of the donor if this is requested and believed to be in the best interests of the sport and consistent with the Constitution.

As members of the AERA, Division Associations are required to apply the key principles of this by-law - consistency and transparency - for any sponsorship or donation proposal which is presented directly to them.

