

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Equestrian Australia Ltd.

and

Pony Club Australia Inc

Memorandum of Understanding

BETWEEN

EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA LTD (hereinafter referred to as "EA") of Unit 7, 11-21 Underwood Road, Homebush in the State of New South Wales (the postal address of which is):- P. O. Box 673, Sydney Markets, NSW. 2129

AND

PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA INC (hereinafter referred to as "PCA") of Wayville Showground, Wayville in the State of South Australia (the postal address of which is):- P. O. Box 32, Goodwood Road, Goodwood, Sth. Aust. 5034

1.RECITALS

The Australian Sports Commission (hereinafter referred to as "ASC") recognises EA and PCA as the National sporting organisations responsible for the governance, management and development of various equestrian activities in Australia. As such, ASC encourages both parties to show commitment and co-operation in strengthen the equestrian pathways within Australia.

ASC acknowledge that:-

(a) PCA is particularly responsible for providing opportunity and encouragement for young people to learn and enjoy all manner of activities connected with horses and riding, instruction in riding, horsemanship and to instil in young people the proper care of animals.

(b) Although EA also supports young riders, it is particularly responsible for the development of Australia's elite and emerging elite riders, horses and coaches. Additionally, EA is recognised by the Australian Olympic Committee, (AOC) Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) and Federation Equestrian Internationale (FEI) as the body responsible for the preparation of Australian teams for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. World Equestrian Games and International elite competitions.

2.Domain and Vision

Participation in Equestrian sport in Australia is a rewarding activity in partnership with ponies and horses that can be undertaken from early childhood into old age to the desired level of aspiration. The sport is supported by professionally-run organisations and volunteers that provide structured education and tuition and opportunities to participate at the appropriate level of competence.

3.Purpose of this Memorandum of understanding

To establish a framework for closer cooperation between the two organisations, particularly in the development of pathways for young riders that are consistent with EA and PCA rules and coaching and officiating principles and the education of members and the general public in all aspects of equestrian sport and horse management.

4. Commitments under this Memorandum of understanding

Objectives

- a. The parties are committed to achieving the following objectives through a variety of forms of collaboration:
 - i. To share the skills and knowledge required for the development of equestrian sport.
 - ii. To work together to develop a comprehensive plan to establish formal pathways for equestrian athletes of all ages.
 - iii. To undertake jointly and severally the promotion of safe horse methods.
 - iv. To undertake joint promotion of "Volunteering" and its impact on the sport
 - v. To ensure that EA and PCA follow the same rules, coaching and officiating pathways where practical
- b. The parties will cooperate in the development of event calendars with particular emphasis on avoiding clashes in the dates of major events.
- c. EA will allow PCA and its State and Territory member's access to EA sport rules. In return, PCA and its State Branches, Zones and Clubs will acknowledge the origin of these rules in all printed copies and material. (for Both EA and FEI)

5. What the parties bring to this agreement

- A. EA is the National Sporting Organisation recognised by the Australian Sports Commission ("ASC"), the Australian Olympic Committee ("AOC") and the International Equestrian Federation ("FEI") responsible for the governance, management and development of Senior and Olympic Equestrian Sports in Australia. EA also has a responsibility to develop the recreational sector of the sport within Australia including the development of Equestrian Sports for youth and young adults. A significant proportion of whom have traditionally had their initial equestrian experience within the ranks of Pony Club.
- B. PCA is the largest equestrian organisation in Australia and a National Sporting Organisation recognised by the Australian Sports Commission ("ASC"), as responsible for the governance, management and development of Equestrian Sports for youth and young adults in Australia. PCA and its State and Territory members have traditionally provided training, competition and social development opportunities to children and young adults' up to the age of 26 years, mainly through club activities and initiatives at Zone, State Territory and National level.
- C. Both EA and PCA acknowledge not only the similarity of their objects but also the differences in their objects and that Pony Club provides for equestrian disciplines which are not included in the activities conducted by EA, as a result whereof, each party must continue to be governed by its separate organisation whilst respecting the organisation of the other.

6. Good Partners

This MOU will be underpinned by effective working relationships, networking and mutual trust. In particular, the parties will:

- a) Share information about strategic planning processes and plans
- b) Work together to achieve cross-representation on key groups at both strategic and operational levels.
- c) Inform the other party prior to any sensitive messages emerging that might impact on the other party's organisation
- d) Apply for joint funding initiatives when available.

7. Schedule of activities

This MOU will be supported by a Schedule of Activities, being State, Territory, National, International or Major Events, to be developed in 2011 which will be submitted for discussion by representatives of the parties hereto. This schedule will also be reviewed as part of an annual cycle.

8. Indicators of success

Successful progress with or completion of scheduled activities will be the indicators of success.

9. Duration

This Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed on a two-yearly basis.

Equestrian Australia Ltd.

President *Paul Kendrick Cargill*
Date *1st May, 2011*

CEO *Grant Baldock*
Date: *9th May 2011*

Pony Club Australia Inc.

President *Greg Bailey*
Date *29th May, 2011*

**Secretary/
Director** *Judith Pitt*
Date: *29th May, 2011*