



## GERALDTON COMBINED EQUESTRIAN CLUB (GCEC) INCORPORATED BYLAWS

### 1. Objectives of the Association are:

To promote and encourage Dressage, Showjumping and Showhorse. To be affiliated with, and to run competitions under the Equestrian Australia (EA), International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI), & Showhorse Council WA (SHCWA) Rules, and to hold official events, training days and clinics.

### 2. Membership

#### 2.1 Classes of membership shall include:

- (a) **Associate Membership:** 18 years and over, non-riding, do not have voting rights and may not hold office, but maybe elected on sub-committee.
- (b) **Junior Membership:** An individual who has not reached 18 years in the membership year and has no voting rights and may not hold office.
- (c) **Senior Membership:** 18 years and over and have full voting rights and may hold office.
- (d) **Family Membership:** May consist of 2 adults plus children under 18 years who reside at the same address. Only one senior has full voting rights.
- (e) **Life Membership:** Life membership may be bestowed on a member by the Committee. They shall be elected by a two third majority of the Committee. The member must have rendered outstanding service to the Club over a period of time, where such service is deemed to have contributed greatly to the advancement the Club at a level much higher than an ordinary member. This person must have always upheld and demonstrated the values of the Club. The number of Honorary or Life Members shall not exceed ten.

2.2 A person can only be an ordinary member or belong to one class of associate membership.

2.3 Membership or renewal of membership is by written application and cannot be accepted without payment of fees and the applicant signing the Dangerous Activity Waiver and the Code of Conduct.

#### 2.4 Membership ceases:

- (a) At the end of each calendar year, or
- (b) As per section 9 of the Association's Constitution.

### 3. Code of Conduct

The GCEC Code of Conduct sets out the minimum standards of conduct and integrity that must always be adhered to by members. Non-adherence of the GCEC or its 'Affiliated Bodies', Codes of Conduct may result in membership being revoked.

### 4. Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting will be held in November and the committee will advise members of the date electronically.

#### 4.1 Nomination of Committee Members

Nominations for the Office Bearers and discipline committees shall be received at the annual general meeting.

- (a) A member may nominate for one specified position of office holder of the Association or to be an ordinary committee member.



- (b) If more than one member has nominated for a position, the ordinary members at the meeting must vote in accordance with procedures that have been determined by the committee to decide who is to be elected to the position.

At the annual general meeting, a Returning Officer will be appointed, and all committee positions vacated. The returning Officer will:

- (1) Call for nominations to elect the office holders of the Association and other committee members.
  - (i) Patron,
  - (ii) Chairperson (must be over 21 years of age),
  - (iii) Vice Chairperson (must be over 21 years of age),
  - (iv) Honorary Secretary,
  - (v) Assistant Secretary, and
  - (vi) Honorary Treasurer,
  
- (2) Call for nominations to elect other delegates.
  - (i) Discipline Sub- Committees
  - (ii) Member Protection Information Officer
  - (iii) GCEC Grounds Committee
  - (iv) Woorree Park Management Delegates
  
- (3) Confirm or vary membership fees, subscriptions, and other amounts (if any) to be paid by members.

## **5. Discipline Sub- Committees**

Sub-committees, where possible, to consist of at least three or more members with one member to represent the discipline as a committee member. Only 1 vote allowed per discipline on the Committee.

## **6. GCEC Club Rules**

- 6.1. A person must be a financial member of GCEC to compete at any GCEC events. Competitors of the GCEC Dressage Classic, GCEC July Jumping Classic, and GCEC September Jumping Show are exempted from this condition, where they are a financial member of FEI, EA or EWA. GCEC Dressage shows are also exempted from this condition where officially accredited Dressage Judge or Judges officiate, and a competitor is a financial member of FEI, EA or EWA.
- 6.2. The competition grassed area cannot be used for training purposes without prior approval from the committee.
- 6.3. Show dates cannot be changed without approval from the committee.
- 6.4. Entry to GCEC Horse of the Year (Show Horse) will be by invitation, in accordance with horse rider combination points accumulated throughout the GCEC official Show Horse season. There may also be a consolation class/s incorporated in the event.
- 6.5. The Committee may on the consensus of a committee quorum award a 'GCEC Service Award'.
- 6.6. GCEC will have an independent audit conducted annually.
- 6.7. GCEC will fairly reimburse members for expenditure acquitted on behalf of the club, however it is not the policy of GCEC to pay club members for services provided at club events, i.e., clinics, judging etc.