

GERALDTON COMBINED EQUESTRIAN CLUB (GCEC) INCORPORATED BYLAWS

1. Objectives of the Association are:

To promote and encourage Dressage, Showjumping, Showhorse and Horse Trials. 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 3-18 years whom reside at the same address. Only one senior has full voting rights.
- (e) Life Membership: Honorary of Life Members after 15 years of voluntary service and shall be elected by a two third majority of those present at a Committee meeting. Honorary of Life Membership shall be granted only to individuals who have given outstanding services to the club and held office bearer positions. 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 Code 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 other delegates shall be received in writing prior to the AGM by a designated time and date. No late nominations will be accepted.

(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) Honorary Treasurer,
- (vi) Discipline Representative-Showhorse
- (vii) Discipline Representative-Show Jumping
- (viii) Discipline Representative-Dressage

Nominations for other delegates will be called for by the Committee via email expressions of interest after the AGM. These will include;

- Young Rider Representative
- Grants Officer
- Promotions/Webpage/Facebook Officer
- Woorree Park Management delegate
- Grounds' Committee
- Sponsorship/Media Officer
- Members Protection Officer

(2) 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 (voted at AGM). Only 1 vote allowed per discipline on the Committee.

6. GCEC Club Rules

1. A person must be a financial member of GCEC to compete at our Club events. If the event is an official event, EA and EWA members are able to compete. For larger events, GCEC may extend invites to other competitors. This will be indicated on the relevant competition entry form.
2. The competition grassed area cannot be used for training purposes without prior approval from the committee.
3. Show dates cannot be changed without approval from the committee.
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.
5. The Committee may on the consensus of a committee quorum award a 'GCEC Service Award'
6. GCEC will have an independent audit conducted annually.