



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL WORKING EQUITATION

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ANWEL Dressage Maps	
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ANWEL EPC Terms of Reference	
ANWEL TSC Terms of Reference	
ANWEL Course Building Guidelines	
ANWEL Club Pack	
ANWEL Policies	
EA Rules	https://www.equestrian.org.au/

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1. INTRODUCTION

The discipline of Working Equitation was created with the objective of promoting the different types of equitation techniques developed in countries that use the horse to work on the farm.

The aim is to preserve and perpetuate not only this type of equitation but also the cultural traditions of each country and their horses.

The four founding countries of Working Equitation are Portugal, Spain, France and Italy. This discipline is now practised in many countries like Sweden, Germany, United Kingdom, Brazil, USA and Australia. Each country has its own rules but the rules for International competitions are the same for all countries.

This framework has been created with our country's riders and working traditions in mind and is based on the rules and the Australian Protocol of WAVE to provide a foundation for Australian working equitation Judges to be comparative on an international level.

1.1 Purpose

Since the introduction of the sport of working equitation in Australia we have had tremendous leadership in the development of our Judges. This framework is to capture all the work that has been occurred and ensure we have the capability to monitor and continue to develop our Judges into the future up to International level.

1.2 Scope

The ANWE Judge Accreditation Framework has been developed to support ANWE State affiliates, Clubs and Judges to consistently promote and develop the sport of working equitation in Australia.

All Clubs and State affiliates are required to support and develop ANWE Judges through the implementation and review of the ANWE Judge Accreditation Framework. Individual Judges are required to fully understand and fulfil the requirements of the Framework to maintain Accreditation in Australia.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

Accredited ANWE Judges must adhere to:

- a) the ANWEL Code of Conduct
- b) all ANWEL policies, rules and regulations
- c) FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse applying it to all ANWE activities
- d) the current approved versions of the ANWEL Working Equitation Official and Participant Rulebooks

ANWEL approved Rule Books must be used for all Judge Accreditation and training activities. It is recommended that all Judges have available a copy of the Rulebook and any supporting documents while judging ANWE events.

3. EDUCATION AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

The Education and Performance Committee (EPC) is a subcommittee of the Board of ANWEL and exists to assist in fulfilling its oversight and responsibilities relating to the development of working equitation judges, coaches and competition.

3.1 Authority

The Board has authorised the EPC within the scope of their duties and responsibilities as set out in its Terms of Reference to perform the activities required to address its responsibilities and make recommendations to the Board.

3.2 Duties and responsibilities

The EPC is responsible for, but not limited to:

- developing and implementing coach training, education and assessment.
- developing and implementing Judge training, education and assessment
- facilitating and promoting ANWEL national competition
- reviewing and endorsing reports and activities of working parties or subcommittees as required
- producing national guidelines, resources and standards and updating these regularly
- administering ANWEL Coach and Judge accreditation registers
- continually improving safety practices in coaching and competition to improve rider safety and animal welfare
- producing a national annual calendar that promotes education and competitive events
- liaising with the ANWEL Technical Subcommittee to ensure alignment
- attracting coaches with the necessary experience, skills and passion to become Committee members from time to time regardless of their accreditation level.

3.3 Technical Sub Committee

The EPC will collaborate with the ANWE Technical Sub Committee (TSC) to ensure the Judges Handbook is accurately aligned to the Official Rule Books.

4. NATIONAL JUDGE COORDINATOR

The EPC will recommend to the Board the appointment of the ANWE National Judge Coordinator. The ANWE Board approves the appointment of the ANWE National Judge Coordinator.

4.1 Role of the National Judge Coordinator

The role of the National Judge Coordinator is to:

- in consultation with the EPC, ensure the review and annual update of the Judge Accreditation Framework
- implement and monitor the ANWE Judge Accreditation Framework
- facilitate regular communication to ANWE State affiliates and Judge Educators
- support the development of State Judge educators
- maintain the accreditation of State Judge educators
- in collaboration with the TSC, provide technical support to ANWE Judges and Organising Committee's on rule interpretation (as required).

5. HOW TO BECOME AN ANWE JUDGE

ANWE members that would like to become a Judge should contact their local Club to express their interest.

ANWE Clubs must make an application to host a Judge Education Clinic to their relevant ANWE State affiliate (refer Appendix 1).

Judge Education Clinics are designed to equip experienced working equestrian enthusiasts with the skills and knowledge to fairly and consistently judge at ANWE events. Application for ANWE Judge Accreditation can be submitted on the successful completion of the following:

- Open book pre-course examination - written
- Participation in a two-day theory and practical Judge education session facilitated by an Accredited ANWE Judge Educator
- Judge examination at the conclusion of the clinic - written

If a Club is unable to host a Judge Education Clinic, interested members should contact their State affiliate to confirm when the next Judge Education Clinic is scheduled.

5.1 Judge and Judge Educator database

The EPC will publish and maintain the ANWE Judges Database.

This will be hosted on the ANWE Website www.anwe.org.au .

The database will list all Australian Judges and Judge Educators, their contact details and due dates for Accreditation renewal.

6. ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

Requirements to remain Accredited with ANWE as a Judge/Judge Educator have been developed by the EPC and approved by the ANWEL Board.

6.1 Judge Accreditation

The following table sets out the criteria for Judges to maintain Accreditation.

Criteria		Frequency	Current Exemptions
Judging at least three ANWE per year. One of these occasions may include virtual ANWE events, shadow judging and pencilling.		Within 12 months	COVID-19, Mar 2020 to 31 Dec 2020
Membership with an ANWE affiliated Club		Current with annual renewal	No Exemption
Payment of an ANWE Judges Levy		Current with annual renewal	No Exemption
Attendance of an approved ANWE Judge Education Clinic and successful completion of Judge Examination		At a minimum every 24 months	COVID-19, Mar 2020 to 31 Dec 2020
Completion of electronic ANWE Judges return by renewal date		Submitted annually by 31 December each year	COVID-19, Mar 2020 to 31 Dec 2020
Demonstration of Currency – Awareness of rulebook changes and Judges Handbook		Annually declared on the annual Judges return and biannual Judge Symposium	COVID-19, Mar 2020 to 31 Dec 2020

6.2 Judge Educators

A key objective of the ANWE Judge Accreditation Framework is to enable consistency in the Judging of competition across Australia. This is to be achieved by ensuring that all Judge Educators deliver consistent information at ANWE Judge Education Clinics.

All ANWE State affiliates will have appointed Judge Educators.

Current Judge Educators have demonstrated competency by officiating as Judges at State and /or National level and have completed ANWE Accreditation requirements.

All ANWE Judge Educators are expected to maintain current Judge Accreditation (refer 6.1).

The following table sets out the criteria for Judge Educators to maintain Accreditation.

Criteria	Frequency	Current Exemption
Facilitate at least one Judge Education Clinic	Annually	COVID-19, Mar 2020 to 31 Dec 2020
Only use/deliver Accredited Judge education material as provided by ANWEL	Ongoing	No Exemption
Attend at least one National Judge Educator meeting	Annually	No Exemption
Judge at least one State or National working equitation event	Annually	COVID-19, Mar 2020 to 31 Dec 2020
Maintain accurate records of judge candidates and results of Judge Education Clinics. Provision of a copy of records to the National Judge Coordinator	Ongoing	No Exemption

6.3 Exemptions

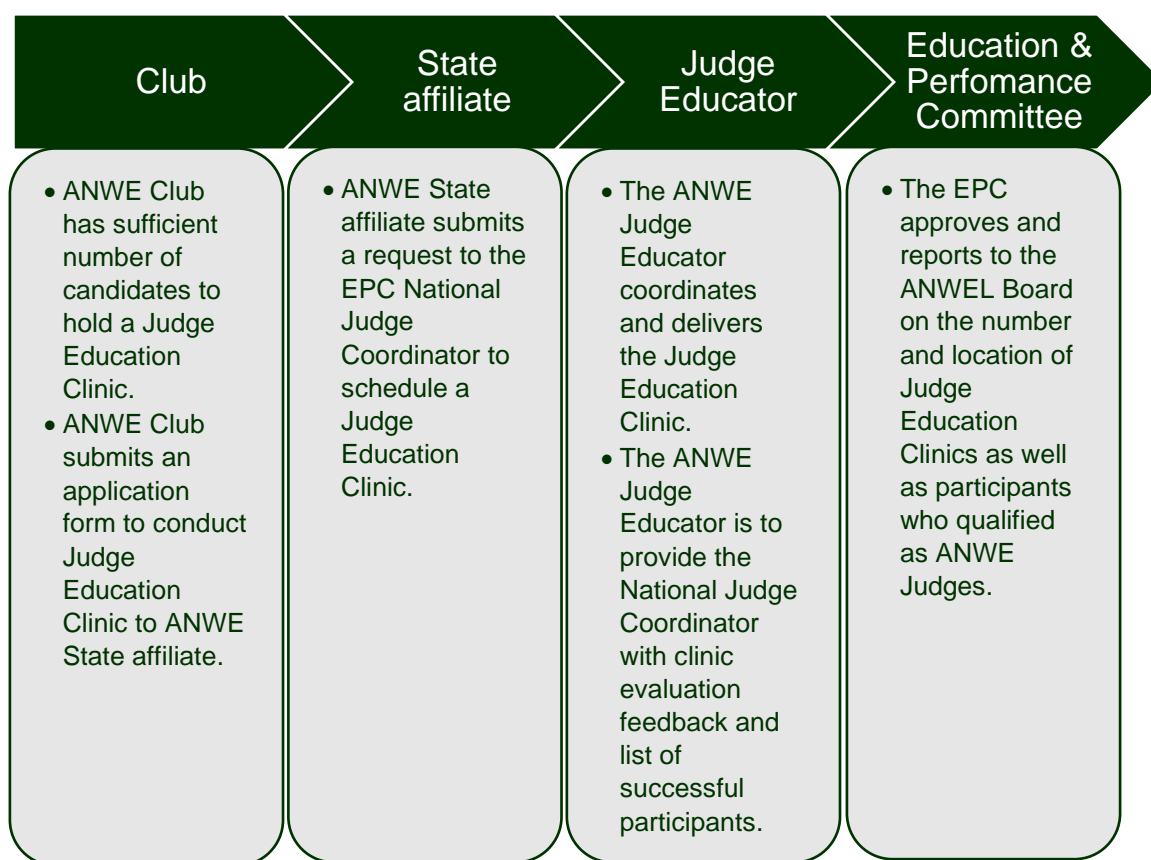
The EPC may make recommendations to the ANWEL Board for exemptions regarding the National Judge Accreditation Framework.

This may include, but is not limited to, exemptions regarding Judge returns, the number of events Judged, and Judge Education Clinics.

Exemptions may be due to disruptive/force majeure events (e.g. pandemic, natural disasters) which may prevent compliance to Accreditation requirements.

7. JUDGE EDUCATION CLINICS

All ANWE clubs are encouraged to hold Judge Education Clinics. The following process outlines the steps to conduct an approved Judge Education Clinic.



Application forms to hold an ANWE Judge Education Clinic (refer Appendix 1) can be found on www.anwe.org.au/members .

ANWE Judge Education Clinic applications will be responded to within 28 days of receipt.

8. NATIONAL JUDGE SYMPOSIUM

The EPC will coordinate an annual or biannual virtual National Judge Symposium.

The aim of the Symposium is to update Judges on any changes to education materials and discuss opportunities for the further development of Judges in Australia.

9. COMPLAINTS AGAINST ANWE JUDGES

Should a complaint be lodged against an ANWE Judge related to professional performance and/or conduct, the following procedure is to be followed:

- a) any complaints against an ANWE Judge and/or Judge Educator is to be formally submitted in writing to the EPC within 14 days of the event.
- b) the complaint matter must be kept confidential by all parties
- c) the EPC shall respond to the complainant in a timely manner
- d) a nominated member of the EPC will investigate the matter of complaint(s) ensuring the principles of natural justice are upheld
- e) the Judge to whom the complaint is directed is to provide a written response to the details of the complaint(s)
- f) should the EPC consider that the type or number of complaint/s against a Judge warrants further consideration, a request may be made to the Judge:
 - to attend a meeting with a panel of Judge Educators
 - to attend a further Judge Education seminar
 - to participate in a mentor program with an experienced Judge Educator
 - to sit further assessment examinations
- g) should the matter be considered of a serious nature, the Judge may be suspended for a period
- h) Should the matter fall outside of the scope of Judge related performance and/or conduct, the Member Protection Policy is to be applied
- i) the EPC is responsible for keeping complete, accurate and confidential records of all complaint matters
- j) in the event the matter cannot be resolved, the EPC may refer the matter to the ANWEL Board

The ANWEL Board may at its discretion seek professional advice. The Board's decision will be final.

10. SUGGESTED FEES FOR JUDGES

The EPC makes recommendation for approval to the ANWE Board on suggested fees for Judges and Judge Educators.

The table below is provided **for guidance only**. Clubs and or State affiliates may negotiate other arrangements dependent on circumstance.

Type of Event Dressage and Maneability	Judge Fee Guideline	Travel Fee Guideline
Unofficial /Protocol Day	\$10.00 per hour (minimum \$20)	30 cents per km (capped at \$300)
Official Competitions/Championships	\$20.00 per hour (minimum \$50)	30 cents per km (capped at \$300)
Judge Education Clinics/ Judge Educators	\$350 per day	30 cents per km (capped at \$300)

11. COMPETITION JUDGES

It is the goal of ANWE that all Judges will be ANWE Accredited for all phases of working equitation in Australia. It is acknowledged however that this will need to be achieved over the next two to three years to enable incorporation of:

- ANWE Accredited Dressage Judges
- ANWE Accredited Cattle Judges
- International Accredited Judges

11.1 Dressage Judges

ANWE currently recommends that all official competitions and championships have Equestrian Australia (EA) qualified Dressage judges to officiate over the Dressage phase of working equitation in Australia.

11.2 Maneability and Speed Judges

All ANWE official competitions and championships must have an ANWE Accredited Judge officiate over the Maneability and Speed phases of working equitation in Australia.

11.3 Cattle Judges

It is recommended that Working Cattle Judges hold ANWE Judge Accreditation to ensure they are knowledgeable of the principles and rules of working equitation in Australia.

Cattle Judges at an ANWE event must have experience in working cattle and be capable of making proper assessment regarding the safety and welfare of horse, rider and beast.

Cattle Judges at an ANWE event must ensure a rider's brief has been conducted for the Cattle phase of working equitation events in Australia. It is the Cattle Judge responsibility to ensure all competitors are aware of the

rules, and how the Judge will notify a competitor to stop if required. This is an important requirement that is aimed at ensuring the welfare of cattle, horse and rider (reference ANWEL Rule Book 17.11.1).