

Terms of Reference

This Terms of Reference (ToR) outlines the objectives, functions, duties, and responsibilities as they relate to Para Equestrians and Virtus athletes within equestrian sport.

This document serves to guide stakeholders, governing bodies, coaches, athletes, and other relevant parties in supporting and promoting the development and inclusion of Para Equestrian and Virtus athletes at all levels.

Purpose

The purpose of this ToR is to ensure the effective governance, support, and development of Para Equestrian and Virtus sport while fostering inclusivity, accessibility, and excellence within the discipline. It aims to establish clear guidelines and responsibilities for all involved parties.

Objectives

- Promote inclusivity and equal opportunities for Para Equestrians and Virtus athletes.
- Support the development of Para Equestrian and Virtus athletes, coaches, and officials through education, training, and resources.
- Ensure compliance with national and international standards, including the rules and regulations of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), Virtus, and the International Equestrian Federation (FEI).
- Advocate for accessibility to enable participation at all levels of the sport.
- Facilitate and promote pathways for Para Equestrians and Virtus athletes to progress from grassroots to elite competition.

Functions

- Develop and implement opportunities to support Para Equestrian and Virtus athlete participation and competition.
- Provide guidance and support to EQ affiliates to create accessible environments, mentoring programs, and opportunities.
- Liaise with Equestrian Australian Para Equestrian Committee and Virtus representatives to ensure alignment with best practices and standards.
- Equipment accessibility to be provided to enable athlete participation.
- Promote education and awareness about Para Equestrian and Virtus sport within the broader equestrian community.
- Provide classification opportunities in line with EA/FEI and Virtus guidelines.

