

Tom McCormack

Nominated March 2020

Nomination received from NSWERA for an Honorary Membership to be awarded to Tom McCormack.

Rationale

Tom has served our sport since 1987 with untiring dedication to a huge range of tasks. He has not only diligently applied himself to these tasks but has also initiated and developed huge improvements. Tom is known for his clear thinking and fair-minded application of the rules, his willingness to listen and work with others, and his calm manner in dealing with disputes. Endurance participants all over Australia have benefitted from Tom's skills and dedication.

Tom's contributions to endurance include:

- NSWERA delegate to AERA from 2008 until 2013
- President of AERA from 2011 to 2013
- Chief Steward for at least 53 rides starting in 2003
- Head Chief Steward for 13 Tom Quilty events covering every state, including the record-breaking NSW 50th Anniversary Quilty in 2015
- Assistant Chef D'Equipe on National Endurance Sports committee in 2017
- Accredited FEI Judge and Chief Steward
- Updated TQ Event Standards and TQ Manual and TPR Accreditation in 2014
- In 2015 he initiated and is still testing the Electronic Timing System
- Initiated a national track marking system in 2013
- Assisted in development and rollout of AERASpace from 2014
- Presided over the major rewriting of the AERA Rule Book in 2015
- Lead delegation to Equestrian Australia to discuss the amended EA/AERA agreement in 2011