



Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW)

Application to Join RDA (NSW) as an Associate Rider

This membership category is open to riders who have a classified disability.

Candidates who wish to apply for this category of membership must contact RDA (NSW). They will be sent an **Application to Join RDA (NSW) as an Associate Rider** form and **Membership** and **Medical Consent** Forms. All riders are required to complete these forms.

1. Complete Rider Registration Form (ESR-02).
2. Complete Application to Join RDA (NSW) as an Associate Rider (below).
3. Complete the Medical Consent Forms (ESR-01A).

The completed forms are then sent to the State Office and in turn to the State Rider Representative. The Rider's Representative will be the member's liaison with RDA (NSW).

Applicants will also be required to affirm that they will keep in contact with any Centre in the region where they intend to fundraise. It is preferable that applicants establish a relationship with their nearest Centre and have a Centre representative sign their application.

This category of membership entitles the member to receive minutes of general meetings. An Associate Rider Member of the Association is not entitled to vote at meetings of the Association. An Associate Rider Member is required to pay RDA (NSW) an annual affiliation fee of an amount which will be adjusted from time to time.

Membership will be reviewed on an annual basis.

**Please send the completed forms; ESR-02, ESR-01A and RID-2 to State Office
stateoffice@rdansw.org.au or PO Box 710, Sydney Markets NSW 2129**

Please allow 1 calendar month for the application to be processed.

Please note that if the rider is not competing at any RDA approved competition, they are NOT covered by RDA (NSW) insurance. They should be covered by the insurance of the organisers of the event.



APPLICATION TO JOIN RDA (NSW) AS AN ASSOCIATE RIDER

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Other affiliations? (E.g.: EFA): _____

Completed forms ESR-02 *Rider Registration Form*, ESR-01A *Participant Consent and Medical Information* and the below *Associate Rider Fundraising Agreement* must be completed, accompany this form and returned to State Office. All forms will be retained at State Office.

Region: _____ Closest Centre: _____

Date of Contact with that Centre: _____ Contact at Centre: _____

Position at Centre: _____

What do you hope to achieve riding as an Associate Rider?

I agree to adhere by the Associate Rider Fundraising agreement, acknowledgement of which accompanies this application.

(Note: Your membership may be revoked if you do not fulfil this obligation and Centres lodge an objection to your fundraising activity without their knowledge).

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Name of Centre contact _____ Signature of Centre Contact _____

OFFICE USE

Rider Rep. Date Received: _____ Date to be reviewed: _____

State Office Date Received: _____ Accepted/Rejected Receipt No. _____



Attachment: RDA (NSW) Rider / Driver Code of Behaviour

The following is a code of behaviour that is expected of all riders and persons involved in all competition events and displays under the auspices of RDA (NSW).

- In all equestrian sports, the horse must be considered paramount.
- Legislation regarding the health and welfare of the horse must be adhered to not only during RDA (NSW) events but also in training.
- Riders are expected to treat the horse they ride, whether their own or borrowed from others with consideration and respect.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow participants, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators.
- Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
- Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow participants and competitors
- Care for the equipment provided to you as part of your program.
- Be frank and honest with your coach concerning illness and injury and your ability to participate fully within the program requirements.
- At all times avoid intimate relationships with your coach.
- Riders should at all times, act in a manner so as to not bring the athlete, the sport, or RDA (NSW) into public disrepute or censure.
- Conduct yourself in a professional manner relating to language, temper and punctuality, be courteous, kind and always set a good example in dress and behaviour.
- Abide by the rules of competition and respect the decision of the judges and stewards, making all appeals through the formal process and respecting the final decision.
- Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training and participation. Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- Cooperate with coaches, volunteers and staff in development of programs to adequately prepare you to perform at your best.
- Riders must not have used or administered any substance that, if it had been detected as being present in the rider's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping as defined in the APC's Anti-Doping Policy.
- Riders are expected to be good ambassadors for RDA (NSW), equestrian sport and for themselves.
- Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, the RDA (NSW) Member Protection Policy



RDA (NSW) ASSOCIATE RIDER FUNDRAISING AGREEMENT

RDA (NSW) recognises the need for Associate Riders to fundraise in order to support their training and competition expenses. In undertaking any fundraising activities however, it must be recognized that in many instances Associate Riders will be essentially competing with Centres for sponsorship and donations and every effort must be made to ensure your fundraising activities have as little impact on your local Centre's fundraising potential as possible.

In undertaking fundraising or promotional activities, Associate Riders are not to refer to themselves as being a 'Paralympian' or 'Para-equestrian' unless they are currently a member of the Australian Paralympic Equestrian Team, or on the Paralympic Preparation Squad.

It is strongly encouraged that as an Associate Rider of NSW you keep in regular contact with your local Centre and participate in your local Centre's activities when appropriate. Associate Riders and their local Centres should support each other's fundraising opportunities and not enter into arrangements which would jeopardize the affiliation between the Associate Rider and their local Centre.

In planning your fundraising activities you abide by the following:

1. Liaise with your local Centre and coordinate fundraising activities in such a way that local businesses, community groups or individuals are not repeatedly approached.
2. Prior to initiating any fundraising or promotional activity for your individual purpose, consult with your local Centre to ensure they are aware of your proposed activities.
If your local Centre raises concerns about your proposal, contact the Fundraising and Promotions Director or Riders Representative of RDA (NSW) for further advice.
3. You must avoid conflicting fundraising activities to those initiated and undertaken by your local Centre. This involves for instance, taking into account both the products sold and the timing of sales.
4. Established fundraising activities take priority over similar, newer proposals. Except where express permission is given by an organiser of established fundraising activities.
5. Be considerate of the activities and situation of your local Centre. If you identify a funding opportunity that is more suitable to your local Centre's needs rather than your own, make an effort to pass on this knowledge.
6. Be mindful of the reporting of promotional activities. It is vital that any potential sponsor, media outlet etc is aware that you are fundraising for your personal training needs and that no funds will directly benefit the local Centre.
7. Ensure that all necessary insurances are in place prior to any fundraising activities.

Your fundraising and promotional activities will impact upon RDA (NSW) and by following the above, you will help to ensure the reputation of RDA (NSW), its Centres and all riders is upheld in the community.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (to accompany your Rider Registration Form)

I, _____, being an Associate Rider/parent/guardian/person responsible have read and fully understand RDA (NSW)'s Associate Rider fundraising agreement and agree to adhere to them when implementing any fundraising and promotional activities.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date ____/____/____