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EVENT SCHEDULE

Marcus Oldham Australian Interschool Championships

19 - 23 September 2024

Entries Open: 8am - 2nd August 2024

Entries Close: 5pm - 14th August 2024

All enquiries must go through your State
Chef d'Equipe / Team Manager



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General Information

The 2024 Marcus Oldham Australian Interschool Championships (the Event) is being staged by Equestrian Queensland (EQ), on behalf of Equestrian Australia (EA), at Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre (AELEC) from Thursday 19th September to Monday 23rd September 2024.

We welcome Marcus Oldham College back on board as our naming rights sponsor for this spectacular event.

Entries open at 8am, Friday 2nd August 2024, and close at 5pm on Wednesday 14th August 2024.

Each State and Territory (hereinafter referred to as State) team shall appoint a single point of contact, eg Team Manager or Chef d'Equipe (hereinafter referred to as Chef d'Equipe). All enquiries to the Organising Committee (OC) are to go through your Chef d'Equipe.

The event will be run in accordance with:

- [EA General Regulations \(Effective 1 July 2023 Last Updated 26 June 2023\)](#)
- [EA National Interschool Rules \(1 Jan 2024\)](#)
- [EA National Dressage Rules \(1 July 2024\)](#)
- [EA National Eventing Rules \(1 Jan 2024\)](#)
- [EA National Jumping Rules \(1 Jan 2024\)](#)
- [FEI Eventing Rules \(1 Jan 2024\)](#)
- [EA National Show Horse Rules \(1 Jan 2024\)](#)
- [EA National Interschool Show Horse Rules \(1 Jan 2017\)](#)
- FEI Equine Anti-Doping and controlled medication regulations:
- Clean sport webpage has links to ASADA, WADA and FEI: <http://www.equestrian.org.au/clean-sport>
- [EA Member Protection Policy](#)
- [EA Child Safeguarding Policy](#)
- All sport rules (EA and FEI) are linked from this page: <http://www.equestrian.org.au/rules>
- Special Conditions as set out in this Schedule
- Extracts from the FEI Veterinary Regulations as set out in this schedule
- An arbitration procedure is provided for in this schedule

**Disclaimer: These rule references are correct at the time of entry.
If they change before the competition, the new rules will be applied.**

Conditions of Entry

For all purposes, the duration of the event will be from 7am Tuesday 17 September to 8pm on Monday 23 September 2024. The Opening Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 18 September and competition will commence on Thursday 19 September 2024.

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Conduct

All athletes/riders and their support team must comply with the [EA National Interschool Rules](#), [Member Protection Policy](#), [Child Safe Standards](#) and [EA Codes of Conduct](#) detailed below.

- General and for all EA members
- For competitors
- For officials
- For spectators
- For all service providers (providing treatment to horses/humans)
- For coaches
- For administrators, directors and officers
- For parents and guardians
- For the welfare of the horse
- FEI "Codex" for Dressage Judges

There are formal mechanisms for requesting clarity of committee decisions and for disputing results. Each Discipline has rules and regulations specific to that Discipline, available on the EA website. Breaches of the Rules, Child Safe Standards, and Member Protection Policy may result in disqualification from the Event and depending on the severity of the offence, the athlete and/or their associates may face disciplinary action. The OC, Technical Delegate/s, Ground Jury and Officials are responsible for ensuring Horse Welfare guidelines and EA Codes of Conduct are observed.

At time of entry you will be required to confirm you have read and agree to the Codes of Conduct.

Reservation of Rights

The OC reserves the rights to:

- Cancel any class or event
- Move classes within the event schedule
- Divide any class
- Transfer competitors between sections of a class
- Alter advertised times
- Refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason

Image Consent

When you enter this event you will be asked whether you give your consent to EQ and EQ to copy or reproduce images of the rider you represent or yourself as EA and EQ may determine, without acknowledgement of yours and without your entitlement to any remuneration or compensation now or in the future. The images may be used by EA and EQ in multimedia productions and or publications to promote a range of initiatives for EQ and EQ. EA and EQ agrees not to use any image that may be deemed adverse or defamatory to the person entering this event. Any restrictions or special circumstances, in regard to a rider must be noted on entry to enable the Organising Committee to inform any official photographers prior to the commencement of competition.

It is imperative to note that you cannot take images and post publicly of other children without explicit consent.

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Event Personnel

<p>Event Director: Patrick Lowe interschoolqld.secretaryevents@gmail.com</p>	<p>Event Secretary: Melinda Robinson info@equestrianqld.com.au</p>
<p>Jumping Coordinator: Alex Sorensen</p>	<p>Dressage Coordinator: Piper Wise</p>
<p>Eventing Coordinator: Monique Searle</p>	<p>Show Horse Coordinator: Sarah Hoolihan</p>
<p>Combined Training Coordinator: Tracey Sexton</p>	<p>Pool Horse Coordinator: Brooke Kelly - info@equestrianqld.com.au</p>
<p>Event Office: Melinda Robinson - info@equestrianqld.com.au</p>	<p>Sponsorship & Trade: Equestrian Queensland - interschool@equestrianqld.com.au</p>
<p>Marketing & Social Media: The Fika Effect - abbey@thefikaeffect.com</p>	<p>Stable Managers: Annabel & Emma Twine</p>
<p>Medical Services: Cross Country: Beneficial Safety Event Coverage: Complete Response Solutions</p>	<p>Veterinary Services: Australian Veterinary Group - www.sconeequinehospital.com.au</p>
	<p>Child Safety Officer: Briston Toft - CEO Equestrian Queensland ceo@equestrianqld.com.au</p>

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Gear Check

In all disciplines (with the exception of Dressage) gear check is compulsory before each class and/or phase, but only if the phases are held on different days. EA Stewards will complete the checks either prior to entering the warm-up or at the completion of the phase. **Dressage gear check** is compulsory after the riding of each test, not having a dressage gear check completed will result in elimination.

DRESS AND SADDLERY

- Riders must compete in attire required under EA Rules. Jackets and ties or stocks are to be worn, not school jumpers.
- Teams may coordinate State colours (e.g. ties, browbands etc.)
- While riding at the Event, the use of properly fastened protective headgear will be mandatory.
- Protective Headgear must comply with the relevant standard under EA Rules:
- All helmets must be tagged and display a current yellow sticker if applicable for the discipline. Please refer to [EA General Regulations \(1 July 2023\)](#)
- Random checks of helmet standards may occur.
- A designated EA tagger will be onsite for helmets that require tagging.
- The EA tag does not verify that the helmet is safe or in working order. It only verifies that the helmet complies with the specific standards as mandated by the EA Eventing Rules.
- Back Protectors are compulsory under EA Eventing Rules and must comply with rule 538.3.1. From 1 January 2020, body protectors will need to be manufactured after 2009 and comply with:
 - EN13158:2009 level 3
 - BETA 2009 Level 3
 - EN13158:2018 level 3
 - BETA 2018 Level 3
- The OC authorises competitors (only where permitted by the State Team Chefs d'Equipe) to display an emblem or logo of their state team their competition clothing or saddlecloth. No squad or sponsors logos are permitted.
- Saddlecloths – dressage or all-purpose must be worn. Saddlecloths may have the state team logo or emblem embroidered on them, to the approved specifications and as approved by the State Chef d'Equipe.
- Numnahs are permitted in Show Horse

RIDER NUMBERS

Numbers (3 digit) will be allocated and it is the rider's responsibility to provide their own number holders/number for the bridle or the saddlecloth and must be displayed on both sides of the horse unless otherwise stated. In Show Horse classes a breastplate number holder may be used. Horses must display numbers at all times when out of the stable, this requires the allocated number to be attached to the head collar (one number is sufficient) when the horse is led.

Rider back numbers for the cross-country phase of Eventing must be worn and will be provided to the respective State Chefs d'Equipe. Penalty for not adhering to these rules may be disqualification.

State issued dressage bridle numbers used in official dressage competitions are not to be used.

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Sampling for Prohibited Substances

As this is a National Championship, the EA Medication Control Policy will be enforced in accordance with the **FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Medication Control Regulations**.

VETERINARIANS

Upon arrival on the competition grounds, all veterinarians are requested to sign in at the AELEC office.

SOUNDNESS

The Judges are required to satisfy themselves regarding the soundness of all horses, and under EA Sport Rules they have the authority to stop a horse they may believe is unsound/unfit during the competition or from competing.

Veterinary Examination and Horse Identification

These will be carried out in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations Article 1031 and the form attached will be used to record the examination and horse details. Extracts of the FEI Veterinary Regulations Article 1031 are provided below.

Definitions:

- a. The term 'Veterinary Examination' is used to denote a clinical examination carried out by a qualified veterinarian to establish the general health status of a horse about to compete. Veterinary Examinations are also used to ensure that competition horses are not ill or injured as a result of long-distance movement.

The term 'Verification of Identity' refers to the means of checking the identity markings of the horse against its diagram in the registration document at a Veterinary Examination or Horse Inspection.

The Veterinary Examination ('Examination upon Arrival') should be carried out as soon as possible after arrival and prior to the horse coming into contact with other horses in the event stables. Each competitor is to complete and provide the horse identification and vet check form to the nominated vet for their inspection.

Horses MUST have their EA Registration papers in order to compete, these are easily accessible via the MyEA app, alternatively a paper copy can be supplied. Please have this organised before you leave home.
<https://www.equestrian.org.au/news/digital-access-your-ea-horse-documentation>

We encourage the use of the MyEA App for the presentation of the horse's registration document

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- a. The object of the Veterinary Examination is to:
- b. Verify the identity of each horse from its paperwork and/or microchip;
- c. Check that the animal has not been in contact with other animals suffering from infectious or contagious disease (e.g. strangles) or has come from an establishment that is not free of such disease; and
- d. Carry out a clinical examination to ensure that the horse is not suffering from any infectious or contagious disease. This examination may include the palpation of limbs and body, monitoring heart and respiratory rate, body temperature and any other pertinent clinical parameters necessary. The limbs may be palpated or lifted to examine a suspected abnormality. However, an examination for any lameness (i.e. flexion tests or a trot-up) is not part of this examination. A record of the clinical findings must be made which should follow the horse through successive examinations and inspections.
- e. If the veterinarian's opinion is that the horse should not be allowed to be in contact with the other participants or should not take part in the event, the case must be referred to the Ground Jury and the Veterinary Commission/Delegate for a final decision.

Following a Veterinary Examination:

- a. Any horse, which is considered to be a health risk to other horses at the event, will be refused permission to enter the event stables. It may, however, be stabled in separate isolation stables pending recovery or until alternative arrangements have been made;
- b. Any horse, which is not considered fit to participate in the event, must be reported to the Ground Jury. The Veterinary Delegate should discuss the case with the Ground Jury which is responsible for making the decision, if necessary, to eliminate the horse before the first horse inspection;
- c. Mares may not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with a foal at foot. If it is subsequently confirmed that a mare competed under either of these conditions, she will be disqualified from all events to which these conditions applied and the Person Responsible will be referred to the Secretary General for reference to the Ground Jury;
- d. Horses may not compete with a tracheotomy (i.e. a surgical opening through the skin into the trachea) or after a neurectomy has been carried out;
- e. Tongue straps or guards for horses are not permitted in any EA or FEI competitions; and
- f. Shock wave therapy (i.e. Extra-Corporal Shockwave, ESWT) and Cryo-therapy are not permitted during competition and for a period of five days prior to the first Horse Inspection. The application of ice is acceptable.

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Entry Timetable

Competitors entries are to be co-ordinated through their EA State Branch and any communications regarding entries or draws must be directed to your State Branch. Please do NOT contact the Organising Committee directly with any questions.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to accept or deny entries.

CLOSE OF ENTRIES: 5pm, Wednesday 14th August 2024.

The names of the competitors and horses must be indicated and all entries completed online via [Nominate.com.au](https://www.nominate.com.au)

<https://www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Nominate.aspx>

WA, TAS & NT riders that have not yet been allocated a Pool Horse, should state "Pool Horse" under horse name. WA, TAS & NT riders that have made private arrangements to borrow a horse must provide full details of the horse at time of entry.

DRAFT DRAW:

**Monday 9
SEPTEMBER 2024**

PROVISIONAL DRAW:

**Thursday 12
SEPTEMBER 2024**

FINAL DRAW:

**Monday 16
SEPTEMBER 2024**

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

**Any clashes or omissions to be advised by the State
Chefs D'Equipe by Saturday 14 September 2024.**

Any substitutions may only be made up until 5pm Sunday 15th September when final draws are updated. Substitutions may only be made in line with the substitution rules and at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Any further requests for substitution after this date will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

CLASS Entry fees will NOT be refunded after the Close of Entries. State teams are responsible for arranging the class refund/payment of fees between substituted riders and the rider who has paid the entry for the class.

Stabling and Camping fees for the rider that has withdrawn will be refunded less a \$55 administration fee, only if a Medical or Veterinary Certificate is presented within 7 days or the date of withdrawal.

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Pool Horses

The Organising Committee will make a list of Pool Horses available for riders representing WA, TAS & NT only.

The Pool Horse Coordinator will supply a list of pool horses offered. It is the responsibility of the rider to contact and arrange an agreement with the horse owner in regard to the supply and suitability of the horse, classes entered, and any transport and care of the horse.

Riders from WA, Tas & NT may also source a privately borrowed horse for the event, and all conditions and regulations will apply to the horse as if it was a pool horse, except for payment details. Full details must be provided at the time of entry. Horses arranged privately must be EA life registered, and their grading will be checked for eligibility. All horses must undertake a vet inspection upon arrival.

Riders organising private Pool horses will not be refunded after the close of entry if the horse is unsuitable.

Riders of Pool Horses organised from a list provided by the OC will be required to pay \$900 for the use of their horse for the competition. Pool horse owners are required to provide all saddlery/rugs and equipment for their horse as well as all feed for the duration of their stay as well as delivery of the horse to the venue.

The Pool Horse rider will be required to book and pay for all stabling fees for the horse for the duration of the event, and they will be responsible for the care and health of the horse whilst it is at the competition. Full details of the agreement to use a pool horse will be provided to riders and owners. Payment for pool horses will be requested upon the allocation of a horse after the close of entries.

Qualifying criteria for Pool Horses:

- Pool horses are not permitted for Eventing classes.
- Pool horses cannot be provided to compete in PSG, Inter 1 dressage or 120cm jumping.
- Pool horses are only available for those competitors in NT, TAS and WA who are unable to bring their own horse to the competition.
- Pool horses will not be provided as an additional horse. If a person has qualified on more than one horse and wishes to use a pool horse in addition and instead of their own horse for whatever reason this is not permitted.
- Pool horses are permitted to compete in multiple disciplines with a recommendation of two classes per horse, but may compete in a max. of three classes per horse at the owner's agreement.
- Where a pool horse is unable to be sourced the Organising Committee will refund the entry amounts paid by the competitor.
- If the required number of pool horses is not reached, then balloting may be required to occur.

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Eligibility

Riders must be:

- Residents of the State they are representing (or enrolled students in the state they are representing).
- Current Competitive members of Equestrian Australia.
- Qualified and endorsed by their State branch.

Each State may nominate a maximum of four (4) riders per discipline/class. In 2024 we are trialing the inclusion of six (6) riders in the discipline of Eventing only.

Riders are to compete in classes that they have qualified for and are confident of their own and their horse's abilities. In sports where "grading" or "qualification" applies, the EA rules for eligibility must be adhered to.

The level or grade of the horse or horse/rider combination is as at the time of close of entries.

RIDER'S AGE

The Australian Interschool Championships caters for riders enrolled and attending a recognised school or educational institution. This may include Distance Education or approved Home Schooling.

Primary competition is restricted to riders enrolled up to and including year/grade 6 in the year of competition.

The Secondary competition is for those enrolled in year 7 to 12 inclusive in the year of competition. Intermediate competition is defined as those riders enrolled in years 7, 8 and 9. Senior divisions are for those riders enrolled in years 10, 11 and 12 in the current year.

HORSES

All horses entered in the Australian Interschool Championships must have full EA registration at the time of entry and a microchip meeting Australian Standard AS5018/5019 inserted. Horses must be entered for events in their full registered names and their registered EA number must be provided. Owners of horses must have current state based membership.

EA Registration papers/identification documents must be produced on arrival at the venue. Horses entered in the Event may only be ridden and schooled by the athlete competing the horse. This applies for the entire event.

Only the nominated rider competing in any given discipline may ride the nominated horse, on or off the grounds, for the duration of the event - horses may not leave the grounds without the permission of the Organising Committee during the Championships. Lunging by someone other than the nominated athlete is permitted where there may be a safety issue. Lunging is only permitted in areas designated by the organising committee.

AGE OF HORSES

All horses and ponies must be four years of age or older to compete in Interschool competitions. Horse ages are assessed from 1 August of the year of birth.

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NUMBER OF HORSES/CLASSES PER ATHLETE

Riders may compete with more than one horse and in multiple disciplines, as long as National Discipline Rules are followed regarding the number of test/classes that may be contested.

Interstate riders may compete with more than one horse and in multiple disciplines with a recommendation of two classes per rider, or a maximum of three classes. However, the OC may request the rider to make a choice where three classes cannot be accommodated for scheduling or horse welfare considerations.

NOTE:- Primary and Secondary school riders that choose to compete in Eventing are ineligible to compete in any other discipline on the same horse.

It is the responsibility of the State Chefs d'Equipe to ensure that discipline rules are followed and those riders with multiple horses are able to compete without the question of any welfare issues arising. This should be done before they enter the competition in consultation with team members. Once all entries are closed, each State Chefs d'Equipe will receive a list for review.

Coordination of Entries

The State EA Branch or the Chefs d'Equipe shall be responsible for coordinating the team, including substitutions and shall be responsible for verifying the eligibility of competitors and shall be able to provide evidence of eligibility to the OC upon request.

It is an expectation that all riders attend the Opening Ceremony. Riders are expected to remain for the duration of the event; however, they may request permission through their State Chef d'Equipe to leave early.

Entries (all class, stabling/camping fees) shall be submitted online via [Nominate.com.au](https://www.nominate.com.au) by the qualified rider's parent or guardian or by the EA State Branch or Chef d'Equipe, depending on the process agreed by each State.

All entries must be done online:

- Entries are to be made online via [Nominate.com.au](https://www.nominate.com.au) by the close of entries.
- On the close of entries, each State will be provided with a report by the OC to validate the entries received.
- Where entries are received from ineligible riders, these will be refunded less a \$55 administration fee.
- Stable allocations and camping will be undertaken in State blocks after entries have closed. No requests will be catered for. Each State will be allocated Permanent and portable stables.
- Payments for pool horses will be by private arrangement between the rider and the owner of the horse.
- All entries require a parent or guardian's email address and mobile phone number. No student emails or phone numbers are to be used.

Entries received from individual riders not endorsed via the State Branch will not be accepted.

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Entry Fees

The following entry fees must be paid at time of entry and are inclusive of GST:

Show Horse:	\$220 per horse per class
Eventing:	\$220 per horse per class
Show Jumping:	\$220 per horse per class
Dressage:	\$220 per horse per class (Inter 1 & PSG \$110 per class)
Combined Training:	\$220 per horse per class
Pas De Deux:	\$110 per combination
Administration Fee:	\$55 per entry
Medical Fee:	\$25 per rider

The Pas De Deux is to be organised through the State Chef D'Equipe/Team Manager. Each state will be eligible to enter 4 combinations for the Pas De Deux. The entries for the Pas De Deux will be made through Nominate. Entries will open Monday 2nd September.

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REFUNDS AND WITHDRAWALS

Prior to Close of Entries

- A full refund less a \$55 administration fee will be arranged for any entry withdrawn prior to the close of entries.

After Close of Entries

- CLASS Entry fees/Admin Fees/Medical Fees will NOT be refunded after the Close of Entries. State teams may substitute a rider as per substitution conditions.

Stabling and Camping

- Any withdrawals before and including the 8th of September (11:59pm) will receive a full refund, providing they are accompanied by a Medical or Veterinary Certificate within 7 days of the date of the withdrawal.
- Any withdrawals from the 9th of September to the 22nd of September (11:59pm) will receive a full refund less a \$150 administration fee, providing they are accompanied by a Medical or Veterinary Certificate within 7 days of the date of the withdrawal.
- Any withdrawals from the 23rd of September will NOT be refunded.

SUBSTITUTION

Should a nominated competitor or horse be unable, for whatever reason, to compete after close of entries, the relevant State Chef d'Equipe may substitute a suitably qualified competitor/horse providing the following conditions are met:

- A veterinary or medical certificate must be provided to prove the qualified horse's/rider's unavailability; and
- The substitute horse must be eligible for the grade/level as per EA rules.
- The rider must be suitably qualified to compete in the level of competition.
- Approval of the OC and the relevant EA Branch is obtained.
- The substitution combination of horse and rider must already be entered or be on the State reserve list to compete at the event. This may include a change to a qualified reserve horse by an entered team member.

A withdrawn rider may be replaced with a rider/horse combination from within the entered team, with a listed state reserve rider combination or a change to a qualified reserve horse by an entered team member. If replacing with a reserve rider not already entered in another class, there will be a \$55 administration fee.

Relevant membership and horse registration checks are the responsibility of the State or Territory Team Manager. Any reallocation of camping or stables is the team responsibility. Rider/mount combination reserves must be qualified through their state or territory interschool selection criteria and meet any discipline rules or MERS (please note Dressage PSG and Inter 1 and Eventing).

Facilities and Venue

THE LOCATION

The Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre (AELEC) is a state of the art facility located in the major regional hub of Tamworth in Northwestern NSW.

Tamworth is the closest shopping /business area and is located only 10 minutes from AELEC. There are shopping centres, restaurants, hotels, entertainment etc.

Tamworth airport is located only 15 mins from AELEC.

AUSTRALIAN EQUINE AND LIVESTOCK EVENTS CENTRE (AELEC) FACILITIES

For venue maps and more details go to <https://www.aelec.com.au/competitors/competitor-faqs>. At a snapshot the venue includes:

- 1 x Main Indoor sand arena
- 2 x Undercover sand arenas
- 2 x Ebb & Flow Arenas
- 2 x Outdoor sand arenas
- Cross country course suitable for all abilities up to 4*
- 478 stables (extra portable stables will be made available if necessary).
- Wash bays
- 187 powered campsites
- + powered paddock campsites with nearby water access
- Central amenities block; including meeting rooms, toilets and showers
- Warm-up areas
- Car and float parking

Accommodation

The following accommodation list provides a selection of options within close vicinity to AELEC.

ACCOMMODATION

- Golden Guitar Motor Inn 2-8 Ringers Road Hillvue NSW (02) 6762 2999
- Econo Lodge Savannah Park 559 – 597 Burgmanns Lane Hillvue NSW (02) 6765 7922
- CH Boutique Apartments 31 The Ringers Road Hilvue NSW (02) 571 29700
- Best Western All Settlers 191 Goonoo Goonoo Road Tamworth NSW (02) 6762 1566
- Motel 359 359 Goonoo Goonoo Road Tamworth NSW (02) 6762 4100
- Tamworth City Motel 350 – 356 Goonoo Goonoo Road Tamworth NSW (02) 6765 9258
- City Lights Holiday Park 612/628 Goonoo Goonoo Rd, Tamworth NSW 2340 (02) 6765 7664

Hire Caravan companies include:

Tamworth and North West Caravan Hire

www.nwcaravanhire.com.au

23 Kingsford Smith Street Taminda NSW 2340

Contacts: Jade 0478 790 166 / Dennis 0419 802 505

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Stables & Camping

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Stables and camping will be allocated in State sections.

Stabling and camping bookings will open 7pm 20th August every horse must have a stable booked before close of stabling on 29th August via: <https://www.aelec.com.au/competitors/-camping-bookings>

Further information and costs for stabling and camping will be advised in due course.

There will be no yards available.

Each Competitor is responsible for the safety of their own tack and personal items.

Additional horses not officially participating at the Event cannot be brought to the venue under any circumstances.

Arrival and Departure of Horses

- Horses being stabled must be on site and inspected by 4pm Wednesday 18th September 2024
- Arrival Days/Times are listed below:
 - Tuesday 17th September: 7am to 12pm & 1:00pm to 5pm
 - Wednesday 18th September: 7am to 12pm & 1pm to 4pm
- The Vet Team will be at the venue at these times to conduct health checks.
- Any horse not inspected by a vet will not be allowed to compete.
- Riders are expected to remain for the duration of the event, however, each state may give pre approval for a competitor to depart the venue earlier.
- Health declarations, biosecurity paperwork and horse registrations will be required on arrival to access AELEC.
- Full arrival procedures will be provided closer to event date.

HORSE TRUCKS AND FLOATS

Parking of all vehicles and trailers is to be in the designated areas only.
Vehicles not used for camping will need to be parked in the designated car parks.

BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

Bicycles must be ridden with a helmet.

AELEC is a very large venue and bicycles are a great idea however some of the roads are public roads and road rules apply. 1 person only per bike/scooter. Parents are responsible for ensuring children ride in a safe manner and do not frighten horses or leave bicycles on the ground where they may be a hazard to people or horses.

Bicycles and scooters are prohibited in the Stable area and are not to be left at entrance to arenas.

E-scooters are banned in NSW - please do not bring them with you.

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DOGS

Dogs are allowed on site, they must either be on a lead with their owner or tied up or in a cage/pen at the vehicle. Owners MUST clean up after their dogs!

No dogs are allowed in or around the competition arena/s at any time.

BioSecurity Policy

It is impossible to keep horses separate at events, so make sure your horse is in full health before leaving your property. Events are prime places for your horse to catch an infectious disease.

A: Entrants, owners or persons in charge of the horse(s) at the Event acknowledge and agree:

- a. not to bring sick horses to the event. Sick animals may get worse during transport and infect other horses. Visually inspect horses to be transported and check rectal temperatures on the morning of the event. If in doubt, ask your vet to examine the horse.
- b. to provide truthful, accurate information to all officials and vets as required
- c. to complete a Horse Health Declaration form (HHD). This will be provided to competitors before the event and must be handed to the Vet on arrival for the vet check.
- d. to carry out instructions from the event committee or officials
- e. to monitor their horse's health throughout the event and notify the event committee if they see any signs of illness.
- f. if you notice strange behaviour or signs of disease in your horse, or any horse, to report it immediately to the event organiser so they can determine the risk to other horses. Do not move the horse.
- g. to take your horse's rectal temperature 3 days prior to arrival at the venue and log this on the HHD form to be handed to the vet. If travelling begins more than 3 days before arrival, it is recommended to begin tracking temperature 3 days prior to departure. A rectal temperature above 38.5 degrees suggests disease. It is recommended to continue to track horse's rectal temperature throughout the event.
- h. not to share tack and equipment between horses
 - i. to ensure each horse has its own water and feed bucket
 - j. not to use communal water troughs
- k. to minimise contact between horses
 - l. to minimise contact between other people and your horse(s). Discourage people from touching your horse as this is a key way for disease to spread from horse to horse.
- m. Not to allow horses to eat any other horses feed
- n. To take home any leftover feed or place in designated areas

B: Entrants further acknowledge and agree that for the Event:

- a. All horses must be accompanied by a completed Horse Health Declaration (HHD) form. This must be handed to Vet on arrival for the vet check.
- b. Any sick horses may be isolated or removed from the contact with other horses

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Practice Areas and Team Allocations

Practice arenas and their availability will be allocated prior to the event. The training areas will be overseen by stewards and each team's Chef d'Equipe/State Team representative.

MEETING OF CHEFS D'EQUIPE

A meeting of all State Chefs d'Equipe will occur before the event via Zoom at a time to be advised. A schedule of further meetings will be advised at this time.

VOLUNTEERING

This event will rely heavily on volunteers to assist in running events. SignUp will be used to enable volunteers to select from all available jobs, those early to respond will get first preference of the jobs. The jobs will not be allocated on a state basis, every job will be available to volunteers to select from, it is expected that all states participate.

Should all required jobs not be filled by 18th September 2024 the Volunteer Co-ordinator will allocate unfilled jobs to State teams who have not had an appropriate number of volunteers "signup". It will be the responsibility of the Chefs d'Equipe to fill these duties within their team and update helper contact name and details.

The event SignUp will be activated soon after the provisional draft draws are issued.

The willingness of state teams to volunteer will be considered when determining the team spirit award.

Prizes and Awards

CLASS PRIZES

Placings to 6th place will be awarded in all classes.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Individuals will receive points in each class. Points are allocated based on the maximum possible number of competitors in each class (i.e. 28, 27, 26, 25...1). The points received in each class are totalled to decide the Champion, Reserve Champion individuals and 3rd to 6th place prizes.

Equality in class and sub class placings will be resolved for places 1st to 6th. If equality cannot be resolved, riders will be awarded equal placing and share points. For example, one rider may be awarded 6th place and receive 23 points, two rides may be awarded 7th place so each will be awarded 21.5 points, then the next placed rider would be awarded 9th and 20 points. Champion points are awarded only where an athlete has completed all phases/sections of a class without elimination or disqualification.

CHAMPION TEAMS

When calculating a State team score, the total individual points of the top three individuals within the team are counted. The fourth member's points (if there is a 4th member) are used only to determine the outcome in the case of a tie.

Rosettes will be awarded to the Champion Team in each discipline.

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AWARDS

Riders will be presented with the perpetual trophy and an annual trophy they will retain. Perpetual trophies will be inscribed with the winning rider's name and remain with the Organising Committee's State Branch.

Tammy Rhodes Dressage Trophy: Presented to the athlete with the highest accumulated points across a level. Class champions with a minimum average higher than 60% across both tests will be considered for this award.

Closest to Ideal Time Eventing Trophy: Presented to the athlete who returns the closest to optimum time (under time) on the cross country with 0 jumping penalties. Only the Class Champions are considered for this award. Where riders have equal optimum times, the rider in the higher level competition is awarded the trophy.

Combined Training Trophy: Presented to the athlete with the fewest penalty points in Combined Training. All Class Champions are considered for this award. The rider with the lowest total is awarded the trophy. Where riders have equal points the rider in the higher level is awarded the trophy.

Finch Farms Show Jumping Trophy: Presented to the athlete with the best overall result in Show Jumping, with at least a clear round in Phase 3 – article 238.2.2.

Show Rider Trophy: Presented to the athlete with the least penalty points (maximum available points per class, less total points earned) in Show Horse, Show Hunter and Working Hunter championships. All Class Champions are considered for this award. Where riders have equal points the rider with the highest score in the rider phase of their class is awarded the trophy.

EA Australian Interschool Championships Teamwork Trophy: To be awarded to the State showing the best team spirit and teamwork. To be judged on the following considerations:

- Team uniforms and colours worn throughout the event
- Team work – helping team mates to prepare for their performances
- Team spirit – supporting team mates on the sidelines
- Tidiness and decoration of stable area with team colours
- Volunteering – number of team members committed to jobs on Signup
- State Based Team challenge events throughout the competition

Please note - stables can be decorated within reason, keeping in mind horse and rider safety. Stables and stable blocks must not be permanently marked in anyway - i.e. with paint, permanent markers etc. - and all decorations must be cleaned and tidied away by the last day of competition. Fines will apply for states that do not leave their stable block in a clean and tidy manner or cause damage to the stables. Stable aisles to be kept clear at all times.

OVERALL TROPHIES

The **Harry le Bherz Perpetual Trophy** will be awarded to the state with the highest accumulated points across all team riders in all classes.

The **Equestrian Australia Interschool Trophy:** This is awarded to the state with the highest accumulated points with less than 50 riders. Points counted per class for state riders same as for the overall and then divided by the number of riders in that state to give the total.

Attendance at presentations is compulsory for all riders receiving prizes, should an athlete not be present prizes will be forfeited. No rider substitution is allowed in prize giving ceremonies. Competitors to wear full competition riding uniform.

The Organising Committee will advise the schedule of presentations. All presentations are unmounted.

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OPENING CEREMONY– SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Opening Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 18th September 2024 commencing at 5.00pm with the Unmounted Parade March Assembly. It is essential that all horse/competitors must be onsite by 4pm Wednesday to have horses and camping arrangements settled before attending the Opening Ceremony

Other social events will be announced closer to the event.

RESULTS

Live scoring will be available throughout the event and the final results will be posted online through Nominate. We encourage you to download the Nominate app for ease of accessing results.

Competition Schedule

This is a provisional timetable only and is subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

2024 MARCUS OLDHAM AIC EVENT SCHEDULE (SUMMARY) – 19 SEPTEMBER – 23 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Thursday 19th	Friday 20th	Saturday 21st	Sunday 22nd	Monday 23rd
SHOW HORSE	All Classes				
DRESSAGE	Pas De Deux	Prelim Medium	PSG Novice	Elementary Advanced Inter 1 RWD	
SHOW JUMPING			All heights Round 1	All heights Round 2	All heights Round 3
EVENTING	Dressage	Jumping	Cross Country		
COMBINED TRAINING	Dressage	Jumping			

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Show Horse Championships

Entry Cost \$220 per Class

CLASS	CLASS NAME	MUST COMPLETE ALL PHASES
SH1	Show Horse Primary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH2	Show Hunter Primary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH3	Working Hunter Primary	Led, Rider Class and Ridden (45cm)
SH4	Show Horse Intermediate	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH5	Show Hunter Intermediate	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH6	Working Hunter Intermediate	Led, Rider Class and Ridden (55cm)
SH7	Show Horse Senior	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH8	Show Hunter Senior	Led, Rider Class and Ridden
SH9	Working Hunter Senior	Led, Rider Class and Ridden (65cm)

Show Horse –

Will comprise of three separate phases:

- Phase 1 – In hand
- Phase 2 – Rider Class (judging the rider, not smartest on parade or turnout)
- Phase 3 – Ridden workout (judging the horse as a show horse)

Show Hunter –

Will comprise of three separate phases:

- Phase 1 – In hand
- Phase 2 – Rider Class (judging the rider, not smartest on parade or turnout)
- Phase 3 – Ridden workout (judging the horse as a show hunter)

Working Hunter –

Will comprise of three separate phases:

- Phase 1 – In hand
- Phase 2 – Rider Class (judging the rider, not smartest on parade or turnout)
- Phase 3 – Ridden (judging the horse as a working hunter with inclusion of jumping obstacles)

Order of phases to be confirmed when draw is released.

Show Horse workouts are available on the AIC Website: ausequestrianinterschoolchamps.org.au

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Show Horse Championships

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Judged under EA National Show Horse Rules (effective 1 July 2023) in conjunction with the Interschool Show Horse Rules (effective 1 Jan 2017).

- Conflicts of Interest MUST be submitted in writing only to the Organising Committee.
- Judging and scoring as per EA National Interschool Show Horse Rules.
- Riders must complete all three phases in the class on the same horse.
- Each class will have a timed draw, and all riders will complete an individual workout.
- The Championship (total points earned over all phases) will determine the overall ranking of riders
 - Ribbons will be awarded for Led, Rider and Ridden classes and Championship (combined score across phases)
 - Rider and horse/pony combination may compete in one class only and must choose between Show Horse, Show Hunter or Working Hunter.
- State emblem/logo must be displayed on the riders' jacket
- State browband may be worn in all classes, including hunter/working hunter, without penalty
- Numnah and breastplates can be worn.
- Hunter Jackets can be worn in Show Hunter and Working Hunter classes.

SCORING

As per EA National Interschool Show Horse Rules.

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Dressage Championships

Entry Cost \$220 per Class except Prix St Georges and Intermediate I which are \$110 per class.

DRESSAGE TESTS

CLASS NO	CLASS	TESTS
D1	Primary Preliminary	Preliminary 1.2, Preliminary 1.3 (2023)
D2	Primary Novice	Novice 2.2, Novice 2.3 (2023)
D3	Secondary Intermediate Prelim	Preliminary 1.2, Preliminary 1.3 (2023)
D4	Secondary Intermediate Novice	Novice 2.2, Novice 2.3 (2023)
D5	Secondary Senior Preliminary	Preliminary 1.2, Preliminary 1.3 (2023)
D6	Secondary Senior Novice	Novice 2.2, Novice 2.3 (2023)
D7	Secondary Elementary	Elementary 3.2, Elementary 3.3 (2023)
D8	Secondary Medium	Medium 4.2, Medium 4.3 (2023)
D9	Secondary Advanced	Advanced 5.2, Advanced 5.3 (2023)
D10	Secondary Prix St Georges	Prix St Georges (2009, updated 2022)
D11	Secondary Intermediate 1	Intermediate 1 (2009, updated 2022)
D12	Pas De Deux	As provided
D13	Secondary Rider With a Disability (RWD)	Preliminary 1.1, Preliminary 1.2 (2023)
D14	Primary Rider With a Disability (RWD)	Preliminary 1.1, Preliminary 1.2 (2023)

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Dressage Championships

The Pas De Deux is to be organised through the State Chef D'Equipe/Team Manager. Each state will be eligible to enter 4 combinations for the Pas De Deux. The entries for the Pas De Deux will be organised through Nominate.com.au.

DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Dressage will be run in accordance with EA Dressage Competition Rules. Dressage tests (updated January 2023) and the Dressage Rules can be downloaded from the EA website: <https://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules>

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- All horses must be four years of age or older.
- Gloves are compulsory and preferably white.
- Test to be ridden from memory. No callers allowed.
- Starting order will be according to a random draw.
- All Dressage tests will be run in accordance with Current EA Rules in the EA Dressage Competition Rules, which can be obtained from the EA website.
- Riders are permitted to enter two consecutive levels per horse.
- Whips are permitted (not exceeding 1.2m, including tassel for horses and 1.0m for ponies)
- Whips are not allowed in FEI classes.
- Horses may not compete below their graded level (if an official dressage grading applies).
- Only snaffle bits are allowed unless competing at Medium or above.
- Use of spurs as per Dressage Discipline Rules.
- Bridle numbers must be worn on both sides of the horse and are the allocated 3-digit competition number. State-issued dressage bridle number used in official competitions are not to be used.

EXEMPTION CARDS AND RIDERS WITH A DISABILITY IN DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

In order that any athlete with a disability may compete in Dressage on equal terms, an exemption scheme has been established by EA. This applies to Interschool athletes competing in Dressage. The card does not mention the rider's disability; however, it does provide Stewards and Judges with information about specific exemptions from various rules. Either an EA Exemption Card or a Para Equestrian Classification Card is acceptable. Once the card is issued, the rider is permitted to have alternative equipment and/or conditions as mentioned on their identification card at any EA competition in Australia. For other disciplines that do not currently have their own exemption rules, Interschool will use a "Rider With A Disability" (RWD) exemption to allow for the inclusion of all School Aged Equestrians to apply to represent their school in Equestrian Sport using the required equipment to keep them safe while competing. Applications for this exemption are currently via your State Branch in consultation with EA Athletes Pathways Officer.

SCORING

As per EA National Dressage Rules.

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Eventing Championships

Entry Cost \$220 per Class

CLASS NO	CLASS	TESTS	LINK TO TEST
E1	EvA 80cm	Eventing Test B 80cm (2020)	4.Ev-Test-B-80-2020.pdf
E2	EvA 95cm	Eventing Test B 95cm (2020)	6.Ev-Test-B-95-2020.pdf
E3	CCN1*	Eventing Test B CCN1* (2020)	Ev-Test B-CCN1-2020.pdf
E4	CCN2*	EA CCN2* Test (2020)	EA CCN 2* 2020

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Riders competing in Eventing are NOT able to enter another discipline/class on the same horse.
- All horses must be 4 years of age or older.
- State teams can submit up to 6 riders per class.
- Qualification: Horses and riders must be qualified to compete at the relevant level as per EA Eventing Rules.
- Dressage Test to be ridden from memory. No Callers allowed.
- Dress and Saddlery: According to EA National Eventing Rules.
- Starting order: By draw as per EA Eventing Rule 533.2 for dressage and cross country.
- Course specifications as per EA National Eventing Rules.
- No Pool or borrowed horses are allowed in Eventing.
- Bridle or saddle blanket number compulsory for dressage and jumping and back number for Cross Country.

Age of Riders

- EvA80 Classes: From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 8.
- EvA95 Classes: From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 10. Riders under the age of 13 must have completed three EvA80 events.
- One Star(CC1*) Classes: From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider reaches the age of 13.
- Two Star (CC2*) Classes: From the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 14.

SCORING

According to EA National Eventing Rules. The winner is the competitor with the lowest total of penalty points. Riders are placed based on the number of penalties they incur over the 3 phases. This means that the rider with the least penalties when penalties from the dressage, cross country and jumping phases are added will be the winner.

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Combined Training Championships

Entry Cost \$220 per Class

CLASS NO	CLASS	TESTS/HEIGHTS	LINK TO TEST
CT1	Primary 45cm	Eventing Test A 45-60 (2020)	EvA 45 & 60cm Test A (2020)
CT2	Primary 60cm	Eventing Test A 45-60 (2020)	EvA 45 & 60cm Test A (2020)
CT3	Primary 80cm	Eventing Test A 80 (2020)	EvA 80cm Test A (2020)
CT4	Secondary 60cm	Eventing Test A 45-60 (2020)	EvA 45 & 60cm Test A (2020)
CT5	Secondary 80 cm	Eventing Test A 80 (2020)	EvA 80cm Test A (2020)
CT6	Secondary 95cm	Eventing Test A 95 (2020)	EvA 95cm Test A (2020)
CT7	Secondary 105cm	Eventing Test A CCN1* (2020)	CCN1* Ev Test A (2020)
CT8	Secondary 115cm	Eventing Test 2* (2020)	CCI2* Ev Test A (2024)

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- All horses must be 4 years of age or older.
- Age of Riders: as per National IS rules and specific Equestrian Australia Sport rules .
- Riders competing in Combined Training classes are not eligible to compete in Eventing classes on the same horse.
- Dressage Test to be ridden from memory. No Callers allowed.
- Dress and Saddlery: According to EA National Eventing Rules.
- Course Specifications as per EA National Eventing Rules.
- Bridle or saddle blanket number compulsory for dressage and jumping.
- Riders are only permitted to compete in one level per horse.
- The same horse and rider combination must complete both phases of the competition. Elimination from one phase involves elimination from the competition.
- No whip is allowed in the dressage phase, however whips of no more than 75cm are allowed in the jumping phase.

SCORING

Scoring Method: According to EA Eventing Rules.

- As combined training runs under Eventing rules, riders are placed based on the number of penalties they incur over the 2 phases. This means that the rider with the least penalties when penalties from the dressage and jumping phases are added will be the winner.
- In the case of tied scores for placings in a class the rider with the best dressage score (least penalties) will be the higher placed. If equality still exists, the closest to the optimum time (under the time set) in the jumping element will be the higher placed. If there is still a tie, then the placings will be shared and the subsequent place not awarded. For example, if there is a tie for second place then no third place will be awarded and the points for second and third will be added together and then divided equally between the two tied riders.

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Jumping Championships

Entry Cost \$220 per Class

CLASS NO	CLASS	PHASES
SJ1	Primary 70cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase2- 274.2, Phase3- 238.2.2
SJ2	Primary 80cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase2- 274.2, Phase3- 238.2.2
SJ3	Primary 90cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase2- 274.2, Phase3- 238.2.2
SJ4	Intermediate 90cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase2- 274.2, Phase3- 238.2.2
SJ5	Senior 90cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase 2- 274.2, Phase 3- 238.2.2
SJ6	Intermediate 100cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase2- 274.2, Phase3- 238.2.2
SJ7	Senior 100cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase 2- 274.2, Phase 3- 238.2.2
SJ8	Secondary 110cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase2- 274.2, Phase3- 238.2.2
SJ9	Secondary 120cm	Phase 1- 238.2.1, Phase2- 274.2, Phase3- 238.2.2

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- All Jumping will be run in accordance with current EA Rules updated 1st January 2024 in the EA Jumping Competition Rules.
- Horses must be 4 years of age or older.
- Riders may compete in consecutive heights.
- Saddlery as per EA National Jumping Rules
- Course inspections are only permitted during designated times in official riding dress. Jumping courses will be open for inspection prior to the start of the competitions and re-opened between each class for approximately 15 minutes.
- Riders must ride in the order of the draw and must not hold up proceedings on the day.
- Course plans will be posted at the entry gate.

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Jumping Championships continued

JUMPING CLASSES

Phase 1 - One Round Table A (Also called A2) Article 238.2.1

Riders with equality of penalties for any place are placed in accordance with the time taken to complete the round. In the event of equality of penalties and time for first place, there may be a jump-off over a shortened course over obstacles, which may be increased in height and/or spread in accordance with the provisions of the schedule. Please note- this is only if faults and times are exactly the same and so is a rare occurrence.

Phase 2 – Special Two-Phase Article 274.2

- This Competition comprises two phases run without interruption, each at an identical or different speed, the finishing line for the first phase being identical with the starting line for the second phase.
- The first phase is a course of five to seven obstacles with or without combinations. The total number of obstacles in both phases is a minimum of 11 and maximum of 13 obstacles. The second phase may include one combination.
- Riders completing the first phase may continue in the second phase.
- The second phase finishes after crossing its finishing line.
- This Competition must be judged in accordance with the following formula:

FIRST PHASE	SECOND PHASE	PLACING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table A • Not against the clock • Minimum 5 – Maximum 7 obstacles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table A • Against the clock • Remaining obstacles (total of minimum 11 and maximum 13 obstacles in both phases) 	<p>According to the aggregate penalties in both phases (faults on obstacles and penalties for exceeding the time allowed in both phases) and, if necessary, according to the time of the 2nd phase.</p>

Phase 3 - AM5 Article 238.2.2

This is a competition against the clock, but in the event of equality of penalties for first place, there will be one jump-off against the clock. Other riders are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round. All Riders who Jump Clear in the first round will be invited back to complete the second round at a raised height (approx. 5cm).

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Miscellaneous

OBJECTIONS/COMPLAINTS

No competitors or parents are to directly approach any judges, stewards, course designers or any other officials or volunteers with disputes complaints or queries at penalty of disqualification.

PROTESTS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION OF COMPETITION RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Protests may be lodged against any person or body involved in any capacity in an Event or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of EA, including for failure to observe the Constitution and By-Laws, Regulations or Rules or violation of the common principles of behaviour, fairness, or accepted standards of sportsmanship, whether occurring during or in connection with an EA event or at any other time.
2. Protests must be lodged with the Organising Committee for the attention of the Appeal Committee during its period of jurisdiction for failing to observe the Constitution and By-Laws, Regulations or Rules in the organisation or conduct of a competition, including the matters referred to in paragraph 4 below.
3. Protests must be in writing, signed by the authorised person making the protest, and presented personally by the Chefs D'Equipe with a fee of \$100, together with any supporting evidence and the names of witnesses.
4. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, protests against any of the following matters may only be lodged with the Ground Jury and within the following time limits:
 - a. Protests concerning the eligibility of a competitor or horse or the conditions of the arena: no later than 30 minutes before the start of the relevant competition;
 - b. Protests concerning an obstacle or the plan or length of the course for a jumping competition: not later than 15 minutes before the start of the competition; and
 - c. Protests concerning irregularities or incidents during a competition or the classification of a competition: not later than 30 minutes after the announcement of the results.

COMPLAINTS REGARDING ABUSE OF HORSES OR PERSONS

Mistreatment of a horse, a competitor or an official should be reported immediately to the Organising Committee for the attention of the Ground Jury, who will take appropriate action on the day and will if deemed necessary, refer the matter to the EA State Branch Manager of the relevant EA State Branch in accordance with EA Disciplinary By-Laws.

ABUSE OF THE HORSE

No person may abuse a horse during an event or at any other time. "Abuse" means an action or omission which causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a horse, including without limitation any of the following:

- To whip or beat a horse excessively;
- To subject a horse to any kind of electric shock device;
- To use spurs excessively or persistently;
- To jab the horse in the mouth with the bit or any other device;
- To compete using an exhausted, lame or injured horse;
- To "rap" a horse;
- To abnormally sensitise or de-sensitise any part of a horse;
- To leave a horse without adequate food, drink or exercise; and
- To use any device or equipment which may cause excessive pain to the horse upon knocking down an obstacle

Any person witnessing an abuse must report it in the form of a protest without delay. Persons witnessing an abuse should where possible endeavor to stop the abuse.

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Miscellaneous

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EVENT ORGANISATION

In exceptional circumstances, with the approval of the Chefs d'Equipe and the Ground Jury, the OC reserves the right to modify the schedule in order to clarify any matters arising from an omission or due to unforeseen circumstances. Any such changes must be notified to all competitors and officials as soon as possible and they must be reported to EA by the Event Director.

CANCELLATION OF EVENT

If special circumstances demand it, the OC reserves the right to take all necessary actions including cancellation of the event. Refunds may or may not be paid depending on the circumstances.