



## **HYGAIN EA AUSTRALASIAN SHOW HORSE & RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023**

30<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023  
Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Saxony Road, Horsley Park 2175

### **COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

#### **JUDGES / GROUND JURY**

##### **CHILD'S/JUNIOR CLASSES:**

Genevieve Everingham (NSW), Elizabeth Haggett (SA),

Robert Clarke (VIC), Suzanne McDermott (TAS)

##### **SHOW HORSE & SHOW HUNTER CLASSES:**

Nadine Herbert (WA), Therese Higgins (QLD),

Peta Plozza (VIC), Francene Treneman (NSW)

Judges will use a rotation system to have three judges officiating at all times while one judge has a break.

Note: Judges may be subject to change

**Entries open – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Entries close – Midnight (EST) Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

ENQUIRIES: EQUESTRIAN NSW

Contact Email: [showhorsensw@ensw.org.au](mailto:showhorsensw@ensw.org.au)

#### **Entries online via Nominate**

**BY ENTERING VIA NOMINATE YOU AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET OUT IN THE SCHEDULE**

**NOTE:** The online entry system, Nominate, will charge a processing fee (this is non-refundable).



Dear Competitor,

Congratulations on qualifying to represent your state at the Hygain EA Australasian Show Horse & Rider Championships 2023, 'The Nationals', being held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, 30<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023. This is the 37th year of 'The Nationals' and we look forward to welcoming you to the event.

Due to popular demand the State Team Foot Games will return at the 2023 event in the indoor arena from 6pm on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November. Follow us on Facebook for more information.

Please read this schedule carefully prior to entry and familiarise yourself with the conditions of this competition.

We hope you enjoy 'The Nationals' 2023 and wish all competitors a happy and successful show.

*Equestrian NSW Show Horse Committee*

## CLASS LIST:

1. Leading Rein Show Pony ne 12h (Rider 5 years & under 8 years old)
2. Leading Rein Show Hunter Pony ne 12h (Rider 5 years & under 8 years old)
3. Child's/Junior Small Show Hunter Pony ne 12h (Rider 14 years old & under)
4. Child's/Junior Medium Show Hunter Pony over 12h ne 13h
5. Child's/Junior Large Show Hunter Pony over 13h ne 14h
6. Child's/Junior Small Show Hunter Galloway over 14h ne 14.2h
7. Child's/Junior Large Show Hunter Galloway over 14.2h ne 15h
8. Child's/Junior Small Show Hunter Hack over 15h ne 16h
9. Child's/Junior Large Show Hunter Hack over 16h
10. Child's/Junior Small Show Pony ne 12h (Rider 14 years old & under)
11. Child's/Junior Medium Show Pony over 12h ne 13h
12. Child's/Junior Large Show Pony over 13h ne 14h
13. Child's/Junior Small Show Galloway over 14h ne 14.2h
14. Child's/Junior Large Show Galloway over 14.2h ne 15h
15. Child's/Junior Small Show Hack over 15h ne 16h
16. Child's/Junior Large Show Hack over 16h
17. Small Show Pony ne 12h (Rider 14 years old & under)
18. Medium Show Pony over 12h ne 13h
19. Large Show Pony over 13h ne 14h
20. Small Show Galloway over 14h ne 14.2h
21. Large Show Galloway over 14.2h ne 15h
22. Small Show Hack over 15h ne 16h
23. Large Show Hack over 16h
24. Small Show Hunter Pony ne 12h (Rider 14 years old & under)
25. Medium Show Hunter Pony over 12h ne 13h
26. Large Show Hunter Pony over 13h ne 14h
27. Small Show Hunter Galloway over 14h ne 14.2h
28. Large Show Hunter Galloway over 14.2h ne 15h
29. Small Show Hunter Hack over 15h ne 16h
30. Large Show Hunter Hack over 16h
31. Junior Rider 5 years and under 9 years
32. Junior Rider 9 years & under 12 years
33. Intermediate Rider 12, 13 & 14 years
34. Intermediate Rider 15, 16 & 17 years
35. Adult Rider 18 years to 25 years inclusive
36. Adult Rider 26 years and over

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE:** may be subject to change – please check for updates

<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>
Classes	Classes	Classes
12, 15, 13, 10, 14, 11	1, 26, 17, 35, 18, 2, 25	32, 27, 20, 30, 21
16, 5, 8, 6, 3, 7, 4, 9	31, 34, 24, 33, 19	28, 31, 29, 22, 23, 36

# EVENT TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Entry into the Event is deemed acceptance of the following terms and conditions:**

**Definitions – in these terms and conditions:**

"Claim" means and includes any action, suit, proceeding, claim, demand, damage, penalty, cost or expense however arising from or in connection with any Equestrian Activities, but does not include:

- A. a claim against NSW and/or the NSW Event Team by any person expressly entitled to make a claim under an EA insurance policy;
- B. a claim against NSW and/or the NSW Event Team under any right expressly conferred by its constitution or regulations. "Event" means the Hygain EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2023 (historically referred to as 'The Nationals').

"Equestrian Activities" means performing or participating in any capacity, including as a member, in any authorised or recognised NSW activities, including but not limited to competing in equestrian events and other equestrian activities.

## **Conduct of Event**

The Event is to be conducted by Equestrian New South Wales (ENSW).

## **Event Rules**

- The Event will be conducted under Equestrian Australia (EA) rules in so far as they are applicable to the Event and shall include any other rules formulated by the NSW Event Team. It is strongly recommended that all competitors obtain a copy of the relevant EA Rules through the website <https://www.equestrian.org.au/showhorse>
- Upon your entry into the Event being accepted, you agree to be bound by the Event rules as set out above and you acknowledge that the NSW Event Team reserves the right to interpret all questions, conditions and shall make any relevant decisions in regard to, or arising from any incident, at or pertaining to this event at its sole and absolute discretion and without claims for damages or recourse of any kind.
- The NSW Event Team will decide any questions not covered in the EA Policies, General Regulations, Show Horse Rules & Conditions of Entry at their sole and absolute discretion and their decision will be final. Should any issue arise with regards to the interpretation of any Show Horse Rule, it shall be referred to the EA Show Horse Committee for determination.
- The lunging of horses is only permitted in the round yards. Excessive lunging compromising the welfare of the horse will be referred to the Ground Jury and may result in elimination of the horse from the competition.

## **Membership / Horse Registration / Qualifications / Eligibility 6.7, 6.8, 6.9, 6.10, 6.11 (National Show Horse Rules)**

- It is the responsibility of each State Office to ensure & validate that entry information is correct at the time of entry.
- The retention of relevant State/EA membership following qualification for the Hygain EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2023 is required. Once a horse has qualified for the Hygain EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2023, the competitor must retain current relevant State membership in that calendar year and the residency of the horse must be the same at which it qualified for the Hygain EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2023. Once a rider has qualified for Hygain EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2023, they must retain their relevant State membership for that calendar year. "Competitor" defined in the rules as - means the Entrant, Exhibitor, Owner(s), Lessee, Rider or Handler, each of whom must be an EA member.

## **Rider Ages and Class Height**

- The age of the rider is as at 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year of the National Championships. Lead Rein Riders turning 5 years are eligible to compete the day they turn 5 years old.
- All horses in the Show Horse, Show Hunter and Leading Rein Classes are required to have a current EA Height Certificate at the time of competing in their State event and at the Hygain EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2023.

**Close of Entries - Entries close 12am (midnight EST) on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

## 2023 ENTRY FEES, STABLING & CAMPING FEES AND REFUND POLICY

THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EVENT TERMS & CONDITIONS

### CLASS NOMINATION

#### Class Nomination Fee - \$290

This fee includes: Entry Fee, Paramedic Levy, Swabbing Levy, workout music and one copy of the Official Program.

### ADMINISTRATION FEE

**\$50 per Exhibitor** (Entries to be completed by the owner or lessee) is automatically applied at the time of entry.

### SCRATCHING & WITHDRAWAL REFUND POLICY

- Before close of entries on 6/11/2023 – Full refund, less the \$50 administration fee.
- From 6/11/2023 – 27/11/2023 (5.00pm) – No refund on class entry, 50% Stable Fee, 50% Stable Bedding Fee & 50% Camping Fee, a Vet/Doctor Certificate must be supplied to the Show Secretary within 48 hours of scratching.
- No refunds will be issued after 27/11/2023.

### STABLING FEES – STABLING IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL COMPETITORS

**3 Nights - \$230** (this includes 3 nights stable hire. Please select arrival and departure dates when entering.

**Additional Nights - \$60** per night. All horses must leave the venue no later than 10am on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**Stable Bedding - \$80** to ensure all stables have bedding ready for your horse's arrival, a minimum of **5 bales** of shavings must be ordered. You may order additional bales for \$17 via Nominate when entering. During the event additional bales of shavings may be ordered via the Event Office.

**Stable Bond - \$100** refundable when cleaned and swept out after departure.

### CAMPING FEES

Powered site fees, **\$110 for 3 nights**, additional nights **\$35 per night**. Please select arrival and departure dates when entering. **ONLY** Competitors may book camping at the time of entering.

Camping must be booked when you complete your entries. One power point per campsite. Only one truck/float/tent per powered site. Power plugs must not be piggy backed.

Campsites will be allocated by Team Managers.

### CABIN FEES

**3 nights - \$190**. A limited number of cabins will be available. These can be booked through Nominate at the time of entry and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

**Additional nights - \$60 a night**.

## EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY HORSE ARRIVAL / STABLING / FACILITY INFORMATION

### EVENT CANCELLATION

The NSW Show Horse Committee & Event Team, at its/their absolute discretion, may cancel the event at any time due to force majeure (e.g. threatened or abnormal weather conditions including fire, storm or flood), pandemic restrictions, health or safety concerns or any event beyond their reasonable control. In the event of cancellation, the NSW Event Team will notify each Team Manager at the earliest possible opportunity. Entrants who have provided a valid email address with their entry form will be notified by email.

If the event is cancelled prior to commencement any refund will be determined at the absolute discretion of the NSW Show Horse Committee & Event Team having regard to its/their direct or fixed costs and expenses incurred or payable by reason of the cancellation. Event creditors and suppliers with legitimate claims will be paid prior to any refunds being made to competitors. If the event is cancelled after it has commenced there will be no refund.

### BUMP IN / BUMP OUT

#### Stables open on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm

Horse arrivals may ONLY commence on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm.

All horses are required to leave the venue by 10am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

All Exhibitors are required to comply with the arrival and departure times indicated above. Bump out is permitted after completion of your final class. Any competitor intending to leave the venue after their final class must advise the Event Office.

### STABLE ALLOCATION

The NSW Show horse Committee & Event Team will manage the stable allocations and camping into State Team areas. State Team Managers will then allocate stable and camping numbers. An allocation list will be published prior to horse arrivals. Stable bedding is included on the entry form to ensure it is delivered to your stable prior to your arrival.

### STABLE DECORATIONS

In line with SIEC policy, no decorations may be nailed to the wooden panels in stable doors but may be attached by sticky tape to the metal frame and stable wall. All decorations must be removed & cleaned prior to departure. A Stable Manager on site during the event.

### STABLE BOOKINGS

Stable bookings must be completed when entering the show. All Exhibits must be stabled at SIEC in their allocated stables for the duration of the event. After arrival all Exhibits must remain on site until the end of their final class, or risk elimination. Construction of portable/tape yards is **prohibited**.

**Please note: Only horses competing at 'The Nationals', will be allocated stabling.**

### BEDDING & FODDER

Additional bedding can be purchased from the Event Office for **\$18 per bale**.

Fodder can be ordered directly through **Bringelly Stockfeeds 0429 206 372**.

## **ARENAS**

### **Indoor Arena Practice Times**

Practice times for the Indoor Arena will be timetabled and will be advised prior to the event. Wednesday is scheduled for familiarisation.

Please note that the Indoor Arena is not to be used for working down horses, but rather to familiarise them with the competition venue.

### **Outdoor Areas**

Sand arenas will be available. There is to be NO lunging on arenas, please use the available round yards. Excessive lunging compromising the welfare of the horse will be referred to the Ground Jury and the onsite EA official, and may result in elimination of the horse from the competition.

### **Competition Arena Size**

60m x 30m

Leading Rein 45m x 30m

## **ORDER OF COMPETITION**

The order of competition for the 2023 show will run as follows.

1. South Australia
2. New South Wales
3. Northern Territory
4. Queensland
5. Tasmania
6. Victoria
7. Western Australia

## **WORKOUTS**

All Show Horse and Show Hunter classes (excluding Leading Rein, Child's/Junior classes and Rider classes) will have a free workout not exceeding two and a half minutes. Please Note: If the workout exceeds this time, you will be asked to finish. All other set workouts will be made available prior to the Championships.

### **Compulsory Movements for Show Horse and Show Hunter Classes**

- Ten meters of walk (free walk included)
- Trot on both reins
- Show Horse - Lengthening of stride at the trot (and for Show Hunters a forward, bold trot)
- Canter on both reins
- Lengthening of stride at the canter for Show Horses
- Hand Gallop for Show Hunters
- Halt at completion of workout

## **TEAM MANAGERS**

Each State must appoint a Team Manager who will be supplied with all information that is to be sent to competitors. Team Managers will also allocate State stabling & camping.

**All queries to the NSW Committee & Event Team are to be made through the Team Manager.**  
Team Managers will be required to attend meetings during the event – details to be advised.

Furthermore, when entering the Hygain EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2023 Team Members accept that they must follow instructions and directions from respective Team Managers. Team Members accept that they must wear official team uniforms throughout the event and be available for team related events and meetings.

### **SWABBING**

Drug testing of horses (swabbing) will occur in accordance with the EA National Medical Control Policy and the Equine Anti-Doping and Medical Control rules. Rule details are available at [www.equestrian.org.au](http://www.equestrian.org.au)

### **PROTESTS**

See EA National Show Horse Rules: 1.5 & Rule 6.4. The right of protest remains but does not include a horse once it has qualified for 'The Nationals' unless the protest had been lodged prior to the event of qualification.

### **HORSE WELFARE**

Stewards will be in attendance at the Hygain EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2023 to monitor and ensure horse welfare. We recommend that all entrants read the Equestrian Australia National Show Horse Rules 'Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse' as these will be strongly enforced <https://www.equestrian.org.au/showhorse>

### **EVENT OFFICE**

The event office will be open from 8am Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

### **COMPETITOR NOTICE BOARD**

All official notices, time changes etc. will be displayed on the Notice Board at the Event Office. Team Managers and competitors are asked to check regularly.

### **EVENT MERCHANDISE**

We are offering a range of merchandise that is exclusive to 'The Nationals'. Follow us on Facebook for details. Stock is limited so please do not delay in making your orders. Pre-event sales will be available, and this will be communicated via Facebook.

### **SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT**

The NSW Show Horse Committee & Event Team will issue breastplate numbers, please bring a suitable holder. Any gear that is considered detrimental to the welfare of the horse will not be allowed. Please ensure you are fully aware of the National Show Horse Rules, Section 3 – Dress, Saddlery and Equipment.

### **MUSIC FOR WORKOUTS**

If you wish to have your own music played you must submit the music file. **Music must be submitted by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023. A link for music to be uploaded will be provided closer to the event.**

- Music is to be 2 minutes 30 seconds long for Free Workouts and Rider Workouts.



- Music is to be 2 minutes for Child's/Juniors Class workouts.
- All files are to be sent in MP3 or WAV file format. Any other format will be sent back.
- Ensure you select your correct class/state/horse's name etc. when uploading your music.
- Information must be completed correctly, or the music will be rejected.
- Video Files will not be accepted, nor will song names to be downloaded.
- Music with offensive language will not be played.
- Music to be submitted **by the Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.
- Music files will be tested, and a response will be sent back. All music can be checked during practice times at the event on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. It is your responsibility to test your music.

**Please Note:** When a competitor is instructed by the Steward to enter the ring, the music will begin.

**If music is not submitted by the due date, background music will be supplied. Please note:** after the event, all music on file will be disposed of.

### **TICKETING**

GENERAL ADMISSION to this event is FREE for spectators.

**RIDERS FORUM – FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 7PM, RIDERS RETREAT**

**APPEALS COMMITTEE – TANIA HAY (TAS), TANYA REYNOLDS (NT), JOANNE TYSON (NSW),**

### **GROUND JURY**

#### **CHILD'S/JUNIOR CLASSES:**

Genevieve Everingham, Elizabeth Haggett, Robert Clarke, Suzanne McDermott

#### **SHOW HORSE & SHOW HUNTER CLASSES:**

Nadine Herbert, Therese Higgins, Peta Plozza, Francene Treneman

### **ACCOMMODATION**

The following accommodation list provides a selection of hotel/motels within close proximity to SIEC :

- Atura Hotel Blacktown – 02 9421 0000
- Voyager Motel – 02 8887 5222
- Alpha Hotel – 02 8889 7700
- William Inglis Hotel – 02 8324 3460

### **SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE GUIDELINES**

#### **DOGS**

Dogs must always be on a lead and under effective control. Dogs are not allowed in marshalling or competition areas, including any part of the Indoor Arena.

#### **BICYCLES & MOTORCYCLES**

Bicycles are not permitted in the Indoor Arena or any stable block. Motorcycle and bicycle riders must wear approved safety helmets and hold the appropriate license, as per NSW law. **Motorised scooters are not legal in NSW and therefore not permitted at SIEC.**

## **SIEC SPEED LIMIT & SIGNS**

Speed limits must be adhered to at all times, the speed limit at SIEC is 10km/h. Please observe all signs at the venue.

SIEC has strict stable safety guidelines and a risk management policy which must be adhered to and accepts no liability for the loss of, or damage to, vehicles, or any other goods or articles. The full details are listed here, <https://equestriancentre.nsw.gov.au/findyourwayaround/conditionsofentry>

## **RELEASE & INDEMNITY**

In consideration of the NSW Event Team accepting your Event entry application you, to the extent permitted by law:

- (i) releases and forever discharges the NSW Event Team and ENSW from all Claims that you may have or may have had but for this release arising from or in connection with your entry into the Event or undertaking the Equestrian Activities; and
- (ii) release and indemnify the NSW Event Team and ENSW against any Claim which may be made by you or on your behalf for or in respect of or arising out of your death whether caused by the negligence or breach of contract by the NSW Event Team or ENSW or in any other manner whatsoever; and
- (iii) indemnify and will keep indemnified and hold harmless the NSW Event Team and ENSW to the extent permitted by law in respect of any Claim by any person:
  - (A) arising as a result of or in connection with your entry into the Event or undertaking the Equestrian Activities; and
  - (B) against the NSW Event Team and ENSW in respect of any injury, loss or damage arising out of or in connection with your failure to comply with the NSW Event Team, ENSW or EA's rules and/or directions,

save that the above releases and indemnities shall not apply to the extent that the loss, damage or injury that is the subject of the Claim is caused or contributed to by the grossly negligent act or omission of the NSW Event Team and/or ENSW.

## **USE OF IMAGE**

You acknowledge and consent to photographs and electronic images being taken of you during your participation in the Event. You acknowledge and agree that such photographs and electronic images are owned by the NSW Event Team and ENSW and may be used for promotional or other purposes without your further consent being necessary.

## **APPROVED SAFETY HELMETS**

Competing riders **MUST** wear an approved safety helmet with the retaining harness secured and fastened in ALL EA competitions, regardless of the level or venue. Grooms, when mounted on a horse, must wear an approved safety helmet with the retaining harness secured and fastened. Approved safety helmets are to be worn at all times with the retaining harness secured and fastened when training/practicing at an event. Whenever a safety helmet is worn whilst competing the retaining harness must be secured and fastened. Failure to have the harness fastened will entail elimination.

## BIOSECURITY ADVICE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSE OWNERS/RIDERS

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 carry out instructions from the event committee or officials
- d. to monitor their horse's health throughout the event and notify the event committee if they see any signs of illness.
- e. 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.
- f. to take your horse's rectal temperature regularly if you are at the event for longer than one day.
- g. not to share tack and equipment between horses
- h. to ensure each horse has its own water and feed bucket
- i. not to use communal water troughs
- j. to minimise contact between horses
- k. 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.
- l. Not to allow horses to eat any other horses feed
- m. To take home any leftover feed or place in designated areas

**B: Entrants further acknowledge and agree that in submitting an entry to participate in this event:**

YOU WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO SEEK COMPENSATION OF ANY TYPE WHATSOEVER, WHETHER ON YOUR OWN BEHALF OR ON BEHALF OF ANY OTHER PERSON, FROM THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, EQUESTRIAN NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE OR ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, SERVANTS OR AGENTS or howsoever otherwise AND HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THEM, AND EACH OF THEM, HARMLESS for any loss, injury or other damage of whatsoever character, arising in any way whatsoever, directly or indirectly from the presence of the Hendra virus in any horse or person attending the event or from any person or animal contracting any illness or disability, including death, from the Hendra virus, whether directly or indirectly or howsoever otherwise.

**AND IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THIS WAIVER AND INDEMNITY YOU SHALL SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM BELOW**

Signed..... Dated.....