



SOUTHERN CROSS FEEDS
EA AUSTRALASIAN SHOW HORSE & RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS
SUPPORTED BY THAMES

4 – 6 December 2025

Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre, 170K Road, Werribee 3030

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

JUDGES / GROUND JURY

CHILD'S/JUNIOR CLASSES

Samantha Applin (WA), Julie Crisp (NSW), Wayne Loughnan (VIC), Mike Myers (QLD),

OPEN SHOW HORSE, SHOW HUNTER & RIDER CLASSES

Michelle Bryant (VIC), Alyson Emery (SA), Kerry Patchett (NSW), Cecile Maddams (WA)

*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 – Monday 6th October 2025

Entries close – Midnight (EST) Monday 3rd November 2025

Entries online via Nominate

Link: <https://nominate.com.au/EquestDN/Event.aspx?e=32BD8C781BE84B30A5F4CDE48181A60A&eventlist=3>

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

ENQUIRIES:

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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 EA Australasian Show Horse & Rider Championships 2025, 'The Nationals', being held at the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre, 4 – 6 December 2025. This is the 38th year of 'The Nationals' and we look forward to welcoming you to the event.

All entries, stable bookings and initial bedding orders must be completed online.

SOCIAL SCENE: Join us at The Nationals

THE BREAKY BAR:

Free for competitors (wristband). In the Rider Retreat in the courtyard outside Indoor 1: from 7am – 8am on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday grab a quick complimentary breakfast. Non-competitors \$2 coin.

WELCOME EVENING: Wednesday 3 December

FOR THE KIDDIES - State Team Games return and will be held on the Bruno Lawn in front of the Old Administration Building from 6.00pm to 6.45pm.

FOR EVERYONE: A BBQ for Competitors and families from 6.00pm to 6.45pm at Bruno Lawn in front of the Old Administration Building. Cost \$10 per head, tickets can be purchased online when entering.

7.00pm State Team Competition Planned, more details to come

HORSE ARRIVALS/STABLING:

Horse arrival may commence from 1.00pm on Tuesday 2 December. There is an event on at WPNEC the previous weekend and the permanent stables will be cleaned and prepared for The Nationals on Monday 1 December.

The organising committee will manage the stable allocations and camping into state team areas. State Team Managers will allocate numbers (stables & camping) and an allocation list will be published prior to horse arrivals. Stable bedding must be ordered when entering to ensure it is delivered to your stable prior to your arrival. There are 181 permanent stables at WPNEC, additional portable stables will be hired for the event.

Stable Decorations: Please - no decorations may be attached to the wooden panels in stable doors but may be attached by double sided tape to the metal frame and concrete stable wall. Decorations must be removed & adhesive cleaned off prior to departure. There will be a Stable Manager on site during the event.

We hope you enjoy 'The Nationals' 2025. We wish all competitors a happy and successful experience.

Equestrian Victoria Show Horse Event 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. First Ridden Show Pony 12.2hh & under – (Rider 5 years & under 12 years)
4. First Ridden Show Hunter Pony 12.2hh & under – (Rider 5 years & under 12 years)
5. Child's/Junior Small Show Hunter Pony ne 12h (Rider 14 years old & under)
6. Child's/Junior Medium Show Hunter Pony over 12h ne 13h
7. Child's/Junior Large Show Hunter Pony over 13h ne 14h
8. Child's/Junior Small Show Hunter Galloway over 14h ne 14.2h
9. Child's/Junior Large Show Hunter Galloway over 14.2h ne 15h
10. Child's/Junior Small Show Hunter Hack over 15h ne 16h
11. Child's/Junior Large Show Hunter Hack over 16h
12. Child's/Junior Small Show Pony ne 12h (Rider 14 years old & under)
13. Child's/Junior Medium Show Pony over 12h ne 13h
14. Child's/Junior Large Show Pony over 13h ne 14h
15. Child's/Junior Small Show Galloway over 14h ne 14.2h
16. Child's/Junior Large Show Galloway over 14.2h ne 15h
17. Child's/Junior Small Show Hack over 15h ne 16h
18. Child's/Junior Large Show Hack over 16h
19. Small Show Pony ne 12h (Rider 14 years old & under)
20. Medium Show Pony over 12h ne 13h
21. Large Show Pony over 13h ne 14h
22. Small Show Galloway over 14h ne 14.2h
23. Large Show Galloway over 14.2h ne 15h
24. Small Show Hack over 15h ne 16h
25. Large Show Hack over 16h
26. Small Show Hunter Pony ne 12h (Rider 14 years old & under)
27. Medium Show Hunter Pony over 12h ne 13h
28. Large Show Hunter Pony over 13h ne 14h
29. Small Show Hunter Galloway over 14h ne 14.2h
30. Large Show Hunter Galloway over 14.2h ne 15h
31. Small Show Hunter Hack over 15h ne 16h
32. Large Show Hunter Hack over 16h
33. Junior Rider 5 years and under 9 years
34. Junior Rider 9 years & under 12 years
35. Intermediate Rider 12, 13 & 14 years
36. Intermediate Rider 15, 16 & 17 years
37. Adult Rider 18 years to 25 years inclusive
38. Adult Rider 26 years and over

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE:

Note this is not the class order please check for updates

Thursday 4 th December	Friday 5 th December	Saturday 6 th December
Classes	Classes	Classes
5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	1, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 34	2, 3, 4, 21, 23, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 37, 38
35, 36	Evening OTT Classes	

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 claim against EV and/or the EV Event Team by any person expressly entitled to make a claim under an EA insurance policy;

Event means the EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2025 (historically referred to as 'The Nationals').

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

EV means Equestrian Victoria Inc. **EV Event Team** means EV's personnel working on, at or for the Event, including the Show Horse Committee and event Organising Committee.

Conduct of Event: The Event is to be conducted by EV, under Equestrian Australia rules & regulations.

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 EV 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 EV Event 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.
- EV will decide any questions not covered in the EA Policies, General Regulations, Show Horse Rules & Conditions of Entry at its sole and absolute discretion and its decision will be final. Should any issue arise regarding the interpretation of any Show Horse Rule, it shall be referred to the EA Show Horse Committee for determination.
- Lunging is restricted to a maximum of two 1hr sessions for any one exhibit in a 24 hour period. 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.
- A Horse's sensory hairs may not be clipped and/or shaven or otherwise modified in any way under penalty of elimination from the event. Individual sensory hairs may be removed by a veterinarian to prevent pain or discomfort for the Horse. Areas of hair that must be clipped, shaven or removed to allow veterinary treatment are exempt from this rule.

Membership / Horse Registration / Qualifications / Eligibility - Section 6. EA National Show Horse Rules

- It is the responsibility of each State Office to ensure and validate that entry information is correct at the time of entry.
- The retention of relevant State/EA membership following qualification for the EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2025 is required. Once a Horse has qualified for the EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2025, 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 EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2025. Once a Rider has qualified for EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2025, 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 1st 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 must have a current EA Height Certificate at the time of competing in their State event and at the EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2025.

2025 ENTRY FEES, STABLING, STABLING, CAMPING FEES & 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, Medical Levy, Swabbing Levy, 2 Competitor wristbands and one copy of the Official Program.

CLASS OWNER RIDER PRIZE sponsored by THAMES - You must nominate for this prize, if eligible, when entering. *Owner Rider Prize T&C's: Horses must be owned & registered with EA in the name of the rider or the rider's immediate family (wife/husband/de facto, mother/father/legal guardian, siblings. Horses must be ridden by the registered owner or registered member of their immediate family.*

ADMINISTRATION FEE

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

SCRATCHING & WITHDRAWAL REFUND POLICY

- Before close of entries on 3/11/2024 – Full refund, less the \$50 administration fee.
- From 4/11/2025 – 28/11/2025 (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.
- From 28/11/2025 – 1/12/2025 Midnight - Refund only of 50% Stable Fee and 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 midnight 1/12/2025

STABLING FEES

3 Nights - \$200 (this includes 3 nights stable hire, cleaning on departure and stable manager fee. Please select arrival and departure dates when entering.

Additional Nights - \$50 per night.

WPNEC Facility Fees: \$20 payable per day, per horse when entering and on-paid to WPNEC

All horses must leave the venue no later than 10am on Sunday 7th December 2025.

Stable Bedding - \$87 to ensure all stables have bedding ready for horse arrival the OC has arranged the supply of 6 bales of shavings to each stable as 'start up' bedding for this event. Note: sponsored bedding is acceptable at the venue however a WPNEC waste disposal charge will apply and an equipment hire fee if applicable. You may order additional bedding when entering.

During the event additional bales of shavings may be ordered via the Werribee Park Office.

Stable Cleaning: The stable cleaning fee is included in your 3 nights stable hire.

CAMPING FEES

Powered site fees, **\$120 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. Leads must be Test & Tag compliant.

Note:

- a number of campsites will be powered by generators which impacts the cost of powered sites.
- additional campsites for non-competitors must be booked via the OC.

Campsites will be allocated by Team Managers.

EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY

HORSE ARRIVAL / STABLING / FACILITY INFORMATION

EVENT CANCELLATION

EV, 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 other event beyond its reasonable control. In the event of cancellation, EV 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 EV having regard to its 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 2 December at 1pm

Horse arrivals may ONLY commence on Tuesday 2 December from 1pm (if your horse is arriving from WA, New Zealand or Tasmania, please contact the Event manager for arrival information)

All horses are required to leave the venue by 10am on Sunday 7th December 2025.

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.

STABLING

Stable bookings must be completed when entering the show. All Exhibits must be stabled at WPNEC 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**.

Note: Only horses competing at The Nationals, or in the OTT Championship, will be allocated stabling at WPNEC.

The EV Event Team will manage the stables and camping sites into State Team areas. State Team Managers will then allocate stables and camping sites to competitors. 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

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 & stable walls cleaned prior to departure. A Stable Manager on site during the event.

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BEDDING & FODDER

Additional bedding can be purchased from WPNEC for \$14.50 per bale. Contact WPNEC directly on 03 9741 7672 or attend their office at the venue. Please order by midday to facilitate same day delivery. Please note that only shavings are allowed on the venue.

Fodder will be available on the venue from Southern Cross Feeds. We will share their order form during October. Or, fodder can be ordered directly through Petstock Lara Feed Supplies on (03) 5282 1280. We suggest you put a group order together and coordinate feed delivery to minimise delivery fees.

HORSE WASH FACILITIES

The horse wash facilities at WPNEC are fitted with lights, please ensure you press the light switch on when using the horse wash in the evening.

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 with times allocated to teams. 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

There are extensive grass areas and sand arenas available. Sand arenas 4 & 5 will be open for riding only. Sand dressage arenas no. 1,2 & 3 will be closed during The Nationals. Please check the daily timetable.

There is **NO lunging** on the Sand Dressage Arenas, please use the available round yard.

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 2025 show will run as follows:

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

EVENT OFFICE

The Event office will be open from 10am Wednesday 3rd December 2025.

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. Upon arrival Team Managers and Competitors are encouraged to join the Nationals 2025 WhatsApp group to keep up to date with notices and time changes. Please scan the QR code in the Event Office to join the Nationals2025 WhatsApp group.

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.

Arena Entry/Exit points: Competitors will enter via the centre entry point. Exit via the gap on the judge's side. At conclusion of workouts horses must exit directly. Please ensure the next competitor has clear space to enter.

Compulsory Movements for Show Horse and Show Hunter Classes

- Ten metres 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 facing the exit gate – all horses must exit directly to the marshalling.

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 Show Horse Victoria 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 EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2025 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 Medication Control Policy and the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and controlled medication regulations. Rule details are available at 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 EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships 2025 to monitor and ensure horse welfare. All entrants should 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 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 EV 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

Music Fee: \$20 per competitor payable to the company compiling the music when submitting the music. If you wish to have your own music played you must submit the music file. **Please submit your music from 1 November. Music must be submitted by Wednesday 26th November 2025.** Background music will be supplied.

The link to submit music is: <https://horsesporttechnology.au/uploads>

- 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.
- It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure the music is the correct length
- 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 or explicit language will not be played.
- Music to be submitted **by Wednesday 12th November 2025.**
- Music files will be tested, and a receipt will be sent back. All music can be checked during practice times at the event on Wednesday 3rd December. 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 TICKETS:

Each entry will receive two wristbands (value \$100) which provides general admission to the Gallery in Indoor 1 for the 3 days of competition. Additional General Admission Gallery passes will be available for purchase when completing an entry. Or, GA Gallery Tickets will be available for sale on Try booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/DEJQW>. **Pre-Purchase online & save:** 3 days for \$45. GA Ticketing prices at the venue: \$20 per day. Please check The Nationals website for updates.

COMPETITOR WRISTBANDS MUST STAY ON FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHOW. NO SWAPPING OF WRISTBANDS PERMITTED AND NO REPLACEMENT WRISTBANDS WILL BE ISSUED FOR ANY REASON.

Any abuse of the wristbands, i.e. swapping wristbands with another person when you have already entered a function, may result in disqualification from the event

THE NATIONALS LOUNGE

Will be open to all competitors on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 4.00pm.

HIGH TEA LUNCH

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday 'The Nationals Lounge' offers morning refreshments from 8.00am and a High Tea Lunch from 12.00noon to 2.00pm (sandwiches, finger food, sweet treats). Capacity 100. Tickets will be sold on Trybooking and will go on sale 1 October 2025. <https://www.trybooking.com/DEJQW>

RIDERS FORUM – FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 7PM, RIDERS RETREAT / OR OLD ADMIN BUILDING – TBA

APPEALS COMMITTEE – GRAHAM ELLIOT (VIC), DEREK O'LEARY (VIC), 3RD MEMBER TBA

GROUND JURY

CHILD'S/JUNIOR CLASSES:

Samantha Applin (WA), Julie Crisp (NSW), Wayne Loughan (VIC), Mike Myers (QLD)

SHOW HORSE & SHOW HUNTER CLASSES:

Michelle Bryant (VIC), Alyson Emery (SA), Kerry Patchett (NSW), Cecile Maddams (WA)

ACCOMMODATION

The following accommodation list provides a selection of hotel/motels within close proximity to the venue.

- Lancemore Mansion Hotel, Werribee – 03 9731 4000 (Promo code: EQUES for 15% off Bed & Breakfast for all room types – valid for The Nationals)
- The Holiday Inn Werribee – 03 8731 3030 (Children under the age of 12years eat for free)
- Werribee Park Motor Inn – 03 9741 7222
- Quest Apartments Werribee – 03 8744 6000

*Follow The Nationals Facebook page for a chance to win accommodation packages & other prizes.

RELEASE & INDEMNITY

EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA INDEMNITY & WAIVER

Risk Warning and Waiver

Your participation in the recreational activities supplied by EV is inherently dangerous and may involve risk. There are risks specifically associated with participation in such recreational activities and accidents can and often do happen which may result in personal injury, death or property damage. Prior to undertaking any such recreational activity, you should ensure you are aware of all the risks involved, including those risks associated with any health condition you may have. By your entry being accepted into the Event, you acknowledge, agree, and understand that participation in the recreational activities provided by EV may involve risk. You agree and undertake any such risk voluntarily and at your own risk. You acknowledge that the assumption of risk and warning above constitutes a 'risk warning' in accordance with relevant legislation

Waiver

A supplier of recreational services or recreational activities can ask you to agree that statutory guarantees under the Australian Consumer Law (which is Schedule 2 to the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth)*) do not apply to you (or a person for whom or on whose behalf you are acquiring the services or activities). If your entry into the Event is accepted, you will be agreeing that your rights (or the rights of a person for whom or on whose behalf you are acquiring the services) to sue the supplier in relation to recreational services or recreational activities that you undertake because the services or recreational activities provided were not in accordance with the guarantees are excluded, restricted or modified as set out below.

For recreational services or recreational activities to which the Australian Consumer Law (Commonwealth) applies:

If my entry into the Event is accepted, I agree that the liability of the Committee and EV in relation to recreational services (as that term is defined in the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth)* for any:

- (i) death;
- (ii) physical or mental injury (including the aggravation, acceleration or recurrence of such an injury);
- (iii) the contraction, aggravation or acceleration of a disease;
- (iv) the coming into existence, the aggravation, acceleration or recurrence of any other condition, Circumstance, occurrence, activity, form of behaviour, course of conduct or state of affairs
- (A) that is or may be harmful or disadvantageous to you or the community;
- (B) that may result in harm or disadvantage to you or the community, that may be suffered by you (or a person for whom or on whose behalf you are acquiring the services) resulting from the supply of recreational services or recreational activities; is excluded and the application of any express or implied term that any services will be provided with due care and skill is hereby excluded.

For recreational services to which the Australian Consumer Law (Victoria) applies:

Warning under the *Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012*: Under the Australian Consumer Law (Victoria), several statutory guarantees apply to the supply of certain goods and services. These guarantees mean that the supplier named on this form, being the Committee and EV, are required to ensure that the recreational services it supplies to you:

- (a) are rendered with due care and skill; and
- (b) are reasonably fit for any purpose which you either expressly or by implication, make known to the supplier; and
- (c) might reasonably be expected to achieve any result you have made known to the supplier.

Under section 22 of the *Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 (Vic)*, the supplier is entitled to ask you to agree that these conditions do not apply to you. If you sign this form, you will be agreeing that your rights to sue the supplier under the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 if you are killed or injured because the services were not in accordance with these guarantees, are excluded, restricted or modified in the way set out in this form.

Note: The change to your rights, as set out in this form, does not apply if your death or injury is due to gross negligence on the supplier's part. **Gross negligence** in relation to an act or omission, means doing the act or omitting to do an act with reckless disregard, with or without consciousness, for the consequences of the act or omission. See regulation 5 of the *Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Regulations 2012 (Vic)* and section 22(3)(b) of the *Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 (Vic)*.

Exclusion of rights under the Australian Consumer Law (Victoria):

By signing this form, you agree that the liability of the Committee and EV for any death or personal injury (as defined in the *Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012*) that may be suffered by you (or a person from whom or on whose behalf you are acquiring the services) resulting from the supply of recreational services is excluded.

Release & Indemnity

In consideration of the Committee and EV accepting your Event entry application you, to the extent permitted by law:

- (i) release and forever discharge EV and the EV Event Team 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 EV and the EV Event Team 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 EV or the EV Event Team or in any other manner whatsoever; and
- (iii) indemnify and will keep indemnified and hold harmless EV and the EV Event Team 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 EV and the Event Team in respect of any injury, loss or damage arising out of or in connection with your failure to comply with EV 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 EV or the EV Event Team.

Disclosure of Medical Conditions:

You warrant that you:

- (i) are and must continue to be medically and physically fit and able to undertake and participate in the Event;
- (ii) are not a danger to yourself or to the health and safety of others;
- (iii) have not at any time suffered any blackout, seizure, convulsion, fainting or dizzy spells; and
- (iv) are not presently receiving treatment for any condition, illness, disorder or injury which would render it unsafe for you to take part in the Event or Equestrian Activities.

You acknowledge that you must, and you agree that you will, disclose any pre-existing medical or other condition that may affect the risk that either you or any other person will suffer injury, loss or damage. You acknowledge that the EV relies on information provided by you and that all such information is accurate and complete. You agree to report any accidents, injuries, loss or damage you suffer during the Event to the EV before you leave any relevant venue.

Exclusion of Applicant

You warrant that you have not at any time been excluded from equestrian by a medical practitioner or any person or entity including EA and its member states and Clubs. You acknowledge and agree that EV may demand a medical certificate or opinion as to your fitness from a qualified medical practitioner PRIOR to your participating in the Event.

Safety

You understand and acknowledge the dangers associated with the consumption of alcohol or any mind-altering substance before or during your involvement in participating in the Event, and you accept full responsibility for injury, loss or damage associated with the consumption of alcohol or any other mind-altering substance. You agree to follow any rules set by EV in connection with the Event. If you fail to comply with the EV's rules and/or directions, you will not be permitted to participate or to continue to participate in the Event and no refund will be given. If you suffer any injury or illness, you agree that the EV may provide evacuation, first aid and/or medical treatment at your expense and that your entry into the Event constitutes your consent to such evacuation, first aid and/or medical treatment.

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 EV and EV may use the photographs 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 complete a Horse Event Participation Declaration form (HEPD) (to be provided in the Competitor Packs). for each horse and handed to the Stable Manager on arrival
- 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 regularly if you are at the event for longer than one day. A rectal temperature above 38.5 degrees suggests disease.
- 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 event participation declaration (HEPD) form. This must be handed to Stable Manager on arrival
- b. All horses should be vaccinated from (i.e. that normally reside/compete/train) from the specific designated "EA Known Hendra Virus Endemic Regions of Northern NSW and QLD for HEV (HENDRA VIRUS) VACCINATION.
- c. EA RECOMMENDS THAT ALL OTHER HORSES are vaccinated against HEV disease before coming to the Event, however it is NOT a requirement and there is no mandatory requirement for horses, that are attending horse events in Victoria, to be vaccinated against Hendra.
- d. Any sick horses may be isolated or removed from the contact with other horse

C: 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, EV OR WERRIBEE PARK NATIONAL EQUESTRAIN CENTRE OR ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, SERVANTS OR AGENTS or howsoever otherwise AND 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. BY ENTERING THE EVENT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THIS WAIVER AND INDEMNITY.

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

WERRIBEE PARK NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE GUIDELINES



Risk Management Conditions

The information set out within this document *must* be included in the Prize Schedule, Competitor Information and/or Official Program for your event/s. This information must be signed by event Organiser prior to an event and adhered to at all times.

Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre Committee of Management considers it a **privilege** that you are allowed to bring your dog to this venue. We insist you **keep your dog on a leash and under effective control** at all times.

1. Approved Safety Helmets must be always worn when riding
2. Cross Country obstacles must not be jumped/used unless a non-riding level one NCAS coach is present.
3. Riding of horses bareback is prohibited
4. Riding of rugged and/or unbridled horses is prohibited
5. Any person may lead a maximum of two horses while mounted
6. Stallions must always be in the control of a person aged eighteen (18) years or more, when led or ridden
7. Horses are not permitted within/upon the quadrangle (between the barn & Indoor 1).
8. Horses are not permitted near pedestrian doorways
9. Straw bedding is not permitted on the venue. Only wood shavings/sawdust bedding is accepted.
10. Helmets must be worn when riding bikes or unpowered scooters.
11. Bicycles are not permitted in the indoor arenas or any stable block.
12. Bicycles are not permitted near doors designated as public entrances or exits.
13. Electric Scooters are not permitted to be used on the venue.
14. Speed limits must be always adhered to, the speed limit at WPNEC is 10km p/h.
15. Power leads must not be on the ground or over roadways
16. Construction of portable/tape yards is prohibited.
17. Alcohol must not be consumed in the Indoor Arenas, unless purchased from the licensed bar located in Indoor Arena No. 1.
18. Please observe all signs at the venue.
19. Horses must be tied in a safe manner. Horses must not be tied to unattached floats, wheelie bins etc.
20. No infrastructure to be erected on WPNEC Grounds without written approval by management prior to event.
21. Entry and exit doors to Indoors Arenas must not be obstructed at any time.
22. Every event to book at WPNEC must provide their own first aid officials.
23. Report any incidents, damages, or safety concerns to WPNEC management immediately.
24. Dogs are not permitted on the Cross-Country Course when in use.
25. Please call WPNEC Management should you require any assistance with ANY Issue.
26. Users who do not comply with these guidelines may be refused future use of WPNEC

Smoking - No smoking in any Indoor infrastructure at WPNEC, includes Indoor Arenas, Stables, Admin Buildings, etc.

These conditions apply unless the Manager or the Committee of Management has given the discipline/event/activity concerned an exemption. ***Exemptions must be applied for in writing and will be only valid for the dates granted**

