

# EXPRESS EVENTING



 **EQUITANA**  
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## EXPRESS EVENTING

**Thursday 14 November - Outdoor Arena 11.00am – 2.00pm, 2024.**

The Express Eventing competition will be run at CCN3\* level. Competitors will complete a course consisting of a combination of cross-country fences and show jumps. There is no dressage phase. The competition will be conducted over two rounds. The top 10 will progress to the second round in a jump off against the clock. The Joker fence will be in play in both rounds. (see jumping course notes)

## QUALIFICATIONS

The competition is open to Young Riders and Senior riders. They must be current EA members qualified to compete at 3\* level as a combination with Equestrian Australia.

## ENTRIES

**Entry Fee:** \$190 (GST inc.)

**Entries Open:** 1 September 2024 - <https://eventsecretary.com.au/equestrian/19598>

**Entries Close:** 30 September 2024. No late entries will be accepted.

Entry must be correctly and fully completed.

Entries will only be refunded if the horse is officially withdrawn no later than 48 hours before the commencement of competition and an original doctor or veterinary certificate issued to the Competition Manager no later than one hour prior to the commencement of competition. 25% of all entry fees paid will be retained to cover administration costs.

Oversubscription – In the case that more than 25 entries are received, the highest performances (December 2023 – 27 September 2024) will be taken into account to determine the 25 accepted horse/rider combinations. At the organisers discretion more than one horse may be accepted.

Objections and Appeals must be in writing and accompanied by a fee of \$150 and handed to the Event Secretary no later than one hour after the instance which gave rise to the objection.

## PRIZE MONEY

1st	\$2,500.00	5th	\$700.00	9th	\$300.00
2nd	\$1,900.00	6th	\$550.00	10th	\$250.00
3rd	\$1,200.00	7th	\$400.00		
4th	\$ 900.00	8th	\$300.00		

*Prize money will be credited to competitors within 14 working days after the event via Electronic Funds Transfer. Please ensure correct bank details are given at the time of entry. If you are registered for GST please ensure your ABN number is included on your completed entry form*

**ENTRY LINK:** <https://eventsecretary.com.au/equestrian/19598>



## PRESENTATIONS

Mounted presentations will be conducted immediately at the completion of the competition.

## DRAW

A random draw will take place & back numbers allocated. This information will be communicated to competitors. Back numbers available at the event office. Competitors must ride in draw order.

## DRESS AND SADDLERY

Will be in accordance with Equestrian Australia's Eventing rules (cross-country phase, cross country colours). Back Protectors are required. Back numbers will be issued to competitors, please ensure you bring your eventing bibs.

## JUMPING COURSE

The Jumping Course will be a combined course of cross-country obstacles and show jump fences. The course will include approximately 12 fences (6 x cross-country and 6 x show jump).

Dimensions: The cross-country fences will be solid fences of up to Equestrian Australia CCN3\* dimensions [max height 1.15m(fixed) and 1.35m (brush)]. The show jumps will be up to CCN3\* dimensions (1.20m)

There will be an optional joker fence of up to 1.30m (show jump). If successfully jumped the joker fence will wipe 4 penalties off the rider's total score. If the joker fence is knocked down the rider will incur 8 penalties.

The first two refusals at jumps incur no penalties, however the time taken to re-present will disadvantage the rider. Three (3) refusals on course results in elimination.

## TIME ON COURSE

Maximum time on course will be advised at the competition. Riders will be penalised 1 time fault per second over the optimum time.

## SCORING

Rail down	4 penalties
Third refusal	Elimination
Fall of horse or rider	Elimination
Joker Fence - Jumped clear	-4 penalties
Joker Fence - Knocked down	8 penalties
Time penalties	1 penalty per second over the optimum time

\*In case of a dispute the Jumping Judge will have the final say.

It is the duty of the official(s) responsible to make a decision in a sporting spirit and in accordance with the intention of the guidelines. The Event Organiser reserves the right to change or amend the program at their discretion.



## **VENUE**

EQUITANA Melbourne is held at Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, Melbourne. The venue will be open to competitors from 12.00pm on Wednesday 13 November. Entry times must be strictly adhered to.

Exhibition Eventing to be conducted on the Outdoor Competition Arena:

- This arena is located in the centre of the EQUITANA Precinct, between the Grand Pavilion, Grand Hall and the Epsom Pavilion.
- The arena has a grass surface and is 80m x 70m in size. There is also a 10m sand track around the arena. The seating capacity is 4,300.

## **STABLING**

Stable fee: \$50 per night including 6 bales of startup bedding. There are a limited number of stables available for Exhibition Eventing competitors on the night of Wednesday (20) 13 November. Please ensure that you book overnight stabling, if required, when you complete your entries.

Secure parking is available for competitors on site however, the RASV do not allow camping at the venue. Access to stables on Wednesday is 2.00pm-5.00pm. Horse/Stable security will be at the venue 24 hours along with vet on call 24 hours. On arrival, please check in with the Stable Manager to be directed to your parking and stable. There will be designated parking for day competitors.

Conditions of Entry to Back of House and Stables

Under Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, EQUITANA Melbourne Event Managers (Equine Productions) are obliged to ensure that reasonable steps are taken to ensure that the event is conducted in a manner which provides for the safety of all persons that might be present at any time, including public, employees, volunteers, competitors, independent contractors, stakeholders and event staff.

### **Stable Work Place**

The workplace of the stables at EQUITANA Melbourne is unique in so much as all event equine disciplines share the environment and over the course of the four days of the event and rehearsal days hundreds of horses are managed and stabled. To ensure the workplace is a safe and controlled environment the below policy is in place for the stable area:

- Children under the age of 12 are not permitted into the stables unless competing at EQUITANA
- If Children under the age of 12 are competing they must be in the company of an adult in the stables and during competition
- Prams, pushers, bicycles, scooters and golf buggies are not permitted in the stables (exceptions include vehicles used by stable manager, venue management and first aid/ambulance personnel)
- No smoking is allowed inside the stables
- No dogs are allowed at the venue
- 'Non-competing' and 'non-essential' personnel will not be provided with a Stable Access pass - accreditation is provided to competitors and grooms only
- Event security will deny access to the stables without correct event accreditation



- Stable size is 3.3m x 3.6m and all stables will be supplied with bedding. There is not an automatic water system so please ensure you bring buckets with you.
- If you have a stallion/s you may want to bring an extra cover/divider that you can put on the top half of the stable to limit your horse's view of other horses.
- You are responsible for the cleaning of the stable while your horse is in it. Please leave your stable clean on departure with the bedding left in the box. There will be no dedicated tack rooms. Please place your tack/equipment directly in front of your stable without blocking the aisle ways
- Wash bays with cold water will be available outside the Clydesdale Pavilion
- Only accredited riders/grooms will be given access to the stables due to biosecurity reasons. No exceptions allowed
- To ensure horses rest throughout the night the lights will be turned off and all doors closed from Midnight to 5.30am

### **EXERCISING OF HORSES**

A warm-up arena will be available to all horses prior to their competition, adjacent to the outdoor arena.

- Outdoor Warm Up - Sand/Rubber Surface

Note: Spectators can see the Outdoor Warm Up from the seating around the main Outdoor Competition Arena.

Exercising horses in the sand demonstration arenas located within exhibition pavilions is not permitted at any time.

Excessive lunging or overworking of horses will not be tolerated. Exercising horses between the hours of midnight and 5.30am is strictly prohibited. People found to be in breach of Animal Care & Protection guidelines may be asked to leave the venue.

### **COMPETITOR INSURANCE**

The Event Organiser's public liability insurance does not cover competitors, competitors' horses or competitors' grooms. The Competitors possessions, vehicles and equipment is also not insured. Please note - Competitors compete at their own risk. It is the responsibility of every competitor competing at EQUITANA Melbourne to maintain a current Personal Accident/Public & Products Liability through their specific equine group membership. All owners and competitors will also be personally responsible for damages to any third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses.

### **SAFETY**

For the safety of all concerned, we ask that all participants follow the instructions/requests of staff and uniformed volunteers. It is always recommended helmets be worn when mounted, as per your sport rules. Appropriate footwear must be worn when handling horses. Riders take full responsibility for the safety of their horses and equipment. Riders must have 0.0 blood alcohol content when competing at the event and should not consume alcohol while riding and handling horses at the venue. The Event Organiser reserves the right to ask riders to leave the venue if unsafe or dangerous practices are observed.



## **EVENT PASSES**

Each rider will be allocated three competitor passes per horse (rider/groom/owner). These give free entry into the General Admission, Competition, Exhibition areas as well as the back of house area for horse arrival/stables for the days in which you are competing, and General Admission access for the entire event. These passes do not allow entry into separately ticketed events in the Grand Pavilion, such as specialist clinics and evening programs.

Each rider will also receive two General Admission tickets for family and friends.

Any additional tickets to the event can be purchased via the EQUITANA website [www.equitana.com.au](http://www.equitana.com.au)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations will be mounted, and riders must wear their correct attire. Riders who are not available for presentations or who do not fulfil any media commitments that may be required by the Organising Committee, may forfeit all prize money. Unless advised otherwise, presentations to top six competitors will be made.

## **STALLIONS**

The Organising Committee follows the EA stallion code of conduct. Guardians of riders/handlers under 17 years must take responsibility for stallions at all times including when leading, riding or stabling stallions throughout the venue.

Stallion disks – The Event Organiser recommends the use of Stallion Identification Discs. Stallions should wear official 'discs' at all times whilst at the venue. These discs are to be worn on both sides of head collars and bridles or on some part of the horse on both sides to identify to others that the horse is a stallion.

## **HORSE'S WELFARE**

Abuse of a horse will not be tolerated. Dangerous riding will be reprimanded with a warning that may include exclusion from any feature in the EQUITANA Program or expulsion from the venue.

## **UPON ARRIVAL AT THE VENUE**

Horse owners or their representatives will need to submit:

- Horse Health Declaration/Waybill (for each horse)
- Horse Entry & Animal Care and Protection waivers

Horse/s will not be allowed entry into stable area without these forms.

## **FEED/WATER**

No feed is provided to competition horses, you are responsible for bringing your preferred feed with you. Please ensure you bring a water bucket.



### **VETERINARY SERVICES/FARRIER**

Veterinary Services will be available on-site during the day and will be on call to attend to any emergency overnight. Normal veterinary charges will apply for consultation and procedures. A farrier will be available during the day over the four days of the event. Phone numbers will be available from the Stable Manager & Competition offices. All Veterinary/Farrier fees must be paid for immediately by cash or credit card, direct to the Veterinarian/Farrier.

Please note random swabbing will take place according to the Equestrian Australia Medication Control policy.

### **OVERNIGHT SECURITY**

Overnight Stable Managers will be monitoring horse security and well-being during the night. The Stable Managers will check all horses for any signs of illness or distress and will contact the person listed on the stable card and on call vet in the event of an emergency. All veterinary charges for such calls will be at the expense of horse owner or person responsible for horse.

All owners/grooms of horses staying overnight are required to write their mobile phone numbers on the stable door in case of an emergency.



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