

EQUINE PRODUCTIONS

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The poster features a background image of several riders on horses in a competition arena. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo for the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. The logo contains a stylized horse head and the text 'SHOW HORSE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIA INC.'

Equifest
AUSTRALIA'S FESTIVAL
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SADDLE HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

30th March – 1st April 2017
Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon

Full programme of Grand National Qualifying classes including Children's events – to qualify for 2018 Grand National

Full stabling and camping facilities available until Monday 3rd April
(Allowing Competitors to bump into SIEC)

Entries open on SHC Database: October 17th 2016
Closing Date: Friday 16th December 2016

Equifest runs from
30th March until 2nd April 2017

www.equifest.com.au

30th, 31st March & 1st April 2017 HAWKESBURY SHOWGROUND CLARENDON

Entry open to current SHC Members & NSH Registered Horses

GRAND NATIONAL FORMAT – Three Judges Officiating:
MRS K DOLAN QLD, MISS A FRASER QLD, Mrs Sue Thompson VIC.

Closing Date for Entries: 16th December 2016

Schedules & Entries from www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au

Entries available Online Database.

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2017 "EQUIFEST" SADDLE HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thursday Program- 8.00am

RING 1: JUDGE- Mrs Kate Dolan

- CLASS 1. The EQUIFEST Childs First Ridden Saddle Pony n/e 12.2hh- Rider 5yrs & under 12yrs.**
For Saddle Ponies three years of age and over, ridden by a child 5 yrs & under 12yrs. As these are saddle classes, judging will be on the suitability of the mount for the rider. A snaffle bit must be used, and a narrow strap may be attached to the front of the saddle No cantering is allowed during work on the ring. However a short canter is allowed during the workout
Class winner is eligible to compete at 2018 Grand National on Childrens Day.
Winner receives Rug, Garland,\$100 prize money & Sash, Ribbons for Top ten
- CLASS 2. The EQUIFEST Childs Pony 12.2hh and n/e 14hh Rider under 17yrs.**
Class Winner is eligible to compete on Childrens Day at 2018 Grand National.
Winner receives Rug, Garland,\$100 prize money & Sash, Ribbons for Top ten
- CLASS 3. The EQUIFEST Childs Pony not exceeding 12.2hh Rider under 17yrs.**
Class Winner is eligible to compete on Childrens Day at 2018 Grand National.
Winner receives Rug, Garland,\$100 prize money & Sash, Ribbons for Top ten
- CLASS 4. The EQUIFEST Childs Galloway over 14hh n/e 15hh Rider under 17yrs.**
Class winner is eligible to compete on Childrens Day at 2018 Grand National.
Winner receives Rug, Garland,\$100 prize money & Sash, Ribbons for Top ten
- CLASS 5. The EQUIFEST Childs Show Hack over 15hh. Rider under 17yrs.**
Class winner is eligible to compete on Childrens Day at 2018 Grand National.
Winner receives Rug, Garland,\$100 prize money & Sash, Ribbons for Top ten

RING 2: JUDGE- Miss Alexia Fraser

- CLASS 6. The EQUIFEST Childs First Ridden Show Hunter Pony n/e 12.2hh- Rider 5yrs & under 12yrs.**
For Show Hunter Ponies three years of age and over, ridden by a child 5 yrs & under 12yrs. As these are saddle classes, judging will be on the suitability of the mount for the rider. A snaffle bit must be used, and a narrow strap may be attached to the front of the saddle No cantering is allowed during work on the ring. However a short canter is allowed during the workout
Class winner is eligible to compete at 2018 Grand National on Childrens Day.
Winner receives Rug, Garland,\$100 prize money & Sash, Ribbons for Top ten
- CLASS 7. The EQUIFEST Childs Show Hunter Pony 12.2hh and n/e 14hh Rider under 17yrs.**
Class winner is eligible to compete at 2018 Grand National on Childrens Day.
Winner receives Rug, Garland,\$100 prize money & Sash, Ribbons for Top ten
- CLASS 8. The EQUIFEST Childs Show Hunter Pony not exceeding 12.2hh Rider under 17yrs.**
Class winner is eligible to compete at 2018 Grand National on Childrens Day.
Winner receives Rug, Garland,\$100 prize money & Sash, Ribbons for Top ten

CLASS 9. The EQUIFEST Childs Galloway over 14hh n/e 15hh Rider under 17yrs.
Class winner is eligible to compete on Children's Day at 2018 Grand National.
Winner receives Rug, Garland,\$100 prize money & Sash, Ribbons for Top ten

CLASS 10. The EQUIFEST Childs Ridden APSB Registered Shetland Pony n/e 10.2hh, Rider u 14yrs
Class Winner is eligible to compete on Childrens Day at 2018 Grand National.
Winner receives Rug, Garland,\$100 prize money & Sash, Ribbons for Top ten

CLASS 11. The EQUIFEST Childs Show Hunter Hack over 15h. Rider under 17yrs.
Class Winner is eligible to compete on Childrens Day at 2018 Grand National.
Winner receives Rug, Garland,\$100 prize money & Sash, Ribbons for Top ten

CLASS WINNERS from class 1-11 qualify for entry in the equivalent Childs Class at 2018 Grand National.

PROCEDURES FOR GRAND NATIONAL QUALIFYING CLASSES

Three (3) judges will judge the individual Classes without any conferring between the Judges. A Free Workout in set time will apply to all OPEN HACK & SHOW HUNTER Classes. Procedure: Time will commence when entering Arena for Individual Workout, a Warning Bell will be rung 15 seconds prior end of time limit to allow completion of Movement & leave the Arena. If time is exceeded the second Bell will be rung, the Exhibitor must immediately leave the Arena as judging will have ceased

HACK CLASSES - FREE WORKOUT: TIME LIMIT – Two (2) MINUTES.

Due to time restraints, NO HALT to be done at completion of Workout.

SHOW HUNTER CLASSES - FREE WORKOUT: TIME LIMIT – Two (2) MINUTES

Due to time restraints, NO HALT to be done at completion of Workout.

RIDER CLASSES- WORKOUTS WILL BE SET

The Presiding judge will be the first named judge for that Class and in event of equality of scores the Presiding Judge's points will take precedence to break the tie. Only the top two scores of the Judges will be counted. Complete final Results of Top Ten will be displayed in the Secretary's Office after the event.

Riders are allowed to ride more then one horse entry in a class, provided all horses are presented with riders on for inspection by the judges. *No exhibit can be shown in both the Saddle Horse and Show Hunter Classes.*

The 2017 WINNERS and the RUNNER-UP OF GRAND NATIONAL QUALIFYING CLASSES shall be eligible to compete at the Year 2018 GRAND NATIONAL SADDLE HORSE & RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS to be conducted by the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc.

THURSDAY - (at completion of Classes 1-11)

CLASS 12. The EQUIFEST The Leading Rein Show Hunter Pony n/e 12hh. Rider 3yrs & u 8yrs.

For ponies not exceeding 12hh. Rider to be 3 years and under 8 years. Leading rein must be affixed to nose band. Snaffle bridle only. Egg butt/loose ring snaffle only. The reins should go directly to the child's hands. Artificial aid used to keep the pony's head in position will not be permitted. NO spurs or whips, handler may carry cane no longer than 40cm. Clothing and equipment to be similar to a Turnout. A rider must be nominated for the pony

Winner receives Embroidered Rug, Garland, \$200 Prize Money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Sash for Top 10

JUDGES: A Fraser, S Thompson, K Dolan.



CLASS 13. The EQUIFEST The Rider 9 yrs under 12 years. Mount n/e 15hh.
Winner receives an Arm Garland \$200 prize money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Rosette for Top 10
JUDGES: S Thompson, K Dolan, A Fraser

**CLASS 14. The EQUIFEST Leading Rein Pony n/e 12hh.
Rider 3yrs & under 8yrs**

For ponies not exceeding 12hh. Rider to be 3 years and under 8 years. Leading rein must be affixed to nose band. Snaffle bridle only. Egg butt/loose ring snaffle only. The reins should go directly to the child's hands. Artificial aid used to keep the pony's head in position will not be permitted. NO spurs or whips, handler may carry cane no longer than 40cm. Clothing and equipment to be similar to a Turnout. A rider must be nominated for the pony

Winner receives Embroidered Rug, Garland, \$200 Prize Money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Sash for Top 10
JUDGES: A Fraser, S Thompson, K Dolan.

CLASS 15. The EQUIFEST Rider 12yrs & under 15yrs

Winner receives an Arm Garland & \$200 prize money Sash,
Runner up receives Sash,
Rosette for Top 10
JUDGES: A Fraser, S Thompson, K Dolan.

CLASS 16. The EQUIFEST Rider 6 yrs under 9years. Mount n/e 14hh.

Winner receives an Arm Garland \$200 prize money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash,
Rosette for Top 10
JUDGES: S Thompson, K Dolan, A Fraser,

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Program Friday - 8.00am

CLASS 17. The EQUIFEST Small Saddle Pony Not Exc. 12.2hh

Winner receives Embroidered Rug, Garland, \$200 Prize Money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Sash for Top 10
JUDGES: A Fraser, S Thompson, K Dolan.

CLASS 18. The EQUIFEST Large Saddle Pony over 12.2hh & n/e 14hh

Winner receives Embroidered Rug, Garland, \$200 Prize Money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Sash for Top 10
JUDGES: A Fraser, S Thompson, K Dolan.

CLASS 19. The EQUIFEST Small Show Hunter Pony Not Exc. 12.2hh

Winner receives Embroidered Rug, Garland, \$200 Prize Money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Sash for Top 10
JUDGES: A Fraser, S Thompson, K Dolan.

- CLASS 20. The EQUIFEST Large Show Hunter Pony Over 12.2hh n/e 14hh**
Winner receives Embroidered Rug, Garland, \$200 Prize Money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Sash for Top 10
JUDGES: A Fraser, S Thompson, K Dolan.
- CLASS 21. The EQUIFEST Rider 15yrs & under 17yrs**
Winner receives an Arm Garland, \$200 prize money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Rosette for Top 10
JUDGES: A Fraser, K Dolan, S Thompson.
- CLASS 22. The EQUIFEST Saddle Galloway Over 14hh n/e 14.2hh**
Winner receives Embroidered Rug, Garland, \$200 Prize Money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Sash for Top 10
JUDGES: K Dolan, A Fraser, S Thompson.
- CLASS 23. The EQUIFEST Show Hunter Galloway Over 14.0hh n/e 14.2hh**
Winner receives Embroidered Rug, Garland, \$200 Prize Money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Sash for Top 10
JUDGES: K Dolan, A Fraser, S Thompson.
- CLASS 24. The EQUIFEST Large Saddle Galloway Over 14.2hh n/e 15hh**
Winner receives Embroidered Rug, Garland, \$200 Prize Money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Sash for Top 10
JUDGES: K Dolan, A Fraser, S Thompson.

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Program Saturday – 8.00am

- CLASS 25. The EQUIFEST Rider 17yrs & under 21yrs**
Winner receives an Arm Garland, \$200 prize money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Rosette for Top 10
JUDGES: K Dolan, A Fraser, S Thompson.
- CLASS 26. The EQUIFEST Show Hunter Galloway Over 14.2hh n/e 15hh**
Winner receives Embroidered Rug, Garland, \$200 Prize Money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Sash for Top 10
Judges: **JUDGES: K Dolan, A Fraser, S Thompson.**
- CLASS 27. The EQUIFEST Rider 21yrs & under 30yrs**
Winner receives an Arm Garland, \$200 prize money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Rosette for Top 10
JUDGES: K Dolan, A Fraser, S Thompson.

- CLASS 28. The EQUIFEST Show Hunter Hack Over 15hh n/e 16hh**
Winner receives Embroidered Rug, Garland, \$200 Prize Money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Sash for Top 10
JUDGES: S Thompson, K Dolan, A Fraser.
- CLASS 29. The EQUIFEST Show Hunter Hack Over 16hh**
Winner receives Embroidered Rug, Garland, \$200 Prize Money & Sash
JUDGES: S Thompson, K Dolan, A Fraser.
- CLASS 30. The EQUIFEST Rider Over 30yrs**
Winner receives an Arm Garland \$200 prize money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Rosette for Top 10
JUDGES: K Dolan, A Fraser, S Thompson.
- CLASS 31. The EQUIFEST Saddle Hack Over 16hh**
Winner receives Embroidered Rug, Garland, \$200 Prize Money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Sash for Top 10
JUDGES: S Thompson, K Dolan, A Fraser.
- CLASS 32. The EQUIFEST Saddle Hack Over 15hh n/e 16hh**
Winner receives Embroidered Rug, Garland, \$200 Prize Money & Sash
Runner up receives Sash, Sash for Top 10
JUDGES: S Thompson K Dolan, A Fraser.



RULES & REGULATIONS

1. This Show will be run according to Show Horse Council Competition Rules, available from S.H.C. Web Site www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au , the S.H.C. Secretary or at the Show Office on the day.
2. Entry is voluntary. By Entry, all owners/exhibitors/Responsible Officers & competitors agree to be bound by & compete in accordance with the S.H.C. Competition Rules, General Rules & the Rules & Regulations applicable to this Show. A Warning Card System shall apply at the Show for incidents of non-compliance with the Rules &/or instructions of Show Officials.
3. The Show Committee reserve the right to interpret all questions or incidents regarding or

- arising from this Show without recourse. Their decision will be final.
4. The S.H.C. will not be responsible for any accident or damage caused by or to any exhibit or exhibitor. All competitors compete at their own risk.
 5. ALL ENTRIES to be lodged online via SHC Data base. Closing date of entries: **16st DECEMBER 2016**.
Entries will only be accepted from Owners/Exhibitors/Lessees/Competitors/Responsible Officers who appear current at the Closing Date in the data base Member records of an Affiliate or Constituent Affiliate of the SHC of Australiasia Inc.
 6. The S.H.C. reserves the right to refuse any Entry without assigning any reason, no claim shall be made against the Council should an Entry be refused.
 7. All horses competing in this Event (including Rider Classes) shall be currently registered with the National Saddle Horse Register and appear in SHC Data base records by Closing Date of Entries.
 - 7.1 Where a horse is registered and/or entered in the name of a minor (under 18 years), the nomination of the Entry shall be lodged by an adult acting as, & to be considered as, The Responsible Officer for the Entry, that person be a member of an association affiliated with the SHC of A. Inc.
 - 7.2 A Shetland Pony Entry shall include a Copy of the pony's APSB Registration Papers.
 8. For Horses holding a current S.H.C. Measuring Card/Certificate: A copy of the Card/Certificate shall be lodged with the Entries. Any horse not holding a Current S.H.C. Official Measuring Certificate will be required to be measured on the day & be issued with a S.H.C. Card or the Entry will not be permitted to start.
 9. DRUG TESTING will be carried out in accordance with S.H.C. Competition Rules. 7.0 - 7.12 Compliance with these Rules & payment of Drug Testing Levy is mandatory to all Exhibitors competing in this Event. Refer to Rules & Regulations No.1 above. A Treatment Sheet must be submitted in accordance with Comp. Rule 7.5 for any horse receiving treatment within 30 days prior to the Show.
 10. The Show Committee reserves the right to change any Judge without notice.
 11. Judge's decision is final, a Protest will not be accepted on a Judge's decision.
 12. Protests must be delivered in writing to the secretary, no later than one hour after the Class in question. A \$50 Fee must accompany the Protest & will be forfeited if the Protest is not upheld. The Ground Jury will adjudicate on all matters &/or Protests.
 13. Rings will not be held up for Class clashes without the approval of the Ringmaster. Advice of any clashes must be made to Ring Officials prior to the commencement of conflicting Classes. Holding of horses due to clash to be in designated area only.
 14. Entry Fees refunds will follow **Equifest Terms & Conditions-See Below**
 15. Cancellation of Stables/Camping/Shavings will follow **Equifest Terms & Conditions- See Below**.
 16. **Winners of Childs Classes, First Riddenclasses & APSB Reg. Shetland Class** eligible for Childrens Day Competition at 2018 Grand National.
 17. **First Ridden Pony:** For Ponies n/e 12.2hh & three years of age and over, ridden by a child 5 yrs & under 12 yrs. Shetland ponies are eligible to enter. As these are saddle classes, judging will be on the suitability of the mount for the rider. A snaffle bit must be used, with a cavesson
 18. **Junior Riding Classes** - The mount of a Rider under 9 yrs must not exceed 14hh. The Mount of a Rider 9yrs & Under 12yrs must not exceed 15.0hh.
 19. Attention is drawn to Rule 16.2 (re whips) of the SHC Competition Rules and Rule 16.3 Spurs: "Dummy or Roller Ball Spurs not exceeding 2cm in length are permitted. Any other type of spur is no permitted.

20. Exhibitors must choose to compete either as a SADDLE HORSE or a SHOW HUNTER at this Show.
21. If a horse becomes ineligible or unable to compete, notification to be provided in writing and forwarded to the Show Secretary ASAP
22. The Show Horse Council Risk Management Policy applies to all competitors/Exhibitors spectators attending this Show. Copy available from SHC Website under Documents www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au or at the Show Office.
23. The Committee reserves the right to alter the Program, Timetable, Judge/s &/or other matters pertaining to this Show.
24. The policy will be enforced that during a competition if first request to an Exhibitor/Competitor to comply with Rules &/or instructions of a Show Official is not followed **A YELLOW Warning Card** will be issued, further non compliance shall incur disqualification.
25. Riding Classes will have set Workout, copy will be posted on SHC website prior to Competition.

THE SHOW HUNTER - Standard & Requirements Criteria

The Show Hunter Class has been created for the horse which demonstrates a bit more substance than that which is generally seen in an open hack class but it is expected to demonstrate the ability to provide a smooth, even ride and reliable temperament. The Show Hunter should exhibit sound conformation, be free from hereditary defects and unsoundness. It should demonstrate that it is sound in wind and limb but as it is expected to carry its rider across country over a variety of terrain and obstacles, an honourable bump or lump can be overlooked

The Show Hunters compete on the flat only and do not need to prove they can jump. The work-out should be similar to that expected in an open hack class but should include a hand-gallop and a change of leg at the canter. It must cover the ground in all paces, with the hand-gallop being well balanced and moving from the shoulders, with the hind legs well under. A flat and stilted action is unacceptable.

Manners are extremely important and all misdemeanours should be penalised. Saddlery should be clean, neat and well-fitting but may be more workmanlike than normal for an open hack class. Biting is optional

EquiFest Terms and Conditions

OVERVIEW

EquiFest will be conducted at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds from 30th March to 2nd April 2017. Please read the terms and conditions carefully as competitors agree to these conditions by default once they have entered one of EquiFest's competitions and will be bound by these conditions. There is a code of conduct, with respect to animal welfare, which all competitors are expected to adhere to.

ENTRIES - Each section has an entry secretary who is responsible for taking the entries for that respective section. All communications regarding entries are to be directed to the section secretary whose contact details are listed on the EquiFest website www.equifest.com.au/competition. Please visit the website for the link to your specific entry programme, which will include terms and conditions specifically relating to your respective section.

PRIZE MONEY

All competitors must supply their Bank Details (BSB, Account Number and Account Name) at the time of entry. All prizemoney will be paid directly into competitors' bank accounts.

STABLING AND CAMPING

All competitors who wish to camp and/or stable/yard their horses on the grounds must submit their initial booking and payment with their entries through their respective entry system. All

communications are to be directed to the stabling and camping manager whose contact details will be listed on the EquiFest website. All competitors will be advised of their yard/stable allocation by 24th March 2017.

Competitor stable/yard fees (all prices are GST inc)

Stable

\$175 for the event. This includes an initial allocation of shavings.

Yard

\$65 for the event.

Bedding

Additional shavings will be available on the grounds at \$15 per bale. These can be purchased from the competitors' office.

Camping

Camping passes will be forwarded by email. These will be issued with names and vehicle registration numbers on, and will be required to be displayed on the vehicle windscreens for admission to the camping areas.

All camping vehicles must have up to date certificates and all leads must be certified.

Sites

Powered sites \$120 for the show

Non powered sites \$65 for the show

COMPETITOR INSURANCE

The Event Organiser's public liability insurance does not cover competitors, competitors' horses or competitors' grooms. Competitors compete at their own risk. It is the responsibility of every competitor competing at EquiFest 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. Competitors will be required to bring a copy of

SAFETY

Riders take full responsibility for the safety of their horses and equipment. Helmets and suitable footwear must be worn at all times while mounted.

Children under the age of 12 are not permitted into the stables/yard area unless accompanied by an adult. Event management **STRONGLY** recommends competitors, handlers and grooms refrain from bringing children into the stable/yard area as it poses serious safety risks.

There is to be no smoking around the stabling or exhibition areas.

Riders to 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 two passes (one for rider and one for the groom). These give free entry into the General Admission Competition, Exhibition areas as well as the back of house area for horse arrival/stables.

Additional passes to the event can be purchased by the competitor at \$30 each for the Show. These may be purchased with entries, through the respective entry systems and, after entries close, through the website www.equifest.com.au

These passes will be in the form of wristbands which must be worn at all times. Passes will be collected on arrival at the Grounds. Specific arrival instructions will be issued later

SCRATCHING / REFUNDS

Refunds and scratchings are to be notified to the secretary of the respective section, using the form on the EquiFest website www.equifest.com.au. Please ensure that the correct bank account number is supplied on the form. Cash will not be given as a refund.

If withdrawals are received prior to closing date, full refunds, including stabling fees, less an administration fee of \$20, will be issued. Camping fees will only be refunded if all horses are withdrawn.

After closing date:

a doctors or vet certificate must accompany any withdrawal for a refund to be issued.

75% of entry fees (less administration fee) will be refunded

75% of stabling fees will be refunded after closing date,

75% of camping fees will be refunded, provided that all horses are withdrawn

If withdrawals are received after the 9.00am 28th March 2017, 25% of camping and entry fees only will be refunded. No refunds will be issued until after the event. A Doctor or Vet certificate must be supplied.

DRESS CODE

Riders in all competition rings must be in correct dress unless otherwise instructed by the judge, Hot Weather Policy applies. It is compulsory for riders to wear an approved and properly fastened safety helmet at all times whilst mounted. Male athletes may remove their helmet during the Presentation ceremonies.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations will be down to 6th place unless otherwise stipulated. Prize winners are asked to report for the presentation ceremony mounted and in full riding attire. Please report promptly. For Premier or Arena One presentations, the prize winning combinations must report for presentation. In other arenas, should the prize winner not be available, a mounted and correctly attired substitute may be used. It is the responsibility of the prize winner to ensure that he/she is represented. The organising committee ask that competitors cooperate with media any media commitments.

DOGS

All dogs must be kept on a leash and under effective control at all times. Dogs are not permitted in warm up or competition areas.

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

Dangerous riding and the abuse of a horse will not be tolerated. Horses must not be grazed in the arenas. Horse welfare is paramount to the organisers and any unsafe practices or abuse will see the competitor removed from the grounds. No refunds will be issued.

UPON ARRIVAL AT THE VENUE

Details will be sent to the competitors closer to the show.

VENUE

Any rules or conditions imposed by the Hawkesbury Agricultural Show Committee must be adhered to. No personal notices are to be displayed around the grounds.

DRUG TESTING

Drug testing for illicit substances will be carried out by qualified personnel. Prize money will be withheld until these tests have been cleared.

CHANGES

The Event Managers reserve the right to adjust the programme, including entry fees and prize money, if, in their opinion it is necessary for safety reasons or for the overall good of the event.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

All competitors agree to be bound by these terms and conditions. A DECLARATION FORM IS ATTACHED WHICH WILL NEED TO BE SIGNED AND BROUGHT TO THE EVENT



EQUIFEST 2017

ENTRY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EquiFest 2017 (herein after called the 'Event') is to be held at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds, Clarendon, NSW from the 30th March – 2nd April 2017. The terms and conditions apply to the dates of the show as well as the bump-in (March 20) and bump-out (April 7) days. The event is owned and operated by Equine Productions, (herein after called the 'Event Manager').

The 'Participant' refers to any rider, horse owner, competitor, educator or their agents, representatives, employees and officers that will engage in activities in some capacity at the Event. If the party signing this document is not the Participant, or related staff, but is signing in a respective capacity, the party signing warrants the Event Managers that he/she has the authority to act on the Participants behalf that he/she will be jointly liable with the Participant for all the obligations under the Terms and Conditions.

Owners and/or Rider of the horse (s) shall indemnify, defend and hold 'Event Managers' harmless, as well as 'Event Managers' agents, representatives, employees, stable managers, officers and directors from and against any loss, damage, theft of products, or expense, including any legal representation fees or costs, incurred or suffered by or threatened against 'Event Managers' or any of the foregoing in connection with or as a result of any claims arising out of the presence of the horse (s) at the event.

ANIMAL CARE AND PROTECTION GUIDELINES

The Event Managers believe in educating individuals and are observant of the treatment of all animals that are involved in the EquiFest program.

We require all participants of EquiFest to acknowledge the following animal care and protection guidelines. Failure to acknowledge the following animal care and protection guidelines will result in removal from ANY of the EquiFest education and competition programs.

The horse must be considered paramount at all times.

The well-being of the animal shall be above the demands of breeders, trainers, riders, owners, dealers, organisers, sponsors and officials.

All handling and veterinary treatment must be in the best interest of the horse's health and welfare.

Any act or series of actions that in the opinion of EquiFest Officials or Veterinary professionals can be defined as abuse of a horse or dangerous riding shall be reprimanded with warning that may include exclusion from any feature in the EquiFest program. Such acts include, but are not limited to the following:

- Riding an exhausted horse*
- Excessive pressing of a tired horse*
- Excessive use of a whip and/or spurs*
- Riding an obviously unsound horse*
- Rapping*
- Dangerous riding that endangers yourself, your horse or others*

An individual witnessing any of the above must report such actions as soon as possible to the EquiFest Organisers Office, supported where possible by a statement from one or more witnesses. The EquiFest management team will then decide if any action needs to be taken. Any individual member of the EquiFest management team, who observes such actions, has the authority and duty to ask the individual to leave.

STABLING/YARDING

Portable stables and yards are available can be pre-booked for the event. Any competitors using their own portable yards must ensure that yards are secure and safe. Solid panel yards are highly recommended. Portable yards bought in by competitors are to be erected in a designated area away from roadways and thoroughfare.

Please tick to show the participant agrees to the following:

I acknowledge all Animal Care and Protection Guidelines and understand that if I am in breach of any item I may be found liable and asked to leave the event.

I agree to indemnify, defend and hold EquiFest 2017 harmless from and against any claim of damage or injury of any kind arising out of the presence of the horse (s) mentioned at the event. I agree that I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions of this document and those listed on the EquiFest Terms and Conditions on the website. I understand that I am personally bound and liable pursuant to the Terms and Conditions.

Participant (Please Print)

Number of Horses:

Competition/Discipline:

Signature: Date: