

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 one bag of shavings.

YARD

- \$65 for the event.

BYO YARDS AND STABLES

- \$50 per yard/stable for the event

BEDDING

- Additional shavings are available. These can be pre-ordered with entries for \$13 per bag. There will be a limited quantity available on the grounds at \$15 per bag and can be collected through the competition 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 proof of their current equine group membership.

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.

1. 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.
2. 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.

HORSES 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 adhere 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.