

EQUIFEST 2017

COMPETITOR CONTRACT



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. 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').
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 knowledge 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.

1. The horse must be considered paramount at all times.
2. The well-being of the animal shall be above the demands of breeders, trainers, riders, owners, dealers, organisers, sponsors and officials.
3. All handling and veterinary treatment must be in the best interest of the horse's health and welfare.
4. 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*

5. 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.
6. 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)

Names of Horses:

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Competition/Discipline:

Signature:

Date/...../2017