

# September 6th Event COVID 19 Safety Directive Event Information



Please stay safe everyone as we progress through this unusual situation! Do not take risks! Do not attend events if you are unwell or have Covid-19 symptoms!

# **ALL Visitors must read all information**

Including competitors, judges, pencillers, volunteers and committee members

**Get in and Get out.** Please leave as soon as possible, no hanging around talking. Competitors are requested to depart within an hour of their last test. Results will be on Nominate results.

### Event Secretary; Maryann 0428 632 494 Email; events.reawwdc@gmail.com

Please show courtesy if scratching, notify us as soon as we know.

REA Wagga Wagga Dressage Club, Events will be held in accordance with current EA rules as amended. The onus is on competitors to know the rules. <u>2020 Rule Book</u> Please read prior to competing.

#### Do not arrive Saturday

SORRY, No competitors are permitted on the grounds Saturday.

#### Sign in/ Sign out

- Ensure you sign in on arrival to the grounds. Leave the window up, scan the QR code or complete google form or print and complete the form emailed with draw. This is to be completed at the gate. Be prepared for a delay. Link to sign in, google form
- Ensure you sign out when you leave the grounds. Link to sign out, google form
- Please sign in and out every time you arrive or leave.

**Volunteer Roster**; Every rider has been allocated. Please ensure you are present & on time. Santise!! Entrance gate; supervise sign in/sign out, ensure GATE remains closed at all times.

Warm up: supervise social distancing, maintain flow to arena's

Arena pack up: pack up arena 2 & 3 from 2:40pm.

# <u>Due to construction works,</u> All competitors, judges MUST follow the following



#### Entrance/Exit;

Only one entrance/exit for all competitors, judges and volunteers. Please be patient, expect delays. Follow arrows as on map.

#### Parking;

Only permitted where indicated on map. Please be mindful, many need to park in this area, with regular in and out vehicles. Do not block the entrance or exit of the parking area. Please park closely, so everyone can park.

#### **BYO FOOD/DRINK**;

No catering will be provided. Please bring your own food and drinks.

#### Warm up

- WARM-UP arenas, each arena warm up is limited to a maximum of 4 horses at any one time to allow Social distancing.
- Bottom large warm up area will be divided into 3 sections, one for each arena, please only warmup in the allocated arena. 1/2/3
- Top warm up is ONLY to be used for next competitor each arena, Max 3 horses
- Riders should endeavour to maintain three horse lengths from other competitors whilst using the warm-up
- The warm-up will be supervised by a volunteer at all times, to maintain appropriate horse numbers and Social distancing.
- Only use designated warm up areas, be aware of group riding rules, look where you are going, arena etiquette.

#### 11.10.2 Etiquette for Warm-Up Arena (extract from EA Dressage rules)

As there are many horses warming up in a restricted area it is important that all riders have knowledge of the etiquette required in group riding. This ensures safe riding and achieves harmony in busy areas

- · safety is paramount and a collision should be avoided at all times
- before entering the warm-up area make sure the gateway and immediate track are clear
- · riders should pass left shoulder to left shoulder when on the track
- when not on the outside track, eg on a diagonal line, riders should give way to horses on their left
- the more progressive gait has priority on the track
- · halt should not be on the track
- · walk should not be on the track and does not have right of way
- trot has priority over walk
- · canter has priority over trot
- lateral work has priority over all paces
- when circling, anticipate your return to the track so as to not stop the flow of other riders
- · mounting, dismounting and gear adjustment should be done off the track
- consideration should be given to behaviour of other horses in the arena that may upset your horse
- it may be necessary if your horse is upsetting others to leave the area

#### Lunging;

Lunging is only permitted in the round yard or safe location. No lunging permitted in any warm up arena's.

#### Stabling/yards;

Only use the yard previously booked. No sharing of yards.

CSU Equine Centre will have stable requirements and Covid-19 safety rules. These must be followed and adhered to. All must be <u>booked on-line</u> through CSU Equine Centre via Nominate/stables. A fee will apply. REAWWDC accepts no responsibility for the condition or state of repair of the stables.

**Camping:** Not permitted.

Camping, Stables and Yards can be hired at the Wagga Showground. Urana Street, Wagga, NSW 2650 Phone: (02) 6925 2180

#### Physical distancing

- Only the rider of the horse is permitted, unless an accompanying parent for a non driving child. The parent must be registered with the committee by 2nd September. Via parking google form
- Only ONE groom permitted if 2 horses entered. Groom must be registered with the committee by 2nd September. Via parking google form
- NO change of rider permitted, after the 2nd September. Email events.reawwdc@gmail.com
- Ensure the number of people in a facility (100) does not exceed one person per 4 square metres of space.
- Ensure participants maintain 1.5 metres physical distance.
- Spectators are NOT permitted.
- All attendees to comply with 1.5 metres physical distance. Household contacts are not required to distance. Failure to comply you will be asked to leave. Maximum group of 3.
- Ensure communal facilities such as showers, change rooms and toilets have strategies in place to reduce crowding and promote physical distancing. Competitors are strongly encouraged to shower/change at home where possible or in truck/float.
- Reduce crowding wherever possible and promote physical distancing with markers on the floor, including where people are asked to queue.
- Use 2 ways or mobile phones, between committee/judges to avoid unnecessary meetings.

#### Hygiene and cleaning

- Adopt good hand hygiene practices.
- If you see or past hand sanitiser please use it.
- Ensure hand sanitiser is accessible at the venue entry and throughout the facility or ground.
- Ensure bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap and paper towels or hand dryers. Follow visual aids above hand wash basins to support effective hand washing.
- Visitors to rest rooms are encouraged to wipe area's touched with wipes provided on departure.
- Clean frequently touched areas and surfaces, including in communal facilities, several times per day.
- Ensure there is accessible detergent/disinfectant and gloves for visitors to use, should they wish.

#### **Organising Committees (OC)**

To provide

- Club Covid-19 safety plan to steward/judges prior to event
- Hand sanitiser at entrance, exit, of toilets, gate ways, and any area of need.
- A separate copy of the draw for each Gear checker (no sharing of folder, pens or draws). Where a changeover of gear checkers during the day occurs, a new folder and draw must be supplied
- a sufficient number of gloves, and they must be a good fit & quality for volunteers.
- Refreshments in takeaway containers or, if served in a different environment social distancing rules must apply

#### Results:

Being a COVID safe and contactless. Scoring will be completed via nominate Scoring. Results will be placed via <u>Nominate results</u>. Dressage tests will be emailed to competitors, email address provided on entry.

Ribbons; Being a COVID safe and contactless. No ribbons will be awarded at this event.

**Office;** There will be no office at this event, please direct enquiries to Maryann 0428 632 494 or or Tegan 0429 780 743 at bottom warm up. The administration area is ONLY to be used by the committee or judges/pencillers.

**Height Cards**; Pony height, refer to current 2020 EA Dressage rules. Height cards may be requested at the event.

**Stallions;** Horse float, yard, stable display green Stallion Identification Discs are to be shown at all times. Stallions are to be handled as per EA guidelines. Stallions are not to be left unattended at truck/float.

**Rider change**; Riders may be changed before 2nd September. Draw position cannot be changed without the permission of the Organising Committee.

One rider per horse for the whole event.

**Change of horse;** After the close of entries, a competitor may only substitute a horse or pony with the approval of the Organising Committee and no later than 2nd September.

**Hors Concours**; Riders wishing to ride HC must declare their intention prior to the day of the competition in writing.

**Bridle Numbers**; Bridle numbers are compulsory, and to be worn at all times unless in stable or yard. Two numbers are required to be worn when competing, one on both sides of the horse, preferably attached to each side of the saddlecloth or bridle and must be clearly readable. When presenting to the judge, the rider does not have to stop, however must make sure the judge has seen their bridle number. **Scratchings**; will be processed in full (except admin fee) up to the closing date of entries. Scratching after entries have closed will receive a maximum of 50% refund for entries and yard bookings on presentation of a doctors or veterinary certificate to the organizing committee.

DNA, please show the courtesy of scratching before the day if you are unable to attend the event.

Callers are permitted. Callers are to be discrete to other competitors

**Random swabbing** may take place. If approached by Official Steward/Vet Officer for the day, competitors must allow samples to be taken from their horse for drug testing.

EA Registration and Performance cards must be available on the day of competition (official events). No refunds for incomplete paperwork or registrations.

Riding attire. Rules as per 2020 EA Dressage rules, must wear approved safety helmet at all times.

**Gear check**; All competitors must be gear checked prior to each competition by the Gear check Steward. Failure to do so will entail elimination.

**Dogs**; It is requested foe dogs to be left at home. If brought onto the venue, dogs must be restrained and remain quiet at all times. They are restricted to the carpark only. Fines of \$100 will be issued to the owner if a dog is found unrestrained or in an area other than the carpark. Owners continually not complying with these rules may result in the dog in question being removed from the grounds and impounded.

**Video cameras** and equipment are to be kept at least 10m from competition arenas, preferably at the C or A end of the arena.

**All competitors** must abide by current regulations as set down by the NSW DPI in respect to travelling and horse events. All competitors are to provide Property Identification Codes when entering. Only horses that are entered for a competition are permitted on the grounds during an event, unless prior approval is sought from the Organising Committee.

Competitors are expected to follow the Code of Conduct as set by the EA. Any abuse of officials, judges, other competitors or horses will not be tolerated and a Yellow Card may be issued by the chief steward. The REA WWDC organizing committee reserves the right to alter these conditions of entry

#### Welfare of the horse is paramount

#### EA Risk Disclaimer

Horse riding is a dangerous activity and can result in serious injury (including death) and loss All persons who ride, or tend to a horse at REA WWDC events do so entirely at their own risk Neither the Equestrian Federation of Australia, or the REA WWDC, nor the committee or member thereof, accepts any liability for any personal injury (including death), suffered by any person from or relating to any incident involving a horse or contributed to by any negligent act, error or omission of REA WWDC, the committee, or a member thereof.

#### Committee members, Judges and Volunteers,

- All are requested to complete COVID Safe Sport Coaches & Officials Certification. Email copy of certification to <a href="mailto:events.reawwdc@gmail.com">events.reawwdc@gmail.com</a>
   <a href="https://www.openlearning.com/courses/covid-safe-sport-coach-certification/">https://www.openlearning.com/courses/covid-safe-sport-coach-certification/</a>
- Judges, on arrival to the grounds, make your way to your administration building, near
  covered yards. In the office will be a container, labelled with your name, it will have a draw,
  tablet, and covid supplies. Lunch will also be available in the office. We aim to be contactless as
  much as possible.
- Touching equipment or horses is warranted, Judges must wear a new set (one per hand) of disposable gloves per horse & hand sanitizer before and after
  - o Gloves must be put on and removed as per health & Covid-19 guidelines.
  - o Gloves must be disposed of and placed in a secure garbage bin with a lid

#### **Gear check- Volunteers**

- Preferably have two stewards working together at events
- · Gear Checkers should be rostered for a minimum half day or preferably full days
- Stewards must remain 1.5m from riders and/or grooms and other persons
- Gear checkers are responsible for maintaining flow of horses at the Gear Check area to prevent horses from lining up and crowding
- Gear checkers are responsible for keeping any member of the public away from the Gear Check area (utilising the current Distancing rules 1.5m)
- Gear Check may take place prior to, a combination has competed.
- · Stewards should only make a visual inspection of Equipment until further notice
  - o If incorrect gear is sighted it must be reported to the C judge via 2 way call or txt message (with photos)
  - o Where a bit may appear incorrect, the horse and rider should be escorted back to their stable/tie up area for a closer inspection (photos should be taken)
  - o Any sighting of blood must follow current EA Dressage Rules
  - o Whips may be measured where necessary using appropriate precautions, only if essential.
  - o Do not allow sharing of equipment such as whips!
- Gear checker <u>must use hand sanitizer</u> between each horse inspection
- NO touching equipment or horses is warranted, Stewards must wear a new set (one per hand) of disposable gloves per horse & hand sanitise before and after
  - o Gloves must be put on and removed as per health & Covid-19 guidelines.
  - o Gloves must be disposed of and placed in a secure garbage bin with a lid
- Face masks are optional but, must follow government regulations

**REA Wagga Wagga Dressage Club** 

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 2nd September, 7.30pm Via ZOOM,

Email; reawwdc@gmail.com for zoom details