

National Capital Equestrian Club

27 August 2023 - Notice to Competitors

- To be able to run these events we rely on rider's support with fulfilling some duties such as set-up (Saturday 26 August 10am), EA Steward gear check Assistant (30 min slots) and pack up (Sunday 27 August from 4.00pm). **Please ensure that you 'sign-up' via this link [Sign-up System](#)**. Failure to do so by **9pm Thursday 24 August** will result in the committee assigning you an unfilled duty. Thank you very much for your cooperation with this.
- The gates to Equestrian Park Event area will open at **7:15am** on Sunday 27 August 2023.
- All 5 arenas will be in use {SEE MAP ON PAGE 4}. **The competition area** includes everything to the right of the double gates.
- **Scratchings** – If you are unable to attend, please **TEXT** your name, your horses name, and the test you are scratching from to **Jacqui Knobel 0457 747 057**. **If you scratch before the day, please also scratch via Nominate.**
- Refunds (50% of the entry fees only & not including the admin fee) will be provided on the presentation of a medical/veterinarian certificate within 48 hours of the event to ncecevents@gmail.com
- **The yards near the arenas will be RESERVED for Judges and Committee only.**
- **Please make sure that if parking within the area through the double gates, all floats need to be parked left of the double gates and no vehicles except for officials are allowed to the right of the double gates.**
- **To maximise safety in the warm-up arena, NCEC has introduced the following recommendations. Please respect these recommendations. See page 2 for these recommendations and warmup arena etiquette.**
- **ONLY HORSES THAT ARE ENTERED IN THIS EVENT ARE ALLOWED IN THE WARM-UP ARENAS & COMPETITION AREAS.**
- **NO dogs allowed at all** in the competition area (right of the double gates). Elsewhere all dogs **must** be on leads at all times.
- **[Coffee N Snack Shack](#) will be in attendance for all your coffee and food needs! Menus are attached.**
- **[Govern Images](#) are our official photographers for the day, please say hello and smile 😊**
- Classes are run in accordance with the **current EA rules**; please make sure that your equipment will pass the gear check & that you are aware of the rules.
- **Gear check will commence at 8:30am**. You must attend the gear check; it is recommended that you present to gear check just prior to your test.
- **Lunging is only permitted in the Cotter plots.**
- Callers are **permitted** in all tests except FEI tests.
- Interim results will be available on the day under current events at:
<https://www.nominate.com.au/Scoreboard/results/> or through using the app.
- The Equestrian Park Manager requests that **all riders and attendees** please ensure that the front gates of Equestrian Park are closed once you have moved through them.
- Some of the classes, where numbers were sufficient, have been split into Open and AOR. Once results are finalized, if you are in the placings please go to the cottage – ribbons awarded 1st to 6th place. Prizes: 1st – bottle of wine (except junior riders – box of chocolates), 2nd & 3rd Box of chocolates.
- **Please make sure you put all of your rubbish in the bin or take it with you!**

Arena Rules

- Riders must know and obey “arena rules” in the warmup arena.

Recommendations for Warm-Up Arena at NCEC Competitions

- To maximise safety in warm-up arenas, NCEC has introduced the following recommendations:
 - You may enter the warmup area at a **maximum of 45 minutes** prior to your scheduled test time.
 - The warm- up area is divided into 4 arenas and where possible are to be utilised as follows:
 - **Elementary and above** – the 2 arenas at the back (closest to the creek)
 - **Prep to Novice** – the first 2 arenas (closest to the entry gate).

Horse Gear

- It is not the responsibility of the gear steward to check the safety of a horse’s gear. Gear safety is the responsibility of the rider. The function of the gear steward is to check that the horse’s gear complies with EA/FEI rules for dressage. Examples: whip length, correct bit, saddlery, and dress.
- Ultimately, it is up to the rider to ensure their gear is safe, properly fitted and complies with the appropriate EA/FEI rules.
- **Prohibited Gear** as listed in EA Dressage Rules 01/07/23, Section 5 p. 54 - 73”) must not be used in the warm-up area.

https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/CLEAN_NATIONAL_DRESSAGE_RULES_1_JULY_2023.pdf

Note: An Official EA Steward (Amanda Hart) will be present at this Event and will be around the Warm-Up & Gear Steward Areas.

Etiquette

The Etiquette for riding safely in restricted areas, such as warm-up arenas, is set out below and should be observed – at this Event, there may be up to 25 horse/rider combinations utilising the 4 arenas at the same time.

F.10.2 Etiquette for the warm-up arena

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.

- a) safety is paramount, and a collision should be avoided at all times
- b) before entering the warm-up area make sure the gateway and immediate track are clear
- c) riders should pass left shoulder to left shoulder when on the outside track
- d) when not on the outside track, e.g. on a diagonal line, riders should give way to horses on their left
- e) the more progressive gait has priority on the track (e.g. horses trotting should give way to horses cantering)
- f) a halt should not be on the track
- g) walking should not be on the track and does not have right of way
- h) trot has priority over walk
- i) canter has priority over trot
- j) lateral work has priority over all paces
- k) when circling, anticipate your return to the track so as to not stop the flow of other riders
- l) mounting, dismounting and gear adjustment should be done off the track
- m) consideration should be given to behaviour of other horses in the arena that may upset your horse
- n) it may be necessary to leave the area if your horse is upsetting others
- o) if a horse is upsetting the majority, an official should be sought with a view to requesting that horse’s removal for safety’s sake
- p) be aware of stallions wearing green stallion discs

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RIBBONS & PRIZES

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Official Competitive (OC)	Closed Restricted (CU)
OC Preliminary (OC 1.1 & OC 1.2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open AOR 	CU Preparatory (Prep Test 1 & 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open/AOR combined
OC Novice (OC 2.1 & OC 2.2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open AOR 	CU Preliminary (CU 1.1 & CR 1.2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open AOR
OC Elementary (OC 3.1 & OC 3.2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open AOR 	CU Novice (CU 2.1 & CR 2.2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open AOR
OC Medium (OC 4.1 & OC 4.2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open/AOR combined 	Ribbons awarded 1 st to 6 th place. Prizes: 1 st – bottle of wine (except junior riders – box of chocolates), 2 nd - Box of chocolates 3 rd - Box of chocolates.
OC Advanced (OC 5.1 & OC 5.2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open/AOR combined 	
FEI Small Tour (OC PSG & OC Inter I) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open/AOR combined 	

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Equestrian Park Event Map

