

## **Bungendore Riding Club**

### **Hickstead**

*Mathews Lane Bungendore NSW*

Sunday May 01 2022

The Hickstead consists of a jumping course that has both cross-country and showjumping obstacles.

This event is open to EA and BRC current financial members.

**Back protectors are compulsory for all riders.**

**Back numbers and medical armbands to be worn.**

**BYO number holders and medical armbands.**

(laminated numbers will be provided to be fitted into standard size back number holders).

**Scratchings** – prior to the day of competition text 0439 922 039. On the day of competition text 0412 727 161.

### **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Neither the organising committee, Equestrian NSW, nor the owners of the property accept liability for any accidents, damage to, injury or illness of horses, grooms, riders, spectators or any persons or property what so ever.

### **RESERVATION OF RIGHT**

The organising committee reserves the right to cancel/alter/divide/combine any advertised classes, change the advertised times or refuse entries without explanation.

### **Information and Rules of Competition**

The EA Rules for Low Level Eventing will apply to this event with the exception of the modifications detailed below.

### **Timings**

The registration desk will open at 7.00am.

Please report to the registration desk upon arrival to collect your back number. Back numbers will be collected from riders after they complete their round.

The Course will be open for walking from 7.00am. A plan of the course will be available from the registration desk. If walking the course after the competition has started ensure you remain well clear of and do not interfere with any horses on course. When walking the course you must walk around all obstacles, do not step, climb or in any other way interfere with any obstacle on course.

The course will be a mixture of show jumps and cross country fences to be ridden as a single timed run. There will be 2 groups of 5 show jumps dispersed throughout the cross country course with 9 cross country obstacles. The show jumps will be raised in height for each class, no change will be made to their positioning. The first group of 5 show jumps situated in the show jump arena is the start of the course (see course map for location of show jump arena). The course starter will be positioned at the entry to the show jump arena. Riders are not to approach the course starter until directed by the marshall at the warm up area.

The warm up area includes the cross country jumps and show jumps along the fenceline to the left of the pavilion building (looking towards Bungendore) in the main arena (see course map for location). There will be a marshall at the warm up area to keep the number of riders warming up at a safe level and to indicate when it is time to make your way over to the start of the course at the show jumping arena. No one is to jump the warm up jumps until they have reported to and been gear checked by the marshall. The marshall will be wearing a high vis vest.

### **The Draw**

The draw for the event is included with this info pack. Timings on the draw are indicative however it is a move up draw. This means if there are scratchings ahead of you then everyone moves earlier to fill the gaps in the draw, you are expected to be ready to ride early if required. The marshall will be able to advise you if there are scratched riders ahead of you when you present for gear checking. Riders will start in numerical order and this order is to be adhered to. Riders failing to present to the starter in their correct order may be eliminated.

### **Class Colours**

Fixed obstacles will be numbered using the following colour system. The show jump numbering applies to all classes.

Class 1 – 30cm	Class 2 – 45cm	Class 3 – 60cm	Class 4 – 80cm
Yellow	Green	Pink	White

### **Jumping Faults**

Jumping faults will be awarded in accordance with the following table:

Knocking down an obstacle (SJ)	10 penalties
First run out, refusal* or circle (crossing of tracks) at any obstacle	20 penalties
Second run out, refusal or circle at same obstacle	40 penalties
Third run out, refusal or circle at same obstacle	Elimination
Fall of horse and/or rider	Elimination
Error of course, jumping obstacle in wrong order or direction, omission of obstacle or compulsory flag	Elimination
Unauthorised assistance	Elimination

\* At obstacles with height a horse is considered to have refused if it stops in front of the obstacle to be jumped. At obstacles without height (water jump and ditch) a stop followed immediately by a standing

jump is not penalised, but if the halt is sustained or in any way prolonged, this constitutes a refusal. The horse may step sideways but if it steps back, this is a refusal. After a refusal, if an Athlete redoubles or changes their efforts without success, or if the Horse is re-presented at the obstacle after stepping back and stops or steps back again, this is a second refusal; and so on.

### **Time Faults**

Timing will commence and end at Start and Finish flags.

The optimum time for each course will not be advertised. It is calculated on the speeds in the table below. The aim is to ride as close as possible to optimum time without the use of timing devices. Time faults will be awarded at a rate of 0.4 penalties per second above or below optimum time. Watches are not permitted to be used.

Class 1 – 30cm	Class 2 – 45cm	Class 3 – 60cm	Class 4 – 80cm
250mpm	300mpm	325mpm	350mpm

### **Overtaking**

Rules for overtaking in eventing apply to this event and all riders should be familiar with these rules. An additional rule applies here that a rider being overtaken when approaching or in the second grouping of show jumps must give way to the overtaking rider and may only jump the show jumps if safe to do so. If a rail is knocked down the second rider must wait until it has been reset and the pole pickers are clear of the jump. Failure to do so will constitute an error of course.

### **General conduct**

Failure to obey direction of an official may result in elimination. Officials may stop a rider if they believe they are riding unsafely or too fast. Once eliminated riders are to leave the course at a walk via the safest route. Riders eliminated at either the ditch or water jump through multiple refusals may be permitted to continue at the discretion of the jump judge on that obstacle only. The decision of the jump judge is final in this matter. Eliminated riders must give way to other riders at all times.

### **Determination of placings**

Placings will be determined by the completion of the course with the least penalties. In the event of a tie the rider closer to optimum time will be placed ahead. In the event of a further tie the rosette will be cut in half...please don't make us chop up our rosettes! Alternately the conduct of a rock, paper, scissor, best of 3 tie breaker at the presentations will be conducted.

Rosettes will be awarded for 1st – 7th place.

Due to the large number of entries in Class 3 – 60cms, the class has been split into two sub-classes for the purpose of awarding of placings. To ensure the division was random the two sub-classes have been split based on the name of the horse

entered. If you have any concerns with how this division affects you please refer all questions to your horse's breeder.

### **Dress**

Dress is cross country attire. Body protectors and helmets are compulsory for all riders. Helmets and body protectors must comply with current EA standards. Medical armbands must be worn and filled out correctly. A template is attached.

### **Saddlery**

If a whip is carried in the cross-country and/or jumping test it must not be weighted at the end or exceed 75 cm in length.

The type of saddlery is optional with the exception of any form of blinkers, which are forbidden.

Only unrestricted running martingales or Irish martingales are allowed.

Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle.

Gags or hackamores are allowed.

The stirrup iron and stirrup leathers must hang free from the bar of the saddle and outside of the flap.

There must be no other restrictions or attachments of any kind, or any bit or item of saddlery likely to wound the horse.

Blinkers, side, running or balancing reins, tongue straps and/or tongue-ties are forbidden.

Hoof boots are not permitted.

Ear bonnets are not permitted.

### **The other stuff**

After the closing date, no substitutions may be made of horses except in cases of illness, lameness or other unavoidable circumstance which must be certified by a veterinary certificate.

SCRATCHINGS. Refunds will only be given (minus the administration fee) after the close of entries if a medical or vet certificate is provided.

COVID – REMEMBER TO USE SOCIAL DISTANCING as much as possible and please wash or sanitise your hands regularly. If you have symptoms please do not attend the grounds. Proof of a positive PCR or RAT are accepted in place of a medical certificate.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A CANTEEN** will be available on the day provided by Gearys Gap Pony Club.

Please support the club by purchasing food and drinks.

There are yards for your horses. Please bring your own gate. Camping is available – please contact the Bungendore showgrounds to book.