

Notes for Competitors at Versatile Horse of the Year

15th March Equestrian Park

- Gates will be open from approximately 7.30am
- CHANGE TO SHOW JUMPING: IT WILL NOW BE A TABLE C COMPETITION.
- PLEASE COLLECT YOUR NUMBER FOR THE DAY FROM THE CANTEEN IN PLENTY OF TIME FOR YOUR FIRST CLASS.
- Riders should wear one number and horses should wear the other number (except in led class when only handler must display number)
- PLEASE ensure you display numbers to judges, stewards and time-keepers clearly at all events. Chest plate number holders are acceptable.
- Yards will not be reserved except for TARC helper/competitors on request. Yards need to be cleaned completely after use.
- Helmets and correct footwear (including stirrup irons that are large enough) must be worn at all times while mounted.
- Only riders entered for the competition may ride their nominated mounts at this competition (as per EA dressage rules). Giving "pony rides" or allowing non-competitors to sit on your horse will lead to elimination.
- A map of the rings for the day will be available to be viewed at the canteen area.
- Ensure you are on time to all events. PLEASE let the stewards/judges/timekeepers know if you intend to withdraw from an event or are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances in another event. (the draw is VERY busy so "just running late" is not an unforeseen delay)
- If you don't plan to ride one of the sections but it's listed in the draw please let stewards/judges know. Some competitors may find they are listed for classes they did not nominate for. Please let us know when you collect your number.
- Dressage or all purpose saddles are required in the dressage event (as per EA rules). Prep riders may use stock-saddles. Gloves must be worn. Horses must wear a nose band. Whips must be no longer than 1.1m. Snaffle bits are required at all dressage levels.
- If you are unsure of dressage rules please refer to <http://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules>
- Double bridles are acceptable in Intermediate and Open hacking workouts but are not compulsory.
- Horses may be led in appropriate led halter or bridle.
- Stallions should be bitted at all times and must wear a blue ribbon in their tail a green disk. They must be appropriately supervised at all times by a person over 18years.
- Remember to be polite to other competitors. Warm-up space is limited so please ride safely and with consideration for others. All warm-up areas are shared spaces.
- Please contact us with all scratchings so we can offer reserve riders a chance to compete. tarcnews@gmail.com
- Please check your draw carefully and ensure your times match the ring times. Contact us if you find a problem, an inconvenient draw is not considered a problem, we have worked hard to ensure all draws have reasonable time to change gear or proceed to another area.
- The winning and reserve horses must be mounted for the presentation and presented appropriately or the prize will go to the next horse placed. Top five competitors should be available to collect their sashes appropriately attired.
- Be prepared to assist with packing up equipment at the end of the competition. The lucky draw will not go ahead until this is done.

- Please return one of your numbers at the end of the competition for the lucky number draw. To win a prize the actual competitor must produce their other number to retrieve the prize at the draw after the presentation. This is a huge prize draw!
- Tickets in a sweepstakes of competitors will be sold on the day for \$5. If you have one of the winning competitors as your “sweep” horse you will win \$25. The remaining \$200 is being donated to a horse rescue organisation.
- If all \$5 tickets are sold we will run an additional \$2 sweep. This will pay \$10 for a win with the remaining money going to horse rescue.