



MEC Members Dressage Participant Championships & Interschool Qld (IQ) Qualifying Event

When: Sunday 11th October 2015

Where: Roma Show Grounds (Bassett Park), Northern Road, Roma

Entry Fees:

- **Current Financial Maranoa Equestrian Club (MEC) Members**
 - \$10 per class (Maximum 3 classes per horse and rider combination)
- **Current Equestrian Queensland Member (Non MEC members) NB. Riders will be riding HC and will not be eligible for prizes**
 - \$18 per class (Maximum 3 classes per horse and rider combination)

Not a MEC member? Please contact MEC (mec@hotmail.com.au) to discuss our Restricted Membership option

Prizes:

- Ribbons to 6th place for each Class
- Medallions or Prizes for Junior and Senior Champion for each level (See note 6 in 'Condition of entry')

Schedule:

JUNIOR	SENIOR
Class 1 Prep A	Class 9 Prep A
Class 2 Prep B	Class 10 Prep B
Class 3 Preliminary 1.1 (IQ Qualifier)	Class 11 Preliminary 1.1
Class 4 Preliminary 1.2 (IQ Qualifier)	Class 12 Preliminary 1.2
Class 5 Novice 2.1 (IQ Qualifier)	Class 13 Novice 2.1
Class 6 Novice 2.2 (IQ Qualifier)	Class 14 Novice 2.2
Class 7 Elementary 3.1 (IQ Qualifier)(MEC Members only)	Class 15 Elementary 3.1 (MEC Members only)
Class 8 Elementary 3.2 (IQ Qualifier)(MEC Members only)	Class 16 Elementary 3.2 (MEC Members only)

PLEASE NOTE: Current EA Dressage tests used for this event

NB. Class 1-6 & 9-14 are Participant classes. Class 7, 8, 15 and 16 are OPEN to current financial MEC members only to comply with EQ Participant competition guidelines.

MAXIMUM OF 3 dressage tests per Horse over TWO CONSECUTIVE LEVELS

CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Championship award or class prize – the Rider must have competed/participated at one previous MEC Competition or Clinic during 2015 as a current financial MEC member.

****Riders (Current financial MEC OR EQ members) who have not competed/participated at a prior MEC event/clinic during 2015 are eligible to ride in classes only on a HC (Hors Concours) basis and will not be eligible for Prizes or Championships. Please indicate HC on entry form where applicable.**

Juniors: 17 years of age and under
Seniors: 18 years of age and over

*Preparatory Tests: Open to any horse/rider combination

Copies of Dressage tests can be located on the Equestrian Qld website (See Conditions of entry)

- Callers are permitted

Dress: Safety Helmet and Riding Boots. Otherwise appropriate sun safe riding attire and saddlery – neat and tidy

Current accepted safety helmet standards are:

- AS/NZS 3838 (Current Australian Standard)
- EN 1384 (Current European Standard)
- ASTN F1163 (Current US Standard)

ENTRIES CLOSE: COB Friday 2nd October 2015.

Correct entry fee must accompany nomination form (if emailing entry, send copy of Direct Debit with nomination form). Enclose a self-addressed business sized envelope for a copy of the draw or a relevant email address. The draw will be displayed at the venue. Please check on arrival for any late changes to the draw.

Entries or enquiries to:

Maranoa Equestrian Club Inc, MEC Member Dressage Championship, PO Box 738, Roma, Qld, 4455 OR Email mec@hotmail.com.au

SPONSORS:

MEC would like to thank **Horse Torque**, Roma AND **Embellished** (Barbara Cooper) for their kind sponsorship of the Championships. Please support these two businesses in thanks for their sponsorship.

Conditions of Entry

1. No telephone, fax or late entries.
2. ALL RIDERS AT THIS EVENT MUST BE A CURRENT FINANCIAL MEC or EQ MEMBER. Entrants ride at their own risk and no responsibility will be taken for loss or damage to rider, horse, spectator or equipment. All athletes run under the Rules, Regulations and By-Laws of EA and MEC and the rules of the relevant sport. Riders are responsible to be familiar and practice in accordance to the current MEC and EA Guidelines, Rules, Regulation and By-Laws. The Welfare and protection of horse and athlete is to remain paramount at all times and in accordance with current EA Guidelines (attached). Full details can be found on the EA website. It is the responsibility of the competitor to be familiar with current guidelines and practice accordingly. The MEC organising coordinators and MEC Committee representative decision on any given competition/clinic day for any given incident remains final. It may be deemed necessary for any rider to gain clearance from a Medical Officer and/or Vet (where requested) before continuing on in the competition and/or clinic. If a rider chooses to ignore the request, they compete/remount at their own risk and MEC and its responsible persons take no responsibility or liability with regards to that persons chosen decision.
3. Dressage Tests can be downloaded from www.qld.equestrian.org.au
4. The committee reserves the right to alter an event on the program
5. EACH HORSE MAY ONLY HAVE ONE RIDER ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT. This includes the warm up
6. CHAMPIONSHIP awards: Horse/Rider combinations must compete in one or both competitions tests at any one level to be eligible for Champion at that level. Additionally, the Rider must be a current MEC financial riding member and the rider must have participated in at least one MEC Member event (Clinic or competition) as a current financial MEC member during 2015. Eligible Horse/Rider combinations will be awarded a tally (score) for each Top 6 finish (6th = 1 pt, 5th = 2pts, 4th = 3 pts, 3rd = 4pts, 2nd = 5pts & 1st = 6pts). The horse/rider combination (eligible) with the highest tally when both test results for that level are combined, will be awarded Champion for that level. If more than one Horse/Rider combination have the same points tally at the completion of both tests for that level, the horse/rider with the highest percentage at that level will be considered the Champion.
7. Overall Individual Class Placing's: If two or more riders have the same percentage at the completion of the relevant section, this will go back to a count back on the highest dressage collective marks. If they remain equal, placing's will be awarded as equal.
8. Neat, tidy and safe riding equipment is required at all times – this will be at the discretion of the organising committee and as per event schedule. Jackets can be worn at the discretion of the riders.
9. The organizers reserve the right to accept or reject entries.
10. Entry fees will not be refunded after close of entries, unless a Veterinary or Doctors certificate is produced within 14 days of the event.
11. In the case of cancellation of the event, an administration fee of 20% of entries may be retained by the organizers.
12. Supervision of horses is the sole responsibility of the owner/rider and any horse or competitor behaving in a disruptive or dangerous manner may be eliminated and asked to leave the venue.
13. Ribbons to 6th place in all individual classes – If rider is not at presentation, they will forfeit test sheets and ribbons unless self-addressed envelope is provide to the organising committee on the day of the event. Riders (riders must be current MEC OR EQ Member) who have not competed/participated at a MEC event/clinic in 2015, will ride as Hors Concours (HC) and will be ineligible for placing/prizes.
14. Judges and Organising Committee decision is final
15. Completed Release of Waiver of Liability Form must accompany entry form
16. The riding Draw will be emailed (if address supplied) and or available to download from MEC website before 10am Friday 9th October 2015 (www.maranoaequestrianclub.com)
17. Horse Health Declaration must be handed in at the commencement of the event – Forms can be downloaded from: <http://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/HHD%2007%20May%202015.pdf>

***** HORSE HEALTH DECLARATIONS MUST BE HANDED IN TO THE GEAR CHECK BEFORE RIDING – Please don't send
in with nominations*****



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Entry Form (One form/Rider)

Contact Details:

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____ Email _____ (print clearly)

Tick if current MEC Member Tick if eligible for Championships

Horse/Rider Interschool Qld (IQ) No. where applicable (If using as an IQ Qualifier):.....

EQ Member & No. (if applicable/for non MEC members).....

Class Number	Horse	Rider	Junior (Y/N) DOB	IQ Number where applicable	Entry Fees \$
Total Entry Fees					\$
Compulsory Administration levy/rider (Non-Refundable)					\$5.00
Raffle tickets \$2/ticket or 3 for \$5 OPTIONAL (if you are wanting one or a few tickets, please write amount in box and add to entry fees)					\$
Total Fees – make cheques payable to Maranoa Equestrian Club Inc. OR pay via Direct Debit to BSB: 034-211 Account: 213597 Reference: Riders Name/OctChamp2015 Please email a scanned copy of this form and DD receipt to mec@hotmail.com.au					\$

CLOSE OF ENTRIES: By Mail or Email by COB on Friday 2nd October 2015

ABSOLUTELY No late, phone or fax entries will be accepted.

Completed Entry Includes a signed Release of Waiver of Liability form with entry

All Riders must nominate a helper Name: _____ Ph: _____

Return to: Maranoa Equestrian Club Inc. MEC Member Dressage Championships, PO BOX 738 Roma QLD 4455
OR Email mec@hotmail.com.au

Championship/Prize Eligibility: I confirm that this RIDER has competed/participated at a MEC Event/Clinic (as a current financial MEC member) in 2015.

Riders Name:..... Signature:..... Date:.....



Release of Waiver of Liability

Full Name of Attendee/Participant: _____
Full Name of Parent/Guardian (if Attendee/Participant is Under 18 years of age): _____
Address: _____
Town: _____ Post Code: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Horse's Name: _____

Event/Activity: **MEC Member Dressage Participant Championships & IQ Qualifier Event 2015**
Address of Event/Activity: **Roma Show Grounds, Northern Rd, Roma, QLD 4455**
Date of Event/Activity: **Sunday 11th October 2015**

Horse Sports are a Dangerous Activity

In consideration for being permitted to participate in any way in horse sport activities and in particular this event, I, the undersigned, understand, acknowledge and accept that:

Horse sports are a dangerous recreational activity and horses can act in a sudden and unpredictable (changeable) way, especially if frightened or hurt.

There is a significant risk that serious **INJURY** or **DEATH** may result from horse sport activities and in particular this event.

I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of Maranoa Equestrian Club Inc., Equestrian Australia and/or the event organiser (hereafter referred to as the "Releasees") or others and **I voluntarily PARTICIPATE** at my **OWN RISK** and assume sole responsibility for any injury, death or property damage I may suffer that arises from my participation in horse sport activities.

Suspected or Actual Injury: MEC has a policy that strongly recommends any rider who has a fall from a horse and/or height or is injured in any way at the event that may have caused a suspected or actual head injury or any other injury (suspected and/or actual) provides a written clearance from the local health care provider/hospital to the MEC Committee before they are allowed to remount on that same day. A rider who does not comply with this policy and chooses to remount is doing so at their own risk and against MEC risk management policy. If a rider with a suspected or actual injury chooses to remount, they are accepting responsibility for their own health and MEC will not be held liable for that individuals actions. However, the MEC Committee has a right to eliminate riders who they believe are putting additional risk to themselves or others. The Committees decision is final. MEC recognises that some injuries may initially go unnoticed or may not appear to be of significance that could later prove otherwise, and riders choosing to remount after a fall or injury of any kind are doing so at their own risk and MEC will not take responsibility for such a decision. MEC practices in accordance to EA rules. I understand and acknowledge the dangers associated with the consumption of alcohol or any mind altering drugs before and during the activity and I take full responsibility for any injury, loss or damage associated with their consumption. I agree not to drink alcohol or take drugs prohibited by law before or during this event.

I agree to follow the directions of any event organiser or official and that any misconduct or refusal by me to follow any direction of any organiser or official can result in the **CANCELLATION** of my participation in the event and my immediate removal from my horse **NO MATTER** where that may occur. I understand that any such non-compliance may result in injury, death and/or permanent disability and I agree to indemnify the Releasees against all claims made by any person as a result of my failure to comply.

I agree to wear a helmet at all times whilst participating in the event/activity agree that I am solely responsible for ensuring that whilst I participate I wear a suitable helmet at all times and take sole responsibility for my actions.

I, for myself and on my behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release and hold harmless and agree not to sue Maranoa Equestrian Club Inc., Equestrian Australia and/or the event organiser, their officers, officials, volunteers, coaches, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, state bodies, affiliated clubs and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the activities (all of whom are referred to as "Releasees") with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise.

Effect of this Document

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this release of liability and assumption of risk management, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without inducement of any kind. I understand that my signature to this document constitutes a complete and unconditional release of all liability of the Releasees, to the greatest extent allowed by law in the event of me and/or the children under my care, suffering injury or death.

Dated: / / Signature of Participant: _____

For Participants of Minority Age (Under Age 18)

This is to certify that I, as a parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, acknowledge, understand and accept all of the above and consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities arising from my minor child's involvement or participation in horse sport activities and in particular, this event, even if arising from the negligence of the Releasees.

Dated: / / Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____



Equestrian Australia general regulations (Protection of Athletes):

Chapter VI Protection of Athletes and Horses

Article 140 - Protection of Athletes

The Ground Jury after consultation with the responsible Medical Officer may at any time exclude from further participation in a Competition or an entire Event any competitor who is unfit to continue by reason of a serious or potentially serious injury or health condition.

Article 141 - Protection of Horses

In cases of a Horse's illness or injury during an Event the Ground Jury will decide, after consulting the Veterinary Delegate or Commission, whether the Horse may continue in that or subsequent Competitions.

Article 142 – Abuse of Horses

1. No person may abuse a horse during an event or at any other time.
2. "Abuse" means an action or omission which causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a horse, including without limitation any of the following:
 - 2.1 To whip or beat a horse excessively
 - 2.2 To subject a horse to any kind of electric shock device;
 - 2.3 To use spurs excessively or persistently;
 - 2.4 To jab the horse in the mouth with the bit or any other device;
 - 2.5 To compete using an exhausted, lame or injured horse;
 - 2.6 To "rap" a horse.
 - 2.7 To abnormally sensitise or desensitise any part of a horse;
 - 2.8 To leave a horse without adequate food, drink or exercise;
 - 2.8 To use any device or equipment which cause excessive pain to the horse upon knocking down an obstacle.
3. Any person witnessing an Abuse must report it in the form of a protest (Art 163) without delay. If an Abuse is witnessed during an event, it should be reported as a protest (Art 163) to an Official. If the Abuse is witnessed at any other time it should be reported as a protest (Art 163) to the EA Branch Manager of the State in which the event is taking place, for referral to the Judicial Committee. Persons witnessing an Abuse should where possible endeavour to stop the Abuse.

