

2026 Gala Equine & Springs Equestrian Australian Amateur Owner Rider Championships Incl QLD State Young Rider & Para/Virtus Championships



7th to 9th August 2026



Including:

- Preliminary to Grand Prix Horse & Pony Championships
- FEI Children, Pony, Junior, Young Rider & Under 25 Championships
- Medium to Grand Prix Freestyles
- Queensland Para Dressage and Virtus Dressage Championships

Conducted by Dressage Queensland
ABN: 79 598 577 242

Queensland State Equestrian Centre (QSEC)
Cnr Tuckeroo Drive & Beerburrum Road, Caboolture QLD

QSEC Stable Access: QSEC Stable Complex – Gate 14, 101 Old Gympie Rd

Showground Stable Access: Gate 2 on weekdays and Gate 3 on weekends, via Beerburrum Rd

OAC (Outdoor Arena Complex) Day Parking: Gate 15, 155 Old Gympie Rd

Main Arena Day Parking: Stadium Day Float Parking via Tuckeroo Dr

Spectator/Officials Access: QSEC; Cnr Tuckeroo Dr & Beerburrum Rd

In accordance with current Equestrian Australia Rules

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Enquiries: Anita Barton 0433 447 692 email: ascampton@hotmail.com

AOR Championships website <https://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/dressage/aor-australian-dressage-championships>

Join us on Facebook for up to date information <https://www.facebook.com/AORNATS/>



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Australian AOR Dressage Championships Organising Committee would like to thank you for your entry and wish you the very best of luck at the event. Please read through the following important information regarding the Australian AOR Dressage Championships. Regular updates will be posted on the AOR Nationals web page and on our Facebook page.

QSEC IS A GLASS FREE VENUE

As users of this great venue we need to comply with the venue rules which are the same as other large sporting venues in Qld. If you bring glass onto the venue in your vehicles, then that's where it needs to remain – **DO NOT** place empty bottles in the QSEC rubbish bins – take them home with you. There are large fines for people who do not abide by these rules.

FACILITIES

We request that competitors take the utmost care in looking after the wonderful facilities at QSEC. . The QSEC Camping & Stable Rules and Regulations apply to all in attendance at this event, not just campers: <https://www.qsec.com.au/files/assets/qsec/forms/camping-and-stable-rules.pdf>

The indoor arena precinct is a non-BYO alcohol area. Alcoholic beverages cannot be taken into or from this precinct.

DOGS

Dogs are permitted in the camping complex **ONLY**. Dogs **ARE NOT PERMITTED** in or around the indoor arena precinct including grassed areas and car parks, at the outdoor arena complex, inside the stable complex or inside amenities. All dogs at all times must be secured or on a leash that is no longer than 1 metre in length. **Do not bring dangerous dogs to this event. Rangers have recently commenced spot checks at the venue.**

BIOSECURITY

Under Queensland biosecurity legislation, a movement record must be created every time a horse moves off a property. The method of recording is flexible (diary, email, mobile device, copy/photo of Horse Health Dec etc) however the following information must be recorded and kept for 2 years: date of movement, description of the animal, the property of origin (including PIC), event address (including PIC if possible), estimated arrival and departure times and dates and name and contact details of person responsible. QSEC's PIC is QGCB1219.

SPRAYING FOR COMPETITORS FROM NSW, VIC OR TICK-FREE AREAS

We have arranged for an accredited stock inspector, to come to the venue on Sunday August 9th to spray horses returning to Tick Free areas. The stock inspector will help you with the paperwork. Provided you cross the border/tick line within 24 hours of being sprayed, you will not have to stop at a Treatment Facility on your way home. We hope that this will make your journey home more stress free. **ALL RIDERS WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR HORSES SPRAYED AT THE VENUE NEED TO CONTACT KIM GERTSEMA 0488 200 789 BY August 2nd.**

PONY MEASURING

For those who indicated they would like their ponies measured at this event, an official EA Accredited Pony Measurer will be onsite Friday 7th August 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the stables. **ALL RIDERS WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR PONIES MEASURED NEED TO CONTACT GAIL ISKRA 0407 748 763 BY August 2nd.**

DRAWS

Draws for National Classes will be emailed to you and made available on the official Australian AOR Dressage Championships web site <https://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/dressage/aor-australian-dressage-championships>

Draws will be continually updated as scratchings are received.

A **final revised** draw may be necessary the day before each competition to allow for withdrawals. The starting order will not alter and a move up system will apply. **The onus is on the competitor to confirm/check their start times the evening before the competition.** All changes will be posted on the event Facebook page and website. We will endeavour to keep changes to a minimum.

WITHDRAWALS/SCRATCHINGS:

Withdrawals should be notified immediately to Anita Barton 0433 447 692, email: ascampton@hotmail.com

Refunds will be processed as per the 2026 Gala Equine & Springs Equestrian Australian AOR Dressage Championships Schedule and EA National Dressage Rule 4.3.

FREESTYLES

Freestyle Music – **CAN ONLY BE ACCEPTED VIA A LINK THAT WILL BE SENT VIA A TEXT MESSAGE TO ALL NOMINATED COMPETITORS.**

Please have a back-up copy available. Details regarding cut off time for uploads will be included in the email.

Freestyle Practice times:

No times have been set for music testing. We will be available for checking music on Friday August 7th between 5.00pm and 6.00pm. If you want to listen to your music come to the commentators box between this time and we will check your music is correct and working.

VETERINARY MATTERS

It is compulsory for all Competitors to fill out and sign a QSEC Horse Health Declaration on arrival at the event. It is a venue requirement that Horse health declarations are to be completed on arrival to QSEC, not days in advance. The form can be downloaded here: <https://www.qsec.com.au/files/assets/qsec/forms/horse-health-declaration-form.pdf>

Or completed online: <https://www.qsec.com.au/Biosecurity/Horse-Health-Declaration>

If you are stabling at the venue, you must hand your completed form to the Stable Manager or show proof of online submission (Green Tick) upon arrival at the venue. If you are competing at the Outdoor Arenas (Barr Oval), or are parking at the Outdoor Arena Complex, you must hand your completed form to Gear Check before you ride.

Riders at all levels must have their horse's **EA papers** available for inspection if requested. EA **Swabbing** will take place. **Penalty fines** will be imposed for those who do not have their horse papers available at the event.

Competitors are to pay for any veterinary treatment and supplies provided by Treating Vets during the event.

If you need to call a vet to attend to your horse while at the event, the Organising Committee **MUST** be notified.

STALLIONS

All stallion riders, grooms and owners must be aware of and abide by the EA Stallion Safe Practice Rules and Regulations Policy:

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA Stallion Safe Practice Policy October 2021 Clean.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA%20Stallion%20Safe%20Practice%20Policy%20October%202021%20Clean.pdf)

Stallions must not be left unattended anywhere other than in a stable at this event.

ARENA USE FOR EXERCISE & FAMILIARISATION

It is recommended a helmet should be worn whilst leading horses for arena familiarisation or in warm up areas. Arenas will be open as follows:

- Wednesday Aug 5th:** Indoor 1 and Indoor 2 -12pm to 4pm
Outdoor Arena Complex - unavailable
- Thursday Aug 6th:** Indoor 1 and Indoor 2 - 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 5pm
Outdoor Arena Complex – 10am to 3pm
- Friday Aug 7th:** Indoor 1 outside of arena only - 6:30 to 7am.
Indoor 2 warm-up only from 6:30 to 7am.
Indoor 1 and Indoor 2 - From completion of classes to 6pm
Outdoor Arena Complex warmup – 7.00am to 3.30pm
Outdoor Arenas – 3pm to 3:30pm
- Saturday Aug 8th:** Indoor 1 outside of arena only - 6:30 to 7am.
Indoor 2 warm-up only from 6:30 to 7am.
Indoor 1 and Indoor 2 – From completion of classes to 6.30pm
Outdoor Arena Complex warm-up – 7.00am to 3.30pm
Outdoor Arenas 3&4 – 1pm to 3:30pm
Outdoor Arenas 1&2 – 2:45pm to 3:30pm
- Sunday Aug 9th:** Indoor 1 outside of arena only - 6:30 to 7am.
Indoor 2 warm-up only from 6:30 to 7am.
Outdoor Arena Complex warm-up - 7.00am to 1.30pm

Please check signs at the stable complex for any changes to these times.

LUNGING

Lunging may only occur in the designated lunging yard between the stables and indoor complex or, in the designated lunging yard at the OAC. If the OAC lunge yard is occupied the steward may approve an alternate space. Preference for lunge arenas must be given to riders about to compete.

WARM UP ARENA

Outside of familiarising times, the indoor warm up is primarily available for riders who are warming up to compete. Riders who are not within 60 minutes of their competition time will only be permitted in the warm up at the discretion of the steward team and may be asked to leave if they are impacting riders warming up for competition. Horses must not be ridden or lunged anywhere other than the designated arenas and lunge yards except when being ridden to and from the arenas.

Warm up for Para and Virtus riders will be the OAC arena 4 and the eastern end of the outdoor warm-up on Friday and Saturday. All other riders are to keep clear of this area when being used by Para/Virtus riders

INDOOR ARENA 2

Due to space constraints, riders competing in Indoor Arena 2, will need to enter the arena and start the test from inside the arena once the judge has rung the bell. Riders may enter the arena once the rider before them has exited the arena and are permitted to **trot or canter around the outside track within the arena** prior to the judge ringing the bell. Once the judge has rung the bell the rider will have 45 seconds to commence their test.

OUTDOOR ARENAS

Riders will be required to start their tests from within the arenas for all competitions held in the outdoor arenas. Riding around the outside is **not permitted**. Riders may enter the arena once the rider before them has exited the arena and are permitted to trot or canter around the outside track within the arena prior to the judge ringing the bell. Once the judge has rung the bell the rider will have 45 seconds to commence their test.

ARENAS RAKING TIMES

Arenas, including the indoor warm-up, will be closed periodically throughout the day for maintenance. **Raking times are noted on the draw. Updates will be posted in the stable precinct.**

CALLERS

Riders are reminded that as this is a State/National Championship event NO CALLERS will be permitted unless permitted by relevant Para/Virtus rules or exemption cards.

GEAR CHECK

Gear check will take place after tests for AOR/Young Rider and Virtus competitions and beforehand for Para competitions.

WHIPS & GEAR

EA rules regarding approved gear apply everywhere on the event grounds from the time of arrival at the grounds. Please take particular note of whip, head gear and Horse Identification Number rules. **Untagged helmets must be brought to a steward for tagging before being used at the event.**

Whips FEI Competitions: As this event is a National Championship, it is not permitted to carry a whip of any kind while in the arena for AOR or Young Rider FEI tests, including FEI-Ch/P/J competitions. Whips are allowed for State Para and Virtus competitions.

Allocated Horse Identification as per the draws must be worn whenever the horse is out of the stable including leading, grazing or under saddle at any time. Please refer to rule 4.8.5 regarding Horse Identification Number specifications. For stallion ID see Dressage Rules 4.8.5d, e & f.

Competitors grazing horses must take extreme care and have horses under full control at all times. If grazing horses appear to be upsetting competing horses or other horses under saddle, they will be asked to return to the stables. **Please do not graze or lead horses close to the competition arenas when horses are competing.**

RIDER EXEMPTION CARDS

Must be received by August 2nd 2026

STABLES & CAMPING

The QSEC Stable Complex is accessible through Gate 14, 101 Old Gympie Road.

ABSOLUTELY NO DAY PARKING – CAR OR CAR AND FLOAT – IS TO HAPPEN AT THE QSEC STABLE COMPLEX.

Competitor Day Parking: Day parking is not available at the QSEC stable complex. Day parking for Barr Oval is available at the Outdoor Arena Complex, accessible through Gate 15 via Old Gympie Road. Day parking for the Indoor Complex is available at Stadium Day Float Parking via Tuckeroo Drive (follow the signs).

Car Parking: Spectator and officials car parking is available via Tuckeroo Drive (just follow signs). Vehicles are not allowed in the competition and training areas. **No car parking is permitted at the stable complex.**

Stabling & Camping Allocation: The stabling and camping allocation will be emailed to competitors and posted on the AOR Championships website.

Cheryl Stephen is the Stable Manager during the event. Cheryl is staying onsite in camp site 28 next to the amenities block.

Check in times:

Wednesday 5th 9am to 6pm

Thursday 6th 6.30am to 6pm

Friday 7th 6.30am to 6pm

Saturday 8th 6.30am to 6pm

Sunday 9th 6.30am to finish

The gate will not be unlocked until Cheryl is onsite. If you need to arrive outside this please contact the event committee to arrange alternate arrival and to have your stable unlocked.

Please contact Cheryl if you are having transport problems and delayed arrival is expected (see Handy Telephone Numbers page for phone details).

Arrival Procedure: Upon entry into the complex you will be greeted by the Stable Manager. Cheryl will take your completed Horse Health Declaration Form from you, note your arrival date, and show you to your camping site and stables.

Departure Procedure: When you are ready to depart the stable complex you must notify the Stable Manager. Cheryl will inspect your stable for cleanliness, lock your stable and note your departure date.

Note: Please bring your own feed and water bins as these are not provided by QSEC. It is also advisable to bring your own stable cleaning tools and wheelbarrow as these are in limited supply at the venue.

Stable Bedding: Your stable will be pre-filled with shavings. Extra bedding in the form of Hisorb shavings can be ordered from **Feedmania Caboolture** (see Handy Telephone Numbers page).

Stable Cleaning: with your entry you have paid a stable bond. This will be refunded post event if your stable is left clean – clean means that all bedding, feed & urine has been removed from the stable and it has been SWEPT clean (not merely scraped out with a shovel). Any damage to stables as noted by QSEC is payable by competitors.

Stable Cleaning Service: A stable cleaning service is offered for \$30 per stable. Please book and pay for this service with the Stable Manager, Cheryl Stephen prior to Tuesday August 5th.

DAY YARDS

Day yards are available at the Outdoor Arena Complex. These should have been booked with your entries. If you require day yards and have not booked these please call Nominate to arrange your day yard booking.

CATERING

Catering will be available during the day from Thursday to Sunday.

TEST PAPERS

This event uses the Nominate paperless scoring. Test sheets will be emailed to riders after signed off by the judge. Check your junk email if you do not receive your email. If it's still not received email Nominate: nominate@nominate.com.au

PRESENTATIONS

Riders are required to be neatly attired in competition clothing for presentations. Presentations in the main will be unmounted and will take place in The Riders Marquee. **All freestyle presentations will be mounted and take place immediately following completion of the class.** We invite non-riding owners to be present at the prize giving ceremonies.

Friday: All classes 5:30PM

Saturday: Freestyles & Sharon Doe - Mounted presentations following class completion
All other classes 6:00PM

Sunday: Freestyles - Mounted presentations following class completion
All other classes 2:15PM

Participation in presentations is compulsory as per the Event Schedule. Failure to attend presentation or not being appropriately dressed for presentation will result in forfeiture of your prize money or any prizes. If you cannot attend presentation and wish to obtain your rosette then you need to arrange for someone to collect your rosette for you and notify the event director, Anita Barton, before the presentation. **It is NOT compulsory to be mounted for mounted presentations.**

Prize money where payable will be deposited into your nominated bank account within 14 working days of the event.

CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL AWARDS

EA, FEI & Para/Virtus Level Championships will be decided from both tests as per rule 3.19i;

EA & FEI Tournament Championships will be decided as per the event schedule with points allocated as per rule 3.19i.

Bland Consulting AOR Horsemanship Award: Awarded to an Amateur Owner Rider who, over the course of the weekend, displays outstanding Horsemanship. To be decided on by the stewards and stable warden.

Lucky Media Young Rider Horsemanship Award: Awarded to a Young Rider who, over the course of the weekend, displays outstanding Horsemanship. To be decided on by the stewards and stable warden.

VOLUNTEERING

If you would like to volunteer your time during the event to help out with the numerous tasks that are necessary to make the event happen, please register your preferred job and time on the SignUp platform.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/jyblZZd>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

If you have not paid an opt-out levy for volunteering and you do not allocate yourself to a job the committee will allocate for you.

AUSTRALIAN AOR DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS SOCIAL FUNCTION

The Riders Welcome Dinner sponsored by Trisha Sellers & Keith Smith, Toowoomba Dressage Inc, Lockyer Equestrian Group Inc and Equestrian Queensland - Friday 7th August at The Riders Marquee immediately following presentation. For catering purposes, if you did not indicate your intention to attend and wish to do so please contact Kristy Battista: 0416 028 575 by 1 August.

GALA EQUINE & SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN RIDER BAGS

Each rider will receive a Australian AOR Dressage Championships riders' bag kindly sponsored by Gala Equine & Springs Equestrian. Rider bags can be collected from the Event Office during the event, from Friday August 7th.

WELFARE OF THE HORSE – FEI CODE OF CONDUCT

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
2. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.
5. **The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.**

A full copy of this Code can be obtained from the Fédération Equestre Internationale. The Code is available in English & French. A full copy of this code can be obtained on the FEI website: <http://www.fei.org>

CODE OF CONDUCT

Code of conduct: The organising committee of the Australian AOR Dressage Championships and Queensland Para/Virtus Dressage Championships values the attendance of all riders, officials, spectators, sponsors, volunteers and supporters HOWEVER it is a condition of attendance at this event that each person present on the grounds is bound by the rules, policies and by-laws of Equestrian Australia. This includes comments made on social media. Any complaints or conflicts should be managed with respect through official channels. As per EA Disciplinary By-Laws 3(j) any other person or organisation (for example, a parent/guardian, spectator or sponsor) who or which agrees, in writing or otherwise (whether on a ticket, entry form, conditions of entry displayed at a venue etc) to be bound by these By-Laws. Any rider, parent, official or associate to be found in breach of these By-Laws will be requested to leave the venue immediately and all entry fees and prizes deemed forfeit.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

Neither the Organising Committee of any competition to which these rules apply, or the EA, accepts any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, grounds, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever.



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DEVELOP
Empowering individuals and clubs to reach their potential.

GROW
Building capability and participation across the state.

SUCCEED
Creating opportunities for today and tomorrow.

All members must be worn and adhere to current EA (Equestrian Australia) safety standards.

Thank you to **Equestrian Queensland** who have supported this event through the **2026 EQ Competition and Development Fund**.

www.qld.equestrian.org.au/grants

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS & INFORMATION:

Event Admin:	Anita Barton 0433 447 692, ascampton@hotmail.com
Withdrawals/Scratchings:	Anita Barton, see above
Stable Manager:	Cheryl Stephen 0400 767 858, onsite from (Tuesday AM)
Camping Supervisor:	Cheryl Stephen, see above
Chief Steward	Anthony Reckin 0437 838 059
Technical Delegate	Madonna Bell 0429 964 526
Chair Dressage Queensland	Sally Devlin 0400 587 387
Vets:	Moreton Bay Equine Vets 0447 202 600 Equivet 0481 287 507
Sports Medic:	Sports 1 st Aid Services 0432 823 133
Horse Feed & Shavings Supplies:	Feedmania Caboolture 07 5495 1961
QSEC Office:	Ph: 07 5433 3222
Emergency Services:	000
Medical Transport:	13 12 33
Caboolture Public Hospital – McKean St	07 5433 8888
Caboolture Police Station:	07 5495 0444

ARRIVING AT QSEC

QSEC is located on the corner of Tuckeroo Drive and Beerburum Road, Caboolture – just 45 minutes from the Brisbane CBD. The address is Cnr Tuckeroo Drive and Beerburum Road, Caboolture QLD 4510.

Easily accessible by road, QSEC is just 2km north of the Caboolture CBD and 4km from the Bruce Highway. From the Bruce Highway, take exit 152B and follow the signs to Kilcoy. Take the Caboolture exit and follow the signs to Beerburum, this will take you to Beerburum Road.

The stables and camping entry for competitors is off Old Gympie Road. The address for the stable and camping entry is 101 Old Gympie Road, Caboolture QLD 4510 (Gate 14). Entry to the Outdoor Arena complex for competitors day parking is Gate 15, 166/176 Old Gympie Road.



We look forward to seeing you soon, safe travels and good luck at the event.

Anita

Anita Barton – Event Committee

VENUE MAP

