

Equestrian South Australia

Eventing Handbook 2021



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Introduction

This handbook contains general information on eventing.

Competitions are run under the current national (EA) and International (FEI) rules for eventing, which may be found at [Eventing Rules 2021](#)

It is the responsibility of competitors, organising committees, owners and officials to know and comply with these rules. It is important to note that rules are amended regularly.

The information in this handbook is provided by the ESA Eventing Committee (Eventing SA) in good faith and is to be used as a guide only. Event dates and other details are subject to change without notice. Please check the Eventing SA website, Nominate, or contact event organisers directly for further details about all events.

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The FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse

The FEI requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount. Welfare of the horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences. The following points must be particularly adhered to:

1. General welfare:

a) Good horse management

Stabling and feeding must be compatible with the best horse management practices. Clean and good quality forage, feed and water must always be available.

b) Training methods

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to methods which are abusive or cause fear.

c) Farriery and tack

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

d) Transport

During transportation, horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and driven by competent personnel. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the horses.

e) Transit

All journeys must be planned carefully, and horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

2. Fitness to compete:

a) Fitness and competence

Participation in competition must be restricted to fit horses and athletes of proven competence. Horses must be allowed suitable rest period between training and competitions; additionally rest periods should be allowed following travelling.

b) Health status

No horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete; veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

c) Doping and Medication

Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitutes a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before competition.

d) Surgical procedures

Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing horse's welfare or the safety of other horses and/or athletes must not be allowed.

e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares

Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.

f) Misuse of aids

Abuse of a horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare:

a) Competition areas

Horses must be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles and competition conditions must be designed with the safety of the horse in mind.

b) Ground surfaces

All ground surfaces on which horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injuries.

c) Extreme weather

Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions that may compromise welfare or safety of the horse. Provision must be made for cooling conditions and equipment for horses after competing.

d) Stabling at events

Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the horse. Washing-down areas and water must always be available.

4. Humane treatment of horses:

a) Veterinary treatment

Veterinary expertise must always be available at an event. If a horse is injured or exhausted during a competition, the athlete must stop competing and a veterinary evaluation must be performed.

b) Referral centres

Wherever necessary, the horse should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured horses must be given full supportive treatment before being transported.

c) Competition injuries

The incidence of injuries sustained in competition should be monitored. Ground surface conditions, frequency of competitions and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimise injuries.

d) Euthanasia

If injuries are sufficiently severe a horse may need to be euthanized by a veterinarian as soon as possible on humane grounds, with the sole aim of minimising suffering.

e) Retirement

Horses must be treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from competition.

5. Education:

The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the competition horse. This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.



General information - all horse trials events

Registrations and memberships

EvA95 and above

All **horses** competing in EvA95 and above classes must be micro chipped and registered with EA and have current EA Competition Licenses. They must be entered in their full registered name and their registered EA Number must be included. Horses must always carry identifying numbers when competing at events.

Riders competing in EvA95 and above must be Competitive members of their EA State Branch to compete.

Owners of all horses competing in official classes EvA95 and above, must be current members of their EA State Branch, with a minimum of Supporter membership.

EvA50, EvA65 and EvA80

Horses competing in EvA50, EvA65 and EvA80 are not required to be registered. Full or base membership is encouraged, but horses do not need to hold a current Competition License.

Riders of horses in EvA50, EvA65 and EvA80 must hold a minimum of Participant membership of EA.

FEI classes

All **horses** and **riders** competing in International classes (CCI) must also be registered with the FEI.

Entry fees and levies

The ESA Eventing Levy, currently \$14.00 per horse per entry, is NOT built into entry fees and must be paid in addition to entry fees for all classes.

The Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Program (EADMCP) was introduced in 2016. This Levy is NOT built into entry fees and must be paid in addition to entry fees for FEI classes and some EA classes, as required.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals must be made by 4.00 pm on the day before the event or as stated in the schedule.

Athletes who do not declare their intention to withdraw are liable to a penalty at the discretion of ESA.

Refunds

Refunds may be made in accordance with the EA policy. See [Eventing Australia Refund Policy](#)

Breach of rules

If a competitor is found guilty of a breach of the rules under the EA-FEI Code of Conduct and receives a penalty, that person will be ineligible to win any EA-SA Award in ANY discipline.

Eliminated competitors

Competitors must not continue to jump, or attempt to jump, the same fence or further fences after being eliminated. A competitor **MUST WALK** their horse off the course either mounted or unmounted. If the rider continues after elimination, disciplinary action will be taken.

Eventing Recorded Warnings and Yellow Warning Cards

Details regarding the issuing of Eventing Recorded Warnings and Yellow Warning Cards are described in the EA National Eventing Rules, Article 527. See [EA National Eventing Rules 2021](#)

Equine Anti Doping Medication Control Program (EADMCP)

Competitors are reminded that swabbing may occur at ANY competition, at any time.

The Control of Medication of Horses will be conducted in accordance with the General Regulations & Veterinary Regulations of the FEI. For further information, see [Medication Control / Swabbing](#)

Dress

Helmets

As of 1st January 2020, all helmets must have been approved and tagged by an EA approved helmet tagging official.

As per the EA General Regulations, Article 122.2: Dress and Salute, the following will apply:

Except where sport rules allows otherwise, riders and drivers competing in an EA competition, must wear an approved helmet with the chin strap fastened at all times. The same is recommended when riding a horse at any time.

Protective headgear must conform with one of the current approved safety standards:

- Current Australian standard **AS/NZS 3838** (2006 onwards) *provided they are SAI Global marked.*
- New Australian standard **ARB HS 2012** *provided they are SAI Global marked.*

- Current American standard **ASTM F1163** (2004a or 04a onwards) *provided they are SEI marked.*
- Current American standard **SNELL E2001.**
- Current British standard **PAS 015** (1998 or 2011) *provided they are BSI Kitemarked.*
- Interim European Standard **VG1** (01.040: 2014-12) *with or without BSI Kitemark.*



BSI Kitemarked:



SAI Global marked:



SEI marked:

NOTES:

Outgoing European Standard **EN/1384** is not permitted from 2017 onwards.

Helmet manufacturers generally recommend replacing your helmet every 5 years or so.

If you have a hard-blow impact accident while wearing your helmet, it is recommended to immediately replace it for a new model. There may be damage to the helmet that is not visible to the naked eye.

Body protectors

Body protectors are compulsory for cross-country, including when schooling over cross-country fences. A body protector manufactured after 2009 and labelled as complying with one of the following standards is mandatory, effective January 1st 2020. See EA National Eventing Rules, Article 538.3.1

EN13158:2009 level 3

BETA 2009 Level 3

EN13158:2018 level 3

BETA 2018 Level 3

Long hair

Long hair must be tied up sufficiently that it does not obscure your body number when going cross-country. Fence judges must be able to see your body number clearly.

Bits

Please check national EA and international FEI rules for a description of bits permitted in each phase.

Sponsors

ESA request that riders receiving trophies and/or prizes and/or prize money donated by sponsors, write and acknowledge with gratitude the sponsor's support of Horse Trials in this State.

Cleanliness and biosecurity

As most Horse Trials are held on private property, competitors MUST endeavour to leave the horse parking area clear of all rubbish including INSULATING TAPE used to tape bandages and boots. Please remove all hay, bedding and manure from the venue, or place in the designated disposal area.

Please keep venues clean so property owners continue to support our sport.

Dogs

Dogs should preferably be left at home.

See FEI General Regulations, Article 109, 13 – *If allowed at the event, all dogs must be leashed and affixed to a human or stationary object. Violation of this rule will incur a fine of CHF 100 per offence (AUD\$150) and, in case of a repeated offence at the event, may lead to exclusion from the venue.*

Some Organising Committees do not allow dogs at their venues. Please check individual schedules.

Falls

Any rider who has a fall on the venue must be checked by the doctor prior to resuming competing and/or leaving grounds. This includes falls in warm up and practice areas. See EA National Eventing Rules, Article 523.3.

Ambulance cover

It is recommended that all riders be members of the Ambulance Service. If you are not a member and require transport to Hospital in a civil ambulance you will be required to pay for it yourself.

At the competition – hints, tips and general rules

General

- The welfare of the horse is paramount. Make sure you bring sufficient water buckets, feed, and basic first aid requirements to the competition.
- Know the rules. If you are unsure – ask.
- Make sure you know what saddlery/tack you can use. Rules regarding accepted bits often change.
- Ensure your horse wears its competition number at all times while on the venue. Number must be fixed to the bridle, breastplate or saddle blanket while ridden. Number to be fixed to the head collar at other times.
- You will need a body number holder, and you may be required to print your own number.
- Body protectors for cross-country are compulsory. See EA rules Article 538.3.1
- Body protectors for show jumping are optional – but you must still wear your jacket unless summer uniform is announced on the day.

Entries

- Enter with correct EA numbers and contact details - putting dots or dashes risks having your entry returned or rejected.
- Check your invoice from Nominate immediately and email if you have made an error, don't wait until the draw comes out to get it corrected.
- Read and understand the refund policy.
- Carefully read the schedule. Not all venues allow own yards.
- Book your yard at time of entry if needed as late yards are not always available.
- Never put your horse in a yard if you have not booked one.

On arrival

- Get your horse settled first.
- COVID regulations have changed how events are managed. Make sure you understand how the event office will operate. You may have to provide your own body number. Draws, programs and cross-country maps are likely to be on-line.
- Make a note of who your Rider Representatives is and know their mobile number. The Rider Reps are there to help you.
- Get an idea of the layout of the grounds and where your dressage arena is.
- Your bridle number/saddle cloth number must be on your horse at all times.
- Turn up on time or early for each phase. If something happens, eg a loose shoe that must be attended to, notify the office as soon as possible.

Dressage

- Be courteous. Do not ride within 15 metres of any arena while others are doing their test.
- Know the numbers of the two riders that precede you in the draw. Be aware that there may be scratchings so the draw is not always in strict numerical order.
- When presenting to the judge, ensure they can see your number. The judge may or may not speak to you. Be ready to enter the arena when signalled, usually by a bell or car horn. After being signalled, you must enter the arena within 45 seconds.

Showjumping

- There will be a course walk before the start of the class and sometimes another during the class. It is best to try to walk before the class starts.
- The warm-up jumps will be flagged, and you can only ride in that direction. White flag on the left, red flag on the right.
- Be ready to go into the arena when called or as the horse in front is finishing.
- Ensure you ride past the judge with your number showing. You might also have to call your number out.
- Salute the judge by touching your helmet with your whip or giving a clear nod of your head.
- You have 45 seconds to go through the start flags after the bell has rung.
- DO NOT start before the bell has been rung.
- Leave the course quickly after you have finished and watch out for the next rider coming in.

Cross-country

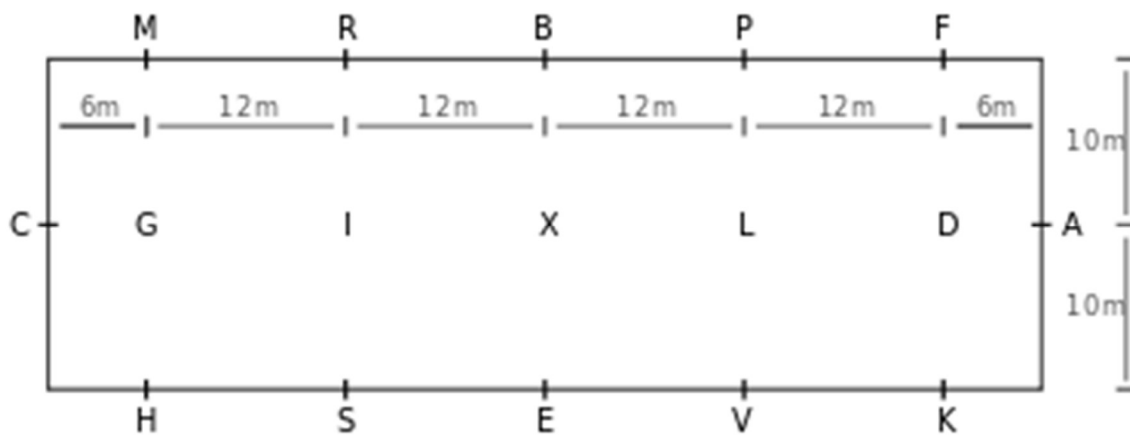
- Ensure you know your course and understand what you can do, especially at any combinations and water jumps.
- If in doubt about any aspect of the cross-country course ask your Riders Rep. If the Riders Rep can't help you, ask to speak to the Technical Delegate (TD) before the start of the cross-country – they won't be available once the cross-country has started.
- Long hair must be tied up so that your body number is not obscured.
- Listen to the marshal and be ready to go to the starter on time.
- Once in the hands of the starter you may walk calmly around and in and out of the start box. The horse does not have to stand absolutely still in the start box, but must not gain any advantage from a flying start.
- The horse may be led into the start box and held by an attendant until the signal to start is given. From that instant the athlete is considered to be on course and no further assistance may be given.

- In the case of an accident or damage to a fence, you may be stopped on course. The jump judge will signal you to stop and they will record the period of time that you are held for.
- Slower riders must give way to on-coming riders. If someone wants to overtake you by calling 'coming through' move away and let them overtake you.
- If you are eliminated you must leave the course at a walk (mounted or unmounted).

For definitions of faults see EA National Eventing Rules, Article 549.

Dressage tests for 2021

Learn the correct test for your class. Dressage tests for 2021 are available for download at [Dressage tests 2021](#)



SA Eventing Awards and past winners

SA Eventing Horse of the Year

SA horses will obtain points at all affiliated CCN1*-S events and above in Australia during the calendar year.

Points will be calculated the same as the Event Rider of the Year.

YEAR	HORSE	OWNER	RIDER
1988	Bush Artist	Ruth Roberts	Ruth Roberts & Anna Savage
1989	Strauss	Louise Whibley	Louise Whibley
1990	Peppermint Grove	Gillian Rolton	Gillian Rolton
1991	Jaahl	Anna Savage	Anna Savage
1992	Landy	Scott & Jill Keach	Scott Keach
1993	Jaahl	Joe & Pam Savage	Anna Savage
1994	Midnight Sun	Di Schaeffer	Wendy Schaeffer
1995	Jaahl	Joe & Pam Savage	Anna Savage
1996	Duelling Cavalier	Lisa Lloyd	Lisa Lloyd
1997	Sun Flair	Di & Wendy Schaeffer	Wendy Schaeffer
1998 & 1999	Lewis	Tara Trebilcock	Tara Trebilcock
2000 & 2001	Kirby Park Irish Hallmark	Megan Jones	Megan Jones
2002	Sun Shades	Di & Wendy Schaeffer	Wendy Schaeffer
2003	Kirby Park Irish Jamie	Cammy O'Rourke	Cammy O'Rourke
2004	Koyuna Sun Smoke	Di & Wendy Schaeffer	Wendy Schaeffer
2005	Koyuna Sun Magic	Di & Wendy Schaeffer	Wendy Schaeffer
2006 & 2007	Koyuna Sun Dancer	Di & Wendy Schaeffer	Wendy Schaeffer
2008 & 2009	Kirby Park Irish Jester	Margaret, Peter & Megan Jones	Megan Jones
2010	Koyuna Sun Dancer	Wendy Schaeffer	Wendy Schaeffer
2011 & 2012	Kirby Park Allofasudden	A & S Poulson & Megan Jones	Megan Jones
2013	Image Blue Ice	Jaimie Stichel	Jaimie Stichel
2014	Kirby Park Allofasudden	A & S Poulson & Megan Jones	Megan Jones
2015	Kirby Park Impress	Margaret, Peter & Megan Jones	Megan Jones
2016	Kirby Park Impress	Margaret, Peter & Megan Jones	Megan Jones
2017	Kirby Park Impress	Margaret, Peter & Megan Jones	Megan Jones
2018	LV Balou Jeans	Sarah Clark	Sarah Clark
2019	Kirby Park Impress	Margaret, Peter & Megan Jones	Megan Jones
2020	Kirby Park Impress	Margaret, Peter & Megan Jones	Megan Jones

SA Novice (90 – 105cm) Eventing Combination of the Year

YEAR	HORSE	RIDER
2019	Believe Squeak	Courtney Munro
2020	Insidious Ghost	Audrey Simon-Nicholai

Anna Savage Memorial Trophy –SA Eventing Rider of the Year

SA riders obtain points at all affiliated CCN1*-S events and above in Australia during the calendar year. Points for Event Rider of the Year will be calculated as per the scale of points in the National Rules.

YEAR	WINNER
1985	Scott Keach
1986	Sam Stichel
1987	Scott Keach
1988	Anna Savage
1989	Gillian Rolton
1990	Scott Keach
1991	Anna Savage
1992	Scott Keach
1993	Anna Savage
1994	Anna Savage
1995	Anna Savage
1996	Tara Trebilcock
1997	Wendy Schaeffer
1998	Tara Trebilcock
1999	Wendy Schaeffer
2000	Megan Jones
2001	Megan Jones
2002	Wendy Schaeffer

YEAR	WINNER
2003	Wendy Schaeffer
2004	Wendy Schaeffer
2005	Wendy Schaeffer
2006	Wendy Schaeffer
2007	Wendy Schaeffer
2008	Megan Jones
2009	Megan Jones
2010	Wendy Schaeffer
2011	Megan Jones
2012	Megan Jones
2013	Megan Jones
2014	Megan Jones
2015	Megan Jones
2016	Megan Jones
2017	Megan Jones
2018	Sarah Clark
2019	Sarah Clark
2020	Sarah Clark

Tasha Khouzam Memorial Trophy – SA Eventing Young Rider of the Year

SA Young Riders will obtain points at affiliated CCN1*-S events and above in Australia during the calendar year.

Points will be calculated the same as the Event Rider of the Year.

YEAR	WINNER
1998	Anna Jackson
1999	Anna Jackson
2000	Fiona Guthrie
2001	Victoria Heywood
2002	Jacqui Sandland
2003	Cammy O'Rourke
2004	Samantha Speake
2005	Dale Flynn
2006	Dale Flynn
2007	Prue Calvert
2008	Charlie Freeman Finn

YEAR	WINNER
2009	Joseph Waldron
2010	Joseph Waldron
2011	Cooper Oborn
2012	Jaimie Stichel
2013	Jaimie Stichel
2014	Jaimie Stichel
2015	Caitlin Keith
2016	Jaimie Stichel
2017	Stephanie Hann
2018	Stephanie Hann
2019	Stephanie Hann
2020	Chloe Jong

Gillian Rolton Youth Development Award (since 2017) / Youth Development Award

YEAR	WINNER
2015	Ashleigh Westcott
2016	Stephanie Hann
2017	Stephanie Hann
2018	Connie Miller
2019	Sophie Compton
2020	Chelsea Clarke

Eventing calendar 2021

NB – dates subject to change

DATE	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	INTERSTATE (may not be complete)
MAY		
1 - 2		Ballarat FEI (Vic)
6 - 9		Sydney FEI (NSW)
15 - 16	Naracoorte FEI	Tambourine FEI (QLD)
22 - 23		Friends of Woody Yaloak HT (Vic)
29 - 30	Hills and Barossa HT	
JUNE		
5 - 6		
10 - 14		Melbourne FEI (Vic)
19 - 20	PCASA State Championship ODE - Monarto	
26 - 27		
JULY		
3 - 4		
9 - 11		Fig Tree Pocket FEI (QLD)
17 - 18		
24 - 25		Mildura HT (Vic)
AUGUST		
29 - 1		Tambourine FEI (QLD)
7 - 8		
14 - 15	Monarto HT (TBC)	
20 - 22		Quirindi FEI (NSW) Friends of Werribee (Vic)
28 - 29		Woorooloo FEI (WA)
SEPTEMBER		
4 - 5		
11 - 12	PCASA State ODE - Kadina	Werribee Spring HT FEI (Vic)
18 - 19		Canberra FEI (ACT) Pinjarra FEI (WA)
25 - 26	Mt Gambier HT (TBC)	
OCTOBER		
2 - 3		
9 - 10		Camden FEI (NSW) Candlebark HT (Vic) Toowoomba FEI (QLD)
16 - 17	Reynella HT	Capel FEI (WA) Colac HT (Vic)
23 - 24	Mountain PC ODE	Albury FEI (NSW)
30 - 31	Canoe Tree HT and CT	
NOVEMBER		
6 - 7	Wirrina Cove HT and CT	Avenal HT (Vic)
13 - 14		
18 - 21	Australian International 3DE (Adelaide) FEI	
27 - 28		Tooradin HT (Vic)
DECEMBER		
2 - 5		Robertson FEI (NSW)
9 - 12		Camperdown FEI (Vic)



Eventing Levies Explained

What are eventing levies and where does this money go?

There is no mistaking that the sport of eventing is expensive to run, and also demands considerable volunteer time. Those organising and setting up events invest a significant amount of time, energy and often personal finances to run them.

A component of your event entry fee is the ESA Eventing Levy, which is currently \$14. This levy is applied to all riders across all events to provide the Eventing Discipline Committee with funds to support organising committees and the sport in general where needed.

Eventing discipline committees in all states collect an eventing levy for the purpose of supporting and developing eventing. This is a guide to what happens to the levy you pay.

Officials Fees

TD fee \$250 per event will be covered.

Steward fee up to \$200 per event will be covered.

Ground Anchors

Spirafix screws and brackets are supplied for portable jumps on all courses including Pony Club events.

Extra Spirafix brackets will be given out to clubs who need them so they don't have to remove all the brackets from the jumps after an event.

Officials Training

The committee monitors training of officials, making sure they are up to date and meet the new national standards. TD's, CD's, Judges and Stewards are required to maintain their qualifications. The costs of their seminar fees are covered; interstate travel costs may be considered and supported, if possible. This is considered on application.

Rep. Funding

Allows an eventing committee representative to travel to national meetings to represent SA and to gain updated information and be involved in the formulation of the rules for eventing.

Frangible Devices

MIM frangible devices have been sourced and are on every course, these are quite expensive and are required now under the new eventing rules.

Event Gear

Two-way radios which are updated and reconditioned, specialist timing clocks and stopwatches with automatic synchronization, Eventing box of gear for official duties (jump judge bibs, instructions, flags, whistles and scoring sheets) at events. There is a small charge for the box to cover the use and loss of equipment

Prizes

Eventing SA provides rugs, embroidery and rosettes for the State Championships each year.

FEI Calendar

FEI calendar fees are paid to encourage events in SA to run international events.

-Eventing SA-

Volunteers 2021

-Calling all Riders and Eventing Supporters-

STEP UP AND SIGN UP!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We all want to get our competitions and training days up and running following the disruption due to COVID 19, however, to do this we need many hands on deck.

We ask you to step up to support your sport.

**Help our South Australian Eventing Organising Committees and
SIGN UP with our easy SIGN UP Volunteer system.**

****Get in early to choose the job and time that best suits you****

If all of the volunteer jobs are not signed up for...

OCs have the right to allocate jobs to any rider entered for the event.

-HOW to SIGN UP-

In the lead up to each event/competition or training day, Organising Committees will email competitors the draw and a link to the SIGN UP listing of required volunteer jobs and time slots. This link will also be posted on the event's FB page.

The next part is over to you....EASY!

- 1. Click on the SIGN UP link provided for the event**
- 2. Choose a job and a time slot that suits your draw time**
- 3. Show up for your time slot/job!**

Not only will you fulfil an important role, but you are also guaranteed to have fun and enjoy being part of the team ☺ to create an awesome event!

The best reward will be knowing that you were part of making the day run smoothly. Some events may offer a small refund off your entry fee in return for your help (TBC), and others may supply a Thank You lunch for all volunteers.

Examples of volunteer jobs available:

- Helping to put up arenas
- Flagging and numbering
- Decorating the cross country course
- Brush cutting/mowing
- Pencilling for dressage, picking up tests and delivering to the secretary
- Setting up and taking down show jumps
- Picking up show jump rails
- ½ day as a Jump Judge
- Marshalling
- Clearing cross country course flags and numbers
- Monday clean up