

Equestrian Carnival



SATURDAY 16 AUGUST, 2025

Hawkesbury Showgrounds



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General Information

Arndell Anglican College Interschool Equestrian Carnival accepts no responsibility for injury, damage occasioned to persons, property, spectators, or competitors. It is a Condition of Entry that each person shall hold the event organising committee blameless and indemnify it against legal proceedings arising from any accident.

Arndell Anglican College accepts NO responsibility for lost property.

Riders must provide a current EA membership number, Pony Club Australia insurance or ensure the rider's school have a Certificate of Currency and Personal Accident Cover. The onus lies with the rider and parent/carer to ensure adequate cover is obtained.

It is recommended that all riders have current EA membership. This provides riders with cover of 24/7 Personal Accident and Public Liability Insurance. [Click here](#) for more information.

All riders require a parent or guardian to supervise and accompany on the day of the event.

All competitors, spectators and officials must conform to the Code of Conduct set out in this document.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to:

- cancel any class or event , divide any class,
- transfer competitors between sections of a class, alter the advertised times,
- refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason, and/or
- make additional statements with regards to the rules/processes based on horse welfare and safety.

An Emergency Evacuation Plan is in place and relevant officials will implement the plan if required. Parking is at your own risk.

Medical personnel will be available on the competition day.

NO DOGS ALLOWED at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds for the duration of the event.

Only competitors who have made prior arrangement may use the stable and camping area can utilise these facilities.

Tying of horses to the show ring boundary fence is NOT permitted.

In the event of wet or extreme weather, organisers will contact entrants.

Venue

Hawkesbury Showgrounds
Racecourse Road, Clarendon

Access via Gate 4. Gates will open at 6:30am

Enquiries

All enquiries should be directed via email to equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au.

Further Information

Visit the Arndell Equestrian News on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for further information and regular updates.

Camping & Stabling Queries

All camping and stabling queries should be directed to Hawkesbury Showgrounds (HDAA) in the first instance via email hdaa@hawkesburyshow.com.au

Sponsorships

If you are interested in sponsoring the event, please contact equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au.

Entries

All entries and payment via [Nominate](#).

Entries will close on Sunday 10 August, 2025 or when the event is fully subscribed.

Entry Fee: \$55.00 per rider

Volunteer Levy: \$10.00 per rider

Late entries will attract a \$10.00 late fee per rider.

Refunds are only applicable on entry fees where a medical or vet certificate is supplied within 24 hours before 15 August, 2025.

Contact HDAA regarding camping/stabling refunds.

Draw

There will be no published draw, each rider will remain in their entered ring classes for the duration of day apart from completing sporting events. Ring classes will be run in a ring and workout format.

Rules and Regulations

- This event is an Equestrian NSW Interschool affiliated event and run under EA rules where permissible. EA membership is advised.
- Entries are at the discretion of the Arndell Equestrian Committee (AEC). One horse/One rider.
- Horses must only be ridden by the student competitor on the carnival day. No other rider is permitted to ride on the day.
- No official gear check will be performed. It is the rider/parent/carers responsibility to ensure equipment is safe and meets the Equestrian Australian Standards.
- Only students currently enrolled in school are eligible to compete.
- Classes will not all be announced, competitors should remain near their ring to avoid missing a class. If a competitor misses a class, they are not permitted to ride in another year's class.
- Judge's decision is final. Judges may disqualify any mount which they consider unsuitable for a school event.
- Judges and AEC may request rider ring changes where they deem it necessary for safety.
- Warming up may only be performed in the designated areas. Young children and inexperienced riders must be supervised by a parent/carers while warming up.
- Lunging is ONLY permitted in round yards.
- Intermediate and Open ring sporting events will be bunted off from ring events. All riders will compete at the sporting area closest to the train station.
- All competitors, parents/helpers and volunteers must follow current COVID-19 guidelines.



Dress

- Protective headgear must conform with one of the current approved safety standards of [Equestrian Australia](#) – Helmet tagging is not required.
- No standing or fixed martingales, no side reins/draw reins.
- Heeled riding boots, school jumper in school colour. NO blazers or riding coats permitted.
- Gaiters/top boots are only to be worn by riders over 17 years of age.

Ring Descriptions

**** Riders may only ride in one ring at the event**

PRIMARY BEGINNERS (Led):

Students in K - 12 who cannot walk and trot unassisted. Riders must always remain on the lead, when mounted - Beginners ring is in a roped off area. Beginner riders are not permitted to canter for the duration of the carnival including sporting events.

NOVICE (Unassisted):

Students in K - 12 who cannot canter safely. Novice riders are not permitted to canter for the duration of the carnival. All show ring work, including workouts, will be done at a walk and trot only including sporting events. Primary novice ring will be in a roped off area.

PRIMARY INTERMEDIATE:

Primary students in K – 6 who can walk, trot and canter safely unassisted. This ring is designed for riders who do not compete regularly in any discipline.

PRIMARY OPEN:

Primary Students in K – 6 who can capably ride their mount and have competed/compete regularly at similar level events in any discipline.

SENIOR INTERMEDIATE:

Senior students in 7 – 12 who can walk, trot and canter safely unassisted. This ring is designed for riders who do not compete regularly in any discipline.

SENIOR OPEN:

Senior Students in Year 7 – Year 12 who can capably ride their mount and have competed/compete regularly at similar level events in any discipline.

Note: Any riders who have won a riding or horse class at a previous gymkhana (similar or higher level) or who competes at shows in open competition **MUST** compete in the open ring.





Special Classes

Fancy Dress :

Open to ALL riders from all rings. To be held at the completion of the Beginners ring, riders will be given plenty of time to get prepared. The judging of the fancy dress class will not wait for other rings/classes. The commencement of this class will be announced.

Grand Champion Exhibit:

All supreme winners (rider & horse) from Rings 3, 4, 5 and 6 are eligible to compete. This will be judged by judges from these rings at their completion. The commencement of this class will be announced.

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Class Descriptions

Best Presented:	Judged on the clean, neat, and tidy appearance of horse, rider, and saddlery. Judged mounted in ring line up – no workout.
Best Mount:	Judged on the horse's manners, paces and education suitable for its rider.
Handler:	Judged on the rider's ability to present their horse/pony on the ground.
Rider:	Judged on the position and riding ability of the rider.
Pleasure Mount:	Judged on the rideability and enjoyment of the horse.
Open Show Horse:	For horses with finer substances, judged on horses' presence, confirmation, manners, paces, and education. Riders are only eligible to compete in Open Hack OR Hunter Hack. NOT both classes. Riders are to nominate prior to the event.
Hunter Horse:	For horses with more bone and substance, judged on horses' presence, confirmation, manners, paces, and education. Riders are only eligible to compete in Open Hack OR Hunter Hack. NOT both classes. Riders are to nominate prior to the event.
Pairs:	Pairs should be ideally riders from the same school, you may combine school's to pair if required, this is permissible if the riders are from the same competition ring level (eg. both have competed in the Junior Intermediate Ring). Riders are not permitted to ride a different ring for this event.
Champion Classes:	All winners from classes within section are eligible to compete in the champion class. When Champion is sashed the 2nd placegetter of the winner will contest in the class. It is important that riders are on standby for the judge. The Judge's decision is final.

Ring 1 – Beginners

Judge

Sharne Haskins

Best Presented

- 101) Kindy
- 102) Year 1
- 103) Year 2
- 104) Year 3
- 105) Year 4
- 106) Year 5
- 107) Year 6
- 108) Years 7 - 12

Rider

- 109) Kindy
- 110) Year 1
- 111) Year 2
- 112) Year 3
- 113) Year 4
- 114) Year 5
- 115) Year 6
- 116) Years 7 - 12

Best Tail

- 117) Kindy
- 118) Year 1
- 119) Year 2
- 120) Year 3
- 121) Year 4
- 122) Year 5
- 123) Year 6
- 124) Years 7 - 12

Best Mount

- 125) Kindy
- 126) Year 1
- 127) Year 2
- 128) Year 3
- 129) Year 4
- 130) Year 5
- 131) Year 6
- 132) Years 7 - 12

Sporting Events

Potato Sack Race

- 133) Kindy
- 134) Year 1
- 135) Year 2
- 136) Year 3
- 137) Year 4
- 138) Year 5
- 139) Year 6
- 140) Years 7 - 12

Egg & Spoon Race

- 141) Kindy
- 142) Year 1
- 143) Year 2
- 144) Year 3
- 145) Year 4
- 146) Year 5
- 147) Year 6
- 148) Years 7 - 12

Fancy Dress

All riders eligible

Ring 2 – Novice

Judge

Amelia Refalo

Best Presented

201) Kindy
202) Year 1
203) Year 2
204) Year 3
205) Year 4
206) Year 5
207) Year 6
208) Years 7 – 9
209) Years 10 - 12

Handler

210) Kindy
211) Year 1
212) Year 2
213) Year 3
214) Year 4
215) Year 5
216) Year 6
217) Years 7 - 9
218) Years 10 - 12

Rider

219) Kindy
220) Year 1
221) Year 2
222) Year 3
223) Year 4
224) Year 5
225) Year 6
226) Years 7 – 9
227) Years 10 – 12

Best Mount

228) Kindy
229) Year 1
230) Year 2
231) Year 3
232) Year 4
233) Year 5
234) Year 6
235) Years 7 – 9
236) Years 10 – 12

Pair of Riders

237) Kindy
238) Years 1 & 2
239) Years 3 & 4
240) Years 5 & 6
241) Years 7-12

Sporting Events

Potato Sack Race

242) Kindy
243) Year 1
244) Year 2
245) Year 3
246) Year 4
247) Year 5
248) Year 6
249) Years 7 – 9
250) Years 10 -12

Egg & Spoon Race

251) Kindy
252) Year 1
253) Year 2
254) Year 3
255) Year 4
256) Year 5
257) Year 6
258) Years 7 – 9
259) Years 10 - 12

Ring 2 - Event Sponsor

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Ring 3 – Primary Intermediate

Judge

Shilo Harvey

Best Presented

- 301) Kindy
- 302) Year 1
- 303) Year 2
- 304) Year 3
- 305) Year 4
- 306) Year 5
- 307) Year 6

Handler

- 308) Kindy
- 309) Year 1
- 310) Year 2
- 311) Year 3
- 312) Year 4
- 313) Year 5
- 314) Year 6

Rider

- 315) Kindy
- 316) Year 1
- 317) Year 2
- 318) Year 3
- 319) Year 4
- 320) Year 5
- 321) Year 6

CHAMPION RIDER

- a) K – 3 (15-18 winners)
- b) 4 – 6 (19-21 winners)

SUPREME RIDER

Show Horse

- 329) Show Pony ne 12.2hh
- 330) Show Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 331) Show Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 332) Show Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 333) Show Hack over 15hh ne 16
- 334) Show Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION SHOW HORSE

(Winners from 29-34)

Show Hunter Horse

- 335) Hunter Pony ne 12.2hh
- 336) Hunter Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 337) Hunter Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 338) Hunter Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 339) Hunter Hack over 15hh ne 16hh
- 340) Hunter Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION SHOW HUNTER HORSE

(Winners from 35-40)

SUPREME HORSE

Pleasure Mount

- 341) Kindy
- 342) Year 1
- 343) Year 2
- 344) Year 3
- 345) Year 4
- 346) Year 5
- 347) Year 6

Pair of Riders

- 348) Kindy
- 349) Year 1 & 2
- 350) Year 3 & 4
- 351) Year 5 & 6

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Ring 4 – Senior Intermediate

Judge

Mia Skinner

Best Presented

- 401) Year 7
- 402) Year 8
- 403) Year 9
- 404) Year 10
- 405) Year 11
- 406) Year 12

Handler

- 407) Year 7
- 408) Year 8
- 409) Year 9
- 410) Year 10
- 411) Year 11
- 412) Year 12

Rider

- 413) Year 7
- 414) Year 8
- 415) Year 9
- 416) Year 10
- 417) Year 11
- 418) Year 12

CHAMPION RIDER

- a) 7 – 9 (13-15 winners)
- b) 10 - 12 (16-18 winners)

SUPREME RIDER

Show Horse

- 419) Show Pony ne 12.2hh
- 420) Show Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 421) Show Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 422) Show Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 423) Show Hack over 15hh ne 16
- 424) Show Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION SHOW HORSE

(Winners from 19-24)

Show Hunter Horse

- 425) Hunter Pony ne 12.2hh
- 426) Hunter Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 427) Hunter Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 428) Hunter Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 429) Hunter Hack over 15hh ne 16hh
- 430) Hunter Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION SHOW HUNTER HORSE

(Winners 25-30)

SUPREME HORSE

Pleasure Mount

- 431) Year 7
- 432) Year 8
- 433) Year 9
- 434) Year 10
- 435) Year 11
- 436) Year 12

Pair of Riders

- 437) Year 7 & 8
- 438) Year 9 & 10
- 439) Year 11 & 12

Sporting Events

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Ring 5 – Open (Primary & Senior – Split)

Judge

Eden Richardson

Best Presented - Primary

- 501) Kindy
- 502) Year 1
- 503) Year 2
- 504) Year 3
- 505) Year 4
- 506) Year 5
- 507) Year 6

Handler - Senior

- 508) Year 7
- 509) Year 8
- 510) Year 9
- 511) Year 10
- 512) Year 11
- 513) Year 12

Rider - Primary

- 514) Kindy
- 515) Year 1
- 516) Year 2
- 517) Year 3
- 518) Year 4
- 519) Year 5
- 520) Year 6

CHAMPION PRIMARY RIDER

- a) K – 3 (14-17 winners)
- b) 4 – 6 (18-20 winners)

SUPREME PRIMARY RIDER

Show Horse - Senior

- 521) Show Pony ne 12.2hh
- 522) Show Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 523) Show Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 524) Show Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 525) Show Hack over 15hh ne 16hh
- 526) Show Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION SENIOR SHOW HORSE

(Winners from 21-26)

Show Hunter Horse - Junior

- 527) Hunter Pony ne 12.2hh
- 528) Hunter Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 529) Hunter Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 530) Hunter Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 531) Hunter Hack over 15hh ne 16hh
- 532) Hunter Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION JUNIOR SHOW HUNTER HORSE

(Winners from 27-32)

SUPREME SENIOR HORSE

Pleasure Mount

- 533) Kindy – Year 2
- 534) Year 3 & 4
- 535) Year 5 & 6

Pair of Riders

- 536) Kindy – Year 2
- 537) Year 3 & 4
- 538) Year 5 & 6

Sporting Events

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Ring 6 – Open (Primary & Senior – Split)

Judge

Dylan Greig

Best Presented - Senior

- 601) Year 7
- 602) Year 8
- 603) Year 9
- 604) Year 10
- 605) Year 11
- 606) Year 12

Handler – Primary

- 607) Kindy
- 608) Year 1
- 609) Year 2
- 610) Year 3
- 611) Year 4
- 612) Year 5
- 613) Year 6

Rider - Senior

- 614) Year 7
- 615) Year 8
- 616) Year 9
- 617) Year 10
- 618) Year 11
- 619) Year 12

CHAMPION SENIOR RIDER

- a) 7 – 9 (14-16 winners)
- b) 10-12 (17-19 winners)

SUPREME SENIOR RIDER

Show Horse - Primary

- 620) Show Pony ne 12.2hh
- 621) Show Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 622) Show Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 623) Show Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 624) Show Hack over 15hh ne 16hh
- 625) Show Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION PRIMARY SHOW HORSE

(Winners from 20-25)

Show Hunter Horse - Senior

- 626) Hunter Pony ne 12.2hh
- 627) Hunter Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 628) Hunter Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 629) Hunter Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 630) Hunter Hack over 15hh ne 16hh
- 631) Hunter Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION SENIOR SHOW HUNTER HORSE

(Winners 26-30)

SUPREME JUNIOR HORSE

Pleasure Mount

- 632) Year 7 & 8
- 633) Year 9 & 10
- 634) Year 11 & 12

Pair of Riders

- 635) Year 7 & 8
- 636) Year 9 & 10
- 637) Year 11 & 12

Sporting Events

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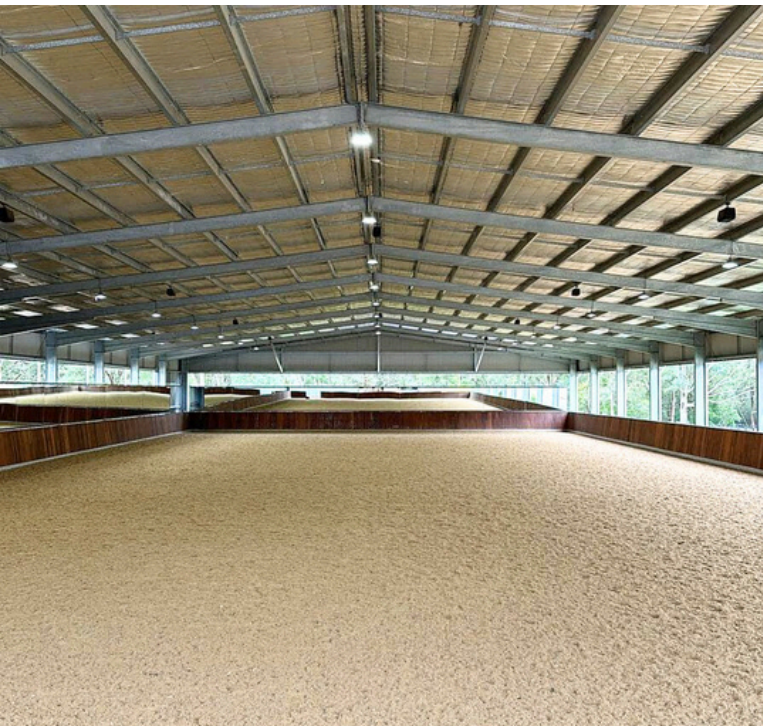
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Sporting Events

- Keyhole
- Western Pole Bend
- Snakes & Ladders

Intermediate and Open riders are eligible to compete in all three events. Please ensure you are completing your sporting events during your ring allocated time.

Riders are to have ONE run only.

Results will be calculated within your ring (e.g. Senior Open) into year groups as below.

Primary Rings

- Kindy – Year 2
- Year 3 – Year 6

Senior Rings

- Year 7 – Year 9
- Year 10 – Year 12

1st to 6th place will be awarded for each event within each section.

Champion will be awarded to in each ring.

*Primary Beginners & Novice riders will complete sporting events within their rings.



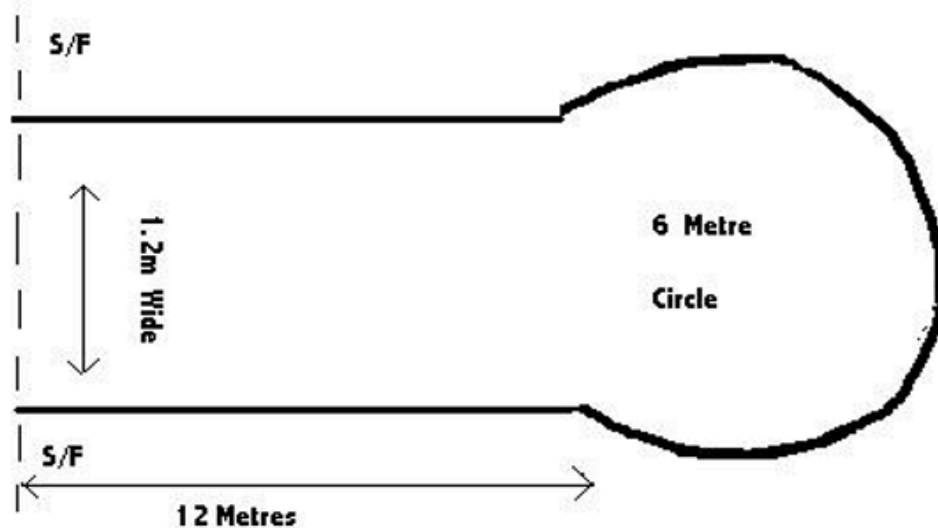
Keyhole Race

Competition

- The rider rides down the lane turning inside the circle and returning down the lane.
- Time starts and stops upon entering and leaving the lane.
- Start area rules apply.

Elimination

- Rider will be eliminated if horse steps on or over a line with one or more feet.
- Knock down of a start/finish peg.
- Fall of horse or rider.



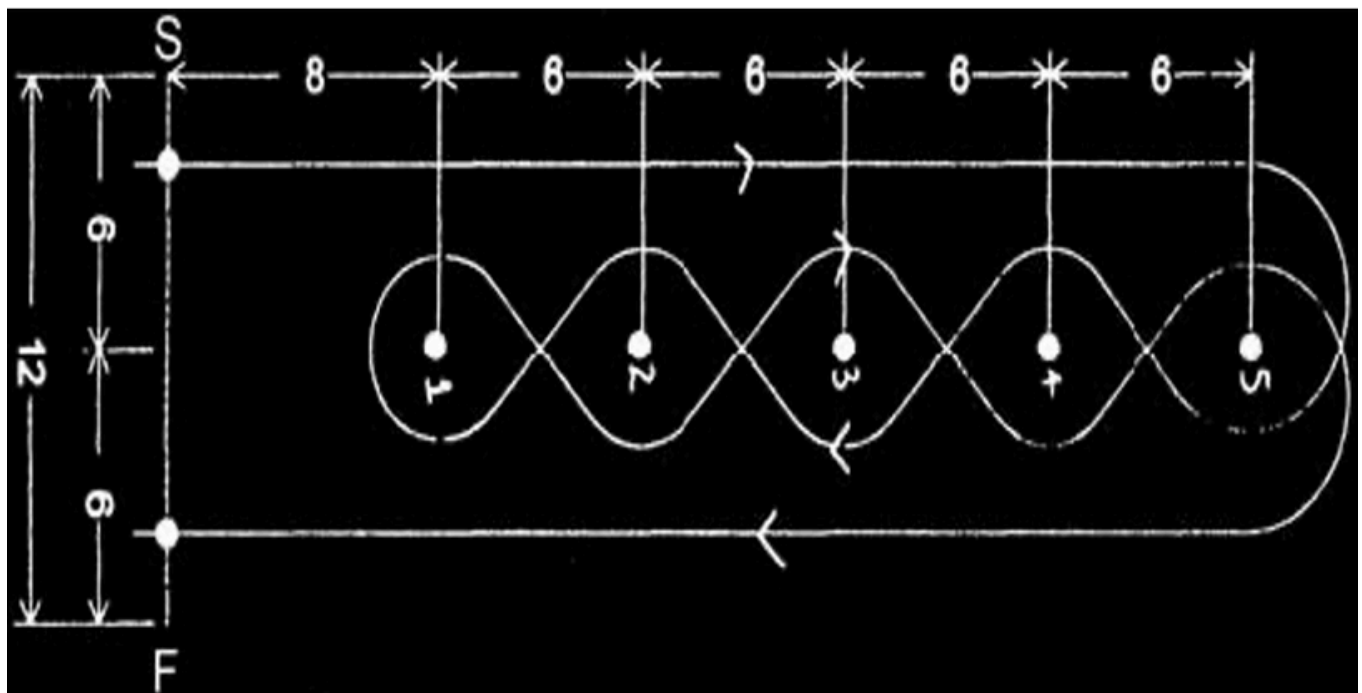
Western Pole Bend

Competition

5 bending poles are used. Ride through the start poles straight to pole number 5, rounding this on your right-hand side and proceed to bend back through the poles towards the start, rounding pole number 1 on your right-hand side. Bend back through the poles to pole number 5, round pole number 5 on your right-hand side and ride straight back through the finish poles.

Elimination

- knock over a peg
- deviate from the prescribed course
- touch a peg with hand



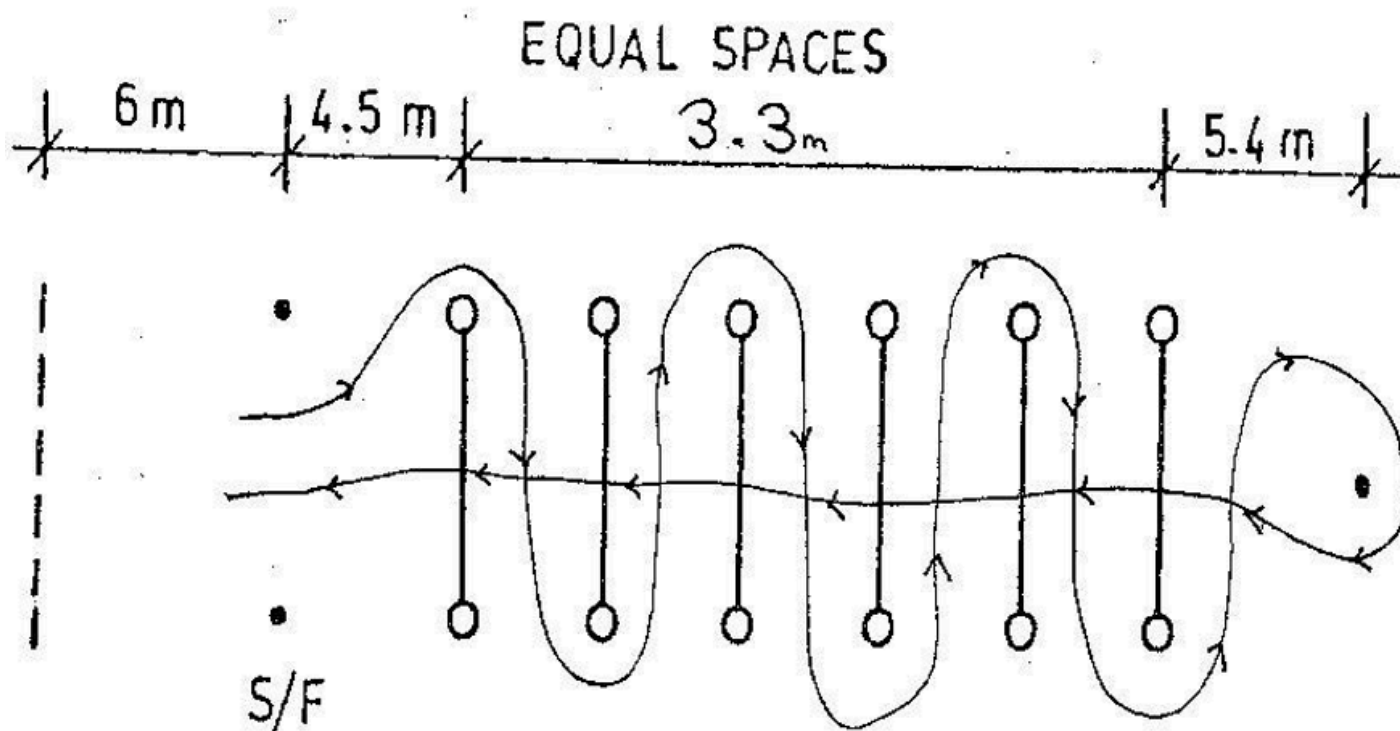
Snakes & Ladders

Competition

Competitor may have a flying start from the 6 metre line. Bend through the rails, with first rail being a right hand. A right hand turn around the top peg. Straight home over the hurdles.

Elimination

- Knocks down a hurdle
- Turns tail or runs out on a hurdle 3 times during the course.
- By passes a hurdle and does not retake it or spreads any two or more hurdles.
- Knocks down or breaks pegs.
- Error of course not rectified
- Touching of a peg with the hand
- Fall of horse or rider



Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct for Participants

- Abide by the principles of the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow participants, parents / coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators.
- Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
- Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow competitors.
- Care for and respect the equipment provided to you as part of the competition.
- Conduct yourself in a positive manner relating to language, temper, and punctuality, be courteous.
- Always maintain high personal behaviour standards.
- Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the official, making all appeals through the formal process and respecting the final decision.
- Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training. Work equally hard for yourself and your team
- Cooperate with parents / coaches to adequately prepare you for competition.
- Understand the repercussions if you breach the codes of conduct, as they apply to you.

Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at your child or other children for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Show appreciation for good performance by all competitors (including opposing competitors)
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under the age of 18 years, as your words and actions are an example.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport (competitor, parent /carer, officials etc)
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, or cultural background.
- Be a positive role model.
- Understand the repercussions if you breach the codes of conduct, as they apply to you.

Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct for Spectators

- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a competitor for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other spectators, coaches, officials, volunteers, or competitors.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no competition
- Do not use violence, harassment, or abuse in any form (that is, do not use foul language, sledge, or harass competitors, parents / carers, coaches, officials or other spectators)
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural or background.
- Understand the repercussions if you breach the codes of conduct, as they apply to you.

Failure to Meet the Codes

- Failure to meet the codes of conduct, as they apply to you, and as determined by the Headmaster of Arndell Anglican College, or his delegate and the AEC, may result in your and / or your student/s exclusion from the event and / or future events hosted by Arndell Anglican College.



Risk Assessment

OVERVIEW

RISK CATEGORIES

Risks will be managed under the broad categories of:

1. Legal & Insurance
2. Committee & Administration
3. Horse and Rider Welfare
4. Child Protection
5. Venue

COVID-19 CONTEXT

Equestrian is an individual sport and inherently has physical distancing. Well established safety protocols require mounted riders not to come within two metres of each other. Warm up arenas are marshalled to ensure safety and distancing protocols are complied with.

Riders and connections (eg grooms and helpers) typically arrive in small groups of two or three. Parking spacing is usually at least seven metres apart, as horses are tied to the floats and trucks which they arrive.

RISK MATRIX

The following likelihood/impact and scale/definitions were adopted from the model recommended by Sport Australia.

Table 1 – Likelihood Scale

Rating	LIKELIHOOD: The potential for problems to occur in a year
5	ALMOST CERTAIN: will probably occur, could occur several times per year
4	LIKELY: high probability, likely to arise once per year
3	POSSIBLE: reasonable likelihood that it may arise over a five-year period
2	UNLIKELY: plausible, could occur over a five to ten year period
1	RARE: very unlikely but not impossible, unlikely over a ten year period

Risk Assessment

Table 2 – Loss or Damage Impact Scale

Rating	POTENTIAL IMPACT: In terms of the objectives of the organisation
5	CATASTROPHIC: most objectives may not be achieved, or several severely affected
4	MAJOR: most objectives threatened, or one severely affected
3	MODERATE: some objectives affected, considerable effort to rectify i.e. sport injury – requires medical attention and has some impact on participation in sport and/or other activity
2	MINOR: easily remedied, with some effort the objectives can be achieved i.e. sport injury requires first aid treatment and prevents immediate participation in sport and/or other activity
1	NEGLIGIBLE: very small impact, rectified by normal processes i.e. sport injury but does not prevent participation

Table 3 – Risk Matrix

Impact	Likelihood				
	Rare (1)	Unlikely (2)	Possible (3)	Likely (4)	Almost Certain (5)
Negligible (1)	L	L	L	M	M
Minor (2)	L	L	M	M	M
Moderate (3)	L	M	M	H	H
Major (4)	M	M	H	H	E
Catastrophic (5)	M	M	H	E	E

Table 4 - Risk Ranking

Ranking	Code	Comment
Low		Observation
Medium		Must have measures in place
High		Must have an assurance program to ensure measures are in place and effective.
Extreme		Shall not be tolerated

Imogen Thew
Event Coordinator

Version	Date
1	July 2025

Risk Assessment

2025 ARNDELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN CARNIVAL RISK CATEGORY – LEGAL & INSURANCE

Risk Event	How it can occur	Mitigation & Risk Controls	Responsibility	Likelihood	Impact	Ranking
Legal Claim	Horse Accident Child or Spectator Accident	Ensure adequate College insurance is in place.	Arndell Anglican College	3	3	M
Insurance	Coverage of riders	Ensure all competitors or their parents / carers have completed the appropriate waiver. Ensure all riders hold current EA or PCA membership or Aon Liability insurance.	Organising Committee	3	3	M

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Risk Event	How it can occur	Mitigation & Risk Controls	Responsibility	Likelihood	Impact	Ranking
Illness of key members	Range of situations	Cross-train key members and train back-ups Maintain record of event administration and running (stakeholders, entries, sponsors, judges)	Organising Committee	3	3	M
Incident Management	Identified person	Ensure all participants and visitors can identify appropriate person for incident management. Always contact available during the event.	Organising Committee	3	3	M

2025 ARNDELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN CARNIVAL RISK CATEGORY – HORSE AND RIDER WELFARE

Risk Event	How it can occur	Mitigation & Risk Controls	Responsibility	Likelihood	Impact	Ranking
Fall of Horse and Rider	Collision with an obstacle Slip on the flat	The Event is run under Equestrian Australia Rules. Fall of rider requires check by paramedic. Paramedic on site for rapid response. Hawkesbury Equine Vet Clinic located within 1km of venue. Horse ambulance contact available at Racecourse within 1km of venue. All riders must be members of Equestrian NSW or Pony Club Australia and are therefore covered for personal accident insurance and public liability (Certificate of Currency).	Organising Committee EA Rules			
Collision between Horse/Rider and Motor Vehicle	Shared roads	Designated parking for all vehicles Venue speed limit.	Riders Organising Committee	3	3	M
Injury to Spectator	Collision with horse Spectator not following the requests of crossing marshals Slip on rough terrain	Spectator areas clearly marked.	Organising Committee	2	3	M

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Risk Event	How it can occur	Mitigation & Risk Controls	Responsibility	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Ranking
Child abuse	Unwelcome contact	All competitors must adhere to Code of Conduct, accepted at time of entry and also must comply with Equestrian Australia's Member Protection Policy and Disciplinary ByLaws (available on the Equestrian Australia web site under About EA).	Organising Committee	2	3	M
Inappropriate Images of Children	Professional photographers on site.	All professional photographers at the event will be authorised by Arndell Equestrian. All professional photographers will have Working With Children accreditation.	Organising Committee	2	3	M
Smoking	Smoking in closed public areas	The Organising Committee will monitor smoking behaviour to ensure compliance. If not compliant, smokers will be removed from site.	Organising Committee	3	2	M
Service of Alcohol	Sale or offering of alcohol	Food van and trade stands will not sell or provide alcohol	Organising Committee	2	3	M
Sun Protection	Unprotected exposure to the sun	Shade areas provided for spectators and trees around the venue for horses and competitors. The event will be run under Equestrian Australia's Hot Weather Policy. As the event is in August, it is not expected to be an issue.	Organising Committee	2	3	M
Child Supervision	Supervision of children	All competitors are required to have a parent or guardian attend the event. First Aid will monitor the event, but it is the parent or guardians' responsibility to supervise their child individually. Event Office door will remain open and visible to public.	Parents & Guardians Organising Committee	2	3	M

2025 ARNDELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN CARNIVAL RISK CATEGORY – VENUE

Risk Event	How it can occur	Mitigation & Risk Controls	Responsibility	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Ranking
Injuries to horses	Unsatisfactory arenas Poor drainage Not enough watering Poor grooming Contamination	Ensure arenas are up to competition standard Regular inspections by showground staff Regular and competent grooming Keep arena drains clear Regular inspections by Officials Prompt removal of contaminants	Hawkesbury Showground Officials	2	3	H
Slips, Trips and Falls	Uneven and slippery roads and surfaces Inclement weather	Regular inspections and maintenance of roads and surfaces	Hawkesbury Showground	2	2	H
Unsatisfactory hygiene in toilets	Poor service by contractor	Requirements defined under contract Regular inspections by organising committee to notify Showground if not satisfactory	Hawkesbury Showground	2	2	H
Fire	Electrical fault Cigarette Illegal campfire Lightning strike	Water distribution and fire fighting equipment around the site. Enforce no smoking on site Enforce no campfires on site	Hawkesbury Showground	2	3	H
Horse Injured in stable	Damage not repaired (e.g. exposed metal bolts or broken wall board)	Regular inspections by Hawkesbury Showgrounds staff Faults identified, recorded and fixed promptly	Hawkesbury Showground	2	3	H
Lightning Strike	Thunderstorm	Early warning of imminent lightning Cancellation of event if lightening is present or imminent	Organising Committee	2	3	H