

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED QUEENSLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th September

Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park

Bruce Highway, Maryborough, QLD 4650



Riding Develops Abilities

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY & PARTICIPATION

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RULES OF PARTICIPATION

1. Participation in the 2025 RDAQ State Championships is only open to financial registered riders and non-riders from a RDAQ Affiliated Centre.
2. The State Championships will be run in accordance with all relevant RDAA and RDAQ policies & procedures. These are in place to protect the safety and well-being of all participants.
3. Each Centre can have a maximum of **ten (10)** entries in the Championships and **one (1)** team in the team event.
1. Each competitor can enter a maximum of two events but only one of those can be dressage.
2. Coaches, officials, and volunteers must be familiar with the rules for each event.
3. All riders and their mounts must pass a Gear Check prior to competing in all events.
4. The RDAQ Office and Judging areas are off limits to all but RDAQ officials.
5. Any disputes regarding the results awarded by the judges must be made in writing and submitted within 30 minutes of scores being posted and accompanied by a \$50 submission fee. This fee will be refunded if the dispute is upheld.

ENTRIES

1. Entry is **FREE** for all clients of an RDAQ Affiliated Centre.
2. A completed Entry Form must be submitted to the **RDAQ State Administrative Officer by 4pm Friday 29th August 2025**. Late entries cannot be accepted.

DISCLAIMER: Riding for the Disabled Association of Queensland Inc. or the Maryborough RDA Centre do not accept responsibility for loss/damage to property or persons incurred whilst on the grounds of the Maryborough Showgrounds & Equestrian Park (MSEP) nor shall they be responsible in any way for any accident which may occur or happen through any source whatsoever. Upon signing the entry form this confirms the competitor's understanding to agree to indemnify them against any claim by reason of accident, theft or damage.

HORSES

1. All horses/ponies transported onto the Showground will require a completed horse health declaration form to be submitted to the RDAQ Horse Manager on arrival at the Showgrounds.
2. No stallions or rigs are permitted on the Showground.
3. All horses and ponies must always be under the full control of their rider/Leader/owner.
4. RDAQ reserves the right to ask a rider/owner to remove a mount if the animal's behaviour is deemed to be unsafe by the RDAQ Horse Manager.
5. The daily workload for all mounts must not exceed the following per day:
8 x walking events/6 x trotting events/ 4 x cantering events/6 x mixed events

RDAQ Horses and Ponies Leasing Policy

1. RDAQ recognises that horses and ponies can be leased by Affiliated Centres and individuals as a means of assisting competitors from visiting centres to participate in the RDAQ State Championships.
2. RDAQ also recognises this is a courtesy extended to competitors and not a right. Riders and their representatives must always treat the leased horses and their handlers with courtesy and respect.
3. The allocation of a lease horse will be based on:
 - the distance travelled by a competitor. Preference will be given to those that have travelled the greatest distance; and
 - the availability of a suitable horse or pony to meet the competitor's needs.
4. RDAQ will coordinate the leasing of horses and ponies through each Centre's Coach representative.
5. The Centre providing the horse or pony is responsible for providing the feed and booking a stable.
6. Centres leasing horse/s or ponies over the Championships will be charged \$25 per day per horse to cover feed and stabling.

COMPETITORS/CENTRE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Competitors with horses or ponies must present to the RDAQ Horse Manager on arrival at the Showground. The RDAQ Horse Manager will be located at Stable Block (refer to MSEP map) from 7am to 4pm each day of the competition.
2. All competitors must present to the RDAQ Office, located near the Covered Arena, to sign in each morning **prior** to the commencement of the competition.
3. Centre coaches are responsible for the supervision of all competitors, volunteers, and horses from their centre, throughout the weekend.
4. A Senior Coach can only delegate another coach or experienced volunteer to supervise unmounted activities if they are personally occupied with a mounted rider/s.
5. It is the responsibility of the Senior Coach from all participating centres to ensure that all saddlery, riding helmets, and riding aids are:
 - appropriate for the mount and the rider
 - are correctly fitted; and
 - meet current Safety Standards.
6. All riders must wear an approved helmet that meets one of the following standards
 - ASNZ 3838 (Australia & New Zealand Standard)
 - ASNZ ARB HS 2012 (Australia & New Zealand Racing Standard)
 - ASTM F1163 Marked SEI (US Standard)
 - SNELL E2001 (American Standard)
 - PAS 015 BSI Kitemarked (British Standard)
 - VG1.040: 2012-2014 (European Standard) (May be abbreviated as 'VG1' on helmet)

(NOTE: Riding helmets are only valid for 5 years from the date of manufacture – not the date of purchase)

CAMPING AND STABLES

1. Bookings for camping sites can be made through **Bookings – Maryborough Showgrounds & Equestrian Park (ourfrasercoast.com.au)**.
2. The stables at the Showground will be available for use after **12.00 noon on Friday 26th September**.
3. Riders/Centre representatives are responsible for installing and removing soiled bedding in the stables used by their horses. Bedding will be provided near the Stable Block.
4. All participants using the Stables and or Camping sites on the Showgrounds **must** keep their area clean and tidy. It is the responsibility of riders and their Centres to ensure that this rule is complied with.
5. All riders/Centre representatives must report to the RDAQ Horse Manager prior to leaving the grounds to ensure a stable inspection is conducted prior to departure. Failure to do so may result in withholding of the stable fee refund by MSEP.
6. Only Registered Assistance Dogs are permitted on the grounds. Proof of registration is required to be submitted to the RDAQ Office on arrival. All Assistance Dogs must be on a lead or always secured.
7. Horse feed and watering buckets will **not** be available at the venue.
8. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the Showground

RDAQ Championship Competition Events

- The Championships will consist of the following events:

- Dressage Tests
- Working Trail
- Team dress up obstacle race
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(NOTE: The dressage tests and working trail are available on the RDAQ website.
<https://www.rdaq.org.au/2025-rdaq-state-championships/>

- All events are designed to enable the competitor to showcase their horsemanship abilities in a supportive competition environment.
- The Championships will be run under the *RDAA Discipline Rule Book (2022)*.
- The Championship events will be run in accordance with *RDAA Tests: RDAA Test Booklet 2015* and the *Para Equestrian Test: Equestrian Australia Dressage Rules*.
- The order of competitors in each event will be as advised in the official 2025 RDAQ Championships Event Draw.
- In advance of the event Competitors, Leaders, and Test Callers are encouraged to be familiar with each dressage test and or Working Trail and or Handy Pony course in which they are competing or assisting a competitor.

- All Championship events will be independently judged by two judges; with scores posted immediately after each event.
- All competitors will be awarded a ribbon acknowledging their participation in the 2025 RDAQ State Championships.
- The SHCQ RDAQ Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Competitor achieving the highest overall dressage score.

Competition Rules

- All competitors will be issued with a Competitor Number. This Number must always be worn when mounted. Competitors who have their own bridle number and saddlecloth number holders may use this, provided the RDAQ issued Competitor Number is prominently displayed.
- Competitors in dressage events must wear neat riding attire comprising a white long or short sleeve shirt, jodhpurs, riding boots, a tie or stock, and a riding jacket.
- Centre shirts or competition western shirts are acceptable for the Working Trail events.
- The use of a leading rein is optional In Led/Assisted classes.
- A Leader must not influence the horse or rider. Note: A **deduction of 1 mark** will be made for every incident of undue influence (maximum deduction of 10 marks). These marks will be deducted from the final score awarded by each judge.
- A Leader must always be on the inside of the horse with the Leader changing to either the nearside or offside as necessary. This should be done by quietly stepping in front of the horse. Throughout the test, the leader should stand one pace from the horse and level with the horse's shoulder.
- The leading rein, if used, must be attached to a halter or ring on a cavesson noseband – **not** to the bit.
- The lead rein should be held loosely in the Leader's hand furthest away from the horse. The hand nearest the horse should not be used (folded behind their back) and there should be no contact with the horse's mouth except to intervene to protect the safety of the rider or the horse.
- All competitors must report to Gear Check at least five (5) minutes before their allocated Draw Time for EACH event.
- All competitors must report to the Gate Steward prior to entering the competition arena at their allocated Draw Time
- On entering the Dressage Area, the rider must present and acknowledge the judge located outside the arena parallel to the letter "C".
- In Working Trail events competitors are not required to acknowledge the judges.
- The dress up obstacle competition is open to one team from each Centre with each team comprising any combination of riders, non-riders, coaches, and or volunteers.

GENERAL INFORMATION

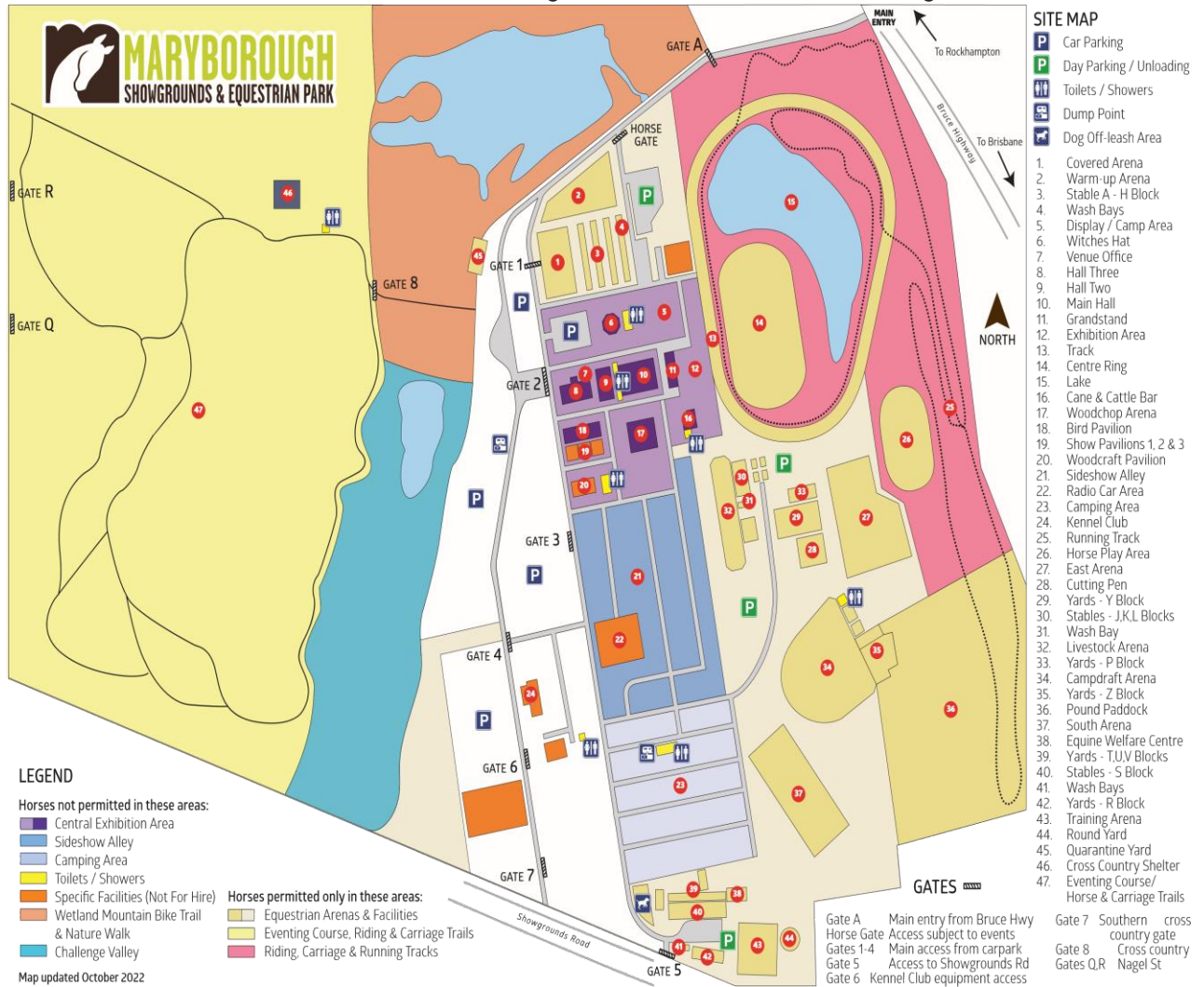
- The championships will be held unless wet weather makes the grounds unsafe for participants. For notifications on the weather conditions please text **0414969194** on the morning of your event/s.
- Please email notification of all withdrawals from the Championships as soon as possible prior to the Championships to admin@rdaq.org.au or text **0414969194** on the morning of the event.
- All competitors and volunteers should ensure that they are sun safe throughout the competition.



[msep-venue-map \(ourfrasercoast.com.au\)](http://msep-venue-map.ourfrasercoast.com.au)

MAP OF THE GROUNDS

3 Ingrid Street Level 1, Samford Village, QLD 4520, Australia



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