

Stirling's Starter 2024

Safety Document

Stirling's Crossing Endurance Club would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone participating in and supporting the Stirling's Starter Club.

All attendees must comply with the following safety directions.

Any queries are to be directed to a member of the organising committee or appointed ride officials. Names and contact numbers follow:

Ride Director	Kim Moir	0476 166 903
Club Secretary	Linda Lichtenberg	0400 628 655
Camp Boss	Terry Wasmund	0409 875 777
Head Vet	Harry Wever	
Chief Steward	Craig Renner	0418 720 327
	Allison Brown	0414 398 587
Course Director	Ken Moir	0428 958 286
Ride Secretary	Kim Moir	0476 166 903

Ride Base

Stirling's Crossing Equestrian Complex, 1 Derrier Road, Imbil 4570

Event Safety – general

The organisers have taken due care to ensure this event is conducted with consideration of the safety of all participants, human and equine. All riders, crew and volunteers are asked to comply with the AERA rules and advice provided by Ride Organisers at ride base and on track. You can assist this by:

- Report any hazards or incidents to a member of the organising Committee.
- Register on the appropriate forms to ensure insurance coverage prior to competing in the event.
- Ensure that all horses attending are healthy by complying with pre-ride health checks and providing Horse Health Declarations including a ten-day temperature log. Other measures will be implemented by ride officials to ensure best practice in managing horse welfare.
- Those responsible for horses must immediately advise the Head Vet and /or Chief Steward if they have any concerns regarding the health of their horses.

The Course

Manned checkpoints are strategically located around the course. Checkpoints are in two-way radio contact with headquarters at the ride base. Please note that in an emergency, checkpoint personnel will assume control of the ride course.

Wear your rider number so that it is always visible to the checkpoint operators on track. Call your ride number loudly and clearly to checkpoint operator, wait for a response from them before proceeding on track.

The course is on public and forest roads. All riders must ride to road rules and be aware of other road users – ride to the left and no more than two abreast. Access to forestry tracks is dependent on our permit from HQ Plantations and all riders are reminded that this is a working forest and riders must comply with all directions given by forestry staff or by signage. **NO LITTER – NO SMOKING!!**

Track Conditions and Safety

The ride organisers have cleared obstacles where possible and placed 'Caution' signs and 'taped off' areas where necessary for safety. Read all signs and adhere to them, slow down and proceed with caution. White marking paint is used to highlight caution areas as well. Grids are identified by a Grid Ahead sign, with arrows providing direction to pass the grid and white paint on the road.

Accidents

For rider and horse injuries occurring during the event, notification to a checkpoint will activate the emergency plan. The organising committee has detailed maps and can direct or escort Emergency Services to your location. If you have no mobile phone reception, immediately return to, or proceed to the nearest checkpoint to raise the alarm. If possible, please do not leave an injured person alone.

First aid kits are located at the following points:

- All radio checkpoints
- The communications Centre at Ride Base
- First Aid personnel are on site and QAS have been notified of the event.

Please contact the Chief Steward or Ride Secretary or make your circumstances known to check point personnel on track.

Severe Weather Event

Should a severe weather event such as a thunderstorm, heavy rain, flooding or very high to extreme fire danger occur, the ride will be abandoned, postponed or delayed in consultation with appropriate authorities.

Campfires – it is not anticipated that anyone will need a fire over the weekend but if they do, these, must be in an enclosed container – no open fires permitted.

Dogs – Must be kept on a leash and must **NEVER** be near or in the vetting area. Owners are responsible for picking up dog faeces.

Smoking

No smoking in any enclosed building or in the vetting area. Smokers are responsible for extinguishing cigarettes and disposing of litter appropriately. **No smoking is permitted on track.**

Containment of Horses

Horse yards are preferred to be of metal construction, substantially fixed to a solid object such as a horse float, truck or permanent fence.

Electric yards are allowed but must meet minimum requirements. Two strands of tape are to be used, preferably white, and not string type, with the top tape to be 1.2 to 1.4 metres above the ground. The posts used should be of substantial material (e.g. steel pickets) and tape must be taut. The fence is to be energized at all times.

Vetting Area

Whilst at or close to the vetting area, for any reason, please keep all noise to a minimum.

Children

This is a family-oriented sport and families are very welcome. However, parents and guardians will be held responsible for their children's safety and their behaviour at all times. Bicycles, footballs and toys are to be kept well away from horses.

Helmets etc

Protective Headgear, of Equestrian Standard adequately secured is compulsory whilst riding your horse at all times, from the time you arrive at ride base. This includes any strapper or assistant to the nominated rider who may ride the horse.

Closed in footwear must be worn in the vet ring and by anyone in control of a horse.

Tail Ribbons

Be aware that tail ribbons on horses are there to caution you! **Red** ribbons mean that a horse may kick, **blue** ribbons mean this horse is a stallion; give these horses your respect and space.

Track Etiquette

Riders are reminded safety is the main issue at all times; if you need to pass another horse and rider, ask beforehand, once acknowledgement has been received overtake only where the track is wide enough and safe to do so, preferably on the right-hand side of the horse in front.

If you come upon a rider in distress please provide assistance or advise at the next checkpoint of rider number and type of assistance required.

Support crew are not permitted on track unless permission has been given by the Chief Steward.

Complaints and appeals

Any complaint or appeal should be managed on the day by the Chief Steward. Feedback is also encouraged either directly to the Ride Organising Committee or via the QERA Website [here](#).

Management of Rubbish

General rubbish – please take your rubbish home.

Horse manure – please bag up your horse manure and take it with you.

Volunteer Workers

Remember all workers and officials are giving their time so that you can enjoy your sport. Please thank them all for the contribution they make to your sport.

Have a great ride!