



The Tom Quilty National Championship Endurance Ride 2024

INFORMATION BOOKLET

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The Tom Quilty 2024 Committee, together with the South Australian Endurance Riders Association and the Australian Endurance Riders Association welcomes one and all to the Tom Quilty Gold Cup National Championship at Wirrina Cove on the 18th – 19th October 2024.

YOUR TOM QUILTY 2024 COMMITTEE:

Event Director:	Tom McCormack
Secretary:	Mandy Penney
Treasurer:	Sam Uren
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Sponsorship, IT/Media:	Melissa Bright
Merchandise Director:	Stella Harbison
Volunteers Director:	Tania Drever
SAERA Delegate:	Lisa Brown
AERA Delegate:	Sioux Reid

LOCATION:

The ride base is located at the Wirrina Cove Holiday Park, Paradise Drive, Wirrina Cove SA.

BIO SECURITY CHECKPOINT:

All horses are required to undertake a basic visual Horse health check at our Bio Security Checkpoint prior to arriving on ride base. The Bio Security Checkpoint is located at the Yankalilla Showground, 1 Main South Road Yankalilla. (Cnr Jervois Road and Main South Road between the townships of Yankalilla and Normanville.)

Please note the hours of operation for the Bio Security Checkpoint are as follows:

Monday 14 th	9 am to 5 pm
Tuesday 15 th	9 am to 5 pm
Wednesday 16 th	9 am to 5 pm
Thursday 17 th	9 am to 3.30 pm

**NOTE: All horses must be on the
ride base by 4 pm Thursday.**

At the Bio Security checkpoint, you must present a separate Horse Health Declaration (HHD) for each horse you have on board. The Chief Steward will retain your HHD and issue you with a new HHD which

you must complete each day and present (along with any Forms 6 or 7) to the Chief Steward team at the start of the pre-ride vetting process.

Please plan your trip to ensure you arrive at the Bio Security Checkpoint between the opening hours. Arrivals after closing time will be required to camp at the Yankalilla Showground overnight. Any horses arriving at Ride base without stopping at the Bio Security checkpoint will be required to return to the Bio Security checkpoint.

GENERAL RIDE BASE INFORMATION

DOGS:

Dogs are permitted on the ride base but must always be on leash. Dogs are not permitted in the vet ring or the common strapping area at any stage.

HORSE FEED and HAY:

'Top Range Feeds' at Willunga Hill is an hour from Wirrina Cove, have a wide range of horse feeds and will deliver to the ride base depending upon demand. Please contact Top Range Feeds directly and advise them you are attending TQ24 and make your own arrangements. Phone 08 8556 7083 or email toprangefeeds@bigpond.com. Alternatively, their website is <https://toprangefeeds.com>.

HAY and MANURE DISPOSAL:

All hay and manure must be placed in the designated manure disposal shuttles provided around the grounds. Yards must be cleaned prior to departure.

HORSE WATER:

Many camp sites will have access to water through in-situ taps. Others will have 1000 Ltr shuttles located nearby. As a general precaution, if your horse is a finicky drinker, then it is recommended that you bring molasses or similar supplement to encourage drinking.

FIRES:

Fires must be contained in a fire drum. Wood can be pre-ordered on AeraOnline and will be available for collection at specific times announced during Quilty week.

GENERATORS:

From Monday to Thursday, generators must be turned off by 10.30 pm and by 8.00 pm on Friday.

FUEL, GROCERIES, and ICE:

The nearest fuel, groceries, and ice are located at Normanville / Yankalilla approximately 10kms from Wirrina Cove and has good supermarkets, bakeries, cafes, hotel and liquor store.

CATERING:

Food stalls should be operating on site from Thursday onwards. There is also a Café and restaurant available at the Breakfree Resort being an 8-minute 500m walk from the ride base, with similar facilities available in Normanville / Yankalilla approximately 10kms from ride base.

THE BREAKFREE RESORT:

The Breakfree Resort (being an 8-minute 500m walk from the ride base) is providing accommodation for our Vets and Chief Stewards and will also host the Dinner Dance. There is a café / restaurant located at the resort and which is open to the public during Quilty Week. Contact Breakfree Resort for further details re opening hours etc on (08) 8598 2400.

MERCHANDISE:

Pre purchased merchandise will be available for collection from the Merchandise Stall during the advertised opening hours. Merchandise will also be available for purchase at the ride base and orders will be taken for sold out stock (depending on minimum order runs).

PHOTOGRAPHER:

TQ24 has appointed an official photographer, Ms Rebekah Bianca Photography who will be taking photos throughout the event.

FARRIER SERVICES:

Farrier services will be available during Quilty week and during the event. Please ensure you have cash available as the farrier may not have EFTPOS capability.

Zac Johnson (0437 488 882) lives in Normanville, 10 km from ride base and will attend the ride base by appointment only from Monday to Thursday. Text Zac to make an appointment and include 'TQ24' in your text. If you don't hear from ZAC overnight, please send another text.

Glen Sidler (0499 077 755) will be on site from Thursday afternoon until the event is over.

VETERINARY ASSISTANCE - QUILTY WEEK:

The TQ24 Veterinary hospital does not open until midnight Friday when the ride starts. Should you require veterinary assistance during Quilty week please contact Dr. Lachlan Cameron on 0417 846 664.

IV Fluids

Due to the national IV Fluid shortages, please be advised that there will be no IV Fluids available from the Veterinary Team for pre-ride hydration. All IV Fluids available for the Vet Hospital will be retained for use during the actual event.

EMERGENCIES and FIRST AID:

First Aid will be available during Quilty week at TQ Central.

Police, Fire Brigade and Ambulance: 000

South Coast District Hospital (Victor Harbour) (08) 8552 0500 (45 min drive)

Noarlunga Hospital & Emergency (08) 8384 9222 (1 hr drive)

Flinders Medical Centre & Emergency (08) 8204 5511 (1 hr 10 mins drive)

Yankalilla - Yankalilla Family Pharmacy (08) 8558 3254

Normanville - Terry White Chemmart (08) 8558 3446

RIDER AND STRAPPER INFORMATION

RESPECT and MANNERS:

Sadly, respect towards each other and basic manners are dwindling in the modern world. Any rider or support crew who abuse a Veterinarian, Chief Steward, gate keeper, road crossing personnel or any other volunteer will result in immediate disqualification of the rider.

TRAINING TRACK:

A single training track is available during Quilty Week, and it is marked **LEG 6**. The leg is approximately 19 kms.

PRIVATE PROPERTY:

Much of the course traverse's private property. During the event, you must remain on the marked course and not cut across open paddocks. Do not leave any rubbish and thank any locals you may see out on track as it is most likely their place you are riding through.

NO horses, walkers or vehicles are permitted on any of the designated track which is on private property prior to the start of the ride at midnight Friday. We are very fortunate to have amazing landowners and do not want to damage our future relationship with them. At no time is anyone allowed on private property except in the 24 hours from midnight Friday.

RIDE OFFICE:

The office will open on Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and then 2 pm to 5 pm for the finalisation of entries and the collection of TQ specific Bibs and Etags. Riders who have been issued a permanent Etag by their Division are requested to use these at TQ24. Please bring your Etag to the office when finalising your entry and also remember to bring your logbook. All entries need to be finalised on Thursday, with the office opening briefly on Friday morning from 9.30 am to 11.30 am for late changes only.

There will be a remote pre-ride weighing station operating on Thursday from 9 am to 12 noon.

It will move to a few different locations during these hours. If you miss this opportunity, you will need to bring your saddle to the office when you finalise your entry.

THE CHIEF STEWARD TEAM:

Mr. Digger Leehane will lead a team of experienced Chief Stewards during the event. Please direct any queries or concerns you have to the Chief Steward team.

THE VETTING TEAM:

Dr. Lachlan Cameron heads the vetting team and has an experienced team of veterinarians on hand from across Australia.

PRE-RIDE EXAMINATION:

Pre-ride vetting will commence at 10 am Friday and close at 12 noon.

Ensure you bring your ride base HHD, Bib and logbook along with any Form 6 or Form 7 as applicable to the pre-ride vetting. Only 2 people may accompany a horse into the vet ring throughout the weekend and the person trotting the horse up must wear the appropriate Bib.

PRE-RIDE WALK THROUGH:

The Chief Steward will conduct 2 walk-throughs for the vetting process being Thursday 4.30 pm and Friday at 1 pm.

REQUESTED REPRESENTS:

There will be NO compulsory represent at TQ24. However, a vet may request for you to represent your horse after any leg except the final leg. It is up to you to be on time, failure to present before your due time out will result in elimination from the ride. If your horse is subject to a requested represent, do NOT rescan your e-TAG at the vet gate when representing.

HEART RATE FAILURE:

The ride is being conducted under VGIH rules and as such your riding time for each leg does not finish until you scan at the Vet Gate and your horse's heart rate is 60 or below. If you are unfortunate enough to have a heart rate of 61 or more, you must leave the vet ring and re-scan your e-TAG when representing for your second and last attempt to pass the heart rate. Note that on Leg 5 you only have 1 attempt at the heart rate.

PRE-RIDE BRIEFING:

The pre-ride briefing will take place at TQ Central on Friday at 3pm. This is mandatory for all riders and support crew.

LEG LENGTHS & HOLD TIMES:

The Leg lengths are 42,41,39,24,14 km and Hold times are 40,50,40,30 mins.

START TIME:

The ride starts at midnight Friday. Marshalling will begin 11.30 and bib numbers must be given to the Chief Steward team prior to departure.

ASSISTANCE ON COURSE AND MOBILE PHONES:

Riders are permitted to carry and use mobile phones. However, please be aware that Telstra coverage on course can be patchy in a couple of sections. If you require assistance and you have coverage, phone (or text) Melanie Scott 0417 285 597 who will arrange assistance. If you do not have coverage pass your message to the next rider and ask them to tell the next checkpoint. In the case of broken tack or similar problems, support crew are not permitted on course without the express permission of the Chief Steward. If you have a problem, have your support crew locate the Chief Steward in the vet ring who will arrange to have them escorted on course. Riders will be eliminated if their support crew or associates are reported on course without the Chief Stewards permission.

COMMUNICATIONS:

During Quilty Week, we will be utilising an FM radio broadcast (TQ-FM), so please bring an FM radio and tune to FM 90.0. Public announcements will be made on both the public PA and TQ-FM.

During the ride, we will be using 'Track Me Live' technology. Each rider will be issued with a transponder unit which they must wear from the start of the ride until they conclude the ride. This device is used primarily for Rider Safety and as a Risk Management tool, with the added benefit that 3rd parties can track your progress around the course. Any rider who deliberately turns off their device whilst on course shall be disqualified.

Strappers and any interested parties will be able to track any riders progress by utilising the 'Track Me Live' app. There is good Telstra coverage at Wirrina Cove and around a large percentage of the course.

DRUG TESTING:

Riders and Trainers are reminded that it is your responsibility to present your horse to the event drug free. Your horse may be selected for drug testing once the horse has undertaken its pre-ride vetting

until you receive your logbook back at the presentation ceremony. If your horse is selected for swabbing, then the rider and/or the Trainer nominated on the entry form must be present throughout the entire swabbing process. Failure to co-operate fully with the Swabbing Stewards, will result in disciplinary action from the AERA and SAERA.

HORSES LEAVING RIDE BASE:

A horse, which has undertaken pre-ride vetting cannot leave the ride base until the rider is in possession of the horses' logbook duly signed by the head veterinarian and the ride secretary. Riders seeking early release of logbooks in order to journey home must appreciate that the Secretary's office will be extremely busy, and your patience will be required.

SUNDAY MORNING - TOP 10, FIRST 5, BEST-CONDITIONED and PAT SLATER:

The Sunday morning program will commence at 9.30 am sharp.

Order of presentations:

Presentation of the Gold Cup and Garland to the winner.

Top 10 Rugs – The first 10 successful completions in the Middleweight and Heavyweight divisions.

Top 5 Rugs – The first 5 successful completions in each riding division.

Best Conditioned judging (First 5 successful completions in each division).

Pat Slater Cup judging to take place simultaneously with BC judging.

All eligible horses in each category above need to be in the vet ring at 9.15 am and unsaddled so bring a rug if it is cool. Those horses eligible for BC can have their saddles and gear brought down and left near the vet ring. As horses receive their respective rugs, those eligible for BC will be escorted to the vet team for an initial trot-up. If the horse is not lame, they will be invited to saddle and work out. The Best Conditioned rugs and Rosettes will be presented to the horse and rider at the end of the Best Conditioned workouts.

BUCKLE RESENTATION:

The buckle presentation will take place at TQ Central on Sunday at 2 pm.

DINNER DANCE:

The Dinner Dance will take place at the Breakfree Resort commencing at 6.30 pm. All tickets must be pre-purchased on AeraOnline. A free minibus service will conduct a shuttle service between the ride base and the Breakfree resort between 6 pm and 12 midnight.

The TQ24 Committee sincerely thanks you for your attendance and support, whether it be as a rider or support crew, a volunteer, Chief Steward or Veterinarian.