



AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE SQUAD



Southern Stars Young Horse Championships

Guidelines and Rules

The Event

The Australian Young Horse Endurance Challenge will be conducted as an annual series. The Series will start on January 1st each year and will finish with the staging of the Final Challenge Event to be held during the month of December of the same year.

The Horse

The horse must be registered with a breed society.

Age

Minimum age: The horse must be 6 years of age on 1st January in the year of nomination

Maximum age: The horse must not have reached its 9th birthday on the day of the final Challenge event

Proof of Age

To be proven by an Australian recognised breed registration certificate.

Horse Welfare

All relevant AERA and FEI horse welfare rules will apply including the FEI Horse Welfare Code of Conduct.

Elimination from Series

Any horse that is entered in this series and requires invasive treatment that is directed by the Ride or Treatment Veterinarian at any AERA or FEI ride within Australia during the Series year will be eliminated from the series. Horses that receive preventative treatment at the request of the rider/responsible person will not be eliminated from the Series. Any horse that vets out for any reason at two qualifiers is eliminated from the series.

The Rider

In all Divisions and Sections of these events, the rider must be of Endurance status, as defined in the AERA Members Handbook.

Qualifying Standards

All qualifying rides will be FEI 1* events with distances to be between 80 km – 119km.

The Final of the Championship will be a 2* even with the distance to be 120kms

Heart Rates

As per the FEI Veterinary rules for 1* and 2* rides.

Weights



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Minimum weight will be 70kgs in all Divisions and events.

Qualifications for Final

The following requirements must be met for entry into the Final of the Young Horse Championships:

- a) Horses must successfully complete one series qualifying 1* ride in the calendar year leading up to the final.
- b) Those eligible for the Final will be the top 10 horses placed in each qualifying ride.
- c) Horses may compete at one or more Qualifiers even if already qualified, however only one qualifying time will count towards the final.
- d) Only qualified Young Horses are permitted to enter the Final event. Non-Series horses will not be permitted to enter the Final.

Organizer and Beneficiary

The organiser of the Young Horse Championships and the sole beneficiary is the Australian Endurance Squad.

Entry Information

Nomination for the Series is to be paid in full not later than 2 weeks prior to the first qualifying event in the Series for that horse, e.g. qualifying ride date is 30 May, nomination to be in not later than 2 weeks prior – 16th May. This nomination will be non-refundable. A late nomination fee may be charged if the fees are not paid by the due date.

Completion of the nomination will require the inclusion of copies of the Log Book ID pages and a summary of ride history together with a copy of the breed registration certificates and must be accompanied by the appropriate nomination fee.

Fees

Squad Members/Horses:	\$60.00 per horse
Non-Squad Members	\$80.00 per horse
Late fees	\$20.00 per horse if charged

It should be noted that the above amounts do not include entry to the qualifying rides.

Young Riders

Where a Young Riders division is run by the Ride Organiser, any YHC nominated horses competing in that Division may participate in the Young Horse Challenge provided they carry the minimum weight of 70kg. The Young Rider participants will be ranked with the Open Division horses for qualification purposes for the Final. The Final will not include a Young Riders Division.

Further Details

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