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2014 National Vaulting Calendar (headings are hyperlinked to website details) EA Website currently under construction

2014 Calendar Dates

The 2014 Calendar is now available using link above.

Please send through any proposed dates for Competitions, Clinics or workshops along with the following information - Date, Event, Type of Event, Contact name and email address to Vaulting NSW secretary – kerrie.stapleton@bigpond.com

2015 Events

REMINDER - Expressions of Interest for 2015 events is due October 31st 2014

The 2015 Calendar will be prepared and available prior to Xmas.

Expression of Interest to hold a NSW event can be found - Click here to view Vaulting NSW Forms and Documents

Special Project Funding for 2015 (SPF)

Applications for Special Project Funding for 2015 are now open. Please note that all submissions from interested parties including a project budget must be sent to your discipline committee for approval prior to being sent to the Equestrian NSW office. This is to ensure that similar projects or projects that repeat concepts from previous years can be noted thus reducing a duplication of ideas. Submissions should be sent to the secretary VNSW by November 1st.

NSW Leader board 2014

Please be advised that the State Leader board will continue to be updated as the year progresses. All Open & Advanced vaulters are required to send their competition results through to Doug Denby dougdenby@hotmail.com for updating, especially those competing interstate and overseas.

Australian National Championships

Approx 30 NSW competitors travelled to SA for the 18th Annual championships — Congratulations to the NSW vaulters who all performed beautifully and took out many awards. Our thanks to those who travelled horses from NSW, and to the SA groups who offered their horses to NSW vaulters. Final results are available on the EA website.

Australian Vaulting Rules – Review

This is the time to propose changes, additions, deletions and edits to make them more user friendly and in line with the FEI.

All submissions from various groups/clubs must come through the state committees.

This collation will then be discussed at the judges forum and re-circulated for a decision before being sent to the NVC and EA for approval.

Submissions should be sent to VNSW secretary by midnight Monday 1st December.

No submissions after the date will be accepted.

Also, please note that there are three new documents on the FEI website. The documents are the Technical Test moves (effective 1/1/15), Code of points (effective 1/1/15 degree of difficulty) and qualification criteria (effective now for 2015).

VAULTER CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM – June 15- July 1st 2015

For more details visit EVA website.

Lunger Accreditation

Participation at competitions will depend on your level of accreditation. The database of accredited Associate & Official lungers is held by the National EA

All lungers should check their status by doing a search on the EA website -

http://www.equestrian.org.au/members/search/official

VNSW - Vaulters Sub-committee

Please be advised that VNSW is calling for interested senior vaulters to be considered for a Vaulters Sub-committee of the VNSW committee.

The committee will comprise of no more than 5 NSW vaulters and will be facilitated by the NSW committee. Vaulters interested in entering into discussions about the direction of vaulting in NSW should bring a proactive attitude and open mind to this committee.

Interested vaulters should send a paragraph of why they are interested in sitting on this committee, to the secretary VNSW.

Horse Welfare

Hendra Vaccination and Biosecurity Policies Update available on EA website.

Club Management –

EA – <u>Club Admin Manual</u> – offers guidelines, references and tips to assist Club administrators in delivering and growing equestrian sport in Australia.

EA – <u>Gow Gates Risk Management</u> - This tutorial is designed to highlight the importance of being **'aware'** at all times that potential dangers exist and that by having a 'pro-active' approach and culture throughout your club will assist in the prevention of the exposures that Equestrian clubs face.

It is strongly recommended that this resource is made available to all past and present club Directors, staff, participants and volunteers.

On completion of this tutorial, a 'Certificate of Accreditation' will be provided immediately for persons who participate in the short tutorial.



Dept of Office & Communities – Sport & Recreation are a great source of information for Clubs & individuals alike. Keep abreast of courses offered using this link – <u>Home - Sport and Recreation</u>

The new **Working with Children Check** will be phased in over the next two years - more information and fact sheets can be found at - <u>kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check</u>

ASC – <u>Australian Sports Commission</u> – offers a multitude of free resources and courses for all clubs, officials & coaches. Online courses are available for those interested in learning more about participation in their sport. The <u>online Officiating course</u> is designed to assist new officials improve their basic officiating skills. VNSW recommends all volunteers take the time to look at this informative site.

VNSW Agenda Items

NSW committee looks forward to all incoming suggestions on any topic of concern or suggestions for the improvement of our sport in NSW.

Please send all items through on our agenda items template found using the following link - Click here to view Vaulting NSW Forms and Documents

NVC Agenda items

Please forward any NVC agenda items to VNSW in readiness for the next NVC meeting.

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NEW EVA website - http://equestrianvaultingaustralia.com.au

Our vibrant, new website is now up and running – please make sure you share the page with all your friends in Australia and abroad.

Please send any competition, promotional or articles of interest, with photos to Kerrie Stapleton for inclusion onto our website (email address above)

We are currently looking for articles from 2014 events to complete a "Year in Review" Any new articles will be posted regularly, after approval

- Interstate competitions with articles, results & photographs.
- Vaulter profile articles with photographs of overseas experiences

EA Policies

VNSW is committed to ensuring all those involved in our sport are familiar with our affiliated bodies rules, guidelines and policies. Please be aware of the following EA policies -

Social Media Policy

Member Protection Policy

Equestrian Australia WEBSITE - MESSAGES and Links

ENSW Board Nomination Invitation -2014

Under the Equestrian NSW Incorporated (ENSW) Constitution, the terms of three current Board members (Michael Benson, David Lawrence and Alexandra Townsend) expire at the Annual General Meeting in November this year. Accordingly, nominations are invited to fill the three Board positions from suitably qualified and experienced people, with the commitment and resilience to oversee all equestrian sports under the ENSW banner.

EDUCATION

EA will be accepting coach registrations for the 2014/2015 accreditation period from Wednesday 10 September 2014. All coaches have now been sent renewal instructions via their preferred method of contact.

Prohibited Substances

2015 FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List Update & Call for submissions
The 2014 FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List came into effect on 1 January 2014 and can be downloaded here.

Better competitions for our Volunteers & Vaulters

A volunteer program was discussed at the recent State workshop. We have come up with the idea that we should start a 'volunteer registry'! This should help us all when organising events. This registry would record volunteers with their preference of tasks. We would like to start using this for the upcoming Christmas Competition.

In order to do this, we think that we should have proper 'job' descriptions.

Please help out by sending in a sentence or two of what is required, if you have done a specific job before.

To run an event we need:

Announcing Setting up the Music Files

Playing the Music Penciling

Time Keeping Providing refreshments for judges

Refreshments for volunteers Marshalling

Gear Check Scoring - entering data
Scoring checking data Runners for scorers
Judging Promoting the event

Fundraising Accounts & Payments
Grading arena Facilities maintenance
Giving out & collecting arm numbers Printing the event

Fundraising Accounts & Payments
Facilities maintenance
Printing the draw

Please provide any information that you think might help future volunteers in the above positions, or if you feel training should be provided.

Please reply to maria@cotswoldfurniture.com.au by **7th of November,** or earlier if possible.