



2020 Members Information Pack



Wanneroo Adult Equestrian Club Inc.

www.waeci.org.au

Welcome to Wanneroo Adult Equestrian Club Inc., also known as WAECI.

WAECI was formed in December 2005 and holds rallies on a monthly basis at Horseman's Horse and Pony Club, Gnangara Road Whiteman.

Insurance

WAECI is an affiliated club with Equestrian Western Australia (EWA) which covers us for public liability insurance. If members wish to obtain personal coverage for accidents related to horse riding, we encourage you to join the EWA as an Affiliate or Adult Riding Club member.

Our aim

WAECI aims to provide a safe, social, enjoyable riding atmosphere for adults 18 years and over. We provide access to excellent group tuition from reputable instructors in dressage, jumping and many other types of horse sport, at an affordable cost for riders from beginners to the more advanced, from green horses to more experienced horses. Novice riders or green horses are especially welcome.

Rallies provide a great environment to build confidence for both horse and rider.

Location

WAECI Rallies are held at Whiteman Equestrian Park on Gnangara Road, Whiteman, WA.

Facilities include four enclosed arenas, clubrooms, toilets, horse stables, wash bays and ample float parking. We also have access to an excellent cross country course. We hire this location and we ask that riders respect it. Please clean up after yourself. Manure must be cleared up and removed, as per council regulations. Respect all equipment and put it away after use.

NO DOGS are permitted at rallies.

Rallies occasionally may be held at locations other than Whiteman Equestrian Park.

Membership

Membership is open to people aged 18 years and over. We have two forms of membership, riding and non-riding. Riding Membership is essential if you wish to participate in any rally lessons and ARCA competitions throughout the membership year.

WAECI requests that a non-riding membership is obtained for anyone who handles horses regularly at a rally and also participates in any social activity.

All members are expected to:

- Help with rallies, events and fundraising activities run by the club
- Carry out jobs as specified in rally roster.
- Attend as many rallies as possible.
- Be considerate and courteous of all members and instructors at all times.
- Present at rallies clean and neat with horse gear in good working order.

Fees

The club year for 2020 runs from 1st January 2020 until December 31st 2020. Both our full and associate memberships include our end of year fun rally.

- Full membership \$420, payable in full by the April rally. Pay \$395 early bird fee if this amount is paid in full by March rally.
- Associate membership \$280 (early bird \$260). Our associate membership is flexible. Attend four rallies and take part in both the morning and afternoon lessons, or attend eight rallies at half a day, or a combination (for example, two rallies for the full day, and four rallies for half a day). If you 'run out' of rallies, you can pay \$50 pro rata to attend extra rallies.
- Social membership \$30.
- Day membership \$80 (includes two lessons on the day).
- Trial membership \$50. If a rider comes to a rally as a trial and later becomes a member, the trial amount is taken off the membership fee.
- We now charge a helper bond to ensure that everyone performs their rally helper duties and they are not left to a dedicated few. The bond is \$80 per year for full members and \$60 for associates, refundable at the end of the year (if the rider has completed their helper duties), or forfeited if not. Riders can also choose to roll the bond over to the next year's membership, thereby only paying it once.

WAECI does not charge rally fees as this is covered by your membership fee. However, a compulsory ground fee of \$10.00 **per horse** applies per rally.

At times the club may hire other venues such as the State Equestrian Centre or Brookleigh. If there are any additional charges members will be notified.

Members with stallions

Members are allowed to bring stallions to rally days with written consent ONLY. This consent must be done on enrolment. This application will be discussed and member will be notified in writing. Members attending with stallions must abide by EA rulings on stallions. Please see the last page of this handbook for details.

When a member with a stallion books into lessons online they must let the rally co-ordinator know if they will be bringing a stallion on the day.

Rallies

Rallies are held on the first Saturday of the month from March to November. We currently have three regular instructors. We also occasionally have guest instructors. All are very experienced and we are very grateful to have them.

The format for our rallies is two lessons per rider (you can choose to do only one). This consists of a morning lesson and an afternoon lesson. If you miss out on a rally you cannot make lessons up in following rallies; for example, if you miss the April rally then you will not be able to ride four lessons in the May rally.

Riders are requested to book in for rallies online through TeamApp as soon as the event becomes "live", and choose what lessons they would like to do. All members will be notified via email, Facebook and TeamApp when the booking form is available.

The rally coordinator will then organise groups to be as closely matched in levels as possible. Flatwork lessons last an hour and jumping lessons generally 1.5 hours. Groups will have a maximum of six for flatwork and eight for jumping. Non-jumpers are catered for with grid or pole work, or a varying program such as handy pony, in hand lessons or natural horsemanship.

When bookings close, the rally schedule will be sent out to all members via email and posted on the members' Facebook page. Lesson times and rally roster jobs will also be listed on the schedule. (Please be advised that although every effort is made to publish the list early, the rally coordinator is a voluntary position so the rally list may only be posted the day before the rally.

Rallies generally start at 8.30am with lessons in the morning, a lunch break then more lessons in the afternoon. If attendance numbers are low, then rally times may change. When participating in a lesson, riders are expected to respect other riders and their abilities.

Please complete the rally form on TeamApp, and bring your ground fee on the day, or you can pay your ground fee advance if you wish. If you do so, please advise via rallycoordinator@hotmail.com. If you wish to ride with a friend, please post a comment with the name of your friend's name when you book in with TeamApp and let the rally coordinator know.

Cancellations

If you find you are unable to attend a rally after booking your lessons, please let the rally coordinator know as soon as possible as there may be a waiting list. If you cancel in 24 hours or less of the rally without a vet or medical certificate this will incur a \$20 fee to help cover running costs. We cater for riders lunches, and pay for our demonstrators and guest instructors and this all comes at a cost to the club. The member cannot attend another rally until the \$20 'no-show' fee is paid.

Please note - WAECI does not give refunds for rallies if you can't make it. The committee will consider refund of membership fees if a member can no longer ride for the season, in which case medical evidence will need to be produced and will be tabled for discussion at the next available committee meeting.

Rally jobs roster

It is a condition of your membership that all members are expected to help out at rallies. Specific duties are allocated. When the rally schedule is sent out please check to see what job you have been given on the rally jobs roster. If you are rostered to carry out a job you must be there at the specific time to do it. Failure to help at rallies when rostered on without adequate reason may result in membership suspension or non-renewal. It is vital all members help out in order to keep the club running smoothly.

Shows

We hold a number of shows throughout the year to help with fundraising. These can include gymkhanas, showjumping days, training days, hicksteads or working hunter events. The success of these shows depends on everyone coming together to help out and members may be asked to volunteer to help run the day. This can be done in combination with participation at the show.

Uniforms

Our club colours are marine blue, black and white.

We wear long or short sleeve polo shirts with black jodhpurs. We encourage members to wear their uniform at all rallies.

Polo shirts, jackets, vests and helmet covers are available to buy from the club in a large selection of sizes. We also have hats, browbands and saddle pads available to order.

Orders can be given to the secretary, treasurer or uniform coordinator and must be accompanied by full payment. Write to rallycoordinator@hotmail.com or check www.waeci.org.au for an order form.

Helmet standard and gear checks

Riders are expected to wear a current standard safety helmet and riding boots at all times when mounted. Helmets must be one of the following, as per *Equestrian Australia General Regulations 2018*:

- AS/NZS 3838 (SAI Global);
- New Australian standard ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked;
- Current American standards ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked; or standard SNELL E2001.
- Current British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided they are BSI Kitemarked; or
- Interim European Standard VG1 (01.040: 2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark.

Outgoing European Standard EN/1384 not permitted from 2017.

All members at the first rally of the year will have their helmets checked by a committee member before riding. All members are expected to check their gear regularly. Correctly fitting, safe tack is a must. Check for any wear and maintain your gear in good condition. Horses must be provided with water during breaks.

Float parking

Please park your vehicle and float with consideration to others.

Smoking

Smoking is restricted within Whiteman Park and prohibited within six metres of any public building. Any cigarettes should be completely extinguished when finished and the butts placed in the bin. Common sense should prevail – the grounds are in a bush setting which is very dry in summer and cigarette butts are toxic to wildlife.

Social events

WAECI is a fun, supportive and sociable club. We have regular weekday dinners or weekend lunches out during the year at various venues. Like our Facebook page for updates on coming events.

Committee

The WAECI committee is vital to the running of the club. All members are welcome to nominate for the committee and have their say on the running of the club. The committee is chosen by nomination and voted in by members at the Annual General Meeting.

The committee consists of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and general committee members. Specific jobs performed by committee also include rally coordinator, social coordinator, event coordinator and membership liaison.

WAECI ADVISES THE FOLLOWING:

1. The committee will close membership at any time if membership reaches a maximum. A waiting list will then be formed.
2. Members MUST be 18 years of age or over. You may be requested to provide a Birth Certificate for verification.
3. Members are required to carry out rally roster jobs when required.
4. WAECI has the right to request the removal of any horse or pony that is not under control by its rider or poses a danger to others.
5. Members must sign the attendance sheet at the clubhouse on rally days.
6. NO DOGS allowed.
7. Children MUST be supervised; the committee will not be responsible for organising any supervision of children.
8. Approved safety helmets and smooth soled riding boots must be worn at all times when mounted.
9. Bitless bridles may be used at the discretion of your instructor providing the horse is under control.
10. Horses must be three years of age to do flatwork and over four years of age for jumping.
11. WAECI or its instructors reserves the right to refuse admission or ask a member to leave the lesson on the grounds of fitness, soundness or safety.
12. Horses must be either securely in yards or tied up with a halter and lead rope during breaks. They may not be tied up with their reins due to safety reasons.
13. Membership to WAECI does not permit the use of the HH&PC facilities other than during rallies.
14. Members are asked to respect the grounds and equipment at all times.
15. The committee may change these requests at any time if deemed necessary.

2020 WAECI Events and Rally dates

2 November 2019 Final fun rally (closed fun gymkhana)

1 February Joining Day (rider assessment)

7 March 1st rally

4 April 2nd rally

2 May 3rd rally

6 June 4th rally

4 July 5th rally

1 August 6th rally

5 September 7th rally

3 October 8th Rally

7 November 9th, end of year rally

WAECI also holds at least two to three shows each year, including our Fire and Ice Gymkhana. These will be advertised on Facebook and Cavalletti.



Stallion Safe Practices Guidelines

Effective 01 January 2011

Equestrian Australia has, in the interests of public safety and with the assistance of the National Sport Committees, developed the following Code of Conduct, which is a set of guidelines available for adoption by events and organisations.

- 1. Stallions should wear official 'discs' at all times whilst at the venue. These discs are to be worn on both sides of head collars and bridles or on some part of the horse on both sides to identify to others that the horse is a stallion.**
- 2. No stallion is to be moved around a venue without displaying the stallion discs and a suitable restraint. The restraint can be either a bridle, a rearing bit or a chain lead rein over the nose or under the jaw.**
- 3. Where possible all stallions are to be stabled. If suitable stabling is not available stallions need to wear a collar, which is securely tied to the outside of a truck or trailer. Stallions tied to the outside of a truck or trailer MUST be supervised at all times.**
- 4. Stallions may be substituted in prize-giving ceremonies with another horse should the rider deem it to be safer.**
- 5. It is recommended that riders and handlers of stallions at shows be over the age of 17 years; however, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to understand the full code of conduct for stallions at events. With the exception of rule 1.1.8 in the Show Horse Rules and Guidelines, stallions are not permitted in Show Horse classes at EA state or championship events. All riders/handlers under the age of 17 years must be supervised by an adult/parent/guardian whilst at the event.**
- 6. It is the stallion owner's/rider's responsibility to ensure that all possible safety precautions are taken.**
- 7. Floats/Trucks that transport stallions should display the official magnet giving notice that there is a stallion on board.**

These guidelines are consistent with Equestrian Australia's focus on improving safety by identifying risks and putting in place measures to mitigate those risks.

The use of the horse and float identification discs is compulsory at all Equestrian Australia events.

The horse and float discs are available for purchase from the National Office of Equestrian Australia. Only the approved discs will be permitted.