



2026 Club Policies and Information Pack



Wanneroo Adult Equestrian Club Inc.

Welcome to Wanneroo Adult Equestrian Club Inc. (WAECI).

WAECI was formed in December 2005 and holds rallies on the first Saturday of the month at Horseman's Horse and Pony Club, Gnangara Road, Whiteman.

Insurance

WAECI is an affiliated club with Equestrian Western Australia (EWA) and we also have 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 (see map below). 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. 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.

Float parking

Please park your vehicle and float with consideration to others and do not block the entry/exit or main road. If you are unable to park in front of the stables, please **reverse** park along the edges of the main road, ie vehicles should be facing to or away from the club house and not be parallel to the road. Please do not park parallel to each other on the road.



Membership

Membership is open to people aged 18 years and over. Membership is essential if you wish to participate in any rally lessons and ARCA competitions throughout the membership year.

All members are expected to:

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

Fees

The club year for 2026 runs from 1st January 2026 until December 31st, 2026. Both our full and associate memberships include our end of year fun rally. Memberships are open in November. Fees are as follows:

- **Full membership \$450** - 9 rallies with 2 lessons plus free end of year rally.
 - 10% discount for members who help at a minimum of 2 events or busy bees, as well as helper duties at rallies (or at discretion of the committee)
- **Associate membership \$320** - Our associate membership is flexible and covers 8 lessons throughout the year.
 - You can attend 4 rallies with 2 lessons, 8 rallies with one lesson or mix it up
 - If you would like additional lessons, it is \$80 per rally including ground fees.
 - 10% discount for members who help at a minimum of 2 events or busy bees, as well as helper duties at rallies (or at discretion of the committee).
- **Social membership \$35** - payable before the February rally.
- **Day membership is \$80** including ground fee and lunch.
 - Maximum of 2 per calendar year.
 - If you attend as a day member and join as a full member within 48 hours of the end of the rally, you will receive a \$65 credit on your membership fee.

Full and Associate members can pay the membership fees by instalment, \$100 is Payable prior to the first rally and the balance is due prior to the March Rally.

If you wish to make membership payments directly to the club, please register on nominate and then transfer your membership fees to the below account details. Please note the due dates mentioned above. All rally entries must go through Nominate.

BSB: 633 000

Account: 1323 93935

Account name: Wanneroo Adult Equestrian Club Inc.

WAECI does not charge rally fees as this is covered by your membership fee. There is a ground fee of \$15.00 **per horse**, per rally, which includes lunch. If a member brings a second horse, an additional ground fee of \$10 is payable.

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.

Note – There is a 2.5% admin fee on memberships. WAECI is charged 5.5% for payments through Nominate, the club covers 3% of this.

Rallies

Rallies are held on the first Saturday of the month from February to October, with a fun rally in November, which includes our AGM and end of year awards. Members will be notified of the timing and format.

We have 3-4 coaches each rally, offering a variety of lessons, including our regular instructor, Anita Budgeon. All are very experienced, and we are very grateful to have them.

The format for our rallies is 2 lessons per rider (you can choose to do only one).

Summer rallies start at 7.30 am for set up, with morning lessons starting at 8.30 am (February, March and November).

Autumn, winter and spring rallies start at 8.00 am for set up, with morning lessons starting at 9 am (April, May, June, July, August, September and October).

Lessons generally last an hour, and group lessons are normally capped at 4 riders per class, groundwork classes may be increased to 5 riders. Non-jumpers are catered for with grid or pole work, or a varying program such as handy pony, in hand lessons or natural horsemanship.

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 4 lessons in the May rally.

Lessons will be released on Nominate where you can choose your lessons, pay the ground fee and sign a waiver.

When bookings close, the rally schedule will be posted on the members' Facebook page. Helper duties will also be published on the page. (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.

Stable allocations will be posted to the Facebook page at the beginning of the year.

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.

If you need to scratch, do so as early as possible to make room for riders on the waitlist. Please do not change lessons without authorisation from the committee. In the event a coach cancels at the last minute, we do our best to find a replacement, but lesson times may change.

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.

Once rally entries have closed, you will not be refunded your ground fee unless a doctors or vet certificate is provided to the committee. We pay for our demonstrators and instructors and this all comes at a cost to the club.

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.

Helper duty

It is a condition of your membership that all members help out at rallies. Specific duties are allocated for each rally. 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 specified time to do it. If you are on set up duty it is important to be ready to help at the correct time so that we can start lessons on time.

If you can't attend a rally with your horse, you still need to do your helper duty. **Failure to help at rallies when rostered on without adequate reason may result in your next rally entry being cancelled**, membership suspension or non-renewal (at the discretion of the Executive Committee). It is vital all members help in order to keep the club running smoothly.

2026 rallies

First Saturday of the month, from February to November

1 st rally	7 February	6th rally	4 July
2nd rally	7 March	7th rally	1 August
3rd rally	4 April	8th rally	5 September
4 th rally	TBC May	9th rally	3 October
5th rally	6 June	10 th end of year fun rally and AGM	7 November

Lunging

For consideration of other riders, particularly those riding in lessons, please do not lunge in the riding arenas. If you need to lunge your horse you are welcome to use Arena 3. (This is the arena behind and to the east of the main arena.)



Events/Competitions

We hold several shows throughout the year to help with fundraising. These can include gymkhanas, showjumping days, training days, hicksteads or working hunter events. Check the website, calendar or club Facebook page for dates.

The success of these shows depends on everyone coming together to help and members may be asked to volunteer to help run the day. This can be done in combination with participation at the show.

2026 ARCA Challenges

Autumn – Showjumping hosted by Swan Valley April/May. Venue TBC

Winter – Combined Training hosted by Wanneroo in July at Whiteman Equestrian Park

Spring – Dressage challenge, Hosted by Horseman's at the State Equestrian Centre September

***All dates and venues to be confirmed early 2026*

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 and helmet covers are available to buy from the club in a large selection of sizes. We also have browbands and saddle pads available to order. Please note that jackets are not kept on hand. We usually place an order in late March for winter items.

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.

Competition uniform is club shirt, black jodhpurs and black saddle pad. If you don't have something, members are happy to lend items – please ask!

Helmet standard and gear checks

Riders are expected to always wear a safety helmet and flat soled riding boots when mounted. Helmets must be one of the following, as per *Equestrian Australia General Regulations 2025 Article 122 - 4*:

- AS/NZS 3838 (SAI Global);
- Australian standard ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked;
- American standards ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked; or standard SNELL E2001.
- Current British standard PAS 015 (1998 onwards) provided they are BSI Kitemarked; or
- Protective headgear carrying a CE mark referencing EN1384:2023 or VG1 provided they are InspecIC or BSI Kitemarked.

Note: products carrying VG1 without a kitemark will be allowed until 1 January 2027. From 1 January 2027 all helmets will be required to be inspected and a new tag (a different colour to the current yellow) will need to be applied).

Helmet tagging is now mandatory for all EA affiliated events. As WAECI is an EA affiliated club, we require all riders on our grounds to have their helmets tagged. This

indicates that the helmet complies with current EA standards. Check with Horseland or the Equestrian WA office for more information and tagging locations.

All members at the first rally of the year will have their helmets checked by an instructor before riding. Members are expected to maintain their gear in good condition and check regularly for any wear. Correctly fitting, safe tack is a must.

Members with stallions

Members are allowed to bring stallions to rally days with written consent ONLY. This consent must be done on enrolment every year or prior to the first rally the stallion attends. This application will be discussed by the committee, and the applicant will be notified in writing of the outcome. Permission for the stallion to attend rallies can be withdrawn at the discretion of the committee and without notice. Members attending with stallions must abide by EA rulings on stallions. Please see the last page of this handbook for details.

Please note that if WAECI hosts a joint event or training day with a Pony Club stallions will not be able to attend.

Insurance

All riders ride at their own risk, equestrian sports are dangerous and can result in serious injury. WAECI does not accept liability for any injury or property damage. WAECI carries public liability insurance, this does not cover members for injury, medical expenses, property damage, legal expenses or lost salary and wages.

Equestrian Western Australia (**EWA**) <https://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/get-involved/membership-categories> Pony Club Western Australia (**PCWA**) <https://www.ponyclubwa.asn.au/insurance> offer insurance policies specifically for equestrians. These policies provide you with 24/7 personal accident and public liability insurance. They also cover you for most activities when you are handling your horse, whether in the paddock, on a trail ride, at a competition and when you are travelling to and from events. The insurance will also assist with loss of income while you are off work.

EWA insurance also offers an adult riders membership which entitles you to a reduction in day insurance when attending EWA affiliated events, reduced SEC hire fees and a 10% discount for off the track passport holders.

We encourage members to seek professional advice and consider their own needs when determining if an insurance policy is right for them.

Pony Club



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Horse welfare

We want all horses at the grounds to have a safe and enjoyable experience at our club. All members need to ensure that their horse has adequate food, water and shelter, and a reasonable break between classes.

The committee and instructors reserve the right to ask riders to leave the class if there is excessive use of gear such as harsh bits, whips or spurs, or physical abuse such as hitting, wrenching, kicking or seesawing the bit. If the committee considers it necessary, a formal warning may be issued. If the behaviour continues the rider may be asked to leave the grounds.

As of 1 July 2022, the removal of whiskers from a horse's muzzle, eyelids or inside the ears is banned across all EA national disciplines. These hairs are part of the horse's sensory system and help them feel safe in their environment.

Smoking

Smoking is restricted within Whiteman Park and prohibited within 6 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 occasionally have social dinners or lunches 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.

Specific jobs performed by committee can also include rally coordinator, rally opening and closing, uniform officer, social coordinator or event coordinator.

WAECI ADVISES THE FOLLOWING:

1. The committee may 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, poses a danger to others or is stressed/not coping. This decision will be made at the discretion of coaches or committee.
5. Members must sign the attendance sheet at the clubhouse on rally days and have their helper duty signed off by the committee.
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 3 full years of age to do flatwork and over 4 full years of age for jumping. Please note that to participate in any competitions the horse must be 4 full years of age.
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 Horsemen's Pony Club 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.



Stallion Safe Practice Rules & Regulations Policy

Effective from 1 July 2018

Last Review on 1 October 2021

Equestrian Australia (EA), State Branches and National Discipline Committees, have developed the following set of rules relating to the safe practices of stallions at events. These rules are consistent with EA's focus on improving safety for everyone, by identifying risks and putting in place measures to mitigate those risks.

The following rules apply:

1. All colts/stallions over the age of 12 months must wear compliant green Stallion Identification by way of discs/bridle number holders and a suitable restraint at all times whilst away from their home premises at an event.
2. When in competition, the correct identification must be clearly displayed on both sides of the horse's head (attached to bridle or halter) or both sides of the saddle cloth or clearly displayed on both sides of the breastplate or martingale: i. the bridle number holder Identification *see example on next page; or ii. the disc identification Clearly displayed means the identification must not be obscured by for example, clothing or other items.
3. Trucks and/or trailers that transport any colt/stallion must display the EA Stallion Identification Card with a green background **see example on next page; giving notice that there is a colt/stallion on board.
4. When tied to a truck or trailer, the colt/stallion must be suitably restrained or yarded within an approved solid framed portable yard and must display the EA Stallion Identification Card with a green background and should also be wearing the correct identification as per point 2.
5. When staying overnight at an event or show, colt/stallion owners must advise the Event Organising Committee when entering and booking horse accommodation that they are bringing a colt/stallion.
6. The placement of colts/stallions require the consideration to mares and other horses when being allocated yards or stables by the Event Organising Committee.
7. The EA Stallion Identification Card with a green background must be placed on the outside of the stable or yard clearly notifying others that the horse within is a colt/stallion. It must also display the name and contact details (including phone number) for the rider or person responsible for the colt/stallion during the event.

8. Colts/stallions may be substituted in prize-giving ceremonies with another horse should the rider, officials or Event Organising Committee deem it to be safer.
9. Riders and/or handlers of colts/stallions must be over the age of 18 years. Special permission may be granted by the relevant EA National Discipline Committee for a rider/handler to be under the age of 18 years, and in this instance, the rider/handler must be supervised by an adult/parent/guardian whilst at the event. This exemption does not apply for Dressage (refer to rule 4.8.4.2 EA Dressage Rules).
10. Stallions are not permitted in Show Horse Classes (refer rule 1.1.9 of EA Show Horse Rules).
11. The Organising Committee reserve the right to refuse entry, or remove from competition at any stage, a colt/stallion deemed to be a danger to people or other horses.

Complaints and feedback

If you have a compliment or positive feedback, we encourage members to write to the club email address so we can pass it on to the relevant parties.

If you have a complaint, please write to our email address, rallycoordinator@hotmail.com so that the issue can be tabled at the next committee meeting for consideration and possible action. Complaints need to be in written form, verbal reports will not be considered as the committee needs all of the relevant facts and needs to keep a record in the event action needs to be taken regarding the complaint.

You can use the below link to submit general feedback to the committee.

