



# Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival

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Dear Competitors

*\* Please take a few minutes to read this letter through to the end before completing your entry form.*

Welcome to the fourth Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival to be held at the Allora Showgrounds on the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

We have made a couple of modifications to the program, but it is otherwise quite similar to 2024. Please read the rules and definitions in both the Schedule and Rules before submitting your entries.

## **Entries will close on Sunday, 02 February, 2025**

All entries must be submitted to the secretary on or before Sunday, 2 February. Payment must accompany the entries for them to be accepted - please forward a copy of your Lodgement Receipt or Payment Advice. ***Please scan documents, preferably as a PDF, for emailing. A photo of a form may not be accepted and is often difficult to read.***

## **Early Bird Entries Draw**

All entries received by Sunday, 18 January will go in the draw for a \$100 cash-back prize. You **must** compete at the event to be eligible to claim it and it will be paid out with prize money.

## **Prize Money & Appearance Money**

Prize money for all classes remains at 1<sup>st</sup>: \$40 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$30 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$20

Prize money is also awarded to the Supreme Exhibit, Grand Champions and some Championships. Appearance money is available for some competitors - full details are in the Competitors Rules & Conditions of Entry.

## **Changes to Insurance for Juniors**

We have made changes to the insurance fee for our junior competitors.

- Junior competitors who **only enter either or both** the Junior Led Exhibit (JU01) or the Junior Led Obstacle Course (LO02) will have their insurance fee waived.
- **All other Juniors**, under 18 years of age, entering any other classes whether specifically for Juniors or open competition, will be charged a **reduced insurance fee of \$10** (half the adult fee)
- If a Junior is a fully financial EA member then no insurance payment is required.

***\*Please note that all Juniors must have the required paperwork completed.***

**Attached to this email is all the documentation & information competitors need. Included are**

- 2 Competition Schedule
- 3 Competitors Rules & Conditions of Entry
- 4 Payment Form
- 5 Entry Form – Led Classes
- 6 Entry Form – All Other Classes
- 7 EA Waiver & Indemnity Agreement
- 8 Event Membership & Insurance Form
- **9 Horse Health Declaration (to be handed in on arrival at the Festival)**
- 10 Sponsorship Pledge Form

We will have more information out to competitors closer to the event but please feel free to contact us by email or through private message to our Facebook page "Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival".

***\*Please note our new email address for all nominations – [ddheavyhorseentries@gmail.com](mailto:ddheavyhorseentries@gmail.com)***

## **Insurance Paperwork**

Please ensure you have your paperwork correctly filled out.

- ALL competitors MUST complete the EA Waiver & Indemnity Agreement (Doc 7)  
If you are a current financial member of EA please put your membership no at the bottom of page 2. You will not need to pay the \$20 fee (\$10 for Juniors). You will **not** need to complete Doc 8 – the Event Membership & Insurance Form

- ALL competitors, including Juniors, who are NOT a current financial member of EA MUST complete Doc 7 – the Event Membership & Insurance Form.
- Anyone (competitor, groom, helper) wishing to enter the main arena, the undercover arena or the plough ring **MUST** have completed the required forms and paid the applicable fee to receive a wristband. Without this wristband you will be denied entry.

### **Camping & Yard Facilities**

Allora Showgrounds is situated on the New England Highway about 20km north of Warwick. It's a lovely venue offering powered (limited number) & non-powered camping sites. We have portable panel yards available plus a limited number of smaller, covered stalls more suited to ponies and smaller horses.

*\*Please note that the covered stalls are not suitable for heavy horses*

### **Food & Drinks**

Food vendors will be on site for the weekend – including Friday night (details of which vendors closer to the event) Our **Saturday night roast dinner**, catered for by Allora Butchery, is once again planned and the licensed bar will be open both Friday & Saturday evenings – you can pre-order your dinner with your nominations.

### **Sponsorship**

A sponsorship pledge form is also attached if you would like to support the Festival in this way. We would be extremely grateful should you choose to do so and please feel free to contact us regarding more information on sponsorship packages. To those of you who have already supported us... we are truly thankful.

### **Dogs**

If you have to bring your dog/s with you, it/they must be confined or on a leash at all times and remain at your campsite during Show opening hours. Please clean up after them.

### **Further Information**

A detailed email will be sent to all competitors in the week before the Festival with plenty of information re the event. However, please feel free to contact me prior to then if there is anything you would like to know.

We trust that you are all safe and well and look forward to seeing you all at the Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival in March.

Kind regards

*Clare Gorwyn*