



4TH MAY 2026

**Hosted by: Mackay & District
Hack & Pony Club Inc
LANGFORDS MEMORIAL PARK,
1A Telegraph Street, Eton Qld 4741
Pic # QCMC0715**

***EA Dressage Restricted Competition
Day - Open to all riders***

Nominations are to be made through Nominate.com.au

Nominations close MONDAY 27th APRIL 2026

The affiliated EA organisation conducting the dressage competition(s) on behalf of EA shall be empowered to refuse any entry, with or without stating reasons.

Neither the Organising Committee of any competition to which these rules apply, nor the EA, accepts any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, grounds, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever.



NQ GAMES
IT'S OUR GAMES
2026

Program of Events

OPEN CLASSES – ANY AGE

CLASS 1	ASSISTED WALK/ TROT	MDHPC WALK/ TROT
CLASS 2	PREPARATORY	PREP 1
CLASS 3	PREPARATORY	PREP 2
CLASS 4	PRELIMINARY	1.1
CLASS 5	PRELIMINARY	1.2
CLASS 6	NOVICE	2.1
CLASS 7	NOVICE	2.2
CLASS 8	ELEMENTARY	3.1
CLASS 9	ELEMENTARY	3.2
CLASS 10	MEDIUM	4.1
CLASS 11	MEDIUM	4.2
CLASS 12	ADVANCED	5.1
CLASS 13	ADVANCED	5.2

Disclaimer: The organizing committee of this event nor EQ accepts any liability for the damage, accident, injury or illness to horses, riders, spectators or any person or property whatsoever. The organizing committee reserves rights: a) cancel the event b) alter date/ time c) alter any part of the program order or events listed d) remove rider/horse from activity.

**NORTH QLD GAMES MEDALS TO 3RD PLACE, RIBBONS TO 5TH
FOR OVERALL PLACINGS**

\$35 PER TEST/ \$10 DAY MEMBERSHIP PER HORSE & RIDER COMBINATION

**TO REGISTER FOR YOUR NORTH QUEENSLAND GAMES, HAVE YOUR RESULTS POSTED TO
THE WEBSITE AND GET YOUR PARTICIPANT PACK HEAD TO**

2026 Mackay North Queensland Games | Multi-Sport Competition

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE DONE VIA NOMINATE SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE REACH OUT
TO MISTY: 0457595283 KELLY: 0437233992 AJ: 0427463057 or EMAIL: mackayponyclub@gmail.com**

Please be advised that horses are now restricted to competing in three classes per day.

GROUND RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

IMPORTANT:

4.7 Types of competitions at Restricted events Clubs affiliated with their EA State Branch may hold restricted events: a) competitions may include any level of EA test from Preparatory to Grand Prix and Para-Equestrian, but are restricted to the conducting club's members only

3.12.1 Access to competition grounds - Horses that are not entered in the event are permitted on the grounds at the discretion of the OC.

3.12.2 g) only horses entered in the event are permitted to use the warm-up area h) any horse on the grounds that is not entered in the event is not permitted in the warm-up area (either ridden or led) until after the completion of competitions for that day

GENERAL RULES

PLEASE REFER TO:

EA RULE BOOK

MPC GROUND RULES

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

BIOSECURITY FACT SHEET

MDHPC GROUNDS & EVENT TS & CS

All riders must have an accompanying adult who is responsible for them on the grounds at all times.

We are a small club, and we would very much appreciate assistance on the grounds to help with running the event. When nominating there will be an option for selecting one of the following: Arena set-up, arena pull-down, pencilling. We would really appreciate any help you can offer. If you are happy to do more than one or know of someone that can help for the weekend, please let us know. All riders are to have someone available to help with jobs throughout the weekend, most of these will be prior allocated on the schedule.

Code of conduct: Bad language, excessive striking of horse, abuse or disrespect to any official will result in being asked to leave the grounds.

Note on entering grounds: Entry gate will be left shut at all times.

Nominations: are to be completed through nominate, the committee reserves the right to alter, amend, or cancel the program without notice.

Class Conditions:

- No more than 3 tests per day per horse
- One rider may not ride more than two horses in one class.
- Horses can only compete in two consecutive levels.
- Horses may compete HC one level above their current grading and at any level below. HC combinations do not qualify for placings.
- Horses can only be ridden by one rider (unless granted an exception from the committee but no more than 3 tests per horse)
- A horse is under one rider for the weekend (another rider cannot ride the horse from another rider for the next day), Please contact the organizer if this will cause issues and in exceptional circumstances exceptions may be made.
- Stables for companion horses won't be available at this event, all horses being stabled/ on grounds shall be nominated to be ridden on during the event.
- If any Class has over 20 riders it is at the discretion of the organizing committee to split that class into two groups
- Riders may choose to ride can ride across levels (one up or one down)

LED CLASSES are for juniors who are not yet confident to ride by themselves, parent/guardian may attach lead rein to the bridle for safety whilst the test is being completed.

JUNIORS: Riders must be aged 15 years or under as of 1st January 2025. Juniors may also compete in the Open classes.

SENIORS: Riders must be aged 16 years and over as of 1st January 2025. Seniors may also compete in the Open classes.

OPEN CLASSES open to all ages; the only restriction is horses graded level.

ASSISTED - WALK/TROT TESTS: Open to horse/rider combinations that have not gained a score of 66% or higher in a preliminary or higher-level dressage test (EA or Pony Club) or have not placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a previous Walk/Trot test with a score of 70% or higher (EA or Pony Club).

Grading: Horses must compete at their current grading level – EA or Pony Club

DRESSAGE RULES:

Classes are run under <https://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules> Dressage tests can be found at the EA website.

Dressage callers are permitted at any test level. Callers can only call word for word on the test, can't answer questions from the rider etc.

Dressage arena will be 60x20m.

Draw: timed draw available after 8pm on the last Friday prior to start of competition.

Late Nominations: Accepting nominations after the close of late nominations will be at the discretion of the organizing committee depending on class numbers, and if the draw has been already drawn. To avoid disappointment please register within the time frame.

Nomination Processing Fee: of \$20.00 per horse and rider combination will apply for nominations received after close of nominations via Nominate, if late or assistance required or nominations processed through other methods, contact the organizing secretary, it is preferred that nominations and payments for all riders to be completed via Nominate. If nominations are not completed correctly, a late nomination is received, travel plans change, a fee/s may be invoiced by MDHPC to competitors and/ or parent/ guardians for payment, this may include use of yards, camping fees, extending your stay past nomination time frame or any other associated costs incurred during your stay on the grounds.

Refund: No refunds of nominations after the close of entries via nominate, unless scratching is made prior to the event and a written request for a refund, including a medical or vet certificate is received within 7 days of event. A 20% admin fee applies. For PCA riders the same rules apply and/or Chief Instructors Report, all refunds are at the discretion of the committee upon requirements being submitted.

Protests and disputes are to be lodged within half hour of class end with a fee of \$50.00 and within 30 minutes after results are announced.

Horses and/or riders that are not nominated to participate in the event and have not completed and paid nominations/ fees/ Declarations are not permitted to ride or work horses on the grounds without prior approval from MDHPC, riders non-compliant with this may be reported to the appropriate regulatory authority and be invoiced appropriate fees, this includes administration fees.

Stewards and Helpers: Riders are required to provide the name and mobile number of a steward/ helper at time of lodging Horse Health Declaration on arrival – DO NOT SUPPLY YOUR OWN NAME UNLESS YOU ARE OVER 18 YEARS & TRAVELING BY YOURSELF! NO HELPER, NO RIDE.

Please note: we are a small club and your assistance is greatly appreciated, rail and jump stewards are required to help run this event smoothly, helpers will be required to attend the briefing applicable to their assigned job and will be notified when they are required, we promise not to take up too much of your time and give you a bird's eye view of the competition, we will cover the rest of the jobs.

Presentation to commence once equipment is stored away, many hands make light work. Competitors must be present for presentation and in full uniform as per PCAQ rulings, or you will be considered scratched and on third call, eliminated.

Failure to attend the presentation, will result in forfeiting any trophies and prizes, they will be awarded to the next place getter, no exceptions. The presentation for dressage will occur Sunday afternoon after the pack down of the arena.

DRESS CODE: All riders must wear an **EA-tagged** helmet when competing or warming up on the grounds. Helmets can be tagged on the day 15 minutes before the first test commencing (If a 9 am start then an 8.45 am cut-off time for tagging).

Neat dress, pony club uniforms allowed, appropriate footwear (dress is outside of EA guidelines but acceptable for this club competition), and **gloves are compulsory**. All other gear and dress regulations are as per EA Rules.

Helmets: AS/NZ3838, EN1384, ASTM F1163, (AU) EN1384 Only for Helmets with manufacturers date up to and including 2015. PAS 015(UK), VGI (EUROPE) or ASTM F1163 (USA) with effective chin strap, EA riders must have current Test & Tag, prior to riding.

A helmet tagger will be available on the weekend. Please note to be helmet tagged they need to meet certain requirements. Check your helmet prior to arriving will meet the requirements at <https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/helmet-tagging-information>

Dressage riders will need to present a gear check prior to riding test.

Gear Check: All riders before competing will be required to be gear checked by a nominated person on the day. If gear is being used that isn't permitted by the rules, gear check can be failed and participants either have to rectify or are unable to ride. To avoid disappointment – check the gear rules prior to attending. No gear check, no ride. Dressage gear check please refers to dressage section notes.

All tack: Refer to Gear book for EQ requirements for dressage.

A competitor is ultimately responsible for knowing these rules of competition and complying with.

HORSE HEALTH FORMS AND STABLING Yards and Parking areas are numbered for identification of users and will be reserved at time of nominations being received, to assist with improving safety on the grounds, please ensure your details are correct at time of arrival and lodgment of nominations/ Horse Health declaration.

Nomination of yards will be required when nominating. Yard allocations will be made; these will be sent out with draws and more information leading up to the event.

Horse Health Declaration forms **must** be handed in to office on arrival, completed via nominate or through the QR Biosecurity Code, failure to comply will result in rider not being able to compete or point qualify. Unsound horses will be scratched from competition.

Yards & Stabling: Horses are to be stabled in allocated yarding area unless advised/ approved otherwise by committee. Electric fencing must be turned off for the duration of competition, where stabling is no longer available 2 strand electric fencing may be used, an area will be allocated for yards, yards must be constructed of 4 sides and 2 strands. All horses are to be maintained in allocated horse area.

Stabling fee is \$10.00 per day, yards will be allocated on submission of Horse Health Declaration, If you are arriving early, please contact for your allocation.

Due to limited parking space, own yards will not be permitted between floats except in allocated areas. Manure is expected to be cleared from all areas, including float areas and stalls

MPC Waste Management Plan requires all manure, hay and bedding to be bagged and tied off, please bring feed bags, manure stations are allocated on grounds and will be collected by committee at end of competition. Yards do not have bedding, the use of bedding is permitted, you are required to remove bedding prior to leaving the grounds or you will be invoiced cleaning fees.

Stabling & camping deposit is no longer charged by MDHPC, a stabling & camping cleaning fee of \$50.00 will be invoiced within 14 days on final inspection of yard, this is only applicable if you fail to leave your yard and/or camping area less than a clean and acceptable state. MPC Waste Management Plan requires all manure to be bagged, please bring feed bags, manure stations are allocated on grounds and will be collected by committee at end of competition.

NO HORSES ARE TO BE TIED OR KEPT OUTSIDE OF THE MDHPC GROUNDS.

PARKING AND CAMPING: Parking and camping allocations may be assigned, and we kindly ask that you park where committee members request, for long float/vehicle combinations, the vehicle may need to be parked on the outside of the grounds. Once you unhook a vehicle and leave the grounds, we kindly ask that the vehicle remains on the outside of the grounds. In some circumstances where nominations are high, vehicles may be required to be unhooked so that 2 floats will fit in to the same parking bay.

No vehicle movement is allowed on the grounds during competition times, with exception to emergency situations, committee approval/ direction, this is to ensure horse and rider safety on the grounds.

Camping Fee \$15.00 per day. Hot showers and toilets available, we welcome early arrivals and encourage you to stay an extra night or two to prevent driver fatigue, we believe in keeping you and your horse safe.

No open fires permitted on the grounds, use of fire pits is allowed, you are required to fully extinguish fire pit prior to retiring for the night. Camp sites must be left clean, neat, tidy and free of rubbish.

Dogs **must** be kept on a lead at all times, leads may not extend past your camp site, MDHPC reserve the right to request a dog to be contained within a float or request a muzzle be placed on dog if deem a nuisance or threat to other people and this request will remain in effect for the duration of the event, with exception to exercising the dog in the park.

NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE CLUB HOUSE.

CANTEEN Canteen will be operating on both days of competition, please note payment is by eft, cash or prearranged d/d.

The photographer for this event will be advertised on the MDHPC Fb page prior to the event. You may take photos of your own child, but please respect the fact that we may have a professional photographer who invests a huge amount of time in covering our events and refrain from taking photos of other riders when competing. We also ask that no other photographers take photos to sell or promote themselves without approval from the organizing committee – thank you for your understanding.

Disclaimer: Neither the organizing committee nor IQ, nor EA, nor PCAQ accept any Liability for accidents damage, injury nor illness to horse, owners, riders, ground spectators or any other person or property whatsoever. The organizing Committee reserve the right to alter, amend or cancel all or any part of this program advertised. Regional payment policy applies to all events held within Mackay region.

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Reservation of Rights: The organizing Committee reserves the right to; cancel any class or event, combine or divide classes according to numbers nominated and the rules governing splitting groups, alter advertised times, transfer competitors between sections of a class and to refuse and entry with or without a reason, amend or cancel all or any part of this program advertised.

BIOSECURITY FACT SHEET

We take biosecurity seriously and have measures in place to mitigate the risk of infections, diseases and pests.

OUR BIOSECURITY POLICY

All horse owners and competitors should be aware that you have a biosecurity obligation to take all reasonable steps to ensure your activities do not spread a pest, disease or contaminant.

- Competitors are asked to ensure good biosecurity practices at home and at the event and to follow the instructions of the organizing committee and the Biosecurity Manager or risk expulsion from the event.
- All horses entering grounds must be from a property actively practicing good biosecurity principles within their management.
- Horse Health Declarations (HHD) are a mandatory requirement for all events. Please read the HHD form and ensure:
- Your horses are shampooed, rinsed and allowed to dry, and their hooves are picked clean of all solid material and washed with shampoo
- Your vehicles and equipment accompanying the horses are cleaned to remove all solid material that could contain disease agents, and then disinfected

Acceptance into the event will be refused if the required HHD is not presented at point of entry or designated registration point, as advised by the organizing committee. The property identification code (PIC) of the horse's origin must be included on the HHD.

Other biosecurity and workplace health and safety measures that aim to provide the safest environment for horses, competitors, volunteers and visitors include:

- No horses or dogs with signs of illness are to be brought onto the grounds.
- No communal horse water troughs are available at this event.
- Do not share equipment, including food and water containers, between horses.
- Competitors are responsible for cleaning up and bagging manure from yards and any other area and placing it in designated areas. Please use your own rakes/shovels.
- Competitors are required to advise the event organizers immediately if a horse is sick. Stop all nonessential contact with the sick horse. Do not allow children to have close contact with the sick horse.
- Everyone handling horses should wash or sanitize hands between contacting different horses.

OUR BIOSECURITY PLAN

Our event biosecurity plan is a set of preventative control measures and actions aimed at reducing the risk of infectious diseases and pests on and off the venue, and between horses at the venue.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF A BIOSECURITY INCIDENT

- In the unlikely event of a biosecurity incident, the Biosecurity Manager and the organizing committee will implement our event biosecurity plan.
- You will be notified about the incident and expected to follow the directions given by the organizing committee.
- Everyone will be expected to remain at the venue until cleared to leave by the organizing committee and Biosecurity Manager.
- In the event of horse movement restrictions participants are responsible for the care, maintenance and cost of their horses and themselves, including feeding, bedding, vets and personal needs.
- If a horse is confirmed to have an infectious disease the owner/ lessee will be responsible for all vet cost and, if venue is locked down and quarantined, will be responsible for all cost associated with this,

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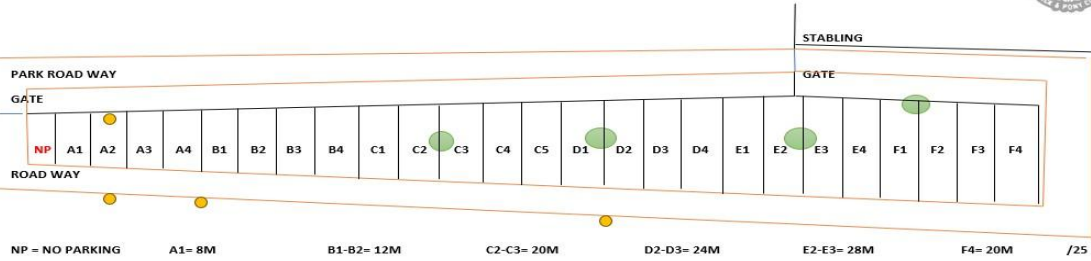
VETS ON CALL CONTACTS

VALLEY VETS: 4959 2099 OR 0427 592 099
STABLE & HOWLETT: 4952 2522
RACHAEL KENT: 0427 824 307

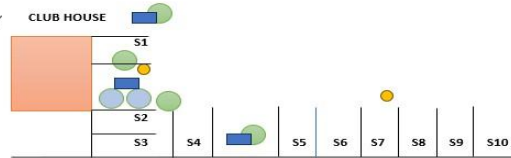
BLUE WATER VETS: 0458 806 183
NORTHERN BEACHES: 4954 6298



PARKING PLAN



SECONDARY PARKING AREA



BUNTING IS REQUIRED IN THIS AREA TO SEPARATE TRAILERS AND HORSES IN THE CROSS-COUNTY COURSE
 SMALLER TRAILERS ONLY TO BE ALLOWED ACCESS IN THIS AREA, THIS IS A SECONDARY PARKING AREA TO BE USED WHEN ALL OTHER PARKS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED

STABLE PLAN



GROUNDS PLAN

