



STIRLING'S CROSSING
ENDURANCE CLUB INC

“Stirling’s Classic” 4 to 6 May 2019

Information and Safety Document

Stirling’s Riders

Thank you, again for your support of a Stirling’s event. This is our last event before Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2019 and we have provided another opportunity for those of you who still need to get through that qualifying 160 km ride.

The information provided below is to support your successful and safe participation in the Stirling’s Classic.

This is another great opportunity to try out some of the tracks that will be used for TQ19 only 10 weeks later. It also provides our Committee an opportunity to test out how the flow of the venue will work,

Venue

Stirling’s Crossing Equestrian Complex, 1 Derrier Road, Imbil 4570, provides great camping for rider and horse, with water access to each camp site. There are no powered sites.

The Property Identification Code (PIC) **QGWG0131**.

Biosecurity Protocol

Entry to the venue from 2.00 pm on Friday 3 May 2019. If arriving after 6.00 pm please advise Camp Boss, Jim Green, on 0419 655 444, of expected arrival time to arrange entry.

All vehicles must wait at the entrance until all documents and vehicles have been inspected, to fulfil our biosecurity checks.

A Horse Health Declaration and Movement Record, showing **10 days of temperatures**, must be completed for **all horses** attending this event. **You will be refused entry if this is not available to show at the entry gate.** This document will be collected when you nominate.

If you plan to be at ride base on Friday 3 May your temperature log will commence on Wednesday 24 April and if you are arriving on Saturday 4 May your temperature log will commence on Thursday 25 April.

<http://www.qldendurance.asn.au/images/forms/RideForms/QERA-10-day-HHD-July-1-2016-fillable.pdf>

Your responsibilities towards biosecurity include completion of all paperwork accurately; ensure that all animals being brought to the event are in sound health; clean your horse, float and gear so you are not transporting seeds, burrs etc; accept and comply with all directions given by Ride Officials. You need to ensure that you are not contributing to the spread of a pest, disease or contaminant.

Please refer to the Queensland Biosecurity manual for advice on steps you must take to ensure horses moving to a tick free zone are “tick free”.

Be mindful of your own hygiene when interacting with horses – everybody loves horses but interacting with other horses can spread disease from one horse to another.

Ride Program (times may vary on the day depending on weather, numbers)

Saturday 4th May		Sunday 5th May	
9.00 am	nominations open	12.00 am	160 km starts
10.00 am	pre-ride vetting	2.00 am	120 km starts
12.00 pm	pre-ride talk for 40 km	3.00 am	80 km starts
12.30 pm	40 km starts	1.00 pm	BC workouts 80 km
4.00 pm	nominations close	3.00 pm	BC workouts 120 km
5.30 pm	vet-ring closes	Monday	
6.00 pm	pre-ride talk for Sunday rides	8.00 am	BC workouts for 160 km
6.30 pm	presentations for 40 km	9.00 am	presentations

Electronic Timing System

AERA and QERA have invested in Electronic Timing Systems to improve the accuracy of time recording at events.

You will be allocated a swipe card at nominations – **you do not need to wear this until you depart on your nominated event.** Please be familiar with the location of “readers” particularly in the vet area where people have been prone to pass by these several times thus giving themselves multiple vet in times. Further information will be provided about this system at pre-ride talk.

The course

The 160 km, 120 km and 80 km rides will all be run under VGIH ride controls.

More detailed information about the legs including elevations will be available on the website and Facebook page. Hold times and novice times will be provided at pre-ride talk and more information about the course will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

Road Crossing

It may be that part of the course will cross Yabba Creek Road. This crossing will be managed by a supervising person with signs and safety cones in place to warn drivers of vehicles to slow down, but it is the rider’s responsibility to avoid crossing the road when a vehicle is approaching. Please take direction for volunteers who will be manning this crossing.

Checkpoints

Wear your ride number so that it is visible to the checkpoint operators on track; reflective tape is attached to increase visibility on roadways. Call your ride number loudly and clearly to checkpoint operator, wait for a response from them before proceeding on track. Remember your number can’t be seen in the dark and, on approach, the visibility of numbers is often blocked by hands and reins.

Gallop Finish

The decision about a gallop finish will be advised at the pre-ride talk. There is capacity for this to occur along Derrier Road as you return to Ride Base. Gallop finishes are not a requirement.

General rules for the venue and facilities

Your welcome to Stirling's Crossing Endurance is based on an expectation of your respect for the venue and the facilities. All riders are responsible for their own conduct and that of others in their team / camp.

Please leave the facilities and venue as you find them – or better – and clear away all rubbish

Campfires are permitted but must be in containers with no direct contact to the ground.

Dogs are welcome at Stirling's Crossing but, as required by the AERA Rulebook, must be on a lead at all times and either tied to a structure or in the control of a responsible person. Dogs should not be taken to the vet area while vetting is occurring. **Owners are responsible for management of dog faeces.**

Smoking

No smoking in any enclosed building or in any designated work area – this includes the vet area. Smoking is also not permitted on track. Smokers are responsible for extinguishing cigarettes and disposing of litter appropriately.

Litter / Rubbish must be removed from all campsites.

Containment of Horses

Horse yards are preferred to be of metal construction, substantially fixed to a solid object such as a horse float, truck or permanent fence. Each horse must be contained in a separate yard.

Electric yards must meet minimum requirements; two strands of tape are to be used, preferably white, and not string type, with the top tape to be 1.2 to 1.4 metres above the ground. The posts used must be of substantial material (e.g. steel pickets) and installed so that the tape does not sag.

The fence is to be energized at all times. **This is a big event so use the space efficiently – each horse must be separately contained and in a yard of approximately 4m x 4 m.**

Vetting Area

Whilst at, or close to the vetting area, for any reason, please keep all noise to a minimum.

Children

This is a family-oriented sport and families are very welcome. However, parents and guardians will be held responsible for their children's safety and their behavior. Bicycles, footballs and toys are to be kept well away from horses.

Volunteers and Officials

Many people make it possible for endurance rides to take place. Most of them are volunteering their time and skills. Your respect and appreciation of these people's efforts is important for the future of endurance. Be willing to accept advice, guidance and direction – if you are concerned about any decision or the conduct of any person please raise this with the Chief Steward before you go home.

Chief Stewards are visible by their red vests and their air of authority – but they don't bite. Problems are much more easily resolved on the day.

Contact details

Ride Director	Matthew Sample	0418 151 839
	Jim Green	0419 655 444
Head Chief Steward	Sandy Little	0418 533 776
Asst Chief Steward	Rob Curtin	0414 249 387
Ride Secretary	Kim Moir	0476 166 903
Camp Boss	Jim Green	0419 655 444
Course Coordinator	Bob Sample	0408 983 207
Rescue Float	Bob Sample	0408 983 207
RF Communications	Simon Chantrill	0421 730 462
FARRIER	Steve Costin	0466 115 346

Conclusion

The aim of our club is to conduct quality endurance events from an exceptional ride base. We want people to depart after our events having enjoyed their endurance experience and looking forward to returning. This is where the Queensland Tom Quilty Gold Cup will be in just a few weeks.

Everything is liable to change on the day so attend pre-ride talk!

Further information about events at Stirling's Crossing is available at www.stirlings.com.au

For further information about this ride contact Mathew Sample, 0418 151 839 or Kim Moir, 0476 166 903

