



**STIRLING'S CROSSING**  
ENDURANCE CLUB INC

**“Stirling’s Starter” 7 and 8 March 2020**

**Stirling’s Riders**

Given that this is a “starter” ride for the 2020 season, the information herein is considerate of the fact that many of you reading this may be new to endurance and / or new to our events. Stirling’s Crossing Endurance Club members want to support people getting into the sport, and want to support those already “hooked”, to continue their experience and to bring themselves and their horses on a journey of partnerships and success (completion) that will make the hard work worth it!

The information provided below is to support your participation in our first event for 2020 and to support us in providing a positive riding experience for all attendees.

Stirling’s Crossing Equestrian Complex allows access to Imbil forestry tracks, varying in challenge, scenery and pace. Please be aware that this is a “working forest” and riders must follow directions either given by forestry employees or by signage. This is particularly important if you are doing an exercise ride at a time when forestry activities are being conducted. In general, ride to road rules and to specific directions provide by HQP. Our partnership with HQP is dependent on everyone doing the right thing.

We are offering an Easter Endurance Weekend as well as our Stirling’s Classic in May, the Queensland State Championships in July and our October multi-event. We value any feedback about our events so please take the opportunity to complete a survey posted on our website.

We look forward to a year of great endurance in 2020.

**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 but that should not deter you.

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

You are asked to remove all rubbish including horse manure and unused hay from campsites; we may have trailers on hand to collect “clean” horse manure – that means **no rubbish** as this would be gathered by people who want to use this as fertiliser.

The entry gates to the venue will be shut from 6.00 pm until 8.00 am to support safe containment of horses and our biosecurity protocols.

**Biosecurity Protocol**

Entry to the venue from 1.00 pm on Friday 6 March 2020. If arriving after 6.00 pm please advise Camp Boss, Jen Symmons, on 0400 122 409, 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 have been sent this document when you nominated or you can access this from -

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

## Event Safety

The organisers have taken due care to ensure that events at Stirling's Crossing are safely conducted. You are required to observe the following safety requirements:

The relevant State Health and Safety Act statutes. The statutes have an obligation of care for all persons involved in the event.

The AERA Rulebook available at <http://aera.asn.au/national-rules/> must be adhered to. This includes all en

Our request is that you conduct your affairs with all due care and regard for other participants and visitors.

You are asked to report any hazards or incidents to a member of the organising Committee.

You are required to register on the appropriate forms, completing all sections relevant to your and your horse's endurance status, to ensure insurance coverage prior to competing in the event.

Health of horses to attend and participate in all rides is supported by the pre-ride health checks as recorded on Health Declarations. Other measures will be implemented by ride officials to ensure best practice in managing horse welfare. All participants must follow directions from ride officials and volunteers.

Those responsible for horses must advise the Head Vet or Chief Steward immediately if there are any concerns about horse health.

Manned checkpoints will be strategically located around the course. Checkpoints are in two-way radio contact with headquarters at the ride base. You are required to ensure checkpoint personnel acknowledge your number when you pass through the checkpoint. Please note that in an emergency situation, checkpoint personnel will assume control of the ride course.

If a competitor requires assistance when on course, following riders should advise the next radio check point of the location, the reason assistance is required and the rider number of that competitor.

**Campfires** are **permitted** at this event but must be contained and off the ground with .

**Dogs** are welcome at Stirling's Crossing but must always be in the control of a responsible person. Dogs must be on a lead that is attached to a solid structure or a person. Dog faeces must be collected and removed – not to be put in with horse manure.

### 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.

**Please use the space efficiently and separate your horse from horses from another stable, by a one meter corridor or by use of vehicles.**

**Each horse must be **separately contained** and in a yard of approximately 5 m x 5 m.**

**When putting posts in the ground, please be aware of water pipes underground – they run in a straight line following the risers!**

## 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.

## Water

Each camp-site has ready access to a tap.

Strapping water will be available and horses nominated for FEI events must remain in the designated strapping area.

Water to showers is rain-water so please do be considerate of the amount of water you use – the showers are great but 30-minute showers place great demand on our supplies and on the storage of grey water.

## Course information

The course is in forestry areas and includes wide open roads as well as fire trails. Many stretches are excellent going where horses can move along, but other sections require cautious riding, looking for hazards such as erosion washouts and vegetation close to the trail. For these, slower speeds and care is necessary.

Short sections of the course are used in both directions and it is important that riders keep to the left when encountering oncoming competitors. Rules of the road apply on forest roads and these require riders to keep to the left-hand side of roads.

## Vetting and timing

Vetting of horses will be done under standard vetting.

The Electronic Timing System will be used for this event. You will be issued with a "swipe card" when you nominate and you must wear this to record your arrival time, your vetting time and departure time, for those doing the 80 km ride. If you lose your swipe card, and please try not to do this, advise the stewards at the arrival gate immediately and you will be issued with another one. These cards must be returned with your ride bib.

## Ride Program (times may vary on the day)

Saturday 7 March		Sunday 8 March	
10.00 am	nominations open	6.00 am	40 km starts
10.30 am	pre-ride vetting	6.30 am	20 km ride starts
1.00 pm	pre-ride talk for 80 km riders	8.00 am	10 km ride starts
2.00 pm	80 km ride starts	12 noon	presentations for all rides
2.15 pm	pre-ride talk for 20 / 40 km		
2.30 pm	40 km ride starts		
2.45 pm	20 km ride starts		
6.30 pm	vet ring closes		
7.00 pm	pre-ride talk for Sunday rides		
Midnight	course closes		

## **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. Inappropriate behaviour will result in disciplinary action being taken.

Every volunteer is valuable and some give many hours over multiple weekends, or before and after rides, to support riders. Of special note are the WICEN crew who are out on track for more hours than you – so give them a big thank you as they check off your number.

### **Contact details**

Ride Director	Matthew Sample	0418 151 839
Chief Steward	Rob Curtin	0414 249 387
Ride Secretary	Kim Moir	0476 166 903
Camp Boss	Jen Symmons	0400 122 409
Rescue Float	Bob Sample	0408 983 207

Further information about events at Stirling's Crossing is available at [www.stirlings.com.au](http://www.stirlings.com.au)

For further information about this ride contact Mathew Sample (probably on track), 0418 151 839 or Kim Moir (probably in the admin building) , 0476 166 903

**Bookings** at [www.manehub.com/stirlingscrossing](http://www.manehub.com/stirlingscrossing)

