



# IRT Young Event Horse Challenge

Ride the Excitement

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The **IRT Young Event Horse Challenge** provides owners and breeders the opportunity to showcase the potential of their 4, 5 and 6-year-old horses. The aim of these classes is to encourage trainers and breeders to produce and present the correct type of young horse which is considered to be the best material to develop into a three-day event horse. The judges will be looking for potential for the future: an athletic, loose moving horse with a promising jumping technique and attitude, which with correct training will develop physically and mentally into a top-level three-day eventer.

Young horses will be judged on: Dressage, Conformation, Jumping and Cross-Country pace.

## **DRESSAGE:**

Three correct, elastic and regular gaits through a swinging back are the qualities that judges will be seeking. All trot work to be optional sitting or rising, unless stated. Young horses will not be marked down for displaying a little exuberance nor will marks be taken away for rider inaccuracy. Unlike a normal dressage test marks are not awarded for individual movements, rather, it is judged as a material class, marking as per young horse scoresheet.

It is the horses and not the rider's potential that is being judged.

## **JUMPING:**

Judges are looking for a bold athletic horse with good technique. A horse should not necessarily be penalised for knocking down one fence (or even a four-year-old having one refusal), providing he learns from his mistake. However, a fall of horse or rider or three cumulative refusals will result in elimination.

## **OVERALL GENERAL IMPRESSION:**

The horse's conformation and movement should enable them to withstand the demands of the sport in terms of soundness, speed and stamina.

## **CROSS COUNTRY PACE:**

The horse will be required to show the ability to open up the canter after jumping the last fence and proceed to do one lap around the outside of the course.

## **THE COMPETITION ELEMENTS**

The Young Event Horse Challenge will be held on Thursday 6th June 2024. Dressage on Thursday morning on an outdoor arena and jumping in the Indoor Arena on Thursday evening, commencing at 4.00pm

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

At the conclusion of each class the top six horses will be invited for presentation.

**Prizes for Each Class** 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$400, Rug & Rosette, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$300 & Rosette, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$200 & Rosette, 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Place rosettes

## **HORSE AGE ELIGIBILITY:**

4 Year Old open to horses born between 1 August 2019 and 31 July 2020

5 Year Old open to horses born between 1 August 2018 and 31 July 2019

6 Year Old open to horses born between 1 August 2017 and 31 July 2018

**Dressage:**

The dressage test will be available at least two weeks prior to the competition.

Note: Conformation will be marked during the dressage phase.

**Jumping:**

The jumping phase involves a small course of a combination of show jumps and rustic fences. The course will be available for walking approx. 15 minutes prior to the start of the competition. Also included in this section, the horses are required to show their cross-country pace after they have jumped the last fence. There will be a maximum of eight fences.

**Jumping Heights for 4, 5 & 6 year old Young Event Horse:**

4 Year Old - 80cm

5 Year Old - 90cm

6 Year Old - 100cm

**Equipment & Dress:**

Saddlery & Dress: as per EA Eventing Rules for each phase. SJ attire for jumping please.

Bridle Numbers to be worn.

**General Conditions:**

- All riders and owners must be EA registered.
- Horses must be EA registered – minimum 'base horse registration'
- Entries will be accepted in order of receipt and may be restricted if the class is over-subscribed.
- Horses will be judged on walk, trot, canter, rideability and overall impression as a future eventing horse, including standard of training on the basis of the Training Scale

**Stabling:**

Priority is given to horses competing in the CCI2\* / CCIJ2\* / CCI3\* / CCI4\*

Horses entered in the Young Event Horse Challenge will be provided yards for Thursday

**NOTE:** *If you are a CCI competitor and require stabling for your YEH please check with the Secretary [susan\\_mckay@bigpond.com](mailto:susan_mckay@bigpond.com) Where possible we will endeavour to accommodate your request (stabling charges will apply)*

**At the event: All campsites are allocated. Please do not park in powered camping sites unless you have booked camping.**

**ENTRIES:** Online via Event Secretary [www.eventsecretary.com.au](http://www.eventsecretary.com.au)

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