



Interschool Nationals - Toowoomba

As promised to you all that have expressed interest, I said I would send out a newsletter to let you all know what is happening in regard to the Toowoomba Nationals this year. Firstly this letter does not mean you have been selected to go as you will need to meet the selecting criteria, ie qualifying performances. A committee will make the final selections.

Location

The event is being held at the Toowoomba showgrounds from 25th to 29th September 2017. For those interested you may like to be a few days earlier and attend the Total Equine Queensland horse expo on the weekend of 23 & 24th Sept at the same venue.

<http://www.teghorseexpo.com.au/>

Horses

I have spoken to a couple of you and believe some are planning to take you own horses which is great, however I want to make you fully aware of the Hendra virus risks involved. Whilst the risk is low and the IS 2017 committee have assure me there will be a vet at the venue that will treat a sick horse it it up to you to assess the risk. Vaccinating against Hendra also has its inherent risks and suggest you talk to your vet. Attached is a letter from QLD IS committee outlying the Hendra virus.

For the others, they are planning to have some 40 - 50 horses available to hire (fee approximate \$500). These horses will be stabled in the Tasmania area. As far as I know horses are available for all disciplines except eventing. I have spoken to the person organizing these horses and you ARE able to arrange you own loan horse.

If you are planning to use a loan horse, you will need to qualify on your own horse for that discipline and grade in Tasmania.

Accommodation

I understand that motel accommodation maybe difficult as time goes on as their is a major flower show in town as well. Suggest you book now. One of our riders family are staying at the

- Sunray Motor Inn
- 96 McDougall St
- Wilsonton
- ph 07 46342200



Camping at the showgrounds are pretty good apparently, so some of you that are flying up may wish to do what I'm doing and get a self-contained camper from Brisbane.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship is up to you, unless someone wants to put their hand up to get local companies to sponsor the team. A couple of leads for you.

1. Local councils usually give up to around \$500
2. Contact your local politician.
3. AIS www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local_sporting_champions
4. Approach your local retailers.

If you need an official letter from me, please let me know.

Rider and Horse apparel

Sam Bessell has been able to get access to some exercise boots which will have a Tasmania logo. It would be good if we were able to access light cotton rugs with the Tasmania logo as well. I have spoken to Remus Rugs and probably get them for around \$60 + logo costs. If anyone has other ideas we would be happy to hear from you.

I will arrange rider uniforms a little later on, however suggest similar design to last year.

Other

I will be arranging an Interschool Facebook site shortly which you will be able to use, however please keep it to relevant items. I will also put other information onto the Tasmania EA website (when available) and EA Facebook site, so keep your eye on this as well.

What I need now!

1. Riders Name
2. Preferred discipline (if Nationals are the same as last year you can only enter 2 x disciplines/grades ie Dressage class & S/J 65cm class)
3. Fill in Loan horse application form ASAP and return to me email below. (note: This is not the final form so you may have to do it again. I want to get in early with Tassie application requirements)
4. Fill in application form

If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact me on by email or call 0418 130 574.

Cheers

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