



Equitana 2024 Side Saddle Competition



Side Saddle Show - Equitana Australia
Sunday 17th of November 9am - 11:45am
Melbourne Showgrounds
Titan Rail Arena - Town Square

Entries Open Sunday the 7th of September and close Monday the 7th of October.

Class Fee: \$30 Per Class.

Entry Includes: Two back of house/stable access passes and a float/truck pass for the day of the competition. Each competitor will also receive two General Admission tickets for horse owners or friends/family members.

Sashes for Champions & Reserves

Rosettes/Sashes 1st to 3rd in classes 1 - 7

Rosettes/Sashes 1st to 5th in classes 8 & 9

Prize Money: \$50 for Champion - \$40 for Reserve Champion

\$30 for 1st - \$20 for 2nd - \$10 for 3rd - \$5 for 4th & 5th

Judge: Mrs Samantha Watson (NSW)

Classes as Follows:

1. Side Saddle Rider Under 18 Years
2. Side Saddle Rider Over 18 Years
3. Champion & Reserve Side Saddle Rider
4. Ridden Side Saddle Pony Under 14hh
5. Ridden Side Saddle Galloway 14-15hh
6. Ridden Side Saddle Hack Over 15hh
7. Champion & Reserve Ridden Side Saddle Mount
8. Side Saddle Working Hunter (Open To All)
9. Side Saddle Champagne Challenge (Open To All)

Rider Classes: Judged on the Rider.

Ridden Pony/Galloway/Hack Classes: Judged on the Mount.

Working Hunter: Will include a small jump. Maximum height of 50cm.

Champagne Challenge: A fun class that involves riding through the paces while holding a full glass of (non-alcoholic) champagne. Winner will be placed based upon how much champagne is left in the glass at the

conclusion of the class.

Conditions of Entry

1. All riders must be a current financial member of an association (i.e EA, PCA, SHC, AHSA, etc.) You must confirm upon entry that you understand and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of that Association and the Conditions of Entry as stated on this Official Program. This is for public liability insurance purposes.
2. The organiser reserves the right to cancel, divide, combine or alter the classes as set out in the schedule and to refuse entry with or without stating a reason.
3. Correct standards numbered helmet must be worn as specified in each members Associations Gear Rules. Spot checks may occur.
4. Horses must be at least 4 years old.
5. Please refer to 'Turnout Guidelines' document for appropriate turnout.
6. Competitor Numbers – Riders to provide their own back number holder, chest, bridle or saddle numbers. The organisers will preallocate numbers.

Scratching and Refunds

1. All refunds are subject to a \$5 administration fee.
2. There shall be no refunds after the 3rd of November 2024 unless a notification is sent to info@samesideequestrian.com.au prior to the event time and a valid veterinary or doctor's medical certificate is provided within 7 days of notification of scratching.

Stabling and Camping

1. Overnight stables are available for the night of Saturday the 16th at a cost of \$55 inc. GST. This cost includes bedding. There is a limited number of overnight stables available and preference will given to those travelling long distances. Arrival is from 4pm.
2. Day stables for the day of the 17th are available at no cost. Arrival is from 6:30am.
3. **There is strictly NO camping available on the grounds.**

Accommodation for the event must be sought off site.

About The Judge - Mrs Samantha Watson (NSW)

With a particular love of the history and traditions of side saddle, Samantha is a passionate devotee of this elegant style of riding.



An approved and listed New Zealand Side Saddle Association judge, she has judged side saddle events at the highest level in New Zealand, at the prestigious New Zealand Horse of the Year Show and additionally, the New Zealand Royal Show held in Canterbury.

She has competed and won in both side saddle rider and hack events, and holds a long term desire to one day ride side saddle to hounds within the United Kingdom. During her show ring career, she has enjoyed success in open hack, hunter, side saddle, breeds, rider and turnout classes at National, Horse of the Year, Royal & agricultural shows.

Throughout her judging career of more than 30 years, Samantha has judged extensively across Australia & New Zealand at the highest level at most state Royal Shows, Horse of the Year events, state breed shows, and has judged the prestigious Garryowen Memorial event, Esquire Turnout and affiliated turnout events at the 2017 Royal Melbourne Show.

As a guest speaker, she has discussed the topics of hunters, turnout and general showing at official judges seminars at the invitation of Show Horse Council, Equestrian Australia, Australian Pony Stud Book Society & Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand. She is a co founder of the Australian Hunter Horse Association, which created a platform for show and working hunters within Australia, and held the position of President for 6 years.

Samantha is honoured to have been invited, and is very much looking forward to judging the side saddle events at Equitana 2024.