



Final Event in the Championship Series for 2024

Event Date: 22 September 2024

Entries Close: 9.00pm, Monday 16 September 2024

Event Coordinator: Albany Equestrian Centre

Championship Series: The Albany Horseworld Championship Series consists of the highest points scoring Junior and Open rider over the three events, with the Champion Junior and Champion Open rider receiving an embroidered rug presented by Albany Horseworld.

Event Rules

These Rules are modelled on the Rules for Exhibition Eventing & Eventing W.A. Promotions Eventing Grand Prix Rules, and although this document sets out the specific rules for this event, reference should be made to the EA Rules for Eventing, FEI Rules for Eventing and/or all relevant FEI Rule Books for any eventuality not covered. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the Event Organisers responsibility to decide in a sporting spirit and in accordance with the intention of these rules.

Entering this event constitutes knowledge and acceptance of these rules, and a completed entry acknowledges understanding and acceptance of all Conditions of Entry.

Event Description

The event consists of two separate rounds of the Jumping Course within the same Class height.

The Jumping Course will be a combined course of cross-country and show jump fences. This course will include approximately 15-20 fences.

Subject to the approval of the Organising Committee, it is permissible to ride the second round of the Jumping Course at a different height. In these circumstances, the combination is ineligible to be a Class placegetter.

The competition will be held entirely within the A.E.C. grounds with all obstacles being able to be viewed from the one central viewing area.

Prizes

A total of eight classes will be conducted, offering the following vouchers to place getters:

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| 1 st | \$100.00 Albany Horseworld voucher; |
| 2 nd | \$ 50.00 Albany Horseworld voucher; |
| 3 rd | \$ 25.00 Albany Horseworld voucher. |

Classes

Description	Class No.	Member Entry Fee	Non-Member Entry Fee
105cm Open	1	\$65.00	\$75.00
95cm Open	2	\$65.00	\$75.00
80cm Open	3	\$65.00	\$75.00
80cm Junior	4	\$65.00	\$75.00
65cm Open	5	\$65.00	\$75.00
65cm Junior	6	\$65.00	\$75.00
45cm Open	7	\$65.00	\$75.00
45cm Junior	8	\$65.00	\$75.00

Class Details & Dimensions

Class 1 (105cm): The cross-country fences will be solid fences of up to a maximum height of 1.05m (fixed) and 1.25m (brush). **Optional Joker fence up to 1.15cm (show jump fence).**

Class 2 (95cm): The cross-country fences will be solid fences of up to a maximum height of 0.95m (fixed) and 1.15m (brush). **Optional Joker fence up to 1.05cm (show jump fence).**

Classes 3 & 4 (80cm): The cross-country fences will be solid fences of up to a maximum height of 0.80m (fixed) and 1.00m (brush). **Optional Joker fence up to 0.95cm (show jump fence).**

Classes 5 & 6 (65cm): The cross-country fences will be solid fences of up to a maximum height of 0.65m (fixed) and 0.80m (brush). **Optional Joker fence up to 0.80cm (show jump fence).**

Classes 7 & 8 (45cm): The cross-country fences will be solid fences of up to a maximum height of 0.45m (fixed) and 0.60m (brush). **Optional Joker fence up to 0.60cm (show jump fence).**

The 'Joker'

The Joker fence is an optional fence and may be jumped instead of the last fence. However, a rider may only jump either fence 10 or the Joker, but not both fences. If the Joker fence is successfully jumped it will wipe **4 penalties** off the rider's total score. **But if the Joker fence is knocked down the rider will incur 8 penalties.**

Time on course

The optimum time will be calculated at

Class 1 105cm - 425 metres per minute

Class 2 95cm - 400 metres per minute

Class 3 & 4 80cm - 375 metres per minute

Class 5 & 6 65cm - 350 metres per minute

Class 7 & 8 45cm - 300 metres per minute

Number of Entries Permitted per Rider

There is no restriction on the number of entries permitted per rider, although riders may ride no more than two horses in the same class.

Event Result

The rider with the least combined penalties for the two rounds of the competition is the winner. In the case of an equal score the rider with the closest time to optimum time in the first-round wins, or in the case of equality, the closest time to optimum time in the second round. In case of a dispute the Organising Committee will make the final decision.

SCORING

JUMPING PENALTIES

Rail down	4 penalties
1st & 2 nd Refusal	4 penalties each
3 rd refusal @ Obstacle	Elimination
4 th overall refusal on Jumping Course	Elimination
Fall of horse or rider	Elimination
Joker	
Joker fence jumped clear	-4 penalties
Joker Fence Knocked Down	8 penalties
Time penalties	0.4 penalty per second (or part thereof) over time 5 second window for under time and then 0.4 penalty per second under that time.

Championship Series Scoring

Points are awarded to the top five place getters in each class based on 5-points (1st), 4-points (2nd), 3-points (3rd), 2-points (4th) & 1-point (5th).

The scoring system then recognizes the degree of difficulty involved in placing in a class due to the number of the riders competing in that class and the height of the class.

Therefore the points gained by placing in a class are multiplied by the number of riders starting in that class (Round 1) and further multiplied by the height of the class, eg if a rider places second in an 80cm class in which there are 9 starters, the points earned would be 4 (2nd place) x 9 (number of starters – Round 1) x .80 (height of class), earning a total of 28.8 points.



Conditions of Entry

1. Entries online via the Albany Equestrian Centre website:

www.albanyequestrian.net/comingevents.htm

Payment must be made on completion of entry by direct deposit:

Account Details:

Name: Albany Equestrian Centre Inc **Bank:** Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633-000 **Account Number:** 143217743

Reference: Surname & "GP"

No entries accepted without payment of appropriate fees.

2. Entries **close: 16 September 2024**. Late entries may be accepted on payment of an additional fee of \$15 per horse/rider combination.

The draw & helper duties will be available on www.albanyequestrian.net/comingevents from:

18 September 2024

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4. **Eligibility for Competition:**

- a. The event is open to all Albany Equestrian Centre members, ie. Members of A.H.A., A.P.C., A.N.T.S., A.A.R.C., S.D.D.C. & Friends of the A.E.C.
- b. Non-Members (eg KRPC) are also able to take part on payment of the casual member fee which provides for membership of the A.E.C. for this event.
- c. **Junior Classes:** A rider may compete as a Junior where the rider's age as at 1 January of the calendar year is 17 years or under. Junior riders may compete in Open classes and be eligible for the Open Rider Championship.

5. **Dress.** Attire and saddlery will be in accordance with E.A. Eventing Rules (Cross-Country phase). Body protectors are required. Bridle and/or saddle blanket numbers are to be used. Body Protectors are compulsory for this competition.
6. **Emergency Contact Person.** When completing your entry, please enter the name and phone number of the Emergency Contact Person who will be with you at the event.
7. **Medical.** St John Ambulance, Albany, will be in attendance for this event.
8. **Helpers.** All riders must nominate a helper for each horse entered who is capable of completing the allotted helper duty or pay a \$40 helper fee for that horse.
 - a. If riding more than one horse, an additional helper will need to be provided or an additional \$40 will be payable.
 - b. **Self-help.** Riders may self-help for one horse only.
 - c. **Special Requests.** Special Requests will be filled only if the duty is available, otherwise another helper duty will be allocated, including Cross Country Jump Judge duty.

The maximum number of helpers required for any particular helper duty are set out on the entry form, and these will be filled as entries are received. Any rider nominating one of these duties after the maximum number has been reached, may be allocated a Cross Country Jump Judge duty at the discretion of the Event Organiser (this includes self-help, where it will be necessary for the rider to nominate another helper). Where the same helper is nominated for more than one horse taking part in the competition, that helper will be allocated a cross country jump judge duty.

At the end of the competition, everyone is responsible for taking the arenas down, and presentations will take place when they are all packed away.

9. **Refreshments.** Every effort will be made to have food and refreshments available on day of competition.
10. **Code of Conduct.** Please ensure you are familiar with the A.E.C. Code of Conduct (www.albanyequestrian.net/aec-constitution-policies)
11. **Swabbing.** Random swabbing may take place and will be in accordance with the EA/FEI Veterinary Regulations.
12. **Protests & Appeals.** Must be in writing and accompanied by a fee of \$50, within 20 minutes of the results being posted.
13. **Warm up etiquette.** There is no lunging in the warm-up arena. If you wish to lunge your horse you must do so in the round yard so as not to interfere with other competitors.
14. **Officials & Volunteers.** These people are essential in the running of our competitions and events. Please treat them with respect.

Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Verbal or physical bullying behaviour may result in disciplinary action being taken where appropriate.

15. **Duty of Care.** It is your responsibility to report unsafe and/or hazardous situations to the Organising Committee.
16. **A.E.C. Stallion Code of Conduct** will apply. Refer www.albanyequestrian.net/aec-constitution-policies
17. **Yards & Camping.** There are yards and camping available at the Centre, however, no powered sites. If yards are used, they must be cleaned of manure and hay, and closed, before leaving. There is no additional cost for use of the yards, but the cost of camping is \$5/competitor per night and must be included on your entry form.
18. **Withdrawals & Refunds.** Entry fees will not be refunded after the closing date of entries unless a medical or veterinary certificate is produced within 5 days of the completion of the event (**27 September**), and in such cases, there will be a full refund less an administration fee of \$20.

In any event, once the draw has been published, no refunds will be made unless the helper duty allocated is performed, or a replacement agrees to undertake such helper duty on the rider's behalf, or a helper fee paid for each nominated horse.

19. **Dogs.** Dogs must always be kept on a leash.
20. **Disclaimer of Liability.** Neither the Organising Committee, E.A. nor the Albany Equestrian Centre accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, grooms, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever. By submitting an entry form for this event, all riders accept the Dangerous Activity Acknowledgement. The Albany Equestrian Centre accepts no liability for the loss of, or damage to, vehicles, or any other goods or articles, and does not offer any personal insurance to riders.
21. **Reservation of Right:** The Organising Committee reserves the right:
 - a. To cancel any class or event.
 - b. To divide any class.
 - c. To transfer competitors between sections of a class.
 - d. To alter the advertised times; and
 - e. To refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason.