

## TRANS-TASMAN RIDER INFORMATION SHEET

### Overview

The Trans-Tasman competition is an annual event conducted between New Zealand and Australia to provide endurance riders new to international competition with the opportunity to compete in a supportive and friendly environment. It is recognised that competing at an international level can be challenging and both the ESNZ and EA organisations would like to support a competition that encourages riders to try this level of endurance.

The competition provides newcomers to international competition with a less complex, low key and minimal cost introduction to this aspect of endurance. The ideals of good competition, supportive team spirit and an adherence to the welfare of the horse being placed first are encouraged in this competition.

### Scope of Competition

The following information details the scope and conditions of the Trans-Tasman competition:

- Competition is conducted between New Zealand and Australian teams
- The event is held annually alternating between Australia and New Zealand
- The first event in the resurrected competition will be held in Australia in 2017
- Teams consist of 5 people – Chef, 3 senior riders and 1 youth rider
- Support crew will be the responsibility of each nation
- The Chef will be the point of contact for each team
- Event is conducted under FEI rules at a 2\* level
- Costs of competition are to borne by each team
- Organisation of the team, team uniform and travel and accommodation arrangements are the responsibility of each nation
- Horses are to be supplied by the host nation unless teams indicate they wish to bring their own horses
- The winner of the competition will be determined by the quickest total time for 3 riders. Where both teams do not have 3 team members completing the event the winner will be determined by the quickest total time for 2 riders.

### Horses

Riders are expected to compete on their own horses or organise to lease a horse for the 2017 competition. Horses will be provided for the visiting New Zealand team. All travel and accommodation arrangements are the responsibility of the rider. All health requirements imposed by the Organising Committee of the event must be met.

Horses will need to meet the following requirements:

- FEI Registration for the 2017 year
- Be qualified to compete at the FEI 2\* level
- Meet EA National Passport requirements
- Not currently subject to an AERA rest order and outside the rest period requirements defined in the FEI Endurance Rules 2017

**Event Details**

The Trans-Tasman competition will be held at the Stirling's Cross FEI ride (Qld) currently scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> August. The competition will be conducted at the 2\* level (120km).

Riders will need to meet the following requirements:

- Member of Equestrian Australian
- FEI Registration for the 2017 year
- Be qualified to compete at the FEI 2\* level
- Not be subject to any disciplinary action

Riders who have not competed internationally will have preference over those who have experience international level competition.

The rider is expected to compete at a professional level and following the direction of the Chef d'Equipe at all times. Team members and supporting crew are expected to be treated with respect by the rider and their support crew.

**Entry Fees**

The Entry Fees for the 2017 Competition have been sponsored by Bullio Arabians and riders will not be required to pay the entry fee.

**Trophies**

A perpetual trophy is awarded to the team declared the winners of the competition. This trophy is to be returned prior to the commencement of the Trans-Tasman competition held in the ensuing year. Completion trophies are provided to all riders and the Chef d'Equipe.