

EQUITANA MELBOURNE

8 - 11 JULY 2021

LIBERTY CHAMPIONSHIP - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



Liberty Championship

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INVITED

TIMETABLE:

Saturday 10th July 2021 Indoor Arena, Melbourne Showgrounds

ENTRY FEE:

\$100

PRIZES:

Winner – EQUITANA Trophy & sash, Rosettes 2nd to 10th

PRIZE MONEY:

1st \$1,500, 2nd \$750, 3rd \$400

EQUITANA's inaugural Liberty Championship will showcase trainers and their horses presenting a creative Liberty 'freestyle' performance. The competition highlights the unique connection and communication between horse and trainer which is established over many hundreds of hours at work and play together.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Trainers may apply to enter with one horse or with several horses. Only horses may be entered, no other livestock. Trainers may choose to ride, work from the ground or both. Your horse may be ridden bareback and bridleless, or in the case of multiple horses the lead ridden horse may be bridled. Competitors may supply their own props and perform tricks/tasks. Horses may wear exercise boots. Whips are permitted.

Each trainer will be allocated ten (10) minutes, two minutes to be used for entering the arena, removing halter & lead rope and familiarisation and, at the signal from the judging panel, approx. eight (8) minutes to showcase their creative and inspiring freestyle performance. The judging panel will signal the end of 8 minutes. Horses must be haltered prior to exiting the arena.

Competitors must submit 8 minutes of recorded music to be played during their performance. The creative Liberty performance should be choreographed to impress both the public and judges alike. We suggest you work your presentation to be just under eight minutes in order to finish and acknowledge the public gallery and allow spectators to show their appreciation.

The Liberty Championship is open to individuals. A maximum of 10 entries will be accepted. Potential competitors should contact Sandi Simons for entry information and submit a 5 minute video showing their training level. Videos should be submitted to: sandisimons@icloud.com

JUDGING:

Judging criteria will be based on connection, communication, body control, speed control, distance and degree of difficulty. Points are awarded for technical skills, creativity and overall quality of presentation. Points are accumulated and the winner is the trainer who accumulates the highest number of points.

ARENA FAMILIARISATION:

Will be timetabled on Wednesday 7 July

ARENA SIZE:

70mtrs x 30 mtrs

PEOPLE'S CHOICE:

A people's choice award will be presented for the most popular performance as determined by spectator popular vote.

ENQUIRIES: Sandi Simons sandisimons@icloud.com