

# EQUITANA MELBOURNE

8 - 11 JULY 2021

## CONNEXION CHALLENGE COMPETITION SCHEDULE



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### TIMETABLE:

Qualifier	Friday 9 July 3.30pm – 5.00pm	Town Square Arena
Final	Saturday 11 July 9.00am – 10.30am	Town Square Arena

**ENTRY FEE:** \$80

**ADMIN. FEE:** \$10

**PRIZES:** Round 1: Rosettes 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>  
Final: Winner – EQUITANA Buckle & sash, Sashes 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>

**PRIZE MONEY:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100

The ConneXion Challenge highlights the harmony and partnership between horse and rider, incorporating all disciplines from dressage and jumping to liberty and horsemanship. This competition is ideal for the 'all-rounder' where combinations need to show their agility, teamwork, precision and performance. Ranch Horse and Extreme Cowboy enthusiasts will enjoy the ConneXion Challenge.

The ConneXion Challenge is open to individuals, including young riders, and is non discipline specific. A total of 12 entries will be accepted. Potential competitors in the ConneXion Challenge should submit a video show their training levels for the tasks outlined below. Videos should be submitted to:

[sandi@equineproductions.com.au](mailto:sandi@equineproductions.com.au)

A link to enter will be provided when Acceptances are advised.

### JUDGING:

A course walk will be conducted prior to the start of competition each day. Time allowed on course is 5 minutes per competitor, i.e. one minute per task. Judges are looking for precision and efficiency in completing the tasks as well as horsemanship, teamwork and application to the task. Points are accumulated with a possible top score of 10 per task. The competition will be judged over two rounds with a combined total score. The results of the qualifying round determine the start order for the final round. The winner is the competitor who accumulates the highest number of points overall.

Time Penalties: When a combination exceeds the time limit for each task a whistle will sound indicating the combination should move to the next task. If the total time for all tasks exceeds 5 minutes time penalties will apply.

### CHALLENGE TASKS:

Include: Western dressage manoeuvres, low level Jumping, Agility, Ground tying, Liberty, Lead Changes, High Speed, Turn on Haunches, Turn on Forehand, Dragging obstacles, Reining manoeuvres, Ground Skills, Lateral manoeuvres, Tricks, Side passing, Canter, Walk, Trot, Gallop, Tarps, Bending poles, Roll backs

**SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO NOW: you will receive notification regarding acceptance.**  
**When accepted you will be required to formally enter and pay online**

**ENTER ONLINE:**

**LINK TO BE ADVISED UPON ACCEPTANCE**

**ENQUIRIES:**

**Sandi Simons, [sandi@equineproduction.com.au](mailto:sandi@equineproduction.com.au)**

# COMPETITOR INFORMATION

## ENTRY INFORMATION

All competitors entering EQUITANA Melbourne competitions should do so through the event website.

A link to the entry platform will be provided after competitors are short listed.

Stabling is available only for competitors and must be booked with entries.

For general competitor information please visit the EQUITANA Melbourne website:

[www.equitana.com.au](http://www.equitana.com.au)

If classes are fully subscribed further entries will be wait listed. Entries wait listed will receive a refund if a start does not become available.

Late entries will be considered, providing class numbers permit. A late entry fee of \$25 per class will be charged. Late entry enquiries must be submitted directly to the competition manager.

Competitors in the program and competitions conducted at EQUITANA Melbourne are invited to compete or invited by their discipline association. All competitors acknowledge that EQUITANA Melbourne is unable to insure them or their horses or equipment. Competitors and attendees are advised that they should insure or self-insure and compete with the knowledge that they are responsible for their actions, horses and equipment. EQUITANA Melbourne informs its competitors and attendees of the inherent risks associated with horse sport and seeks to create a safe environment but cannot take responsibility for injury and damage while competitors and attendees are at the event.

All competitors must abide by the rules of the individual sport and their member organisation.

## PRIZE MONEY & PRESENTATIONS

Entry fees and prize money include GST where applicable.

Prize money will be paid directly to your bank account. Bank details will be requested during the online entry process. The Competition Office will have forms available if necessary.

Presentations are a special part of EQUITANA Melbourne. All prize-winners will be expected to attend their presentation either mounted or on foot as dictated by the sport. If an exception is required, please contact the Competition Manager for formal approval.

Competitor Packs including draws and stabling information will be available late in June and also published online.

## STABLING / PARKING

Stables are available to competitors only and are limited in number. Stable fee: \$50 per day, includes bedding. Top up sawdust bales are available for purchase at the Stable Manager's office. There is no camping available at Melbourne Showgrounds. Stabling must be booked and paid for at time of entry. Please contact Competition Manager if you need to adjust your booking.

There will be a Stable Manager on-site throughout the event. Farrier and Veterinary contact numbers will be provided with Competitor Information.

On arrival, please check in with the Stable Manager to be directed to your parking and stable. There will be a designated parking area for day competitors.

Please note that as room is strictly limited in the competitor car parking areas, only competitor vehicles will be allowed to park in this zone. Supporters and grooms travelling separately from riders are asked to park in general parking areas.

## **SAFETY**

For the safety of all concerned, we ask that all participants follow the instructions/requests of staff and uniformed volunteers. It is always recommended helmets be worn when mounted, as per your sport rules. Appropriate footwear must be worn when handling horses.

**Stallions at Events:** Stallions must be identifiable at the event. All EA sanctioned competitions will run under EA rules and regulations (EA approved 'Stallion Tags' are required).

## **EVENT ACCREDITATION**

Each competitor will receive two accreditation passes, which will provide access to the Exhibition and Education programmes, warm up arena, competition arenas and stables. Each competitor will also receive two General Admission tickets for family or friends. GA tickets do not provide back of house access. Accreditation must be worn at all times at the venue. Information regarding collecting accreditation will be sent out with your competitor information pack.

Additional passes are available for purchase at Ticketing via [www.equitana.com.au](http://www.equitana.com.au)

## **SCRATCHING / REFUNDS**

A Scratching must be notified in writing to the Competition Manager. Competitors will receive a full refund of all fees (less Administration fee) if scratching is received prior to close of entries (31 May 2021). A Scratching received after close of entries will be eligible for a 50% refund of entry fees on submission of a valid veterinary or medical certificate, within 48 hours of scratching. Full stable refund until 30 June.

## **ANIMAL CARE & PROTECTION TERMS & CONDITIONS**

The EQUITANA team are observant of the treatment of all animals that are involved in the EQUITANA Competition Program. All participants of EQUITANA Melbourne 2021 acknowledge and abide by the Horse Welfare and protections guidelines included in the Competitor Information pack.

Dogs are not permitted on the Showgrounds.