

Selection process for NSW mounted games team for Nationals

The selection process will be done over the course of one day with a riding phase, attendance points and coaches ranking and selectors score all added together. The scores from the selection day will be added by the officials and the riders with the 5 top scores will be the riders selected in the NSW team with the following 2 places being the reserves. Selection results will be emailed out after all scores are checked and double checked by the officials. The results will not have the rider's final points just the name of the 5 riders selected and the 2 reserves.

All riders must attend the selection day and be part of the NSW Mounted games squad to be eligible to be selected for the NSW team.

Riding phase – Riders are to ride through one leg of 15 races (races and legs of race to be decided by NSW coach, it is recommended that these races be from the upcoming national event program) Races to be posted at least 1hr before the start of the selection day.

The riders will all be timed for each race with points being allocated from 15 down to 1 example. 15 points for first place, 14 points for 2nd place etc. etc. If you are eliminated in any race you will receive zero points for that race.

After all the games are completed the rider's points are then tallied so over 15 races if you won every race you would have a score of 225. and if you lost every race but were not eliminated you would have a score of 15. (In the event of lower rider numbers attending selection, the points would also lower example: 12 riders would be 12 points for 1st place etc. etc.)

**For every 2nd year where riders are to ride loaned horses please see attached chart of how the draw will work. Riders will ride every horse in one race only with the first race being on their own horse. The races and legs of races will be decided by the NSW coach, Riders will receive the list of horses they have drawn as well as the races at least an hour before the event starts.

Riders numbers are to be drawn from a hat, the horses numbers are the same as the rider's numbers, so each horse will have the same number as its owner/rider. Eg Billy's horse is Spartan if Billy draws number 5 he gets a number 5 back number and his horse spartan gets a number 5 bridle number. Points are allocated the same as above with 15 points for first place down to 1 point for last place and zero point for elimination.

Attendance points – Riders will be marked 1 point for every squad training day that they attend from Feb up to the selection date.

Squad training weekends are to be held once a month from February to September, these consist of 2 days training. Depending on how many training days are run before the selection day would depend on the total possible points available. Selection is usually held at the end of June or Early July.

For example, if Mary attended only the Saturday squad training she would receive 1 point but if she was to attend Saturday and Sunday she would receive 2 points if Mary had to go home early on Saturday so could only do half day Saturday but all-day Sunday then she would receive 1 ½ points.

Coaches ranking -The coach will also have a ranking added into the point score so the rider that the coach ranks as number one will receive 20 points with the 2nd ranked rider receiving 19 points 3rd ranked 18 points etc. etc. down the line. The coach will rank riders based on ability, horsemanship & sportsmanship throughout the year.

Selectors score – Riders will be ranked on demonstration of ability, horsemanship and sportsmanship on the day by NSW selection committee. With the rider ranked no 1 receiving 15 points down to the final rider receiving 1 point.

The total scores of the riding phase, attendance points and coaches ranking & selectors score are to be added together to give the final score. The rider with the highest scores will be selected as rider one, next highest score rider 2 etc. etc. down the line.