



JUMPING VICTORIA JUNIOR & YOUNG RIDER SQUADS

Sponsorship of the Jumping Victoria Junior & Young Rider Squads to continue in 2015



Equestrian Victoria is very pleased to announce that the Hygain Feeds sponsorship of the Jumping Victoria Junior & Young Rider Squads has continued for the 2015 squads. Pictured left is Binni Grieg Victorian Junior 2015 a member of the State Squad. This sponsorship also includes the Hygain saddleblankets that our members wear with pride at the shows all around the country. A huge thank you goes to Hygain for this fabulous support.

The first squad is scheduled for May 23/24th at Werribee. The timetable is attached. The payment invoice will be emailed on Wednesday when I am in the office. I apologise for the lateness of this newsletter due to the flu in the first instance and then a minor car accident which left me carless. (Literally the wheels fell off!!!)

Welcome to our new members for 2015 and we look forward to catching up with our "oldies". There will be a **Welcome to squad session** for our new members on the Saturday morning at 8am-8.30am in the Admin building where I will run through an overview of Squad and welcome any queries you have. Previous members are not expected to attend.

Saturday: The Saturday theory session will be conducted with Elite Sport Leadership and will be working on goal setting and inspiration! This program will be run across the next two squads so it is important that you attend. If you have arranged to ride two horses, please ensure that you find time to attend the theory even if you miss one of the three riding sessions on your second horse. Parents are welcome to attend.

You have two riding sessions also timetabled.

Saturday night: Saturday night dinner— it is hoped that all will attend this. It is held in the Admin building and starts about 6pm. We have a group meeting at approx. 7.15pm Dinner is a casserole dinner where each family bring a casserole, salad, dessert etc. Heating up is a problem so if you can bring slow cookers, frypans to heat it up or bring it over hot, that makes it easier. This is an important component of the squads and we ask everyone to make an effort to get to the meal— the whole family is welcome and there is no charge.

Sunday am: Breakfast is supplied in the Admin building from 7am and all family members are welcome to come for this informal get-together.

Squad information sheet continued.

Sunday we will be getting an overview on the German Training Scale to aid you with developing your horse and yourself as a rider on the flat in our Theory session .

There is only one riding session on the Sunday with a duration of 1.5 hours.





Congrats to Emily and Max SA Inter-school Champion and reserve.

Attendances
If you are not
intending on
coming to the
May Squad please
contact Annie
urgently!!!



Payment form is attached to this email and you are welcome to pay in advance or at Squad.

Uniform order forms will be distributed at the weekend at the Dinner.

Conduct of Riders:

All riders are expected to assist their coach throughout the weekend. Setting up is done at 7.45am so if you come down to the arenas to help that would be much appreciated by your coach. Riders are expected to help with rails etc when they are not involved in a session.

Now we come to the social side of things! A major component of the squad system is the social ties that are formed. It is valuable that we all socialise over the course of the weekend.

There are just a few provisos you need to keep in mind- Children are NOT to be left unsupervised. If you are not able to attend with your child, a formal arrangement must be confirmed with a responsible adult and Annie must be made aware of the arrangement.

As this is an elite sporting training weekend, alcohol consumption by under-age drinkers will not be tolerated. Anyone found contravening this will be asked to leave the squads. If a rider is over eighteen, they are of course responsible for themselves but alcohol consumption at the official dinner is not appropriate.

If you are found to supply alcohol to underage minors be it parents or other riders, your family will be discontinued as members of the squad. Parents please make sure your rider is aware that this is an legal offence carrying a \$20,000 penalty and full co-operation will be given to authorities in the case of any legal proceedings.

The code of conduct is to be kept in mind. You must treat all coaches, other squad members and their families with total respect throughout the weekends.

I take this opportunity to thank our coaches for 2015 in Gavin Chester, Paul Williams, Adam Wootten and Alex Rooney. We are very lucky to have such a high quality panel yet again.

Annie

Welcome Georgina Hocking and all our new members. Please send your photos and news in for this newsletter throughout the year.

