



Rally and General Information

Welcome to Gidgegannup Equestrian Association

General Information

Gidgegannup Equestrian Association (GEA) caters to all levels of adult riders and disciplines. We offer a safe and supportive environment with like minded people to further your equine pursuits whether for pleasure or competition, holding regular rallies with qualified instructors. Our rallies are held at the Gidgegannup Show Grounds. Entrance to the grounds is off Old Coach Road.

Membership structure and fees are listed in the attached documentation.

Associate membership is for people who think they may not get to attend many rallies (eg 5 or less) during the year. Although the membership fee is less, rally and clinic fees cost more. If it ends up that the associate member can attend more than 5 rallies they can either continue as an associate member or choose at any time to upgrade to a full membership by paying the additional \$50 fee.

Payment EFT is the preferred method of payment

Payment details are provided on the membership form.

Payment for rallies is done via [Global Entries on Line](#) with credit/debit card. You will need to set up a Global account to enter our member only rallies. You will find Gidgegannup Equestrian Association under Equestrian Multi Discipline, WA.

You can download a Global Entries on Line App from [Google play](#) or the [App Store](#)

Rallies are held on the 3rd Sunday of every month starting in February and finishing in November. We also hold Friday morning rallies, generally once a month.

We will also hold clinics and social days on occasions. Training days and clinics may be offered on other days depending on availability of the grounds. The format of clinics are tailored to what the committee feels is wanted by members. We are always open to suggestions. The clinics we

normally hold include Show Jumping Training Days, Cross Country, Jump X Training Days & Dressage Training Days. We also have Working Equitation classes throughout the year. Based on feedback from members, other disciplines of riding may be held. You will receive notification of these events via email, and our members' [Facebook](#) page. It is a requirement that members will assist at these events.

Competitions both in house and inter-club are run by GEA and other clubs affiliated with [ARCA](#) (Adult Riding Club Association). ARCA 'challenges' are a great way to introduce you and your horse to friendly competition while supporting and representing your club. There is a high point and handicap trophy for each challenge up for grabs.

Uniforms

Uniforms can be ordered via our uniforms officer (committee member) and are available to order on-line from our website. We carry most stock and a limited amount of club shirts.

Our club colours are black and gold and we have shirts, riding tights, caps, vests and saddle blankets for sale. Uniforms do not have to be worn at rallies but are essential for inter-club challenges with black or club johdpurs/riding tights (a limited number of club shirts are available to borrow for these events if you do not have your own club shirt).

[Uniform Order Form](#)

Publications / forums

We have a website (<http://gidgearc.com/>) which contains a calendar of upcoming events, news and photos.

There is also a closed Facebook group for members (you can request to become a member/ join the group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/424365217621707/>)

Correspondence will be delivered on FB and we also send official club information via email such as upcoming rally and clinic information.

Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are held monthly usually the week after each Sunday Rally. All members are

welcome to attend. Committee positions are elected during the AGM (Annual General Meeting) at the end of the year. All committee members must be financial members of the club.

Rally Information

An email & FB message is sent out to all members about 3 weeks before a rally which has information such as instructors, lesson formats and closing date. Rally bookings will be via Global On Line. Rally bookings are accepted on a first in best dressed basis and must be accompanied by full payment. You can book in for either one lesson (AM or PM) or two lessons (one AM & one PM).

Once you have booked into a rally we will email out lesson times, rally jobs, stable allocation (if requested) and any other relevant information on the Wednesday or Thursday before the rally.

Attending a Rally:

Sunday lessons normally start at 9am, with the last lesson of the day finishing at 4pm.

Friday rallies are normally 9am-12 noon.

Lessons are 1 hour in duration and there is a 1 hour lunch break from 12pm to 1pm.

Jobs to help set up and pack away the equipment as well as other duties are allocated to all riders attending the rally. An explanation of what each job entails will be included in the email sent out prior to the rally. Jobs will be allocated around your lesson times.

Use of Stables:

Free use of stables for members. If you request a stable with your rally booking you will be allocated

a specific stable. Please only use the stable you have been allocated and ensure it is left in a clean and tidy state.

All hay and manure **must** be picked up from the stable area and the car park and deposited on the manure pile near stable block 2.

Canteen:

We have canteen facilities available for tea, coffee and soft drinks. Lunch can be purchased from the food van. We are always open to donations of yummy food for morning and afternoon tea to sell during the rally. All proceeds go directly back into the club.

Lessons

NB: Not all lesson types will be offered at every rally, please refer to the relevant rally booking information.

For all lessons we endeavour to allocate you into groups of similar levels. **This can be a tricky task at the best of times so please be patient for the first couple of rallies. Your feedback will help us get it right next time!**

Your instructor will usually have a chat to you at the beginning of the lesson to see where you are at with your riding and ask if you are having any issues and 'maybe' what you would like to work on.

If you do not understand anything in your lesson or are apprehensive with a task please ask for clarification or sit out of that task, we have all been there!

You must stick to your allocated groups/times. If on the day you feel there is a valid reason to change your lesson groups and/or times please see the Rally Coordinator as we must ensure rider numbers and levels in each lesson are suitable.

Groundwork Lesson:

Is basically a way of establishing communication with your horse before you start riding. You will be shown some handling/ground work exercises that you can then work on at home.

This is a great way to introduce young or inexperienced horses to the club and start to desensitise them to being 'out & about' without the pressure of riding. Or you may just want to brush up on your handling skills!

Helper Duty Rules:

All members who ride will be assigned a helper duty. If a member has booked into a rally, has been assigned a job and withdraws from the rally by notifying the rally co-ordinator, it is expected that you still complete your helper duty unless you have a valid reason. Not having enough helpers on the day because riders decide not to show up can have an impact on how the day flows, resulting in delays with start time and also means other members are having to pick up extra duties, so if unable to ride, members are encouraged to come and assist with their assigned duty or make arrangements for another member to help in their absence.

Please bring (if you have them): rope halter, long lead (preferably not a lunge line), dressage type whip and gloves. Please also wear your helmet.

Flatwork Lesson:

The level of flatwork will vary between groups. From walk, trot work to advanced dressage. It's a good idea to familiarise yourself with some of the basic school figures as 'most' instructors will use these when instructing. A great web site is: <http://www.dressage.net.au/dnlinks3.html#movements60>

Pole Lessons:

Riding over poles in various formations at different paces depending on the level of rider and horse. A great gymnastic work-out for your horse.

Jumping Lesson:

The level of jumping will vary between groups from very low levels (<50cm) for those of you who have been doing pole work and want to advance to the next level to more advanced jumping.

Desensitisation/Games/Trail:

No special gear is required for the desensitisation or games. The level of experience with games will vary between groups and if horses are nervous instructor may suggest that the games/obstacles be introduced in-hand (unmounted) at first.

Working Equitation

[Working Equitation](#) is comprised of 4 Phases

Working Dressage Phase

Working Dressage phase is to train the horse for the obstacles encountered in the day to day work on the farm. Develop and advance the training, and maintain the regularity and correctness of the paces. Special attention to the lightness, impulsion, relaxation and roundness, as the aim is to ride one hand.

The Maneability Phase -

Ease of Handling EOH (Obstacles)

Ride obstacles with style & elegance. Involves the horse and rider negotiating a number of obstacles that test the attributes of the correct training of horse and rider.

All obstacles are numbered in order of execution, with markers indicating the start and finish of each obstacle.

Can be ridden at walk, trot or canter depending on you and your horse's level of skill.

Speed Phase

Riding obstacles at speed to test the speed, agility, athleticism, and submission of the horse and the balance, aids and seat of the rider.

Consists of the same obstacles as the Style phase, although usually over a shortened course.

This phase is judged solely on the time taken to complete the course with time penalties for errors of course.

Cattle Phase

Due to logistics this phase will not be offered.

The above information is to help you decide if the club is suitable for you and your horse and give you an insight as to how the club is run and what we offer. We are always open to suggestions and comments. If you require further information please don't hesitate to contact us by return [email](#).

Cancellation Policy for Rallies:

If a member books into a rally and withdraws prior to the closing date, a refund will be given.

If a member books into a rally and withdraws after the closing date, a refund will be given only if a vet or doctor's certificate can be presented.

If withdrawing from the rally after the closing date due to COVID, we require a government acknowledgment of a positive test to enable a refund. The required isolation period must overlap the rally date.

If withdrawing on the Friday/Saturday prior to the rally or on the morning of the rally please contact one of the Coordinators (please refrain from emailing or posting on Facebook as it is unlikely to be read after hours leading up to the rally).

Cancelled Bookings: Monies owing from cancelled events will be credited to the member's account. Money will not be held over to transfer to another event.

Refunds will only be available for 7 days after the rally date so all paperwork and bank details need to be emailed to us to enable this to happen

Fee Structure

Membership

- FULL:** \$170 per year
(\$85 mid year membership from 1st July)
- ASSOCIATE:** \$120 per year (caters for those that may not be able attend many rallies (ie 5 or less) during the year. **Rally and clinic fees are more.** You may at any time upgrade to a full membership by paying the additional \$50 fee.). Not available with mid year membership.
- FAMILY:** \$310 (Two immediate family members living at the same address, e.g husband & wife; mother & daughter)
\$155 (per additional immediate family member)
- NOTE:** For the purposes of membership status family members are considered to be full members.
- SOCIAL:** \$20 (A non-riding membership that entitles you to attend club functions and fence sit at clinics and still feel part of our club although you may not have a horse ready to come to rallies yet. You may upgrade this membership at any time.) You will also have access to our closed Face Book forum, email correspondence and newsletters.
- RALLY FEES** (Payable when booking into a rally)

Rally Fees

FULL MEMBERS: \$40 per lesson.
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: \$50 per lesson.

GLOBAL ENTRIES ON LINE

To book into rallies and events: if you are a first time user, you will need to register yourself and your horse/s. Let us know once you've done this and we will enter you as a member so that you can book for upcoming rallies.

There is also an APP for your devices (Global Entries Online) which you can download for free from either Google Play or the App store. It is very easy to use. Payments are either debit or credit card only. This means if you don't pay at the time of booking you are not entered.

(Note: If you already have a log-in for Global, it is important that names (particularly Surname) and email address are the same used when becoming a member of GEA.)

You will receive an email and FB post via the GEA closed club page the day before entries open on global.

1. Go to <http://globalentriesonline.com.au/>

2. Click on EQUESTRIAN and MULTI DISCIPLINE then click on VIEW EVENTS and then the drop down menu for WA. From here you can scroll through the calendar and find GEA upcoming Rally. We will always be under Multi Discipline for all our booking dates :)

For a more detailed description of how to log onto events, visit <https://www.gidgearc.com/guide-global-entries-online>

Equissage Unit

GEA members are offered free use of the Club's Equissage Unit at our Sunday rallies.

A disclaimer MUST be signed prior to using the unit (pick up from canteen). Use of the Unit is on a 'first-in' basis (duration of session is 10 minutes. (16 time slots available). Please add your name to the timetable at the canteen if you wish to use the unit.

Rules & Regulations

Please refer to the [GEA Risk Management Policy](#) for additional detail.

1. All club activities follow the general rules of Equestrian Australia (EA) which are available on the website (<http://www.equestrian.org.au/rules>). This includes the wearing of an approved safety helmet (as below) and riding boots (smooth soled and heeled) at all times whilst mounted.

Current Australian Standard AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) with SAI Global mark
New Australian Standard ARB HS 2012 with SAI Global mark
Current American Standard ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark or SNELL E2001
Current British Standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) with BSI Kitemark
Interim European Standard VG1 (01.040: 2014-12)
2. Only those persons who are financial members of the Club (Gidgegannup Equestrian Association Inc) may ride at club events. Non-members are not permitted to ride a horse on the club grounds during a designated club event.
3. Member Dangerous Activity Acknowledgement forms (as per the EA) must be signed prior to riding in any Club event (completing one form will cover normal club activities for the year)
4. GEA is an EWA-affiliated club with Public Liability Insurance through EA (Gow Gates). This insurance covers the club (committee members, ordinary members, officials, volunteers) for causing bodily injury or property damage to a THIRD PARTY whilst attending/ conducting club activities. HOWEVER, it is important to note that any liability claim whilst attending a designated Club activity results in a \$2,500 excess. This excess is payable by the person held liable for the damage.

During a club event we have exclusive use of the main showground arena, small enclosed arena, stables, club rooms, canteen and car parking area. All other areas (e.g. cross-country course, bmx track) are out of the jurisdiction of the club.
5. It is highly recommended that members take out separate EWA membership for personal accident and personal liability cover 24/7 for horse related activities. The form can be filled in online on the [EWA website](#)
6. **PARKING:** Horse floats MUST NOT be parked close to the club-room/canteen area for safety reasons. Spectators are permitted to park behind this building. Horse floats must be parked a sufficient distance from other floats to enable a horse to be tethered to each float and to move around without coming so close to another horse as to permit one horse to kick the other or to damage vehicles. Parking should be organised in a way that does not block the exit for others and allows access for emergency service vehicles.
7. Spectators attend at their own risk. To manage this risk, spectator and horse traffic should be kept separate wherever possible. Persons riding or handling a horse must be alert for the presence of members of the general public (including in particular children).
8. Dogs must be under control at all times. Children must be supervised at all times and are not allowed in the canteen due to health regulations. No child is allowed on a horse during a club event.
9. Horses must be tethered in accordance with good practice (quick-release knot or quick-release clip) or placed in secure yards/stables. Ensure horses are tied up safely and securely. Never tie a horse to a float that is not attached to a car. Horses must have an adequate water supply at all times.
10. Horses under the age of 4 must be assessed by an instructor employed by the club and are not permitted to jump in any club activities. They may do pole classes at the Instructor's discretion.
11. All gear must be in safe condition, fit the horse and be suitable for the planned activity.
12. All members should be aware of and show consideration towards other members who may not be confident and/or have inexperienced horses. Members are to respect and keep a safe distance from other horses during warm-up and in group lessons. If a horse is unsettled or erratic to the extent that it is affecting the safety of other riders, the member responsible for the horse is expected to remove it from the situation.
13. **STALLIONS** may only attend upon prior application and at the discretion of the Club Committee. If in attendance, stallions must be kept in float, horse truck, stable or steel yard when not being ridden to ensure safety for all horses. They may only be handled by an experienced horse person 18 years of age or over. For stallions to participate in club

activities [Equestrian Australia's stallion safe practices guidelines](#) must be followed.

14. STABLES & PARKING AREA:

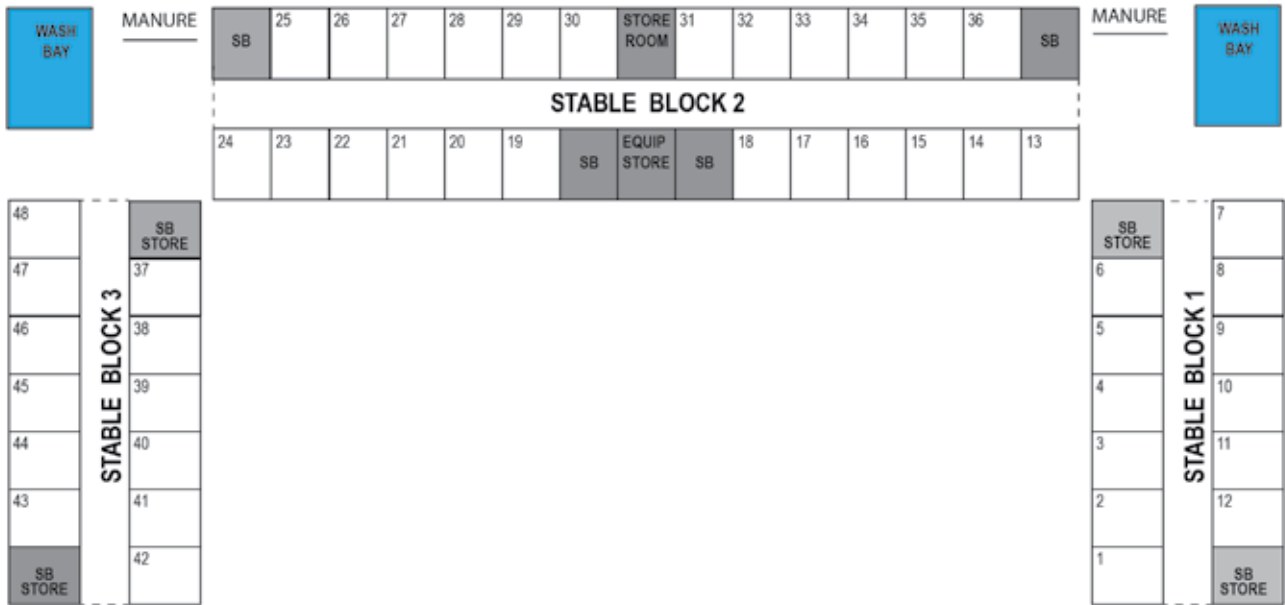
- a. Hay is only permitted in the stables at the discretion of the committee. All hay **MUST** be removed from stables and breezeways.
- b. Please pickup your horses manure. There is a manure pile near the wash area at the back of the stables.
- c. If your horse is unsociable in a stall please inform the committee when you request a stable so stable allocations will allow for empty stalls next to your horse.
- d. All manure and hay must be picked up from around horse floats and removed or taken to the manure pile at the stable block.

15. ARENAS:

- a. Please do not lunge your horse in the main arena while lessons are in progress, the round yard can be used for this purpose.
- b. You may warm-up in the main arena but please be considerate of those having a lesson. Do not ride directly around the lesson areas. Always be aware of how other horses are reacting to your presence (both in lessons and while warming up) and keep a safe distance from other horses.
- c. Please close the gates to the main arena as you enter or leave.
- d. Please do not enter or exit the grounds with your float around the main arena while lessons are in progress (i.e. **DO NOT** use the Toodyay Rd gate). Only the gate on Old Coach Rd should be used during rally times.

Thank You For You Co-Operation

STABLE PLAN



SHOW GROUNDS

