

## **XC Derby Day FAQ**

Q. When can I enter?

A. Entries will open on nominate

Q. What is a Derby?

A. A cross country course with a few show jumps

Q. Can the rider be on a lead line or have someone walk/ run with them?

A. Yes in class 1 and 2 and we encourage it for any rider feeling like they would like to try but need someone to "just be there on the end of the rope" and even young horses if this is one of their first outings

Q. How many rounds can i enter?

A. Up to 3 rounds at each height up to 65cm  
Up to 2 rounds of each height 80cm to 115cm

Q. Can i enter more then 1 height?

A. Yes you can there is no limit

Q. Do i have to enter all the derby days to be eligible for the leader board?

A. No you don't... you can do as little or as much as you want

Q. Will there be prizes at each derby day or just the series winners?

A. Prizes 1st to 6th at each Derby day in each class  
AND prizes 1st to 3rd for the overall series leader board in each class at the end of the year (December)

Q. What is "The Championship Series"?

A. There are placings and prizes 1st to 6th in each class at EACH Derby day and you win points (see points table at the end of FAQ)  
Points are tallied on the Leader Board after each competition.

At the end of the series there will be prizes awarded to the top 3 on the leader board of each class.

Q. Do I have to do all the Derby's to be able to win points on the Leander board?

A. No you just get added to the leader board as you win points

Q. If i enter one class 2 times can i place twice and get double the points ?

A. No this is how it will work -

When you enter on nominate

the classes will have competition rounds and training rounds you can enter. ONLY the competition round of each class will be scored, have prizes and points awarded on the leader board.

- The training rounds are there for extra practice and these are run immediately after the competition round at each heigh. Please if you are going to enter only 1 round at a height .... Enter the competition round as its exactly the same as the training round same rules everything. This way you have a chance of wining a prize.

So you can enter the same class in Div 1 (comp round) and Div 2 (training round)

If you decide, for example, to to enter class 1 twice and class 2 once you would enter

Division 1 and 2 of class 1

And

Division 1 of class 2

Prizes and points will only be awarded to division 1 of each class

Division 2 or 3 of each class is for your second or third round at that height for extra training only.

Q. How do i win?

A. With a clear round closest to the optimum time

Q. Can a wear a watch?

A. NO

Q. How many penalties for a rail down?

A. 4

Q. How many penalties for a stop on course?

A. 20 for a stop at either a Xc jump or a Sj

Q. What if i miss a jump or jump the jumps in the wrong order?

A. Sorry elimination (but you will not be stopped you can keep going)

Q. What if a fall off?

A. Elimination and you will need to be seen by the medics, if you are cleared and you want to get back on you can continue or you can head back to the float

Q. How many refusals on course can i have before i have to retire?

A. Classes up to and including 80cm unlimited but if your looking over faced and your horse isn't coping you will be stopped by an official and have to retire. (horses welfare is priority)

- Classes 95cm and up after your 4th refusal you will need to retire and walk home because its obviously not your day. And you might need more training to become more confident at that level.

Q. What if i go over the optimum time?

A. You will receive 0.4 of a penalty for every second over optimum time

Q. What if i go under the optimum time?

A. You will receive 0.4 of a penalty for every second under optimum time

Q. What if I'm equal on time with someone else with a clear round, how do we decide who places higher and gets the championship points?

A. You are just equal and will both get great prizes and equal points

Q. How do you split riders who are equal on points on the final leader board?

A. Count back - worked out on each riders total time faults over the optimum time. Therefore rewarding the rider who rode under time and closest to the optimum consistently over the series.

Q. How many show jumps are there on the course?

A. Anywhere from 1 - 3 depending on the class

Q. Do I need a body protector?

A. Yes you do

Q. Dose my helmet need to be tagged?

A. Yes - we will have tags on the day

Q. This is my first time doing anything like this. What safety gear do i have to wear?

A. You must wear an approved (and tagged) helmet with the chin strap fastened at all times. And must conform with one of the current approved safety standard: helmet checking and tagging will be available on the day

- The current Australian standard (AS/NZS 3838 - helmets from 2006 onward, providing they are SAI Global marked).

- New Australian standard (ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked).

- Current American standard (ASTM F1163 2004a or 04a onwards provided they are SEI marked).

- Current American standard (SNELL E2001).

- Current British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011 provided they are BSI Kitemarked).

Interum European Standard (VG1 01.040: 2014-12 with or without BSI Kitemark).

Sounds hard to follow? Don't worry you can easily find out the safety standard of your helmet just by checking the tag on the inside (sometimes it can be hiding behind the liner!)

You will also require a body protector. Manufactured after 2009 to the EN13158:2009 standard or also know as BETA 3 standard. Is the new standard so if you plan on competing officially you will need this anyway.

Number holders: not a safety issue however you will require one so you can slip your number into it so we can identify each rider on course. You can buy these from most saddlery stores (or borrow a friends!!)

Q. How do i get my number ? If i enter more then one class will I have different numbers?

A. Ok so once the draw is sent out you will be allocated a different number for each class or division you entered .

You will need to print out these numbers x 2 of each (for the front and back of your number holder) before you leave home on A4 paper (standard size)

**\*\* hot tip \*\*** if you have never ridden multiple Xc classes before here's a helpful tip.

Put all of your numbers in your number holder at the beginning of the day in the order of your ride times with the first horse number on top. As you complete each ride simply pull that top number out so the next one is ready to go.

More important notes

1. There will also be a loo close to the car park it will be near the catering
2. There will be a food van
3. There will be a coffee van
4. There is a winery literally down the hill as well..... just saying .....
5. Music - of course
6. Plenty of cool viewing areas and you can see the whole course from one spot

Championship series points for each class

- 1st - 6 points
- 2nd - 5 points
- 3rd - 4 points
- 4th - 3 points
- 5th - 2 points
- 6th - 1 point