



EQUITANA AUCKLAND



COMPETITION



ConneXion Challenge

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

TIMETABLE:

Qualifier	Saturday 23 November 10.15am – 11.45am	Outdoor Arena
Final	Sunday 24 November 1.15pm – 2.45pm	Hansen Products Indoor Arena

ENTRY FEE: \$80

ADMIN. FEE: \$10

PRIZES: Qualifier: Rosettes 1st to 6th
Final: Winner – EQUITANA Buckle & sash, Sashes 2nd to 6th

PRIZE MONEY: Final: 1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$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.

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 enter the ConneXion Challenge and then submit a video show their training levels for the tasks outlined below. Videos should be submitted to:

sandi@equineproductions.com.au

Entry fees will be refunded in full to applicants who do not make up the start list.

JUDGING: A course walk will be conducted prior to the start of competition. 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 winner is the competitor who accumulates the highest number of points.

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: 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

COMPETITOR INFORMATION

ENTRY INFORMATION

All competitors entering EQUITANA AKL Competitions should do so through event website

www.equitanaakl.co.nz via official entry provider, Main Events.

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

For general competitor information please visit the EQUITANA Auckland website: equitanaakl.co.nz

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 direct to the competition manager.

Entry fees and prize money include GST where applicable. A \$10 Administration fee applies to each entry.

All competitors must be a member of the relevant sporting organisation and abide by the rules of the individual sport. Dressage, Jumping and Show Hunter competitors must have full current ESNZ membership for both horse and rider. All ESNZ sanctioned competitions will run under ESNZ rules and regulations. Dressage classes will be run under ESNZ GR's, VR's and Rules for ESNZ Dressage

PRIZE MONEY and 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 Auckland. 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, camping and stabling allocations will be sent out early in November and, also published online.

STABLING / CAMPING / PARKING

Stables and Campsites are available to competitors only and are limited in number. Stable fee \$60 per day, includes basic sawdust bedding. Top up sawdust bales are available for purchase at the Stable Manager's office. Powered camp site fee \$35/night. (Truck/float camping only). Stabling and Camping must be booked and paid for at time of entry. Please contact Competition Manager if you need to adjust your booking.

There will be an on-site Stabling and Camping Manager throughout the event. Farrier and Veterinary contact numbers will be provided with Competitor Packs.

ENTRIES OPEN: 23 September 2019

ENTRIES CLOSE: 1 November 2019

ENTER ONLINE: Go to www.equitanaakl.co.nz Competition / your sport for the link to Main Events

ENQUIRIES: Competition Manager, Victoria Martin E. vic@equineproductions.com.au

Competition parking areas for day and overnight competitors will be through Gate 1 (Green Lane Road W). On arrival, please check in with the Stable and Camping Managers to be directed to your allocated camp site 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/camping 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 ESNZ sanctioned competitions will run under ESNZ rules and regulations (ESNZ approved 'Stallion Tags' as per Article 133 ESNZ regulations).

EVENT ACCREDITATION

Each competitor will receive three accreditation passes (Rider, Groom, Owner), which will provide access to the Exhibition and Education programmes, warm up arena, competition arenas, stables and camping area. 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.equitanaakl.co.nz

SCRATCHING / REFUNDS

A Scratching must be notified in writing to the Competition Manager, or through Main Events. Competitors will receive a full refund of all fees (less Administration fee) if scratching is received prior to close of entries. 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 camping refund until Wednesday 20th November, no refund after that date. Full stable refund until Friday 8th November.

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 Auckland 2019 acknowledge and abide by the Horse Welfare and protections guidelines included in the Competitor Information pack.

Dogs are not permitted on the Showgrounds.

COMPETITION SURFACES

Harrison Lane Equestrian is the contracted surface provider for EQAKL, providing a top-class Sand Fibre surface for the indoor (65mx30m) and warm up (25mx60m), and are committed to providing a top-quality riding surface suited to high level jumping and dressage. For events conducted outside, Harrison Lane is providing a rolled sand arena 80mx50m, which will be dragged, rolled and watered to suit each sport's requirements. All arenas will be maintained daily and throughout the competition programme to keep them in top condition throughout the four days of EQUITANA. The entire EQAKL team is committed to providing awesome footing for competitors in 2019. Arena familiarisation times and practice times will be available daily for competitors during the event, and, also in the rehearsal days preceding EQAKL. These times will be published with competitor information packs with the draws, and, will be posted at the Stable Manager's and competition offices.