# Wallangarra Adult Riders Club (WARC)

# **Enrolment Form 2021**

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Please list any	y relevant allergies:				
Emergency Co	ontact Name:				
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Do you hold a	a current Senior Firs	st Aid Certificate:	□ Yes □ No	0	
I understand	that part of my mei	mbership includes helpi	ng out for at least 1 of	the	
fundraising ev	vents during the ye	ar	□ Yes		
I understand	that part of my mei	mbership includes settir	ng up or packing away a	at each rally I	
attend			□ Yes		
Interests:	□ Dressage	☐ Showjumping	☐ Cross Country	□ Western	
☐ Trail Rides	☐ Games	☐ Working Equitat	☐ Working Equitation☐ Other:		
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# **Conditions of Membership:**

WARC is a club for riders who would like to enjoy different aspects of horse riding in a non-competitive and social atmosphere. As a member, you will be required to comply with the following:

- Riders must be a minimum of 18 years old. Horses must be a minimum of 4 years old (unless committee deems the horse suitable)
- Attend meetings, held on some of our rally days, to help organise club activities
- Riders must clean up after themselves and their horses at rallies, including removing manure and hay (manure bay provided)
- Assist at a minimum of 1 of the (max) 2 fundraising events run during the year (date/s TBA)
- Assist in set up and pack away at each rally, and any other job you volunteer for during the year

- Members are expected to remain at the grounds for the duration of the rally, as apart from
  the social atmosphere, the rally days are by our members for our members to enjoy, so
  setting up and packing away arenas and poles/jumps is part of the day
- Abide by the club's code of practice (provided to all members on initial enrolment)
- EWA or PCAWA membership is not compulsory, but we strongly recommend a recreational membership with or without private health insurance so you are covered if you are injured at a club event. Please note: WARC has public liability insurance <u>ONLY</u>, members do not get personal accident insurance via the club.
- Sign the disclaimer. Copies available with the enrolment pack and at rallies. Please take the time to read and understand this document before signing. Once signed this affects your legal rights. Returning members please note: EA WA has a new waiver for 2021, and so ALL members joining or rejoining this year need to sign the new waiver.
- Your WARC membership entitles you to free use of the grounds when not booked for events/club days. This must be arranged via Wallangarra Pony Club, please contact Linda Fletcher on 9399 2388. Conditions apply.
- ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: in the event of a fall or incident; it is the decision of the first aider, and <u>NOT</u> the injured person, as to whether or not an ambulance is required. <u>ALL riders/visitors who are injured and have concussion-like symptoms will be transported via ambulance to an emergency department, as per the EA WA concussion policy. In the event of a rider or visitor requiring an ambulance, the cost of the ambulance will be borne by the injured party, and NOT by the club. This is a condition of membership, and is not negotiable. WARC recommends all members have either private health insurance with ambulance cover, or separate ambulance insurance.</u>

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Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# EQUESTRIAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC. ("EWA") RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Used with permission by Wallangarra Adult Riding Club (WARC), Inc, for WARC rallies, events, coaches, members and guests.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- 1. I acknowledge and agree that:
- a. taking part in horse sports is a dangerous activity and serious INJURY or DEATH may result from participating in horse-related competitions or activities;
- b. horses may act in a sudden and unpredictable manner, and EWA and WARC does not make any representations or warranties as to how a horse may act; and
- c. I participate in any event held or managed by EWA and WAR, or coaching services provided by EWA or WARC or a member coach of EWA (**Activities**), at my OWN RISK.
- 2. I have read, understood and agree to abide by this Waiver and Release of Liability, all and any rules, regulations, policies and codes (including the Code of Conduct) of EWA, and any organiser or manager of Activities, as may be in force from time to time, and acknowledge and agree that:
- a. EWA's publication of any amended rules, regulations, policies and codes shall be deemed to be sufficient notice to me of the current rules, regulations, policies and codes of EWA; and
- b. any misconduct (as determined by EWA or the relevant Activities organiser, in their sole discretion) or refusal by me to follow any direction of EWA or an Activities organiser, may result in my immediate disqualification from the Activities and the forfeiting of all fees paid in relation to those Activities.

#### **RELEASE AND WAIVER**

- 3. To the maximum extent permitted by law:
- a. I waive all legal and equitable rights of action against EWA and WARC, including its officials, volunteers, medical personnel, members, employees, sponsors, promoters, advertisers, owners and lessees of premises on which Activities are held, underwriters, consultants and coaches (Associates), in regard to any claim arising from Activities, whatsoever or howsoever arising; and

- b. I fully release and hold harmless EWA and WARC and each of its Associates for all and any loss, damages, injury, claim or death whatsoever or howsoever arising out of or in relation to the Activities.
- 4. I represent and warrant that:
- a. in the event I feel unsafe or unwell in any way, I will immediately advise EWA and WARC and the relevant Associates and will immediately cease to participate in the Activities;
- b. I assume full responsibility and liability for any risk of bodily injury, death or property damage arising from participating in the Activities, whatsoever or howsoever arising;
- c. if I have any queries about this Waiver and Release of Liability, I have discussed those queries with EWA or WARC, or otherwise sought my own legal advice and satisfied myself as to those queries;
- d. I understand that my signature to this document constitutes a complete and unconditional release of EWA and its Associates and WARC from all liability to the maximum extent allowed by law in the event of me and/or the minor(s) or children under my care, suffering injury or death, or any of my property (including horses) suffering damage, injury or death; and
- e. I have explained the contents of this Waiver and Release of Liability to the minor(s) or children under my care, who have in turn confirmed to me their understanding of the terms and effect of this Waiver and Release of Liability.

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#### WALLANGARRA ADULT RIDERS GROUP INC

#### **CODE OF PRACTICE**

- 1. Members only will be allowed to ride at club activities. Children of adult rider members are welcome to watch, but will not be permitted to ride at club activities.
- 2. EWA membership is not compulsory but we suggest Adult Riders membership as some instructors require this for their classes. We recommend **ALL** members have some form of personal accident insurance, as your club insurance is Public Liability only.
- 3. Safety of riders gear is each individual adult's responsibility. This includes helmets and horse gear (saddles, bridles, halters and lead ropes etc). Guidelines outlining safety standards will be available to all riders upon joining.
- 4. Prior to tuition, individual adult riders are responsible for ensuring the area for the riding activity is safe and suitable for the purpose.
- 5. Different areas are designated for parking of floats, horse activities, yards and spectators.
- 6. Perimeter fencing must be closed to stop a loose horse escaping.
- 7. The presence of a horse that shows dangerous behaviour to a rider, another horse, or spectators, will not be allowed. A horse showing these tendencies will be asked to leave the lesson for 10 minutes, during which time the rider can try to settle the horse. They can then re-join the lesson, if they have the horse under control.
- 8. A first aid kit must be present at each activity, and a means of communicating with emergency services must also be available.
- 9. All riders are strongly advised to carry on them or provide to the committee information on current medical conditions which could affect emergency treatment in the event of accidents (e.g. allergies, epilepsy, asthma).
- 10. An Incident Book must be kept. All incidents and accidents must be recorded, including names and addresses of witnesses.
- 11. NO DOGS are allowed on the grounds, by order of the City of Armadale. Please respect this rule, especially if using the grounds privately, as we do not want to jeopardise the use of the grounds.
- 12. There must be unobstructed access for emergency vehicles at all times.
- 13. Signs or other warnings should identify hazards that cannot be removed.
- 14. Stallions and rigs will only be permitted to participate in club activities with the permission of the committee.

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# **Gear Safety Standards**

#### **Helmets:**

**ALL** members must be wearing an EA approved helmet when mounted on a horse at all times. The accepted safety standards and more information can be found on the EA website.

Current Australian standard AS/NZS 3838(2006 onwards) provided they are SAI Global marked; New Australian standard ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked; current American Standards ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked, or SNELL E2001; current British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided they are BSI Kitemarked; interim European Standard VGI (01.040:2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark.

Correct fitting results in the skin on your forehead moving with the helmet. The retention harness and chinstrap must be firmly fastened when mounted. <u>Any helmet that receives a significant impact must be replaced immediately.</u>

# **Body Protectors (Safety Vests/Cross Country Vests)**

Body protectors are **compulsory** for any rider participating in a cross country lesson, regardless of height. **If you are not wearing a correctly-fitting body protector you may not ride in a cross country lesson at rallies.** EA has introduced a minimum standard as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, stating that during competitions all riders must be using a body protector manufactured after 2009 and complying with either EN13158 or BETA Level 3 standard.

<u>Please note:</u> WARC recommends all members ride with the highest level of safety gear as possible, to minimise the risk of injury during a fall. Currently EA's new standards only apply to competition, and not training or lessons, and PC has not yet changed their requirement that all riders must be wearing a correctly fitting vest. WARC members do not need to comply with the new standard for lessons, however anyone competing EA will need a vest that complies (this includes ARC classes at EA events), and we recommend all riders replace their vests as per the EA and manufacturer's recommendations.

# **Boots (rider):**

Must have a low heel to stop the boot slipping through the stirrup. Must have a smooth sole. Light treads are usually alright.

### **Boots (horse):**

Recommended but not compulsory for jumping and cross country. Must fit the horse well and be secured correctly, as per manufacturer's instructions.

#### Saddles:

Should be correctly fitted for both the horse and the rider. Treeless and Western saddles are permitted at rallies, but not recommended for jumping. Must have a girth with a minimum of 2 buckles, or girth with one buckle plus surcingle. Must be in good repair with no rotting stitching.

# Stirrups:

Irons must allow 1cm. each side of riders boot at the broadest part. Leathers must be in good repair with no stripped holes or rotting stitching.

#### **Bridle:**

This must be correctly fitted and in good repair. May be English or Western.

#### **Reins:**

Should be of safe length; i.e. not long enough for riders foot to be caught in loop of reins.

#### Girth:

Person's fingers should be able to fit comfortably between the horse and the girth when the rider is mounted.

#### Fly Veils:

Should only be used under exceptional circumstances.

# **Bandages:**

If worn, must be either stitched or taped with at least 3 rounds of tape, and under padding used. Taping of boots is optional.

# **Club Uniform:**

Club shirts (long and short sleeved) and saddle blankets are available for purchase, but are not compulsory at rallies. Club Uniform is compulsory if you compete in an ARCA challenge or an ARC class at an event. When competing in uniform jodhpurs may be cream or white.

The above guidelines are taken from the PCAWA gear checking manual as well as the EA Website. A copy of the manual for further information can be obtained from the Secretary of the Wallangarra Adult Riders Group. For queries about permitted gear, please talk to a committee member, see the EA website gear manual for that discipline, or ask one of our coaches.