

WPARC Show Jumping Lessons

Assisting On Day – Set Up / Crash Crew / Pack Up



For those of you are new Members to the Club or simply unaware of the expectations for those who wish to participate in a **Show Jumping Lesson** – Those Members are to help with either the set up, to do “crash crew” for another lesson and / or help with the pack up of equipment.

Depending upon *where* our Rally is scheduled to be held each month, we encounter different issues at different venues. The Club has its own full set of show jumping equipment which is housed in a jumps trailer that lives permanently at Wandin Park.

Even though Wandin Park is our home ground for most of the Club rallies throughout the season, WPARC **does not** have exclusive “ground rights” at Wandin Park or any of the other Venues the Club hosts rally days at.

The Club **does not** have the luxury of being in a position to leave our **Show Jumping Equipment** already set up ready to go and left out in one of the arenas (*or the show jumping trailer unlocked*) at Wandin Park. This sometimes poses an inconvenience to those Members who wish to participate in a show jumping lesson on rally day – as setting up jumps will be required, and of course at the end of the rally, packing the equipment away.

The **Show Jumping Equipment** enclosed in the Top Sand Arena at Wandin Park (*near the office/toilets/woolshed*) **belongs to Wandin Park** (not WPARC). The members who wish to show jump at a rally held at Wandin Park are also not always guaranteed the indulgence of using the top sand arena to jump in. The property’s owner determines which area we can utilise for our show jumping lessons (*this is not a Club decision – we are guided by the proprietor’s decision*).

Why Are You Telling Me This? What Does This Mean For You?

If you would like to book in for a **SHOW JUMPING LESSON** at at rally – you need to be aware that you are **expected** to assist in some aspect of the show jumping schedule on the Rally Day.

This might be one of the following (*or even all three*):



Setting Up of the Jumps and/or Jumping Equipment (*if required*)

(ie lugging jump wings, poles and cups)



Crash Crewing for another lesson

(ie picking up the poles that get knocked down)



Packing Up of the Jumps and/or Jumping Equipment (*if required*)

(ie more lugging jump wings, poles and cups)

As a Member who would like to show jump - **YOU** need to be prepared to help out the Instructor and other members. **No exceptions here!**

IT’S NOT FAIR TO EXPECT THE SAME PEOPLE TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS SET UP - JUST SO YOU CAN SHOW UP AND RIDE!!

Everyone wants the benefits that the Club offers (*ie Very Reasonably Priced Lessons with Excellent Instructors*) to the Members, so here’s the flip side to that... Sorry but it’s going to take a bit of effort on your behalf!!

On the day of the Rally (*depending on venue – and what time you are riding*) – you need to ensure you can assist in some way. A rotation of tasks for members who regularly participate in show jumping will be compiled over the next couple of months. So there is no getting out of helping with the real hard work of setting up or packing up at some stage.



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How Can I Help..... I Hear You Ask!

If you are booked in to the **FIRST SHOW JUMPING LESSON** scheduled for the day – **You will need to organise yourself and arrive at least a half an hour (30 minutes) earlier than the scheduled start time.** This will give you ample time to unload your horse, saddle up and time to investigate what is required to be done, roll up your sleeves and be prepared to do some manual labour.

Upon the Instructor's arrival, they can then direct or set up things how they'd like when they also arrive to take command of what's happening.

- ◆ *If at Wandin Park, there may already be jumps in the top arena which just may require moving or adding to; If not using the top sand arena, ascertain "where" the jumps need to be set up and also to see if the jumps trailer is unlocked, if jump wings, jump cups and poles need to be unloaded and assembled in the general area of where the lesson will take place. Hopefully this is something we won't need to be doing very often.*

Members who are riding in the **SECOND LESSON** on the day **should plan** to arrive anywhere between **60-40 minutes** beforehand – so they can then actively help out with the first lesson of the day (*ie crash crew for 20-30 minutes*). If you arrive and find that there are other members who are already doing this, perhaps you could then make a concerted effort to crash crew and/or pack up for the **THIRD LESSON** on the day.

It's not expected that you are "stuck" doing crash crew for the entire lesson, and I know some members will be riding from one lesson straight into the next, or have other engagements to get to – so this is where you need to be considerate of others. **We don't need 4 members in one lesson "crash crewing" at the same time – so whether you need to organise it amongst other Members as to who does what at what time – that would also be helpful to our Instructor.**

If you are riding in the **THIRD (OR FOURTH) SHOW JUMPING LESSON (if it runs)** on the day – again, maybe you could choose to arrive again half an hour earlier to play "crash crew" for the lesson that precedes your own.

If you are riding in the **FINAL SHOW JUMPING LESSON** on the day – You will need to help **PACK AWAY ALL OF OUR EQUIPMENT** which is pretty self explanatory! However long it takes you to cool down your horse and attend to your needs, and theirs – will be up to.

It would be courteous for you to help out the Instructor and support your fellow WPARC Members. Who knows, you might actually learn something from watching someone else ride or pick up something from the Instructor on the day as well.

Remember the old adage "**Many Hands Making Light Work**" and I know it has been an ongoing bone of contention for the workhorses at the Club who are the ones, that seem to be expected to just do it all of the time.

As a WPARC Member, for you to be in a position to enjoy your Show Jumping Lesson (and one that you get value out of), it's because:

1. **It's set up and ready to go....**
2. **Our Instructor isn't constantly lugging jump wings around or picking up poles that are knocked down by themselves (which hopefully encourages them to say "Hey, I really enjoyed teaching WPARC because they helped me out whilst teaching" and in turn, will want to come back and teach our members because we are so helpful!)**
3. **You are also actively supporting your fellow members!!**

So it's got to be a win-win thing for everyone!