

Horse of the Year

Hastings Polocrosse Carnival

21 & 22 March 2009
Bennett Road Polo Grounds

Competitors Registration Package

Please read ALL information and instructions thoroughly as Horse of the Year has strict requirements and deadlines. It is YOUR responsibility to ensure you meet all requirements. If these are not met YOU WILL NOT BE COMPETING.

Registration Information

- 1) Grades for this Carnival are: Subbies, D Grade, C Grade, B Grade, A Grade and DomHealth Cup. Competitors in **ALL** of these grades must complete the enrolment form and return to their Club Secretary AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. A confirmation will be emailed to the Club Secretaries once received. (Club Secretaries please email all forms to debstirls@hotmail.com **NO LATER than 6pm Monday 2 March**).
- 2) **This is a single horse carnival.** The name of the horse you will be competing on must be included on your enrolment form. Any changes to this must be registered with the Hastings Secretary. (DomHealth Coaches please advise of horse requirements for this competition).
- 3) Ensure you provide vehicle requirements. To avoid duplicate vehicle enrolments for those sharing rides and/or horse transport please make sure **ONLY ONE PERSON** registers the vehicle. To help with this, please provide plate numbers. **If your vehicle(s) are not registered YOU WILL NOT HAVE A SPACE AT THE POLO GROUNDS as all parking is designated.**
- 4) If you require yards, your club secretary should have already booked these requirements for you. If you are bringing your own yards you need to register these on your enrolment form. **If your horse yard requirements are not registered YOUR HORSES WILL NOT HAVE YARDS NOR WILL THERE BE SPACE FOR YOUR OWN YARDS as all space is pre-assigned.**
- 5) Unfortunately some trucks will be assigned to the grassed area of the Polo Grounds and **NO HORSES** are allowed in this area. This was the compromise that had to be made in order to allow all trucks to remain on-site. The only other option was a paddock down the road. If you are assigned to this area please respect this rule.
- 6) Absolutely, positively **NO DOGS** are allowed. Several competitors tend to ignore other Carnivals' rules on this but please be warned – **ALL DOGS FOUND ON-SITE WILL BE IMPOUNDED BY HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL - - NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 7) Due to other competitions occurring at the Polo Grounds, **we cannot accept arrivals prior to 12noon on Friday.** Once you arrive **EVERYONE** must check-in to obtain parking and yard designations and to pay for Carnival Registration **PRIOR** to setting up camp, however it is preferred if the Club Secretaries could send the fees in advance to expedite the check-in process. Please note that if you set up where you are not suppose to **YOU WILL BE MOVED.** If you will be arriving after 9pm please contact the Hastings Secretary beforehand to make arrangements.
- 8) **Registration is \$45 per player** (except Subbies – see info below) which includes the following: Normal Carnival fees and Council Levies plus **TWO weekend passes to Horse of the Year** (normally \$40 each), including the Friday night Extravaganza and a competitor's programme. In addition, everyone with a pass is invited to all after hours functions and will have access to all bar and café facilities at the showgrounds plus free transport to and from Equestrian Park for the Saturday evening competitions for those wishing to attend. All paid competitors will be able to purchase additional Horse of the Year passes at ½ price if additional passes are required for friends and family (\$20 Weekend Pass, \$7.50 Fri Only, \$5 Sat Only, or \$7.50 Sun Only). These can only be purchased from the Hastings Secretary (please note that you will not be able to buy passes at these prices at the gate and this year gate control has been contracted out to ensure access will be strictly enforced).
- 9) **Subbies are free** however they must still fill in an enrolment form. We will, however, accept late entries for this grade where possible. Please note that as the Subbies are free they will not receive the two free

Horse of the Year passes. You can either register your Subbie for \$45 to obtain two passes or pay for passes separately as outlined above.

- 10) In addition to the \$45 registration, there is a **\$5 per yard bond** that must be paid at check-in, which still applies if you are providing your own yards. If your yards are cleaned out prior to check-out **your bond will be refunded**. Wheelbarrows and skips will be provided for use so please **USE THEM!!**

Additional Information

- 1) The Hastings Club Secretary is Debbie Stirling. If you need to locate her during the Carnival please go to the Secretary's Tent (where the draws are posted). To post fees and/or registrations please send them to: Debbie Stirling c/ Finders Keepers, 41 Kennedy Rd, Napier. If the enrolment forms are not included with the payment, please provide a list of players that you are paying for. All cheques are to be made out to Hastings Polocrosse. Email address is debstirls@hotmail.com and mobile is 021410324.
- 2) There are ribbons and prizes for Winners, Runners-up, Best #1, Best #2 and Best #3 for Grades A, B, C and D. There are covers for Best Pony at #1, #2 and #3 for Grades A, B, C and D. There are prizes for Subbies, and DomHealth Players are competing for the DomHealth Cup.
- 3) Competition for the DomHealth Cup will include one game on Saturday at 1:30pm and one on Sunday at 12:30pm. In addition, the DomHealth competitors will be showcasing an exhibition game at the Friday night Extravaganza at 8:55pm. All DomHealth players are to meet at the Secretary's Tent at 8pm for a briefing prior to leaving for the showgrounds.
- 4) The Carnival prizegiving will occur immediately after the Sunday DomHealth game with the DomHealth Cup being presented in the main arena of the showgrounds at approximately 1:30pm just prior to the Million Dollar Jump-off. This is the main event of Horse of the Year and is scheduled for 2pm. We encourage everyone to support this event and we would like all Polocrosse competitors attending to wear their team uniform.
- 5) The club rooms at the Polo Grounds will be available for showers.
- 6) In addition to the food sites available at the showgrounds, there will be a food kiosk stationed at the Polo Grounds.
- 7) Due to the strict timelines of this Carnival put upon us by Horse of the Year, the umpire's stand-down rule will be strictly observed. If an umpire is late for a game then they will stand-down for their next competition. **GAMES ARE TO COMMENCE ON TIME.**

Thank you for supporting the Hastings Polocrosse Carnival. Although being officially part of Horse of the Year does present deadlines and requirements that polocrosse competitors are not used to, it is huge exposure for the sport of polocrosse and all players and supporters need to do their part to make this experience a positive one so that we may take advantage of this event in the future.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please contact me personally.

**Debbie Stirling
Hastings Polocrosse**

POLOCROSSE COMPETITORS ENROLMENT FORM

Name of Club: _____

Team Name: (eg "Hastings 1") _____ Grade: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Email: _____

Horse's Name: _____

Vehicle Requirements: *(indicate all that apply)*

Horse Truck: _____ Plate Number: _____

Vehicle and Float: _____ Vehicle Plate Number: _____

Vehicle Only: _____ Plate Number: _____

Other parking requirements: _____

Yard Requirements:

My club has already booked yards for me: _____ OR

I am bringing my own yards _____ *(please note quantity)*

*(Office Use Only: HPC _____ HOY _____ RECEIPT _____
COMP WRISTBANDS _____ ADD WRISTBANDS _____)*