

CLUB POLICIES 2018



WET WEATHER

1. The Committee will (wherever possible) call the Training Day off by the Friday evening prior to the Sunday of the Training Day.
2. The cancellation notice will be texted and / or emailed to all competitors, judges, pencilors and scorers. In addition it will be placed on MDG's Facebook page.
3. The Committee will cancel the day if there is an 80% chance of rain – 20mls or more on the Sunday.
4. The Committee will cancel the day if there is an 80% chance of >20mls of rain on Saturday and >10mls on the Sunday.
5. The Committee will cancel the day if there is steady rain (over 50mls) through the week preceding as the grounds will be too wet even if Sunday is forecast as fine.

LIGHTENING SAFETY

The following advice is provided by the National Weather Service (NOAA):

The principle lightening safety guide is the 30-30 rule. The first “30” represents 30 seconds. If the time between when you see the flash and hear the thunder is 30 seconds or less, the lightening is close enough to hit you. If you have not already, seek shelter immediately. The second “30” stands for 30 minutes. After the last flash of lightening wait 30 minutes before leaving your shelter.

The Committee will use this advice when deciding to postpone / cancel a Training Day due to storm activity.

HEAT POLICY

1. During the summer months (Dec/Jan/Feb) MDG will be start Training Days early so they can be finished before the hottest part of the day.
2. There will be a restriction during those months of only two tests per horse.
3. If the weather is predicted to be of heat wave conditions (37 degrees plus) the Committee will cancel the Training Day as per instructions of the EA (policy available on EA website). The welfare of all concerned horses, riders, judges and pencilors needs to be taken into account.
4. It is the competitor / owner's responsibility to ensure everything is done to keep themselves and their horses hydrated.

5. The Showground has plenty of water readily available around the grounds and near the yards. Bring your own hose and hose down if required
7. Competitors should keep warm up sessions to a minimum.
8. If horses are in a yard or tied to afloat make sure they are lightly rugged to protect from the sun.

HELICOPTER POLICY

The following procedures are permitted when helicopters land or take off from the Mudgee Hospital (which is close to the Mudgee Showground).

If a rider is competing before the judge in a dressage arena they are permitted to (without incurring penalties from the judge):

1. Dismount and hold their horse, and when clear, remount and continue their test from the transition movement where they stopped to dismount. They are not allowed to re-ride the test.
2. Stop riding their test and walk their horse to the judge at C and wait with the judge, mounted. However, they must dismount if the judge asks them to. When clear, remount and continue their test from the transition movement where they stopped and walked to the judge. They are not allowed to re-ride the test.

If a rider is warming up their horse on the arena and feels unsafe if a helicopter comes in to land or take off, they are to immediately dismount.

The Committee makes every effort to ensure the running of a successful Training Day. However, the health and safety of all involved needs to be of highest importance.