Equestrian

Fact Sheet

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Equestrian is largely an individual-based sport but may collectively compete in a team situation where individual results are tallied. Equestrian involves a large number of disciplines, from Pony Club which is prominent with younger participants, through to dressage, show jumping, cross-country and carriage driving. Competitors are usually scored by judges on skill and performance of the horse and rider or timed with points deducted for errors. The competitor or team with the highest score wins.

HIERARCHY											
Element	State	Regional		Local - Category A	Local - Category B		Notes				
Total Site Area		5 ha			3.2 ha						
PLAYING AREA											
No. and size of playing areas		Number and type of areas dependent on club priorities – Refer to Notes for detail	E		Large grass area with ability to section for dressage, jumping and carparking - event days multiple disciplines	E	Dressage: 6 arenas preferred – 60m x 20m with 10m safety zone. Show Jumping: 2 jumping areas with smooth flat surface - min 4,000m² Eventing: cross country course – min 6.2km, show jumping arenas and multiple grass/sand dressage arenas. Show Horse: 1 flat area 22,500m² – 150m x 150m. Carriage Driving: 1 track – min. 22km track. Vaulting: 1 Soft surface area with 18m diameter plus safety zone, Min. 2 warm up arenas. Interschool Events: 1 area sufficiently sized to conduct dressage, jumping, eventing, show horse, showman and combined training. Covered arenas are provided at some venues that host high level events but this is not essential – provides all weather access.				
Playing area surfaces		Refer to Notes	E		Refer to Notes	E	Open grassed areas, may include sand dressage arena/s and/or covered arena/s depending on club focus. Dressage arenas made of sand or a sand mix with a non-slip base. Wintergreen couch is the recommended turf for specifically constructed grass playing areas.				
Playing area drainage		Natural overland flow	Е		Natural overland flow	Е	Sand arenas - Ebb and Flow regarded as the optimal surface internationally (eliminates drainage issues)				
Playing area perimeter/ run-off		Included above	E		Included above	Е					



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							Lighting only required if training or competing at night.				
Irrigation							No specific Australian Standard for lighting of equestrian facilities, however, the European Standard EN 12193:2007 may be applied:				
	Refer to Notes		E		-		Class I - Top Level Competition - 500 lux.				
							Class II - Intermediate Level Competition – 200 lux.				
							Class III - Lower Level Competition & Supervised				
							Training - 100 lux.				
Irrigation		Refer to Notes	E		Refer to Notes	E	Access to water for dust suppression of the sand arena is required. A sprinkler system is required to be installed in a covered arena.				
							Irrigation of grass dressage arenas must be provided to ensure continued growth of the turf. An automatic watering system is required. The preferred controller is Toro Custom Command Series and the preferred rotors are Toro T-7 Series stainless steel.				
							Refer to Recommended Sport Field Construction Specifications for Logan City.				
SURROUNDS											
Singular entry and exit		Refer to Notes	E		Refer to Notes	NE	A singular point of entry and exit is required so that horse health checks and movement of horse documentation is able to checked prior to entry. This would be in accordance with a club's biosecurity management plan.				
Storage (grounds maintenance)		22.5m²	Е		22.5m2	E	Size dependent on club size, maintenance responsibilities and disciplines offered (7.5m x 3m bay).				
Storage (playing equipment)		45m²	E		45m2	E	Large shed required for equipment, jumps, cones, temporary fencing, etc – dependent on disciplines offered (7.5m x 3m bay).				
Spectator seating		Shaded area for 100 persons seated, can utilise shade trees	NE		Shaded area for 50 persons seated, can utilise shade trees	NE	Space for temporary individual seating or event seating.				
Yards		150 to 200 for a competition of 300 riders	E		Refer to Notes	NE	Number dependent on activities offered and if hosting multi-day events with onsite camping.				
Wash bays		Concrete with post and rail fence to secure horse	E		Access to multiple water and hose points	Е	Install hand wash facilities in this location due to available water connection.				
Quarantine paddock		Refer to Notes	E		Refer to Notes	E	Small round yard located away from the competition and staging areas.				

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