



WEDDIN MOUNTAIN MUSTER

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2024 WEDDIN MOUNTAIN MUSTER RULES

General

1. The Committee reserves the right to refuse entry and/or cancel membership to persons who contravene the rules.
2. All riders must obey any lawful command and/or reasonable request from Police, Transport NSW, Representatives of the Weddin Shire Council, Committee person of the Weddin Mountain Muster, Veterinarian, Local Land Services, or Transport NSW personnel.
3. Be considerate to other riders, your horses, the Committee members, property owners and the other people you meet along the way. Riders that act in a manner that could discredit the Weddin Mountain Muster or the Grenfell PAH & I Association, will be removed from the ride. At all times when attending the Muster, registered riders will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and will not discriminate against, bully or harass anyone involved in the ride.

Rider safety/health

4. The safety of registered riders, property and horses is extremely important. Any registered rider acting in an irresponsible manner or not in control of their horse at all times may be asked to leave the ride by an Executive Committee member.
5. You will be issued with a Numbered Registration Tag. You cannot swap or lend this tag to anyone. (Your issued tag number is our quick reference to your personal details in the case of an emergency). This is to be worn prominently on oneself or displayed prominently on your mount. Every rider must present his/her Numbered Registration Tag to the Gate Attendant before riding through the exit gate each day. Upon return from the daily ride, every rider must again present his/her Numbered Registration Tag to the Gate Attendant.
6. The Weddin Mountain Muster strongly recommends that all riders have Ambulance cover. An ambulance will be called if deemed appropriate by the Weddin Mountain Muster Committee, with the injured participant being responsible for all expenses.

7. All riders must advise the Secretary of any pre-existing medical conditions upon registration. This can be updated throughout the year via email.
8. No person shall attend the event if they feel unwell in any way, have a temperature, or are experiencing cold or flu like symptoms.
9. All riders under the age of eighteen years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. Riders under the aged of eighteen must wear an approved AS/NZS 3838:2006 helmet whilst mounted and wear proper riding boots.
10. It is highly recommended that all riders wear an approved riding safety helmet AS/NZS 3838.
11. All riders must wear appropriate horse riding boots or horse riding footwear.
12. Alcohol and illicit drugs are not permitted on the rides. Riders suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be asked to leave the ride by an executive Committee member.
13. Smoking and/or vaping are not permitted on the rides. Participants may smoke or vape during morning tea and lunch, provided they move away from other participants, stub out their cigarette completely and dispose of their waste in the garbage bins provided.

Equine health

14. The longest ride for the week will be approximately 30km. You and your horse must be capable of completing this distance in varying terrain each day. This includes varied and challenging terrain including but not limited to riding up and down steep hills/gullies, water crossings, riding in town, road traffic, rocky outcrops, thick timbered/scrubby country, large open paddocks etc.
15. Do not bring horses that are in poor condition, ill or injured. Horses may be subject to veterinarian checks at the discretion of the committee. Horses failing a veterinarian check will not be permitted to participate until cleared by a veterinarian. Any veterinary fees incurred will be at the registered riders expense.
16. In the event your horse requires transportation back to the Grenfell Showground, it will be in a 2-horse straight load float, towed by a Weddin Mountain Muster Committee member. You (the participant) will be deemed responsible for any damage caused by your horse to that float, or to the horse itself. The Weddin Mountain Muster will not be held liable for any injuries sustained by the horse during transportation.

Showground

17. All horses at the Grenfell Showground must be yarded, stabled or tethered when not supervised.
18. No pets other than horses are permitted on the ride or at the Grenfell Showground. Stallions are not permitted.
19. The entry/exit gates at the Grenfell Showground must be kept closed at all times.
20. Campfires will be in accordance with all current NSW Fire Service control regulations and will be no bigger than necessary.
21. Any unsociable and/or offensive behaviour will not be tolerated. Noise must be kept to a minimum after 10pm.
22. All rubbish is to be placed in the bins supplied.
23. All stables and/or yards that you use are to be mucked out daily and prior to departure. All horse waste, feed and bedding matter from horses yarded and stabled at the showground is to be placed in bags for the Committee to dispose of.

On the rides

24. Whilst on the trail rides:
 - A. Always listen to and respect the decisions and directions of the Weddin Mountain Muster Committee members.
 - B. Please stay between the lead and drag riders.
 - C. You cannot leave the ride without a vested Committee member assisting you back to the Grenfell Showground.
 - D. On roads, keep to the left, 2 abreast
 - E. On narrow roads, or in traffic please go in single file.
 - F. Do not divide the group by riding on opposite sides of the road.
 - G. Riders must maintain sight of the horse in front and the horse behind at all times.
 - H. Keep one horse length between horses. At all times your horse remains your responsibility. You must always be aware of riders/horses in your vicinity, to avoid a potential accident.
 - I. Tie a red ribbon in your horse's tail if it is known to kick. It is the responsibility of all riders to maintain control of their horse and to keep them out of kicking distance of other horses at all times.

- J. If a horse displays dangerous behaviour, is uncontrollable or not coping with the situation at hand, the Committee reserves the right to ask the rider to dismount so the horse may either be led (unmounted) by a vested committee rider or floated back to the showground
- K. All riders must carry their own lead rope and halter. The lead must not be tied to the horse's head whilst riding.
- L. Do not trot or canter a horse through, or past a group of horses.
- M. Riders are to be in charge of one mount only when riding. You cannot lead another horse whilst riding. (Committee riders are exempt and can ride and lead an unmounted horse where required).
- N. No livestock encountered on the rides must be deliberately disturbed. Stock may be moved carefully and quietly away by vested Committee riders only.
- O. Respect other people's property and do not ride through the property owners' crops.
- P. Gates on the ride will be left open or closed, as found.
- Q. Riders may only overtake in single file and must not linger alongside other horses – pass as quickly as possible whilst remaining at walk and within 1.5metres, then pull back into line on the left as soon as possible.

Cancellation

- 25. The Committee reserves the right to make changes to the program as deemed necessary. If the Committee decide to cancel the Weddin Mountain Muster, registered riders will receive a full refund of registration fees (including booking fee) and any merchandise that has been purchased will be posted via Australia Post (postage fee applies to registered rider).
- 26. If you have registered and need to cancel part or all of your booking, a request for a refund for your position on the ride must be received in writing, no later than 28 days before the ride commences to obtain a refund. No refunds will be given within 28 days of the ride. All other requests thereafter, will be at the discretion of the Committee. The Committee's decision is final. There is a \$50 non-refundable booking fee included in your registration fee.
- 27. If you are unable to complete the ride/s you have registered for, or you have been asked to leave the ride by the Weddin Mountain Muster committee, you are not entitled to a refund.

Media

- 28. By signing this form, you consent to the Weddin Mountain Muster using and publishing photographs and/or videos (which may contain your image), for lawful purposes, in any of its written, electronic or multimedia publications and promotional materials, including on the Weddin Mountain Muster's website and social media pages. You forever waive any right to

inspect or approve any publication by the Weddin Mountain Muster that uses the photographs/videos. You agree that you will not be entitled to any remuneration, royalties or any other payment from the Weddin Mountain Muster Committee in respect to the use of photographs and/or videos taken of you by the Weddin Mountain Muster.

It is common that, while on the rides, other riders or members of the public will take photographs of horses and their riders. The Weddin Mountain Muster Committee cannot control unauthorised use of photographs and/or videos taken by persons not associated with Weddin Mountain Muster Committee and will not be held liable for any loss, damage, costs, expense, or claim (including consequential loss) connected with the publication of photographs/videos of you, including action for defamation, libelous material, breach of privacy, or copyright.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

You acknowledge that you have read and understand the 2024 Weddin Mountain Muster Rules and agree to abide by them as a registered participant at the 2024 Weddin Mountain Muster. You understand that if your actions during the Weddin Mountain Muster contravene these rules then you may be asked to leave the Muster, forfeiting any payment and risking exclusion from future rides.