



To Complete is to Win

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Tom Quilty Gold Cup State Team

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PURPOSE

To select a suitable team(s) on a yearly basis to represent Victoria at the Tom Quilty Gold Cup event.

POLICY

This policy provides a framework for the VERA Inc. SMC (SMC) to promote, select and support a competitive team(s) at the Tom Quilty Gold Cup event (TQ).

RESPONSIBILITIES

The SMC shall be responsible for the:

- Appointment of the VERA Inc. TQ team selectors
- Definition of the number of teams to be supported depending on anticipated entries of VERA Inc. members
- Calling for nominations for the VERA teams
- Publication of the team members and reserves for each team

The VERA Inc. TQ team selectors shall:

- Determine the team of 4 members with one reserve from the nominations received for each team
- Submission of the entry for the team(s)

The VERA Inc. members shall be responsible for:

- Declaring their interest to be included in the State Team through the nomination process

The VERA State Team members shall be responsible for:

- Attending all team functions and events
- Presenting themselves and their horses for inspection whenever requested by the TQ team selectors
- Attending a Team Presentation where photographs will be taken and published on VERA social media outlets



PROCESS

The State Team shall consist of 4 members with 1 reserve. There may be more than one official VERA Inc. team. Expressions of interest from the VERA Inc. membership shall be sought through the VERA Facebook page and website. The timeline for the submission of an expression of interest will be as close as possible to the following:

- Advertising will commence 10 weeks prior to the TQ competition date
- Nominations must be received 4 weeks prior to the TQ competition date
- Nominations will be acknowledged and advised that the final team will be selected at the TQ event
- The final team selection will be made prior to entries for the Team Event being required
- The teams shall be published on VERA Inc. electronic media.

When submitting a nomination, the VERA Member will be expected to supply the following information:

- Name of horse and rider combination wishing to compete at the TQ as a member of the VERA Inc. State Team (changes to this combination will void the nomination)
- Only one horse/rider combination may be nominated per rider/horse
- Competition history of the horse/rider combination
- Clothing size of the rider
- Competition division of the rider

At the TQ event the following activities will occur:

- All nominated riders and horses will present for a pre-ride veterinary assessment at the designated time and location
- Failure to present will result in automatic exclusion from the team selection process
- The Team Selectors will make the decision about the Team composition and communicate this to all nominated riders
- A formal announcement of the team will be made at the designated time and location. Attendance at this announcement is compulsory.
- Distribution of Team apparel will occur at the announcement event
- The Team Selectors will submit the official entry for the State Team(s)

QUALIFICATIONS

The primary VERA Inc. team shall meet the AERA qualifications for a restricted team:

- The team will consist of 4 members, with at least two being in the middleweight/heavyweight riding divisions



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Any subsequent teams will meet the AERA qualification for an open team:

- The team will consist of 4 members from any riding division

TEAM APPAREL

All team riders (including the reserve rider) will be provided with an embroidered item of clothing to be determined by the SMC.

Only Team horses (not reserves) will be provided with a rug (standard 5'9" embroidered woollen kersey rug).

Wording on the rugs will be:

- Year of event with VERA Logo inserted in the middle of the year
- Wording: Tom Quilty Team
- Wording: Town and State of the Quilty location, e.g. Imbil Queensland

