



Trans Tasman Challenge 2019

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30th Sept – 6th Oct
2019 Taupo,
New Zealand

Trans Tasman provides International competition to
Youth and Amateur AQHA Members



OVERVIEW

The Trans Tasman Challenge is an exciting event bringing together Australian, New Zealand and New Caledonian Quarter Horse Associations and members. The event builds on skill sharing, camaraderie and friendships amongst the Youth members.

Trans Tasman, held every second year with the venue alternated between New Zealand and Australia. Amateur and Youth participants who demonstrate superior horsemanship, leadership, showmanship and goodwill are selected to represent Australia. Amateurs are given exemption to exhibit horses other than their own in this event only.

Clinics and Competitions are staged over 3-6 days, starting with clinics conducted by members of our Professional Horseman Association and concluding with a competition.

Team members compete in a range of challenge events, which include **Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, Trail, Western Riding, Ranch Riding, Reining, Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation events.**

Horses are provided by the host country and each team will be assigned a group of horses that are decided by Ballot.

Qualifying Criteria

Current financial member of the AQHA and held this membership for the previous 24 months

Be an Australian Citizen and reside in Australia

An Amateur applicant must have a current AQHA Amateur Permit

Applications will only be accepted until 7th March 2019

All Coach Applicants must be a financial member of the AQHA and must be a recognized AQHA Professional Horseman



SPONSORSHIP

Attracting funding to help cover participation costs for the 2019 Trans Tasman Challenge is essential for all. How we promote and look after our 2019 Trans Tasman sponsors needs to be a priority.

Should Corporate sponsorship be secured, all successful applicants and team members will be required to promote these sponsors as part of their participation.

If you already have individual sponsors during your time as an AQHA Trans Tasman Team Australia representative these sponsors cannot be promoted.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS CHANCE OF A LIFETIME!!

If you need help, want to ask further questions please contact;

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AQHA Youth Director, Craig Rath 0427 059863

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ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

All applicants need to be able to travel to and from New Zealand with the Tran Tasman Challenge Team departing on 30th September and returning 6th October, 2019

Youth applicants need;

Support from their Parent /Guardian,
A keenness to participate and be part of the Team,

Amateur applicants need to be able to demonstrate;

Effective Time Management skills,
How they contribute to a Team,
Positive Competitor Conduct and

Coach applicants need to be able to demonstrate proficiency in;

Motivating and engaging a Team,
Coaching and Counselling students,
Effective communication skills,

All applicants need to provide examples that demonstrate; **proven show experience in a variety of AQHA events and preferably on more than one horse.**

CHECK LIST AND KEY DATES

All applications open 12th January, 2019 and close 5pm 7th March, 2019

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted

Team member contribution will be \$550, plus individual flight costs.

A non-refundable \$50.00 application fee is required with your application and the balance of \$500 to be paid by 1st August 2019.

Email or Hard Copy applications will be accepted

IF YOU ARE SELECTED THE AQHA WILL:

Notify all successful and unsuccessful candidates in writing by 1st April 2019.

Coordinate uniforms (Youth and Amateur Team members will be required to fund raise to cover uniform costs).

Coordinate candidate return flights from Australia to and within New Zealand. Flight costs will be invoiced to the candidate.

Coordinate with the New Zealand Team to provide suitable horses and gear for you to show and compete.

Provide a Tran Tasman Team Coach who will be your contact and coordinator.

Plan and communicate trip itineraries and expectations.

Market and promote your participation and outcomes to members and the broader market place.

Compile an outcome report with your feedback for the AQHA Board.



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SELECTION PROCESS

A panel of Selectors will be appointed to review applications. To ensure fairness these selectors' identities will remain confidential. The selectors will recommend five (5) Amateur representatives and five (5) Youth representatives. There will also be two (2) Coaches appointed to be accompanied by two (2) Managers.

Applications need to be completed and received by 5pm, 7th March, 2019 to be considered, with the selected applicants recommended by the Amateur and Youth Convenors to the AQHA Board for consideration.

In addition to the written application selectors will be;

- ❖ Informally observing applicants at official shows leading up to the selection date.
- ❖ Observing and evaluating applicant horsemanship skills, presentation, contribution and sportsmanship.

Amateur, Youth and Coach representatives for the 2019 Australian Trans Tasman Team will be announced at the Q19 National Championship Show, April, 2019 at AELEC.

Successful applicants will be notified prior to Q19, though will be required to keep the selection confidential until the official announcement. Unsuccessful applicants will be formally notified and encouraged to seek feedback and reapply for future Trans Tasman events.

There is no limit on the number of Amateur applications however, youth members who have participated as a ridden Youth World Cup team member may not apply.