



NSWERA Ride Booking Procedures

Currently there are not enough rides to allow 2 rides per weekend, so to ensure event viability, only 1 event per weekend anywhere in the state is permitted. With events that draw from the same or very similar catchment, 2 weeks or 300 kms of separation will apply.

The idea of Carnival events to be held on Long weekends and Easter has increased the availability of qualifying rides . These weekends, where possible, are to be reserved for the running of multi day events with the ride organisers to run as many rides as possible over varying distances.

The current version of the ride matrix is as follows:-

1. Precedence is given to the Tom Quilty or TQ Test events,
2. Shahzada is traditionally held the last full week of August,
3. NSWERA State Championship 160km ride,
(Any club who is willing to host the NSW State Championship ride is given a "greenlight" to choose the weekend most suitable for them. All other events must give way in this case. Naturally, any event displaced will be given every assistance to relocate to a favourable weekend),
4. Standalone 160km rides and any special Quilty qualifier rides - noting that the aim of Endurance Australia is to run, promote and foster the running of 160km rides,
5. Zone Championship rides of at least 100km,
6. Traditional rides - for a ride to claim Traditional Status the ride has to run for 3 consecutive years on the same weekend, at which point this ride will be granted Traditional Ride status. If due to unforeseen circumstances a ride cannot be run for more than 3 years, this status may be reviewed by NSWERA,
7. Carnival events – to be held on long weekends/Easter running as many rides as possible with varying distances,
8. One Endurance event per weekend anywhere in the state, except if another endurance event is capped, and
9. Two Introductory and/or Intermediate events may be held on the same weekend, but the 300k ride separation shall apply with consultation with both ROC's.

The Procedure -

1. A ride booking will only be accepted no more than 12 months in advance of their proposed date.

2. A ride must be booked a minimum of 3 months prior to the proposed date for the ride. This requirement may only be waived with the consent of the SMC under exceptional circumstances.
3. Completed Ride Booking forms will be considered in the order in which they are received (including FEI events).
4. You **must** discuss your proposed Event with the Ride Calendar person before lodging your booking. This enables any potential problems or difficulties with the format or another event to be solved before lodging with the NSWERA Secretariat.
5. The **current** ride booking form should contain *at a minimum*;
 - a. an alternative date,
 - b. appropriate contact details,
 - c. the signature of a member of the ride organising committee,
 - d. the nomination platform,
 - e. the Ride Refund Policy and
 - f. capping details if required.
6. Further information should be confirmed with the Ride Calendar person at least 4 weeks prior to their ride confirming;
 - a. the Head Vet, Treatment Vet and Accredited Chief Steward,
 - b. capping requirements (if any),
 - c. events and entry fees,
 - d. nomination opening and closing dates,
 - e. the indication and details of any horse health requirements enforced on the ride (please see rules 14.1 and 16.5 AERA rules – amendments to AERA Rulebook applicable 01/01/2021),
 - f. dual affiliation with another State. **NB** Northern Rivers Zone is automatically affiliated as previously agreed with QLD.
7. There will only be one Endurance Event scheduled for each weekend. Note – NSWERA may allow 2 Endurance Events to be scheduled only if one ride contains capping restrictions. When allocating dates, priority will be given to events with Traditional Status.
8. Consideration (after consulting both ROC's) will be given to Intro/Intermediate events held more than 300km away from an Endurance Event if a common date has been requested.
9. The NSW SMC has the right to approve or refuse a ride application in the overall best interests of the NSWERA membership. Written refusal noting the reasons for refusal of a ride will only be after consulting and discussing the issues with the ROC and a failure to agree.
10. Events must have approval from the NSWERA SMC before the event is advertised in any forum.

11. Any changes to an already approved event, e.g. distance changes, capping, additional rides etc, **must** have an amended ride booking form submitted to the Ride Booking person for re-approval **at least two weeks prior the approved date and cannot be advertised until reapproved.**
12. In the event of unforeseen circumstances that require major changes to be made within two weeks of the event, please notify the Ride Calendar person/NSWERA President **asap** before this announcement is to be made.

It is a condition of ride approval that the details must be kept updated on the NSWERA Calendar website.

Background –

The ride matrix was the tool used to plan the ride calendar until the mid 2000's. It was basically 2 weeks or 300 kms separation for rides. At the time the Association had over 1,000 members and was able to support a much larger calendar, with many weekends hosting 2 events. Also, originally the Tom Quilty was held on the Queen's Birthday weekend and the plan was for NSW State Championship ride to be held in October. Naturally, with the advent of a "wandering" Quilty, this has meant that our State Championship ride has also had a moveable date, occasioning the need for the Championship ride to displace other events. The Shahzada ride is traditionally held the last full week of August.

As was tabled at an AGM a few years ago, there were not enough events to allow two per weekend, so to ensure ride viability, only 1 event per weekend anywhere in the state was permitted. With events that draw from the same or very similar catchment, 2 weeks or 300 kms of separation will apply.

Carnival events to be held on Long weekends and Easter was proposed. These weekends, where possible, were to be reserved for the running of multi day events with the ride organisers conducting as many rides as possible over varying distances to make up for the fewer events.