



2013 JEEP MELBOURNE CUP POLO TOURNAMENT

Dear Players and Teams,

The first of our major tournaments for the season, the Jeep Melbourne Cup is poised to once again set the season alight with strong interest already on the team and corporate hospitality fronts.

Please find enclosed a nomination and stable booking form for this year's Jeep Melbourne Cup Polo Tournament to be held at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre from **Friday 1st November** until **Sunday 10th November**.

Off field, there will be plenty to take part in. As part of this year's tournament the Club will be hosting:

- Melbourne Cup Welcome Dinner - Launch - Friday 1st November (evening)
- In addition, as usual, we can assist you with organisation of any other leisure activities whilst you are in Victoria for the tournament. From packages to the Races, rounds of golf and more. The VPC aims to make your time during this tournament as enjoyable as possible both on and off the field, so don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance.



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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Handicaps

- **The maximum handicap per team is 12 goals.**
- Any minus rated player wishing to participate in the tournament must have the approval of the Tournament Committee as to their safety, and assume a handicap of 0 goals.
- The only exception to this rule will be any patrons with a handicap of -2, who must assume a handicap of -1, or players at the discretion of the committee.
- All players will play off their current Australian Handicap.
- In the event they don't have a current Australian handicap they will play off their highest world handicap.
- In determining a player's highest world handicap, it will be the higher of any current International handicap, and any endorsed change in handicap.
- For the purposes of The Melbourne Cup tournament, an endorsed change in handicap is where the official handicapping body of a recognised polo playing country have met prior to the 20th of September 2013, and determined a handicap change. This rule applies regardless of when the change in handicap is officially due to take effect.
- No team will be accepted into the tournament if the handicap aggregate of the team exceeds 12 goals

Tournament Committee

- The committee for this year's event will be Mr Gillon McLachlan (Chairman), Mr Paul Roberts, Mr Sam Kennedy, Mr Vic Kavals and Mrs Amber Gibbs.
- The draw will be determined once all team nominations have been received. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to limit the number of teams.
- All players who have not been playing regularly in Australia in the preceding months are subject to the scrutiny of the handicappers and may be handicapped at any time. In all other circumstances the Australian Polo Council Rules will apply. The committee reserves the right to vary the APC rules after consultation with team captains.

Nomination Fee

The nomination fee is \$3,000.00 (plus GST) per team.

Insurance

It is important to note that the VPA does not have personal accident insurance in their policy and all players must make their own arrangements in this respect.

Stabling

Teams are able to access stables and yards at the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre (WPNEC), 25 mins out of Melbourne. Any bookings made by teams for stables or yards needs to go through WPNEC – payment to be made directly to WPNEC, not the VPC. Relevant booking documents follow.





All stables will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Accordingly, any teams wishing to secure these stables can fax their requests to the VPC office in advance but priority will be given to the first to pay given the stable number is finite.

Alternatively – some teams may want to investigate the option of stabling with Victorian based teams or polo yards. If this is the case the VPC will be happy to put you in contact with potential venues.

Hospitality

As has been the case in previous years, both Sundays of the tournament will be played on the Chirside ground and have additional entertainment. Each team will receive one car park and 6 guest passes. For additional ticketing and hospitality requirements, please contact Focal Promotions, our Corporate Hospitality Partner, on 03 9585 8330.

Accommodation

Luxury accommodation is available at the Mansion Hotel, next to the polo fields. Other accommodation is available in Werribee.

NOTE: Nominations close on Monday 30th September 2013.

Please email or post the nomination form and stable/yard request form together with the nomination fee addressed to the VPC at Level 4, 543-549 Bridge Road, Richmond, Vic, 3121.
Email Lauren McSwain at lmcswain@elitesports.com.au no later than the closing date.

For all other enquiries please contact Lauren McSwain on phone 03 9421 3000, fax 03 9421 3300 or email lmcswain@elitesports.com.au or Paul Roberts 0417571988.

We look forward to welcoming you to an extremely enjoyable tournament.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gillon', written over a horizontal line.

Gillon McLachlan
VPC President





NOMINATION FORM JEEP MELBOURNE CUP

Players names	Handicap	No of ponies
1.
2.
3.
4.

Team Name

Team colours

Team captain

Contact name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Mobile

Fax

PLEASE NOTE: NOMINATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Players must confirm current insurance from their Interstate Associations, or personal insurance policy.





STABLE / YARD REQUEST FORM

TEAM NAME: _____

NUMBER OF STABLES: _____

NUMBER OF YARDS: _____

NUMBER OF COVERS: _____

INVOICE MADE TO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

FAX: _____

Please note the following requirements of WPNEC:

Yards are provided for each team.

Stables are in short supply and cost \$36 per night per stable for the first 3 nights and then \$144 per stable from nights 4 to 7. Stables in the barn are \$47- per night or \$188 for 4 to 7 nights

Stables are to be paid when booked. Those paying their nominations first shall be given preference to stables.

Stable uses will be charged if the stables are not left in the same state as they were presented, therefore anyone leaving stables with bedding, manure any other debris after completion of the tournament shall incur a financial penalty of \$50.00 per stable. Those who pre-book stables can have them cleaned for a fee of \$25 per stable.

Covers are also able to be hired for yards, please indicate if you require them and if so, how many. Prices on application, all stable queries should go directly to Greg Pratt from WPNEC via phone, 0400917 037 or email, ceo@equestrianvictoria.com.au

APPLICANT NAME: _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____

