



CABOOLTURE TRAIL HORSE CLUB Inc

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CABOOLTURE COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE

SUNDAY 25th MARCH 2012

COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDING - *WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?*

The aim of Competitive Trail Riding (CTR) is to ride a marked course within a specified period of time and to score points by completing 10 'challenges'.

A CTR is a timed event - the average pace is 8 km per hour which allows riders to enjoy the scenery but the pace is faster than a pleasure ride in order to provide a test.

On trail there are a variety of 'challenges' where the rider and horse are judged separately. This makes Competitive Trail Riding a unique equine sport as no other discipline allows for the rider and horse to be judged separately. It's a valuable learning experience that shows what you and your horse are capable of as a team. e.g. your horse may have difficulty at a particular challenge and score poorly but your riding ability may score high points. Riders can choose not to attempt a 'challenge' if they feel unsure of their horse's capability.

Riders can camp over at the Ride Base on **Saturday night 24th March at no cost** OR arrive on **Sunday morning 25th March** at least an hour and a half before their start time.

Dinner will be available on Saturday night as well as Breakfast, Morning Tea and Lunch on Sunday at very reasonable prices.

Riders are **required to pre-nominate** by **Friday 23rd March** when they will be given their riding departure time and riding number. Ride fees can be paid on the day.

When riders arrive at the Ride Base, they report to the **Ride Secretary** to pay ride fees and pick up their Competition Numbers, a map of the trail and their paper work to take to the Horse Health Area for a **preliminary veterinary check** where each horse has its heart rate, temperature and respiration taken and is checked for soundness. This is a great opportunity for riders to gain a health report on their horses. **Ride Briefings** are scheduled for Saturday Night and Sunday Morning and although attendance is not compulsory, it's recommended.

While riders can ride with a partner, everyone is timed out from the Ride Base individually at 3 minute intervals and riders complete each 'challenge' individually. The course map, ribbons and arrows help define the track. Before leaving the Ride Base, each rider's tack is given a safety check and subsequent judge points are at the Ride Base and at random spots on the track.

When riders return to the Ride Base they receive a time, which is **a half hour later**, to present their horse to the Horse Health Stewards for a **post-ride veterinary check**. When riders successfully complete this final check they have completed their ride.

At approximately 3 pm on Sunday a presentation of personal **Score Cards** (which are private), **Completion Prizes** for every rider who successfully completes the ride and trophies for the first 12 place getters are awarded.

It's a fun and social event so come along and enjoy a lovely 16 km ride which is suitable all riding levels and ages.