



QUEENSLAND OFF-THE-TRACK CUP – RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Queensland Off-The-Track (QOTT) Cup will be run under Equestrian Australia (EA) National Jumping Rules with:

- all participants required to be current financial members of EA; and
- all horses required to be EA life registered as per EA General Regulations for events 1.05m and above; and
- all horses must have a current EA Showjumping Competition Licence.

For the QLD, NSW, Victoria & South Australia Qualifying Rounds, the Queensland Off-The-Track Cup will be run under EA National Jumping Rules Article 273 2.2.2 (i), 3.3.1,4.3, where following the first round of competition, the top 25% of available combinations will return to the jump-off in a seeded draw; according to their faults from the first round.

For the Final (held on 11 January, 2026), the Queensland Off-The-Track Cup will be run under EA National Jumping Rules Article 273 2.2.2 (i), 3.3.1,4.3, where following the first round of competition, the top available combinations will return to the jump-off in a seeded draw; according to their faults from the first round.

For the QLD, NSW, VIC & SA Qualifying Rounds along with the Final, where an equality of faults is apparent, the time taken from the first round will be used to seed the draw. The winning combination will be the lowest accumulative faults over the two rounds of competition, with time on the second round additionally deciding the overall winner.

The competitor must be 16 years of age or older at the time of the relevant qualifying event. The number of competitors in the Queensland Off-The-Track Cup Final (held on 11 January, 2026) will be capped at 20 (additionally any exhibition competitors who meet the entry criteria as selected by the OC), as per point 3 below.

Competitors are only allowed to compete on one (1) horse in a Qualifying Round and/or the Queensland Off-The-Track Cup Final. Similarly, competitors may only compete in one qualifier to gain qualification for the final.

The competition will attract a starting height of 1.05m.

The final field will be made up of those qualified as per point 3 below.

1. Registration of Entry

2. Prizemoney

Prizemoney for the class is \$100,000 in total and will be distributed as per below.

PLACING	PRIZEMONEY	PLACING	PRIZEMONEY
1st	\$16,000	11th	\$2,800
2nd	\$14,000	12th	\$2,600
3rd	\$12,000	13th	\$2,400
4th	\$10,000	14th	\$2,200
5th	\$8,000	15th	\$2,000
6th	\$6,000	16th	\$1,800
7th	\$4,500	17th	\$1,600
8th	\$4,000	18th	\$1,400
9th	\$3,500	19th	\$1,200
10th	\$3,000	20th	\$1,000

Table: Exclusive GST

3. Eligibility Criteria

Queensland Off-The-Track Cup Competitors must be employed directly or indirectly within the Australian thoroughbred racing and breeding industry; or hold ownership within the Australian thoroughbred racing and breeding industry; or be a recognised thoroughbred re-trainer, QOTT Acknowledged Re-trainer, QOTT Approved Coach, or a member of the QOTT Clubhouse.

All other competitors who feel grounds to be considered as a re-trainer that don't have a state recognition program in place, are welcome to submit a reference from a reputable source outlining their industry input to the organising committee for review, by emailing events@magicmillions.com.au.

Competitors must compete on an *Eligible Thoroughbred*.

A horse is considered to be an *Eligible Thoroughbred* if the horse meets both of the below criteria:

1. the Thoroughbred
 - i. has been registered for thoroughbred racing in Australia; or
 - ii. is eligible to be registered for thoroughbred racing in Australia, and its parentage verification is recorded in the Australian Stud Book at the time of nomination for a qualifying event;

and

2. the Thoroughbred
 - i. was bred and foaled in Australia; or
 - ii. if the horse was bred or foaled outside of Australia, has started in an official race in Australia, and has had 50% or more of its total official race starts in Australia.

Where a horse has had a registered race name, that name must be provided upon nomination.

The horse's microchip number must also be provided for all nominations.

Horses must not have competed at a height greater than 1.20m in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of the QOTT Cup Final (11 of January 2026).

Evidence of the exact nominated horse and rider combination having had two (2) qualifications at 1.05m or above in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of close of nomination for the respective qualifying round must be provided.

A horse is not permitted to compete in the Senior Teams or Junior Individual Event as well as the Queensland Off-The-Track Cup Final.

20 finalists from the QLD, NSW, VIC & SA qualifying rounds as defined in point 5 below.

Horses aged 20 years and older at the time of the respective qualifying events as stipulated in point 5 below are ineligible to compete.

4. Exhibitions

Magic Millions reserves the right to add in a number of Exhibition riders, who will compete at the beginning of the class and not be eligible for any prizemoney, for the QOTT Cup Final on 11 January, 2026.

5. Qualifying Rounds

Peachester Lodge Festival of Showjumping, Queensland

Date: Sunday, 22nd June 2025

Location: Queensland State Equestrian Centre

The top 10 finishers will qualify for the final on 11 January, 2026

New South Wales- Date and Location TBC

Date: TBC

Location: TBC

The top 4 finishers will qualify for the final on 11 January, 2026

Victoria – Date and Location TBC

Date: TBC

Location: TBC

The top 4 finishers will qualify for the final on 11 January, 2026

South Australia – Date and Location TBC

Date: TBC

Location: TBC

The top 2 finishers will qualify for the final on 11 January, 2026

6. Substitution

Substitution of a Horse or an Event competitor for the Queensland Off-The-Track Cup Final is not allowed.

7. Scratchings

Any scratchings for the Queensland Off-The-Track Cup Final will be replaced by finishing order from the qualifying rounds, with the first replacement coming from the Queensland qualifier first, then NSW second, then Victoria third, then SA fourth and going one-from-one from there until the full field of 20 has been achieved.

8. Welfare

This event is run under the EA Rules and Regulations, (as defined therein) including the International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI) Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse. If the OC determines that a horse does not meet the appropriate welfare standards, the OC reserves the right to eliminate the combination from the event.

Miscellaneous

Every conceivable eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules and Regulations. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the OC in consultation with the competition Judge to make a decision in a sporting spirit, based on common sense and fair play, by approaching as near as possible the intention of these rules. Should there remain any omissions in these rules, such omission shall be interpreted in a manner compatible to the fullest extent with the other provisions of these rules, other rules and regulations of EA, and sporting spirit. The OC reserves the right to change and amend the above rules and prize monies at any time as they see fit.