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## **2024 ACE BREEDING INSPECTION AND ASSESSMENT TOUR**

2024 Tour Provisional Dates	Queensland: Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb. Belcam Stud Open Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb ? Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb rest of Qld.	NSW 10 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Victoria and Tasmania 17 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	South Aust. 24 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> , & 26 <sup>th</sup> February
	West Aust. 27 <sup>th</sup> February – 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Please Note – These dates are approximate only. They will depend on entry numbers and are subject to change.		

**USE THE ONLINE BOOKING FORM ON THE ACE GROUP WEBSITE:**

<https://acegroupinc.com.au/assessment-tour-booking-form>

**ASSESSOR: JENS WEHRMANN**

**A TOUR YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!**



Jens Wehrmann with Gerd Kuest at German Championships in Münster Westfalian Pferdezentrum September 2022.



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## 2024 ACE Tour Rules

1. All Fees must be paid in full prior to or on the assessment day: no payment = no assessment.
2. No refunds without veterinary or medical certificate. Please note: foals entered for the assessment tour that are yet to be born suffering complications during or post birth are exempt from providing a veterinary certificate.
3. All Handlers and Riders must agree to the ACE Group Inc. Release and Waiver of Liability.
4. ACE Group Inc. Horse Health Declarations must be agreed to by all owners on the day of your assessment.
5. ACE Group Inc. Hendra Risk Declaration must be agreed to by those presenting non-Hendra Virus vaccinated horses\* in QLD, Northern NSW and NT. The ACE Group Inc. reserves the right to request any participant to complete and submit the ACE Group Inc. Hendra Risk Declaration if seen necessary by the ACE Group Inc. representative prior or during the 2024 ACE Breeding Inspection and Assessment Tour.
6. Entire male horses 3 years of age and over must adhere to Equestrian Australia's stallion safe practice guidelines. No colt or stallion may be presented by anyone under the age of 17 years. All entire males 2 years of age and over must be led with a bridle and bit.

### Hendra Virus

Hendra Vaccination is not compulsory for the ACE Breeding Inspection and Assessment Tour 2024 however the ACE acknowledges the advice of Workplace Health and Safety Queensland, Queensland Health and Biosecurity Queensland, that vaccination is the single most effective way of reducing the risk of Hendra virus infection in horses and provides a work health and safety and public health benefit. Strategic vaccination of horses is encouraged, and horse owners should discuss their individual risk with their private veterinarian.

#### Definition of non-vaccinated horse:

ACE considers a non-Hendra vaccinated horse as any horse of any age with no current Hendra Vaccination Status. Please note that foals are only covered by the mare's vaccination certificate (given the mare was vaccinated during pregnancy) up to the age of 4 months. After the age of 4 months the foal is considered not vaccinated unless a current vaccination certificate is available.

\*non-Hendra Virus vaccinated = all horses older than 4 months with no current Hendra Vaccination Certificate.

Northern NSW refers to 'from Kempsey, north to the QLD border'.

**All necessary Forms available via  
the ACE Group Inc. website:  
<https://acegroupinc.com.au/downloadable-forms/>**



## Additional Information for Registration:

Westfalen Society Forms to be completed prior to assessment:

1. Abfohlmeldung
  2. Abzeichen Diagramm
  3. Membership Westfalen Society (if applicable).
  4. Embryo Transfer ET Record form (if applicable).
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- All horses to be registered with the or the Westfaelische Pferdestammbuch must be DNA tested. The ACE Group Inc. representative may take the hair sample on the day of recording. Please ensure the foal to be registered is handled appropriately.
  - All horses to be recorded / registered with the Westfaelische Pferdestammbuch must be microchipped. To ensure a smooth registration process with the Westfaelische Pferdestammbuch , please contact your vet to implant a microchip prior to Assessment / Recording.
  - ***Please complete all necessary paperwork prior to the day of recording / assessment and submit this to the ACE Group Inc. representative on the day. Any missing paperwork will remain your responsibility to submit directly to the the Westfaelische Pferdestammbuch in Germany.***
  - If you have any questions regarding eligibility for your progeny, please contact the ACE Group Inc. Vice President, Tina Barker [vicepresidentacegroupinc@gmail.com](mailto:vicepresidentacegroupinc@gmail.com)
  - If the mares are not registered with the Westfaelische Pferdestammbuch , they need to be registered with a Society that gives a 15 digit UELN. DNA will also be required from the mare.
  - If the breeder is not a member yet, you would also need to fill in a membership application form for Westphalia.
  - Westphalia will send all fees and charges directly to you then ACE doesn't have anything further to do with your applications.

### **ACE Group Inc. DISCLAIMER:**

The Westphalian Verband like most other German Breed societies have certain rules and procedures in place regarding Membership, Studbook renewals, etc. These rules, ACE Group Inc. have no influence over and agree that they are quite different to Australia where we do not charge a yearly Studbook fee.

The ACE Group Inc. is only the agent to make sure that the paperwork we supply for registration with the Westphalian Verband is complete and correct. Invoicing, membership renewals and all fees associated with your membership with Westphalia is a direct link between you and the Westphalian Verband.

**There are specific requirements for registration with Westphalen Society, contact the ACE office for more information. [office@acegroupinc.com.au](mailto:office@acegroupinc.com.au)**

# 2024 ACE Tour Fees

<b>PLEASE NOTE</b> The assessment fee does <b>not</b> include registration or DNA costs.	<b>ACE Assessment Fee</b>
ACE Tour minimum initial payment, due at time of booking, non-refundable, creditable against total amount due.	\$99
ACE Assessment (2 sections – Conformation, Movement)	\$99
ACE Assessment (3 sections Conformation, Movement & either Jumping or under saddle) other than Stallion licensing.	\$110
ACE Assessment (4 sections Conformation, Movement, Jumping and under saddle) other than Stallion licensing.	\$145
ACE Preliminary Stallion Licensing – Movement and Conformation (2 sections)	\$185
ACE Preliminary Stallion Licensing (3 sections Conformation, Movement & either free Jumping or under saddle)	\$255
ACE Full Stallion Licensing (4 sections Conformation, Movement, Jumping and under saddle.	\$330
Westphalian Mare / Foal Recording (no ACE Assessment)	\$75
Westphalian Foal / Mare Recording with ACE Assessment.	\$140

Horses may be presented for assessment by associate members, all registration and transfer services only available for active members.

Discounts available on application.

For more information, please visit the ACE website.

[www.acegroupinc.com.au](http://www.acegroupinc.com.au)



# Presentation Requirements

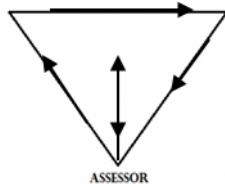


- Horse handlers to be dressed neatly with suitably (enclosed) footwear.
- Riders are required to wear neat riding clothes, safety footwear and ASA approved safety helmet.
- Horses to be presented in a neat and tidy manner.
- Manes to be pulled or trimmed short, plaits are not essential.
- Unbroken horses, geldings and mares may be presented in a halter (please ensure that halter and lead are in good condition, for safety and presentation).
- All stallions (2 years of age and over) must be presented in a bridle or wearing a bit.
- Feet can be oiled, but not blackened.
- No boots or bandages to be worn for Conformation & Movement assessments.
- Boots / Bandages may be used for Ridden and Jumping assessment.

## Assessment Procedure

### 2 Sections: Conformation and Movement

- Before judging begins, you will be asked to stand the horse for recording of the markings if applicable.
- You will then be asked to stand the horse for the assessment of Conformation. Preferably on an even surface approximately 5m from the Assessor. The Assessor will move around your horse whilst making his assessment.



- You will then be asked to walk away from the Assessor in a straight line, continue walking until you are asked to return – ensuring that you walk straight towards the assessor on your return, before continuing to walk on the triangle.
- To judge the horse's in-hand movement, you will be asked to trot the horse on the triangle. Trotting the horse away from the assessor on a clockwise triangle. (Approx. 20m across the back

length of the triangle.)



- **Please note foals and yearlings will be shown in liberty only.**
- Afterwards you will be asked to turn the horse free to assess its free movement. Please note: the foal / horse presented should show relaxed and flowing movement. Any tension in the movement may attract lower scoring.

### Ridden Assessment

- You will be given time to warm your horse up and be advised before assessment begins.
- The assessor will give you instructions regarding what movements he wishes to see from your horse. The horse is expected to perform at a level relevant to its age and experience.



### Jumping Assessment

- This can be done in a free jumping lane or under saddle.
- Free jumping: preferably have the lane set up as a Cross Rail, one stride to a vertical and one or two strides to an Oxer – depending on area and equipment available.
- When ridden, we expect to see the horse over an adequate course including both verticals and oxers.





# Why choose ACE?

ACE is a service provider, here to help. ACE offers membership, horse registrations, assessment, DNA typing, and much more.

All ACE registered Horses and Ponies will receive the new ACE Horse Passport which is nationally and internationally approved as FEI identification.

- ACE Group Inc. is an internationally recognised Australian Warmblood Association and opens opportunities for our breeders to participate in the prestigious Young Horse World Championships.
- In a time, where record keeping is becoming more and more important, ACE provides a tool to keep all your equine details in one easy to use location.
- The passports not only include the pedigree of your horse, spaces for assessment scores, performance results but also spaces for vaccination, veterinary records and much more.
- The ACE Horse Passport has been created in accordance with European Standards and is bound with rivets to always guarantee the integrity of your Horses identity.

**ACE register your Performance Horse or Pony today!**

While emphasising on the ACE Warmblood operating the **ACE Warmblood Studbooks**, the ACE Group Inc. also offers the **ACE Performance Pony Studbook** as well as a registration opportunity for all other Performance Horses, segregated into two Registers, the **ACE Small Performance Horse Register** and the **ACE Performance Horse Register**. In summary, the ACE Group Inc. cater for all Performance Horses, great and small:

- ACE Warmblood Studbooks
- ACE Performance Pony Studbooks
- ACE Performance Horse Register
- ACE Small Performance Horse Register

With the operation of the ACE Group Inc, ACE is producing individual Mare and Stallions studbooks, aiming to breed a refined, correct and well framed Australian Warmblood Horse that will excel in a performance orientated equestrian discipline (Dressage, Show Jumping, Eventing and or Showing).

**ACE** registered Australian Warmblood Horses are eligible to enter Warmblood Breed Classes at almost all Agricultural Shows.

**ACE** aims to stimulate interest and effectiveness in quality control of Warmblood and Performance horses and ponies suited to the equestrian sport by inviting a totally independent, overseas expert once a year to assess breeding and riding horses including foals. Independent assessments have been held since 1996 and are helping to benchmark our Performance Horses within a national and international market. (All performance horses are eligible to be assessed)

**ACE** creates and maintains Certificates of Pedigree incorporated into the ACE Horse Passport, Certificates of Ownership and Assessment as well as Performance Records.

**ACE** members benefit from frequent E-News and have access to free classifieds and basic for sale advertising in the ACE Newsletter "Around the ACE Stables".

**ACE** assists in the development and improvement of Australian competitors/competitions in the disciplines of Dressage, Show Jumping, Eventing and Showing / Breed classes through sponsorship.



# Breeding Program - Australian Warmblood ACE

The breeding program of ACE includes set measures to enter ACE studbooks ensuring the progress in reaching the breeding goal of a refined Australian Warmblood - ACE.

## The breeding goal is the Australian Warmblood - ACE

ACE's breeding goal is to breed a refined Australian Warmblood - ACE that is, physically and mentally able to excel in the Olympic equestrian disciplines' dressage, showjumping or eventing. The Australian Warmblood - ACE horse needs to be in proportion, well framed with elastic, cadence and have ground covering movements.

The selection criteria are:

- Ancestors,
- External appearance,
- Sequence of movement which includes showjumping,
- Internal characteristics such as trainability, the ability and willingness to perform, character, temperament and health and
- Results of sport performances.

To meet highest national and international breeding standards, ACE rules and regulations have been further updated. To ensure a smooth registration process as well as studbook entry of your horse(s) during the 2018 ACE Breeding Inspection and Assessment Tour, please ensure to familiarize yourself with these changes.

### **Please find below a brief summary:**

#### **Changes in the DNA requirements:**

- All active breeding stallions (including available semen from geldings) must be DNA typed, it is the stallion's / semen's owner to ensure the DNA profile is available (introduced as of the 01/01/2013).
- All mares entered in the ACE studbooks must be DNA typed.
- All foals produced by transported semen must be DNA typed (as of the 01/01/2016), all foals produced by embryo transfer must be DNA typed.
- All foals and horses produced by natural, chilled or paddock service must be DNA typed (as of the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022).

**Foals or Horses must either be branded or micro chipped at the time of registration.**

**Please ensure to download your copy of the ACE Australia Warmblood Breeding Program prior to registration and breeding inspection / assessment.**

**<https://acegroupinc.com.au/ace-warmblood-studbooks/>**

# Breeding Program - ACE Performance Pony

The breeding program of ACE includes set measures to enter ACE studbooks ensuring the progress in reaching the breeding goal of a refined ACE Performance Pony.

## The breeding goal is the ACE Performance Pony

ACE's breeding goal is to breed a versatile, talented and rideable performance pony, that is, physically and mentally able to excel in all equestrian discipline, especially suitable for children. The ACE Performance Pony needs to be in proportion, well framed with elastic, cadenced and have ground covering movements.

As defined in the provision II ACE Performance Pony, the following breeds are approved to enter the studbooks AFTER assessment:

The selection criteria are:

- ❖ Ancestors,
- ❖ External appearance,
- ❖ Sequence of movement which includes showjumping,
- ❖ Internal characteristics such as trainability, the ability and willingness to perform, character, temperament and health and –
- ❖ Results of sport performances.



**The progenies of the following breed group crossings are part of the ACE Performance Pony:**

Approved Breed	Breeds of Group 1	Breeds of Group 11	Breeds of Group 111
Breeds of Group 1	X	X	X
Breeds of Group 11	X	X (Crossing of the same breeds are not approved)	X
Breeds of Group 111	X	X	

### Group 1: Australian Sport and Riding Ponies, such as:

Belgian Sport Pony  
British Riding Pony  
Dansk Sport Pony  
German Riding Pony  
Italian Riding Pony  
Le Poney Francais de Selle  
Nederlands Pony met Arabisch Bloed (N.P.A.)  
Austrian Riding Pony  
Palomino Pony  
Pinto Pony  
Swedish Riding Pony  
Swiss Riding Pony  
Welsh Section K (Netherlands)  
Welsh Part Bred  
Nederlands Wels Ridepony

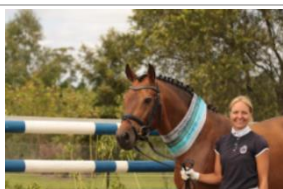
### Group 11:

Connemara  
Dartmoor  
New Forest  
Welsh Ponies Section A, B, C and  
Welsh Cobs



### Group 111:

Anglo Arabian  
Arabian  
Australian Warmblood ACE Warmbloods, registered with a WBFSh recognised assoc.  
Small Performance Horse (above 148cm)  
Palomino (above 148cm)  
Pinto (above 148cm)



**Please ensure to download your copy of the ACE Performance Pony Breeding Program prior to registration and breeding inspection / assessment.**

<https://acegroupinc.com.au/ace-performance-pony-studbooks/>



# 2024 ACE Tour Awards

All ACE Registered horses are eligible and entered automatically into the ACE Tour Awards 2023

- Highest Scoring Filly (under the age of 1) in each State
- Highest Scoring Colt (under the age of 1) in each State
- ACE Group Champion Filly (under the age of 1)
- ACE Group Champion Colt (under the age of 1)
- ACE Overall Champion (under the age of 1)

## Sashes

- Premium Sashes (assessment scores 78% to 79.99%)
- Elite Sashes (assessment scores 80% and more)

## Stallion Licensing

- Broad Sash for prelim and fully licensed ACE registered stallion

## Mare Assessment

- Broad Sash for Mare Studbook entries

## Gelding Assessment

- Broad Sash for highest scoring ACE registered Gelding (assessed during the 2024 ACE Breeding Inspection and Assessment Tour)

### Please note:

To be eligible for the ACE awards, **the horse or foal must be registered ACE.**

Horses or Foals registered with another association are eligible for assessment and studbook entry, however, will **NOT** be eligible for the ACE Horse or Foal awards!

To be eligible to be entered into the ACE Awards, the owner must state that the horse or foal is to be ACE registered **PRIOR** to assessment.

Pending registrations must **be paid for** and **all** necessary paperwork and DNA samples submitted prior to **15/04/2024**

**(The horses of owners with unpaid accounts will NOT be considered for the ACE Tour 2024 Awards).**

# ACE Registration/DNA Testing

**These fees are in addition to the assessment fee.**

<b>Pricing as of 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022</b>	<b>Members</b>
Foal Registration (0 – 6 months) includes the ACE Passport	\$75
Weanling Registration (7 – 12 months) includes the ACE Passport	\$85
Horse Registration (13 months and older) includes the ACE Passport	\$140
DNA Request	\$70
Warmblood Fragile Foal Syndrome Test	\$45
Colour test each one (download list from website)	\$45

**Discounts for multiple registration available, please contact the ACE Group Inc. office.**

<b>Also available through the ACE Group Inc</b>	<b>Members</b>
3 Test Coat Colour Package: (1) Cream Dilution (2) Chestnut Red Factor (CCC) (3) Agouti (AG)	\$90
3 Test Coat Colour Package & DNA Profile/Parentage: (1) Cream Dilution (2) Chestnut Red Factor (CCC) (3) Agouti (AG) + DNA Profile Parentage	\$130
Warmblood Fragile Foal Test	\$45

There are other DNA Tests available on request or download list from website.

**To ensure an efficient processing of your registration please ensure that you have included the following:**

- A filled-out registration application - foal / horse to be registered must be either branded or micro chipped prior to registration.
- If Dam or Sire is not ACE registered please submit a copy of their registration papers and DNA profile if necessary, if this is not available, please contact the ACE Group Inc. office.
- 4 pictures of the horse to be registered (one each side, one front and one back – ensure the complete horse is visible, including ears and hooves)

**If the horse has been sighted during the ACE Breeding Inspection and Assessment Tour you will not need to submit any photographs.**

- Please remember to mark any whorls as black x on the diagram.
- Service Certificate, AI Form and ET Form and DNA sample, if applicable.
- If the service certificate has been sent through by semen provider prior to registration, please notify the ACE Group Inc. office.

<https://acegroupinc.com.au/downloadable-forms/>

# 2024 ACE Tour Checklist

## Prior to your assessment 2024

- ☒ Download the 2024 Tour Assessment Information Package
- ☒ Complete and Submit Online Booking Form
- ☒ Queensland, Northern New South Wales and Northern Territory as well as other States if applicable: discuss your individual risk/need of Hendra Virus/Hendra Vaccinations with your Veterinarian.

## Prior to your assessment 2024 or on the day....

- ☒ Pay all Assessment Fees in Full.
- Please note: **No payment = no Assessment**

## On your Assessment Day:

The ACE Group Inc. reserves the right to request any participant to complete and submit the ACE Group Inc. Hendra Risk Declaration if seen necessary by the ACE Group Inc. representative prior or during the 2024 ACE Assessment Tour.

## ACE Tour Awards:

- ☒ All ACE **registered** horses are eligible and entered automatically into the ACE Awards.
- ☒ Pending registrations have to **be paid for** and **all** necessary paperwork and DNA sample submitted by **15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.

(The horses of owners with open accounts will NOT be considered for the ACE Tour Awards.)

[www.friesiansporthorseassociation.com](http://www.friesiansporthorseassociation.com)



A very warm welcome to the **Friesian Sport Horse Association**. For bookings of your FSA registered Friesian to be independently assessed during the 2024 ACE Breeding Inspection and Assessment Tour, please contact the ACE office.



**WESTFÄLISCHES  
PFERDESTAMMBUCH e.V.**

A very warm welcome back to the **Westfaelisches Pferdestammbuch**, Germany. For bookings regarding the Westphalians, please contact the ACE office. Please ensure that horses are eligible for registration / assessment Westphalian **PRIOR** to booking, thank you.

A very warm welcome to the Warlander Studbook Society. For bookings of your Warlander to be independently assessed during the 2023 Tour, please contact the Warlander Society.

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