

2026 ACE BREEDING INSPECTION AND ASSESSMENT TOUR

2026 Tour Provisional Dates	West Aust.	South Aust.	Vic. & Tas.	NSW.
	13 Mch – 17 Mch 2026	10 Mch – 12 Mch 2026	3 Mch – 9 Mch 2026	23 Feb – 2 Mch 2026
Queensland Start Tour) 17 Feb – 22 Feb 2026		Please Note – These dates are approximate only and 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



ACE is excited to announce that as the quality of foals, stallions and mares presented for classification continue to evolve and improve, we believe it is beneficial for us to adjust our scoring criteria to better reflect the higher standards that breeders are producing. We are confident that recalibrating our scoring percentages will not only foster a more equitable evaluation at assessments but also motivate everyone involved to strive for the highest level of quality and performance.

The new Award Scoring is as follows with a new addition

DIAMOND: 88% upwards

ELITE: 83% - 87.99%

PREMIUM: 78% - 82.99%



We look forward to assessing the high quality of foals, stallions and mares in the future. ACE Breeders now and in the past, we thank you for your commitment to maintaining our organization's reputation for excellence.

ACHIEVING YOUR DREAMS

Please read this information booklet thoroughly

****The onus is on you to understand****

Contained in this information booklet, you will find~

- ❖ 2026ACE Assessment Tour Rules
- ❖ 2026 ACE Assessment Tour Fees (*Please note Registration fee is ADDITIONAL to the Assessment Fee*)
- ❖ ACE Registration and DNA Testing Fees (*Please note DNA Fees are ADDITIONAL to Assessment Fees*)
- ❖ Presentation Requirements and Assessment Procedure
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- ❖ Why choose ACE?
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If you have any questions, please contact the office



ACHIEVING YOUR DREAMS

2026 ACE Tour Rules

Please read carefully*The onus is on you

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. Hendra Risk – Hendra Vaccinations are not a requirement, although it is highly recommended that you should vaccinate your horse reside in a “high risk” area.
5. All stallion owners and handlers are to adhere to the Equestrian Australia (EA) Stallion Safe Practice Guide. Please find the attached link. [Equestrian Australia Safe Stallion Practices and Guidelines](#)

Please ensure you read and understand the requirements.

At any time before or during the Stallion Assessment, should a Stallion show any behaviour issues or aggression, the Assessment will immediately stop, and the Stallion will be withdrawn from the Assessment.

***** All necessary forms are available via the ACE Group Inc. website*****

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

*****Please note*****

REGISTRATION FEE IS ADDITIONAL TO THE ASSESSMENT FEE

2026 ACE Tour Fees

PLEASE NOTE The assessment fee does not include registration or DNA costs.	ACE Assessment Fee
ACE Tour minimum initial payment, due at time of booking, nonrefundable, creditable against total amount due.	\$99
ACE Assessment (2 sections – Conformation, Movement)	\$115
ACE Assessment (3 sections Conformation, Movement & either Jumping or under saddle) other than Stallion licensing.	\$130
ACE Assessment (4 sections Conformation, Movement, Jumping and under saddle) other than Stallion licensing.	\$170
ACE Preliminary Stallion Licensing – Movement and Conformation (2 sections)	\$215
ACE Preliminary Stallion Licensing (3 sections Conformation, Movement & either free Jumping or under saddle)	\$295
ACE Full Stallion Licensing (4 sections Conformation, Movement, Jumping and under saddle.	\$380
Westphalian Foal / Mare Recording with ACE Assessment.	\$160

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

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ACE Registration/DNA Testing

These fees are in addition to the assessment fee

Pricing as of 1 st August 2022	Members
Foal Registration (0 – 6 months) includes the ACE Passport	\$85
Weanling Registration (7 – 12 months) includes the ACE Passport	\$100
Horse Registration (13 months and older) includes the ACE Passport	\$160
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.

Also available through the ACE Group Inc	Members
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 (Highly Recommended)	\$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.

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



Presentation Requirements

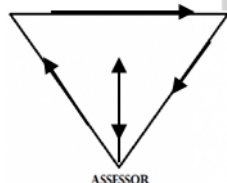


- ❖ **Horse handlers** to be dressed neatly with suitably (enclosed) footwear.
- ❖ **Riders** are required to wear neat riding clothes, safety footwear and ASA approved safety helmet.
- ❖ **Horses** to be presented in a neat and tidy manner.
- ❖ **Manes** to be pulled or trimmed short, plaits are not 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.



2026 ACE Tour Awards

All ACE Registered horses are eligible and entered automatically into the ACE Tour Awards 2026



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

AWARDS

- ❖ DIAMOND: 88% upwards
- ❖ ELITE: 83% - 87.99%
- ❖ PREMIUM: 78% - 82.99%

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 to the ACE office by mail or email
(The horses of owners with unpaid accounts will NOT be considered for the ACE Tour Awards).



Achieving your Dreams

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.
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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
- Results of sport performances.
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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.

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.



Summary in the changes of DNA requirements



Changes in the DNA requirements:

- As of 1st August 2022, all new registrations will require a DNA analysis. This includes hand serves and insemination with fresh/chilled semen.
- 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.

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



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR REGISTRATION

- All horses to be registered with 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 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
- If the breeder is not a member yet, we would also need the filled in membership application form for Westphalia..
- Westphalia will send all fees and charges directly to you and 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.



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.

2026 ACE Tour Checklist

Prior to your assessment



- ☒ Download the 2026 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 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 2025 ACE Assessment Tour.

ACE Tour Awards:

- ☒ All ACE **registered** horses are eligible and entered automatically into the ACE Awards.
- ☒ Pending registrations must **be paid for** and **all** necessary paperwork and DNA sample submitted.

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