

Preamble

The Australian Female Jockey Championship (AusFJC) is a Championship Series contested by nominated riders from each of the six Australian states, and the Northern Territory.

The AusFJC is designed, as much as possible, to put Australasia's best female riders against each other in an even competition to determine the Champion.

Conduct

1. The AusFJC Series is owned by Tasracing.
2. The AusFJC will be raced in accordance with the Australian Rules of Racing (ARR) and the Rules governing the AusFJC.
3. Selection of venue, date and internal organisation are matters for Tasracing.
4. Flights, accommodation, meals and transfers are to be arranged and paid for by Tasracing. Any additional costs, not provided by Tasracing, are to be paid personally by the participating riders.

Nomination & Eligibility of Representatives

5. Tasracing shall be invited two female riders from each State and one from the Northern Territory. The riders will be selected from the preceding years premiership table in that State or Territory.
6. If the invited rider for some reason is unable to participate in the series then the next female rider on the preceding years jockey premiership will be selected, and so on until a representative can be found.
7. If for some reason a rider cannot be found under the provision of clauses 5 and 6 then Tasracing may invite a rider born in that State or Territory.
8. Tasracing must notify the State or Territory representative at least 4-weeks prior to the scheduled start of the AusFJC Series.
9. Tasracing will declare an Emergency rider at least one week prior to the commencement of the AusFJC Series. The role of the Emergency rider is to fill a vacancy should it arise, for whatever reason. The emergency rider should be selected in accordance with clause 6 or clause 7 if required.
10. The participating riders will be notified by Tasracing of the arrangements for accommodation, travelling and personal expenses together with the logistics of travel and accommodation involved in the AusFJCs.
11. The maximum number of participating riders in the AusFJC Series shall be limited to twelve (12) riders.
12. Should there be a vacancy created for any reason prior to the commencement of the Series, another rider or riders may be appointed from the State or Territory with which the vacancy emanated from in accordance with clauses 6 or 7, if required.

13. Should there be a vacancy created for any reason during the Series, and the emergency rider is already filling a vacancy, Tasracing may appoint a replacement rider or riders from their jurisdiction.
14. Each of the riders competing shall be licensed and free of restrictions by the nominating State or Territory at the time of the first race of the AusFJC Series.

Racing Conditions & Points System

15. Each race in the AusFJC shall be restricted to no more than 12 starters plus 5 emergencies.
16. The races for the AusFJC will be determined by Tasracing.
17. The total number of races for the Series shall be 4, with 12 starters in each race.
18. Minimum weight for the series will be 54kg.
19. Riding declarations will be drawn randomly following the barrier draw by Racing Australia at a time determined and published by Tasracing.
20. Where a nominated rider has a horse scratched from the final field prior to the nominated scratching time for that event, then the nominated rider will be placed on the next listed emergency.
21. Points for the AusFJC will be awarded in each race on the following basis:

Number of starters 12: 19(1), 14(2), 11(3), 9(4), 8(5), 7(6), 6(7), 5(8), 4(9), 3(10), 2(11), 1(12)

Number of starters 11: 18(1), 13(2), 10(3), 8(4), 7(5), 6(6), 5(7), 4(8), 3(9), 2(10), 1(11)

Number of starters 10: 17(1), 12(2), 9(3), 7(4), 6(5), 5(6), 4(7), 3(8), 2(9), 1(10)

Number of starters 9: 16(1), 11(2), 8(3), 6(4), 5(5), 4(6), 3(7), 2(8), 1(9)

Number of starters 8: 15(1), 10(2), 7(3), 5(4), 4(5), 3(6), 2(7), 1(8)

22.
 - a. In the event of a horse being scratched or failing to complete the race as a result of a racing incident deemed by the Meeting's Stewards Panel, five (5) points shall be awarded to the rider. In all other cases where a horse and rider fail to complete the race the jockey will receive one (1) point.
 - b. In the event of a dead heat for any placing in any race, the points for the horses involved in the dead heat will be added together and divided equally among the riders concerned.
 - c. In the event of a rider being suspended in a race in the Series, no points (zero) will be awarded to the rider for that race. For the purposes of these Rules, suspension shall only refer to race day determination of the stewards in that race, and not to any subsequent determination emanating from another matter.
 - d. In the event of a horse being disqualified from a race in the Series points will not be awarded to the rider for that race. For the purposes of these Rules, disqualification shall only refer to a race day determination of the stewards and not to any subsequent determination emanating from another matter.
23. The points score shall be kept by an Official Points Scorer appointed by Tasracing.

24. In the event a rider cannot take their place in a race for any reason, then the horse that representative was to be riding will be ridden by the Emergency Jockey in the first instance, if the Emergency Jockey is already engaged, a Replacement Jockey; - with points earned allocated to the Emergency or Replacement Jockey tally.
25. In the event of a rider who has been suspended in a race in the Series being suspended in a later race in the Series the driver shall not be eligible to compete in any remaining races in the Series.
26. In the event of a tie, the rider with the most number of winning rides in the AusFJC races shall be declared the winner. If still tied the greater number of second placed rides and so on until the winner is declared. If a tie occurs for any other placegetter then the same provisions will apply.
27. Riding fees are paid to the competing riders in line with Tasracing's usual riding fee schedule.
28. The rider with the most points after "correct weight" is given in the last race of the Series shall be declared the Australian Female Jockey Champion.

Other

29. Each participating State or Territory shall be responsible for outfitting their respective riders in their State or Territory colours. The state or territory shall at the time of nomination provide Tasracing with photographs and written profiles of the nominated rider.
30. Each participating rider in the series agrees to wear coloured riding breaches as determined and supplied by Tasracing.
31. All riders will be required to submit to testing used to detect alcohol and drugs of abuse. Riders exceeding set limits will not be permitted to participate in the AusFJC Series.
32. Appropriate trophy(s) shall be awarded to the first three riders in the Series based on total points achieved in descending order.
33. Any other prizes or monetary payment awarded to riders in the Series is solely determined by Tasracing.
34. It is expected that participants will attend all required social and other functions.
35. Riders will participate in any media interviews as requested by Tasracing.
36. In the event of a situation arising which is not covered by these Guidelines, then Tasracing, shall have the authority to determine the matter. These Rules will be reviewed after each AusFJC Series and the views of all parties taken into account.