



Riders Information & Registration for the 2025 National Penny Farthing Championships

The annual **National Penny Farthing Championships** will be held in Evandale on **Saturday 15 February 2025**. We invite your participation - a visit to Evandale in February is a must for all veteran cycling enthusiasts. You'll have the opportunity to meet up with old friends, meet new ones, and indulge yourself in our shared passion for penny farthing bicycles.

Eligibility: The races are open to all penny farthing bicycle enthusiasts. Racing is the theme, with the emphasis on participation and enjoyment. We try to cater for all levels of riding ability. Riders must wear an Australian standard approved 'Bicycle' helmet as per Tasmanian and Australian road rules. Skateboard type helmets are not permitted. Helmets must be fitted correctly.

Bicycles: Only direct drive "penny farthing" bicycles are eligible. We will accept either original "ordinary" bicycles, or reproduction machines, providing they comply with the following standards:

- Modern materials are permitted, but bicycles should be typical in appearance of the penny farthings of the 19th century
- Foot restraining devices are not permitted for safety reasons, even though they may be authentic
- Solid rubber tyres only - these must be securely fitted
- Handlebars must not drop below the level of the front rim and must have no forward angle
- Minimum weight of machine 12 kg
- A minimum of 60 spokes in the front wheel. Lower spoke count is accepted provided fitted with heavier gauge spoke material
- A minimum front wheel diameter of 44 inches (112cm)
- Any back brakes in place must be disabled or removed
- Bicycles ridden by children under the age of 16 years are exempted from these provisions
- All riders must be able to mount and dismount their machine independently
- All bicycles must pass scrutineer's inspection

We rely on your appreciation of cycling history to keep your bike within the spirit of the event. The rider carries responsibility for ensuring the suitability and safety of the machine being ridden, and we reserve the right to reject any bike which we consider unsuitable.

Insurance: The Evandale Village Fair Association Incorporated **accepts no liability** for your bicycle, either in transit or while in Evandale. **Personal accident insurance is also your concern.** We carry public liability insurance, but as event participants you are not covered. For our protection, a disclaimer form must be signed before you participate in any races.

Bicycle Freight: Dan Bolwell (Penny Farthing Dan) can bring up to 25 bikes from Melbourne to Evandale. Dan can also organise for your bike to be freighted to Melbourne from wherever you are. Dan requires bikes to be with him by the Monday prior to the races (Monday 10 February) and interstate riders will need to allow at least an extra week for freighting of bikes to Dan. Please contact Dan ASAP to talk about your requirements: 0417 565 091 or dan1870pf@gmail.com

If sending your bike direct to Evandale via airfreight, bikes should be sent at least one week before the event, and consigned to the **Evandale Village Fair Association, Launceston Airport**, as standby freight. We will transport bikes from the airport to Evandale. Please make sure the bike is clearly labeled - we recommend that you remove pedals and (if possible) handlebars. You will find it can be handled better if it can be wheeled. **Qantas Freight** is our preferred carrier. It may also be possible to consign your bike as passenger baggage with the airlines, providing it is suitably boxed.

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Travel Arrangements: You are to make your own travel, bike freight and accommodation arrangements, but feel free to contact Leah McClintock on 0420 355 005 for assistance with accommodation. If coming by air, fly in and out of **Launceston Airport**, which is only 5km north of Evandale. Direct flights to Launceston are available from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane (and sometimes also Adelaide and Perth).

Travel to Tasmania by ferry is also an option, with a daily overnight service and occasional day sailings between Geelong and Devonport on the Spirit of Tasmania. Bookings at www.spiritoftasmania.com.au. Your bicycle can travel with you at a minimal cost. Devonport to Evandale is 105 km – if not traveling with a car, there is a bus service to Launceston, and we can organise collection from there.

Entry Fee: A fee of \$45 per person applies to all race participants aged over 16 years. Please note rider registrations received after 15 January will be \$55.

Payment: Please direct deposit to **Evandale Village Fair Inc BSB 067-600 Acc. No 0094-3688** using **your name and the word 'rider' as reference.**

Costume: Racing costume should be in keeping with the style of the 1880's – plain trousers, preferably knee length, and a plain top. Modern lycra gear is to be avoided - we are trying to recreate the aura of an era past. **Australian law requires an Australia-standard hard-shell helmet to be worn whenever a bicycle is ridden.**

You are encouraged to bring **full dress costume** for the parade. An award will be presented to the best dressed rider.

The Races: You may enter as many or as few races as you like. Changes to the program may be made according to the number of entries received – especially in the veterans, juniors and ladies categories. There are now two junior races, Under 16's and Under 12's, with girls and boys all in together. Medallions will be awarded to the first three place-getters in each event – additional sashes will no longer be provided. In some events, perpetual trophies will also be awarded. These are the property of the recipient for one year only. If trophies are taken by winners, engraving is their responsibility.

Photography: By entering our event, you must understand that professional film crews and photographers will be present, and any images taken may be used for promotional or commercial purposes.

ASSOCIATED EVENT - The Clarendon Road Race

Sunday 16 February

A race of 20 miles (32kms), starting in Evandale and finishing at Clarendon House. Cost included in entry fee. A 10km casual ride from Evandale straight to the finish at Clarendon House is also available.

If you have any further queries related to racing, please contact: riders@evandalevillagefair.com or Jeff: Mob 0490 352 588, Email: jeff.mcclintock@zoho.com

For more information and details of past events visit www.evandalevillagefair.com or find us on Facebook at Evandale Village Fair.

We look forward to seeing you in Evandale in February!



2025 National Penny Farthing Championships - Registration Form

PERSONAL DETAILS:

Name: Age (at 15/2/25):

Address:

Phone/Mobile:

Email:

Emergency contact name: Phone:

TRAVEL DETAILS (if known):

Arrival: Departure:

Form of travel: Will your bike be air freighted (ie, not sent with Dan?):

Non-competitors travelling with you:

Accommodation:

RACES: *Indicate the races you wish to enter*

| DATE | RACE | DESCRIPTION | ENTRY |
|------------|----------------------------|---|-------|
| Sat 15 Feb | Slow Race | 20m, heats of 4, last over line wins | |
| | Slalom | Timed run, around 10 cones. 8 fastest to finals | |
| | Novice Race | Evandale First Timers, 2 laps | |
| | Penny Biathlon | Run 1 lap, ride 2 laps, run 1 lap | |
| | Relay | Teams of 4, representing state or family | |
| | Sprints | 200m, straight line. 6 heats, winners only to final | |
| | Mary's Sprint | Ladies sprint of 200m | |
| | Obstacle Race | Run, carry, wheel, ride – each over 80m | |
| | Unicycle Race | Down and back – 200m | |
| | Mens National Championship | 4 laps (1 mile). 3 heats, first 3 to final | |
| | Ladies Championship | 2 laps | |
| | Juniors Championship | 1 lap, age under 16 | |
| | Sub-junior Championship | 1 lap, age under 12 | |
| | Veterans, category 1 | 2 laps, age over 50 | |
| | Veterans category 2 | 2 laps, age over 60 | |
| | Veterans category 3 | 2 laps, age over 70 | |
| Sun 16 Feb | Miss 'n Out, A Grade | Riders eliminated until 3 remain | |
| | Miss 'n Out, B Grade | Riders eliminated until 3 remain | |
| | Handicap | 4 groups, 4 laps, reverse direction | |
| | Consolation | 2 laps open to all who have not won a medal | |
| Sun 16 Feb | Road Race | 20 miles (32 kms) Evandale /Nile/ Clarendon | |



Evandale Village Fair Inc Form of Release

In consideration of your permitting me to participate in one or more races at the Evandale Village Fair or any of its associated events, I agree that my participation in practice for and in any such event or race shall be at my own risk. I agree that I shall have no claim for injury or damage caused to me or my property and whether against you, the Evandale Village Fair Inc., the Northern Midlands Council, your employees or agents or any of them and whether or not due to your breach of contractor to the negligence, fault or breach of duty of any such person or persons.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT AND INDEMNITY (To be completed for all participants under 18 years of age)

Name: _____

Address: _____

and

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of child: _____

Name of child: _____

Name of child: _____

I/We hereby consent to our child/ren participating in practice for and in the Evandale Village Fair and National Penny Farthing Championships and associated events and I/we jointly and separately undertake to indemnify you against any claim brought by or on behalf of the said child based on your breach of contract or the negligence, fault or breach of duty of you, the Evandale Village Fair Inc., the Northern Midlands Council, or any of your servants or agents or any other persons in respect of whose conduct you are or may be liable.

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____



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ACCOUNT

Prepay via EFT (details below), or make payment in person in Evandale

Eftpos & Credit card or direct debit to our account:

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| ITEM | COST | TOTAL |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| Standard entry fee | \$45 per rider (16 and under free) | |
| Late entry fee (after 15 Jan 2025) | \$55 per rider | |
| | | |
| TOTAL | | |

Please complete and return registration and form of release by 15 January 2025 to:
riders@evandalevillagefair.com or Evandale Village Fair, PO Box 3, Evandale, Tas 7212. Please note rider registrations received after 15 January will be \$55.