



Adelaide Equestrian Festival

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CCI5*



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USET – United States Equestrian Team Foundation
USADA – United States Anti-Doping Agency

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US EQUESTRIAN PLAYBOOK

INTRODUCTION

The aim of the Playbook is to give those that are attending the Adelaide Equestrian Festival (AUS) CCI5*-L an understanding of the event and the logistics that go with making the trip to South Australia. As a CCI5*-L. Please note that the individual athletes competing will not receive funding, apparel, Team Staff support, or expense reimbursements.

As with any CCI5*-L, Adelaide will have its challenges and differences from past and other 5* events. The emphasis must be on ensuring athletes, horses, and grooms can perform their very best. A performance environment should be maintained and always keep in mind that even as a non-Team competition, you are still representing the USA at a foreign competition.

The competition venue is in center of Adelaide in Victoria Park on the southern coast of Australia. This event does host additional levels including CCI4*-S and CCI3*-L. Please review the published [FEI Schedule](#) for the available divisions and their restrictions.

We are continually receiving updates and new information so this playbook can never cover all the details. The primary point of contact for the Adelaide Equestrian Festival and their contact information can be found [here](#).

This playbook contains helpful information for attending this event. Please also familiarize yourself with the [FEI Schedule](#) and remember to check in at the show office upon arrival for the most up-to-date information.

PLEASE READ THIS PLAYBOOK AS IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TRAVEL PLANNING, CLIMATE, AND ACCOMMODATIONS.

Please contact Christina if you have any questions, observations, or suggestions as to how we can optimize the support of the athletes, grooms, and horses.

Good luck to all!

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ENTRIES

An FEI Entry is required to compete at the Adelaide Equestrian Festival. Athletes must submit the FEI Entry in order to be entered into the FEI Entry System to compete as an individual at any FEI competition, whether in the U.S. or abroad. The FEI Entry process is managed by US Equestrian Athlete Services.

Entries directly with the competition will also need to be completed. See the [FEI Schedule](#) for complete information.

PRE-TRAVEL INFORMATION

VISAS

U.S. citizens are required to have a visa or Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) to visit Australia. The application for the ETA can be found online through the Australian Department of Home Affairs or the Australia ETA app. More information including applications can be found [here](#).

VACCINATIONS

In accordance with the CDC and USOPC recommendations, we advise that all athletes, grooms, and traveling USEF support staff consider getting the new COVID vaccine now available against new strains as well as the seasonal flu vaccine. These vaccines can be administered at the same time. This is NOT a USOPC or USEF requirement but highly recommended to protect our athletes, grooms, and all Team members. Please note it takes approximately two (2) weeks to maximize immunity.

TRAVEL PLANS

EQUINE TRANSPORTATION

USA to AUS: Dutta Horse Transport Inc. is the USEF-preferred vendor for horse flights within the continental United States.

- [Website](#)
- Phone: +1 (914) 276 3880
- Email: info@timdutta.com

AUS to USA: International Transport of Horses operates international horse flights out of Australia to the continental United States.

- [Website](#)
- Phone: +61 3 9643 3000
- Email: irtaus@irt.com

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Local shippers include:

- [Valley Horse Transport](#)
- [South West Horse Transport](#)

Hay/Bedding: Please refer to the [FEI Schedule](#) for hay/bedding available at the venue.

HUMAN TRANSPORTATION

All athletes, grooms, and owners are responsible for booking their own travel itinerary. Below is a list of recommended airports to Adelaide.

Adelaide Airport (ADL) has one terminal that operates international and domestic flights. It is approximately 5.4 miles (20 minutes) from the competition venue.

HUMAN ACCOMMODATION

There are many local accommodation options. Below is a non-extensive list of nearby hotels. Recommendations from the event can also be found [here](#). It is the traveling individual's responsibility to book their accommodation.

Requests for groom’s accommodation must be sent with the entries.

Hotel	Website	Distance
The Soho Hotel	Click here	1.1 mi
Adabco Boutique Hotel	Click here	1.1 mi
Frome Apartments	Click here	1.3 mi
Hilton Adelaide	Click here	1.4 mi
Hotel Alba Adelaide	Click here	1.7 mi

CAR SERVICE INFORMATION

Public Transport: There is public transport in Adelaide which primarily uses buses. There are multiple bus stops at the competition venue.

Taxi: Taxis use meters calculated by distance and time.

Rental Vehicles: For automatic vehicles, it is recommended to book a rental car with a large rental agency.

USA EVENTING GUIDE TO TRAVELING OVERSEAS

To view the USA Eventing Guide to Traveling Overseas click [here](#).

ACCREDITATION

Please review the [FEI Schedule](#) for the most up to date information on available accreditations.

APPAREL

USEF does not provide human or horse apparel for CCI5* events. The U.S. Equestrian Horse & Human Apparel Policies for eventing can be found [here](#).

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality options offered for the Adelaide Equestrian Festival can be found [here](#).

TICKETS & PARKING

All spectators must purchase tickets. Information on tickets including how to purchase can be found [here](#).

RESERVED SEATING

Information on reserved seating including how to purchase can be found [here](#).

PARKING

Information on parking and pre-booking can be found [here](#).

VENUE

The Adelaide Equestrian Festival is located at the Rose Park in the province of South Australia, AUS. The venue will have the usual first-aid stations, a mixed zone where interviews can be held, a sports information desk, medical facilities, doping control facilities and Wi-Fi access.

There are many shopping opportunities including a marketplace and food and beverage options located throughout the venue.

The venue address is **Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi Cnr Wakefield & Fullarton Rds 5064 Rose Park Australia**

Entering the Venue: Parking information can be found [here](#).

STABLES

Stables are 3.5m x 3.5m

TACK ROOMS

Tack rooms are available upon request when completing the stabling form. It is the Athlete's responsibility to coordinate with their entry.

MAP

A map of the competition venue can be found [here](#).

COMPETITION SCHEDULES

The full schedule for the Adelaide Equestrian Festival can be found [here](#).

SAFE SPORT, CODE OF CONDUCT, & CLEAN SPORT

Similar to any USEF licensed Event, SafeSport, the USEF Code of Conduct and Clean Sport must be abided by at all times.

Click [here](#) for SafeSport Information

Click [here](#) for USEF Code of Conduct

Click [here](#) for Clean Sport Information

PRESS & MEDIA

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media can be a great advantage for athletes, but it can also be detrimental to the environment. Please familiarize yourself with the policies below.

The FEI Social Media policy can be found [here](#).

The USEF Social Media policy can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions about the utilization of social media during the Event, please contact Sr. Director Social Media & Sport Communications, Carly Weilminster (cweilminster@usef.org).

HOSPITALS & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Name	Address	Phone
Calvary Adelaide Hospital	120 Angas St, Adelaide SA 5000, Australia	+61 8 8227 7000
Royal Adelaide Hospital	Port Rd, Adelaide SA 5000, Australia	+61 8 7074 0000
The Memorial Hospital	Sir Edwin Smith Ave, North Adelaide SA 5006, Australia	+61 8 8366 3800
Ashford Hospital	55 Anzac Hwy, Ashford SA 5035, Australia	+61 8 8375 5222

Australian Emergency Services – 000

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

In general, Adelaide, SA, is a safe area for its residents and visitors. However, security perception changes greatly by district. If you have any doubts or need to report an incident, you can rely on the Police who are constantly patrolling the streets.

Responsible care should be exercised when traveling throughout Adelaide. There is a normal level of crime, but it varies by district. In the higher-income areas frequented by tourists, petty theft is the most common concern. Travelers should keep valuables out of sight and be aware of their surroundings. Avoid isolated areas when on foot, especially after dark. It is recommended to only use a trusted taxi or an app-based taxi service. Do not hail a taxi on the street.

Assailants usually target victims for their smartphones, wallets, or purses. If confronted by someone with a weapon, it is best not to resist.

It is best to use ATMs inside banks instead of ATMs that are more accessible to passers-by and all banks advise customers to cover ATM keypads with their hands when entering codes. When making credit card transactions, travelers should expect the vendor to use a credit card reader in their presence.

Security is the responsibility of everybody. However, security concerns must not be allowed to prevent athletes from concentrating on preparing and competing their horses. Good security is the application of common sense.

The key to good security is vigilance. Be aware of what is happening around you and always pay attention to anything that appears unusual or out of place. This includes people who appear nervous about their surroundings.

- Make a copy of your passport or real ID and travel documents and leave the original in a safe place.
- Always travel in groups.
- Do not overtly wear expensive jewelry.
- Keep your phone hidden.
- Do not carry excessive amounts of cash or credit cards if you do not need them.
- If you are in a vehicle in standstill traffic with the windows rolled down, keep phones and other possessions low and away from windows and be mindful of people walking through the traffic.
- Do not approach unattended bags, cases or packages – report them.
- Do not accept packages from anyone, the contents of which are unclear.
- Do not advertise where you are staying.
- If you are out in the evening and you become aware of increased police activity, leave the area immediately.
- If you see an incident involving the police, do not get involved. Do not play the good samaritan.

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE AUSTRALIAN POLICE – 000

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U.S. CONSULATE & EMBASSY

Currently there is no U.S. Consulate or Embassy within the city of Adelaide. For any emergency services surrounding passports, applicable visas, or other related issues, the nearest U.S. Embassy is located in Canberra, Moonah Place, Yarralumla, ACT 2600. They can be contacted by phone at +61 2 6214 5600. Please note Canberra is in southeast New South Wales which is over a 12-hour drive.

ABOUT ADELAIDE

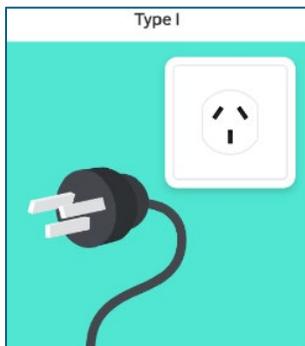


Adelaide is located in the province of South Australia (SA) on the southern coast of Australia. It is both the capital and most populated city in South Australia. Adelaide is the location of numerous governmental and financial institutions. As of 2022, the population was 1,418,455. More information about Adelaide can be found [here](#).

LANGUAGE

English is the most commonly spoken language in Australia and most widely spoken language in South Australia, which 77% of the population speak.

ELECTRICAL



Power in Australia operates on a 230-volt current and a 50 hertz frequency. Electricity will be supplied through a Type I (flat three-prong) adaptor.

TELEPHONES, WI-FI, AND INTERNET ACCESS

Cellphone reception is typically good. Most of the country is covered with 5G systems. Contact your phone provider for more information on Sim Cards and International Data Plans.

WEATHER

Average weather for May

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- High Temperature: 62°F
- Low Temperature: 52°F
- Rainfall: 2"
- Humidity: 70%

Suggested Clothing: In the southern hemisphere, May is the last month of autumn in Australia. It is not uncommon for cold mornings and moderate rainfall. It is recommended to bring layers and at least one waterproof jacket.

FOOD & LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Australian cuisine is known for its seafood and barbecue. The diet consisting of native Australian plants and animals is known as the “bush tucker” diet which is still a staple of the local diet. However, there has been a strong influence with many fast-food and international trends. The “Modern Australia” term derived from restaurants that have created contemporary adaptations with global influences.

Some popular dishes include:

- Meat pie
- Fish and chips
- Sausage sizzle
- Vegemite
- Fritz
- Pikelets
- Vanilla slice

Restaurant	Address	Distance
The Greek on Halifax	75/79 Halifax St, Adelaide SA 5000, Australia	0.9 mi
Herringbone	72-74 Halifax St, Adelaide SA 5000, Australia	0.9 mi
La Trattoria Restaurant & Pizza Bar	346 King William St, Adelaide SA 5000, Australia	1.1 mi
Henry's Table (Restaurant and Bar)	288 North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000, Australia	1.2 mi

LOCAL BUSINESS HOURS

Office hours are Monday through Friday from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Banks tend to be open between 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursdays. On Friday's banks are typically open 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Shopping centers tend to be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays. Most shopping centers are closed on Sundays.

GETTING AROUND THE CITY

There are apps that can be utilized in the city of Adelaide to request a vehicle such as Uber, MyCar, and Shebah (operated by women, for women).

The advised and safest method of travel is by taxi or car arranged by a hotel or restaurant.

CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE

The Australian Dollar (AUD) is the official currency of Australia. The symbol for the AUD is \$. There are many different currency exchange services available in Adelaide such as Foreign Xchange, Western Union, and American Cash Service.

Currency slang includes but is not limited to:

- Twenty Dollar Note (\$20.00) – “Lobster”
- Fifty dollar note (\$50.00) – “Pineapple”

CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are widely accepted. Use of debit cards is widespread, although many stores impose a minimum per debit card purchase, and service charges may apply.

Money can be exchanged at the airport, exchange houses or banks.

TIPPING

Restaurants: Tipping is considered optional and is not expected.

Transport: Tipping taxi drivers is not required however it is a way to show appreciation for good service.

Hotels: It's up to you whether you tip cleaning staff or room service and again it depends on the overall quality of service.

TRAVELERS CHECKS

Very few places will accept travelers checks in Australia. It is best to use an ATM card at the many ATM locations available in Adelaide in the absence of cash.