



MELBOURNE POLO CUP

UPDATED 2026 TOURNAMENT INVITATION

19th October 2026

Dear Patrons and Players,

The Victorian Polo Association is delighted to invite you to the annual Melbourne Polo Cup Tournament, held during Melbourne's Spring Racing Carnival and the lead-up to the Melbourne Cup. The event is an opportunity to enjoy competitive polo alongside the city's sporting and social calendar.

Thank you to the players, patrons and clubs who have offered ideas and support to help the tournament proceed and strengthen Victorian polo. We particularly thank James Thomas and Ruki Baillieu for their assistance in bringing teams and players together.

Following feedback and consideration of player availability and handicaps, the 2026 tournament will offer 8 Goal and 2 Goal grades only. We appreciate the support of EPC, Hexham, Yarra Valley and Vallex in helping commence the Victorian season.

TOURNAMENT DATES AND VENUES

Wednesday 28 October – Sunday 8 November 2026. The tournament draw will be determined after the close of nominations.

TOURNAMENT GRADES

8 GOAL	5 chukkas 4 games plus Final
2 GOAL	4 chukkas 4 games plus Final

The schedule may be adjusted depending on the number of nominations received.

ROSTER

A roster will be emailed and posted on the VPA website confirming game times, field locations and duties.

Premium car parks will be available for Finals Day, with further information to follow.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

HORSE ACCOMMODATION

Horse accommodation is available at Werribee Park Equestrian Centre. When nominating, please advise the number of horses requiring accommodation to secretary@vicpolo.com.au. Stable bookings must be made directly with the Werribee National Equestrian Centre Office on (03) 9741 7672.

Please note that player and groom accommodation is not available.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

All players must be fully affiliated with the Australian Polo Federation at the time of nomination, and all team handicaps must comply with APF Rules.

NOMINATIONS

Please complete the Melbourne Polo Cup 2026 Tournament Nomination Form and email it to secretary@vicpolo.com.au.

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TOURNAMENT ENTRY COSTS

8 GOAL	\$6500
2 GOAL	\$4,000

ENQUIRIES

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We look forward to welcoming players, patrons and supporters to Victoria for the Melbourne Polo Cup.

Kind regards,

The Victorian Polo Association