Nations Championships 2027

MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION
SOUTH AFRICA

Location:

Broadacres Equestrian,
Birnamwood Road,
Merrivale,
Kwa-Zulu Natal,
South Africa

Date:

6-11 December 2027

Access:

Option 1:
Fly into King Shaka Airport.
Drive or shuttle to the Midlands

Option 2:
Fly into O.R Tambo Airport.
Hire a vehicle to road-trip to the Midlands

Travel time to:
King Shaka Airport,
DBN: 2 hrs
O.R Tambo Airport,
JHB: 6 hrs



Welcome to the beautiful KwaZulu-Natal Midlands!

As the proud hosts of the founding Nations Championships competition, we are so excited to welcome you back to our beautiful part of the world!

The KZN Midlands is home to spectacular landscapes, rolling hills, charming countryside and rich history.
We take life a little slower here. Think winding roads, misty mornings, farmers markets and a good cup of coffee with a view!

There is plenty to explore. From Howick Falls to the historic Nelson Mandela Capture Site. Enjoy Midmar Dam, or cruise the Midlands Meander, renowned for its arts, crafts, local produce, restaurants and hidden gems.

We're perfectly situated between the bush, the beach and the Berg, allowing for endless adventures! Whether you're looking for outdoor activities, wildlife experiences, hiking, fishing, shopping, good food or simply a little relaxation, there is something for everyone.

The Venue

BROADACRES Equestrian



Private yard and home to KZN Mounted Games, our grass arena was specifically set up to accommodate a Mounted Games field. While it is simple and rustic, we love our venue! We hope that you enjoy it as much as we do.

-Arena Size: 80m x 120m
-Footing: Grass
-Viewing deck overlooking the arena
-Permanent pony pens
-Permanent bathrooms
-Equipment store room
-Water points
-Permanent shaded areas alonside the arena
-Onsite private pub & entertainment area

A relaxed, country-style setting with everything needed to enjoy a fantastic week of Mounted Games!













The Ponies

We are fortunate to have access to a selection of ponies from across the country.

Based in KwaZulu-Natal, we benefit from having no equine travel restrictions when entering the province (restrictions apply when travelling out), allowing us to source ponies from all over South Africa.

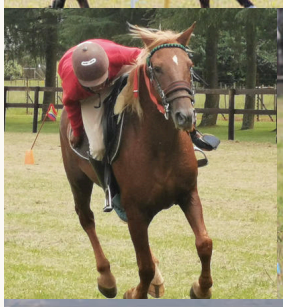
Most of our ponies are multi-discipline ponies, with experience and exposure to a variety of equestrian disciplines. The original concept behind English Mounted Games was to create an accessible, inclusive sport that didn't require expensive, well-bred competition ponies, but instead include the everyday farm & family pony. We are proud to embrace that original spirit!

We are fortunate to have the support of local Pony Clubs, riding schools, stable yards, breeders and rural development riders. These riders will all play a part in helping to exercise, school and compete our ponies in the lead-up to Nations.



















Catering & Accomodation

Catering

A Taste of South Africa
Our competition menu will be centred around delicious, homey meals with a taste of traditional South African hospitality!

Think- South African Braai night! (Our favourite)

We want our visiting teams, families and supporters to enjoy a little taste of South Africa during their stay.
We will offer a variety of tasty, wholesome meals throughout the competition, with options to suit different preferences and budgets.

CATERING OPTIONS
We understand that every team and visitor has different dietary needs. We will therefore offer:

- Full & partial catering packages
- Individual meal purchases
- Special dietary options

Further menus, pricing and booking information will be provided closer to the event.

Accommodation

We are spoilt with plenty of accommodation options right on our doorstep! From onsite camping to cozy bnb's, the option is yours.

A few local options include:
-Onsite Camping (packages availaible)
-Idavold Cottages (100m)
-Little Fields Country House (1km)
-Cedarwood Guest House (2.5km)
-Naudestone Farm (5km)
-Merci Dieu (5.5km)
-Nguni Ridge BnB (5.5km)
-Hilton Bush Lodge (15km)



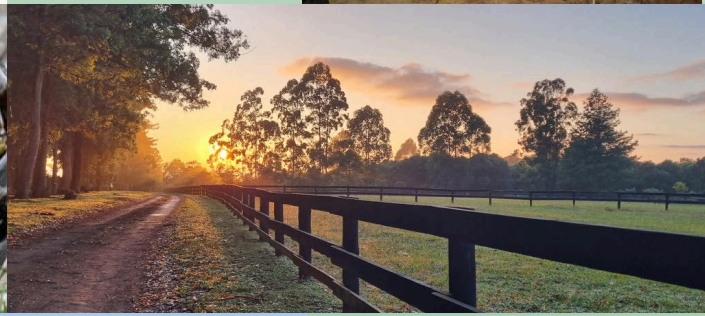












Shopping, Medical & Emergency

Supermarkets & Grocery stores:

Merrivale Spar: 3.5km
Rotunda Farmstall: 4.6km
The Avenues Pic N Pay: 7km
Hilton Sliding Checkers: 7.5km
Dovehouse Organics Farm Shop: 8km

Malls & Clothing:

Midlands Mall, PMB: 18km
The Pavillion, Westclife :90km
Gateway Theatre of Shopping, Umhlanga: 110km
Various other local options within 20km





Emergency info:

Midlands EMS Ambulance Service
074 149 7911

Life Hilton Private Hospital:
10mins
0333295600

Lenmed Howick Private Hospital
15mins
0333302456

Security info:

Knight Security Services:
Local & onsite patrols
033 330 5911

Hilton Police Station: 8km
Howick Police Station: 8km
Mpophomeni Police Station: 12km

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SECURITY SOLUTIONS

Things to do & see

The Curehouse

Don't miss this local treat! Butchery, Farm shop & coffee shop. Within walking distance (or a short drive), open daily. Grab a fantastic bacon & egg roll, or meat for a braai!
Birnamwood Rd, Merrivale

68 on Main & Urban68

Warm, homely pub & restaurant, suitable for the whole family!
Main Str, Howick

Hebron Haven Hotel

A historic, family-friendly country hotel, restaurant and pub
Lions River

That South African Place

A fun, South-African styled restaurant offering delicious traditional meals
The Junction, Nottingham Road

Rawdons Hotel

Historic country hotel, restaurant & pub. Home to Nottingham Road Brewing Company microbrewery
Nottingham Road



Activities & Shopping

(Just a few of our favourites!)

- Wedgewood Nougat Factory shop
- Peels Honey
- Piggly Wiggly Country shopping village
- Horseshoe Bend retail experience
- Nelson Mandela Capture Site
- The Nguni Guy Cowhide Rugs
- Karkloof Country Club (walking, running & cycling trails)
- Karkloof Canopy Tours
- Terbadore Coffee Roasters

Tack & Feed Stores

- The Corner Post Tack Shop, Howick
- Allison's Saddlery, PMB
- Hopewells Supplies, Howick
- TWK Howick & PMB
- Natal Saddlery, Shongweni
- Western Shoppe, Shongweni



Schedule

*Subject to changes & adjustments

Date: 6-11 December 2027

Sunday 5 December

-Ponies arrive at venue

-Vet inspections & trot ups

Day 1:
Monday 6 December

-Team Arrivals

-Pony try-outs

-Team practice session 1

-Welcome Dinner

Day 2:
Tuesday 7 December

-Team practice sessions 2 & 3

-Outing

Day 3:
Wednesday 8 December

-Competition session 1

-Outing



Day 4:
Thursday 9 December

-Competition sessions 2 & 3

-Outing

Day 5:
Friday 10 December

-Competition session 4

-Finals Part 1

Day 6:
Saturday 11 December

-Finals Part 2

-Final Dinner

Day 7:
Sunday 12 December

-Teams depart

-Ponies depart

