



Clinic and Protocol Days with Ali Soster



Sat 31st Oct & Sun 1st Nov

Ali Soster, an EA Level 2 Coach and F Level Judge, brings a lifetime of experience and classical training to her coaching. She and her late husband, Robert, originally founded Robali Stud in 1977 as an Arabian breeding farm. Both were actively involved in presenting their horses, Rob in the halter ring and Ali in the ridden arena.

After completing school and university, Ali spent a formative four years at Madoroma Stud in Berrima, known for its Australian and Welsh ponies and quality ridden Arabians. There, she worked under Jim Delamont, the stud's manager and rider, who had a lasting influence on her approach. Jim had trained under Franz Mairinger, former Spanish Riding School instructor and Olympic coach, and passed on his classically correct training methods, which deeply shaped Ali's philosophy. Her time at Madoroma included hands-on work with stallions, broodmares, young stock, ridden, and show horses.

In 1986, Ali returned to the Southern Highlands and began regular training with Miguel Tavora, a student of Nuno Oliveira. This mentorship further embedded classical principles in her riding and coaching. After earning her EA Level 1 accreditation, Ali began coaching seriously and launched the Robali agistment business, continuing to train under Miguel every two months for many years.

Ali has since coached numerous riders to high levels in both showing and dressage, including her daughter, Robbie McKinnon (Soster). Robbie, along with her husband Dave McKinnon, now leads McKinnon Sport Horses, continuing the Robali legacy through an ongoing collaboration with Robali Equestrian.

