

ELIGIBILITY

SADDLE CLASSES

1. A horse shall be eligible to compete in Section D of the 2016 All-States Showdown if the horse has been declared the Winner (Champion) or Runner-Up (Reserve Champion) of an equivalent class at the following shows:
 - a) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHCV Masters Horse of the Year
 - b) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHC NSW Horse of the Year Show
 - c) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHC-SA Inc. Hack of the Year
 - d) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHC WA Horse of the Year
 - e) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHCQ Horse of the Year
 - f) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHC-TAS Horse of the Year
 - g) 2014, 2015 & 2016 NTSHA Horse of the Year
 - h) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SA HIA Champion of Champions
 - i) Winner and Runner Up from the 2015 All States Showdown
- 1.1 This rule does not apply to Section D, Class 21 – 2016 All-States Showdown Shetland of the Year.
- 1.1.1 Any Shetland registered with the SHCA is eligible to enter this class.
- 1.1.2 A Shetland shall not exceed 10.2hh
2. If a horse qualifies more than once, it shall use its most recent qualification as its eligibility to compete at the 2016 All-States Showdown
3. A horse shall represent the State from which it qualified.
4. The sale or lease of a horse after its qualification shall not impact its eligibility.
5. The owner or owners of a horse competing at the 2016 All-States Showdown must be current financial members of the Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate at the time of entry, except where the horse is leased, the leasee(s) must be current financial members of the Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate.
6. A horse shall compete in a height class in accordance with its SHC Height Certificate current on the day of competition
7. A current financial member of a Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate from any state may ride a horse eligible for Section D of the 2016 All-States Showdown. The rider is not required to be from the same state as the representative state of the horse.

RIDER CLASSES

8. A rider shall be eligible to compete in Section A & C of the 2016 All-States Showdown if the rider has been declared the Winner (Champion) or Runner-Up (Reserve Champion) of an equivalent class at the following shows:
 - j) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHCV Masters Horse of the Year
 - k) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHC NSW Horse of the Year Show
 - l) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHC-SA Inc. Hack of the Year
 - m) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHC WA Horse of the Year
 - n) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHCQ Horse of the Year
 - o) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHC-TAS Horse of the Year
 - p) 2014, 2015 & 2016 NTSHA Horse of the Year
 - q) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SA HIA Champion of Champions
 - r) Winner and Runner Up from the 2015 All States Showdown
9. If a rider qualifies more than once, the rider shall use their most recent qualification as their eligibility to compete at the 2016 All-States Showdown
10. A rider shall represent the State from which it qualified
11. A rider shall compete in a class in accordance with their age on the day of competition
12. A rider in Section A & C of the 2016 All-States Showdown shall be a current financial member of a Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate.
13. A horse ridden in a Rider Class in Section A & C of the 2016 All-States Showdown may reside in any State
14. A rider shall ride a horse that is registered with the Show Horse Council of Australasia.
15. The owner or owners of a horse ridden in a rider class at the 2016 All-States Showdown must be current financial members of the Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate at the time of entry, except where the horse is leased, the leasee(s) must be current financial members of the Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate.

CHILDREN'S SADDLE CLASSES

16. Children's Saddle Horses shall be eligible to compete in Section B of the 2016 All-States Showdown if the child's saddle horse has been declared the Winner (Champion) or Runner-Up (Reserve Champion) of an equivalent class at the following shows:
 - s) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHCV Masters Horse of the Year
 - t) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHC NSW Horse of the Year Show
 - u) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHC-SA Inc. Hack of the Year
 - v) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHC WA Horse of the Year

- w) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHCQ Horse of the Year
- x) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SHC-TAS Horse of the Year
- y) 2014, 2015 & 2016 NTSHA Horse of the Year
- z) 2014, 2015 & 2016 SA HIA Champion of Champions
- zz) Winner and Runner Up from the 2015 All States Showdown

- 17. If a horse qualifies more than once, the horse shall use its most recent qualification as its eligibility to compete at the 2016 All-States Showdown
- 18. A horse shall represent the State from which it qualified
- 19. A horse in Section B shall be registered with the Show Horse Council of Australasia
- 20. A horse shall compete in a class in accordance with its height on the day of competition
- 21. A rider of a horse in a Section B of the 2016 All-States Showdown shall be a current financial member of a Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate.
- 22. A rider of a horse in Section B of the 2016 All-States Showdown may reside in any State
- 23. The owner or owners of a horse ridden competing in Section B of the 2016 All-States Showdown must be current financial members of the Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate at the time of entry, except where the horse is leased, the lease(s) must be current financial members of the Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 24. A rider of any horse competing at the 2016 All-States Showdown shall be a current financial member of a Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate. A parent or legal guardian of a minor (under 18 years of age) competing at this event must be a current financial member of the Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate.
- 25. The owner or owners of a horse competing at the 2016 All-States Showdown must be current financial members of a Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate at the time of entry, except where the horse is leased, the lessee(s) must be current financial members of a Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate.
- 26. A handler of a horse at the 2016 All-States Showdown must be a current financial member of a Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate at the time of entry. Eg. Leading Rein.
- 27. A person who competes in a class at the 2016 All-States Showdown whilst they are not current financial members of a Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate will be eliminated from all classes in which they have competed and will forfeit all prizes and all titles awarded.
- 28. A stallion is not permitted to enter any class at this event.
- 29. The 2016 All-States Showdown shall be run in accordance with the SHCA Competition Rules, Regulations and Conditions of Entry. A copy of the rules can be obtained from website; www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au
- 30. The organising committee reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions and shall make any relevant decisions in regard to, arising from any incident at, or pertaining to this event without claim for damages or recourse of any kind. The committee will make a determination in response to any questions not covered in the Conditions of Entry. The decision of the organising committee shall be final.
- 31. Entry to this event shall constitute an Agreement and Affirmation by the exhibitor(s) and or owner(s) and or responsible officer (which includes lessee(s), Manager, Rider and Handler) to compete subject to and in accordance with the SHCA Competition Rules and Conditions of Entry applicable to this event.
- 32. All information supplied by the exhibitor(s) and or owner(s) and or responsible officer shall be true and correct and represent that the horse and or rider is eligible to compete. If this information is found to be false the exhibit shall be ineligible to compete. The exhibitor(s) and or owner(s) and or responsible officer of the entry may be disciplined by the SHCA.
- 33. The committee and or the Ground Jury reserve the right to alter the number of finalists, programme, Judges and Schedule or Timetable.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

- 34. If the owner of the horse is in charge of the horse during the competition, then the owner of the horse must be nominated as the Responsible Officer at the time of entry.
- 35. If a person other than the owner of the horse is in charge of the horse during the competition, then that person must be nominated as the Responsible Officer at the time of entry.
- 36. In all cases, the responsible officer will be in charge of the horse/pony at the venue. The safety of the horse/pony and others in relation to that horse/pony will be deemed as this person's responsibility.
- 37. A responsible officer must be a current financial member of a Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate
- 38. Where a horse is registered and or entered in the name of a minor (under 18 years of age), the entry must also nominate their parent or legal guardian at time of entry.

39. A parent or legal guardian of minor (under 18 years of age) who is competing at this event must be a current financial member of a Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) Affiliate or a Constituent Affiliate
40. A responsible officer must be in attendance when the horse is in competition and must be available should they be called upon.
- PLEASE NOTE:** in the event of disciplinary action the person considered 'responsible' should be the person nominating as the Responsible Officer.

HORSE AND RIDER

41. A rider's age is their age as at the day of competition.
42. No age restriction shall apply to a person who rides a horse in Section D of the 2016 All-States Showdown
43. A rider may only ride one horse in any class
44. A mount in a Rider Class Six (6) years and under Nine (9) years, the mount shall not exceed 14hh.
45. A mount in a Rider Class Nine (9) years and under Twelve (12) Years, the mount shall not exceed 15hh.
46. The Leading Rein Pony / Show Hunter Pony will be judged on the pony and its suitability as a leading rein mount. Rider must be 3 years and under 8 years. Pony must not exceed 12hh. Pony to be ridden in a snaffle bit. The rider must not wear spurs and must not carry a whip. Handlers may carry a cane.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

47. Competitors are required to provide number holders
48. If a competitor misses a class, they will have no recourse against the committee of the 2016 All-States Showdown and no refund of monies paid will be considered.
49. All competitors aged 17 years and over may wear a top hat or similar for the purpose of competition only. At all other times, the competitor must wear fastened and approved helmet
- a. Formal attire, which includes top hat and tails, may be worn by a rider aged 17 years and over in classes hosted after 5.00pm only.
50. Approved and fastened helmets must be worn by all competitors (current Australian, European or American standard) aged under 17 years of age
51. All protests shall be in writing to the Ground Jury accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 and is to be received no later than an hour after the event, after which time no protest shall be accepted.

MEASUREMENT OF HORSES

52. Official measuring of horses will be available at the 2016 All-States Showdown
53. A horse holding a National Saddle Horse registration and is currently being shown, is required to be officially measured and hold a current SHC Certificate of Height. A horse competing at this event MUST hold a current Show Horse Council issued Certificate of Height.
54. A horse competing at the 2016 All-States Showdown must hold a current SHC Certificate of Height at the time of entering a class on the day of competition. This includes a horse ridden in a Saddle Class or a horse ridden in a Rider Class.
55. Any horse found not to hold a current SHC Certificate of Height will be eliminated from the class. This includes a horse ridden in a Saddle Class or a horse ridden in a Rider class.

DRUG TESTING (Random drug testing will be conducted at this event) – to be read in conjunction with the SHCA Competition Rules and SHCA Guidelines for Drug Testing.

56. Random drug testing will take place at the 2016 All-States Showdown.
57. It is the intention of these regulations that a horse shall perform at the time of competition on their merits, without the aid of drugs or prohibited substances that affect the conduct, performance or appearance of the horse.
58. Each Responsible Officer, Owner and the Competitor/Exhibitor must ensure that the horse for which he/she is responsible is, at the time of Competition in any Official Show, free from any drug or prohibited substance. Penalties as adopted herein shall apply to any breach of this rule. It will not be a defence to any charge relating to the breach of this rule that the Owner, Competitor/Exhibitor or Responsible Officer may have not known that the horse was not free from a prohibited or banned substance. ANY prohibited/banned substance at the time of competition. Failure to adhere to this rule may render the horse, owner(s), exhibitor(s), and responsible officer liable to disqualification and or disciplinary action as determined by the SHCV.
59. The Show Horse Council may carry out random testing for drugs at any Official Show &/or SHC Show/Event at any time and may cause to be made any test of any exhibit to determine whether any Prohibited or Banned Substance has been administered to the exhibit and may detain such exhibit for such period as deemed reasonable from the time of selection to procure the samples. The method of selection to be consistent and transparent.
- a) the collection of samples may involve the collection of urine and/or blood.

- b) Compliance with this Rule is mandatory to all exhibits when competing at any Official Show &/or SHC event.
- c) Refusal to submit an exhibit for drug testing shall be deemed a breach of these Rules, resulting in disqualification and/or disciplinary action and/or as determined by the Show Horse Council.

- 60. Registration papers must be produced if a horse is called for drug testing.
- 61. A horse that is to be swabbed MUST NOT leave the arena before being escorted to the swabbing box by the Swabbing Steward. Any exhibitor that fails to comply with this instruction will be eliminated.
- 62. Results of drug testing may be published.
- 63. A treatment form (available from the Secretary) shall be completed and lodged by the responsible office of any horse which has been administered and drug or prohibited substance within 30 days prior to this competition. The Treatment Form shall be accompanied by a Veterinary Certificate containing full details of any ailment and or injury and treatment, and be forwarded to the secretary within 24 hours of the initial treatment. If the treatment occurs within 24 hours of commencing this event, the Treatment Form must be lodged with the Secretary as soon as possible, but no later than 07:00am on the day of competition. Where the horse required continued treatment (after the form has been lodged) a written report detailing the treatment shall be submitted prior to the day of competition concluding.
- 64. The decision as to whether the horse shall be permitted to compete shall be made by the Ground Jury. Veterinary advice may be sought if considered necessary. The exhibitor(s) and or competitors shall be advised of the decision prior to the commencement time. No claims shall be made against or an appeal made to the Ground Jury of the decision if by such decision of the Ground Jury, the horse is not permitted to compete.

POINTS SCORE SYSTEM (Three scores, worst score dropped, if an equal – Head Judge Score determines placing)

- 65. The winner and any placegetters of each class in Section A, Section B, Section C and Section D of the 2016 All-States Showdown shall be determined utilising the following point score system:
 - a. For the purpose of scoring and selecting the winner, each class shall be assigned a Head Judge
 - b. Three Judges shall be assigned to determine the winner of each Class.
 - c. Judges shall officiate independently and shall not discuss their selection at any time during the judging process
 - d. At no time shall a Judge view another Judge's scorecard.
 - e. Utilising a scorecard, each Judge shall allocate a score for horses or riders up to 10th place. One point shall be allocated for their 1st placegetter, two points to their 2nd placegetter and so on. Equal points cannot be awarded. *For Example; if there are ten horses, the judge shall allocate points from one to ten. If there are five riders; the judge shall allocate points one to five.*
 - f. In the event of a class having more than ten horses or riders, any horse or rider not allocated a score from 1 to 10, shall be allocated a score of 11.
 - g. Upon completion of Judging, each Judge shall provide their scorecard to an All-States Showdown official.
 - h. The winner shall be determined as follows:
 - a. A total score shall be determined by:
 - i. Adding the points of all judges for that horse or rider, and adding the score of 11 should a judge not allocate a score
 - ii. Minus the highest score allocated to the horse or rider
 - b. Should the Total Score of a horse or rider equal the Total Score of another horse or rider in that class, the result shall be determined by the points (placing) allocated by the Head Judge of that class. In this case, the horse or rider with the lowest score as given by the nominated Head Judge shall have precedence over the next horse or rider on the same Total Score.
 - c. The horse or rider with the lowest Total Score shall be deemed the 'winner'
 - d. The next placed horse or rider shall have the second lowest Total Score, and so on
 - i. Equal winners shall not be awarded
 - j. Equal placing's shall not be awarded
 - k. The allocation of points shall be made available for viewing on the day of competition and at www.shcv.com.au after the event

SAFETY OF HORSE OR RIDER

- 66. In all avenues of competition, the safety of the animal, rider, handler and spectators is of paramount importance. This means every competitor must have a thorough knowledge of and understanding of general aspects of horse safety, as well as the specifics of horse safety as applied to the field of competition.
- 67. There will be designated areas for parking of floats and other vehicles. Designated areas will also be provided for exercising and marshalling horses.
- 68. Where NO HORSES ALLOWED signs are positioned, definitely NO HORSES ARE ALLOWED into these areas.

69. The judge or appropriate steward will have the right to ask a competitor to leave the arena under the following circumstances; the horse's behaviour is seen to be a danger to the safety of the rider or to other competitors. The horse/rider combination is inappropriate (ie – the horse/pony is too difficult for the rider to handle)
70. If a rider falls from a horse during a class, the combination shall be eliminated from the class.
71. Horses/ponies will be ridden outside the ring and exercise areas at a walk.
72. Horses may be ridden in the float lane way BUT NOT between vehicles where they may be kicked or cause accidents
73. Careless tying-up causes many accidents to horse/ponies and people. Use a quick release knot. It is preferable that you tie to a piece of string. Never tie to a movable branch of a tree or unattached float. Don't leave the rope too long of the horse/pony may get his foot over it. The horse/pony should not be able to get his nose to the ground. At no time should a horse/pony be tied up by the bridle.
74. Dogs ARE permitted and **MUST** remain on a lead.
75. When riding or sitting on a horse/pony a **safety helmet must be worn** correctly and fastened at all times. The only exclusion is for riders aged 18 years and over for the purpose of competition.
76. Any person that chooses to ride a bicycle/scooter must wear an approved safety helmet correctly and fastened at all times. Bicycle's / Scooter's are NOT permitted in Marshalling areas, Competition Areas or amongst the General Public viewing areas.
77. A horse may only be lunged in an area designated. A horse must be lunged by an experienced handler, with the horse controlled by a bridle.
78. All saddlery should be of good repair. Girth should be tightened to a safe level; stirrups should be of the correct size for the rider. Safety stirrups are recommended. Bridle should be correctly adjusted for comfort and control of the horse/pony.
79. Riding of a horse bareback, rugged and or unbridled is prohibited.
80. Power leads must not cross roads or tracks and must not be on the ground.
81. Construction of portable/tape years is prohibited.
82. Speed limits must be adhered to at all times.
83. Alcohol must not be consumed by any person riding later that day.
84. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas. Cigarette butts must be disposed of correctly and not littered on the ground.
85. Children under 14 years of age must be strictly supervised at all times.
86. Signage must be obeyed at all times.
89. Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2008, Section B—a person must not use a mouthpiece on a horse if the mouthpiece is twisted at the point where the device is in contact with the bar of the horse's mouth. Example—Twisted Snaffle cannot be used.

STANDARD OF CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR

87. Objectionable conduct and unseemly behaviour by any person towards a judge, show official, competitor, exhibitor, spectator or Show Horse Council committee member may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. Competition Rules.
88. Any competitor/exhibitor/rider who, in the opinion of the Show Horse Council, has caused annoyance by loud or unseemly comment upon the decision of a judge, or upon any act or omission on the part of a judge, or any official on duty in or about the ring at the time of competition, such person may be expelled from the class and the grounds.
89. A competitor must compete on their own merits. A person is not permitted to provide instruction in any form to a competitor who has entered the marshalling area or arena to compete in a class. Any behaviour that contravenes this rule may be subject to disciplinary action.

ENTRIES

90. Entries to the 2016 All-States Showdown must be completed online via www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au by 9pm on Friday 11 November 2016
91. A once only \$16 per horse facility fee is payable in addition to entry fees. This is a cost imposed by Werribee Park and collected by the SHCV
92. A refund of class entries will be considered if an acceptable Medical or Veterinary Certificate is forwarded in writing to the Secretary by 5pm on 21 November 2016. A \$20 administration fee will apply. PLEASE NOTE: A refund of any membership fees in any State will not be considered.
93. Any stabling requirements must be booked directly with Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre.
94. A copy of a current SHC Certificate of Height MUST be presented to the office on collection of exhibit numbers.

95. Mailing address: **All-States Showdown
SHCV
PO BOX 1185
MORNINGTON VIC 3931**

95. Entries must be finalised no later than the closing date of Friday 11 November 2016 @ 9pm. Payment must be made via PayPal.

96. A \$20 handling fee will apply to any entry that is incorrect.

97. The timetable for the 2016 All States Showdown will be displayed on the website during the week leading up to the Show;
www.allstateshowdown.com and www.shcv.com.au

98. The following officials are appointed:

President:	Tony Norris
Vice President:	Lisa Dainty
Executive Officer:	Nicole Morrison
Treasurer:	Sheryle Smith
Committee Members:	Sharron Lewis Tipping Di Spiteri Di Worboys Christine Nichols
Ring Master:	Tony Norris
Chief Ring Steward :	Dianne Worboys
Swabbing Steward's:	Sharron Lewis Tipping / Christine Nichols
Ground Jury:	Tony Norris Lisa Dainty Di Spiteri Sharon Lewis-Tipping Warren Worboys (Non Committee Representative)

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