

2017 SHCV JUNIOR EQUESTRIAN SHOWCASE

Conditions of Entry

To be read in conjunction with the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. Part 1 Competition Rules Latest Edition

1. To enter this event you are required to be a current financial member of the Show Horse Council of Victoria Inc. (SHCV) or a current financial member of a Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) affiliate. The SHCV recognises reciprocal rights of all SHCA affiliates.
2. The owner or owners of a horse competing at the SHCV Junior Equestrian Showcase must be a current financial member of the SHCV or SHCA affiliate at the time of entry, except where the horse is leased, the lessee(s) must be a current financial member of the SHCV or SHCA affiliate.
3. A rider of a horse competing at the SHCV Junior Equestrian Showcase, or a handler of a horse at the SHCV Junior Equestrian Showcase, must be a current financial member of the SHCV or SHCA affiliate at the time of entry.
4. A rider of a horse competing at the SHCV Junior Equestrian Showcase, or an official handler (Led classes) of a horse competing at the SHCV Junior Equestrian Showcase, must be under 17 years of age on the day of competition. If a rider or official handler (Led classes) turns 17 years of age on the date of competition, that person is ineligible to compete.
5. A committee member of the SHCV or an official at the SHCV Junior Equestrian Showcase may at any time request a competitor to produce documentation to support they are current financial members of the SHCV or SHCA affiliate. The SHCV membership card is the preferred method of proof for SHCV members. Random checks will be conducted.
6. A person who competes in a class at the SHCV Junior Equestrian Showcase whilst they are not current financial members of the SHCV or SHCA affiliate will be eliminated from all classes in which they have competed and will forfeit all prizes and all titles awarded.
7. A horse (including rider class mounts) competing at the SHCV Junior Equestrian Showcase must be registered with the SHCA.
8. **A horse competing at the SHCV Junior Equestrian Showcase MUST be registered with the SHCA by the closing date for entries.**
9. **A stallion is not permitted to enter any class at this event.**
10. **NO qualifications will be required for entry into any class at this event.**
11. **The SHCV Junior Equestrian Showcase 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 Please take the time to read these.**
12. **The SHCV 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 SHCV committee will make a determination in response to any questions not covered in the Conditions of Entry. The decision of the SHCV shall be final.**
13. **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.**
14. **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 SHCV.**
15. **The SHCV committee and or the Ground Jury reserve the right to alter the number of finalists, programme, Judges and Schedule or Timetable.**

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

16. If the owner of the horse is in charge of the horse during the competition, then the owner of the horse must sign the entry as the responsible officer.
17. If a person other than the owner of the horse is in charge of the horse during the competition, then that person must sign the entry as the responsible officer
18. 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.
19. A responsible officer must be a current financial member of the SHCV or SHCA affiliate.
20. Where a horse is registered and or entered in the name of a minor (under 18 years of age), the entry must be completed by their parent or legal guardian.
21. **IMPORTANT: A parent or legal guardian of a minor (under 18 years of age) who is competing at this event must be a current financial member of the SHCV or SHCA affiliate at the time of competition.**
22. A responsible officer must be in attendance when the horse is in competition and must be available should they be called upon.
23. **PLEASE NOTE:** in the event of disciplinary action the person considered 'responsible' should be the person signing as the Responsible Officer.

HORSE AND RIDER

24. A rider's age is their age as at the day of competition. Competitors are required to have available a photocopy of their birth certificate on day of competition. **NOTE: All competitors (riders and handlers) must be under 17 years of age on the day of competition.**
25. A rider may only ride a maximum of two horses in a final. A spare rider in appropriate clothing must be available for parading.
26. In a Rider Class 6 (Six) years and under 9 (Nine) years, the mount shall **not exceed 14hh.**
27. In a Rider Class 9 (Nine) years and under 12 (Twelve) Years, the mount shall **not exceed 15hh.**
28. Horses competing in show hunter classes are ineligible to compete in open saddle horse classes. Likewise, open saddle horses are ineligible to compete in show hunter classes. This includes Leading Rein and First Ridden classes.

29. The Leading Rein Pony & Leading Rein 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 not to exceed 40cm in length.
30. The Leading Rein Shetland 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 10.2hh. 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 not exceeding 40cm A Shetland Pony may also compete in the Show Hunter Leading Rein class.
31. First Ridden Ponies not exceeding 12.2hh, aged three years & over, ridden by a child aged 5yrs & under 12yrs. Shetland ponies are eligible to enter. As these are saddle classes, judging will be on the suitability of the mount for the rider. A snaffle bit must be used, with a cavesson noseband, a narrow strap may be attached to the front of the saddle. Cane to not exceed 40cm, no spurs permitted. No cantering is allowed during work on the ring, however a short canter is allowed during the workout.
32. First Ridden Show Hunter Ponies not exceeding 12.2hh, aged three years & over, ridden by a child aged 5yrs & under 12yrs. Shetland ponies are eligible to enter. As these are saddle classes, judging will be on the suitability of the mount for the rider. A snaffle bit must be used, with a cavesson noseband, a narrow strap may be attached to the front of the saddle. Cane to not exceed 40cm, no spurs permitted. No cantering is allowed during work on the ring, however a short canter is allowed during the workout.
33. A refund of class entries will be considered if an acceptable Medical or Veterinary Certificate is forwarded in writing to the Secretary by 12.00 noon Monday 9 October 2017. A \$24 administration fee (GST inclusive) will apply. PLEASE NOTE: A refund of membership fees will not be considered.
34. 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.
35. **Competitors ARE REQUIRED to provide number holders. Competitor numbers will be provided by the SHCV.**
36. The SHCV committee will make every effort to avoid classes clashing. If a competitor misses a class due to a clash, they will have no recourse against the committee of the SHCV and no refund of monies paid will be considered.
37. Approved helmets must be worn by all competitors (current Australian, European or American standard) whilst competing or exercising horses.
38. ***Should a rider fall from a horse during the course of competition, the horse and rider combination will be eliminated from the class.***

MEASUREMENT OF HORSES – to be read in conjunction with the SHCA Measuring Scheme and Rules

39. Measuring at the SHCV Junior Equestrian Showcase will be available at Tatura on Saturday 14 October 2017 and Sunday 15 October 2017 (unless advised otherwise) during advertised times ONLY.
40. 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.
41. SHCA registration papers must be produced at the time of measuring.
42. A horse competing at the SHCV Junior Equestrian Showcase must hold a current SHC Certificate of Height at the time of entering a class.
43. A horse found not to hold a current SHC Certificate of Height will be eliminated from the class. This includes all saddle, led and rider classes.
44. A horse successfully measured at the SHCV Junior Equestrian Showcase and yet to receive a certificate will be deemed to hold a current Certificate for the duration of the show.
45. A SHC Annual Certificate of Height is valid for 12 months from the date of measurement for horses aged over 5 years.
46. A SHC Provision Certificate of Height is valid for 6 months from the date of measurement for horses aged under 5 years.
47. The SHCV will recognise a SHC Certificate of Height issued by another SHC Affiliate. A height certificate issued by any other organisation or society **will not** be recognised.

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.

48. It is the intention of these Rules that at any Official Show and/or SHC event, all horses shall perform, at the time of competition, without *any* Prohibited or Banned substance/s *within their system*.
49. It is the absolute responsibility of the owner(s), exhibitor(s) and responsible officer to ensure any horse exhibited by them at this event is free from ANY prohibited/banned substance at the time of competition. Failure to adhere to this rule may render the horse, owner(s), exhibitor(s), and or responsible officer liable to disqualification and or disciplinary action as determined by the SHCV.
50. Drug testing will be carried out during the event in accordance with the SHCA Competition Rules on Drugs and Drug Testing together and in accordance with the laboratory sample protocol. Compliance with this rule is mandatory for all exhibits, exhibitor(s), competitor(s) and responsible persons. Drug penalties as adopted in the SHCA Competition Rules will apply.
51. **Registration papers must be produced if a horse is called for drug testing.**
52. 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.
53. Results of drug testing may be published.
54. A treatment sheet (available from the Secretary & SHC website) is required to be lodged for any horse that has been administered any Treatment, Foreign Substance, Medication, Drug, Prohibited or Banned Substance, within 30 days prior to and/or on day of 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 7:00am 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.
55. 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 SHCV if, by such decision of the Ground Jury, the horse is not permitted to compete.

POINTS AND SCORING

56. The winner and runner-up of each Grand National Qualifying Open Saddle Horse class, Open Show Hunter class and Open Riding class shall be determined utilising the following point score system.
57. The nominated Preliminary Judge shall select a maximum of ten finalists from the horses or riders entered in the class which they are officiating.
58. Three Judges (consisting of all three Preliminary Judges of that Section) shall be assigned to determine the winner and runner-up of that Class.
59. Judges shall officiate independently and shall not discuss their selection at any time during the Judging process.
60. Utilising a score card, each judge shall allocate a score for each horse or rider. One point shall be allocated for the first place getter, two points for the second place getter and so on. Equal points cannot be awarded. For example, if there are five horses or riders, the judge shall allocate points from one to five. If there are ten horses or riders, the judges shall allocate points from one to ten.
61. Upon completion of judging, each judge shall provide their score card to a SHCV Inc. official.
62. At no time shall a Judge view another Judge's score card.
63. The winner, runner-up and place getters of a class shall be determined as follows:
 - a. The points allocated to a horse by each Judge shall be added together, minus the highest points (placing) given by any one of the Judges. This shall produce the Total Score.
 - 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) as allocated by the Preliminary Judge of that class. In this case, the horse or rider with the lowest score as given by the nominated Preliminary 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 horse or rider with the second lowest Total Score shall be deemed 'runner-up'
 - e. Equal winners shall not be awarded.
 - f. Equal Runner-ups shall not be awarded.
 - g. Equal place getters shall not be awarded.
64. The name of each Judge shall be published, along with the allocation of points awarded to each horse or rider. The results of all place-gettings will be made available for viewing.

SAFETY OF HORSE OR RIDER

65. In all avenues of competition, the safety of the animal, rider, handler and spectators is or 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.
66. There will be designated areas for parking of floats and other vehicles. Designated areas will also be provided for exercising and marshalling horses.
67. Where NO HORSES ALLOWED signs are positioned, definitely NO HORSES ARE ALLOWED into these areas.
68. 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)
69. Horses/ponies will be ridden outside the ring and exercise areas at a walk.
70. Horses may be ridden in the float lane way BUT NOT between vehicles where they may be kicked or cause accidents
71. Careless tying-up causes many accidents to horse/ponies and people. Use a quick release knot. It is preferable that you ties 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.
72. Dogs **ARE** permitted and **MUST** remain on a lead.
73. When riding or sitting on a horse/pony a safety helmet must be worn correctly and fastened at all times.
74. A horse may only be lunged in an appropriate area. A horse must be lunged by an experienced handler, with the horse controlled by a bridle.
75. 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.
76. Riding of a horse bareback, rugged and or unbridled is prohibited.
77. Power leads must not cross roads or tracks
78. Construction of portable/tape yards **is prohibited**.
79. Speed limits must be adhered to at all times.
80. Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2008, Section 8 - 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.
81. **On the day of competition the child identified on the entry will be only person permitted to ride the horse nominated for that entry prior to the Class being held.**

STANDARD OF CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR

82. Objectionable conduct and unseemly behaviour by any person towards a judge, show official, competitor, exhibitor, spectator or Show How Horse Council committee member may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. Competition Rules.
83. 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.
84. 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.

85. **The Rules and Regulations of the Show Horse Council of Australasia and the Conditions of Entry will be enforced during this event. If the first request made to an Exhibitor or Competitor to comply with the Rules and Regulations or Conditions of Entry, or instruction of a Show Official, is not followed - a Yellow Warning Card will be issued by the Ringmaster or member of the Ground Jury. Further non-conformance shall incur disqualification.**
86. On the day of competition the child identified on the entry will be only person permitted to ride the horse nominated for that entry prior to the Class being held.

ENTRIES

87. CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES: Monday 18th SEPTEMBER 2017 at 5pm. **ALL ENTRIES TO BE LODGED ONLINE via the link at www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au**
88. Horse entries shall only be accepted where the name(s) of ALL the current registered Owner(s) &/or Lessee(s), Responsible Officers and Exhibitors/Competitors appear on the Entry
89. Any stabling requirements MUST be made at time of entry.
90. An incorrect entry will incur a \$24 administration fee (GST inclusive)
91. A compulsory swabbing fee is payable per horse
92. **Bring with you to the event:**
- Your horses NSH Registration Papers
 - SHC Membership Card
 - SHC Measuring Card

The timetable for the 2017 SHCV Junior Equestrian Showcase will be displayed in our website during the week leading up to the Show, www.shcv.com.au

OFFICIALS

The following officials are appointed:

PRESIDENT:	Lisa Dainty
Vice President:	Diane Spiteri
Executive Officer:	Nicole Morrison
Show Secretary:	Nicole Morrison
Treasurer:	Sheryle Smith
Committee Members:	Dianne Worboys, Elizabeth Dart
Ring Master:	Dianne Worboys
Swabbing Steward:	Christine Nichols
Ground Jury:	Lisa Dainty, Diane Spiteri, Dianne Worboys Warren Worboys (Non Committee Member)

Stabling Co-Ordinator's : Bree Petrie & Cath Bradley

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