

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY—ELIGIBILITY – To be read in conjunction with the SHCA Competition Rules**

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 Debutante of the Year must be a current financial member of the SHCV or a current financial member of a Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) affiliate. The SHCV recognises reciprocal rights of all SHCA affiliates.
3. A rider of a horse competing at the Debutante of the Year must be a current financial member of the SHCV or a current financial member of a Show Horse Council of Australasia (SHCA) affiliate. The SHCV recognises reciprocal rights of all SHCA affiliates.
4. A committee member of the SHCV or an official at the SHCV Debutante of the Year may at any time request a competitor to produce documentation to support they are current financial members. The SHC membership card is the preferred method of proof for SHCV members. Random checks will be conducted.
5. A person who competes in a class at the SHCV Debutante of the Year whilst they are not current financial members of the SHCV will be eliminated from all classes in which they have competed and will forfeit all prizes and all titles awarded.
6. A horse competing at the SHCV Debutante of the Year must be registered with the SHCA. A copy of registration papers MUST be available on day of competition.
7. A horse competing at the SHCV Debutante of the Year MUST be registered with the SHCA by the closing date for entries.
8. A stallion is not permitted to enter any class at this event.
9. The SHCV Debutante of the Year 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.showhorsecouncilaustcom.au](http://www.showhorsecouncilaustcom.au)
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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**

15. 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.
16. 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
17. 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.
18. A responsible officer must be a current financial member of the SHCV or SHCA affiliate.
19. Where a horse is registered and or entered in the name of a minor (under 18 years of age), the entry form must be signed by their parent or legal guardian.
20. 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 the SHCV or SHCA affiliate.
21. A responsible officer must be in attendance when the horse is in competition and must be available should they be called upon.
22. **PLEASE NOTE:** in the event of disciplinary action the person considered 'responsible' should be the person signing as the Responsible Officer.

**HORSE AND RIDER**

23. Debutante classes are restricted to horses that have not been shown or competed under saddle, (racing excepted) at any show prior to 1 January 2017. Horses exhibited in the class must be ridden in a snaffle bit

24. 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.
25. 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 12 November 2017. A \$20 administration fee will apply. PLEASE NOTE: A refund of any membership fees in any State will not be considered.
26. 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 one hour after the event, after which time no protest shall be accepted.
27. Competitors ARE REQUIRED to provide number holders. Competitor numbers will be provided by the SHCV.
28. 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.
29. ***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**

30. Measuring at the Debutante of the Year will be available on Thursday 23, Friday 24 & Saturday 25 November 2017 (unless advised otherwise)
31. 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.
32. SHCA registration papers must be produced at the time of measuring.
33. A horse competing at the SHCV Debutante of the Year must hold a current SHC Certificate of Height at the time of entering a class.
34. A horse found not to hold a current SHC Certificate of Height will be eliminated from the class.
35. A horse successfully measured at the SHCV Debutante of the Year and yet to receive a certificate will be deemed to hold a current Certificate for the duration of the show.
36. A SHC Annual Certificate of Height is valid for 12 months from the date of measurement for horses aged over 5 years.
37. A SHC Provisional Certificate of Height is valid for 6 months from the date of measurement for horses aged under 5 years.
38. The SHCV will recognise a current 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.**

39. 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*
40. 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.
41. 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.
42. Registration papers must be produced if a horse is called for drug testing.
43. 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.
44. Results of drug testing may be published.
45. 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.
46. 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.

**SAFETY OF HORSE OR RIDER**

47. 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.
48. There will be designated areas for parking of floats and other vehicles. Designated areas will also be provided for exercising and marshalling horses.

49. Where NO HORSES ALLOWED signs are positioned, definitely NO HORSES ARE ALLOWED into these areas.
50. 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 (i.e. – the horse/pony is too difficult for the rider to handle)
51. Horses/ponies will be ridden outside the ring and exercise areas at a walk.
52. Horses may be ridden in the float lane way BUT NOT between vehicles where they may be kicked or cause accidents
53. 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.
54. **Dogs ARE permitted and must remain on a lead.**
55. When riding or sitting on a horse/pony a safety helmet must be worn correctly and fastened at all times.
56. 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.
57. 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.
58. Riding of a horse bareback, rugged and or unbridled is prohibited.
59. Power leads must not cross roads or tracks
60. Construction of portable/tape yards is prohibited.
61. Speed limits must be adhered to at all times.
62. 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

63. 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.
64. 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.
65. 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

66. Any stabling enquiries must be made to the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre.
67. Entries must be completed on-line by **29 October 2017** .
68. Entries must be completed on-line via the SHC Database at [www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au](http://www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au)
69. A compulsory swabbing fee is payable per horse
70. To assist with ease of processing your entry and to confirm eligibility, **ALL** Competitors are to enter this event via the SHC Database at [www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au](http://www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au) and make payment via [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com)
71. ALL competitors are required to have available for viewing on the day of competition SHC Registration Papers and SHC Membership Cards.
72. The final timetable for the SHCV Debutante of the Year will be displayed in our website and Facebook during the week leading up to the Show; [www.shcv.com.au](http://www.shcv.com.au)

For the purpose of hosting the SHCV Debutante of the Year at the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre, the following positions have been appointed:

President:	Lisa Dainty
Executive Officer:	Nicole Morrison
SHCV Show Secretary:	Nicole Morrison
SHCV Treasurer:	Sheryle Smith
SHCV Committee:	Di Spiteri, Di Worboys, Elizabeth Dart
SHCV Ring Master:	TBA

SHCV Chief Ring Steward      Dianne Worboys  
SHCV Swabbing Stewards:      TBA  
SHCV Ground Jury:              Lisa Dainty  
   Di Spiteri  
   Nicole Morrison  
   Di Worboys  
   Wayne Loughnan (Non Committee Representative)

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