

2017 SHCV Classic – Conditions of Entry

ELIGIBILITY

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 Classic, 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 Classic, or a handler of a horse at the SHCV Classic, must be a current financial member of the SHCV or SHCA affiliate at the time of entry.
4. A committee member of the SHCV or an official at the SHCV Classic may at any time request a competitor to produce documentation to support they are current financial members of the SHCV or SHCA affiliate. A SHC membership card is the preferred method of proof for members. Random checks will be conducted.
5. A person who competes in a class at the SHCV Classic 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.
6. A horse (including rider class mounts) competing at the SHCV Classic must be registered with the SHCA. A copy of registration papers must be available for viewing on show day.
7. A horse competing at the SHCV Classic **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. NO qualifications will be required for entry into any class at this event.
10. The SHCV Classic 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.shcv.com.au or www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.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 nominate as the responsible officer at time of entry.
16. If a person other than the owner of the horse is in charge of the horse during the competition, then that person must nominate as the responsible officer at time of entry.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: in the event of disciplinary action the person considered 'responsible' should be the person nominated at time of entry as the Responsible Officer.

HORSE AND RIDER

22. A rider's age is their age as at the day of competition. If under 18 years of age, a photocopy of a birth certificate is to be available for viewing on show day for rider classes, leading rein and all other children's classes. NB: There is no age restriction in the open saddle horse or open show hunter.

23. A rider may ride TWO horse's in a final.

24. A mount in a Rider Class Six (6) years and under Nine (9) years, the mount shall not exceed 14hh.

25. A mount in a Rider Class Nine (9) years and under Twelve (12) Years, the mount shall not exceed 15hh

26. 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 also applies to Leading Rein/First Ridden classes.

27. The Leading Rein 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 12.0hh. 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 no longer than 40cm.

28. A refund of class entries will be considered if an acceptable Medical or Veterinary Certificate is forwarded in writing to the Secretary by 5:00pm on **19 November 2017**. A \$20 administration fee will apply. PLEASE NOTE: A refund of membership fees will not be considered. Refund requests and any relevant paperwork are to be emailed to admin@shcv.com.au by the cut of day.

29. Any protest 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 will be accepted.

30. Competitors ARE REQUIRED to provide number holders. Competitor numbers will be provided by the SHCV.

31. 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.

32. Approved helmets must be worn by all competitors (current Australian, European or American standard) whilst exercising horses.

33. 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

34. Approved and fastened helmets must be worn in all classes by all competitors (current Australian, European or American standard) aged under 17 years of age

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

35. Measuring at the SHCV Classic will only be available on Friday 24 November 2017, Saturday 25 November 2017 and Sunday 26 November 2017, at times to be advised closer to the event. Event

36. A horse holding a National Saddle Horse registration which is currently being shown, is required to be officially measured and hold a current SHC Certificate of Height.

37. SHCA registration papers must be produced at the time of measuring.

38. A horse competing at the 2017 SHCV Autumn Classic must hold a current SHC Certificate of Height at the time of entering a class.

39. Any 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.

40. A horse successfully measured at the SHCV Classic and yet to receive a certificate will be deemed to hold a current Certificate for the duration of the show.

41. A SHC Annual Certificate of Height is valid for 12 months from the date of measurement for horses aged over 5 years.

42. A SHC Provisional Certificate of Height is valid for 6 months from the date of measurement for horses aged under 5 years.

43. 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.

44. 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.

45. 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.

46. Drug testing will be carried out during the event in accordance with the SHCA Competition Rules on Drugs and Drug Testing together with the department of Sport and Recreations Doping Policy, or in accordance with the laboratory sample protocol. Compliance with this rule is mandatory for all exhibits, exhibitor(s), competitor(s) and responsible persons.

47. The Show Horse Council may carry out random testing for drugs at any Official Show &/or SHC Show/Event at anytime 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.

48. Registration papers must be produced if a horse is called for drug testing.

49. 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.

50. Results of drug testing may be published.

51. 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.

52. 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 SCORE SYSTEM (Three scores, worst score dropped, if an equal – preliminary judge's score determines placing)

53. The winner and runner-up of each Grand National qualifying Open Saddle Horse Class, Open Show Hunter Class and Open Rider Class shall be determined utilising the following point score system:

b. Three Judges (consisting of all three preliminary Judges of that Section) shall be assigned to determine the winner and runner-up of that Class.

c. Judges shall officiate independently and shall not discuss their selection at any time during the judging process

d. Using a score card, each Judge shall allocate a score for each horse. 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 horses; the judge shall allocate points from one to five.

e. Upon completion of Judging, each Judge shall hand their score card to an SHCV Official.

f. At no time shall a Judge view another Judge's score card.

g. The winner, runner-up and any placegetters of a class shall be determined as follows:

h. 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. I. Should the Total Score of a horse equal the Total Score of another horse 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 with the lowest score as given by the nominated Preliminary Judge shall have precedence over the next horse on the same Total Score. II. The horse with the lowest Total Score shall be deemed the 'winner' III. The horse with the second lowest Total Score shall be deemed the 'runner-up' IV. Equal winners shall not be awarded V. Equal runner-ups shall not be awarded VI. Equal place-getters shall not be awarded

i. The name of each Judge shall be published, along with the allocation of points awarded to each horse or rider. The results of all finalists will be made available for viewing

SAFETY OF HORSE OR RIDER

54. 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.
55. There will be designated areas for parking of floats and other vehicles. Designated areas will also be provided for exercising and marshalling horses.
56. Where NO HORSES ALLOWED signs are positioned, definitely NO HORSES ARE ALLOWED into these areas.
57. 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)
58. If a rider falls from a horse during a class, the combination shall be eliminated from the class.
59. Horses/ponies will be ridden outside the ring and exercise areas at a walk.
60. Careless tying-up causes many accidents to horse/ponies and people. Use a quick release knot. It is preferable that you tie the horse's halter to a piece of string. Never tie the halter to a movable branch of a tree or unattached float. Don't leave the rope of the halter 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.
61. Dogs ARE permitted and **MUST** remain on a lead. All droppings must be collected and disposed of by the owner or handler.
62. 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.
63. Any person that chooses to ride a bicycle must wear an approved safety helmet correctly and fastened at all times. Bicycles are not permitted in Rider's Retreat, indoor arena or stable complex. Bicycles are not permitted near doors designated at public entrances or exits.
64. A horse may only be lunged in an area designated by SHCV. A horse must be lunged by an experienced handler, with the horse controlled by a bridle.
65. 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.
66. Riding of a horse bareback, rugged and or unbridled is prohibited.
67. Power leads must not cross roads or tracks and must not be on the ground.
68. Construction of portable/tape yards is prohibited.
69. Speed limits must be adhered to at all times.
70. Alcohol must not be consumed by any person riding later that day.
71. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas. Cigarette butts must be disposed of correctly and not littered on the ground.
72. Children under 14 years of age must be strictly supervised at all times.
73. Temporary yards may not be erected for horses unless approval has been granted by Boneo Park.
74. Signage must be obeyed at all times.

STANDARD OF CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR

75. 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.

76. 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.

77. 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

78. Any stabling requirements must be booked directly with Werribee Park on (03) 9741 7672.

79. Entries are to be completed on-line at www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au and by following the SHC Database. A \$20 handling fee will apply to any entry that is incorrect.

80. Entries must be completed on-line by Sunday 29th October 2017 @ 9pm.

81. The final timetable for the 2017 SHCV Autumn Classic will be displayed on our website during the week leading up to the Show; www.shcv.com.au

OFFICIALS

82. 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: Di Worboys and Elizabeth Dart

RING MASTER: TBA

CHIEF RING STEWARD : Di Worboys

SWABBING STEWARDS: TBA

GROUND JURY: Lisa Dainty, Diane Spiteri, Nicole Morrison, Dianne Worboys and Wayne Loughnan (Non Committee Representative)

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ENTRIES CLOSE – SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER 2017