

**SHCV HOTY CONDITIONS OF ENTRY—ELIGIBILITY – To be read in conjunction with the SHCA Competition Rules (19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Edition)**

1. To enter this event you are required to be a current financial member of the Show Horse Council of Victoria Inc. (SHCV).
2. The owner or owners of a horse competing at the SHCV Horse of the Year must be a current financial member of the SHCV .
3. A rider of a horse competing at the SHCV Horse of the Year must be a current financial member of the SHCV.
4. A committee member of the SHCV or an official at the SHCV Horse 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 Horse 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 Horse of the Year must be registered with the SHCA by the closing date of entries. A copy of registration papers MUST be available on day of competition.
7. A stallion is not permitted to enter any class at this event.
8. The SHCV Horse 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)
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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**

13. If the owner of the horse is in charge of the horse during the competition, then the owner of the horse must be named on the entry as the responsible officer.
14. If a person other than the owner of the horse is in charge of the horse during the competition, then that person must be named on the entry as the responsible officer
15. 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.
16. A responsible officer must be a current financial member of the SHCV.
17. 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 (court appointed).
18. A parent or legal guardian (court appointed) of minor (under 18 years of age) who is competing at this event must be a current financial member of the SHCV.
19. A responsible officer must be in attendance when the horse is in competition and must be available should they be called upon.
20. **PLEASE NOTE:** in the event of disciplinary action the person considered 'responsible' should be the person signing as the Responsible Officer.

**HORSE AND RIDER**

21. **Debutante** is an exhibit that has not been shown or competed under saddle including breed classes, (racing excepted), prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2019, in it's first year of being shown or competing. Once shown under saddle, such exhibits cease to be a Debutante on the 31<sup>st</sup> December that same year. Exhibits to be shown in a simple Snaffle Bit (egg but or rings ONLY – Wilkie not permitted).
22. **Home Produced** : To be eligible for the SHCV Home-Produced Awards, the horse and rider combination must satisfy the Horse Rules and the Non-Professional Horse Owner and Rider rules as outlined in the attached document.

23. **Graduate** : classes are restricted to those horses that were first shown (Debutantes) under saddle between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018.
24. **Racing 2 Recreation "R2R"** : The SHCV Racing To Recreation classes are open to exhibits who at a minimum have been in training to race. Racing name and breeding **MUST** be advised at time of entry. Racing name & breeding to be advised at time of entry. Owners & Exhibitors must be current SHCV Members and Exhibits must be SHCA registered. Debutante Exhibits to be shown in a simple Snaffle Bit (Wilkie not permitted).
25. Exhibits entered in Class 1 **MUST** be dual registered with the Australian Pony Stud Book Society (APSB).
26. 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 (egg but or rings **ONLY** – Wilkie not permitted). The rider must not wear spurs and must not carry a whip. Handlers must be over 17 years of age and may carry a cane not to exceed 40cm in length.
27. 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 (egg but or rings **ONLY** – Wilkie not permitted). The rider must not wear spurs and must not carry a whip. Handlers must be over 17 years of age and may carry a cane not exceeding 40cm. A Shetland Pony may also compete in the Show Hunter Leading Rein class.
28. 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 (egg but or rings **ONLY** – Wilkie not permitted), with a cavesson noseband, a narrow strap may be attached to the front of the saddle. Reins must go direct from pony's mouth to the riders hand, not be threaded through a monkey grip or obstructed in any way. 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.
29. 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 (egg but or rings **ONLY** – Wilkie not permitted), with a cavesson noseband, a narrow strap may be attached to the front of the saddle. Reins must go direct from pony's mouth to the riders hand, not be threaded through a monkey grip or obstructed in any way., 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.
30. 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.
31. A refund of class entries will only be considered if an acceptable Medical or Veterinary Certificate is forwarded in writing to the Secretary by 5pm on 15 November 2019. A \$24 administration fee will apply. PLEASE NOTE: A refund of any membership fees in any State will not be considered.
32. 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.
33. Competitors **ARE REQUIRED** to provide number holders. Competitor numbers will be provided by the SHCV.
34. 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.
35. ***Should a rider fall from a horse during the course of competition, the horse and rider combination will be eliminated from the class.***

<b>MEASUREMENT OF HORSES – to be read in conjunction with the SHCA Measuring Scheme and Rules</b>
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36. Measuring at the SHCV Horse of the Year will be available on Thursday 21, Friday 22, Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November 2019 (unless advised otherwise). Time to be advised. Measurers : Mr. Michael Dempsey & Mr. Peter Scanlon.
37. 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.
38. SHCA registration papers must be produced at the time of measuring.
39. A horse competing at the SHCV Horse of the Year must hold a current SHC Certificate of Height at the time of entering a class.
40. A horse found not to hold a current SHC Certificate of Height will be eliminated from the class.
41. A horse successfully measured at the SHCV Horse of the Year and yet to receive a certificate will be deemed to hold a current Certificate for the duration of the show.
42. A SHC Annual Certificate of Height is valid for 12 months from the date of measurement for horses aged over 5 years.
43. A SHC Provisional Certificate of Height is valid for 6 months from the date of measurement for horses aged under 5 years.
44. 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.**

45. 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*
46. 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.
47. 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.
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 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.
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.

**SAFETY OF HORSE OR RIDER**

53. 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.
54. There will be designated areas for parking of floats and other vehicles. Designated areas will also be provided for exercising and marshalling horses.
55. Where **NO HORSES ALLOWED** signs are positioned, definitely **NO HORSES ARE ALLOWED** into these areas.
56. 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)
57. Horses/ponies will be ridden outside the ring and exercise areas at a walk.
58. Horses may be ridden in the float lane way **BUT NOT** between vehicles where they may be kicked or cause accidents
59. 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.
60. **Dogs ARE permitted and MUST remain on a lead.**
61. When riding or sitting on a horse/pony a safety helmet must be worn correctly and fastened at all times.
62. 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.
63. 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.
64. Riding of a horse bareback, rugged and or unbridled is prohibited.
65. Power leads must not cross roads or tracks
66. Construction of portable/tape yards is prohibited.
67. Speed limits must be adhered to at all times.
68. 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**

69. 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.

70. 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.
71. 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**

72. Any stabling enquiries must be made to the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre.
73. Entries must be completed on-line by **28 October 2019**
74. A compulsory swabbing fee is payable per horse
75. 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](#)
76. ALL competitors are required to have available for viewing on the day of competition SHC Registration Papers and SHC Membership Cards.
77. The final timetable for the SHCV Extravaganza will be displayed in our website, Team App and Facebook page during the week leading up to the Show; [www.shcv.com.au](http://www.shcv.com.au)
78. A compulsory catalogue is produced for this event. 1 per exhibitor.

**For the purpose of hosting the SHCV Horse 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:	Diane Spiteri, Dianne Worboys, Tony Norris, Stephanie Powel, Craig Rath & Lynn Milburn.
SHCV Ring Master:	Tony Norris
SHCV Chief Ring Steward	Warren Worboys
SHCV Swabbing Stewards:	Stephanie Powell & Sam Ryrie
SHCV Ground Jury:	Lisa Dainty
	Nicole Morrison
	Tony Norris
	Craig Rath
	Wayne Loughnan (Non Committee Representative)

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## Show Horse Council of Victoria - Home-Produced Competition Rules

The SHCV has introduced an opportunity to recognise home-produced horses exhibited by non-professional horse owners and riders. For the purpose of confirming who is eligible to nominate for these awards, we have defined what is considered a home-produced horse. This definition has been provided for this purpose only and should not be read in conjunction with any other document.

To be eligible for the SHCV Home-Produced Awards, the horse and rider combination must satisfy the Horse Rules and the Non-Professional Horse Owner and Rider rules:

### **1. Horse Rules**

For a horse to be eligible for the Home-Produced awards,

- a) the horse is ridden by a non-professional
- b) the horse has either been stabled at home or in a **'do it yourself'** stable complex for the previous 12 months
- c) the horse **has not** been stabled in a professional stable complex at **any time** during the previous 12 months
- d) the horse **has not** been shown or ridden or led at any Show Horse competition by a professional during the previous 12 months.
  - I. Example: To be eligible, a horse cannot be led in a Leading Rein class at a Show Horse competition by a professional during the previous 12 months
  - II. Show Horse competitions include, but are not limited to:
    - a. Show Horse Council of Australasia Grand National Championships and qualifying events
    - b. Royal Shows
    - c. Agricultural Shows
    - d. Equestrian Australia affiliated shows
- e) **An exhibit purchased from a professional or professional stable complex is ineligible for Home Produced classes for 12 months from the date of purchase.**
- f) During the course of competition at which a nominated exhibit is competing, a professional is not permitted to ride or work the exhibit **at any time**
  - I. Example: To remain eligible, a horse competing on Day 2 at the SHCV HOTY, cannot be ridden by a professional **at any time** for the duration of the show.
- g) The rider of the horse **need not** be the owner of the horse

### **2. Professional Horse Owner and Rider Rules**

For a horse to be eligible for these awards, the owner of the horse and the rider of the horse in the previous 12 months must not:

- h) own or manage a stable complex where **any person** pays a fee to stable a horse
- i) buy, sell, deal or hire horses in a commercial capacity

- j) receive financial remuneration for employment in connection with showing of horses, a professional stable complex or riding school (instruction at Pony Club and Adult Riding Club excepted).
- I. This includes receiving financial remuneration for riding a horse at a Show Horse competition. A **small gift** is not considered remuneration.
    - i. Example: For the purposes of these Awards, a person who received a financial remuneration to ride a horse at an agricultural show in the previous 12 months **is** deemed a professional.
    - ii. Example: For the purposes of these Awards, a person who received a gift of a browband to ride a horse at an agricultural show in the previous 12 months **is not** deemed a professional
  - II. This rule **does not** include remuneration paid to the suppliers of ancillary services such as farriers and vets.
- k) Owned/part owned an equestrian establishment including but not limited to riding schools, events centres, stud or professional stable complex, in **any** capacity, or receive **any** form of remuneration for employment at an equestrian establishment. For avoidance of doubt for the purpose of this rule, immediate family members of an owner or part owner of equestrian establishment who work or are howsoever otherwise engaged or involved in any capacity, whether or not for remuneration at the equestrian establishment, will be treated as being an owner or part owner of that equestrian establishment
- l) Shown a horse owned or sponsored by a company or commercial firm, in **ANY** showing classes, SHC or otherwise. **Sponsorship must not exceed the value of \$500 in goods or services per annum.** A small gift is not considered sponsorship.
- m) These rules do not exclude a horse owner or rider having lessons at any time with an instructor, providing the horse remains stabled at home or in a 'do it yourself' stable complex