

2020 SHCV Battle of the Borders

Conditions of Entry

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

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 NV&BD Sub-committee Battle of the Borders 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 2020 Battle of the Borders, or an official handler (Led classes) of a horse at the 2020 Battle of the Borders, 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 NV&BD Sub-committee Battle of the Borders may at any time request a competitor to produce documentation to support they are current financial members of the SHCV or SHCA affiliate. The SHC membership card is the preferred method of proof. Random checks will be conducted.
5. A person who competes in a class at the SHCV NV&BD Sub-committee Battle of the Borders 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 NV&BD Sub-committee Battle of the Borders 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 NV&BD Sub-committee Battle of the Borders 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 NV&BD Sub-committee Battle of the Borders 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.
11. The SHCV committee and or NV&BD Sub-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 and or its NV&BD Sub-committee will make a determination in response to any questions not covered in the Conditions of Entry. The decision of the SHCV and or its NV&BD Sub-committee 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, its NV&BD Sub-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 be nominated on 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 be nominated on 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 completed by their parent or legal guardian who is a current SHCV or SHCA affiliate member.
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 at the time of competition.
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. A PRELIMINARY hack is one that has not been placed 1st, Champion or Reserve in an Open ridden Hack class/event at any Royal Show including the R.N.A., Bathurst, Toowoomba, Launceston and Geelong Royals, or has never been the Winner or Runner Up at the Grand National, any State HOTY Title or has never been the Winner of any HOTY Intermediate or Preliminary Title. This Preliminary definition also applies to Show Hunter & Working Hunter horses in the relevant competition
24. A NEWCOMER is one that has not been shown or competed under saddle, (racing excepted), prior to the 1st of January in its first year of being shown or competing. Once shown under saddle, such horse ceases to be a Newcomer on the 31st of December that same year. All horses in Newcomer classes shall be shown in a simple snaffle bit.
25. 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 the 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.
26. A rider may only ride a maximum of two horses in a final. A spare rider suitably attired **MUST** be available for parading/presentation.
27. In a Rider Class 3 (Three) years and under 6 (Six) years, the mount shall **not exceed 12.2hh**.
28. In a Rider Class 6 (Six) years and under 9 (Nine) years, the mount shall **not exceed 14hh**.
29. In a Rider Class 9 (Nine) years and under 12 (Twelve) Years, the mount shall **not exceed 15hh**.
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. This also applies to Leading Rein & First Ridden classes.
31. Exhibits entered in Classes 1, 11, 24, 29, 46 **MUST** be dual registered with the Australian Pony Stud Book Society (APSB).
32. 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 must be over 17 years of age and may carry a cane not to exceed 40cm in length.
33. 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 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.
34. 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 simple snaffle (egg butt or rings only – Wilkie not permitted) with a cavesson noseband must be used A narrow strap may be attached to the front of the saddle, no spurs permitted. *Reins must go direct from pony's mouth to the rider's 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.
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36. A refund of class entries may be considered if an acceptable Medical or Veterinary Certificate is forwarded in writing to the Secretary by **5:00pm 3rd February 2020**. A \$25 administration fee will apply. **PLEASE NOTE:** A refund of membership fees **will not** be considered. **Refunds will be processed after the show ONLY.**
37. All 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 one hour after the event, after which time no protest shall be accepted.
38. Competitors ARE REQUIRED to provide number holders. Competitor numbers will be provided by the SHCV and its NV&BD Sub-committee
39. The SHCV committee and or its NV&BD Sub-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 or its NV&BD Subcommittee and no refund of monies paid will be considered.
40. Approved helmets must be worn by all competitors (current Australian, European or American standard) whilst exercising horses.
41. 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 an approved and fastened helmet (current Australian, European or American standard).
42. Competitors aged under 17 years must wear an approved and fastened helmet (current Australian, European or American standard) at all times.
43. **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

44. Measuring at the SHCV NV&BD Sub-committee Battle of the Borders will be available on Friday 21 Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 February 2020 with times TBA. Measurer will be Jo Moore
45. 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 that is valid for the duration of the event.
46. SHCA registration papers must be produced at the time of measuring.
47. A horse competing at the SHCV NV&BD Sub-committee Battle of the Borders must hold a current SHC Certificate of Height at the time of collecting exhibit numbers from the Secretary's Office.
48. Any horse found not to hold a current SHC Certificate of Height will be eliminated from the class.
49. A SHC Annual Certificate of Height is valid for 12 months from the date of measurement for horses aged 5 years and over.
50. A SHC Provisional Certificate of Height is valid for 6 months from the date of measurement for horses aged under 5 years.
51. The SHCV and its NV&BD Sub-committee 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

52. 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*.
53. 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.
54. 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.
55. **Registration papers must be produced if a horse is called for drug testing.**
56. 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.
57. Results of drug testing may be published.
58. A treatment sheet (available from the Secretary and 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 the 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.
59. 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 and or its NV&BD Sub-committee if, by such decision of the Ground Jury, the horse is not permitted to compete.

SHCV POINTS SCORE SYSTEM - Three scores, worst score dropped, if an equal score - score of Head Judge determines placing

60. 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.
61. Three Judges (consisting of all three Judges of that Section) shall be assigned to determine the Winner and Runner-Up of that Class
62. Judges shall officiate independently and shall not discuss their selection at any time during the Judging process.
63. 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.
64. Upon completion of judging, each judge shall provide their scorecard to a SHCV Inc. official.
65. At no time shall a Judge view another Judge's scorecard.
66. 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.

67. 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

- 68. 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.
- 69. There will be designated areas for parking of floats and other vehicles. Designated areas will also be provided for exercising and marshalling horses.
- 70. **Where NO HORSES ALLOWED signs are positioned, definitely NO HORSES ARE ALLOWED into these areas.**
- 71. 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)
- 72. Horses/ponies will be ridden outside the ring and exercise areas at a walk.
- 73. 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 as 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.
- 76. Any person that chooses to ride a bicycle/scooter must wear an approved safety helmet correctly and fastened at all times. Bicycles / Scooters are NOT permitted in Marshalling areas, Competition Areas, amongst the General Public viewing areas or Stable area.
- 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.
- 81. Construction of portable/tape yards 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 must be supervised by a parent or legal guardian at all times.
- 86. Signage must be obeyed at all times.
- 87. Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2008, Section B—a person must not use a mouthpiece on a horse if the mouthpiece is 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

- 88. Objectionable conduct and unseemly behaviour by any person towards a judge, show official, competitor, exhibitor, spectator, Show Horse Council committee member or SHCV NV&BD Sub-Committee member may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. Competition Rules.
- 89. 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.
- 90. 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.

GROUND

91. Stabling will be available from 12pm Friday 21st February 2020 until 9am Monday 24th February 2020.
92. **The designated work arena will be available from 12pm on Friday 21st February. No exercising is to take place on the Main Arena; any exhibits exercising on the Main arena will be disqualified.**
93. Any competitor or exhibitor who stables their horse in a stable/yard not approved by the SHCV or SHCV NV&BD Sub-Committee is subject to a \$150 fine. Entries may be forfeited for this or future events. This decision will be at the discretion of the SHCV NV&BD Sub-Committee.
94. Any stabling & camping must be booked at time of entry. Stabling fee is \$130 for the duration of the event from 12pm on Friday 21st February 2020 until 9am Monday 24th February 2020 (day stabling not available), this **FEE INCLUDES** bedding (3 bags shavings) & cleaning at the end of the show. Powered Camping Fee is \$65/ Unpowered Camping Fee is \$25 - for the duration of the event from 12pm on Friday 21st February 2020 until 9am Monday 24th February 2020. All vehicles must display allocated camping vouchers on their windscreens. **Stabling is limited and priority will be given to the order entries are received and paid. A full refund will be given after the show if stables do not become available.**

ENTRIES

95. Any stabling or camping enquiries must be made to Suanne Vale 0407 994 504
96. Entries must be completed on-line by midnight Friday 10th January 2020
97. To assist with ease of processing your entry and to confirm eligibility, **ALL ENTRIES TO BE LODGED ONLINE** via the link www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au and payment via [PayPal](#)
98. 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.
99. An incorrect entry will incur at \$25 administration fee (GST inclusive)
100. A compulsory ground levy is payable per horse
101. A compulsory swabbing fee is payable per horse
102. **Bring with you to the event:**
 - Your horses NSH Registration Papers
 - SHC Membership Card
 - SHC Measuring Card

The timetable for the SHCV NV&BD Sub-committee Battle of the Borders will be displayed on SHCV website and NV&BD Facebook page during the week leading up to the Show; www.shcv.com.au

For the purpose of hosting the SHCV NV&BD Sub-committee Battle of the Borders at the Albury Wodonga Equestrian Centre, the following positions have been appointed:

Chair	Jodie McClellan
Treasurer	Suanne Vale
Ring Master	Tony Norris
Swabbing Steward	TBA
Ground Jury	Tony Norris
	Jodie McClellan
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Show Horse Council of Victoria, Home-Produced Awards

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: Show Horse Council of Australasia Grand National Championships and qualifying events
 - a. Royal Shows
 - b. Agricultural Shows
 - c. 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