

SHOW HORSE COLLECTIVE VICTORIA

SHCV

Measuring Policy

Recognition of measuring cards and conduct of on-the-day measuring

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This policy forms part of the SHCV governance document suite and is to be read together with the SHCV Competition Rules and related SHCV policies.

1. Purpose

This Measuring Policy sets out how a horse's height is established for the purposes of the SHCV Competition Rules (Section 2.3), including the recognition of measuring cards issued by other bodies and the conduct of on-the-day measuring by SHCV-appointed measurers.

2. Two Pathways to a Height Certificate

Under the SHCV Competition Rules, a horse establishes its competition height in one of two ways:

- holding a current measuring card or height certificate issued by another recognised horse association or measuring body (Section 3 below); or
- being measured by an SHCV-appointed measurer on the day of the show (Section 4 below).

3. Recognised Measuring Cards

A measuring card or height certificate from another horse association or measuring body will be accepted where it:

- was issued by an incorporated horse, pony or breed society, or another recognised equine measuring authority, in Australia or overseas;
- identifies the horse by name and, where available, microchip number;
- records the horse's height, the date of measurement and the name of the measurer; and
- is current under the issuing body's own rules — that is, either permanent (where the issuing body treats height as fixed for a horse of that age) or within the validity period set by the issuing body.

As a general guide, and in the absence of a different rule under the issuing body's own scheme, SHCV will treat a measuring card as current where it was issued within the preceding 12 months for a horse under 6 years of age, or where it was issued as a permanent or final certificate for a horse of 6 years of age or over.

Where there is doubt as to whether a card meets these requirements, the Show Committee may require the horse to be measured on the day instead.

4. On-the-Day Measuring

- The Show Committee will appoint one or more measurers for the show, who should hold relevant measuring experience or qualification recognised by another horse association or measuring body.
- Measuring will be conducted using a proper measuring stick, on level, firm ground, with the horse standing square and unshod or shod in accordance with ordinary measuring practice, with an appropriate allowance made for shoeing where the horse cannot reasonably be measured unshod.
- The horse must be presented for measuring at the time and place set by the Show Committee; a horse not presented for measuring when required may be withdrawn from the relevant class at the Show Committee's discretion.
- The measurement recorded on the day determines the horse's height division for that show.
- The Show Committee may require a horse to be re-measured at its discretion, including where the horse's recorded height appears inconsistent with its evident size or age.

5. Records

SHCV may keep a record of on-the-day measurements to assist with future shows, but a horse measured on the day at one SHCV show is not thereby entitled to rely on that measurement at a future SHCV show

without a current measuring card or a further on-the-day measurement, unless the Show Committee for that later show agrees otherwise.

6. Review

This Policy is reviewed periodically by the SHCV Committee.