

SHOW HORSE COLLECTIVE VICTORIA

REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2026

These Conditions of Entry are to be read together with the SHCV Competition Rules (Edition 1 — 2026) (“the Rules”) and any Special Rules or Show Schedule issued for this Show. Copies of the Rules are available from the Secretary and at www.shcv.com.au. If in doubt, please direct enquiries to the Secretary, admin@shcv.com.au.

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1. Governing Rules and Acceptance

- 1.1** The Event shall be run in accordance with the SHCV Competition Rules (Edition 1 — 2026), these Conditions of Entry, and any Special Rules or Show Schedule pertaining to this Show. The Show Secretary will have copies available from the Secretary’s Office at the Show.
- 1.2** Making an entry to this Show constitutes acceptance of the Rules and these Conditions of Entry. Entry and competition is voluntary; by entering, it is the absolute liability of all participants (Exhibitor(s), Owner(s), Lessee(s), Handler and Rider) to be bound by, and to compete in accordance with, the decisions of the SHCV Committee and all applicable Rules. Entry to this Event shall be completed by the Owner/Lessee, Rider or Exhibitor(s).
- 1.3** The SHCV Committee reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions and to make any decision regarding or arising from any incident at or pertaining to this Show, without claim for damages or recourse of any kind. Any matter not covered by these Conditions of Entry will be decided by the Committee, and its decision is final.
- 1.4** The acceptance or otherwise of an entry is at the discretion of the SHCV Committee. The Committee reserves the right to refuse or withdraw any entry or entries without having to assign a reason.

2. Membership, Registration and Eligibility

- 2.1** Competitors (the entrant, exhibitor, owner, lessee, rider or handler) must hold a SHCV membership or a once off day membership (allowed for certain SHCV event at the SHCV Committee’s discretion). Evidence of current membership must be produced on request.
- 2.2** Every horse must hold a unique microchip number and current registration with another recognised horse association or body. Evidence of microchipping, registration and proof of ownership or lease must be produced for inspection on request.
- 2.3** Class types offered are Show Horse (Open) and Show Hunter classes across the Pony, Galloway and Hack height categories, each further divided into Emerging, Established and Master age divisions, together with Child’s, Formative, Showcase and Rider Classes (including Leading Rein and First Ridden). A horse/pony may be entered in the Open division or the Show Hunter division at this Show, but NOT in both, within the same height category.
- 2.4** In a Rider Class for riders 6 years and under 9 years, the mount shall not exceed 14hh. In a Rider Class for riders 9 years and under 12 years, the mount shall not exceed 15hh.
- 2.5** Rider age for Rider Classes is taken as at the first day of the show.
- 2.6** A horse must compete at its current recorded height. This must be established either by a current measuring or height certificate issued by a recognised horse association or measuring body, or by measurement on the day by a Show

Committee-appointed measurer, whose determination will apply for the purposes of this Show. The Show Committee may require a horse to be re-measured at its discretion.

- 2.7** Stallions are not eligible to compete in Show Horse, Show Hunter, Child's, Rider, Formative, Leading Rein or First Ridden classes.
- 2.8** Where a horse is registered and/or entered in the name of a minor (under 18 years), the entry must be lodged by an adult.
- 2.9** All information supplied by the Exhibitor(s), Owner(s), Lessee(s) or Rider must be true and correct and must represent that the horse/rider is eligible to compete. If found to be false, the exhibit becomes ineligible to compete, and the Show Horse Collective Victoria may discipline the person(s) responsible.
- 2.10** In the event of disciplinary action, the person(s) considered responsible shall be the Owner(s) or Lessee(s), and/or the person in charge of the horse at the time of the offence.

3. Fees and Payment

- 3.1** Entry fees are payable at the time entries are lodged and are non-refundable after the closing date. A \$33 fee applies to entries that need to be refunded before the closing date.
- 3.2** Should any information or fees be omitted from an entry, that entry will be deemed incomplete and rejected. It will NOT be accepted.
- 3.3** An administration fee of \$20 applies to any entry that is incorrect and requires editing.
- 3.4** Cancellation policy: in the event the Show is cancelled for any reason, the Show will endeavour to be rescheduled. Exhibitors who do not wish for their funds to be transferred to the rescheduled Show will receive a full refund of entries, less a \$33 fee. Should the Show be unable to be rescheduled and be cancelled, a full refund of entries will be issued to Exhibitors, less a \$55 fee. All information regarding cancellation or rescheduling will be posted on our Facebook page and emailed to all Exhibitors.

4. Numbers, Presentation and Ring Conduct

- 4.1** Catalogue numbers must be worn as issued. Breastplate numbers will be issued for horses in Saddle/Show classes, with a different number issued to riders in riding events. Horse entries will be catalogued per the Exhibitor(s) named on the Entry Form.
- 4.2** The endorsed breastplate must be shown to the Ground Marshal for verification before entering the ring for competition. Breach of this requirement may incur disqualification.
- 4.3** An approved safety helmet, correctly fitted with the retaining harness secured at all points and always fastened, must be worn by every person while mounted — including during practice and riding on the grounds — with no exception; a rider without one is ineligible to compete. All competitors must also wear suitable riding boots with a heel and little or no tread whenever mounted.
- 4.4** Ring procedures: all horses are to be presented and ridden in the heats around the ring at the commencement of a class.
- 4.5** Riders must be mounted on entering and leaving the arena and while in the ring or before the judge, on penalty of elimination. A fall of horse and/or rider — whether in the line-up, during a workout or on the circle — results in elimination from that class, as does a horse leaving the arena other than at the direction of the judge or an official.
- 4.6** Outside assistance or coaching in the final marshalling or competition area is not permitted — including coaching by voice or signs, or gear alteration after gear check — and may result in elimination, except for removal of spurs, dropping of a whip, tightening of a girth, and provision of fluids. Any Show Committee permission for coaching within the marshalling or competition area (for example for younger or less experienced riders) must be received in writing and in advance.
- 4.7** Lunging is only permitted in designated practice areas; exercising horses on the grassed arena is at the discretion of the SHCV Committee. No horse may be lunged more than twice in any 24-hour period, or for more than one hour at a time.

- 4.8** A Rider may ride more than one horse, but the horse must be mounted at all times when in the ring or before the judge. In Riding Classes, two Riders in the same Section cannot ride the same horse.
- 4.9** Conflict of classes: Competitors must advise Ring Master of a clash before it occurs; “holding” of a horse in the ring is NOT permitted. Where a clash occurs, the horse is excused to the Holding Area under the Ring Master’s direction, and a period not exceeding five (5) minutes is allowed before the Competitor/Exhibit is eliminated from the class.
- 4.10** A warning will be issued for an incident of non-compliance by an Exhibitor, Competitor or Responsible Officer with the Rules and/or the instructions of Show Officials. A further incident will incur disqualification.
- 4.11** Dogs must be kept on leads at all times.
- 4.12** Code of Conduct: abusive behaviour towards any personnel involved in the organisation and running of this Show — verbal or physical — will not be tolerated. Any person abusing personnel will be asked to leave the premises, and all entries will be forfeited.

5. Conflict of Interest and Welfare

- 5.1** Competitors and judges are bound by the Rules’ conflict of interest provisions, including the Six-Month Rule and Judging Panel Conflicts (Rules Section 3). A Competitor may not exhibit before a judge where a disqualifying relationship exists — including family, ownership, tuition, employment or business connections.
- 5.2** The welfare of the horse takes precedence over all other considerations at every stage of training, preparation, transport and competition. All Competitors, Owners and officials must comply with the Rules’ Welfare of the Horse provisions (Rules Section 4) and the SHCV Horse Welfare Policy, a copy of which is available on the website. Suspected abuse must be reported to the Show Committee immediately, or within 14 days of the incident.
- 5.3** Horses and riders may be subject to random in-competition swabbing under the SHCV Medication Control Policy. Prize money for major classes will be processed on confirmation of swabbing results.
- 5.4** SHCV shall not be responsible for the loss of, or for any damage or injury to, any Exhibit or the property of any Exhibitor(s) from any cause whatsoever. Exhibitors and Competitors enter and compete entirely at their own risk. The SHCV Risk Management Policy applies to all persons competing at or attending the Event and is available at the Show Office.

6. Protests and Decisions

- 6.1** The Judge’s decision is final, subject to the outcome of any protest properly made under the Rules.
- 6.2** Protests concerning the eligibility of a Competitor or horse, or the conditions of the arena, must be lodged no later than 30 minutes before the start of the relevant class. Protests concerning an irregularity or incident during a class, or the classification of a class, must be lodged no later than 60 minutes after the posting of results for that class.
- 6.3** All protests can only be lodged by a SHCV member and must be in writing, signed by a person 18 years or over, accompanied by supporting evidence and a fee of \$500. A protest will not be accepted against the final decision of the Ground Jury.
- 6.4** The Organising Committee, SHCV and/or the Ground Jury reserve the right to alter the number of finalists, the program, judges, schedule or timetable.
- 6.5** If a horse becomes ineligible or unable to compete, a Withdrawal Form must be completed and forwarded to the Show Secretary as soon as possible.