

SHOW HORSE COLLECTIVE VICTORIA

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Membership Policy

Categories, eligibility and obligations of SHCV membership

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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 Membership Policy sets out the categories of membership offered by Show Horse Collective Victoria (SHCV), the eligibility and application requirements for each, and the rights and obligations that come with membership. It supports the SHCV Competition Rules, which require Competitors to hold the minimum level of SHCV membership specified for an event. In accordance with the Membership Part 4 of the SHCV Constitution

2. Membership Categories

Category	Age	Rights
Competing Member (Adult)	18 years and over	Full competition rights at SHCV events, including entry to all classes for which the member is otherwise eligible.
Competing Member (Junior)	Under 18 years	Full competition rights in the Child's, Formative, Showcase and Rider classes appropriate to the member's age, held in the name of the junior with a parent or guardian recorded as the responsible adult.
Associate Member	Any age	Non-competing membership for handlers, owners, volunteers and officials who need a recognised SHCV membership but do not compete.
Life Member	N/A	Honorary membership conferred by the SHCV Committee in recognition of significant service to SHCV, carrying the rights of a Competing Member without payment of ongoing membership fees.
Once off Day Member	Any age	Ability to enter and compete in a single SHCV Event. This category is offered at the committee's discretion. No voting rights or ability to lodge protests.

3. Eligibility and Application

- Membership is open to any person who applies in the approved form, pays the applicable fee, and agrees to be bound by the SHCV Competition Rules, the SHCV Code of Conduct and all other SHCV policies.
- An application for Junior Competing Membership must be signed by a parent or guardian, who is taken to accept these obligations on the junior's behalf.
- The SHCV Committee may decline an application for membership, or renewal of membership, where the applicant has an unresolved sanction, an outstanding debt to SHCV.

4. Term, Fees and Renewal

Membership runs for the 12 month period stated in the SHCV Constitution and published on the SHCV website and in show schedules, together with the applicable fee for each category. Membership must be renewed by the due date to remain current; a lapsed membership does not carry entry rights to SHCV events until renewed.

5. Rights and Obligations of Members

- A current member may enter SHCV events for which they and their horse are eligible, in accordance with the SHCV Competition Rules.
- A condition of membership is that a member must comply with the SHCV Competition Rules, the SHCV Code of Conduct, the SHCV Horse Welfare Policy and all other applicable SHCV policies.
- A member must provide accurate and current contact, ownership, registration and (where applicable) measuring information, and notify SHCV promptly of any change.
- A member is responsible for the conduct of any minor, handler or representative acting on their behalf at a SHCV event.

6. Suspension and Termination

Membership may be suspended or terminated by the SHCV Committee as an outcome of the SHCV Complaints, Protests and Disciplinary Procedure, or where a member fails to pay fees when due. A member whose membership is suspended or terminated is not eligible to compete at, or attend in an official capacity, any SHCV event for the duration of the suspension or termination.

7. Privacy

Membership information is collected, stored and used in accordance with the SHCV Privacy Policy.

8. Review

This Policy is reviewed periodically by the SHCV Committee.