

# SHOW HORSE COLLECTIVE VICTORIA

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## Registration Recognition Policy

*What SHCV treats as a recognised horse association or body for registration purposes*

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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

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This Registration Recognition Policy explains what SHCV treats as "another recognised horse association or recognised body" for the purposes of the horse eligibility requirement in the SHCV Competition Rules (Section 2.4), under which every horse must hold a unique microchip number and current registration with such a body.

## 2. Why SHCV Relies on Other Bodies

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SHCV does not operate its own horse registration or ownership register. Instead, SHCV relies on the registration and ownership records maintained by other horse associations and recognised bodies, provided those records meet the standards set out below.

## 3. Criteria for a Recognised Body

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A horse association or other body will be treated as a recognised body under the SHCV Competition Rules where it:

- maintains a formal register of horses, allocating each horse a unique registration number;
- records the microchip number of each registered horse against that registration;
- records the current owner or lessee of each registered horse, and maintains a process for updating ownership on sale, lease or transfer; and
- is able to produce written or electronic confirmation of a horse's registration and ownership status on request.

This may include, without limitation, breed societies, riding or equestrian associations, and other show horse, pony or performance horse bodies, whether based in Australia or overseas.

## 4. Evidence Required from Competitors

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- A current registration certificate, or other written or electronic confirmation of registration, issued by the recognised body.
- Evidence of the horse's microchip number, matching the number recorded against the horse's registration.
- Where the horse has changed hands, evidence that the transfer of registration/ownership to the current Competitor or owner has been lodged with the recognised body.

Competitors must produce this evidence on request by the Show Committee or a Gear Steward, in accordance with Section 2.4 of the SHCV Competition Rules.

## 5. Horses Without Recognised Registration

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A horse that is not registered with a recognised body, or whose registration cannot be evidenced on request, will need to be assessed for registration with SHCV otherwise is not eligible to compete at a SHCV event, regardless of its microchip status. Competitors are encouraged to contact the SHCV Committee in advance of an event if they are uncertain whether a particular body's registration will be accepted.

## 6. Disputes

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Any dispute about whether a body meets the criteria in Section 3, or whether particular evidence satisfies Section 4, is decided by the Show Committee on the day, and may otherwise be raised with the SHCV Committee under the SHCV Complaints, Protests and Disciplinary Procedure.

## 7. Review

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This Policy, and any published list of recognised bodies maintained under it, is reviewed periodically by the SHCV Committee.