

SHOW HORSE COLLECTIVE VICTORIA

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Showcase Eligibility Policy

Amateur and Professional Rider declarations for Showcase (Enthusiast Rider) Classes

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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 Policy administers eligibility for Showcase Classes (Enthusiast Rider) under Section 7.7 of the SHCV Competition Rules, which are open only to Amateur Riders. It sets out the declaration, renewal, change-of-status and challenge process that supports the Amateur Rider and Professional Rider definitions in the Rules.

2. Definitions

These definitions are as set out in the SHCV Competition Rules and apply in the same way under this Policy:

- Professional Rider: a person who receives payment, remuneration or financial reward for riding, training, schooling, producing, exhibiting or preparing horses for competition as part of a business, occupation or regular source of income.
- Amateur Rider: a person who does not receive payment or financial remuneration for riding, training, producing or exhibiting horses. An Amateur Rider may own, lease and compete their own horse and may receive coaching from a professional coach, provided they do not derive income from riding or producing horses for others.

3. Showcase Eligibility

- By entering the showcase class, a rider is taken to have made a declaration that they are eligible for the class.
- Where the rider is under 18, the declaration is made by a parent or guardian.
- The SHCV committee must be notified immediately if the rider's circumstances change such that they would no longer meet the Amateur Rider definition.

4. Change of Status

A rider who has received payment for riding, training, producing or exhibiting horses may apply to be recognised as an Amateur Rider once they have ceased to receive such payment, provided they have not done so for a continuous period of at least 12 months before the application. The SHCV Committee may waive or reduce this period in appropriate circumstances, such as a rider who received a single incidental payment that does not reflect an ongoing professional occupation.

A rider who begins to receive payment for riding, training, producing or exhibiting horses must notify SHCV promptly and is not eligible to compete in Showcase Classes from that time.

5. Verification and Challenge

- A rider's declared status is accepted in good faith unless a concern is raised.
- Any SHCV member may raise a concern about another rider's declared Amateur status by lodging a complaint under the SHCV Complaints, Protests and Disciplinary Procedure.
- Where a concern is raised, the onus is on the rider whose status is challenged to substantiate their declaration, including by providing any information reasonably requested by the SHCV Committee.
- Pending resolution of a challenge, the SHCV Committee may permit the rider to continue competing in Showcase Classes, or may require them to stand down from Showcase Classes only, depending on the nature of the concern raised.

6. Consequences of a False Declaration

A rider found to have made a false or misleading Showcase Eligibility Declaration may be disqualified from the relevant class or Championship, have their Showcase results and any associated points or titles for that period set aside, and be dealt with under the SHCV Complaints, Protests and Disciplinary Procedure, which may include a period of ineligibility for Showcase Classes.

7. Records

The SHCV Committee maintains a register of current Showcase Eligibility Declarations, handled in accordance with the SHCV Privacy Policy.

8. Review

This Policy is reviewed periodically by the SHCV Committee.