

GENERAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The event is to be run under EA rules in so far as they are applicable to this event and shall include any other rules formulated by the organising committee. We strongly recommend that all competitors obtain a copy of the relevant EA Rules through the NSW website www.nsw.equestrian.org.au.

It is a condition of entry to all EA Show Horse events that the owners and exhibitors are familiar with and abide by the EA Show Horse Rules, NSW Show Horse Rules and rules that may be introduced by the NSW Show Horse Committee.

These Rules are to be read in conjunction with the EA Disciplinary By-Laws, Member Protection Policy and Medication Control Policy. They will be reviewed from time to time, and updated as necessary. Ignorance of the rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any breach of the rules. The appointment of a Steward or other Official whether or not provided for in these rules, does not absolve the competitor from such responsibility.

Making an entry to an event under the control of Equestrian New South Wales constitutes implicit acceptance of the EA and NSW Show Horse rules.

MEMBERSHIP & HORSE REGISTRATION

All owners, riders and horses must be currently registered and financial with Equestrian Australia.

Horses must be registered with the Equestrian Australia and owned or leased by a financial member of that State.

Horses can only be shown at a State HOTY by a financial member of that State. Show Horse, Show Hunter, Childs/Junior, Leading Rein and Rider of the Year Classes - All riders must be members of EA in the State in which the event is being held, (proof of residency maybe requested).

Show Horse, Show Hunter, Childs/Junior and Leading Rein Classes - Horses/Ponies must be currently EA registered and domiciled in that State (including where appropriate within a 100 km radius of a border) for a total period of 3 months and 1 day immediately preceding the date of that State's Horse of the Year event. However, if the horse has not competed under saddle (with the exception of horse racing) in any state prior to purchase and is registered and eligible/qualified in the state in which it is to compete by closing date of entries it shall be eligible to compete in that respective state's HOTY.

Show Horse, Show Hunter, Childs/Junior and Leading Rein Classes – Horse/Pony must be 3 years of age or over at 1 August.

Show Horse, Show Hunter, Childs/Junior and Leading Rein - If a horse has competed in a qualifying class at an EA HOTY in the current year in another State it is not eligible to compete in another HOTY in the same calendar year.

Rider Classes - If a rider has competed in an EA HOTY in the current year in a qualifying class in another State they are not eligible to compete in another HOTY in the same calendar year.

Show Hunters – If a horse/pony is entered as a Show Hunter at a State HOTY, it will be precluded from entering the State Horse of the Year as a Show Horse

A Competitor/Exhibitor shall not exhibit under a Judge when his exhibit is ineligible.

If a Judge knowingly permits an ineligible exhibit to compete, the Judge, the Exhibitor and the Competitor may be held in breach of the rules.

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO RESIDENCE OF EXHIBITS

The onus is on the competitor to ensure the understanding of rules and regulations regarding competition.

The following information provides applicable dates for residence of exhibits and eligibility calculated per

calendar month.

ENSW EVENT DATE

Friday March 1st, 2019

THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO EVENT

Thursday December 6, 2018

AGE OF RIDERS

Riders may only compete in the class for which they are eligible. Age is as at 1 January 2019.

EA SHOW HORSE RULES

Conflict of Interest

A Competitor may not exhibit before a judge if within the period of six months prior to the date of competition:

- the Competitor is a member of the Judge's family
- the Competitor has represented the Judge or competed on a horse owned by the judge
- the horse or any horse was owned or leased by:
 - the Judge;
 - any member of the Judge's family;
 - the Judge's employer, employee or business partner.
- the Judge or his business partner provided privately arranged tuition to the horse or competitor(not including group clinics)
- the Competitor has given privately arranged tuition to the Judge or trained or prepared a horse owned or leased by the Judge, (not including group clinics)
- the Competitor is employed, has been employed by or has been a business partner of the Judge
- In addition to the above bullet points a competitor may not exhibit before a judge if he or his family has provided private accommodation for the Judge within a 3 month period prior to or during the event.

A Judge or his family shall not visit neither the competitors nor the competitor's horses, nor inspect or discuss any horse entered in the event for the duration of the show, except as required for judging and where permitted by rule 1.2.3 below.

No person shall approach a Judge for the duration of the event unless they first obtain permission from the Ring Master or Ring Steward. A competitor seeking the opinion of a Judge must do so under the supervision of a Steward.

PROTESTS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION OF COMPETITION RULES & CONDITIONS OF

ENTRY Protests may be lodged against any person or body involved in any capacity in an Event or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of EA including for failure to observe the Constitution and By-Laws, Regulations or Rules or violation of the common principles of behavior, fairness, or accepted standards of sportsmanship, whether occurring during or in connection with an EA event or at any other time.

Protests must be in writing, signed by the authorised person making the protest, and presented personally to the President of the Ground Jury, together with any supporting evidence, names of witnesses and the sum of \$100 (which is non refundable). The Ground Jury will determine the protest and call such evidence as they see fit.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, protests against any of the following matters may only be lodged with the Ground Jury and within the following time limits:

1. Protests concerning the eligibility of a competitor or horse or to the conditions of the arena: not later than 30 minutes before the start of the relevant competition;

2. Protests concerning irregularities or incidents during a competition, or the classification of a competition: not later than 60 minutes after the posting of the results.

PROTESTS AGAINST HEIGHT MEASUREMENT

Any person/individual or state branch has a right to protest the height of a horse and can lodge a protest in accordance with EA National Show Horse Rules 1.5 (accompanied by a \$500 administration fee) for re-measurement of the protested horse. For the horse to be remeasured, it must be remeasured in accordance with the EA Measuring Rules, within 60 days of the protest and at a time mutually agreed upon. It is also a requirement that 2 Official EA Measurers be in attendance along with an EA official as an observer. One measurer must not have measured the horse for its current height certificate.

A maximum of one protest per horse annually, with any 2nd or subsequent protest about the horse, will only be allowed at the discretion of the EA/Branch Show Horse Sport Committee.

Horses that are not remeasured within 60 days of the protest date are ineligible to compete at EA events until remeasuring occurs.

A horse that has a protest lodged against it is ineligible to compete at any EA State Horse of the Year Show and/or the EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships until remeasuring occurred.

For all EA State Show Horse Championships and EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships all protests must be lodged at least four hours before the advertised time of the start of the Event (not the class).

COMPLAINTS re ABUSE OF HORSES, COMPETITORS, OFFICIALS

Complaints relating to anything occurring during an event, except any matter which can be or could have been the subject of a protest, may be lodged against, and by, any person or body involved in any capacity at an event

The subject of a complaint may include failing to observe EA rules or may include any contravention of the common principles of behaviour, fairness and accepted standards of sportsmanship as outlined in the EA Codes of Conduct, including such matters as the welfare of the horse, treatment by officials and behavior which is detrimental to the character and/or prejudicial to the interests of the sport and EA.

Mistreatment of a horse, a competitor or an official should be reported immediately to the Ground Jury who will take appropriate action on the day and will, if deemed necessary, refer the matter to the EA State Branch CEO of the relevant EA State Branch in accordance with EA Disciplinary By-Laws.

Where the matter cannot be, or is not, dealt with by the Ground Jury or other appropriate Event Officials at the event, the complaint must be lodged in writing to the EA State Branch CEO of the relevant EA State Branch within fourteen (14) days of the occurrence in accordance with EA Disciplinary By-Laws.

HEIGHT CERTIFICATES

All Horses must hold a current EA Height Certificate and be able to **produce this if requested** to compete at any EA event including State and Australasian HOTA Events.

Any Horse competing at this show **must hold** and be shown in accordance with the height recorded on its **current EA Height Certificate**.

Any Horse NOT in possession of a current EA Height Certificate, will be required to be measured for issue of an EA Height Certificate, prior to the horse competing at this show and the horse shall compete according to the height so measured

All HEIGHT certificates are valid for a stated period. Competitors shall carry their Performance Cards (in States where they are issued), EA Height Certificates and EA Membership Card at all affiliated shows and make them available for inspection upon request.

SWABBING

Drug testing of horses (swabbing) will occur in accordance with the EA National Medical Control Policy and the Equine Anti-Doping and Medical Control rules. Full rule details are available at www.equestrian.org.au

- Equestrian Australia has adopted the anti-doping policy of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority
- Stimulating or calming drugs in any shape or form are forbidden
- Inquiries pertaining to legality of medication and substances should be made directly to the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority on 1800 020 506 or www.asada.gov.au
- A full list of prohibited substances can be viewed at <http://www.feicleansport.org/prohibited.html>

RIDER FALL

In the event of a fall by horse or competitor, it will be the decision of the Judge or Ground Jury, or if there is no Ground Jury, a representative of the organising committee, (informed if necessary by a doctor or medical officer in the case of a rider or a vet or horse welfare officer in the case of a horse), as to whether the rider or horse can continue to compete.

Riders must be mounted on entering and leaving the arena on penalty of elimination.

If during a workout, or on the circle there is a fall of horse and/or rider it will entail elimination from that class.

If a horse leaves the workout area, other than at the direction of a judge or official, it will entail elimination from that class.

The Judge has the power to eliminate a horse or rider if it is deemed by the judge to be erratic and unruly.

APPROVED SAFETY HELMETS

Approved Safety helmets must be worn at all times when riding. The retaining harness must be secured and fastened at all times. Riders without approved headgear shall be ineligible to compete until rectified.

Protective headgear must conform with one of the current approved safety standards:

- Current Australian standard **AS/NZS 3838** (2006 onwards) *provided they are SAI Global marked*
- New Australian standard **ARB HS 2012** *provided they are SAI Global marked.*
- Current American standards **ASTM F1163** (2004a or 04a onwards) *provided they are SEI marked, or SNELL E2001.*
- Current British standard **PAS 015** (1998 or 2011) *provided they are BSI Kitemarked.*
- Interim European Standard **VG1** (01.040: 2014-12) *with or without BSI Kitemark.*

BSI Kitemarked:  Kitemark Licence No. 18027791

SAI Global marked:  SAI GLOBAL

SEI marked: 

For safety reasons, at all times when riding at an event all riders must wear suitable riding boots with a heel and little or no tread.

ENTRIES

The Exhibitor shall ensure that horse and Competitor are entered and shown only in the correct classes, and that the horse is entered and shown under its full EA registered name. **Riders should be declared at the time of entries and riders must be current Competitor members. Any changes must be notified prior to the horse competing.**

A horse is ineligible to compete if its brands and/or markings differ from those set out on its Registration Papers.

No Competitor/Exhibitor shall deface or alter EA Registration Papers, EA Performance Cards or EA Height Certificates.

The Judge's decision shall be final.

Stallions are not permitted in show horse classes

ADDITIONAL RULES

The committee reserves the right to accept or reject entries. By lodging entries, exhibitors agree to be bound by these terms and conditions.

No badge, patch, pin or emblem of any kind may be worn on a rider's jacket.

CLOSE OF ENTRIES

Entries close at midnight Sunday 3rd February 2019. All fees must be paid at the time of entry via

www.nominate.com.au

[Entries after closing date attract a \\$50 fee per horse and will only be permitted if numbers allow entries to be extended](#)

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after the close of entries.

Scratching's prior to the close of entries will incur a \$50 administration fee and must be in writing prior to the close of entry.

In the event of a horse or rider being unfit to compete, a medical or vet certificate must be received by the office within 72 hours prior to the event and any refund will be at the discretion of the organising committee.

There will be no further discussion after the decision has been made and given in writing. Certificates can be scanned and emailed to showhorsensw@ensw.org.au or posted to Equestrian NSW Show Horse Committee, C/- ENSW, PO Box 7077, Wetherill Park BC NSW 2164

ACCEPTANCES

Confirmation and a receipt of your entries will be emailed back to you via nominate. If there are any errors or if you do not receive confirmation of your entries, competitors must notify the Committee by email within one (1) week after the closing date of entries. The onus is on the competitor to ensure they have been entered correctly, please make sure you use a current valid email address with your entries.

COMPULSORY FEES

All competitors must pay the compulsory fees, including a non-refundable administration fee of \$20.00 per Exhibitor at the time of entry. A late fee of \$50.00 will apply to all entries received after the closing date of entries February 10th, 2018.

SELECTION OF JUDGES

All judges from the Equestrian Australia state and national list were placed in a ballot and randomly selected and contacted by the ENSW office in order of the selection until there were four (4) accepting judges.

PRIZES

All Prizes must be collected on the day, if they are not collected; you therefore forfeit your prize.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations will take place at the completion of each class/competition and participation is compulsory.

EVENT OFFICE

The event office will be open from 1pm Thursday 28th February 2019.

COMPETITOR NOTICE BOARD

All official notices, time changes etc will be displayed on the Notice Board at the Event Office, competitors are asked to check regularly.

INDOOR ARENA PRACTICE TIME

Please refer to notice at the Event Office for times.

Indoor arena use is not to be used for working down horses, but rather to familiarise them with the competition venue.

There are several arenas that will be available to exercise horses.

WORKOUTS

All Show Horse, Show Hunter and Childs/Junior classes (including Leading Rein and Rider classes) will have a set workout that will be included in the show catalogue.

SADDLERY & EQUIPMENT

The Organising committee will issue breastplate numbers, please bring a suitable holder. Any gear that is considered detrimental to the welfare of the horse will not be allowed.

NEWCOMER

Horses competing at the Show must be registered with Equestrian NSW at the time of entry. Horses competing in the Newcomer classes must not have competed under saddle at any show prior to 1st January 2019.

PRELIMINARY

Horses competing in this section must not have been *placed 1st, Champion or Reserve in an Open ridden Hack or Show Hunter class/event* at any Royal Show including the R.N.A., Bathurst, Geelong, Toowoomba and Launceston Royals, or has never been the Winner or Runner Up of any State HOTY Title or has never been the Winner of any HOTY Intermediate or Preliminary Title.

OWNER/RIDER

Horses must be owned and registered in the name of the competitor or an immediate family member (mother, father, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather). Leased horses are ineligible for this event.

CHILDS/ JUNIOR

A person who is under eighteen (18) years of age. Age determined as 1 January each calendar year.

QUALIFIERS

Winners and runners up of the qualifying classes will be expected to represent New South Wales at the 2019 Equestrian Australia Show Horse and Rider Championships. Third placegetters are also eligible to compete in the event that either the winner or runner up withdraws, providing that they nominate for Event prior to the closing date of entries.

OPEN OR HUNTER

Horses are to be shown as either Show Horse or Show Hunter (not both).

COPIES OF REGISTRATIONS AND PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP

Copies of height certificates, registration papers and proof of membership must be made available if requested.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMMITTEE

It is the policy of the Committee to see that all due care is taken during the Show, however the Committee shall not be liable to any person in the case of loss or damage by reason of any defect, accident, negligence or neglect however arising.

ASSEMBLY IN THE MARSHALLING AREA

Exhibitors should have their horses in the Marshalling Area not later than 10 minutes prior to the start of the event. Any exhibitors not present with his or her horse at the time of the commencement of the event and may miss their event. No refunds will be given for any missed events. Horses compete in allocated catalogue number order. Exceptions to this may be made if approved by relevant official.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Indemnity: Riders and/or owners whose entries have been accepted, undertake to indemnify the Committee against all claims, losses, suits and damages made against or suffered by the Committee by reason of any negligent act or omission on the part of any riders, trainers or attendants whilst they are attending, riding or otherwise handling a horse, and agree that any act or omission on the part of such riders or attendants found in any action against the Committee to be negligent, shall be deemed to have been negligent for the purpose of any claim under this indemnity. Riders are required to sign the declaration form included in the entry section. Neither Equestrian NSW, nor the Organising Committee or their appointed officials accept any liability for any accident, theft or illness to horses, riders, grooms or any person or property whatsoever.

ACCOMMODATION

Competitors staying at the venue must pay the camping or cabin hire fees at the time of entry. There are a limited number of cabins and it will be a first in best dressed policy.