

2008 MACQUARIE BANK ACT & SOUTHERN NSW HACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Conducted by the ACT & Southern Highlands Show Horse Association Inc.

REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The Event shall be run in accordance with the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. Competition Rules, General Rules and Special Rules pertaining to the 2008 Macquarie Bank ACT & Southern NSW Hack Championships Show. A copy of the Competition Rules can be obtained from the SHC website – www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au. Copies will also be available from the Secretary's Office at the Show.
2. The Macquarie Bank ACT & Southern NSW Hack Championships Committee reserves the right itself to interpret all questions and conditions and shall make any relevant decisions in regard to, or arising from any incident at or pertaining to this Show, without claim for damages or recourse of any kind. Any questions not covered in the Conditions of Entry will be decided by The Macquarie Bank ACT & Southern NSW Hack Championships Committee. Its decision will be final.
3. Entry and Competition in the Event is voluntary. By Entry it is the Absolute Liability of all participants to agree to be bound by the decisions of The Macquarie Bank ACT & Southern NSW Hack Championships Committee and/or the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. and compete in accordance with all Rules applicable to the Competition.
4. Entry to this Event shall constitute an agreement and affirmation by the Exhibitor(s)/Owner(s), Responsible Officer (which includes Lessee(s)/Manager/Rider/Handler) to compete subject to and in accordance with the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. Competition Rules and Conditions applicable to this Event.
5. All information supplied by the Exhibitor(s) and/or Owner(s) and/or Lessee(s) and/or Responsible Officer, (i.e. the person in charge of the horse) shall be true and correct and represent that the horse/rider is eligible to compete. If this information is found to be false, the Exhibit shall be ineligible to compete. The Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc may discipline the Exhibitor(s) and/or Owner(s) and/or Lessee(s) and/or Responsible Officer of the Entry.
6. The Exhibitors and Competitors enter and compete entirely at their own risk.
7. The ACT & Southern Highlands Show Horse Association Inc. shall not be responsible for the loss of, or for any damage or injury occasioned to any Exhibit or the property of any Exhibitor(s) from any cause whatsoever.
8. The Organising Committee and/or the Ground Jury, reserve the right to alter the number of Finalists, Program, Judges, Schedule or Timetable.
9. **Exhibitors must choose between entry in Open Hack, Galloway or Pony Classes and Show Hunter Hack, Galloway or Pony Classes. No exhibit can be shown in both the Open and Show Hunter Classes.**
10. Show Hunters are eligible to compete in the Newcomer, Preliminary and Amateur Hack Classes.
11. In this Competition, "Horse" refers to a Saddle Horse, a Galloway or a Pony.
12. A Saddle Horse will be over 15hh, a Galloway will be over 14hh not exceeding 15hh, a Pony will be 14hh and under.
13. All horses entered in Saddle Classes and all horses nominated as mounts for Rider Classes shall be currently registered with the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. NATIONAL SADDLE HORSE REGISTER.
14. All Horse Registration Papers are required TO BE IN ORDER AT TIME OF ENTRY. A full copy of the Papers (or copy of NSH application pending) and a copy of current Measuring Certificate shall accompany ALL HORSE and RIDING EVENT Entries, or Entries will NOT be accepted.
15. At the closing date of Entries, all Owners, Lessees, Exhibitors, Riders, Handlers and Responsible Officers shall be members of an Association affiliated with the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc.
16. Horse entries shall only be accepted where the name(s) and signature(s) of ALL the current registered Owner(s) and/or Lessee(s), Responsible Officers and Exhibitors/Competitors appear on the Entry Form.
17. Where an Owner/Lessee of the horse shall be in charge of the horse during the Competition, then THAT Owner/Lessee is required to sign the Entry Form as the Responsible Officer.
18. If a person other than an Owner/Lessee shall be in charge of the horse during the Competition, then THAT person is required to sign the Entry Form as the Responsible Officer.
19. Where a horse is registered and/or entered in the name of a minor (under 18 years), the Entry Form shall also be signed by the parent/legal guardian. **That parent/legal guardian shall also be a member of an Association affiliated with the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc.**
20. In the event of Disciplinary Action, the person(s) considered responsible shall be the Owner(s) or Lessee(s) and/or the Responsible Officer and/or the person in charge of the horse at the time of the Offence.

21. Copies of the SHC Membership Cards or copies of the receipts for Hack Association (Show Horse Council Affiliate) membership for the 2008-2009 membership year shall accompany all entries.
22. Entry Fees shall accompany the Entry Form **and are non-refundable after the closing date.**
- 23. Purchase of a Show Catalogue is mandatory for each Competitor/Exhibitor**
24. Should any information or fees be omitted from the Entry, the Entry will be deemed incomplete and as such will NOT be accepted.
- 25. A Handling Fee of \$10 will apply to any Entry that is incorrect.**
26. Refunds on stable bookings will only be given if applied for in writing and the Show Secretary receives notice of cancellation by 29 November 2008.
27. A Handling Fee of \$5 will apply to each stable cancelled in accordance with this Rule.
28. Numbers corresponding to the catalogue shall be worn. A White numbered Breast Plate will be issued for Horse Classes and a Blue Numbered Breast Plate for Rider Classes. **BOTH WILL NEED TO BE PLACED IN A BREAST PLATE HOLDER** All exhibitors will be required to pay a non-refundable \$2.00 fee for each Breast Plate (Horse and /or Rider) at the time of lodgment of their entry. Horse entries shall be catalogued as per Exhibitor(s) on Entry Form
29. The Judge's decision is FINAL subject to all other conditions being met.
30. All protests shall be in writing to the Ground Jury accompanied by a fee of \$20 and are to be received no later than one hour after the Event, after which time no protest shall be entered.
31. No outside assistance is to be displayed during Competition. Penalty of Disqualification may apply to a breach of this Regulation.
32. Drug Testing will be carried out on both days of the Show in accordance with Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. requirements and Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. Competition Rules on DRUGS and DRUG TESTING (Rules 7.1 - 7.12), or in accordance with the relevant Laboratory Sample Collection Protocol. Compliance with this Rule is mandatory for all Exhibits and Persons Responsible. Drug Penalties as adopted in the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. Competition Rules (7.8a & 7.8b) will apply. Registration papers must be produced if a horse is called up for Drug Testing.
33. It is the intention of these Regulations that all horses shall perform at the time of competition on their merits, without the aid of Drug(s) or Prohibited Substance(s) which will affect the conduct, performance or appearance of the horse.
34. It is the Absolute Liability of the Owner(s)/Lessee(s)/Exhibitor(s)/Responsible Officer to ensure that any horse exhibited by them in this competition is free from any Prohibited/Banned Drug or Substance at the time of Competition. Failure to adhere to this Rule may render the Exhibit/Owner(s)/Exhibitor(s)/Responsible Officer liable to Disqualification and/or Disciplinary Action as determined by the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc.
35. A TREATMENT FORM (available from the SHC website under Documents or the Show Secretary) shall be completed and lodged by the Responsible Officer for **ANY HORSE WHICH HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED ANY DRUG OR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE within 14 DAYS prior to this Competition.** The Treatment Form shall be accompanied by a VETERINARY CERTIFICATE containing full details of any ailment and/or injury and treatment and be forwarded to the Show Secretary within 24 hours of the initial treatment. If initial treatment occurs within 24 hours of commencement of the Show the Treatment Form must be lodged with the Show Secretary as soon as possible, but no later than 7.00am on the day of Competition. Where the horse requires continued treatment (after the Form is lodged), a written report detailing the treatment shall be submitted prior to the day of Competition.
36. The decision as to whether the horse will be permitted to start shall be made by the Ground Jury. Veterinary advice may be sought if considered necessary. The Exhibitor/Competitor shall be advised of the decision prior to the commencement time. No (a) claim shall be made against or (b) appeal made to the Ground Jury or the ACT & Southern Highlands Show Horse Association Inc. if, by such decision of the Ground Jury, the Entry is not permitted to start.
37. **ALL HORSES WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AN OFFICIAL ANNUAL OR LIFE MEASURING CERTIFICATE PRIOR TO OR AT THE SHOW.**
37. BREAST PLATES and ORIGINAL REGISTRATION PAPERS must be produced if a horse is required to be measured. Only current Show Horse Council of Australia Inc. Measuring Certificates will be recognised.
38. Where a horse is in possession of a Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. Measuring Certificate that is **current for this Show**, a copy is to be supplied with the Entry Form. The horse's measurement will then be endorsed on the horse's breastplate number and the horse will not be required to be presented to the Measurer. If a copy of the current Measuring Certificate is not supplied with the entry, the horse shall be presented to the Measurer for verification and measurement if required. At his/her discretion the Official Measurer may require any horse to be measured.
39. The horse's endorsed breastplate shall be displayed for the Marshalling Steward for verification prior to entering the ring for Competition. Any breach of this Regulation may incur disqualification.

40. Conflict of Classes: A Timetable has been set to avoid delays in the Competition. Therefore Competitors must advise the Ring Master of any potential clash in a timely manner. Should an Exhibitor or Rider competing in a Class require to compete in another ring, "holding" of the horse in the ring is **NOT** permitted.
41. If such a conflict occurs, the Ringmaster will be responsible for directing the Rider and the movement of the Exhibit to and from the Ring.
42. Every effort will be made to accommodate a conflict. If a conflict occurs, a period not exceeding FIVE (5) minutes will be allowed to a Competitor/Exhibit in the Holding Area before incurring elimination from the Class.
43. All scratchings from Finals must be notified in writing to the Ringmaster in a period of not less than one (1) hour prior to the Final. Failure to do so may incur penalties.
44. If a horse eligible to compete in the Finals of The 2008 Macquarie Bank ACT & Southern NSW Hack Championships has not scratched and is not presented to compete in the Finals, any Prize Money will be forfeited and the nominated Reserve horse will be invited to take that horse's place.
- 45. In Riding Classes, two Riders in the same Section cannot ride the same horse.**
46. Should a Riding class mount not be nominated at closing date of entries, the Riding Class entry form will only be accepted on condition that an additional fully completed entry form, together with copies of Registration Papers, is submitted to the Show Secretary by no later than 9.00am on Saturday 6 December 2008. Should the mount be changed from that nominated on the original Riding Class entry form, the above procedure will also apply. Failure to abide by this Regulation will render the Competitor ineligible to compete.
47. In a Rider Class Six years and under Nine Years, the mount shall not exceed 14hh.
48. In a Rider Class Nine years and under Twelve Years, the mount shall not exceed 14.2hh.
49. Riders in a Rider Class under Seventeen Years are required to wear Jodhpur boots.
50. Riders will compete in their Riding Class as at their age on the first day of the Show.
51. All Riders are required to wear headgear as per the Competition Rules. During practice, approved safety helmet and riding boots must be worn. Any breach of this Rule, may incur disqualification from the Competition.
52. Whips must have a leather keeper at least 5cm long and 2cm wide and must not exceed 72 cm in length, excluding the leather keeper (flap).
53. Spurs other than dummy spurs exceeding 2cm in length are not permitted
54. Lunging is only permitted in the designated areas. Exercising of horses on the grassed Arena will be at the discretion of the Ground Committee.
55. Major Prize Money will be forwarded on confirmation of Swabbing Results. Other Prize Money will be handed out in the ring.
- 56. DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES.**
57. The Committee reserves the right to refuse or withdraw any Entry/Entries without having to assign a reason.
- 58. CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES: 24 OCTOBER 2008. ALL ENTRIES TO BE IN HANDS OF THE SHOW SECRETARY BY THIS DATE. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- 59. The S.H.C. Risk Management Policy applies to all persons competing and/or attending the Event. A Copy of this Policy will be available at the Show Office throughout the Show or can be downloaded from SHC Website www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au under "Documents."**

