

**SHOW HORSE COUNCIL OF WA (INC.) – 2011 HORSE OF THE YEAR
RULES, CONDITIONS OF ENTRY and QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS**

1. This Show shall be run in accordance with the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. Competition Rules and these Rules pertaining to the Show Horse Council of WA Inc. Horse Of The Year Show. A copy of the Competition Rules can be obtained from the Show Horse Council of WA website - www.showhorsecouncilwa.com.au, or by contacting the secretary of the Show Horse Council of WA Inc.

2. The Show Horse Council of WA Inc. 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 Rules and Conditions of Entry, will be decided by Show Horse Council of WA Inc. Committee or the Ground Jury present on the day of the show. Its decision will be final.

3. Entry and Competition in the Show is voluntary. The Exhibitors and Competitors enter and compete entirely at their own risk. By Entry it is the Absolute Liability of all participants to agree to be bound by the decisions of the Ground Jury and/or Show Horse Council of WA Inc. Committee and compete in accordance with all Rules applicable to the Competition.

4. Entry to this Show 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 Rules and Conditions applicable to this Show.

5. No exhibit can be shown in both the Show Hack and Show Hunter Classes.

6. A Performance/Qualifying Requirement is required for Entry in the OPEN Show Horse Classes, the OPEN Show Hunter Classes and the Leading Rein Pony Class.

Open Show Hack/Galloway/Pony Classes — 15 points to be gained at three or more shows under two different judges in Show Horse classes in either height, weight, lady's, gent's, boys, girls or childs. Points gained in novice and intermediate classes do not count.

Open Show Hunter Hack/Galloway/Pony Classes — 10 points to have been gained at three or more shows under two different judges in Show Hunter classes in either height, weight, lady's, gent's, boys, girls or childs. Points gained in novice and intermediate classes do not count.

Leading Rein Pony Class — 5 points to have been gained at two or more shows under two different judges from Leading Rein Pony classes only (points gained in Leading Rein Smartest on Parade and Leading Rein Rider classes do not count). No points are required to enter the Leading Rein Smartest on Parade.

All qualifying points must have been gained in Western Australia.

Any number of riders who are Show Horse Council of WA Inc. financial members may qualify the horse/pony but only one rider must be nominated to compete in the preliminary and final.

Points must be gained from a Show Horse Council of WA Inc. Affiliated show, WA Agricultural Show or Perth Royal.

Points shall be allocated 1st – 3 points, 2nd – 2 points, 3rd – 1 point. Novice, intermediate or maiden classes cannot be counted for points. Points can only be counted from height, weight, ladies and gents, boys, girls or childs classes.

Champion & Reserve Champion points DO NOT count for qualifying requirements in any section.

Rider and Foundation Classes DO NOT require a Performance to be submitted.

7. Leading Rein Pony Class – Pony to be 12hh and under; Rider to be 3 years and under 8 years as at the date of competition; and Handler to be 18 years or over as at the date of competition.

8. Foundation Classes Eligibility Criteria – a Foundation Hack/Hunter is one that has not been placed 1st, Champion or Reserve in an Open Ridden Hack/Hunter class at any Royal Show or has never been the winner or runner-up at the Grand National, or the winner or runner-up at any State HOY title (including EA HOY) or has never been the winner or runner-up of any Grand National Qualifier (including Gosnells Masters and SHC Classic) as at the date of competition.

9. The same rider/handler who competes in the preliminary workout must also compete in the final.

10. The acceptance or otherwise of an Entry will be at the discretion of the Show Horse Council of WA Inc.

11. Entries will only be accepted from bonafide residents of Western Australia.

12. If ANY Horse/Pony has competed in any Show Horse Council Horse of the Year Competition in any State or Territory outside of WA within the current calendar year then that horse is ineligible to compete in the Show Horse Council of WA Inc. Horse of The Year Show.
13. If ANY Rider has competed in any Show Horse Council Horse of the Year Competition in any State or Territory outside of WA within the current calendar year then he/she is ineligible to compete in the Rider Section of the Show Horse Council of WA Inc. Horse of The Year Show.
14. All horses entered (includes Hack, Show Hunter, Leading Rein, Rider and Foundation classes) must be registered with the SHC National Saddle Horse Register prior to the closing date of entries and prior to the gaining of the necessary qualification points AND shall be resident in Western Australia for a period of not less than six (6) calendar months immediately prior to the commencement date of the Show, being 29 April 2011.
15. All Horse Registration Papers are required TO BE CORRECT AND IN ORDER AT TIME OF ENTRY, horses that have incomplete transfers may be deemed ineligible to compete. **A full copy (both sides) of the NSH Registration MUST accompany ALL ENTRIES, or Entry will NOT be accepted.**
16. **A full copy of the current Show Horse Council Measuring Certificate** shall accompany ALL HORSE/PONY and RIDER EVENT Entries, or Entries will NOT be accepted. Measuring Certificates must be current as at the closing date of Entries AND on the day/s of competition.
17. All Owners, Lessees, Exhibitors, Riders, Handlers and Responsible Officers shall have resided in Western Australia for a period of not less than six (6) calendar months immediately prior to the commencement date of the Show.
18. All Owners, Lessees, Exhibitors, Riders, Handlers and Responsible Officers must be a financial member of the Show Horse Council of WA Inc. as at the closing date of Entries.
19. **Special Awards** – the **Sam Callander Memorial Trophy** to be awarded to a New Season Large Pony, to be judged during the Preliminary Section by the presiding pony judge (and not all 3 judges). The **Vynka Hohnen Memorial Trophy** to be awarded to a New Season Hack over 15hh, to be judged during the Preliminary Section by the presiding hack judge (and not all 3 judges). Competitors to mark the entry form to indicate eligibility.
20. The correct Entry Fees MUST accompany All Entries or entry may not be accepted.
21. **Withdrawal of Entries: fees are non-refundable on withdrawal of entry.**
22. **Incomplete Entries** – Should any information, registration paper/s, height certificate/s and or fees be omitted from the entry, the entry will be deemed incomplete and as such may be returned. **A handling fee of \$20 will apply to any entry that is incomplete / incorrect or returned. This fee will need to be paid prior to competition at the show - otherwise you will be ineligible to start until all fees have been paid.**
23. Breast Plate Numbers corresponding to the catalogue MUST be worn. Horse entries shall be catalogued as per Owner/Lessee on the Entry form. NOTE: Rider class entries will be catalogued as per Rider on the Entry form (which will be a different number to horse exhibits).
24. The Show Horse Council of WA 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.
25. The Judge's decision is FINAL subject to all other conditions being met.
26. All protests shall be in writing to the Ground Jury accompanied by a fee of \$50 and are to be received no later than 30 minutes after the Event/Class, after which time no protest shall be entered.
27. No outside assistance is to be displayed during competition. Penalty of Disqualification may apply to a breach of this Rule.
28. Drug Testing may 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) together with the Department of Sport and Recreation Doping Policy, 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. Original registration papers must be produced if a horse is called up for Drug Testing.

29. It is the intention of these Rules that all horses shall perform at the time of competition on their merits, without the aid of Drug/s or Prohibited Substance/s that affect the conduct, performance or appearance of the horse.

30. 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 WA Inc.

31. A TREATMENT FORM (available from the SHC Australasia website under Rules and Regulations [Documents] or the Show Registration Office) 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 Horse Council of WA Inc. within 24 hours of the initial treatment. If initial treatment occurs within 24 hours of commencement of the Show the Treatment Form to be lodged with the Show Registration Office as soon as possible, but no later than 7.30am 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.

32. 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 Council if, by such decision of the Ground Jury, the Entry is not permitted to start.

33. The Show Horse Council of WA Inc. Committee and/or the Ground Jury reserves the right to refuse or withdraw any Entry/Entries without having to assign a reason.

34. All information supplied by the Exhibitor(s) and/or Owner(s) and/or Lessee(s) and/or Responsible Officer (that is, 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.

35. 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.

36. 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.

37. 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.

38. Where a horse is registered and/or entered in the name of a minor (under 18 years), the Entry Form shall be signed by the parent/legal guardian – that parent/legal guardian MUST be a financial member of the Show Horse Council of WA. Inc.

39. A horse/pony shall be entered and shown in its full NSH registered name. Falsification of any information on any documentation (such as registration papers and measuring certificates) including entry forms shall be considered a Breach of Rules.

40. 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.

41. The Show Horse Council of WA Inc. Committee and/or the Ground Jury, reserve the right to alter the number of Finalists, Program, Judges, Schedule or Timetable.

42. All horses must have a current Official Show Horse Council Measuring Certificate to compete. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their horse has been measured prior to the show and has a current SHC height certificate - **copy to be attached to entry. NO MEASURING IS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU MEET THE REQUIREMENTS AS THOSE WITHOUT A CURRENT SHC HEIGHT CERTIFICATE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO START IN THE COMPETITION.**

43. ORIGINAL REGISTRATION PAPERS must be produced if a horse is required to be swabbed, and identifications as shown on the papers must match the horse presented.

44. Where Registration papers are presented and identifications as shown on the papers do not match the identifications of the horse presented a penalty of disqualification may apply.

45. **Conflict of Classes:** It is the intention of the Show Horse Council of WA Inc. Committee to avoid delays in the Competition. To avoid disruption, Competitors **MUST** advise the Ringmaster of the clash prior to commencement of the Competition. Should an Exhibitor or Rider competing in one ring be required to compete in another ring, **“holding” of the horse in the ring is NOT permitted.**

46. If such a conflict occurs, under the direction of the Ringmaster, the horse shall be excused from the Judging Area to the Holding/Marshalling Area and shall return to the ring upon the return of the rider.

47. Every effort will be made to accommodate a conflict. However, in any case, a ring will not be held up. If a conflict occurs, a period not exceeding FIVE (5) minutes will be allowed to a Competitor/Exhibit in the Holding/Marshalling Area before incurring elimination from the Class.

48. All withdrawals from Finals must be notified to the Ringmaster at least 15 minutes before the Finals to commence.

49. **RIDER CLASSES - ONE RIDER ONE HORSE** (that is, two riders cannot ride the same horse).

50. A Rider class mount **MUST** be nominated on the Rider Class Entry form. Entries received with mount “to be advised” WILL NOT be accepted. **Requests for Change of Mount** may be accepted where made in writing to the Ground Jury/Ringmaster prior to the commencement of the Show. Requests for change of mount will require a NEW FULLY COMPLETED Rider Class Entry Form stating the horse’s name and to be signed by all required signatories with the original NSH Registration and SHC Measuring Certificate.

51. **In the Rider Under Twelve Years:** The mount of a Rider under nine years shall be restricted to not exceed a height of 14.0hh. The mount of a Rider nine years and under twelve years shall be restricted to not exceed a height of 14.2hh.

52. Riders in a Rider Class under Seventeen Years are required to wear Jodhpur boots.

53. Riders will compete in their Rider Class as at their age on the first day of the Show.

54. The horse/pony **MUST be mounted at all times during Competition and Presentation** with the rider correctly presented in full Show Attire. **Changing of riders during ANY presentation/s, that is, dismounting and remounting is not permitted and may result in immediate disqualification.**

55. All Riders are required to wear headgear as per the Competition Rules.

56. **Attention is drawn to Rule 16.2 (re spurs) and SHC 16.3 (re whips) of the SHC Competition Rules.**

57. During practice, approved safety helmet and riding boots must be worn. Any breach of this Rule may incur disqualification from the Competition.

58. Lunging is only permitted in the designated area. Exercising of horses on the Show Arena will not be permitted.

59. **NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS.**

60. **ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED** – the consumption or possession of alcohol may result in disciplinary action and/or disqualification. Riders are not to be under the influence of alcohol during the competition. Spectators in possession of alcohol may be asked to leave to grounds.

61. **CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES IS 14 SEPTEMBER 2011. Entries may be sent after 14 September 2011 until 19 September 2011 if accompanied by a \$50 late fee per entry. Entries received after 19 September 2011 will be returned.**

62. The S.H.C. Risk Management Policy applies to all persons competing and/or attending the Show. A Copy of this Policy can be downloaded from SHC of Australasia Inc. Website www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au under “Documents”.

DEFINITIONS (as provided in the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. Competition Rules):

- Class – Also referred to as an “Event”. A combination of classes is a Show or Competition.
- Competitor – The rider in a Riding or Turnout class. The person showing the horse, ie the rider or handler of the horse during the competition.
- **Exhibitor** – The person/s entering the horse for competition. **The exhibitor will be the owner and/or lessee and/or representative/agent of the said owner or lessee.**
- Owner – The owner/s is/are the person/s named as the owner/s on the horse’s Registration Certificate or ownership document.
- Representative – Is a person, who must not be the Owner, Lessee, Exhibitor or Responsible Officer, who is appointed

by the aforementioned, to act on his/her behalf in his/her absence. Official confirmation of such appointment should be in writing, else the appointment, as Representative may not be recognized.

- **Responsible Officer** – Is a person, who **must be the Owner or Lessee or Exhibitor** of the horse and is the person deemed responsible for the horse in respect of the Competition Rules and these Show Rules.