



RULES & REGULATIONS

1. This Show will be run according to Show Horse Council Competition Rules, available from S.H.C. Web Site www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au, the S.H.C. Secretary or at the Show Office on the day.
2. Entry is voluntary. By Entry, all owners/exhibitors/Responsible Officers & competitors agree to be bound by & compete in accordance with the S.H.C. Competition Rules, General Rules & the Rules & Regulations applicable to this Show. A Warning Card System shall apply at the Show for incidents of non-compliance with the Rules &/or instructions of Show Officials.
3. The Show Committee reserve the right to interpret all questions or incidents regarding or arising from this Show without recourse. Their decision will be final.
4. The S.H.C. will not be responsible for any accident or damage caused by or to any exhibit or exhibitor. All competitors compete at their own risk.
5. ALL ENTRIES to be lodged online via SHC Data base. Closing date of entries: **30th January 2017**. Entries will only be accepted from Owners/Exhibitors/Lessees/Competitors/Responsible Officers who appear current at the Closing Date in the data base Member records of an Affiliate or Constituent Affiliate of the SHC of Australasia Inc.
6. The S.H.C. reserves the right to refuse any Entry without assigning any reason, no claim shall be made against the Council should an Entry be refused.
7. All horses competing in this Event (including Rider Classes) shall be currently registered with the National Saddle Horse Register and appear in SHC Data base records by Closing Date of Entries.
 - 7.1 Where a horse is registered and/or entered in the name of a minor (under 18 years), the nomination of the Entry shall be lodged by an adult acting as, & to be considered as, The Responsible Officer for the Entry, that person be a member of an association affiliated with the SHC of A. Inc.
 - 7.2 A Shetland Pony Entry shall include a Copy of the pony's APSB Registration Papers.
8. For Horses holding a current S.H.C. Measuring Card/Certificate: A copy of the Card/Certificate shall be lodged with the Entries. Any horse not holding a Current S.H.C. Official Measuring Certificate will be required to be measured on the day & be issued with a S.H.C. Card or the Entry will not be permitted to start.
9. DRUG TESTING will be carried out in accordance with S.H.C. Competition Rules. 7.0 - 7.12 Compliance with these Rules & payment of Drug Testing Levy is mandatory to all Exhibitors competing in this Event. Refer to Rules & Regulations No.1 above. A Treatment Sheet must be submitted in accordance with Comp. Rule 7.5 for any horse receiving treatment within 30 days prior to the Show.
10. The Show Committee reserves the right to change any Judge without notice.
11. Judge's decision is final, a Protest will not be accepted on a Judge's decision.
12. Protests must be delivered in writing to the secretary, no later than one hour after the Class in question. A \$50 Fee must accompany the Protest & will be forfeited if the Protest is not upheld. The Ground Jury will adjudicate on all matters &/or Protests.
13. Rings will not be held up for Class clashes without the approval of the Ringmaster.

- Advice of any clashes must be made to Ring Officials prior to the commencement of conflicting Classes. Holding of horses due to clash to be in designated area only.
14. Entry Fees refunds will follow **Equifest Terms & Conditions-See Below**
 15. Cancellation of Stables/Camping/Shavings will follow **Equifest Terms & Conditions- See Below.**
 16. **Winners of Childs Classes, First Riddenclasses & APSB Reg. Shetland Class** eligible for Childrens Day Competition at 2018 Grand National.
 17. **First Ridden Pony:** For Ponies n/e 12.2hh & three years of age and over, ridden by a child 5 yrs & under 12 yrs. Shetland ponies are eligible to enter. As these are saddle classes, judging will be on the suitability of the mount for the rider. A snaffle bit must be used, with a cavesson
 18. **Junior Riding Classes** - The mount of a Rider under 9 yrs must not exceed 14hh. The Mount of a Rider 9yrs & Under 12yrs must not exceed 15.0hh.
 19. Attention is drawn to Rule 16.2 (re whips) of the SHC Competition Rules and Rule 16.3 Spurs: "Dummy or Roller Ball Spurs not exceeding 2cm in length are permitted. Any other type of spur is no permitted.
 20. Exhibitors must choose to compete either as a SADDLE HORSE or a SHOW HUNTER at this Show.
 21. If a horse becomes ineligible or unable to compete, notification to be provided in writing and forwarded to the Show Secretary ASAP
 22. The Show Horse Council Risk Management Policy applies to all competitors/Exhibitors spectators.attending this Show. Copy available from SHC Website under Documents www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au or at the Show Office.
 23. The Committee reserves the right to alter the Program, Timetable, Judge/s &/or other matters pertaining to this Show.
 24. The policy will be enforced that during a competition if first request to an Exhibitor/Competitor to comply with Rules &/or instructions of a Show Official is not followed **A YELLOW Warning Card** will be issued, further non compliance shall incur disqualification.
 25. Riding Classes will have set Workout, copy will be posted on SHC website prior to Competition.

THE SHOW HUNTER - Standard & Requirements Criteria

The Show Hunter Class has been created for the horse which demonstrates a bit more substance than that which is generally seen in an open hack class but it is expected to demonstrate the ability to provide a smooth, even ride and reliable temperament. The Show Hunter should exhibit sound conformation, be free from hereditary defects and unsoundness. It should demonstrate that it is sound in wind and limb but as it is expected to carry its rider across country over a variety of terrain and obstacles, an honourable bump or lump can be overlooked

The Show Hunters compete on the flat only and do not need to prove they can jump. The work-out should be similar to that expected in an open hack class but should include a hand-gallop and a change of leg at the canter. It must cover the ground in all paces, with the hand-gallop being well balanced and moving from the shoulders, with the hind legs well under. A flat and stilted action is unacceptable.

Manners are extremely important and all misdemeanours should be penalised. Saddlery should be clean, neat and well-fitting but may be more workmanlike than normal for an open hack class. Biting is optional