

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ARABIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS | RULES AND CONDITIONS

ANY PERSON ENTERING A HORSE IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS MUST BE THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE HORSE AND A CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBER OF THE ARABIAN HORSE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LTD.

The Australian Arabian National Championships (herein called "Championships") is an annual exhibition and competition of Arabian horses and Arabian Derivative horses registered with the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Limited (herein called "the Society").

The Australian Arabian National Championships are conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd. Competitors are responsible for becoming familiar with all sections of these Rules as they form a part of the conditions of Entry for the Championships. Copies of the most current rules can be downloaded from the AHSA website: asha.asn.au.

These Rules & Conditions are valid and up-to-date at the time of publication; all Rules & Conditions are subject to minor changes prior to actual event dates. The Rules and Conditions by which the Championships will be conducted are those printed in the Show Catalogue for the event. Suitable notations will be made in the Show Catalogue of any changes to the Rules & Conditions. No major changes are anticipated.

EVERY PERSON HANDLING A HORSE IN ANY CAPACITY IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE LIABILITY DECLARATION AND, IF REQUIRED, BECOME A PARTICIPANT MEMBER OF THE AHSA, AS WELL AS WEAR A COLOUR CODED WRIST BAND FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHOW.

1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1.1. Entries are subject to these Rules and Conditions and those of the current AHSA Rule Book, the Rules and Conditions if any, applicable during the Entry process and to the formal Instructions to Competitors, Judges, Marshals and Stewards and to any other verbal or written instructions issued to competitors, judges, marshals or stewards prior to or during the course of the Championships.
- 1.2. All entries are to be made and catalogued for classes as listed in the schedule.
- 1.3. Entries will not be processed until payment has been received. No exceptions.
- 1.4. Entries not fully completed or incorrectly completed may be cause for rejection of an entry/entries and a \$200 penalty may be enforced.
- 1.5. **A \$50 transaction fee shall be charged for all payments not made via the AHSA Payment Gateway.**
- 1.6. Refund of entry fees will not be made under any circumstances except if classes are cancelled. This excludes classes/championships that may be combined; full entry fees will still apply.
- 1.7. The Championships Committee shall have the power without assigning any reason therefore to:
 - a. Reject or cancel an entry at any time.
 - b. Prohibit the participation of any person or exhibit in any event or class for which it is entered.
 - c. Cancel, divide and/or combine any event or class.
 - d. Alter the time and day at which any class or event is to take place.
 - e. Order the removal of any exhibitor, spectator or exhibit from the Showground.
 - f. Transfer an exhibit from any class to any other class.
 - g. Invoke Clauses (a), (b) and (f) above on receipt of a report to the PROTEST AND APPEALS COMMITTEE of any practice which appears to constitute an act of cruelty. Such reports must be in writing and be accompanied by a fee of \$100, which will be refunded unless the report is deemed frivolous.
- 1.8. ANY EXHIBITOR when called upon to do so by any Steward or Official of the Committee shall produce evidence to the satisfaction of the Committee as to the correctness of the description and particulars contained in the Exhibitor's certificate of entry in relation to any particular exhibit.
- 1.9. EVERY EXHIBITOR shall be deemed to have guaranteed the correctness of the contents of every certificate submitted by the exhibitor or on the exhibitor's behalf. Entries of horses not yet registered or transferred with the AHSA will be rejected.
- 1.10. ANY CHEQUE or negotiable instrument received or accepted by the Society or Show Committee shall be deemed to have been received as a conditional payment only and subject to payment upon presentation. Any bank fees incurred as a result of a declined payment shall be borne by the competitor.
- 1.11. Upon disqualification of any exhibit under any of the Rules, the Committee reserves the right to amend any placing and/or awards. Should any prize winning exhibit be disqualified, subsequent entries do not necessarily obtain their placing. The Championships Commission shall decide the final outcome after consultation with the Judges.
- 1.12. PERFORMANCE – all exhibits entered in any ridden/under saddle/performance sections, either qualifying or final, at the Australian National or Australian Youth National Championships, MUST be aged FOUR YEARS OF AGE & OLDER. Please see current AHSA Rule Book.
- 1.13. **EXHIBIT NUMBERS & CATALOGUES**
 - a. Must be collected from the Show Office.
 - b. Correct numbers are to be worn around the neck of the exhibit, or around the waist or on the back of the handler or rider during each class. Exhibits displaying the incorrect number and/or failing to wear any number may be excluded from competing in a Championship.
 - c. Exhibits not complying with this rule may not be judged.
 - d. Each exhibit shall display the same exhibit number in all events it contests.
- 1.14. **LIABILITY DECLARATION**
 - a. Any person handling, riding, driving, training, grooming or preparing a horse/pony (Handlers, Trainers, Grooms, etc.), who is not a financial member of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia, OR an AHSA Affiliate is also required to complete the **AHSA Participant Membership Application & pay the relevant Membership Fee**.
 - b. These documents should be lodged with the AHSA to be processed in order that the Show Organising Committee can correctly allocate wrist bands.
 - c. Any person found to be handling any horse, who is not wearing their wrist band, may face disciplinary action.
 - d. No person, under any circumstances, will be allowed to enter the ring without their wrist band.
- 1.15. **PROHIBITED APPARATUS** – Please refer to the current AHSA Rule Book.
- 1.16. **PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**
 - a. Any Official may upon any part of the grounds upon which the Championships are being conducted and at any time during the duration of the Championships make or cause to be made any test of any horse to determine whether any prohibited substance has been administered to such horse and may take possession of any such horse for any of the aforesaid purposes and detain such exhibit for such period as is deemed necessary. For the purpose of this rule, the exhibitor hereby irrevocably authorizes such Official to take and retain possession of the said horse for the aforesaid purpose.
 - b. Any horse presented for competition in any show conducted by/for the Society or an Affiliate of the Society which returns a positive reading to a prohibited substance shall be deemed to have had that prohibited substance administered to it and may be disqualified and in the event of such disqualification shall forfeit any awards gained from any event or class for or in which it has been entered or competed. In addition, the owner/lessee or the person who had charge of the horse may be dealt with in accordance with the current AHSA Rule Book, including, but not limited to, financial and/or eligibility penalties.
 - c. Please refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or the FEI List of Prohibited Substances: www.fei.org.
- 1.17. **HEIGHT CERTIFICATES**
 - a. all entries aged Three & Over entered in classes in which height at withers is a condition of entry, must be measured by the official Measuring Steward prior to the start of the class, or submit a valid Height Certificate acceptable to Show Management (EA, SHC, Royal Show certified or previous AANC height certificate) with entries / upon check-in.
 - b. all Valid Height Certificates, excluding official Lifetime Height Certificates, must have been issued in the last twelve (12) months, or previous years AANC.
 - c. valid height certificate must be available upon request at all times.
- 1.18. **RESPONSIBILITY**- Neither the Society nor the Organizing Committee shall be liable to any person in case of loss or damage by reason of any defect, accident, negligence or neglect, however arising.
- 1.19. **ACCIDENT AND OR INJURY**: ALL accidents or injuries to horses MUST be reported to the Show Manager immediately.
- 1.20. **OFFICIAL TREATMENT OF MINOR INJURIES**
 - a. VETERINARY SURGEON - The Official Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the Show Committee in conjunction with any Official may authorize the treatment of injury or illness which occurs on the showground prior to the exhibit competing. The Official Veterinary Surgeon's decision will be final.
 - b. PROCEDURE – Please refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or contact the Society.
 - c. ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES – Please refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or contact the Society.
 - d. COSTS – All costs incurred regarding the taking of samples and their analysis shall be borne by the owner/exhibitor.

2. CONDUCT OF EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS

- 2.1. Please refer to the current AHSA Rule Book. Where a person is concerned, please also refer to the current AHSA Rule Book.
- 2.2. **CODE OF BEHAVIOUR CARD SYSTEM**: Please refer to the current AHSA Rule Book.

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3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. **"OFFICIAL"** means any person or persons appointed by the Society for the purposes of carrying out any function under these Rules and Conditions. This shall include any member of the Championships Committee and any Steward appointed by the Championships Committee.
- 3.2. **"PROTEST AND APPEALS COMMITTEE"** - the Protest and Appeals Committee shall be the Committee appointed by the Society. No member of the Protest and Appeals Committee may hear a protest in the section of the Championships in which he is exhibiting or competing.
- 3.3. **"DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE"** the Disciplinary Committee shall be the Committee appointed by the Society. It will consist of the Chairman of the Society, the Chairman of the Championships, the Senior Vice Chairman of the Society and one other Board member of the Society.
- 3.4. **Height Definitions**
 - 3.1.1. **Small Pony** – Not exceeding 12.2hh
 - 3.1.2. **Large Pony** – 12.2hh and not exceeding 14hh
 - 3.1.3. **Galloway** – 14hh and not exceeding 15hh
 - 3.1.4. **Small Hack** – 15hh and not exceeding 15.2hh
 - 3.1.5. **Large Hack** - 15.2hh and over
- 3.2. **Class Division Definitions**
 - a. **Non-Professional (Non-Pro) Division Acronyms**
 - i. NPTH – Non-Pro to Handle
 - ii. NPTR - Non-Pro to Ride
- 3.3. For further definitions refer to the AHSA RuleBook.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- a. **General Qualifications; Please note, due to COVID-19 and its implications on society and our show scene, NO QUALIFICATIONS will be required for 2021 only.**

5. GENERAL

- 5.1. The Championships will be conducted and classes shall be adjudicated in accordance with the current Rules of the AHSA. Ltd. in force and published at the time of the Championships, on the website www.ahsa.asn.au and the Championship Rules as printed in the catalogue of the Show at the time. In case of any conflict between the last mentioned rules and these Championship Rules and Conditions, the latter shall prevail.
- 5.2. **The Show Committee, after receiving ratification by the Judges & Officials Committee, reserves the right to adjust the Championships schedule, to remove, replace or reallocate judges and/or judging assignments, as well as to split, combine, add and/or remove classes and/or divisions at any time prior to or during the Event. Written notice, either posted on the event website or posted onsite in the Show Office, will be provided to exhibitors of all such changes and modifications.**
- 5.3. The Show Committee, after receiving ratification by the Judges & Officials Committee, reserves the right to adjust and/or modify the allocation of awards to each division and/or breed section according to number of entries from the current Event or based on past Events.
- 5.4. **AWARDS** - National Champion honours shall be awarded as follows:
 - a. Breed Halter/Ridden/Youth Championships with fourteen or more (14) entries: Gold Champion, Silver Champion, Bronze Champion & seven (7) Top Tens
 - b. Breed Halter/Ridden/Youth Championships with five (5) to less than fourteen (14) entries: Gold Champion, Silver Champion, Bronze Champion & two (2) Top Fives
 - c. Breed Halter/Ridden/Youth Championships with less than five (5) entries: Gold Champion, Silver Champion, Bronze Champion
 - d. Non-Pro Championships with 14 or more (14) entries: National Champion, Reserve National Champion & eight (8) Top Tens
 - e. Non-Pro Championships with less than fourteen (14) entries: National Champion, Reserve National Champion & three (3) Top Fives
 - f. All other classes offering Champion/Reserve Champion: fourteen (14) or more entries: National Champion, Reserve National Champion & eight (8) Top Tens
 - g. All other classes offering Champion/Reserve Champion: less than fourteen (14) entries: National Champion, Reserve National Champion & three (3) Top fives
- 5.5. **COMBINING OF QUALIFYING CLASSES/CHAMPIONSHIPS**
 - a. At the close of entry, classes with less than ten (10) entries in any section, division, age, sex and/or breed may be combined at the sole discretion of the Championships Committee.
 - b. Classes and/or divisions with less than ten (10) total entries may be combined with other classes of the same gender, the same age (i.e. Junior or Senior), and/or the same or similar breeds, even if the class with which the smaller number of entries is being combined exceeds the minimum requirement of ten (10) entries.
- 5.6. **Commercial Displays**
 - a. No commercial display of any product or service is permitted at any time or anywhere upon the showgrounds including stabling areas without the written permission of the Society or Organising Committee.
 - b. Commercial display includes signs in any form. This does not apply to exhibitor stud or trainer promotion.
- 5.7. **COMPARATIVE JUDGING**
 - a. All Championship classes with a single judge designation will be adjudicated **comparatively**.
 - b. Each judge shall record his/her selections or placings on a scoresheet as provided by the Show committee and in a manner as directed by the Championships Committee from time to time.
- 5.8. **JUDGE RESPONSIBILITIES:** In reference to section 6.3 of the current AHSA Rule Book, the Organising Committee reserves the right to make exceptions when warranted when a Judge is a member of a multi-judge panel adjudicating any section/division/discipline at the Australian National Championships.
- 5.9. **PROTEST AND APPEALS** – Refer to the most current AHSA Rule Book or visit website: www.ahsa.asn.au.
- 5.10. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE OUTBREAKS:** Infectious diseases such as Hendra Virus and Equine Influenza are notifiable by law. The AHSA in conjunction with the venue have formulated a Biosecurity Plan for the protection of horses and people. We are not expecting any outbreaks nor have there been any issues within the area however you are reminded that any sick horse should NOT leave your property and should not be brought to the event. The Show Committee assigns stables to competitors which cannot be altered without consent from your assigned Stable Warden. The primary responsibility for biosecurity at events lies with the horse owners, riders and trainers well before the event. Owners and those providing agistment and/or training for horses should have their own biosecurity plans on properties where horses are kept. Information for horse owners is available on the websites of the CSIRO and the Department of Primary Industries.
- 5.11. **QUALIFYING CLASS SPLITS**
 - a. Any Ridden Championship with more than thirteen (13) entries may be split into multiple sections for judging.
 - b. Any Led Championship with more than twenty (20) entries may be split into multiple sections for judging.

6. HALTER EXHIBIT ADJUDICATION

- 6.1. **HANDLING OF EXHIBITS**
 - a. Handlers may exhibit an unlimited number of exhibits in the qualifying (Q-listed) classes.
 - b. Handlers may exhibit only ONE (1) horse in a Championship Final (F-listed). Should a handler qualify multiple exhibits for the same Championship Final, suitably attired and capable handlers must handle the remaining exhibits from the start to the conclusion of the class.
 - c. EXCEPTION: Should a handler be physically injured and incapable of running with an exhibit at the trot, a designated runner may exhibit the horse at the trot at the beginning of the Championship Final.
- 6.2. **PUREBRED ARABIANS**

To be assessed with the Arabian Scorecard, as provided by the AHSA, in qualifying classes according to age of exhibit and gender.
- 6.3. **ARABIAN DERIVATIVES**

To be assessed with the Arabian Derivative Scorecard, as provided by the AHSA, in Championship classes according to age, gender and/or breed of exhibit.
- 6.4. **THE JUDGING SYSTEMS**
 - a. **THE ARABIAN SCORECARD**
 - i. To be used in all qualifying classes (Q-listed classes) for purebred fillies, mares, colts, stallions and geldings of all ages.
 - ii. A five (5) Judge System will be utilized to score all exhibits in all purebred Arabian Breeding & In-Hand qualifying classes.

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- iii. Prior to commencement of judging, a random selection will be made to allocate judges as 'Judge 1', 'Judge 2', 'Judge 3', 'Judge 4' & 'Judge 5' in each event for the purpose of resolving ties.
- iv. Class Conduct: Each exhibit shall be shown individually to the judging panel at the trot, walk and stand-up.
- v. Assignment of Scores: Judges will award each exhibit with a numerical score between ten (10) & twenty (20), half points allowed, in the following six (6) categories: (1) Arabian Type (2) Head (3) Neck & Shoulder (4) Body & Topline (5) Feet & Legs (6) Movement
- vi. Scorecards will be turned in by each judge immediately following the adjudication of each entry. All scorecards will be totaled by the Scoring Committee to determine the Combined Categorical Score for each entry. Scorecards will be posted after the qualifying classes.
- vii. The maximum score awarded each exhibit from a single judge is one hundred twenty (120) points. Combined Categorical Scores from all five (5) judges will be added together to determine the Total Accumulated Score awarded to each exhibit. The maximum Total Accumulated Score achievable is 600 points utilizing the five (5) judge system.
- viii. TOP FIVE/TEN PLACINGS: All exhibit scores will be ranked from highest to lowest to determine the Top Five/Ten qualified exhibits for the Final Championship. Those exhibits receiving the five (5) or ten (10) highest scores in each age division – Yearling, Junior & Senior – will qualify to compete in the Comparative Championship. All exhibitors are responsible for verifying the individual scores of their exhibit to determine if they have qualified for the comparative Final.

b. THE ARABIAN DERIVATIVE SCORECARD

- i. To be used in all Halter classes for Arabian Derivative fillies, mares, colts, stallions and geldings of all ages.
- ii. A five (5) Judge System will be utilized to score all exhibits in all Arabian Derivative Breeding & In-Hand qualifying classes.
- iii. Prior to commencement of judging, a random selection will be made to allocate judges as 'Judge 1', 'Judge 2', 'Judge 3', 'Judge 4' & 'Judge 5' in each event for the purpose of resolving ties.
- iv. Class Conduct: Each exhibit shall be shown individually to the judging panel at the trot, walk and stand-up.
- v. Assignment of Scores: Judges will award each exhibit with a numerical score between ten (10) & twenty (20), half points allowed, in the following five categories: (1) Derivative Breed Type, Quality & Balance (2) Forequarter (3) Body & Hindquarter (4) Feet & Legs (5) Movement
- vi. Scorecards will be turned in by each judge immediately following the adjudication of each entry. All scorecards will be totaled by the Scoring Committee to determine the Combined Categorical Score for each entry. Scorecards will be posted after the conclusion of each Championship.
- vii. The maximum score awarded each exhibit from a single judge is one hundred (100) points. Combined Categorical Scores from all five (5) judges will be added together to determine the Total Accumulated Score awarded to each exhibit. The maximum Total Accumulated Score achievable is 500 points utilizing the five (5) Judge system.

6.5 CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURE –

ARABIAN DERIVATIVE LED FINALS

- (a) All Arabian Derivative sections will NOT be judged comparatively in a Championship Final. Championship placings for Gold, Silver & Bronze Champion, as well as remaining Top Five (or Top Ten), will be determined by scores awarded in the qualifying sections and ranked from highest to lowest.

PUREBRED ARABIAN LED FINALS

- (b) All Purebred Championship Finals to be judged comparatively by all five (5) judges.
- (c) Prior to commencement of judging, a random selection will be made to allocate judges as 'Judge 1', through 'Judge 5' in each event for the purpose of resolving ties.
- (d) Each Championship Final will be comprised of the five (5) highest scoring horses from all qualifying classes (Q-listed) in each respective Yearling, Junior & Senior division for fillies, mares, colts, stallions & geldings for purebred Arabians.
- (e) Should division qualifying classes (Q-listed) have fourteen (14) or more entries collectively, the Championship Final will be comprised of the ten (10) highest scoring horses.
- (f) Where five (5) horses qualified for the Championship Final, all will return to the ring in numerical order and stand in the one line as designated by the Ring Steward.
- (g) Should ten (10) horses be qualified for a Championship Final, these 10 horses will be divided into two groups of 5, the first comprising the 5 highest scoring horses, the second group comprising the 5 lower scoring of the Top 10. Each group will return to the ring in numerical order, group one will form a front line (from which the Gold Champion must be chosen) Group two will form a back line, the Silver and Bronze Champions can be chosen from either line.

(h) CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL PROCEDURE

- i. All five (5) entries shall enter the ring collectively at a walk in a clockwise direction in numerical order, if there are 10 qualified horses returning, entry to the ring will begin with the first line numerically, followed by the second line numerically. The purpose of this presentation is to allow the Judging Panel to collectively assess the quality of the championship entries at a natural walk.
 - ii. At the conclusion of the collective walk, all horses shall line-up at the direction of the Ring Steward in one line (for five qualified exhibits) and two single lines – a front row & second row (for ten qualified exhibits).
 - iii. Each entry will then be exhibited INDIVIDUALLY as a halter horse to determine championship placings. Horse to be presented for evaluation by judging panel in a controlled, yet uninhibited and/or intimidated manner. Horse shall stand squarely on all four legs and shall be shown with natural elegance and professionalism.
 - iv. No individual scores shall be awarded – all judging in the Championship Finals shall be comparative.
 - v. Judges will move as a group to evaluate each horse in succession. All five (5) judges will begin adjudicating each Championship Final by evaluating the first horse in the front line. Judges will then proceed as a group to the next exhibit, until all horses have been evaluated by the Judging Panel in both lines.
 - vi. During the collective evaluation of each Championship immediately following the collective walk, exhibitors are ONLY allowed to stand-up/show and/or prepare horses for presentation when the Judging Panel is either evaluating their horse or evaluating the horse immediately prior. Only TWO (2) horses should be showing at any time in the arena during the group evaluation by the Judges. While waiting for the Judging Panel, exhibitors are encouraged to stand alongside the horse until the group of Judges has moved into a position near them to allow for preparation and presentation of their entry.
 - vii. Once an entry has been evaluated, exhibitors MUST cease from presenting the exhibit until all horses have been evaluated by the Judging Panel collectively. As with the horses waiting to be evaluated, exhibitors are encouraged to stand alongside the horse until all exhibits have been evaluated.
 - viii. Once the final horse has been evaluated by the collective group of Judges, Judges are free to roam the arena to evaluate horses individually. At this time, exhibitors may stand-up and present their horses at will.
- (i) SELECTION OF GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE & TOP FIVE (TEN) CHAMPIONS
 - i. Each judge will then rank in order of preference on his/her Championship Final card – GOLD CHAMPION first (1st), SILVER CHAMPION second (2nd), BRONZE CHAMPION third (3rd), Reserve Choice fourth (4th) and 5th (or to 10th if necessary).
 - ii. Gold Champion MUST be selected from amongst the five (5) entries in the front line. If only five entries are competing in a Championship Final ALL exhibits are eligible to be named GOLD CHAMPION.
 - iii. Once the Gold Champion has been selected from the front line on each judge's card, judges may place the remaining horses (from either row) in ANY order.
 - iv. Once completed, each judge will submit his/her card to the Ring Steward for submission to the Scorer for tabulation.
 - v. **Gold Champion** will be determined according to **MAJORITY OPINION**: the individual horse receiving the **greatest number (majority) of first place votes** from all judges officiating will be awarded the title of GOLD CHAMPION. **No points will be assigned to ranked entries to determine the title of GOLD CHAMPION. Please see 6.6.c RULES FOR BREAKING TIES – CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL – PUREBRED ARABIANS below to clarify the procedure for determining GOLD CHAMPION should majority opinion not be easily ascertained from total number of first place votes.**
 - vi. **Any exhibit receiving THREE (3) votes for GOLD CHAMPION shall be determined the winner by MAJORITY OPINION, regardless of the remaining two judges' votes.**
 - vii. Once the Gold Champion has been determined by Majority Opinion, points shall be assigned to each of the remaining ranked entries on the Championship judges' cards as follows:
 1. Fifty (50) points will be awarded to each entry placed first (excluding the GOLD CHAMPION)
 2. Forty (40) points will be awarded to each entry horse placed second (excluding the GOLD CHAMPION)
 3. Thirty (30) points will be awarded to each entry horse placed third (excluding the GOLD CHAMPION)
 4. Twenty (20) points will be awarded to each entry horse placed fourth (excluding the GOLD CHAMPION)
 - viii. The entry with the most accumulated points from the remaining entries will be awarded the title of SILVER CHAMPION. The entry with the second highest accumulated score of the remaining entries will be awarded the title of BRONZE CHAMPION. The remainder of the exhibits in the championship line-up not determined to be GOLD, SILVER or BRONZE CHAMPION shall all be awarded the title of TOP FIVE (or TOP TEN).
 - ix. TOP FIVE (or TOP TEN) Championship honours shall be announced and awarded in numerical order. Following the announcement of the full Top Five/Ten, the Bronze Champion will be announced and awarded, followed by the Silver Champion, and finally the Gold Champion.

6.6 RULES FOR BREAKING TIES

(a) QUALIFYING HEATS UTILIZING THE ARABIAN SCORECARD

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- i. In the case of a tie, the horse awarded the higher points for TYPE from the Total Accumulated Score shall be declared the winner.
 - ii. Should the points for TYPE be the same, the horse receiving the higher points for MOVEMENT from the Total Accumulated Score shall be declared the winner.
 - iii. Should the horses further prove to be tied in points for both TYPE and MOVEMENT, the horse receiving the higher Total Accumulated Score from the designated Call Judge in that class shall be deemed the winner.
 - iv. Should the horses still be tied, the horse receiving the higher Total Accumulated Score from the designated Judge 2 in that class shall be deemed the winner.
 - v. Should the horses still prove to be tied, this process of breaking ties shall continue through designated Judge 5 for that class until a clear winner can be decided.
 - vi. Should the tie prove impossible to break according to points awarded by the five judges who officiated the class, the tied horses in question will be asked to return to the ring to be comparatively judged by the designated Call Judge for the class. The decision of the Call Judge will be final.
- (b) **CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL UTILIZING THE ARABIAN DERIVATIVE SCORECARD**
- i. In the case of a tie, the horse awarded the higher points for DERIVATIVE BREED TYPE, QUALITY & BALANCE from the Total Accumulated Score shall be declared the winner.
 - ii. Should the points for DERIVATIVE BREED TYPE, QUALITY & BALANCE be the same, the horse receiving the higher points for MOVEMENT from the Total Accumulated Score shall be declared the winner.
 - iii. Should the horses further prove to be tied in points for both DERIVATIVE BREED TYPE, QUALITY & BALANCE as well as MOVEMENT, the horse receiving the higher Total Accumulated Score from the designated Call Judge in that class shall be deemed the winner.
 - iv. Should the horses still be tied, the horse receiving the higher Total Accumulated Score from the designated Judge 2 in that class shall be deemed the winner.
 - v. Should the horses still prove to be tied, this process of breaking ties shall continue through designated Judge 5 for that class until a clear winner can be decided.
 - vi. Should the tie prove impossible to break according to points awarded by the five judges who officiated the class, the tied horses in question will be asked to return to the ring to be comparatively judged by the designated Call Judge for the class. The decision of the Call Judge will be final.
- (c) **CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL – PUREBRED ARABIANS**
- i. Should a 'tie' for GOLD CHAMPION occur at any point in the championship (any instance in which MAJORITY OPINION does not prevail), the horse with the higher Total Accumulated Score (from 600) in the qualifying class shall be placed GOLD CHAMPION in the tie. Refer to Rule 6.5.j.v & .vi. In the Championship Final, a 'tie' is considered any instance in which a Majority Opinion cannot be clearly determined from the votes cast for Gold Champion. Please see below:

	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Judge 4	Judge 5	Gold Champion
Scenario 1 Clear Majority Opinion	101 (552.0)	101 (552.0)	101 (552.0)	101 (552.0)	101 (552.0)	101
Scenario 2 Clear Majority Opinion	101 (552.0)	101 (552.0)	476 (549.5)	101 (552.0)	101 (552.0)	101
Scenario 3 Clear Majority Opinion	101 (552.0)	476 (549.5)	101 (552.0)	333 (549.0)	101 (552.0)	101
Scenario 4 Majority Opinion	101 (552.0)	476 (549.5)	101 (552.0)	476 (549.5)	101 (552.0)	101
Scenario 5 Majority Opinion	101 (552.0)	476 (549.5)	101 (552.0)	333 (549.0)	254 (548.0)	101
Scenario 6 Highest Cumulative Score	101 (552.0)	476 (549.5)	101 (552.0)	333 (549.0)	476 (549.5)	101
Scenario 7 Highest Cumulative Score	101 (552.0)	476 (549.5)	127(545.0)	333 (549.0)	254 (548.0)	101

- ii. Should the Total Accumulated Scores be identical, the horse awarded the higher points for TYPE (from 100) from the Total Accumulated Score shall be declared GOLD CHAMPION.
- iii. Should the points for TYPE be the same, the horse receiving the higher points for MOVEMENT (from 100) from the Total Accumulated Score shall be declared GOLD CHAMPION.
- iv. Should a tie still exist after each of these tie-breaking methods have been utilized, the horse ranked higher on the Call Judge's card in the Championship Final shall be declared GOLD CHAMPION.
- v. **The exhibit not chosen as GOLD CHAMPION in the tie, SHALL NOT automatically be awarded the title of SILVER CHAMPION. Please refer to Rules 6.5.j.vii & viii to clearly understand the determination of Silver Champion, Bronze Champion & any remaining Top Five or Top Ten awards after Gold Champion has been determined and awarded in the case where a clear & simple Majority Opinion has not prevailed.**

6.7 SCORESHEETS

- (a) Each judge shall record his/her selections or placings on a scoresheet as provided by the Show Committee and in a manner as directed by the Championships Committee from time to time.
- (b) All judge's scoresheets shall be collected after each preliminary judging or final judging and marked by appointees of the Championships Committee (the Scoring Committee). The scoresheets are to be held in a secure place under the control of the Championships Committee until the conclusion of the Australian Arabian National Championships, at which time they become the property of the Society.

7. PUREBRED ARABIAN & ARABIAN DERIVATIVE RIDDEN EXHIBIT ADJUDICATION

7.1 JUDGING PANEL

- (a) All purebred Arabians & Arabian Derivatives – mares, stallions and geldings – competing in the Ridden division shall be evaluated on the circle and in individual workouts by a panel of three (3) judges.
- (b) Divisions with less than twelve (12) entries will compete in a Championship Final ONLY utilizing the Ridden Scorecard.
- (c) Divisions with greater than twelve (12) entries will compete in qualifying sections – randomly assigned and adjudicated utilizing the Ridden Scorecard. Scores earned in these qualifying sections will be ranked collectively to determine the order of winners to receive awards for the Championship Final, which shall NOT include a ridden component, and shall consist of awards only.

7.2 RIDDEN SCORECARD – ASSESSING THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL FOR RIDDEN PUREBRED ARABIANS & ARABIAN DERIVATIVES

- (a) The Ridden Scorecard will assess each exhibits Suitability & Utility as a riding horse displaying exemplary breed character, by assigning scores from one (1) to ten (10), half points allowed, under the general categorization of TYPE & CONFORMATION (60%) and PERFORMANCE (40%), in the following seven categories:
 - i. Arabian Breed (purebred) or Saddle (Arabian Derivative) Type & Quality (*multiplied by a factor of 2*) – TYPE & CONFORMATION
 - ii. Conformation & Balance – TYPE & CONFORMATION
 - iii. Presentation – TYPE & CONFORMATION
 - iv. Soundness & Quality of Movement (*multiplied by a factor of 2*) – TYPE & CONFORMATION
 - v. Paces – PERFORMANCE
 - vi. Manners – PERFORMANCE
 - vii. Education – PERFORMANCE
 - viii. Execution of Workout - PERFORMANCE
- (b) The highest possible score for each exhibit assigned by a single judge is one hundred (100) points.
- (c) Scores from all judges will totalled together achieve the Total Aggregate Score for each performance.

7.3 RULES FOR BREAKING TIES

(a) TOTAL AGGREGATE SCORES

- ii. Should two or more exhibits be awarded identical Total Aggregate Scores, the horse receiving the higher score for PERFORMANCE – the scores of Manners, Paces, Education & Execution of Workout combined – shall be declared the higher ranking horse.
- iii. Should two or more exhibits further possess identical scores in the PERFORMANCE categories, then the exhibit that has received the higher Total Aggregate Score from the Call Judge shall be determined the higher ranking horse.
- iv. Should the aforementioned two scores still be identical, then the exhibit that has received the higher score in the PERFORMANCE categories from the Call Judge shall be determined the higher ranking horse.
- v. This same process of first comparing Total Aggregate Scores and then scores from the PERFORMANCE categories shall continue through Judge 2, and if necessary, Judge 3, until a higher ranking horse can be determined.
- vi. Should a tie still exist between two of more exhibits after all the tie breaking rules have been exhausted, the Call Judge will determine the ranking. The decision of the Call Judge is final.

8. SPECIAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

8.1 DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (a) Gold, Silver and Bronze & Top 5 National Champion honors to be awarded as follows:
 - (b) To be eligible to win a Division National Champion, all exhibits MUST enter, compete and score in BOTH qualifying tests offered in each division excluding Prix St Georges.
 - (c) Those horses receiving the five (5) highest scores – combined from BOTH qualifying tests – shall be named National Gold Champion (highest cumulative score), National Silver Champion (second cumulative highest score), National Bronze Champion (third cumulative highest score) National Top Five (fourth through fifth highest cumulative scores).
 - 1) Arabian /Arabian Derivative/API Preparatory National Champion
 - 2) Arabian /Arabian Derivative/API Preparatory Youth National Champion
 - 3) Arabian/Arabian Derivative/API Preliminary National Champion
 - 4) Arabian/Arabian Derivative/API Preliminary Youth National Champion
 - 5) Arabian/Arabian Derivative/API Novice National Champion
 - 6) Arabian/Arabian Derivative/API Novice Youth National Champion
- THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS REQUIRE AT LEAST 3 ENTRIES IN EACH TEST TO BE VIABLE**
- 7) Arabian/Arabian Derivative/API Elementary National Champion
 - 8) Arabian/Arabian Derivative/API Medium National Champion
 - 9) Arabian/Arabian Derivative/API Advanced National Champion
 - 10) Arabian/Arabian Derivative/API Prix St Georges National Champion

8.2 OPEN SHOW HACK LED

- (a) All registered Arabians & Arabian Derivatives in an AHSA Stud Book or API Recorded are eligible to compete for this National Championship.
- (b) To be run as an Open Led Hack class.

8.3 OPEN SHOW HACK RIDDEN

- (a) All registered Arabians & Arabian Derivatives in an AHSA Stud Book or API Recorded are eligible to compete for this National Championship.
- (b) To be run as an Open Hack class. Please refer to the current AHSA Rule Book for all class specifications.

9. SPECIALTY CHAMPIONSHIPS (Not considered an Australian National Championship title)

9.1 SILVER SNAFFLE

- (a) All exhibits four (4) and five (5) year old registered with a recognized AHSA registry are eligible to compete.
- (b) Horse to be ridden and presented as a Hack and in a regular snaffle bit with a dropped, Hannoverian or cavesson nose band. The rules for Hack classes, snaffle bits and tack apply as listed in the current AHSA Rule Book.
- (c) Exhibits to perform a set workout. Workout will be posted well in advance of show date. Copies will be posted in the Show Office and made available to exhibitors.
- (d) To be judged using the Silver Snaffle Scorecard by three judges. Horses to be scored from 1 to 10, for a total possible score of 100, in the following categories:

a. Quality of Working Trot	f. Quality of Halt
b. Quality of Lengthened Trot	g. Quality of Conformation
c. Quality of Canter Right	h. Quality of Presentation (Horse & Rider)
d. Quality of Canter Left	i. Quality of Paces & Overall Work
e. Quality of Transitions	j. Overall Balance & Impression
- (e) The exhibit with the highest overall cumulative score totaled from all three judges (from 300) shall be determined Champion. Reserve Champion & a full Top Five will be awarded according to the next highest scores in ranked order, utilizing the total cumulative score of all three judges scores.
- (f) In the event of a tie, the highest cumulative score on (J) shall determine the winner. Should a tie still occur, the highest cumulative score of (G) shall determine the winner. Should a tie still occur, the highest cumulative score of (H) shall determine the winner.

9.2 SA'VEY ARABIANS, ARABIAN GELDING HALTER JACKPOT NPOTH

- (a) Sponsored by Sa'VeY Arabians, with the aim of promoting greater involvement of non-professionals and owner/breeders in the show ring, and to showcase the Arabian gelding as the ideal horse for this purpose.
- (b) Open to all purebred Arabian geldings registered with the AHSA.
- (c) Handler of horse must be a Non-Pro, with current Non-Pro Declaration on file with the AHSA, and the registered owner of the horse as listed in with AHSA at the time of entry and on the specified show date.
- (d) Non-Pro Eligibility: restricted to Non-Professionals who have NOT won Gold, Silver or Bronze National Champion, or National or Reserve Champion, at the AANC since 2015, in any open or Non-Pro halter, breeding and/or led in-hand championship.
- (e) To follow the Class Conduct and Scoring Procedures as outlined in **6.4 THE JUDGING SYSTEMS** for Arabian halter classes.
- (f) All entries will be assessed using the Arabian Scorecard. Total Cumulative scores from all judges will be totaled to determine the final placings based on ranking from highest to lowest.
- (g) Gold, Silver & Bronze Champion will be awarded, as well as a full Top Ten, regardless of the total number of entries.
- (h) Jackpot prize money will be paid to the Gold (60%), Silver (30%) & Bronze (10%) Champions. Jackpot prize money will consist of at least 50% of total entry income.

10. ULTRA ARABIAN & ARABIAN DERIVATIVE NATIONAL CHAMPION CHALLENGES (Not considered an Australian National Championship title)

- 10.1** Open to all registered purebred Arabians & Arabian Derivatives aged four & older. Purebred Arabians & Arabian Derivatives will compete separately in their own divisions for the top three prizes: Gold, Silver & Bronze Champion.
- 10.2** Exhibits wishing to participate in the ULTRA ARABIAN NATIONAL CHAMPION CHALLENGE or the ULTRA ARABIAN DERIVATIVE NATIONAL CHAMPION CHALLENGE should so designate during the entry process. All eligible exhibits may enter at any time prior to the start of the show.
- 10.3** Anyone contesting for these awards MUST complete a Point Score Sheet, which MUST be returned to the Show Office in order to be eligible. Failure to complete this form accurately and in detail, and return to the Show Office prior to the start of the Saturday evening classes, may result in exhibit ineligibility. Ideally, submissions should be received only after the final competition has been completed, for which eligibility is counted in the total calculation for each Challenge award. Whilst it would be preferable to be able to award these titles during the Saturday Evening Classes, time constraints and competitor availability may result in the awarding of these honours post-show.
- 10.4** Exhibits to be shown in both National Championship divisions for Breeding/In-Hand & Ridden performance.
 - a. Breeding/In-Hand Division**
 - i. Exhibit must enter and compete in appropriate Senior (Aged Four & Older) Breeding/In-Hand halter qualifying class.
 - ii. Exhibit may designate during entry process the preference to NOT be considered for Top Ten eligibility and participation in the Championship Final.
 - iii. Each exhibit shall be judged utilizing the Arabian or Arabian Derivative Scorecard. As such, each exhibit shall be awarded a Total Accumulated Score in the Breeding/In-Hand division.
 - a. Ridden Division**
 - i. Exhibit must enter and compete in appropriate purebred Ridden performance qualifying class.
 - ii. Each exhibit shall be judged by three (3) judges utilizing the Ridden Scorecard. Each exhibit shall be awarded a Total Score in the Ridden division.
- 10.5 DETERMINATION OF AWARD WINNERS**
 - a. The Total Accumulated Halter/In-Hand Score & Total Ridden Score for each exhibit shall be added together to determine a COMBINED HALTER & RIDDEN SCORE.
 - b. All COMBINED HALTER & RIDDEN SCORES for all entered exhibits shall be ranked from highest to lowest.

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- c. The exhibit receiving the highest COMBINED HALTER & RIDDEN SCORE shall be determined the ULTRA ARABIAN or ARABIAN DERIVATIVE NATIONAL GOLD CHAMPION, respectively.
- d. The exhibit receiving the next highest COMBINED HALTER & RIDDEN SCORE shall be determined the ULTRA ARABIAN or ARABIAN DERIVATIVE NATIONAL SILVER CHAMPION, respectively.
- e. The exhibit receiving the third highest COMBINED HALTER & RIDDEN SCORE shall be determined the ULTRA ARABIAN or ARABIAN DERIVATIVE NATIONAL BRONZE CHAMPION, respectively.
- f. Only the top three (3) score achievers shall be recognized with Gold, Silver & Bronze Champion awards.

11. ARABIAN & ARABIAN DERIVATIVE VERSATILITY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGES (Not considered an Australian National Championship title)

- 11.1 Open to all registered purebred Arabians and Arabian Derivatives aged four & older. Purebred Arabians & Arabian Derivatives will compete separately in their own divisions for the top three prizes: Gold, Silver & Bronze Champion.
- 11.2 Exhibits wishing to participate in either the ARABIAN or ARABIAN DERIVATIVE VERSATILITY CHALLENGE should so designate during the entry process. All eligible exhibits may enter at any time prior to the start of the show.
- 11.3 Anyone contesting for these awards MUST complete a Point Score Sheet, which MUST be returned to the Show Office in order to be eligible. Failure to complete this form accurately and in detail, and return to the Show Office prior to the start of the Saturday classes, may result in exhibit ineligibility. Ideally, submissions should be received only after the final competition has been completed, for which eligibility is counted in the total calculation for each Challenge award. Whilst it would be preferable to be able to award these titles during the Saturday Evening Finals, time constraints and competitor availability may result in the awarding of these honours post-show.
- 11.4 Exhibits to be shown in both a National Championship division for Breeding/In-Hand & Ridden performance, as well as three (3) other National Champion performance divisions. Non-Pro & Dressage National Championships classes are all eligible to be considered qualifying classes in the Versatility Challenge.
 - (a) **Breeding/In-Hand Division**
 - i. Exhibit must enter and compete in appropriate Senior (Aged Four & Older) Breeding/In-Hand or Led Show Hack halter qualifying class.
 - ii. Exhibit may designate during entry process the preference to NOT be considered for National Championship award eligibility.
 - iii. Should an exhibit compete in more than one halter class (breeding, in-hand and/or Led Show Hack), only the highest ranked placing achieved shall count towards the TOTAL VERSATILITY score.
 - iv. The ranking of the exhibit in the class, whether achieved utilizing a scorecard or determined comparatively, will be used to determine the points achieved towards TOTAL VERSATILITY SCORE.
 - (b) **Ridden Division**
 - i. Exhibit must enter and compete in an appropriate Ridden performance qualifying class.
 - ii. The ranking of the exhibit in the class, whether achieved utilizing a scorecard or determined comparatively, will be used to determine the points achieved towards TOTAL VERSATILITY SCORE.
 - (c) **Other Qualifying Performance Divisions**
 - i. Versatility Challenge exhibits must also compete in and complete the requirements of the class for at least three (3) other National Championships performance divisions.
 - ii. Qualifying classes include Bridle Path Hack, Show Hunter, Costume, Side Saddle, Western Pleasure, Australian Pleasure, English Pleasure, Working Stock Horse, Harness, Open Hack and Dressage.
 - iii. The ranking of the exhibit in the class, whether achieved utilizing a scorecard or determined comparatively, will be used to determine the points achieved towards TOTAL VERSATILITY SCORE.
 - iv. Exhibits may compete in more than three (3) additional performance disciplines. Each ranking achieved in all performance disciplines will count towards the TOTAL VERSATILITY SCORE of the exhibit. The more disciplines in which an exhibit competes and places, the greater the potential to achieve a higher TOTAL VERSATILITY SCORE.

11.5 DETERMINATION OF AWARD WINNERS

- (a) Ranking of exhibits in each qualifying class will be assigned the following points in reference to the VERSATILITY CHALLENGE.

• National Champion or Gold Champion (or first) – 50 points	• Top Ten (sixth) – 12 points
• National Reserve or Silver Champion (or second) – 40 points	• Top Ten (seventh) – 8 points
• Top Ten or National Bronze Champion (or third) – 30 points	• Top Ten (eighth) – 6 points
• Top Ten (fourth) – 20 points	• Top Ten (ninth) – 4 points
• Top Ten (fifth) – 16 points	• Top Ten (tenth) – 2 points
- (b) Scores from all five (5) or more eligible qualifying classes will be added together to determine the TOTAL VERSATILITY SCORE for each exhibit.
- (c) All TOTAL VERSATILITY SCOREs for all entered exhibits shall be ranked from highest to lowest.
- (d) The exhibit receiving the highest TOTAL VERSATILITY SCORE shall be determined the VERSATILITY CHALLENGE GOLD CHAMPION
- (e) The exhibit receiving the second highest TOTAL VERSATILITY SCORE shall be determined the VERSATILITY CHALLENGE SILVER CHAMPION.
- (f) The exhibit receiving the third highest TOTAL VERSATILITY SCORE shall be determined the VERSATILITY CHALLENGE BRONZE CHAMPION.
- (g) Only the top three (3) score achievers shall be recognized with Gold, Silver & Bronze Champion awards.

12. HIGHPOINT YOUTH OF THE SHOW; (Not considered an Australian National Championship title)

- (a) Open to all Youth competitors, each combination (horse and rider) is a separate entry for 'Highpoint' award.
- (b) Only performances in Youth specific classes and Dressage will be counted.
- (c) Anyone contesting for these awards MUST complete a Point Score Sheet, which MUST be returned to the Show Office in order to be eligible. Failure to complete this form accurately and in detail, and return to the Show Office at completion of the Youth Costume on the Saturday evening, may result in exhibit ineligibility. Ideally, submissions should be received only after the final competition has been completed, for which eligibility is counted in the total calculation for each Challenge award. Whilst it would be preferable to be able to award these titles during the Saturday Evening Finals, time constraints and competitor availability may result in the awarding of these honours post-show.
- (d) Ranking of exhibits in each qualifying class will be assigned the following points in reference to the HIGHPOINT YOUTH.

National Champion or Gold Champion (or first) – 50 points	Top Ten (sixth) – 12 points
National Reserve or Silver Champion (or second) – 40 points	Top Ten (seventh) – 8 points
Top Ten or National Bronze Champion (or third) – 30 points	Top Ten (eighth) – 6 points
Top Ten (fourth) – 20 points	Top Ten (ninth) – 4 points
Top Ten (fifth) – 16 points	Top Ten (tenth) – 2 points

13. FANCY DRESS;

- (a) Open to both led and ridden, exhibits must be entered in another class at the 2021 AANC.
- (b) Name of handler/rider to be specified on entry
- (c) Exhibit must only be ridden or led by 1 person, however can have more attendants on foot. Must be entered in the age group of the 1 rider or handler.
- (d) Safety helmet to be worn by all riders
- (e) Enclosed shoes to be worn by all handlers and attendants
- (f) Youth must only enter with mares and geldings aged 4 years and over.

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14. STABLING OF EXHIBITS, CAMPING & CABINS (where applicable)

- 14.1 Priority stabling and camping preference will be given to major sponsors during December only.
- 14.2 Upon entry to the Showground, each exhibit, for which stabling has been paid assigned, must at once be stabled in the allocated stable(s) as designated by the Show Organiser and/or Stable Monitor.
- 14.3 Exhibitors must be in contact with the Stable Monitor to have allocated stables unlocked for them upon arrival where applicable. Exhibitors MAY NOT contact THE VENUE to unlock stables under any circumstance.
- 14.4 Exhibitors must also be in contact with the Stable Monitor to approve of campsite & cabin occupation. Exhibitors MAY NOT relocate to a campsite or cabin not specifically allocated to them without prior approval of the Stable Monitor.
- 14.5 No exhibit may at any time occupy any other stable other than the one which has been allocated to it by the Show Organiser and/or Stable Monitor for the entire period of the show.
- 14.6 No exhibitor shall be deemed to have any right, whether by way of occupation or otherwise, to any stall or portion of the showground allotted to him from time to time by the Show committee, and he shall forthwith vacate same upon being requested to do so by an Official of the Society or Show Committee.
- 14.7 All stabling assignments are made at the sole discretion of the Championships Committee in assistance with the Stable Monitor/ and Venue.
- 14.8 No exhibitor, stud owner, agent, sponsor or any person will be permitted to obstruct any stable aisle, doorway or thoroughfare.
- 14.9 The Stable Monitor has final authority on ALL stabling/camping/cabin/day parking & shavings matters.
- 14.10 The Stable Monitor is NOT responsible for delivering shavings ordered during the show to exhibitors' stables. Exhibitors must make their own arrangements to pick up bags/bales of shavings from the storage compound at the venue.
- 14.11 **NO EXHIBITORS SHALL BE RECEIVED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:30 PM AND 6 AM EITHER BEFORE OR DURING THE SHOW. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.** If you have encountered travel difficulties and will be arriving after hours, please contact the Stable Monitor at the number provided on your show entry confirmation to make arrangements. The Stable Monitor has been granted the authority to make the final decision concerning all after hours arrivals.

15. All Youth Classes will be run in accordance with the AHSA Rule Book, [Click here to view. AHSA Rule Book 2018](#)

16. SHOW CANCELLATION

- (i) Should the show have to be cancelled for circumstances beyond our control, refunds of entry fees paid through the AHSA will only be given if cancellation is before the close of entries, less a \$50 administration fee. If cancellation is after close of entries, competitors will be issued a credit with the AHSA to the value of their entry fees for the following show.
- (ii) Should entries at closing be insufficient to sustain a viable show, you will be entitled to a refund of all entry fees paid through the AHSA (less a \$50 administration fee) or if you prefer, you can be issued a credit with the AHSA to the value of your entry fees for the following show.

17. GOVERNMENT BORDER CLOSURES

Should you enter for the 2021 AANC and due to government border closures, you are unable to attend, you will be entitled to refund of all entry fees paid through the AHSA (less a \$50 administration fee)

18. COVID-19 PANDEMIC

(i) By entering this show, you acknowledge that it is being run during the COVID-19 Pandemic and neither the, AHSA or the Committee will be held liable for any Covid-19 related incident or illness that may occur as a result of participation. You also agree to comply to all Government/Medical guidelines and requirements with regard to keeping yourself and others safe. In the lead up to the show, we will have paperwork for all attendees relevant to the current requirements.

(ii) COVID-19 - If you are unable to participate in the show due to COVID-19 border closures, being positive to COVID 19 or a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case, all entry fees will be refunded with the exception of a \$50 processing fee. In order for a refund, the show committee must be notified no later than February 6, 2021, that you are not coming because of COVID-19 with proof of such. After February 6th until the first day of the show COVID-19 refunds of any amount will be considered only on a case by case basis, after review of supporting documentation, by the Events Sub-committee & the AHSA Board of Directors. No refunds will be considered after the show starts. All refund requests must be in writing and e-mailed to events@ahsa.asn.au