

2024 Australian Arabian National Championships

RULES AND CONDITIONS



- ANY PERSON ENTERING A HORSE IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS MUST BE A CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBER OF THE AHSA.
- All Participants in Society or Affiliate activities, must be current financial members of the AHSA or an AHSA Affiliate. This also applies to professional trainers / competitors unless they can provide a Certificate of Currency of their own insurance. A cover note is not adequate. They are deemed to be "Registered Participants" for the duration of that event only. Protection is afforded to the participant under the AHSA's public liability policy only during such activities where they are liable for causing bodily injury or property damage to others. Participant membership must be applied for prior to entries closing for the show. (form available from the website).
- All Officials, volunteers, Professional handlers, Professional trainers and Professional riders MUST have a Working with Children certificate/ Proof of. Required on entry form.
- A Horses sensory Hairs may not be clipped and/or shaven or otherwise modified in any way. Individual sensory hairs may be removed by a veterinarian to prevent discomfort for the horse. Areas of Hair that must be clipped, shaven or removed to allow veterinary treatment are exempt from this rule.

PLEASE NOTE: Stable bookings will be direct through Werribee Park via Nominate, **will not be open for booking until the 1st of February 2024.** Allocations will be available to entrants prior to the show.

These Rules are correct at the time of going to print but could be subject to minor changes. The Rules by which the Championships will be conducted are those printed in the catalogue of the Show at the time. Suitable notations will be made. No major changes are anticipated. The Australian National Arabian Championships (herein called "Championships") is an annual exhibition and competition of Arabian Horses and Arabian bred horses registered with the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Limited (herein called "the Society")

1 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 An "ARABIAN" horse is defined as one of Pure Arabian Lineage.
- 1.2 An "ARABIAN DERIVATIVE" horse is defined as either a PARTBRED ARABIAN, ANGLO ARABIAN, ARABIAN PONY, ARABIAN RIDING PONY, ARABIAN WARMBLOOD, QUARAB, HALF ARABIAN or ARABIAN STOCK HORSE. Refer to the Regulations of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Limited for full definitions of each Derivative register.
- 1.3 An API horse is defined as Arabian Performance Index.
- 1.4 A NON-PRO Owner/Handler/Rider for the purpose of this show only is as per the Society rules.
 - (a) Refer to the AHSA website; www.ahsa.asn.au for full conditions.
- 1.5 "CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE" shall be the committee appointed by the Society and use of the word "Committee" in these Rules shall also denote "Championships Committee".
- 1.6 "EXHIBIT" means any horse as defined herein which is correctly entered and catalogued.
- 1.7 "EXHIBITOR" means the person on whose behalf and in whose name the Certificate of entry is lodged.
- 1.8 "HORSE" shall, where the context reasonably permits, include a stallion, mare, colt, filly or gelding.
- 1.9 "OFFICIAL" means any person or persons appointed by the Society for the purposes of carrying out any function under these Rules and Conditions and shall include any member of the Championships Committee and any Marshal or Steward appointed by the Championships Committee.
- 1.10 "OWNER" means the person who is noted in the records of the Society as the Owner or Lessee of the Horse.
- 1.11 "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.
- 1.12 "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 the Secretary of the Society.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All horses shall be registered with the Society. Registration numbers shall be stated for all exhibits.
- 2.2 All horses must be entered and catalogued with the registered owners' particulars as recorded by the Society. Stud name of owner may be used as exhibitor name.
- 2.3 Age of all horses or ponies shall be calculated as from 1st August. Every horse foaled before 1st August in any year shall be deemed to be one year old on that date. THIS RULE ALSO APPLIES TO IMPORTED HORSES.
- 2.4 Qualifications and qualifying period: Entrants are to have attended at least one AHSA Affiliate show or an Agricultural show in the last 3 years. (this will be very flexible for 2024). Any shows that have met the criteria of the JOC/AHSA and have obtained/updated their show grading after 1 October 2023 are also eligible. Yearlings are not required to obtain a qualification.

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2.5 Any exhibit which has been awarded the title of AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION in any ARABIAN IN HAND class or category SHALL be eligible to compete again in that particular class or category.

2.6 Any exhibit which has been awarded the title of AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION in any PERFORMANCE class or category (except Dressage) SHALL be eligible to compete again in that class or category.

2.7 DRESSAGE

- (a) All previous Dressage Champions may NOT compete again at a lower level but may compete ONCE more at Elementary and Medium level
- (b) Riders must be a current financial member of The Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd. OR an E.A. Member OR have completed a Registered Participant Application.
- (c) There are no restrictions on age of rider (except for Youth Dressage).
- (d) There are no restrictions on height.
- (e) Exhibits do not require E.A. Registration.
- (f) Exhibits E.A. Registered and Graded must not compete below their graded level.
- (g) Youth Competitors are not permitted to wear gaiters or long boots in Youth Dressage events.

3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

3.1 Entries are subject to these Rules and Conditions and those of the current AHSA Rule Book, the Rules and Conditions if any, appearing on the Entry Form 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.

3.2 All entries are to be made and catalogued for classes as listed in the schedule.

3.3 All Entries will be Via Nominat

3.4 At the close of entry, classes with less than five (5) entries may be combined. These classes can only be combined with other classes within the same Registry (unless otherwise stated). Entry fees will not be refundable.

3.5 Entry Forms not fully completed or incorrect may be cause for rejection of an entry or entries and a \$50 penalty may be enforced.

3.6 Refund of entry fees will not be made under any circumstances unless a class is cancelled.

3.7 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 any event or class.
- (d) Divide or combine any event or class.
- (e) Alter the time at which any class or event is to take place.
- (f) Order the removal of any exhibitor, spectator or exhibit from the Showground.
- (g) Transfer an exhibit from any class to any other class.
- (h) 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 \$50.00 which will be refunded unless the report is deemed frivolous.

3.8 PROTEST AND APPEALS – Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or visit website www.ahsa.asn.au

3.9 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 exhibit.

3.10 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 with the AHSA will be rejected. In the case of a Transfer, the horse may be entered as per the Certificate of Registration, at the discretion of the Society and Committee and with the written permission of that previous owner.

3.11 ALL HORSES must be able to be identified by their brands and/or markings in accordance with the Certificate of Registration issued by the Society.

3.12 ANY payment received or accepted by the Society 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.

3.13 RESPONSIBILITY - Neither the Society nor the Committee shall be liable to any person in case of loss or damage by reason of any defect, accident, negligence, or neglect, however arising.

3.14 STABLING OF EXHIBITS - Each exhibit when it enters the Showground must at once be put in the place allotted for it by the Society. No exhibit may at any time occupy any other stable other than the one which has been allocated to it by the Society for the entire period of the show. 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 Society, and he shall forthwith vacate same upon being requested to do so by an Official of the Society.

Stabling at the Championships is offered on a "first in" basis although preference exhibitors travelling greater distances.

Preference is also given to Championships Sponsors. Any exhibitors requesting to be stabled with trainers, friends etc must put these requests on their entry forms and should submit their entries early as once stable blocks have been filled, they will not be re-shuffled. It is in your best interest to submit your entries and requests at your earliest convenience so as to ensure your requests are met.

No exhibitor, stud owner, agent, sponsor or any person will be permitted to obstruct any stable aisle, doorway or thoroughfare. CAMPING. Priority camping preference will be given to Major Sponsors initially. Facility camping rules Camp Sites are only allowed one Extension cord per campsite, anymore than that and there will be an extra camping site fee charged. Campers must use allocated camp sites only.

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3.15 COMMERCIAL DISPLAYS - 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. Commercial display includes signs in any form. This does not apply to Stud promotion.

3.16 EXHIBIT NUMBERS & CATALOGUES may be collected from the show Office. Correct numbers are to be worn around the neck of the exhibit or the waist or on the back of the handler or rider. Exhibits not complying with this rule will not be judged. A non-refundable fee for each number will be required. Each exhibit shall display the same exhibit number in all events it contests.

3.17 PROFESSIONAL HANDLERS/TRAINERS/RIDERS entering horses on behalf of clients MUST supply a letter of authority from the Registered Owner/Lessee authorising them to enter horses on their behalf or have the entry/entries signed by the Registered Owner/Lessee.

3.18 LIABILITY DECLARATION - every person handling, riding, driving, training, grooming or preparing a horse/pony is required to complete the Liability Declaration Form. Handlers, Trainers, Grooms etcetera who are not financial members of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia are also required to complete the **Registered Participant Application**. These documents should be lodged with the Society with entries to enable correct allocations of wrist bands. Any person found to be handling any horse who is not wearing their wrist band will face disciplinary action. No person will be allowed to enter the ring without their wrist band.

3.19 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 authorises 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 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 rules.

(c) Please refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or contact Society.

3.20 OFFICIAL TREATMENT OF MINOR INJURIES

(a) VETERINARY SURGEON - The Official Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the Show Committee in conjunction with any Official may authorise 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 Society.

(c) ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES – Please refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or contact Society.

(d) COSTS - The costs of all taking of samples and their analysis will be borne by the owner/exhibitor.

3.21 PROHIBITED APPARATUS - Any exhibitor found to have in his possession at the showgrounds any electric or galvanic apparatus which might be used for affecting the performance or behaviour of a horse may have disqualified all exhibits entered in that exhibitor's name. Any product with a chain fitting across the horse's poll which could bruise the horse is considered Prohibited Apparatus. Anyone found to be in possession of such apparatus on the showgrounds will be severely disciplined and if their horse is found to be bruised, will not be eligible to compete for the remainder of the show.

Upon the 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 Committee shall decide after consultation with the Judge/s.

3.22 AWARDS - Classes with 1-14 Exhibits: Champion and Reserve Champion, and Top 5. 15 Exhibits or more: Champion and Reserve Champion Top 10.

Irrespective of the number of equal placings awarded, the awards other than Champion and Reserve Champion shall be known as Top 5 or 10

Where the number of entries in a class is 25 or more the judging of events may be separated into sections or heats.

Top5 or 10 will be announced in catalogue order.

All exhibits will be worked out individually, except in Arabian Costume, Western Pleasure, Pleasure and Bridle Path Hack classes.

4 CONDUCT OF EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS

4.1 The lighting of any fire in any prohibited area on the grounds is STRICTLY prohibited.

4.2 All exhibits must be under proper control at all times. Bad manners exhibited by the horse such as kicking, biting or barging may result in the competitor being asked to withdraw from the class by the Steward on direction from the Judge. Any horse not under proper control will be issued a warning by Ring Stewards and may be excused from the ring.

4.3 Handlers are not to incite stallions to challenge by facing them up to each other or crowding them. Failure to observe will result in immediate dismissal of that exhibit from the class.

(a) Any horse which becomes loose and escapes from the handler or rider due to any form of gear failure will be dismissed from the event eg a halter breaking or falling off as has happened at recent shows.

(b) Any horse which becomes loose and escapes from the handler or rider due to an accident, fright or similar and leaves the immediate judging area may be dismissed from the event. However, if the horse has not caused trouble and has stayed within the designated area and is easily caught, the exhibit may continue to be judged.

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4.4 Any exhibit who, in the opinion of the judge, shows serious lameness shall be excused from the class. In the case of multiple judging, the majority opinion will determine the outcome. The horses' welfare is paramount.

4.5 It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to ensure that each of his exhibits remains in the ring until directed to leave by the Stewards or seeks and obtains permission from the Stewards. Any exhibitor, handler, rider or driver in breach, may be disqualified from that class and other classes for the duration of the Show.

4.6 If not already held at the AHSA Office, exhibitors must have a veterinary certificate to certify that all stallions and colts two (2) years and over have both testicles visibly descended into the scrotum except where a stallion has had one normally descended testicle surgically removed and has an appropriate certificate, which has been submitted to the Society prior to the Championships.

4.7 No stallion or colt is to be handled or ridden by a person under 18 years of age. Any one handler/rider may present up to two exhibits in their individual workouts in the ring, providing that there is a capable, suitably attired handler/rider for each horse when group judging is occurring and during the awards presentation.

4.8 Any exhibitor, handler, rider or driver who, during the period of the Championships, abuses or otherwise intimidates any official may be disqualified from that event, future events of that Championships and subsequent Championships.

- (a) Any incident wherever on the Showground which is observed by any Championship official or any Director of the Society which is considered by him to reflect abuse or a cruel practice to any exhibit, handler, rider, driver or any other person by any party whatsoever shall be reported to the CHAMPIONSHIPS CHAIRMAN or the CHAIRMAN of the AHSA and may result in immediate disqualification of it or him from all events in which that exhibit, handler, rider is entered. Disciplinary action by the Board of the Society may also follow.

4.9 Exhibitors may reasonably prepare their horses for entry into the ring however they may not use excessive artificial gadgets such as keys, chains, clappers, plastic bags, garbage bin lids etc. This rule also applies to other persons on the outside of the ring or marshalling area. Exhibits who are excessively excited may be asked to leave the ring or marshalling area and will not be judged. A maximum of ONE person (a handler/rider OR groom) may be present in the marshalling area with any one horse. Persons failing to obey this rule may have their exhibit disqualified from the class. Whip abuse of any kind WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

4.10 CODE OF BEHAVIOUR CARD SYSTEM - A card system will be used to deter undesirable types of behaviour (Reportable Conduct) wherever occurring on the grounds and at any times during the Championships including events. "Reportable Conduct" includes types of behaviour which are cruel or abusive to horses; including but not limited to inappropriate use of whips, handlers/riders witnessed striking a horse with a whip or other implement whether or not it leaves a mark, chasing horses with plastic or rattles outside the ring, intimidating horses by threatening them with a whip or body language that causes them to run backwards, crouch, buckle at the knees, roll their eyes in fear, etcetera, yanking, chain abuse and mistreatment of horses, and also other behaviour by competitors and handlers and including but not limited to physical or verbal abuse of any Official, refusal to comply with the direction of any Official and any behaviour which may bring the Championships or good horsemanship into disrepute. Show Officials, Senior Stewards and Judges will be empowered to show either a Yellow Card or a Red Card to any person on the grounds for any act of Reportable Conduct observed by them or upon evidence given to them.

The decision as to whether any act is Reportable Conduct shall be in the absolute discretion of the Official showing the card. A Yellow Card is a first and only warning. Any person who infringes after having already received a Yellow Card at any time during the Championships shall be shown a Red Card whereupon they shall immediately be disqualified from the Championships and for all events for which they may have entered and shall forthwith be ejected from the grounds. The penalties applicable for the showing of a Red Card shall be in addition to any action the AHSA may take subsequently in respect of Reportable Conduct.

4.11 Any Official who shows either a Yellow Card or a Red Card shall, as soon as is practicable thereafter, report the issue of such Card to the Committee giving particulars of the Reportable Conduct and the person to whom the Card was shown.

Where the horse is concerned, Cardable Offences will be specifically but not limited to:

- (1) Any horse who mouths to his handler like a foal does to an older horse; that handler shall have a Red Card and instant dismissal. This is not a normal horse reaction to a human and clearly denotes abuse.
- (2) Any handler who strikes a horse, especially on the front legs, unless the horse has clearly misbehaved and at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee, shall have a Yellow Card.
- (3) If a horse buckles over or retracts their legs in fear, the handler shall receive a Yellow Card.
- (4) Any handler who delivers a full-strength shank or excessively shanks a horse who is already standing still and has been standing still for the last few moments shall receive a Yellow Card. This is to be differentiated from reprimanding a horse who has just clearly misbehaved, i.e. won't stand still at all, is striking out etc.
- (5) If a horse makes a half rear at his handler with ears back and front legs extended forwards towards his handler, that handler will receive a Yellow Card. No horse does this without provocation. It is clearly differentiated from a vertical rear where the horse has his knees tucked; his ears forward and is just standing up in natural exuberance.
- (6) If a horse takes more than three (3) steps back from his handler at speed when the handler attempts to "pose" the horse, that handler will receive a Yellow Card. The Judge and Stewards and Official's discretion and decision will be final.

5 PRESENTATION, DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

5.1 Arabian stallions, colts, mares, and fillies are to be shown with free manes in In-Hand Classes.

5.2 CLIPPING AND TRIMMING: Horses which are shown with ears and tactile hairs unclipped and with a full mane shall be judged on their merits and are not to be penalised. Removal of facial tactile hairs is now banned. Eyelashes must not be removed and will result in disqualification.***

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5.3 Excessive use of the whip will result in the handler being required to leave the ring on the instructions of the Ring Steward. Whips with any additional attachments must not be used. WHIP MARKS will not be tolerated, and the exhibit will be assessed and/or removed prior to or during the class at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee.

5.4 WHIP LENGTH - In ridden classes hacking canes or riding crops should not exceed 75cms. Normal length dressage whips are acceptable in most ridden classes. For In-Hand classes, length of whip is not to exceed 145cms including handle & tail.**

5.5 Exhibits, which in the opinion of the Championships Committee, Marshall, Ring Steward or Judge, appear to have whip marks will not be judged.

5.6 Bandages, boots or rugs are not permitted to be worn by a horse whilst competing in any event

DRESS

- (a) The Judge's or Steward's decision as to what comprises correct attire shall be final.
- (b) Any item of dress that in the opinion of the Judge or Steward may detract from the purpose of the event shall result in possible exclusion of the exhibit from the event. Without limiting the foregoing, such items include excessively brightly coloured items of attire, thongs, T-shirts, untidy clothing or clothing in need of repair. (c) No advertising matter shall appear on items of dress.

5.7 SADDLERY – Please refer to the current AHSA Rule Book for Tack and Personal Appointments for each class.

5.8 YOUTH CLASSES - All Youth riders, as designated under clause 2.9 and 2.10 (h), must wear an approved safety helmet (safety helmets must conform with the current ASA Standard or better) and short boots (no gaiters or long boots in Youth Classes).

5.9 WESTERN PLEASURE - Exhibits must not be plaited.

6 INFORMATION FOR JUDGES & STEWARDS

6.1 These Rules and Conditions shall incorporate all or part of those Rules and Conditions outlined in Information for Judges and Exhibitors for all classes which may or may not have been included in the foregoing Rules and Conditions.

6.2 Any exhibit who, in the opinion of the Judge, shows serious lameness shall be excused from the class and will take no further part in competition for the remainder of the day. In the case of multiple judging, the majority opinion will determine the outcome. **This is an animal welfare issue.**

6.2 There is to be no coaching or verbal instruction given from the sideline once any class has commenced.

6.3 IN HAND CLASSES

- a) All Arabian horses are to be judged in accordance with the official Standard of Excellence of the Society.
- (b) All Arabian Derivatives are to be judged Comparatively on saddle horse conformation and overall quality.
- (c) The Score Card system is to be used in judging all Purebred Arabian Halter Championships.

6.4 Exhibits will enter the ring in catalogue order at the trot going in a clockwise direction as and when directed by the Judge or his Steward. They will then walk or trot around the ring before being called in and either stood in line or asked to retire to the marshalling area until called. Each exhibit will then be inspected and required to perform a workout as directed. All exhibits must be worked out individually.

6.5 For In-Hand classes, the length of any whip is not to exceed 145cms including handle & tail.

6.6 HORSES UNDER SADDLE

- (a) Exhibits competing in these classes **must be four (4) years** and over and they are to be presented and judged as hacks. Presentation, manners, paces, and correctness of workout will be judged.
- (b) Purebred Arabians may be shown with a free flowing mane and tail. *

6.7 ARABIAN UNDER SADDLE or ARABIAN DERIVATIVE HORSE UNDER SADDLE - Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book.

6.8 ARABIAN RIDDEN SIDESADDLE or ARABIAN DERIVATIVE RIDDEN SIDESADDLE - Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book.

6.9 ARABIAN WESTERN PLEASURE or ARABIAN DERIVATIVE WESTERN PLEASURE Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or contact the Society.

6.10 WORKING STOCK HORSE - Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or contact the Society.

6.11 AUSTRALIAN PLEASURE - Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or contact the Society.

6.12 ARABIAN COSTUME (NATIVE OR SHOW) - Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or contact the Society.

6.13 DRESSAGE EVENTS – Also See Rule 2.7

- a. Shall be conducted in accordance with the E.A. Rules and Conditions for Associate Dressage Classes with exceptions..
- b. Competition is restricted to 2 tests at consecutive levels. Youth competitors may enter any Youth Novice test plus two other tests as long as they are consecutive levels ie.: Preliminary, Novice and Youth Novice or Youth Novice, Novice and Elementary.
- c. If a competitor enters 2 non-Pro, 2 Youth Tests or 2 API Tests, they may only enter 1 open test at a consecutive level.
- d. All tests are limited to the first thirty (30) entries. A maximum of two horses per rider will apply. Preference will be given to entries received earliest although a reserve list may be compiled.
- e. Classes do not attract grading points.
- f. Classes will be judged by EA. accredited judges.
- g. Classes can be judged by a single judge.
- h. Callers will be permitted.

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- l. All competitors in any Youth test must wear short boots, no long boots or gaiters are permitted in Youth events.
- j. No advertising materials may be displayed on any gear including saddle cloths, jackets etc.
- k. Should a conflict occur, these Championship Rules will take precedence, then the current AHSA Rule Book, then the EA Rule Book.

6.14 BRIDLE PATH HACK – Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book - Contact the Society

6.15 ARABIAN/ARABIAN DERIVATIVE LEADING REIN – Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book - Contact the Society

6.16 SHOW HUNTER – Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book - Contact the Society

6.17 AMATEUR OWNER – Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book - Contact the Society to obtain an Application Form if required

6.18 SILVER SNAFFLE – Open to horses 4 and 5 years. To be ridden in a snaffle bridle with either dropped, Hanoverian or cavesson nose band. To be presented and judged as a hack class.

6.19 AUSTRALIAN PLEASURE – Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book – Contact the Society

6.20 HOME PRODUCED information:

- (a) **Professional:** A person who derives an income from or receives some form of remuneration for the production of show horses.
- (b) **Production:** The training, conditioning and/or exhibition of show horses.
- (c) **Producer:** A person involved in the training, conditioning and/or exhibition of show horses.
- (d) **Competitor:** The rider or handler presenting the horse in the competition arena.
- (e) **Immediate family:** Grandparents, parents, parents' partners, husband/wife/partners, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, step grandparents, step parents, step brothers/sisters, legal guardians and step children.
- (f) **Horse:** Horse or pony regardless of height.
- (g) **Resident:** Stabled or paddocked in a given location for a period of time greater than 24 hours, for purposes other than attending a competition event, veterinary care, DIY agistment or stud work.

Home Produced classes

These classes are for Home Produced led or ridden stallions, mares, and geldings where the handler/rider/horse meets criteria for being Home Produced. Home Produced classes rely on the integrity and goodwill of exhibitors to adhere to eligibility.

Home Produced Eligibility Rules:

- (a) Riders, handlers, and owners must be financial members of AHSA, and horses must be AHSA registered as being owned or leased by the competitor or an immediate family member.
- (b) Horses must not have been resident in a professional producer's/trainer's stables for a period of at least three months
- (c) prior to the competition except on a DIY agistment basis or at stud.
- (d) Any horse competing in Home Produced LED classes must not have been shown in any led class by a professional handler stables for a period of at least three months prior to the competition. (Note: Riders and handlers under the age of 15 years are exempt from this rule)
- (e) Any horse competing in Home Produced RIDDEN classes must not have been shown under saddle by a professional rider for a period of at least three months prior to the competition. (Note: Riders and handlers under the age of 15 years are exempt from this rule.)
- (f) Any horse competing in a Home-Produced class must have received its primary care, training and preparation from the competitor or a member of their immediate family for a period of at least three months prior to the competition. Having tuition and attending clinics is permitted.

6.21 The Official Photographer has been authorised to take all photographs. Any other Professional/Commercial photographers on the grounds taking photos will need to pay a fee of \$150.00 and will not be allowed in the ring.

7. JUDGING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR PUREBRED AND DERIVATIVE IN HAND CLASSES

7.1 A three Judge System will operate for all Arabian and derivative in-hand classes. Prior to commencement of judging, a random selection will be made to allocate judges as "Judge 1", "Judge 2" and "Judge 3" in each event for the purpose of resolving ties as per rule 8.9 below

7.2 Purebred Judging shall be conducted by use of the AHSA Scorecard. Each judge shall record his/her scores on a scoresheet as provided by the Society and in a manner as directed by the Championships Committee from time to time.

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7.3 Derivative Judging shall be conducted on a comparative basis. Each judge shall record his/her selections or placings on a scoresheet as provided by the Society and in a manner as directed by the Championships Committee from time to time.

Awards will be as per rule 3.22 above.

7.4 For **all** comparative judging, each of the judges will place the exhibits 1st through 11th, (or increment thereof as instructed), allocating a 10 for their first horse, then 9 for second place, 8 for third place and so on.

7.5 Any exhibit which appears as first (1st) placing on at least two (2) Judge's scoresheets, irrespective of that exhibit's aggregate points shall be awarded Champion, Reserve Champion shall be the exhibit with the highest or next highest aggregate points as the case may be. Where no exhibit appears as first (1st) placing on at least two (2) judge's scoresheets then the exhibit with the highest aggregate points shall be awarded Champion. Regardless of placings on the judge's scoresheets, the horse with the next highest aggregate points shall be awarded Reserve Champion and so on for all of the Finalists.

7.6 In the event of a placed exhibit being eliminated or disqualified for whatever reason, the next highest dismissed exhibit may become a Top 5 or top 10 winner but will not be judged again. The Championships Committee shall decide after consultation with the Judge/s.

7.7 All judge's scoresheets shall be collected after each 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 National Arabian Championships, at which time they become the property of the Society.

7.8 Upon completion of judging and after the judges' score cards have been handed in to the Scoring Committee for verification, the Top 5 will be announced, followed by the Reserve Champion and then the Champion. All horses will be sashed as exhibit number is announced.

Any tie or ties on aggregate points for an award of Champion, Reserve Champion or Finalist will be resolved by the card of "Judge 1"

8 GENERAL

8.1 Any Championship official who is an exhibitor at the Championships may not be a Steward there nor fraternise with any of the Judges prior to completion of all classes in which such exhibitor has entries.

8.2 The Championships will be conducted, and classes shall be adjudicated in accordance with the current Rules of the A.H.S.A. 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.

8.3 Should the show have to be cancelled for circumstances beyond our control, refunds of entry fees paid will be paid through Nominate less their Administration fee.

8.4 No-one will be able to participate in this event if there are any payments outstanding to the AHSA at the start of the show. This includes sponsorship not paid or other fundraising outstanding debts.