



AUSTRALIAN ARABIAN ROLL OF MERIT

RULES AND CONDITIONS

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Australian Arabian Roll of Merit ("AAROM") is a scheme designed to record and recognise consistent meritorious and versatile performance by Purebred Arabian and Arabian Derivative horses in Australia. AAROM is managed by The Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd. ("the Society"), but recommendations to it from Affiliated organisations will be accepted for consideration.

Owners keep records ("score books") of show and event results acceptable to AAROM for each horse in 3 sections (Halter, Performance and Working) and the Society keeps records for horses in a fourth section; Progeny, whilst the horse remains on the Roll. Certificates and trophies are awarded at two levels for each of the four sections, with a further Supreme trophy for horses who achieve championships in 3 of the 4 sections.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION ****HORSES NEED ONLY BE NOMINATED ONCE****

Any Purebred or Arabian Derivative (Partbred Arabian, Anglo Arabian, Arabian Pony, Arabian Riding Pony, Quarab, Arabian Stock Horse and Arabian Warmblood) that is registered with the Society is eligible. Horses and Ponies must be one {1} year old (calculated by reference to the 1st August rule) or over to be eligible for points within the AAROM. However; acceptance of the nominations is subject to:

- a) Payment of the specified nomination fee.
- b) Approval of AAROM.

3. CLASSIFICATION OF SHOW/EVENTS

All horse show/events are broadly classified and listed into FIVE sections:

Section "AAA"	-	Australian National Arabian Championships.
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Section "A"	-	Shows/events of good repute as classified by the Society and meeting specific criteria.
Section "B"	-	Shows/events of good repute as classified by the Society and meeting specific criteria.
Section "C"	-	Shows/events of good repute as classified by the Society and meeting specific criteria.

For the purpose of this clause whether a show is "of good repute" shall be at the sole discretion of the Society. The criteria includes classes offered, judges used etcetera.

Shows and Events may be classified or graded by AAROM at any time, changes of classifications will be approved progressively throughout the year. Requests for classifications are generally made by the Society's Affiliate organisations and/or show/event organisers. Requests for shows and events "A Grade" and above must be submitted and received by the Society one month prior to any Board Meeting for approval by the Board's Judges Executive Committee.

4. SECTIONS

Point score to be gained during the lifetime of the horse from 1 year old (**calculated with reference to the 1st August rule**) to death in three sections:

Halter Section	(Min age - 1 year) All individual Led-in or Halter classes.
Performance Section	(Min age - 3 years) All individual events other than halter performed <u>in a show ring</u> , i.e. Under Saddle Classes, Harness Classes etc.
Working Section	(Min age - 3 years) All other individual events normally performed <u>outside a show ring</u> , i.e. One, Two and Three Day events, Endurance Rides, Harness Drives etc, Show Jumping, Campdrafting, Barrel Racing, Dressage etc.

Points may also be gained in the following fourth section.

Progeny Section All eligible results by first generation progeny, providing horse to receive points meets AAROM's eligibility conditions.

A list of currently graded Shows and activities is available on request to the Society. The list is not exclusive and AAROM will consider listing any Show or activity on request. **Note** that "team" events such as Tent Pegging, Progeny Classes, Pair of Hacks, Classic Head, Classic Trot, Best Head & Best Trot etc. are **NOT** eligible for listing.

5. POINT SCALES

The points awarded in each section will vary according to the classification of the Show/Event.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ARABIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS "AAA"

CHAMPION 20 Points
RESERVE CHAMPION 15 Points
TOP 10 10 Points

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"CLASS AA" 1st: 2nd: 3rd: 4th: **"CLASS A"** 1st: 2nd: 3rd:

HALTER	6	5	4	3	4	3	2	1
PERFORMANCE	6	5	4	3	4	3	2	1
WORKING	6	5	4	3	4	3	2	1
PROGENY	***** AS GAINED BY PROGENY *****							

"CLASS AA" **"CLASS A"**

CHAMPION	+6	+4
RESERVE CHAMPION	+5	+3
TOP FIVE {where applicable}	+4	+2

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"CLASS B" 1st: 2nd: 3rd: **"CLASS C"** 1st: 2nd:

HALTER	3	2	1	2	1
PERFORMANCE	3	2	1	2	1
WORKING	3	2	1	2	1
PROGENY	**** AS GAINED BY PROGENY * ****				

Champion	+3	+2
Reserve Champion	+2	+1

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PLEASE NOTE: Points can be counted for Champion or Reserve Champion or Top 10 or Top 5 but **NOT** both in any one individual event.

PLEASE NOTE: **Supreme Champions** do **NOT** count in any section.

WORKING SECTION ONLY (Dressage/Endurance/Harness ie: precision driving etc)

Dressage:

Equestrian Australia or Dressage Council **Official** competitions are all graded "A" class. **Associate** dressage competitions (restricted) carry the classification of the R.O.M. grading of the show. Unless otherwise stated, associate dressage days and H.R.C.A.V. dressage are graded "B" except training days which are graded "C". Refer to the "A.A.R.O.M. List of Graded Shows" for further details.

Dressage Points						
"A"	12	10	8	6	4	2
"B"	10	8	6	4	2	
"C"	8	6	4	2		

Endurance:

There are 4 separate riding divisions. These are Heavyweight, Open (Middleweight), Lightweight and Junior. In these 4 Divisions completion points may be gained at a rate of **2 points per 20km** for rides greater than 40km.

For **ALL** divisions the place points and fittest horse points would correspond to the classification of the event.

Completion points allocated as follows:

"A" CLASS	160km = 16 points
	200km = 20 points
	320km = 32 points
	400km = 40 points

"B" CLASS	80km = 8 points
	100km = 10 points
	120km = 12 points
	140km = 14 points

Training Rides "C" 40km to 60km = 4 Completion Points (All Divisions)

Place points allocated as follows:

{HEAVYWEIGHT - OPEN - LIGHTWEIGHT - JUNIOR}

		1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	FITTEST HORSE
160km & Over	"A"	4	3	2	1	+4
80km to 159km	"B"	3	2	1	-	+3

Distance Points

These points are awarded to **ANY** horse in recognition of the **A.E.R.A.** Distance awards. These points are "A" grade points and are calculated at 5 points per 500km. These points may be claimed upon receipt of a photocopy of the **A.E.R.A.** Scroll awarded to each horse.

Competitive Trail Rides:

2 Points for successful competition.

Eventing & Showjumping: (Horses must be registered with E.A.)

Eventing:		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Three Day Event:		12	10	8	6	4	2
Two Day Event:		10	8	6	4	2	
One Day Event:		8	6	4	2		

Introductory & Preliminary Eventing: (Horses do not need to be registered with E.A.)
(Including Chicken Runs)

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
All Carry B Grade Points of:	5	4	3	2

Showjumping:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
"A" Grade:	12	10	8	6	4	2
"B" Grade:	10	8	6	4	2	
"C" Grade:	8	6	4	2		
"D" Grade:	6	4	2	1		

Campdrafting & Cutting:

Takes classification of the show except Society Affiliate or Arabian Shows where it is then classified into the Performance Section.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
12	10	8	6	4	2

EA & State Eventing:

2 Completion points for each day provided that the whole event is successfully completed.

AEHDA Harness Drivers:

2 Completion points per Vet Check (av. 40km) provided that the whole drive is successfully completed.

ADS Combined Driving:

2 Completion points for each day provided that the whole event is successfully completed.

Ride and Tie:

2 Points for successful completion.

Racing:

Some racing events have now been classified (See Show List).

Polo/Polocrosse:

"Horse of the Match" awards have now been classified (See Show List)

Official Pony Club Events:

Zone & State Competitions:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
	12	10	8	6	4	2

All Other Competitions:

Take on the Grading of the Show or Event and points will be allocated accordingly.

Pony Club Rally Day Attendance:

2 Completion Points

6. RECORD KEEPING

- a) This is on the basis of horse owners progressively keeping records of their eligible results and ensuring that each recorded result is properly certified.
- b) Once accepted for nomination, the owner of the horse will receive a score book in which results are to be recorded and verified.
- c) As a horse reaches a level where an award is achieved, the owner sends the score book to the Society for checking and recording the award. Progeny points will be automatically updated by the Society at this same time. The Society then returns the score book. When sending score books into the Society please keep a **PHOTO COPY** for your records before posting in case of the books disappearance. **All full** books that are sent into the Society are kept on the horses records by the Society so please **PHOTO COPY** before sending it to the Society. At this time the owner may request Certificates and/or purchase Trophies to acknowledge the award.

PLEASE NOTE: Record Books not properly certified will not be accepted or counted. It is the owner's responsibility to have results correctly signed for.

7. AWARDS, CERTIFICATES AND TROPHIES

Awards are achievable at 3 levels.

I. MERIT (HALTER) MERIT (PERFORMANCE) MERIT (WORKING)

These Certificates will be awarded to each horse that accumulates at least 40 points in a section, provided that at least **10 points are from "A" class shows/events. (A or B class for endurance rides)**

MERIT (PROGENY)

Each **DAM** whose Progeny accumulates at least 80 points in all of the other three sections together, provided at least **20 points are from "A" class shows/events. (A or B class for endurance rides)**

Each **SIRE** whose Progeny accumulates at least 200 points in all of the other three sections together, provided at least **50 points are from "A" class shows/events. (A or B class for endurance rides)**

A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT LEVEL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE OWNERS.

II. CHAMPION (HALTER) CHAMPION (PERFORMANCE) CHAMPION (WORKING)

This level is reached by a horse that accumulates at least 80 points in each section, provided that at least **20 points are from "A" class Shows/Events. (A or B class for endurance rides)**

CHAMPION (PROGENY)

Each **DAM** whose progeny accumulates at least 160 points in all of the other three sections together provided that at least **40 points are from "A" class Show/Events. (A or B class for endurance rides)**

Each **SIRE** whose progeny accumulates at least 400 points in all of the other three sections together provided that at least **100 points are from "A" class Show/Events. (A or B class for endurance rides)**

A CERTIFICATE AS WELL AS A TROPHY PLAQUE FOR CHAMPION WILL BE AVAILABLE.

III. SUPREME CHAMPION FOR VERSATILITY

This level is achieved by Stallions and Mares that gain Champion Awards in any three of the four sections. **Geldings** are permitted to attain two championships in one of the sections as they do not carry Progeny points - no more than one championship is acceptable in the Halter section however.

A CERTIFICATE AS WELL AS A TROPHY FOR SUPREME WILL BE AVAILABLE.

IV. CERTIFICATES AND TROPHIES

- (a) Once an owner feels that their horse may have achieved a particular level, the score book is to be sent to the Society for checking and recording of the award.
- (b) After checking, the score book will be returned to the owner and the horse's level of achievement will be published in a subsequent issue of the Arabian Horse News.
- (c) If the owner wishes to receive a Certificate or Trophy acknowledging the award, payment must be made (in Accordance with the fees listed below) at the time the score card is sent in to the Society or prior to any Trophy being prepared.
- (d) Subsequent owners can also apply at any time for duplicate Certificates and/or Trophies previously awarded and pay fees for production of these as listed below.
- (e) The costs of Trophies being individually prepared for each horse, plus packaging and postage are to be borne by the horse owner.

8. FEES

Fees for AAROM shall be as decided from time to time and until otherwise notified shall be:

NOMINATION FEE	\$ 30.00 per horse	{Lifetime}
NOMINATION FEE	\$ 50.00 per horse	{Lifetime & To Include Past Results}

CERTIFICATE AND TROPHY FEES:

Merit Certificates	\$ No Charge
Champion Certificates	\$ No Charge
Supreme Certificates	\$ No Charge
Champion Trophy Plaque	\$ 45.00 each
Supreme Trophies	\$100.00 each
Extra Certificates (Merit or Champion)	\$ 15.00 each
Lost/Replacement Books	\$ No Charge

PLEASE NOTE: Horses previously entered into AAROM are able to have retrospective award points {correctly certified} included in their current totals until 30 September 2011 for no additional fee.

9. SCORING RULES

- (a) With the exception of PROGENY, only ONE {single best} result is eligible for the point score under the same Judge, within the same section on the same day. A result in two different sections however, even if under the same Judge, on the same day is eligible. For example, you cannot count both results of 2nd Show Hunter and 1st Costume but you can count 1st Halter and 3rd Western Pleasure, even if under the same Judge.
- (b) Points gained before the horse is nominated for the AAROM will be accepted as long as the horse meets the relevant age requirements. Before a horse reaches the minimum age required for ridden sections, points are **NOT** valid.

PLEASE NOTE: a higher fee for initial Nomination is required for owners wishing to include previous/past result points; this is still a Lifetime Nomination.

For retrospective award points, it is the sole responsibility of the owner, to supply validated proof of results. The AHSA will NOT chase results.

Details of the Show and each Event where points are gained must be entered on the score book and be validated {signed}.

- (c) The score book entry must be certified by the Judge **or** Chief Steward of the class **or** Veterinarian of the activity **or** the Secretary of the Show or activity who shall sign the entry on the score book. In addition the Secretary of the nearest Affiliate Organisation to where the show was held can also sign provided that they have knowledge of the Show's results or a Board Director of the Society or the AAROM appointed Board Liaison Officer can also sign.
- (d) Progeny points will be kept by the Society. The rules for these are:-
- (i) In the PROGENY Section any valid points gained by progeny that are already entered in the AAROM are automatically eligible for the Sire or Dam, provided that the points are gained after the Sire or Dam is nominated. Points gained before nomination of the Sire or Dam may be credited provided a special search fee is paid for each year to be searched.
- (ii) Points gained in the PROGENY Section after the horse is deceased are still valid.
- (ii) The Society will not accept any responsibility for keeping track of cards for descendants of horses that are to gain progeny points. Situations where descendants cease to be shown, owners lose or misplace books and the like, cannot be controlled or managed by the Society. The Society will maintain the progeny point's record.
- (e) Once an entrant has achieved a Champion Level in a section all further accumulation of points by the horse in that section ceases except in respect of geldings.
- (f) Horses granted Championship status may continue to gain points for the respective Sire and Dam's progeny award.

10. LIST OF EVENTS IN EACH SECTION

HALTER

All Halter or Led-In Classes **EXCEPT:**

Progeny Classes; Foal and Weanling Classes; Handler Classes; Amateur Owner Handler Classes; Best Presented; Best Mane and Tail; Classic Trot; Classic Head etc.

PERFORMANCE

All Classes and Events normally performed in a Show ring **INCLUDING:**

Arabian Classes; Costume Classes; Other Breed Classes; Open Hack Classes; Barrel Races; Flag Races; Reining Classes; Bareback Classes; Stock Horse Classes; Trail Horse Classes; Western Riding; Walking/Trotting Races (less than 400m); Bending Races; Harness Classes; Pleasure Classes; Bridle Path Hack Classes; Side Saddle Classes; Show Hunter Classes; Leading Rein Classes; Pony Club Sporting Classes.

EXCEPT

Led-In or Halter Classes, Handler Classes, Team Events such as Pair of Hacks; Tent-Pegging; Team Roping/Penning; Equitation Classes; Most Suitable; Rider Classes; Pony Club Teams etc.

WORKING

All events normally performed outside the show ring **INCLUDING:**

Competitive Trail Rides; Endurance Rides; Racing (Gallops & Trots); Cutting Events; Showjumping; Ride & Tie Races; Harness Drives; Campdrafting; 1, 2 and 3 Day Events; Dressage Events; Pony Club Eventing/Dressage/Jumping.

EXCEPT

Team Events such as Polocrosse; Team Penning; Polo (but Horse of the Match is eligible).

11. OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) The Society places a high degree of trust in horse owners. In order to keep costs of administering AAROM at the lowest possible level, owners are responsible for keeping their own score books, ensuring that details of each event are correctly noted and signed by the Judge, Veterinarian or Show Secretary or nearest Affiliate Secretary to where the show was held or a Board Director of the Society or Board Liaison Officer.
- (b) Owners are responsible for the safe keeping of their horse's score book. Subsequent owners must ensure that they receive score books from previous owners and advise the Society of changes of ownership.
- (c) Owners are also required to keep a tally of AAROM points gained for each event on their score books. These can be assessed from the list of shows and activities that each owner receives. Owners are required to keep their list up-to-date by noting new shows and re-classifications that will be published in The Arabian Horse News from time to time. A fresh up to date list will be produced every year and you may apply to the Society for this list or keep watch on the Society website: www.ahsa.asn.au
- (d) Each score book is an important document and it must be stressed that the Society cannot accept any responsibility or assist owners who may lose or damage such books or become involved in any dispute that may arise on a change of ownership or with any show organisation.
- (e) The Society will issue additional or replacement score books free of charge on request but will not be able to assist any owners in backtracking to obtain verification of results previously recorded on lost or damaged books.
- (f) Owners who may have queries regarding show and activity classifications or classification of the above should write to the Society for assistance.

12. AFFILIATE ORGANISATIONS

Persons who wish to obtain further information on shows that are held in particular States, regions or towns should refer to the nearest Society Affiliate; information is also added to the Society website as

supplied by Affiliate Organisation which may be able to assist them. A current listing of contacts for these organisations is always contained in the Society's magazine - The Australian Arabian Horse News.

13. PROHIBITED DRUGS

- (a) Prohibited drugs means any substance affecting the performance or the behaviour of a horse by its action on the central or peripheral nervous system, the cardiovascular system, the musculoskeletal system and shall include analgesics, anti-histamines, anti-inflammatory agents, blood coagulants, diuretics or cortico-steroids, anabolic steroids, local anaesthetics, muscular relaxants, hormones, all tranquillisers, irritants or other substances and their synthetic counterparts, whether administered by injection or otherwise for any purpose whatsoever. The Society shall be governed by the guidelines of EA and FEI in relation to prohibited substances.
- (b) Any horse which is found by any competent Official, Committee, Show, or Breed Society or other body conducting a horse show, exhibition, trial, endurance ride or other event to have been administered a prohibited drug in relation to such Show, Exhibition, Trial, Ride or event shall be deemed to be expelled from the AAROM whereupon the owner shall return to the Society the relevant score book for cancellation. Provided that the owner of the horse successfully appeals against such findings, the horse shall be deemed to be reinstated to the AAROM.

14. DISQUALIFICATION

Incorrectly claimed points will be disallowed. Any deliberate falsification may result in cancellation of part or all of that horse's recorded points.

Good Luck!

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