

**THE 2012 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ARABIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**RULES AND CONDITIONS**

**PLEASE NOTE: ANY PERSON ENTERING A HORSE IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS MUST BE A CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBER OF THE AHSA.**

**EVERY PERSON HANDLING A HORSE IN ANY WAY IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE LIABILITY DECLARATION AND/OR THE REGISTERED PARTICIPANT APPLICATION & WEAR A COLOUR CODED WRIST BAND FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHOW.**

***Please Note that the sections in italics are relevant to new classes offered***

These Rules are correct at the time of going to print but could be subject to minor changes. The Rules by which the 2012 Championships will be conducted are those printed in the catalogue of the Show at the time. Suitable notations will be made in the catalogue at the time. 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 WARBLOOD, QUARAB 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 "AMATEUR OWNER" for the purpose of this show only, must be a person 18 years and over who:
  - (a) Must hold a current AHSA Amateur Owner Card.
  - (b) Refer to the AHSA website; [www.ahsa.asn.au](http://www.ahsa.asn.au) for full conditions.
- 1.4 "CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE" shall be the committee appointed by the Society and use of the word "Committee" in these Rules shall also denote "Championships Committee".
- 1.5 "EXHIBIT" means any horse as defined herein which is correctly entered and catalogued.
- 1.6 "EXHIBITOR" means the person on whose behalf and in whose name the Certificate of entry is lodged.
- 1.7 "GRADING OF SHOWS" as described in the Eligibility section of these Rules, shall be in accordance with the grading system of The Arabian Horse Society of Australia Limited and the grades applicable to wins shall be those that would have applied at the time of the win.
- 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 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** ~ For the purposes of the following eligibility criteria a 'win' means a 'first placing'

- 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 QUALIFYING PERIOD - Horses shall qualify within the qualifying period which is stated as 01.01.09 to 31.12.11. *Horses that have not qualified by 31.12.11 and do qualify by 12.02.11 will have their entry accepted upon receipt of a completed entry form and payment, along with a 100% surcharge on the class entry fees. Class surcharge fees and administration fees will not be refunded if you fail to qualify by this date. These entries must be received at the AHSA Office by close of entries.* Junior qualifications will be accepted for same sex senior classes provided it is within the same qualifying period. Please Note that gelded colts are no longer "same sex" and must qualify as geldings.
- 2.5 (a) 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.  
(b) 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 particular class or category.  
(c) Any horse which received a Top Ten Award in Halter or Performance at any previous Australian Championships is deemed to be automatically qualified for the Championships in that event for which the award was made.  
(d) A win in a Futurity held in conjunction with a "AA" or "A" class show will be counted as a class qualification for the Championships.  
(e) Qualifications for the Australian Championships must be attained at A.H.S.A. Ltd. graded "AAA", "AA", "A" or "B" class shows unless otherwise stated - these qualifications must be in the same class or category in which the horse is to be entered in the Championships.  
(f) It is preferable for exhibitors to obtain at least one of their qualifications at an Agricultural Show.  
(g) Any exhibit which attains Champion or Reserve IN ANY CLASS at the following New Zealand Shows - during the qualifying period as stated - is deemed to have qualified for these Championships in the same classes: New Zealand Arabian Championships, North Island Arabian Championships and the South Island Arabian Championships.

**2.6 ARABIAN AND ARABIAN DERIVATIVE IN HAND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

NOTE: If Youth Competitors are competing in the Open Halter classes, it is the PARENT/GUARDIAN'S responsibility to ensure a suitable exhibit is selected. THERE IS TO BE NO COACHING FROM THE SIDE-LINES.

- (a) No qualifications required for Yearling classes,
- (b) one "AA" class win or second place - In Hand or
- (c) one "AA" class Champion or Reserve - In Hand or
- (d) one "AA" class Top Five placing ONLY where Top Five placing has come from a FINALS Class (ie. A "AA" Top Five Placing (equal 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>) from a Class or Heat will NOT be considered as a Championship Qualification) - In Hand or
- (e) one "A" class win, Champion or Reserve Champion - In Hand or
- (f) two "B" class wins (this includes a class win and a Champion or Reserve Champion at the same show) - In Hand or
- (g) a "Gold Medal" at the Victorian Gold Medal Sweepstakes.
- (h) It is desirable for exhibitors to obtain at least one of their qualifications at an Agricultural Show.
- (i) AMATEUR OWNER - Qualifications may be gained in either Amateur Owner or Open classes.

NOTE: Classic Head, Classic Trot, Best Presented, Crabbet, Egyptian classes etc. DO NOT QUALIFY!

**2.7 ARABIAN AND ARABIAN DERIVATIVE SADDLE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- (a) one "AA" class win or second place - Under Saddle or
- (b) one "AA" class Champion or Reserve - Under Saddle or
- (c) one "AA" class Top Five placing ONLY where Top Five placing has come from a FINALS Class (ie. A "AA" Top Five Placing (equal 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>) from a Class or Heat will NOT be considered as a Championship Qualification) - Under Saddle or
- (d) one "A" class win, Champion or Reserve Champion - Under Saddle or
- (e) two "B" class wins (this includes a class win and a Champion or Reserve Champion at the same show) - Under Saddle.
- (i) AMATEUR OWNER - Qualifications may be gained in either Amateur Owner or Open classes

**2.8 PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- (a) Costume
  - i one "AA" class win or second place - In Arabian Costume or
  - ii one "AA" class Champion or Reserve - In Arabian Costume or

- iii one "AA" class Top Five placing ONLY where Top Five placing has come from a FINALS Class (ie. A "AA" Top Five Placing (equal 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>) from a Class or Heat will NOT be considered as a Championship Qualification) - In Arabian Costume
- iv one "A" class win or Reserve Champion - In Arabian Costume or
- v two "B" class wins (this includes a class win and a Champion or Reserve Champion at the same show) - In Arabian Costume

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: THE HORSE MUST QUALIFY - NOT THE COSTUME**

(b) Western

- i one "AA" class win or second place - In Western Classes or
- ii one "AA" class Champion or Reserve Champion - In Western Classes or
- iii one "AA" class Top Five placing ONLY where Top Five placing has come from a FINALS Class (ie. A "AA" Top Five Placing (equal 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>) from a Class or Heat will NOT be considered as a Championship Qualification) - In Western Classes
- iv one "A" class win, Champion or Reserve Champion - In Western Classes or
- v two "B" class wins (this includes a class win and a Champion or Reserve Champion at the same show) - In Western Classes.

These qualifications may be attained in Open Western Classes at any Performance or Agricultural Show.

(c) Bridle Path Hack

- i A win or place in the relevant class at a show graded "B" or above by the Show Grading Committee of the A.H.S.A. Ltd.
- ii Height Certificate must be lodged with Entry Form so classes may be split if numbers warrant. Failure to comply may result in classes not being split. If it is not possible to obtain a Height Certificate prior to the event, a \$15-\$20 Certificate will be available at the event.
- iii Rules shall be governed by the current AHSA Rule Book

(d) Show Hunter

- i A win or place in the relevant class at a show graded "B" or above by the Show Grading Committee of the A.H.S.A. Ltd.
- ii Height Certificate must be lodged with Entry Form so classes may be split if numbers warrant. Failure to comply may result in classes not being split. If it is not possible to obtain a Height Certificate prior to the event, a \$15-\$20 Certificate will be available at the event.
- iii Rules shall be governed by the current AHSA Rule Book

(e) Amateur Owner

- i Qualifications may be gained in either Amateur Owner or Open classes.

(f) Side-Saddle, Harness & Working Stock Horse

- No qualifications required

(g) Silver Snaffle

- i No class qualification required. Open to horses 4 and 5 years.

(h) Australian Pleasure

- i No class qualification required.
- ii Rules shall be governed by the current AHSA Rule Book

(i) Trail Class

- i No class qualification required.
- ii Western, Australian or English tack and personal appointments shall be acceptable.
- iii The class will be judged on the performance of the horse over obstacles, with emphasis on manners, response to the rider and quality of movement. Credit will be given to horses negotiating the obstacles with style and some degree of speed, providing correctness is not sacrificed. Horses will receive credit for showing attentiveness to the obstacles and the capability of picking their own way through the course when obstacles warrant it and willingly responding to the rider's cues on more difficult obstacles.
- iv Horses shall be penalised for any unnecessary delay while approaching or negotiating the obstacles.
- v The course will be designed to require the horse to show the three gaits of walk, jog and lope somewhere between obstacles as a part of its work. Quality and cadence will be considered as part of the manoeuvre score. Gait between obstacles shall be given with the workout prior to the class.
- vi The course shall consist of six (6) obstacles which will include: 1. Opening, passing through and closing a gate {losing control of the gate will be penalised, contact with the reins must be maintained with at least one hand at all times}. 2. Ride over four (4) logs in a curved pattern. 3. Back through an L shaped obstacle. {penalties will apply to horses stepping outside the designated obstacle}. 4. Ride over a bridge. 5. Put on and remove a slicker/drizzabone. 6. Side pass over a log obstacle which will be raised to a height of 30cm.

(j) Barrel Race

- i No event qualification required.
- ii Rules shall be governed by the current AHSA Rule Book
- iii Competitors will be allowed one run of the barrels, the competitor with the fastest time shall be the winner

(k) Team Challenge Barrel Race

- i No event qualification required.
- ii Teams shall consist of four horses and the Team with the three fastest combined times shall be declared the winning Team. Please Note that this Teams event shall be the only class where pre-entry is not a necessary requirement at these Championships.

**2.9 YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The maximum age limit for Youth Classes will be 17 years of age. The age will be calculated from the close of the advertised Show entry date. Entries for Junior Judging & Young Adult Judging Championships Class will remain open until the Championships Catalogue is ready for printing and there is no Entry Fee for this class. The age of Young Adults for the purposes of the Judging competition will be 18 years but under 25 years.

**NOTE: DETAILS FOR THE VINK YOUTH CHALLENGE WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE AHSA WEBSITE SHORTLY.**

**NOTE: PROOF OF DATE OF BIRTH MUST ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY FORM.**

(a) Youth Handler

**NOTE: YOUTH HANDLER'S ARE REQUIRED TO STAND AT A 45 DEGREE ANGLE TO THE SHOULDER as per the current 2011 AHSA Rule Book.**

Handlers in these classes must be the Owner, Lessee or family member of either the Owner or Lessee of the horse entered.

The Handler must have

- i one "AA" class win or second place - or
- ii one "AA" class Champion or Reserve - or
- iii one "AA" class Top Five placing ONLY where Top Five placing has come from a FINALS Class (ie. A "AA" Top Five Placing (equal 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>) from a Class or Heat will NOT be considered as a Championship Qualification) - or
- iv one "A" class win, Champion or Reserve Champion - or
- v two "B" class wins (this includes a class win and a Champion or Reserve Champion at the same show) - or
- vi a "Gold Medal" at the Victorian Gold Medal Sweepstakes.

(b) Arabian/Arabian Derivative In Hand to be shown by a Youth

- i Senior horses must be used.
- ii Horses must have qualified as per Rule 2.6

(c) Arabian/Arabian Derivative to be ridden by a Youth **{Please Note, this Rule has been reverted to the 2011 Championships Rule}**

The Exhibit must have

- i one "AA" class win or second place - Under Saddle or
- ii one "AA" class Champion or Reserve - Under Saddle or
- iii one "AA" class Top Five placing ONLY where Top Five placing has come from a FINALS Class (ie. A "AA" Top Five Placing (equal 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>) from a Class or Heat will NOT be considered as a Championship Qualification) - Under Saddle
- iv one "A" class win or Reserve Champion - Under Saddle or
- v two "B" class wins (this includes a class win and a Champion or Reserve Champion at the same show) - Under Saddle.

(d) Youth Rider Classes – **Birth Certificate must be lodged with Entry Form**

The Rider must have:

- i one "AA" class win or second place - In A Rider Class or
- ii one "AA" class Champion or Reserve Champion - In A Rider Class or
- iii one "AA" class Top Five placing ONLY where Top Five placing has come from a FINALS Class (ie. A "AA" Top Five Placing (equal 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>) from a Class or Heat will NOT be considered as a Championship Qualification) - In A Rider Class
- iv one "A" class win or Reserve Champion - In A Rider Class or
- v two "B" class wins (this includes a class win and a Champion or Reserve Champion at the same show) - In A Rider Class

These qualifications may be attained in Open or Youth Classes at an Agricultural or Youth Show which has been graded by the Show Grading Committee of the A.H.S.A. Ltd.

(e) Bridle Path Hack to be Ridden by a Youth

- i A win or place in the relevant class at a show graded "B" or above by the Show Grading Committee of the A.H.S.A. Ltd.
- ii Height Certificate must be lodged with Entry Form so classes may be split if numbers warrant. Failure to comply may result in classes not being split. If it is not possible to obtain a Height Certificate prior to the event, a \$15-\$20 Certificate will be available at the event.
- iii Rules shall be governed by the current AHSA Rule Book

(f) Show Hunter to be Ridden by a Youth

- i A win or place in the relevant class at a show graded "B" or above by the Show Grading Committee of the A.H.S.A. Ltd.
- ii Height Certificate must be lodged with Entry Form so classes may be split if numbers warrant. Failure to comply may result in classes not being split. If it is not possible to obtain a Height Certificate prior to the event, a \$15-\$20 Certificate will be available at the event.
- iii Rules shall be governed by the current AHSA Rule Book

(g) Arabian/Arabian Derivative Leading Rein

- i no qualifications required
- ii Rider may only compete in the Leading Rein Class as a Rider and must be aged 5, 6, 7 or 8 years
- iii Exhibit may compete in any other class with another rider
- iv Rules shall be governed by the current AHSA Rule Book

(h) Youth Western Pleasure

- i Horses must qualify as per Rule 2.8 (b)

(i) Youth Dressage - see 2.10 for Youth Dressage qualifications.

(j) Youth Competitors under 18 years must wear jodhpurs and short boots (no top boots or gaiters) in ALL Youth classes even if mounted on a Hack or Galloway and approved safety helmet with harness done up.

2.10 DRESSAGE – Also see Rule 6.10

- (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.
- (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) Exhibits shall be 4 years of age and over and must have attained one win or place to sixth place at Preliminary level, (or equivalent) or above at any Breed or Open Dressage Competition. If HRCV test, must be Level 3 or above. Youth riders may obtain their dressage qualifications at Official Pony Club Dressage Competitions at Preliminary level (or equivalent) or above.
- (h) Youth Competitors are not permitted to wear gaiters or long boots in Youth Dressage events.

2.11 Imported Horses - Must have qualified in Australia in accordance with these Rules.

2.12 Refer to current AHSA Rule Book for penalties and procedures regarding animals returning a positive reading to a Prohibited Substance.

**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 Faxed entries will not be processed until payment has been received. No exceptions. Credit Card details may be listed on entry forms.
- 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 \$20 penalty may be enforced.
- 3.6 Refund of entry fees will not be made under any circumstances except if classes are 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](http://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 particular 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 CHEQUE or negotiable instrument 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 is given to 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.**

- 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 Horse Superintendent's 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 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**
- 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.
  - 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 2.12 of the rules.
  - Please refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or contact Society.
- 3.20 **OFFICIAL TREATMENT OF MINOR INJURIES**
- 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.
  - PROCEDURE** – Please refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or contact Society.
  - ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES** – Please refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or contact Society.
  - 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 show-grounds 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.
- 3.22 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.
- 3.23 **AWARDS** - Classes with 1-5 Exhibits: Champion and Reserve Champion. 6-7 Exhibits: Champion and Reserve Champion plus one (1) placing. 8-9 Exhibits: Champion and Reserve Champion plus two (2) equal placegetters. 10-11 Exhibits: Champion and Reserve Champion plus three (3) equal placegetters. 12-13 Exhibits: Champion and Reserve Champion plus four (4) equal placegetters. 14-15 Exhibits: Champion and Reserve Champion plus five (5) equal placegetters. 16-17 Exhibits: Champion and Reserve Champion plus six (6) equal placegetters. 18-19 Exhibits: Champion and Reserve Champion plus seven (7) equal placegetters. 20 or more Exhibits: Champion and Reserve Champion plus eight (8) equal placegetters. Irrespective of the number of equal placings awarded, the awards other than Champion and Reserve Champion shall be known as Finalists.
- 3.24 Where the number of entries in a class is 25 or more the judging of events may be separated into sections.
- 3.25 Finalists will be announced in catalogue order.
- 3.26 All exhibits will be worked out individually, except in Arabian Costume, Western Pleasure and Bridle Path Hack classes.
- 3.27 **SPECIALTY CLASSES**
- Barrel Race* – **PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A JACKPOT EVENT. Jackpot prize money shall be 60% of total event entries.**
  - Team Challenge Barrel Race* – **PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A JACKPOT EVENT. Jackpot prize money shall be 60% of total event entries.**
    - Teams may be decided at the Championships as outlined in Rule 2.8 (k).
  - Trail Class* – **PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A JACKPOT EVENT. Jackpot prize money shall be 60% of total event entries. Scores shall be awarded out of ten {10} for each of the six obstacles.**  
**PLEASE NOTE: We require a minimum of five {5} entries to set up the Trail Course.**
- 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.
- 4.4
- 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.
  - 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.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 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.
- 4.8 No stallion or colt is to be handled or ridden by a person under 18 years of age.
- 4.9 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.
- 4.10 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.
- 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.

- 4.11 No exhibit is to be deliberately "stirred-up". Exhibitors may reasonably prepare their horses for entry into the ring however they may not use 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.
- 4.12 **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. 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.
- 4.13 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 Removal of facial tactile hairs and trimming of ears is optional but eyelashes must not be trimmed and/or removed.
- 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 (2 feet 6 inches). Normal length dressage whips are acceptable in most ridden classes. For In-Hand classes, length of whip is not to exceed 110cms (3.6 feet) 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
- 5.7 **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.
- 5.8 **SADDLERY** - Please refer to the current AHSA Rule Book for Tack and Personal Appointments for each class.
- 5.9 **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).
- 5.10 **WESTERN PLEASURE** - Exhibits must not be plaited.
- 6. INFORMATION FOR JUDGES, STEWARDS AND EXHIBITORS**
- 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. 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.**
- 6.1 **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 on saddle horse conformation and overall quality.
  - (c) The Comparative System is to be used in judging all championships.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 For In-Hand classes, the length of any whip is not to exceed 110cms (3.6 feet) including handle & tail.
- 6.4 **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.
- 6.5 **ARABIAN UNDER SADDLE or ARABIAN DERIVATIVE HORSE UNDER SADDLE** - Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book.
- 6.6 **ARABIAN RIDDEN SIDESADDLE or ARABIAN DERIVATIVE RIDDEN SIDESADDLE** - Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book.
- 6.7 **ARABIAN WESTERN PLEASURE or ARABIAN DERIVATIVE WESTERN PLEASURE**
- (a) Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or contact the Society.
  - (b) Exhibits must not be plaited.
- 6.8 **WORKING STOCK HORSE** - Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or contact the Society. Exhibits should not be plaited.
- 6.9 **ARABIAN COSTUME (NATIVE OR SHOW)** - Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book or contact the Society.
- 6.10 **DRESSAGE EVENTS** - Also See Rule 2.10
- (a) Shall be conducted in accordance with the E.A. Rules and Conditions for Associate Dressage Classes with exceptions as listed in 2.10.
  - (b) Competition is restricted to two events at consecutive levels. Youth competitors may enter the Youth Novice test plus two other tests as long as they are consecutive levels I.E.: Preliminary, Novice and Youth Novice or Youth Novice, Novice and Elementary.
  - (c) 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.
  - (d) Classes do not attract grading points.
  - (e) Classes will be judged by N.J.A.S. accredited judges.

- (f) Classes can be judged by a single judge.
- (g) Callers will be permitted.
- (h) All competitors in the Youth test must wear short boots, no long boots or gaiters are permitted in Youth events.
- (i) No advertising materials may be displayed on any gear including saddle cloths, jackets etc.
- (j) Should a conflict occur, these Championship Rules will take precedence, then the current AHSA Rule Book, then the EA Rule Book.
- 6.11 BRIDLE PATH HACK – Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book - Contact the Society
- 6.12 ARABIAN/ARABIAN DERIVATIVE LEADING REIN – Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book - Contact the Society
- 6.13 SHOW HUNTER – Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book - Contact the Society
- 6.14 AMATEUR OWNER – Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book - Contact the Society to obtain an Application Form if required
- 6.15 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.
- 6.16 AUSTRALIAN PLEASURE – Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book – Contact the Society
- 6.17 TRAIL – Refer to Rule 2.8 (j) above
- 6.18 BARREL RACE – Refer to the current AHSA Rule Book – Contact the Society
- 6.19 TEAM CHALLENGE BARREL RACE – Refer to Rule 2.8 (k) above

#### 7. MULTIPLE JUDGING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR PUREBRED HALTER CLASSES:

**NOTE:** Numerical Judging will determine the Finalist results in Purebred in-hand events. A three Judge System will operate for all Arabian 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 7.9 below

- 7.1 **Purebred Finalist Judging:** The three judges will see the entire class exhibited at either the walk or the trot or in any way the Championships Committee sees fit. All horses will withdraw from the ring. The judges will then evaluate each and every exhibit numerically, using points between 10 and 20 for each category of the below:

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| (1) Arabian Type | (3) Neck & Shoulder | (5) Feet & Legs |
| (2) Head         | (4) Body            | (6) Movement    |

There will be a maximum possible of 120 points by each judge for each horse. The scores for each horse will be handed to the Scoring Committee, who will calculate the scores for each horse, with a maximum achievable score of 120. An announcement will be made, in numerical order of the Exhibits required to return for Finals Judging.

- 7.2 **Purebred Final Judging:** The final exhibits, based on their numerical scores, and whose number will depend on the total number of entries in the class, will, immediately after numerical judging, present to the ring where they will be judged in the comparative manner, as below, for placing of Champion, Reserve Champion and Finalist.
- 7.3 Final 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.
- 7.4 Awards will be as per rule 3.23 above.
- 7.5 The exhibits with the highest aggregate points score shall be the exhibits who shall present again for the comparative assessment. The aggregate points for an exhibit shall be the total of all points allocated for that exhibit on each of the three judges scoresheets as per the allocation system above.
- 7.6 For **Purebred** comparative judging, each of the judges will place the exhibits 1st through 10th, (or increment thereof as instructed), allocating a 10 for their first horse, then 9 for second place, 8 for third place and so on.
- 7.7 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.
- 7.8 In the event of a placed exhibit being eliminated or disqualified for whatever reason, the next highest dismissed exhibit may become a Finalist winner but will not be comparatively judged. The Championships Committee shall decide after consultation with the Judge/s.
- 7.9 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. MULTIPLE JUDGING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR ARABIAN DERIVATIVE HALTER CLASSES:

**NOTE:** There will be no Heats in any in-hand event. A three Judge System will operate for all Arabian 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 8.8 below

- 8.1 A Three Judge System will operate for all **Arabian Derivative** in hand classes, including preliminary judging (if any) and the finals (if applicable).
- 8.2 When judging **Arabian Derivative** classes, each of the three judges will place the exhibits 1st through 10th, (or increment thereof as instructed), allocating a 10 for their first horse, then 9 for second place, 8 for third place and so on.
- 8.3 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.
- 8.4 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.
- 8.5 The Championships Committee shall, at its absolute discretion conduct preliminary judging and in which case shall direct the judges to make a predetermined number of unplaced selections and placed reserve selections. The placed reserve selections will only be used at the absolute discretion of the Championships Committee.
- 8.6 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 National Arabian Championships, at which time they become the property of the Society.
- 8.7 Upon completion of judging and after the judges' score cards have been handed in to the Scoring Committee for verification, the Finalist will be announced, followed by the Reserve Champion and then the Champion. All horses will be sashed as exhibit number is announced.
- 8.8 Where an exhibit which has received an award is subsequently disqualified, all placings shall be adjusted as if that exhibit was not judged and the exhibit (if Champion, the Reserve) with the next highest aggregate points shall fill the vacant placing.
- 8.9 Any tie or ties on aggregate points for an award of Champion, Reserve Champion or Finalist will be resolved by the following procedures:-  
Firstly:
  - (a) By giving the higher award to the exhibit whose aggregate points are made of points awarded by:
    - i All three judges awarding the exhibit points or if not applicable (ie. If all three judges have not awarded the exhibit points) then
    - ii By at least two (2) judges.

If this does not resolve the tie or ties, then the following procedure is to be used:

- (b) By giving the higher award in the first instance to the exhibit placed highest on the scoresheet of Judge 1, the next award to the exhibit placed next highest and so on for each of the tied exhibits. If there still remains a tie or ties, the scoresheet of Judge 2, and if necessary, the scoresheet of Judge 3 will be considered in the same way as that of Judge 1.

#### 9. GENERAL

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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](http://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.