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## 1.0 APPLICATION OF THESE RULES.

Any breach of these Rules may result in DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

- 1.1 These Rules shall apply to ALL Competitions conducted by the SHC and/or an Affiliate of the SHC and/or to ANY SHC Affiliate's Member and/or his/her Horse, when competing at ANY Show.
- 1.2 These Rules shall apply in their entirety to any person who is a Competitor/Exhibitor/ Owner/Lessee/Rider/Handler/Responsible Officer/Owner's Agent/Judge and/or to any Horse that competes at any Show conducted in accordance with the SHC Competition Rules. It is the responsibility of all persons aforementioned to ensure he/she is familiar with these Rules. It is the absolute liability of those persons to participate in accordance with these Rules. Ignorance of a Rule shall not be accepted as a defence to an infringement of any Rule listed herein.
- 1.3 In accordance with these Rules, at any Show, a Horse/Rider/Handler must be eligible, at the time of competition, to compete in any class/event that such Horse/Rider/Handler is/has entered. Any Horse/Rider/Handler must not compete in any class/event if any ineligibility exists.
- 1.4 These Rules shall be read in conjunction with THE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY that apply to any Show that is conducted or recognised by the SHC. At any recognised Show, the Conditions of Entry for such Show shall be binding on any Competitor/Exhibitor/Owner/Lessee/Rider/ Handler/Responsible Officer and/or Exhibit.

### 1.4A Reciprocal recognition of SHC Membership

A member may only be a current & financial member with one SHC Affiliate at any one time. (Refer to SHC Constitution on Transfer Clauses).

Where SHC Membership is a condition of Entry to a SHC Event the following shall apply:

- .1 GENERAL EVENT: Current Membership of any SHC Affiliate shall be recognised for Entry to an Event being conducted by another SHC Affiliate.
  - .2 STATE EVENT: Current Membership of a SHC Affiliate within a State shall be recognised for Entry to an Event being conducted by another SHC Affiliate within that State.
  - .3 NATIONAL EVENT: Current Membership of any SHC Affiliate shall be recognised for Entry to a SHC National Event.
  - .4 Proof of membership (i.e. current membership card or copy of membership payment receipt) shall be provided at the time of Entry to these Events.
- 1.5 Infringement of any Rule may result in the Show Horse Council imposing disciplinary action against the offender.
- 1.6 a) According to these Rules, where an offence is investigated and the Show Horse Council determines that there has been a breach of these Competition Rules, it may impose such disciplinary action as it considers to be appropriate, including without limitation
- (1) a reprimand
  - (2) a monetary fine (payable at such time as the Show Horse Council may determine
  - (3) withdrawal and/or withholding any award or prizemoney
  - (4) disqualification
  - (5) suspension and/or banning the offender from competition
  - (6) where an exhibit (horse) is involved in any incident where disciplinary action is imposed, such exhibit may incur a ban from entry in any Official Show Horse Council Event for such period as determined by the Show Horse Council
  - (7) suspension and/or termination of membership and/or privilege/s for such period as

determined by the Show Horse Council, including Registrations, Transfers, Lease etc.

(8) any other penalty provided for in other Regulations of the Show Horse Council.e.g. Drug Rules.

- 1.6 b) The Show Horse Council may recognise and act upon any notified Disciplinary action found proven, and /or Penalty imposed by
- (1) any Royal Show Society
  - (2) a Breed Society
  - (3) a Body with which the horse is registered
  - (4) The Agricultural Societies Council of N.S.W. Inc.,
  - (5) any other similar Society, Organisation or Body, on any Person or Exhibit.
- c) While any Person or Exhibit is under any SHC imposed and/or recognised suspension or ban and/or where any SHC issued fine is unpaid, the suspended Person or Exhibit will be ineligible to enter or compete in any Official Show Horse Council Competition.
- d) Under any suspension imposed by the SHC, the member is still required to abide by all rules, regulations and obligations imposed by the SHC and its Affiliates during the suspension period.
- .1 Any member that has served a suspension period does not have their rights removed from them under suspension reinstated until such time as they pay any required membership fee, fine or fulfil any requirement required by SHC as part of the penalty imposed.
  - .2 If such conditions are not fulfilled within one calendar month of the completion of the suspension period, that person's membership and/or judging accreditations shall be terminated and the Member will be required to re-apply.

#### 1.7 **Publication of Results of Disciplinary Procedures.**

- a) The Show Horse Council may publish to (1) all Royal Show Societies in Australia, (2) the relevant Breed Society, (3) the Body with which the exhibit is registered, or is eligible for Registration, (4) The Agricultural Societies Council of N.S.W. Inc., 5) any other similar Society, Organisation or Body - the result of any Disputes/Disciplinary action where a person has been found to have breached any Show Horse Council Competition Rule, General Rule, Regulation or Special Rule.
- b) The Show Horse Council shall have no liability to any person in respect of any publication referred to in paragraph a).

#### 1.8 **Non Liability of the Show Horse Council.**

No person shall have any claim against the Show Horse Council, or member of Council, employee or agent of the Show Horse Council in respect of any act, matter or thing done in good faith during or in connection with the proceedings before the Disputes/Disciplinary Committee.

- 1.9 These Rules shall be read in conjunction with the Rules and Regulations of the Show Horse Council. The SHC reserves the right to interpret these Rules where any dispute arises.

## 2.00 **ATTI RE - COSTUME.**

2.01 *Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 - no State Representative or Award Badge/s from any similar organisation shall be worn or attached to the riding attire of any exhibitor &/or competitor at ANY Show Horse Council event.*

## 2.1 **CHILDREN UNDER 17 YEARS.**

Informal Costume - To be worn in Riding, Hack & Hunter Classes where the age of the rider is restricted to under 17 years of age.

Hacking jacket – Traditional or double vented, Cutaway, fabric - plain colour or worsted weave pattern, tasteful style and trim.

Jodhpurs (canary, fawn or banana in colour). Joddy Clips acceptable.

Jodhpur boots - (brown or black in colour).

Collared shirt with tie.

Helmet with safety Harness (meeting recognised Safety Standards).

Hair should be neat & tidy. Girls: – hair net, hair ribbons, scrunchie optional.

Optional - Cane, Crop, Spurs, Vest, Gloves – leather or string backed.

## **ADULTS 17 YEARS AND OVER - INFORMAL**

Hacking Jacket – Traditional or Double vented, Cutaway, fabric: plain colour or worsted weave pattern, tasteful style and trim.

Breeches or Jodhpurs - canary, fawn or cream in colour.

Long boots or Jodhpur Boots - black or brown in colour.

Shirt & tie or Stock and ratcatcher shirt.

Permitted: Hard Hat, Bowler, Top Hat, a Safety Helmet with chin strap that meets recognised safety standard.

Hair should be neat & tidy.

**Optional** - Cane, Crop, Spurs, Vest, Stock, Gloves - leather or string backed, Hair Net, Scrunchie.

## **SHOW HUNTER CLASS ATTIRE**

Hacking Jacket: Tweed or similar, conservative colour.

Breeches or Jodhpurs - canary, fawn or banana in colour.

Shirt and Tie.

Ratcatcher Shirt or Stock are also acceptable

Long boots or Jodhpur Boots - black or brown in colour.

Permitted: Hard Hat, Bowler, Top Hat, a Safety Helmet with chin strap that meets recognised safety standard.

Other as per Informal.

## **WORKING HUNTER CLASS ATTIRE**

Hacking Jacket - Tweed or similar, conservative colour.

Shirt and Tie, Ratcatcher Shirt or Stock are also acceptable

Breeches or Jodhpurs Canary, fawn or banana in colour.

Long Boots or Jodhpur Boots, Black or brown in colour

Safety Helmet with chin strap that meets recognised Safety Standard.

2.2 **TURNOUT** – refer to Section 10 in Show Horse Council Guideline To Showing.

### **Formal - Adults only (Ladies):**

A hard safety type black bowler, a lanyard is optional. A hairnet is appropriate for ladies.

A collarless white shirt with doubled cuffs with holes for cuff links, Cuff links.

White starched stock, Stock Pin, Waistcoat, preferably of woollen Tattersalls check.

The Riding Jacket should be of woollen Cavalry twill fabric, dark in colour, single vent back.

Breeches should be woollen Cavalry twill (blend or a good quality stretch fabric may be acceptable) in beige, yellow or cream colour.

Black leather top boots with garter straps. Spurs should be plain stainless steel dummy type.  
Gloves: String cotton backed with leather palms; Hacking cane - plaited or plain pigskin.  
Both Formal and Semi-Formal are acceptable in Gentlemen's Turnout Classes.

### **Semi-Formal - Adults only ( & Gentlemen's Turnout):**

Bowler or velvet covered Hunting cap.  
Collared shirt with cuff and tie - plain tie bar and cuff links.  
All remaining attire the same as required for Formal classes.

### **Children:**

Velvet Helmet with safety Harness (meeting recognised Safety Standards) in colour to blend with clothing.  
Collared shirt with cuffs, preferably white or cream - plain cuff links.  
Tie of a colour to blend with the clothing, attached to shirt with plain tie bar.  
Waistcoat in discreet check or plain colour to match jodhpurs.  
Riding Jacket of wool type tweed fabric or plain colour, not too dark and not black.  
Jodhpurs should be woollen Cavalry twill, wool blend or good quality stretch fabric, beige, yellow or cream in colour.  
Leather Jodhpur boots - brown or black in colour.  
Gloves as for formal attire.  
Hacking cane as for formal attire.  
Spurs - should be stainless steel dummy type.  
Jewellery should not be worn. Avoid Accessories and loud colours.

## **2.3 JUDGES:**

- 2.3.1 A Judge may dress in a riding outfit (refer 2.1) or smart dress attire. When judging outdoors both ladies and gentlemen should wear a hat. A hat is optional when judging indoors. A gentleman should also wear a coat and tie.

Attire should always be clean, tidy and appropriate for the competition being judged.  
It is advisable to wear suitable shoes. Wind-cheaters, tee shirts, jeans, running shoes, thongs etc are not considered to be acceptable standards of dress.

## **2.4 STEWARDS AND OFFICIALS.**

- 2.4.1 Attire should always be clean, tidy and appropriate for the competition or Show. It is advisable to wear suitable shoes and a hat for outdoor Shows.

## **3.00 OPEN SADDLE CLASSES - SECTIONS AND AWARDS**

Sections 3.1 to 3.7. (see Definitions). See 3.12 for suggested **minor** Classes.

**Champions and Reserves to be awarded in each Section below.**

- 3.1a) Recommended minimum Small Pony classes:  
Not exceeding 12hh  
Over 12hh and not exceeding 12.2hh
- 3.1b) Recommended minimum Large Pony classes:  
Over 12.2hh and not exceeding 13hh  
Over 13hh and not exceeding 13.2hh  
Over 13.2hh and not exceeding 14hh

- 3.2a) Recommended minimum Small Galloway class/es:  
Over 14hh and not exceeding 14.2hh  
Option - Lightweight and Heavyweight Classes
- 3.2b) Recommended minimum Large Galloway class/es:  
Over 14.2hh and not exceeding 15hh  
Option - Lightweight and Heavyweight Classes
- 3.3a) Recommended minimum Small Saddle Horse classes:  
Over 15hh and not exceeding 15.2hh  
Over 15.2hh and not exceeding 16hh
- 3.3b) Recommended minimum Large Saddle Horse classes:  
Over 16.0hh and not exceeding 16.2hh  
Over 16.2hh
- 3.4 Recommended Leading Rein Pony Class – (Rider 3yrs & under 8yrs)  
Not exceeding 12.0hh
- 3.5a) Recommended minimum Small Show Hunter Pony Class/es  
Not exceeding 12.2hh
- 3.5b) Recommended minimum Large Show Hunter Pony Class/es  
Over 12.2hh and not exceeding 14.hh
- 3.6a) Recommended minimum Small Show Hunter Galloway Class/es.  
Over 14.hh and not exceeding 14.2.hh
- 3.6b) Recommended minimum Large Show Hunter Galloway Class/es.  
Over 14.2.hh and not exceeding 15.hh
- 3.7a) Recommended minimum Small Show Hunter Hack Classes  
Over 15.hh and not exceeding 16.hh
- 3.7b) Recommended minimum Large Show Hunter Hack Class/es.  
Over 16.hh
- 3.8. Recommended: Preliminary Working Hunter, Pony n/e 12hh  
(Maximum Jump Height 35cm)
- Recommended: Novice Working Hunter - (Maximum Jump Height 50cm)
- Recommended: Intermediate Working Hunter - (Maximum Jump Height 65cm)
- Recommended: Open Working Hunter - (Maximum Jump Height 80cm)
- 3.9 Allocation of Working Hunter marks:
- |                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Jumping: style and ability | 50 points  |
| Flatwork                   | 30 points  |
| Conformation               | 20 points  |
| TOTAL                      | 100 points |

- 3.10 If sufficient Entries Awards may be further divided into Working Hunter Pony n/e 14hh,, Galloway over 14hh n/e 15hh, Horse over 15hh. Refer to Rule 16B for Working Hunter Class Guidelines.
- 3.11 Led classes for Mares & Geldings, in each height section, are an option.
- 3.12 Classes such as NOVICE, NEWCOMER, ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE/ PRELIMINARY, LADIES, GENTS, RIDDEN BY A CHILD, AMATEUR etc. are recommended in addition to the classes stated in 3.1 to 3.7. (see Definitions)
- 3.13 A hack must be at least three (3) years of age to compete in ridden classes at Official Shows.
- 3.14 A NEWCOMER hack is one that has not been shown or competed under saddle, (racing excepted), prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January in its first year of being shown or competing. Once shown under saddle, such horse ceases to be a Newcomer on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December that same year. All horses in Newcomer classes shall be shown in a snaffle bit.
- 3.15 A MAIDEN hack is one that has not been placed in any Individual ridden hack class at any Official Show.
- 3.16 A NOVICE hack is one that has not been placed 1<sup>st</sup> in any Individual open ridden hack class at any Official Show. This Novice definition also applies to Show Hunter & Working Hunter horses in the relevant competition.
- 3.17 An ELEMENTARY hack is one that has not been placed 1<sup>st</sup> on more than three occasions in any Individual ridden hack classes at any Official Shows. This Elementary definition also applies to Show Hunter & Working Hunter horses in the relevant competition
- 3.18 An INTERMEDIATE hack is one that has not been placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in an Individual ridden hack class at any Royal Show, and including the R.N.A. Bathurst, Toowoomba, Launceston and Geelong Royals. This Intermediate definition also applies to Show Hunter & Working Hunter horses in the relevant competition.
- 3.19 A PRELIMINARY hack is one that has not been placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Champion or Reserve in an Open ridden Hack class/event at any Royal Show including the R.N.A., Bathurst, Toowoomba, Launceston and Geelong Royals, or has never been the Winner or Runner Up at the Grand National, any State HOTY Title or has never been the Winner of any HOTY Intermediate or Preliminary Title. This Preliminary definition also applies to Show Hunter & Working Hunter horses in the relevant competition
- 3.20 A horse will carry its performance for LIFE regardless of whether it changes its height division. This clause applies to Rules 3.14 – 3.19
- 3.21 It is recommended that where the number of entrants permit, a minimum 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> placings are awarded in a class.
- 3.22 The Champion will be selected from the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners from each of the eligible classes. Under no circumstances shall a Judge award equal Champions.



- 3.23 The Reserve Champion will be selected from the remaining 1st place winners and the 2nd placegetter/s from the class/s which supplied the Champion.
- 3.24 Supreme Champion will be according to the Show's schedule.
- 3.25 A Judge officiating at an Official Show is under no obligation to award 1st, 2nd or 3rd place (any placing) if he considers such placing not up to standard.
- 3.26 Judges officiating at Official Shows are asked to avoid awarding equal placings.
- 3.27 Except where any ineligibility is officially determined, the Judge's decision is final. A Judge's decision representing his/her individual preference cannot be protested against.
- 3.28 All classes, including Champion, in one division/section should be judged by the same Judge. Where more than one Judge come together to judge, at least one should have judged the winner/s that compete for Champion.
- 3.29 Once a horse has competed as a Hack/Saddle Horse or a Show Hunter at its first SHC competition in a calendar year it must remain as a Hack/Saddle Horse or a Show Hunter at SHC competitions for that calendar year.
- 3.30 Leading Rein is open to Ponies n/e 12hh ridden by child 3yrs & under 8yrs, the handler in Leading Rein must be Adult (17yrs & over). This Rule also applies to Tiny Tots classes
- 3.31 First Ridden is open to Ponies n/e 12.2hh ridden by a child aged 5 yrs & under 12 yrs

#### **4.0 – COMPETITOR/EXHIBITOR PROTOCOL.**

- 4.1 a) It is the Competitor's/Exhibitor's responsibility to ensure eligibility for a class.  
b) Where any ineligibility to compete may occur, the Competitor/Exhibitor (not the Judge) should withdraw from the class/event.
- 4.2 A Competitor/Exhibitor/Owner, should not compete under any Judge where a breach of these Rules may occur. It is the responsibility of the Competitor/Exhibitor to ascertain who is the Judge of any class/event he/she intends to compete in. Where a conflict may occur, the onus, in the first instance, is on the Competitor/Exhibitor to abide by the Rules and withdraw from competition. In the second instance, a Judge should not knowingly judge an ineligible entrant. Ignorance will not be accepted as a defence for breach of the Rule.
- 4.3 The Competitor/Exhibitor shall produce their S.H.C. (Affiliate/Association) Membership Card, Horse Registration Certificate and/or Measuring Certificate for inspection on request of a Show Official or as required by Show Schedule , and/orwhen competing in any SHC recognised Show.
- 4.4 A Competitor/Exhibitor or a member of their family shall not approach a Judge with regard to a decision, unless they first obtain permission from the Ringmaster or the Ring Steward who may arrange an appointment with the Judge, at an appropriate place and time. The Judge or Official may refuse the request. A representative of the organising body shall remain present during any such discussion/meeting.

- 4.5 Once judging has commenced, a competing horse shall not be led or ridden in or out of the ring without permission of the Judge and/or Ringmaster.
- 4.6 No rider/horse can compete unofficially or non competitively.
- 4.7 A Competitor/Exhibitor/member shall at all times behave in a proper and respectful manner to Judges, Show Officials and their fellow competitors and not engage in conduct that may bring the sport into disrepute.
- 4.8 Any act of cruelty, excessive discipline or mistreatment of a horse at a SHC Event will result in disqualification from the event and is reportable for Disciplinary action. Refer Rule 6.00. Cruelty.

### **5.00 – COMPETITOR/EXHIBITOR/EXHIBIT ELIGIBILITY.**

#### **Change to time restrictions to take effect from January 2019**

- 5.1 The Competitor/Exhibitor/Exhibit is INELIGIBLE to compete if:
- a) 1. The Competitor/Exhibitor is a family member of the Judge officiating in any event in which he/she intends to compete.
  2. The Competitor/Exhibitor is an immediate family member of the Judge officiating in hack and/or riding classes at the show where he/she intends to compete, in any Hack and or riding class.
  - b) The horse has been owned or leased by the Judge, or a member of his family, or his employer or employee, or business partner/partner within the last ~~12~~ 6 months.
  - c) The Competitor/Exhibitor/Owner or his family has provided accommodation for the Judge immediately prior to or during the Show or vice versa . This Rule extends to cover a current Landlord/Tenant relationship.
  - d) Any part of the combination (horse or rider) has been given tuition by the Judge, or a member of his family or business partner/partner within the last ~~6~~ 6 months
  - e) The Competitor/Exhibitor has given the Judge or a member of his family tuition within the last ~~6~~ 6 months.
- Conducting of clinics, schools or assistance in Group activities such as Pony Club, shall not be considered as tutoring. Individual or Group lesson/s given in a school situation, where schools are conducted on a regular basis (within a 3 month period) with the same instructor, will be considered tutoring; *applicable to 5.2 d) & e)*
- f) The horse has been agisted/boarded with the Judge or the Judge's employer or employee or business partner/partner within the last ~~6~~ 6 months.
  - g) The Competitor/Exhibitor has employed or has been employed by or has been a business partner/partner of the Judge within the last ~~6~~ 6 months.
  - h) The Competitor/Exhibitor has trained a horse owned or leased by the Judge or a member of the Judge's family or business partner/partner within the last ~~6~~ 6 months.

- i) The Judge or a member of the Judge's family or business partner/partner has shown a horse in joint names with the Competitor or a member of the Competitor's/ Exhibitor's family within the last ~~6~~ 6 months.
- j) The Judge or a member of the Judge's family or business partner/partner has ridden a horse for the Competitor/Exhibitor or a member of the Competitor's/Exhibitor's family, OR the Competitor/Exhibitor or a member of the Competitor's/Exhibitor's family or business partner/partner has ridden a horse for the Judge or a member of the Judge's family within the last ~~three-3~~ 6 months
- k) The Judge or a member of the Judge's family or business partner/partner has ridden the horse in a Rider or Turnout class and/or in any competition within the last 3 6 months, OR the Competitor/Exhibitor or a member of the Competitor's/Exhibitor's family or business partner/partner has ridden a horse owned by the Judge or the Judges family in a Rider or Turnout class and/or in any competition, within the last 3 6 months.

- 5.2 All horses competing in Official competition shall be named as per the name on its NSH Registration Papers.
- 5.3 The onus is on the Competitor/Exhibitor to ensure that the Horse/Rider/Handler is eligible for any class entered and/or competed in. However, where a Judge knowingly permits an ineligible person or exhibit to compete under him, all parties (Judge, Exhibitor and Competitor) will be held in breach of the Rules.
- 5.4 A Horse shall be shown at the height shown on its current Measurement Certificate. Any horse not issued with a current Measurement Certificate may be required to be measured prior to competing in any Official Show.
- 5.5 A Horse shall be entered and shown in its full registered name. Falsification of any information on any documentation (including entry forms) supplied to the SHC shall be considered a Breach of Rules.
- 5.6 The Competitor/Exhibitor must not make erroneous statements regarding an exhibit.
- 5.7 It shall be the Competitor's/Exhibitor's responsibility to ensure the horse or rider is eligible and competes in the correct class.
- 5.8 Stallions shall not compete in Hack, Riding or Turnout classes. Stallions should compete in specific stallion classes. Breed classes may be exempt from this Rule.

#### **6.00 – CRUELTY, DISEASED/INJURED HORSES:-**

- 6.1 A Show Official, Ringmaster or Judge may request that any diseased/injured/lame, mistreated, neglected or distressed horse be removed from the ring and/ or the ground.
- 6.2 Any alleged act of cruelty to a horse competing or present at a Show should be reported as soon as possible to the Ringmaster or Show Official.

- 6.3 Any witness to an act of cruelty should submit a written statement to the Show Horse Council. The statement should, if possible, be accompanied by signed declaration/s from ( at least) two witness/es.
- 6.4 The Show Committee will report any allegation of cruelty to the Show Horse Council in the form of a written report. An act of cruelty shall include but not be restricted to excessive &/or sustained use of a whip or other form of excessive discipline, inflicting pain or injury, prolonged exercise resulting in distress to a horse, unsafe securing or handling of a horse, competing with or exercising a clearly lame horse or being negligent in the care of an injured or sick horse.

### **7.00 – DRUG TESTING/ DRUG AND TREATMENT RULES.**

*The principal elements of SHC Drug Testing & Treatment Rules are:*

- .1 The welfare of the horse*
- .2 The level playing field.*

- 7.1 It is the intention of these Rules that at any Official Show and/or SHC event, all horses shall perform, at the time of competition, without *any* Prohibited or Banned substance/s within their system.
- 7.2 Each of the Responsible Officer, Owner and the Competitor/Exhibitor must ensure that the horse for which he/she is responsible is, at the time of Competition in any Official Show, free from any drug or prohibited substance. Penalties as adopted herein shall apply to any breach of this Rule. It will not be a defence to any charge relating to the breach of this Rule that the Owner, Competitor/Exhibitor or Responsible Officer may have not known that the horse was not free from a prohibited or banned substance.
- 7.3 The responsible Officer must be over 18 yrs of age- where the owner of a horse is under 18 yrs a Parent or Guardian shall be the Responsible Officer.
- 7.4 Where a Responsible Officer is not declared, or is not present at the Show, the Owner and the Competitor/ Exhibitor shall be considered responsible.
- 7.5 The Responsible Officer/Owner/Competitor/Exhibitor will ensure that, at the time the horse is drug tested, a suitable person will attend as a witness, to act for him/her, and to sign on his/her behalf any drug testing documents. In any absence the Responsible Officer /Owner/ Competitor /Exhibitor will, in all respects, remain accountable according to these Rules.

### **7.5A TREATMENT FORM & MEDICATION RULES**

- a) At any SHC Official Show where Drug Testing is carried out, a SHC Treatment Sheet is required to be lodged (as per requirements of the Competition Rules & Show Rules for any horse that has been administered any Treatment, Foreign Substance, Medication, Drug, Prohibited or Banned Substance, within **30** days prior to and/or on the day of competition.
- b) The onus is on the Responsible Officer/Owner/Competitor/Exhibitor to lodge a Treatment Sheet for any horse he/she has entered/ competed in any Official Show &/or SHC event where Drug Testing is to be carried out.

- c) The Treatment Sheet shall be completed IN ALL RESPECTS and lodged as per the requirements of the Treatment Sheet & as the Rules of the Show specify. Any supporting Veterinary information, as required by the SHC and/or the Show's Rules, must be submitted along with the Treatment Sheet and within the time prescribed.
- d) An incomplete or incorrect Treatment Sheet may be rejected and if that occurs the Exhibit shall be ineligible to compete.
- e) Where a Treatment Sheet is lodged, the Ringmaster will advise the Exhibitor/Responsible Officer of the Ground Jury's decision as to whether or not the horse will be permitted to compete.
- f) Lodging of a Treatment Sheet Form does not release an Exhibit from being Drug Tested, nor from Disciplinary Action by the SHC should a positive result to a Prohibited or Banned substance occur.
- g) FAILURE TO SUBMIT A TREATMENT SHEET in accordance with these Rules, the Rules of the Show and the Treatment Sheet, shall be considered a BREACH OF THESE RULES and penalty/s will apply.
- h) It is the obligation of the Owner &/or Responsible Officer &/or Exhibitor of the horse, and not the SHC, to ensure that the horse is eligible to compete.

7.6 The Show Horse Council may carry out random testing for drugs at any Official Show &/or SHC Show/Event at any time and may cause to be made any test of any exhibit to determine whether any Prohibited or Banned Substance has been administered to the exhibit and may detain such exhibit for such period as deemed reasonable from the time of selection to procure the samples. The method of selection to be consistent and transparent.

- a) The collection of samples may involve the collection of urine and/or the taking of blood.
- b) Compliance with this Rule is mandatory to all exhibits when competing at any Official Show &/or SHC event.
- c) Refusal to submit an exhibit for drug testing shall be deemed a breach of these Rules, resulting in disqualification and/or disciplinary action and/or penalties as determined by the Show Horse Council.

7.7 Drug testing shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant Laboratory Sample Collection Procedure Regulations.

7.8 **SET PENALTIES FOR DRUG OFFENCES.**

The following Penalties apply for the detection in urine, blood or other samples of a Prohibited or Banned Substance:

- a) **LEVEL 1:** Detection of a Prohibited Controlled Substance

<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>FINE</b>	<b>SUSPENSION/ BAN OF HORSE &amp;/OR OFFENDER/S</b>	<b>AWARDS</b>	<b>PLACING</b>	<b>SUSPENSION/ BAN from SHC Committee &amp;/or SHC Judges List</b>
1st Offence	\$500 + GST	3 months of Competition	Loss of	Loss of	3 months
2nd Offence	\$500 + GST	6 months of Competition	Loss of	Loss of	6 months
3rd Offence	\$1,000 + GST	12 Months of Competition	Loss of	Loss of	12 months

**Further Level 1 Offence:** Proceed to Level 2, 2nd Offence.

**b) LEVEL 2:** Detection of a Prohibited Banned Substance

<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>FINE</b>	<b>SUSPENSION/ BAN OF HORSE &amp;/OR OFFENDER/S</b>	<b>AWARDS</b>	<b>PLACING</b>	<b>SUSPENSION/ BAN from SHC Committee &amp;/or SHC Judges List</b>
1st Offence	\$1,500 + GST	12 months of Competition	Loss of	Loss of	12 months
2nd Offence	\$2,500 + GST	24 months of Competition	Loss of	Loss of	24 months
3rd Offence	\$5,000 + GST	24 months of Competition	Loss of	Loss of	24 months

7.9. If an offence is proven as a result of a positive swab, the cost of drug testing and any associated costs to the Show Horse Council will be applied to the offender.

7.10. The Show Horse Council reserves the right to consider waiving of Penalties if special circumstances warrant.

7.11. Publication of Results in relation to Penalties imposed arising from Drug Testing shall be in accordance with Competition Rules 1.6 (a) & 1.7 (a) .

7.12. The non payment of a Fine and/or costs, as imposed by the Show Horse Council shall, at the discretion the Show Horse Council, debar the person in breach of payment and incur a review of any prior imposed Penalty/s. (A warning of such action and set date of inquiry will be given).

## **8.00 - GROUND JURY.**

8.1 A Ground Jury should be appointed for all Official events. It is suggested that the Ground Jury consists of the Ringmaster, members of the organising committee and a person who knows the Competition Rules. The Judge of the section concerned may be consulted.

- 8.2 The Ground Jury reserves the right to change any Judge, programming or other as considered necessary and will adjudicate on any protest and/or dispute and will act on matters as set down in these Rules and the Rules applicable to the Show for which they are appointed.
- 8.3 Where necessary, the Ground Jury will report to the Show Horse Council.

## **9.00 HEATS AND FINALS**

### **NUMBER OF COMPETITORS PARADED BEFORE THE JUDGE.**

- 9.1 Where there are large numbers of entries in a class, it is necessary to judge the class in heats. The number of competitors paraded at one time should not exceed 12. For example, if there are 30 competitors in the class, the class would be judged in 3 heats of 10 competitors. The Judge would select the best from each heat, then these would be judged in the final.

## **10.0 IMPROPER BEHAVIOUR/DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND UNRULY HORSES.**

- 10.1 Improper behaviour/disorderly conduct by either Judge, Show Official, Competitor, Exhibitor or other related person is reportable to the Show Committee. Any incident shall then be reported, in writing, within seven days, to the Show Horse Council. Incidents reported to the Show Horse Council should be accompanied by written signed reports from those involved and from witnesses where possible.
- 10.2 Any Competitor/Exhibitor or any other person who, in the opinion of the SHC Show officials, has caused annoyance by loud or unseemly comment upon the decision of a Judge, or upon any act or omission on the part of a Judge, or of any Official on duty in or about the Ring at the time of Competition, such person may be expelled from the Class & the Showground. If the Show Horse Council is satisfied that a person's behaviour has been unseemly or wilfully insulting to a Judge or Official, the person shall be considered in breach of these Rules and, as such, disciplinary action shall be imposed. Where the Show Horse Council is satisfied that improper behaviour has occurred, by the same person, on more than one occasion, such person shall be prohibited from attending any Official Show Horse Council Events for such period as the Show Horse Council may determine.
- 10.3 A Show Official, the Ringmaster and or Judge may request any unruly horse be removed from the ring and or grounds. The competition should not continue until the horse is removed as requested.
- 10.4 Incidents relating to objectionable conduct and or unseemly behaviour by:
- a) a Competitor towards a Judge, Exhibitor or Spectator
  - b) an Exhibitor towards a Judge, Competitor or Spectator
  - c) a Judge towards a Competitor, Exhibitor or Spectator
  - d) a Competitor towards a fellow Competitor
  - e) a Judge towards a fellow Judge
- arising from a competition (either before, during or after such competition) shall be reportable and may result in disciplinary action. The Show Horse Council shall only consider such incidents when it receives in writing, signed reports from those involved and from witnesses where possible.

**11.0 JUDGE'S BEHAVIOUR AND PROTOCOL.**

- 11.1 A Judge shall not knowingly judge an ineligible exhibit.
- 11.2 A Judge shall not VISIT the horse lines, Owners or Competitors nor INSPECT or DISCUSS any horse entered in the Show prior to completion of judging at the Show.
- 11.3 The Judge's decision shall be final, except where any ineligibility is determined.
- 11.4 When a Judge is unable to fulfil a judging commitment, he shall notify the appropriate Show official as soon as possible.
- 11.5 The Judge shall not appoint a substitute Judge. Only the organising body may appoint a substitute Judge.
- 11.6 An official Show Horse Council Judge shall be reportable to the Show Horse Council for failure to:
- a) Attend a Show to which he is committed.
  - b) Adjudicate in assigned classes.
  - c) Appear on a Showground in time for the advertised commencement of his section, without a reasonable explanation.
  - d) Adhere to the Competitions Rules and S.H.C. Judges Scheme.
- 11.7 The Judge should ensure that a Steward is present during any discussions with a Competitor.
- 11.8 A Judge shall not discuss the sale, purchase or lease of any horse until the completion of the Show.
- 11.9. A Judge shall not adjudicate at two or more Shows within the same A.S.C Group boundaries within thirty (30) days unless judging different sections. Judges are strongly urged to refrain from accepting too many appointments during a show season.
- 11.10 A Judge shall at all times be polite and act in a respectful manner to Competitors, Spectators and Show Officials & shall not engage in conduct that may bring the sport into disrepute.
- 11.11 A Judge may direct his steward to remove any person or horse from the competition for bad conduct.
- 11.12 A Judge shall not judge at any Show where a horse owned by him or an immediate Family member/ business partner/partner is competing or taking part, Breed Classes being exempt from this Rule.
- 11.13 When a Competitor makes a request through the Steward or Ringmaster for the Judge's opinion, it is urged that the Judge give his opinion courteously and sincerely in the presence of the Ring Steward or other Show Official. A Judge should refrain from making derogatory comments.
- 11.14 There will be no fraternisation between Competitor and Judge during the Show.
- 11.15 A Judge shall not solicit judging appointments.



11.16 SHC Official List Judges officiating as a Judge at ANY Show are not permitted to use mobile phones or smoke whilst they are in the Ring.

**12.0 CONDUCT OF A SHOW** by a SHC Affiliate must be approved/sanctioned by the Council to be recognised as an Official SHC Event .

12.1 Prior to the Show, the Organising Committee should write to the officiating Judge/s confirming:

- a) Date of Show
- b) Starting Time
- c) Expenses which will be paid
- d) Accommodation arrangements
- e) Travel arrangements

12.2 Prior to the Show, the Organising Committee should forward to the Judge/s:

- a) A copy of the program
- b) Gate passes, meal tickets
- c) Directions to the ground

The Show Horse Council recommends that all Judges be paid out of pocket and or travelling expenses, as well as overnight accommodation where necessary. Any further remuneration is strongly discouraged as Show Societies are non-profit organisations and expenses should be kept to a minimum..

12.3 On the day of the Show, the Judge should be provided with at least one steward and all refreshments.

12.4 The Organising Committee is obliged to provide a suitable area in which events can be conducted. The area should be:

- a) Sufficiently remote from other activities to ensure riders and/or mounts are not endangered in any way, either directly or indirectly, by other activities.
- b) A suitable environment in which a “hack” could reasonably be expected to perform.
- c) Of sufficient dimensions to provide a reasonable work-out area for the type of event being judged.

## **12A GRAND NATIONAL QUALIFIER SHOWS**

### **.1 SHOW CRITERIA CATEGORIES**

- a) A State Capital Royal Show
- b) A State Horse of the Year Show conducted by the SHC or a Constituent Affiliate. Entry in Horse & Rider events are restricted to horses registered with the National Saddle Horse Register & all Exhibitors/Owners/Lessees /Responsible Officers/ Riders to be current members of the SHC & its Constituent Affiliates.
- c) A SHC approved Show conducted by a S.H.C Affiliate: the level of competition to be of high standard with the location of the Show to be of benefit to S.H.C. Members. Entry in Horse & Rider events restricted to horses registered with the National Saddle Horse Register & the Exhibitors/Owners/Lessees/ /Responsible Officers/ Riders to be current members of the SHC &/or its Constituent Affiliates.
- c) .1 A stand-alone SHC Affiliate Youth Day Competition that has approved Grand National qualifier status applied to those classes in line with Grand National Childrens Classes. Note: On the day of competition the child identified on the entry will be only person permitted to ride the horse nominated for that entry prior to the Class being held.

- d) Shows of recognised esteem & long standing, where the standard of competition is considered to be comparable with a H.O.T.Y. or a major Royal Show
- e) Royal Shows other than State Capital Royal Shows & State Agricultural Shows where the level of competition is of a high standard.

## **.2 CRITERIA FOR GRAND NATIONAL QUALIFIER STATUS**

- a) Meeting the Application criteria does not guarantee that a show will be accepted as a GN Qualifier. The S.H.C. reserves the right, without recourse, at its discretion, to admit, revoke or reject the acceptance of any Show as a Grand National Qualifier.
- b) At the December Meeting of the S.H.C. the current Qualifiers are considered, providing all requirements have been met these Qualifier Shows are endorsed for the forthcoming year. New Applications for future acceptance are then put forward for consideration; acceptance is at the discretion of the SHC. Taken into consideration will be the number of Qualifiers within a State, any clash of dates with other Qualifiers, impact on existing Qualifiers etc.
- c) New Applications received after the December meeting may be considered at the June Meeting of the SHC.
- d) New Applicants shall complete The Grand National Application Form and The Grand National Policy Document for submission to the Council.
- e) For acceptance as a Grand National Qualifier the Show must meet one of the Show Criteria Categories (See Rule 10).and agree to adhere to the Mandatory Requirements. (Rule 12).

## **.3 MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS**

- a) For all horses competing in SHC events where G.N Qualification is applicable the horse shall recorded in the NSH data base, for entries not lodged On line a current copy of National Saddle Horse Registration shall be provided.(See 10B)
- b) All exhibits shall hold a current Show Horse Council Provisional, Annual or Life Measurement Card/Certificate-that is appropriate to the class or section in which the Horse is to compete - or be measured at the Show.
- c) The height to be identified on the Breast Plate stamped & signed by the Measuring Official to confirm eligibility for Entry in the Class. The Breast Plate to be checked by the Marshal/Ring Steward for compliance and eligibility prior to the horse entering the Ring to compete at the Show.
- d) Qualification to compete at the Grand National will only be extended to the Winners/Runner Ups of **Open Sections** that are relevant & in line with the Horse & Rider Events as listed in the Grand National Show Schedule. **Class Winners** only of Childs/First Ridden/Shetland classes that are in line with the GN Program are eligible.
- e) Where it is found that any of the Mandatory Requirements have not been met, the S.H.C. may, at any time, without assigning a reason, cancel a Show's status as a Grand National Qualifier.
- f) The S.H.C. does require that Drug Testing be carried out at shows that are accepted as G.N. Qualifiers.

Where fees collected from participants at a SHC event are specified as being for swabbing/drug testing, then all such fees collected are to be spent where possible directly on the conducting of swabbing/drug testing at that event. A Pro Forma report to be provided to SHC on Tests carried out, monies collected & expended.

If a Body does not conduct Drug Testing at a Grand National Qualifier the acceptance of the Show in this case will be at the discretion of the Show Horse Council.

- g) The show secretary shall provide in writing, to the SHC secretary, the Show Results detailing:  
 In the case of a Rider event:  
**a)** the award applicable **b)** the rider's name **c)** current SHC member number **d)** the rider's address  
 In the case of a Horse event:  
**a)** the award applicable **b)** the name and NSH registration number of the horse with the name of the owner/s agreeing with that shown on the Entry Form **c)** the Exhibitor's address.  
 Any irregularity with SHC membership or NSH Registration at the time of competition at the GN qualifying show may render a rider or horse ineligible for Invitation &/or acceptance.
- h) All horses eligible to compete at the Grand National Saddle Horse & Riding Championships will be required, at the time of Entry for the Grand National be registered with the National Saddle Horse Register, the name of the owner/s agreeing with NSH records and GN online Show Entry data for the horse.
- i) At the time of Entry for the Grand National all Exhibitors/ Owners/ Lessees//Responsible Officers/Riders shall be members of the SHC &/or its Constituent Affiliates.
- j) With exception of Royals, all SHC Qualifiers to be in the same format.
- k) Classes as per Grand National format – No Finals – All to work.
- l) Three Judges to adjudicate each Open, Show Hunter, Lead Rein & Rider Class.
- m) Optional to use one or up to three Judges for Childs/Shetland/First Ridden Classes.
- n) All Qualifiers to adopt a plan for Marshalling area where horses are marked off & can still continue to warm up with access to helper if needed. Provide a separate exclusion area to allow next horse to warm up before entering the Ring. Plan to be drawn up.
- o) Show Module Template to be drawn up for use of all GN Qualifiers. Classes to include details of Rules specific to the Class.
- p) Performance criteria is not to be applied to HOTY .

- . 4 JUDGE SELECTION CRITERIA will operate for all Grand National Qualifying Shows conducted under the jurisdiction of the SHC.

- a) Shall have extensive Judging experience, credibility and a high level of personal presentation.
- b) Shall not have judged more than (2) two Grand National Qualifying Events, which may include a Royal but held in different States, in any Calendar year.
- c) Nominated Judges of Grand National Qualification “Classes” shall be selected from the SHC Royal/National Show List.
- d) Nominated Judges of Non Grand National Qualification “Classes” shall be selected from either the current SHC General or Royal/State/National Show Judges Lists.
- e) Interstate judge selections to equal or predominate in number. e.g. 2 out of 3, 2 out of 4, 3 out of 6
- f) Judge selections shall not be made if Judge resides closer than 150 km to the Event

.5 FINAL JUDGE SELECTION PROCESS For SHC Affiliates in N.S.W. (or Interstate if requested) that have been granted approval to conduct a Grand National Qualifying Event.

- a) Council requests Affiliates to supply the name of one qualified first choice Judge together with one second choice Judge for each section of the respective Show in accordance with the above Judge Selection Criteria process 13 A-F).
- b) Judge names shall be provided in writing to the Judges Coordinator with copy to the Secretary (letter or recorded in Affiliate's minutes) a minimum of three days prior to the meeting at which the selection process is to be undertaken;
- c) At the designated time (Agenda Item) at the meeting at which the respective judge selection process is to be undertaken the Judges Co-ordinator shall submit the authenticated selections:
- d) All nominated first choice Judge names are to be displayed (placed on white board or similar) under each section for which they were nominated by Affiliates.
- e) The Council Chairman shall request Delegates to review listed names and identify any that, in the opinion of any Delegate, do not meet the criteria for the classes/show for which they were nominated.

If the delegates present at the meeting agree, any such name shall be removed from the list. Should an Affiliate's first choice be removed from the list that Affiliate's second choice name may be added should that name be suitable to the meeting.

- f) The Judge selection process for each section will be undertaken by a draw from all names remaining listed under that section.
- g) There shall be *minimum of* four (4) first choice Judge names and four reserves Judge names drawn for each Section (each being two from within the State & two from Interstate).

- h) To establish availability of Judges, the person nominated to contact the Judges shall do so at the earliest opportunity, this approach to be from first choice List in order of the committee's preference. If unsuccessful, the Reserve List may then be turned to with the same selection process being followed. Should the drawn First choice Judges or Reserve Judges of the Section be unavailable then unused drawn Judges or Reserves from remaining Sections may be approached in order of committee's preference.

.6 **PROCEDURAL TIMETABLE for conduct of Grand National Qualifier Shows in N.S.W. & ACT (or Interstate if requested).**

- a) **Application for Show Date:** The Affiliate shall apply to Council for approval of Show date at least three (3) months prior to proposed date. The Council, at the meeting when the Application is tabled, shall consider approval of the Date.
- b) **Provision Of Documentation: (Schedule, Conditions Of Entry, Rules & Regulations & Entry Forms):** Affiliate to provide documentation to Council for its consideration at least three (3) months prior to the approved Show Date.
- c) **Judge Selection:** At least one (1) month prior to judge selection, the Council secretary shall call for nominations from Affiliates. The Council to undertake selection process at least three (3) months prior to the approved Show date. Cancelled or rescheduled Shows are exempt from this Rule with selection in first instance to be taken from all previous submissions for that Show.
- d) **Appointment of Council Measurer(s), S.H.C. Representative & Steward(s)** Council to make appointments at least one month prior the approved Show date.
- e) **Appointment of S.H.C. Representative to Ground Jury:** Council to make appointment at least one months prior the approved Show date

**13.00 PROTESTS.**

- 13.1 A protest can only be placed for alleged violations of the Rules.
- 13.2 At an Official Show, any protest should be in writing and shall be made in accordance with the procedure set down in the Show Schedule.

**14.00 REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE AND OWNERSHIP.**

- 14.1 The person/s named on the horse's Registration Certificate is/are considered the Legal Owner/s.
- 14.2 No falsification of information, ownership or marking is permitted. Penalty/s shall apply.
- 14.3 Any defaced or altered Certificate or any Certificate containing false information shall be deemed to be invalid.
- 14.4 Where a Certificate is found to be incorrect, the matter must be reported to the Show Horse Council and the Certificate returned to the Registrar.
- 14.5 Any invalid Registration Certificate shall render the horse ineligible to compete at any Official Show.

- 14.6 Where a horse holds a National Saddle Horse Registration and such horse is leased, a SHC Lease Document shall be submitted to the Show Horse Council Registrar for recording. All benefits and penalties relating to a leased horse shall be attributed to the lessee.
- 14.7 Any horse owned by a suspended or banned member may not be transferred during the period of Suspension or Ban.
- 14.8 Registration Papers remain the property of the Show Horse Council and may be recalled on request.
- 14.9 For Show Horse Council purposes, in relation to any Application/Transfer/Lease Document relating to N.S.H. Registration, if all information and signature requirements have been provided according to the Rules, the authenticity of the Papers shall not be challenged.

### 15.00 RIDER CLASSES

- 15.1 A Junior Rider is under 12 years of age.
- a) At Shows conducted in accordance with the Show Horse Council Rules, the Mount of a Rider used in a Rider under Nine years Competition shall be restricted to not exceed a height of 14.0hh.
- b) The Mount of a Rider in a Nine years and under Twelve years Competition shall be restricted to not exceed a height of 15.0hh.
- 15.2 A Senior Rider is 12 years and under 17 years of age.
- 15.3 An Adult Rider is 17 years of age and over.
- 15.4 A Novice Rider is one who has not won a 1st in an individual class at an Official Show. On attaining the age of 17 years a successful Junior may compete as a Novice Adult.
- 15.5 Judges officiating in Riding Classes should not ask riders to change horses.
- 15.6 Age eligibility is determined by the age of the Rider on the day of Competition or, in the case of a Royal/HOTY etc., on the first Competition Day of that Event/Show.
- 15.7 Tiny Tots Class (Aged 3yrs - under 6yrs), The handler must be Adult (17yrs & over).

### 16.00 SADDLERY AND GEAR PROTOCOLS

- 16.1 Martingales, any kinds of gadgets (tongue ties, bearing, side, running, balance reins etc), any kind of boots or bandages, any form of blinkers are forbidden. Bits other than types of :- Simple Snaffle, Wilkie or Baucher, Pelham, Weymouth Bit & Bradoon are not permitted.
- .1a) In Leading Rein & First Ridden Classes a simple snaffle (egg butt or rings only) with a cavesson noseband must be used A narrow strap may be attached to the front of the saddle, no spurs permitted. *Reins must go direct from pony's mouth to the riders hand, not be threaded through a monkey grip or obstructed in any way.*  
In Lead Rein the handler's cane to not exceed **40cm**.  
In First Ridden, cane to not exceed **40cm**.

- 16.2 Whips must have a leather keeper at least 5cm long and 2cm wide and must not exceed **72cm** in length, inclusive of the leather keeper (flap).
- 16.3 Dummy or Roller Ball Spurs not exceeding 2cm in length are permitted. Any other type of spur is not permitted.
- 16.4 Prohibited, unsafe, cruel, ill-fitting or unsuitable gear or saddlery must be replaced or removed at the request of the Judge, Ringmaster or Show Official. Failure to comply with such a request will mean the horse and/or rider is ineligible to compete.
- 16.5 The use of a sheepskin (or equivalent) saddle cloth is optional. In a Turnout class, points shall not be deducted for the use of an appropriate Turnout saddle cloth.
- 16.6 A false tail is permitted in all classes including Turnout classes.

#### **16A SHOW HUNTERS**

- .1 Saddlery to be workmanlike, clean, neat and wellfitting.
- .2 Bridle, snaffle or double, with plain headband and cavesson
- .3 Plain sheepskin numnah or half pad
- .4 Crop, Leather or cane and not exceeding **72cm** in length, inclusive of leather keeper (flap).

#### **16B SADDLERY & GEAR PROTOCOL FOR WORKING HUNTERS.**

- .1 Turnout for working hunter classes is similar to a show hunter class, however an all-purpose or jumping saddle may be worn.
- .2 All horses/ponies are to be ridden in a simple biting such as a simple snaffle, double Pelham with either double or split reins (either is permissible especially for children.) Bits such as gags, tongue ties or any specialised types of biting for control are not permissible.
- .3 Whips must be a maximum length of **72cm** inclusive of thong and/or lash if a hunt whip is carried.
- .4 No bearing reins, side or running reins of any kind are permitted.  
A correctly fitted running martingale is allowed in the jumping section, (however it will be at the Judge's discretion whether this may or may not be marked down).
- .5 Protective boots (horse) are permissible for the Jumping Phase ONLY.
- .6 No change of saddlery is allowed between, or during, phases, except for the removal of boots and running martingale for the flatwork and Conformation Phases.
- .7 Competitors should ensure a groom is on hand to remove these as quickly as possible.
- .8 There are three phases to be contained within the working hunter class.
  - 1) Jumping Phase;
  - 2) Flatwork Phase
  - 3) Conformation Phase.

**These phases may be judged in three separate phases, or combined, depending on the preference of the Judge on the day.**

At the completion of the class, the total scores from all phases are added together to produce a mark out of one hundred. Places are awarded according to these final scores and as such, the competitor with the highest mark will be the eventual winner. In the event of equality of marks, the Judge will choose a winner from the two highest placed horses. The Judge's decision in all cases is final.

## **17.00 - DEFINITIONS.**

### **APPENDIX "A" DEFINITIONS**

In all Show Horse Council General Rules, Competition Rules, Measuring Scheme Rules, any Guidelines, Minutes of Meetings etc, the following shall apply:

**AMATEUR** A person who, for the past *two* years, has not received any fee, sponsorship, gift or reward or be or have been in any way subsidised or reimbursed for his/her services connected in any respect whatsoever with Coaching, Training, Riding or Showing of any horse for any other person. An award or prizemoney or trophy won as a prize in an official competition shall not affect Amateur status.

**AMATEUR COMPETITION** The horse shown in an Amateur Class must be owned & exhibited by the Rider who is an Amateur and/or a member of the Rider's Immediate Family, for a period of not less than three months. The horse must not have been shown, or ridden or trained by a Non-Amateur, within the previous three months.

**CLASS** Also referred to as an "Event". A combination of Classes is a Show or Competition.

**COACH** A person who instructs/teaches riding or equestrian skills. The Coach shall not necessarily receive reward for such coaching.

**COMPETITOR** a) The rider in a riding or turnout class.  
b) The person showing the horse, ie. the rider or handler of the horse during competition.

**CRUELTY** Includes any act or omission as a consequence of which a horse is mistreated.

**DRUG** Is any chemical agent that affects living process (see PROHIBITED OR BANNED SUBSTANCE).

**EMPLOYEE** A person who is hired to work for another and/or for a business. This also includes a person who works for another for keep and/or wages, specifically concerned with selling, showing, preparing, training, agisting and/or procuring of horses and/or training of riders.

**EMPLOYER** A person or business who employs another. This also includes a person who employs another for keep and/or for wages, specifically concerned with the selling, showing preparing, agisting, training of horses and/or the training of riders.



<b>EXHIBIT</b>	The horse competing in an event.
<b>EXHIBITOR</b>	The person/s entering the horse for competition. The exhibitor will be the owner and/or lessee and/or representative/agent of the said owner or lessee.
<b>FAMILY</b>	Shall include all identified in the Definition of Immediate Family plus uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, cousin and in-law.
<b>GALLOWAY</b>	Refers to a horse over 14hh and not exceeding 15hh.
<b>GUARDIAN</b>	Legal Guardian
<b>HACK</b>	Refers to a Pony, Galloway or Saddle Horse which is shown in Hack Classes or is used as a mount in Riding Classes.
<b>HE/HIS</b>	Where the masculine gender appears, it includes the feminine gender.
<b>HORSE</b>	Refers to a Pony, Galloway or Horse over 15hh.
<b>IMMEDIATE FAMILY</b>	Spouse, brother, sister, child, parents, grand-parents, grand-children. Step, persons living in a de-facto relationship, and same sex Partners (Refer also to Definition of “Family”).
<b>KNOWINGLY</b>	Acquainted/aware of the truth. Informed of the facts. Where this situation exists it shall be presumed that any breach is intentional.
<b>LEADING REIN</b>	A class for Ponies n/e 12hh on a Lead rein, the Rider over 3yrs & under 8yrs. with a Handler to maintain light contact for safe control of the combination.
<b>LEASE</b>	Where the possession of a horse, but not the ownership, is transferred (and recorded) to another person.
<b>MEDICATION</b>	Means the administration/treatment with Drug/s or other Substance/s.
<b>MONTH</b>	Means a <b>Calendar month</b> .  <b>Calendar month</b> means a period commencing at the beginning of a day of one of the 12 named months and ending: a) immediately before the beginning of the corresponding day of the next named month OR (b) if there is no such corresponding day, at the end of the next named month  <b>Named month</b> means “January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November or December.”
<b>OWNER</b>	The owner/s is/are the person/s named as the owner/s on the horse’s Registration Certificate or ownership document.
<b>OWNER’S AGENT</b>	The person officially notified (to the SHC) to represent the Owner in his/her absence.

**PARTNERSHIPS** Refers to the state or condition of being a partner and includes the following.

(a) Business Partner -

Is where a contractual or verbal relationship exists between two or more persons associated as a principal and/or contributor of capital, in a business or a joint venture with a view to profit, benefit or otherwise.

(b) Partner-

Is where a state or condition exists where two or more persons have an arrangement, association or a joint interest in any property or possession.

This includes any venture jointly or independently relating to the owning, preparing, training, selling, agisting and or showing of horses and or the training of riders with a view to profit, benefit or otherwise. Any clause in the rules referring to a business partner shall also apply to a partner and vice versa.

**PONY** Refers to a horse 14hh and under.

**PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES** are categorised as follows:

- *'Banned Substances' are substances identified as such under the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List, they have no legitimate use in the competition horse and/or have a high potential for abuse. They are not permitted for use in the competition horse at any time.*
- *'Controlled Medications' are substances identified as such on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List and are recognised to have therapeutic value and/or be commonly used in equine medicine. Controlled Medication have the potential to affect performance and/or be a welfare risk to the horse.*
- *'Foreign substances' are those which are generally accepted to have no performance modifying effect but **may** be detectable. Examples: omeprazole, ranitidine, pentosane, hyaluronic acid, bromhexine, vitamins and essential trace nutrients.*

*Exhibitors and their support teams are strongly encouraged to work closely with their veterinarian when administering any treatment &/or substances to horses.*

**REPRESENTATIVE** Is a person, not being the Owner, Lessee, Exhibitor or Responsible Officer, who is appointed by the aforementioned, to act on his/her behalf in his/her absence. Official confirmation of such appointment should be in writing, else the appointment as Representative may not be recognised.

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER** Is the person, who is the Owner, Leasee or Exhibitor for the horse in respect to these Rules. The responsible Officer must be over 18 yrs of age – where the owner of a horse is under 18 yrs of age a Parent or Guardian shall be the Responsible Officer.

- SADDLE HORSE** Refers to a horse over 15hh.
- SALE** A horse shall be deemed to have been sold when the ownership changes to another person and the Transfer has been lodged with the SHC. In accordance with NSH Rules.
- SHOW** Also referred to as “Competition”. A Show may be made up of one or more classes or events.
- SHOW HORSE COUNCIL or S.H.C.**  
Abbreviated terms for “The Show Horse Council Of Australasia Inc.”
- SINGULAR/PLURAL** Where the singular appears it also includes the plural and vice versa.
- SUSPENSION** A Penalty imposed upon a member for a Breach of Rule/s. Certain membership rights of the member are suspended during the period of suspension,
- A member** while under suspension cannot compete, enter, judge, officiate or exhibit a horse owned or leased by the Member at any event conducted &/or approved by SHC or its Affiliates.
- A Member** under suspension cannot transfer ownership or a leasehold of a horse owned or leased by them during the period of suspension.
- A Horse** under suspension cannot be entered or exhibited in any event conducted &/or approved by the SHC or its Affiliates. A transfer of ownership or lease for the horse cannot be carried out during the period of of its suspension.
- TREATMENT** Means any treatment (administered and/or applied) to the horse within 30 days prior to or at time of Competition
- TREATMENT SHEET** Is the Official document available from the Show Secretary or SHC Official to report any treatment or medication administered and/or applied to the Horse in the 30 day period prior to and on the day of Competition.
- The Treatment Sheet shall be completed in full detail & returned promptly to the Show Secretary or Ringmaster for consideration by the Ground Jury as to whether or not the horse shall be permitted to start.
- TRAINER** A person who trains and or prepares and or procures horses for training. The trainer shall not necessarily receive reward for such training.
- TUITION** Instruction of horse or rider in a small group or individually. The trainer shall not necessarily receive reward for such tutoring.
- VESTED INTERESTS** A strong personal interest in the outcome of the judgement, usually resulting in private gain or advantage.

**WORKING HUNTER**

A Pony, Galloway or Hack that is of Hunter type & competes in a specific Class that requires working on the flat and over jumps.