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SHOW HORSE QUEENSLAND EQ HOTY

QUEENSLAND STATE
EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

We welcome the following
EA Accredited
Show Horse Judges:

Catherine Neill - VIC

Jane Paroissien from TAS

Luke Docker - WA

Melanie Skinner - NSW

Natalie Currall - NSW

Peta McMinn - TAS

Sharon Greenhill - VIC





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Equestrian Australia Rules and EQ Conditions of Entry

All National Qualifying classes will be run in accordance with [EA National ShowHorse Rules](#) effective 1st January 2026

1. **Rules**

It is the responsibility of all competitors and officials to be familiar with all current rules and to conduct themselves in accordance with EA Policies, particularly the Code of Conduct and Horse Welfare. Reference may also be made to FEI publications. **All RIDERS** must wear protective headgear to the current Australian Standard. The retaining chin straps must be fastened at all times.

Link: [Equestrian Australia National Show Horse Rules](#)

Link: [Equestrian Australia Policies](#)

2. **Judge Access**

No person shall approach a Judge for the duration of the event unless they first obtain permission from the Ring master or Ring Steward. A competitor seeking the opinion of a Judge must do so under the supervision of a Steward. If it is brought to the attention of the organising committee that any owner/rider/exhibitor/lessee has been in contact with and/or makes contact with an appointed judge at any stage throughout the duration of the show, that owner/rider/exhibitor/lessee will automatically forfeit their right to entry. No Competitor/Spectator shall enter the judges/officials shade tent, or you will automatically forfeit your placing.

3. **Protests**

Protests containing irregularities or incidents during a class or competition or the classification of a call or competition must be received no later than 60 minutes after the posting of the results of such class or competition. All protests shall be accompanied by a fee of \$200.00 which shall be forfeited should the protest be deemed frivolous.

4. **Payments and refunds**

Payments are NON-REFUNDABLE after the closing of nominations and NON-TRANSFERABLE (Refunds may be considered with a vet certificate which must be received 24 hours prior to the event or no later than 24 hours post the event). If the event is cancelled by Show Horse Queensland, entries will be refunded less the administration fees.

5. **Prize/s**

Any prize/s not collected on the day of the show will be forfeited.

6. **Article 141 - Protection of Horses**

A Horse's sensory hairs may not be clipped and/or shaven or otherwise modified in any way nor may the hair in the auricles be removed or shortened within the rims of the auricle under penalty of elimination from the event. Individual sensory hairs may be removed by a veterinarian to prevent pain or discomfort for the Horse.

3. Areas of hair that must be clipped, shaven or removed to allow veterinary treatment are exempt from this rule. Veterinary treatments are exempt from this rule.

4. Horses found competing with clipped/shaven/otherwise modified sensory hairs will be eliminated from the event.

5. From 1st January 2025, horses found competing with hair in the auricles removed or shortened within the rims of the auricle will be issued a recorded warning and from 1st July 2025 will be eliminated from the event.

7. All Biosecurity Horse Health Declaration forms must be submitted to the Show Office on the day of arrival and prior to the commencement of the show. Horse health declarations can be found here:

Link: [Biosecurity Horse Health Declaration](#)

8. All Newcomer horses **must not** have competed under saddle before the 7 June 2026. A Statutory Declaration must be provided if requested. All Newcomer horses and ponies must have competed at their first show in Queensland to be eligible as a Newcomer. All newcomers that have not competed under saddle before the 7 June 2026 are eligible in the States HOTY and do not need to meet the one (1) qualifying show as mentioned in item 11 below.
9. All Show Horse and Show Hunter Classes will be your own workout for 2 ½ minutes only. (A bell will sound, and you will no longer be judged after the 2 ½ mins).
- Rider Classes will have a set workout.
 - Lead Rein Classes will have a set workout.
10. **Music**
- The requirement is for HOTY classes ONLY (class numbers 1 - 38)
 - The music to be supplied in .MP3 format
 - **IMPORTANT**** If the file is .MP4 from an Apple device, please ensure it is converted to an .MP3 file before sending. *Please make a note in your email to advise if the file has been converted. Special attention will be paid to these tracks to ensure no glitches during the conversion process.*
 - Tracks with offensive language will NOT be played.
 - The file must be supplied PLAY READY. The track will be started when the rider approaches the ring
 - The time allowed for each workout is two and a half minutes.
 - If no track is supplied, there will be no music played for that competitor.
 - Music is not compulsory.
 - For each track supplied, advise the Rider's Name, Horse Name and Class Number in the body of the email. **Please do not put this information in the name of the file.**
 - **RIDDEN CLASS EXAMPLE:** The file is to be named in the following format: (CLASS NUMBER) {YOUR HORSES SHOW NAME}.MP3 The name of the horse and the class it is competing in. **If the same horse is competing in a ridden class and a rider class, two separate files will need to be submitted. See below for a rider class example.
 - **RIDER CLASS FILES EXAMPLES:** The file is to be named in the following format: (CLASS NUMBER) {RIDER NAME}.MP3. **It is not necessary to advise the name of the horse in the file name or the body of the email for a rider class music track.**
 - **The deadline for receipt of music for the HOTY show is COB 17 August 2025. No late music can be accepted.**
 - All files must be emailed to: musichoty2026@gmail.com
 - You will receive a return email to acknowledge receipt of your file. If you do not receive this email, please call Hayden Fedrick on 0476 294 002.
11. Horses and Ponies must be full life registered with Equestrian Queensland and the time of nominating. Resident in the State – applies to interstate horses changing ownership (including where appropriate within a 100km radius of a border) – must be registered and/or transferred 90 days before their state HOTY (with QLD residency address on registration papers). All horses must carry and present a current height certificate. Horses cannot compete at any EQ show on a Temporary Height Certificate.
12. **Qualification Criteria to participate at Show Horse Queensland HOTY:**
Members/exhibitors/owners/lessees and their life registered horses are required to compete at one (1) qualifying show. Regional members (i.e. 400km from Brisbane) can apply for an exemption to the Show Horse Queensland Committee if unable to meet the qualification requirements. Any exemption request must be forwarded to showhorseqld@equestrianqld.com.au by no later than 17 August, 2026 and noted when completing the nomination on Nominate.

13. All Riders, Exhibitors, Lessees entered or competing in the Show Horse Queensland HOTY must be a financial Competitor level member of Equestrian Queensland Branch. Owners and Lessors must be a financial member of Equestrian Queensland and a minimum of Supporter. Such membership/registrations shall be effective at the time of nomination.
14. All Horses must be checked-in before entering the ring by a Steward.
15. No alcohol is to be permitted on the grounds near the competition area or during the official competing starting time and finishing time each day.
16. Stables and Camping are booked through QSEC's page on <https://www.nominate.com.au/stables/VenueIntroduction.aspx?vid=239> Powered & Unpowered Camp sites are available with good amenities available.
17. Show Horse Queensland reserves the right to accept or reject any entry and to amend, alter or revise the schedule where deemed necessary.