

SOUTHERN CROSS WESTERN HORSE ASSOC.

SHOW RULES



1. Australian Reined Cow Horse (ARCHA) or Reining Australia (RA) rules apply except where SCWHA rules supersede. Confirm from show program or committee, which affiliation rules apply to this show.
2. Every rider MUST be a member of either the Australian Reined Cow Horse Association (ARCHA) or Reining Australia (RA) to compete, depending which affiliate this show is run under. All rules relate back to the ARCHA and NRCHA and or RA rulebooks. Membership numbers will be required to process your nominations. Please keep a copy of your invoice for future reference.
3. Signing of an entry form binds the Owner / Competitor of the agreement of the conditions of entry and Competition as printed in the show schedule. Parent or Guardian must sign youth entries.
4. The SCWHA Committee, Show Staff or volunteers will not be held responsible for any accident, sickness to any horse, owner, rider, handler or competitor, spectator or property.
5. Horses and those in attendance at the show, do so at their own risk.
6. All youth competing or taking part in an approved event, must have written permission from their parent / guardian to be at that event as a contestant or participant. All youth competing or taking part in an approved event, must be in the care of a responsible adult who is in attendance for the duration of that event, whilst the youth attends that event.
7. A non-refund policy applies to this event, however where a medical or vet certificate is provided a refund will be provided, minus any applicable administration fee, cattle hire fee or cattle transport fee.
8. Competitors must bring their own yards, to be set up in the designated camping area unless otherwise specified.
9. All Rubbish and manure must be removed from camping areas and horse yards unless otherwise specified.
10. The show manager / secretary has the right to remove any person or persons from the ground, considered to be in breach of these rules and regulations or for any conduct deemed inappropriate by the organising bodies.
11. No alcohol is allowed in, or can be consumed in the marshalling areas, working arenas or show pen/contest areas.
12. At all ARCHA / RA approved events / shows, on each day of the show, 1 hour prior to the commencement of the show and 1 hour after the cessation of the show, there will be no training equipment allowed in the immediate marshalling area and the performance area and dress requirements of cap/hat, long western style pants, safe enclosed footwear and a shirt with sleeves must be worn.
13. Exhibitors shall NOT approach the judge for any reason prior to completion of judging, unless the exhibitor has finished exhibiting and the request must be made through the ring steward or show secretary. No exhibitor will request information from the judge, or the decisions made by that judge concerning any exhibit at a show, on the day of the show or within the immediate 7 days following the show.
14. Ridden and Halter events are open to all breeds of horses unless otherwise stated.
15. Competitor's / participants at any event run by SCWHA have a responsibility to ensure the welfare of their horses and at all times are to treat their horses humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. SCWHA does not tolerate wilful abuse to horses. This includes obvious neglect, over training or improper training aids, and punishment. The committee (including appointed horse welfare officer) reserves the right to discuss any health and wellbeing concerns with the horse/s owner. All horses are in the care of the owners and handlers while attending the clinics and shows.
16. The decisions of the judge are final.
17. All breeds of horses, mules, donkeys and ponies may compete, unless otherwise stated.
18. All riders under 18 must wear a helmet.
19. SCWHA where able, will have a dedicated bit / gear checker on the gate please be prepared for this and know your bit and gear rules. Please refer to the ARCHA and NRCHA or RA rulebooks.
20. Competitors / participants are to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, showing respect for your fellow competitors and officials, following the rules and to treat people the way you yourself wish to be treated.
21. All competitors are required to wear a back number. – Back numbers will be provided to you by the club along with any competitor information. – Back numbers must be visible at all times i.e. - worn on your back (for led / halter events) or on both sides of the saddle blanket for ridden events. Please ensure back numbers are securely in place and do not move. – Each horse / rider combination must use a separate back number. – Failure to correctly display your back number will result in disqualification.
22. Stallions will be welcomed as per event announcement. All stallions must be secured in panelled yards only and with appropriate nose / lip chain. No youth are permitted to handle stallions.
23. Protests must be in writing to the show secretary and lodged within (1) one hour of the event.
24. The show management committee reserves the right to alter the program as required.
25. The SCWHA conditions of entry are to be abided by at all times.
26. This is not a comprehensive list, but a general overview of the main rules & regulations. This is supplementary to ARCHA and or RA rules.
27. Entries will open as per the event announcement / flyer.
28. Entries will close as per the event announcement / flyer, preferably within 14 days of the event / show. Giving 14 days for the show committee to finalise paperwork, back numbers and run sheets. The show committee may accept late entries with a late entry fee, which will be advertised in the lead up to the closing date. Late entries to cattle classes will only be accepted if cattle numbers allow.
29. Entries will be accepted only via the nominate program or where otherwise specified.
30. Cattle class entry is dependent on cattle numbers available - in the event class numbers need to be restricted, order / allocation will be based on nomination received date. Where entries are restricted due to cattle availability, a full refund will be provided.

THANK YOU AND HAVE FUN!