

IDEAL WESTERN SADDLERY RHAA VICTORIAN STATE SHOW

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Please be aware of the following show conditions prior to submitting entries – NO exceptions will be made. The conditions set out below are not exhaustive – refer to RHAA website for full rule book & class / division eligibility requirements www.rhaa.com.au/rules

1. ALL competitors MUST be a full financial member or an event member of RHAA for insurance purposes. To be eligible for End of Year High Points the competitor must be a full financial member.
2. Entries close Tuesday 2nd January 2024 at 11:59pm or may be cut off earlier if limit of entries has been met sooner. Late entries or changes to entries will NOT be accepted after the closing date.
3. By way of making an entry and payment of entries you are assuming responsibility for and binding owner, rider and/or agent to the terms and conditions set out.
4. Entries and payment of entries are to be made online via Nominate. Link to entries can be found at www.rhaa.com.au/vicstateshow. Payment of show entries MUST be made at the time of lodging entries – please contact us if you require assistance in lodging entries
5. RHAA 2023/24 Rules & Regulations will apply. Refer to rulebook at www.rhaa.com.au/rules
6. Scratching and refunds will only be processed if communicated in writing to memberhelp@rhaa.com.au and accompanied by a signed veterinary or doctor certificate excusing horse or rider from competition.
The following conditions apply:
 - a) Scratching before entry closing date and before entry has been processed – full refund of all entry fees;
 - b) Scratching after entry closing date and after entry has been processed – refund of entries, less office fee & cattle hire;
 - c) Scratching once show has commenced and horse/rider has not yet shown in a class – refund of entries, less office fee & cattle hire;
 - d) Scratching once show has commenced and horse/rider has already shown in a class – no refund of fees.
7. All horses ridden on the grounds must be entered in the show, exception being horses used for turnback or herd help
8. Horses must be entered into a minimum of two different events (not two divisions of the same event) to be eligible to enter. Horses entered into the Ranch Conformation class must have also been exhibited in at least one ridden class in the same division during the show.
9. To be eligible for overall division High Point a horse/rider must show in the conformation class and a minimum of two ridden classes within the same division, of which one must be a cattle class and one a dry class.
10. In order to maintain a safe environment all riders are to familiarise themselves with, and abide by, the RHAA warm up pen rules & arena etiquette as displayed in the RHAA rulebook www.rhaa.com.au/rules
11. Classes will be drawn and run as per the posted draws. It is the competitor's responsibility to be aware of any scratchings before them and to be ready for their run on time. Failure to present to the gate marshal for their position in the draw will result in forfeiting their run in the class and all associated fees. DO NOT harass or attempt to persuade the gate marshal.
12. Show Attire – western tack and attire mandatory. Long sleeved shirt, long pants/jeans, western hat or approved safety helmet and western boots. Failure to use appropriate attire will result in disqualification.
13. Numbers will be provided to competitors and must be securely fastened one to each side of the saddle blanket for all ridden classes, and one to the handler's back for conformation. Please ensure the number is not obscured in any way. Failure to display your exhibitor/show number will result in disqualification.
14. All youth competitors MUST wear an approved safety helmet at all times whilst mounted. Youth MUST NOT ride or handle a stallion at any time.

15. All competitors/handlers to be dressed in appropriate western attire including western hat/helmet and boots during presentations. All competitors must attend presentations for classes entered. Failure to attend presentation will result in all prizes being forfeited for that event, unless show management has been advised prior.

16. Competitors and spectators may be subject to the use of photographers and/or videographers under the direction of show management, the result of which may be used for RHAA promotional material.

17. Yards will be allocated – please only use the yard(s) allocated to your horse(s). Yards MUST be left entirely empty and clean after use – this includes removing ALL feed and hay. Competitors that leave stables/yards dirty will be subject to a cleaning fee of \$50.

18. It is expected that all attendees at RHAA events treat fellow competitors, spectators, show volunteers and Committee Members and horses with respect and observe the rules and policies of RHAA at all times. Unsportsmanlike behaviour will not be tolerated or accepted.

19. Class draws will be emailed to competitors prior to the show and posted in the marshalling area during the show

20. Do not address the judge directly before or during the show unless the judge specifically addresses the competitors. All enquiries of the judge are to be made via the steward.

21. Bump in is from 3pm Thursday 11th January – anyone wishing to arrive earlier than this MUST contact the committee and be willing to assist with set up for the show. Bump out is 10am Monday 15th January – anyone at the grounds after this time MUST be assisting with pack up.

22. Powered camping will be allocated based on size of vehicle/trailer first and foremost – there is NO guarantee that friends will be parked together (it is not possible to remove this question on Nominat). Please park close to your neighbour and as straight as possible and only use one power outlet per trailer. Horses are NOT to be tied to trailers in the powered camping area at any time.

23. Unpowered camping will not be allocated – horses may be tied to trailers in this area.

24. Any enquiries or questions please contact memberhelp@rhaa.com.au

