

## **RHAA EQUITANA OPEN RANCH HORSE INVITATIONAL – 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

### **About the event:**

- Ranch Horse Invitational event to showcase the best of Versatility Ranch Horse in Australia
- An Open event with professional, youth and amateur competitors eligible to compete
- One overall Open Champion with additional prizes for highest placed Amateur & Youth competitors
- The event will showcase various elements of the Versatility Ranch Horse dry classes including Ranch Riding & Reining gaits & manoeuvres as well as Trail obstacles
- The pattern should be set to utilise the whole arena with a level of difficulty expected of Open level competition designed to be challenging and entertaining, whilst keeping in mind availability of obstacles plus the possibility of inclement weather and the footing (grass arena)
- Event to be ridden according to RHAA rulebook for the Open division i.e. horses ridden in correct headgear according to their age, correct ranch horse attire etc.
- RHAA horse ownership rules apply to Amateur competitors
- Entry fee \$300 per horse/rider combination, all of which contributes to the total prize pool
- Stables available the night before the event at \$50 per stable including bedding

### **Prizes on offer:**

- \$3,000 total guaranteed prize money, paid out as follows:
  - 40% to 1<sup>st</sup> place \$1,200
  - 30% to 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$900
  - 20% to 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$600
  - 10% to 4<sup>th</sup> place \$300
- Trophy buckle and embroidered rug awarded to the overall champion
- Embroidered rugs awarded to the highest placed Amateur and Youth competitors
- Rosettes awarded to all placegetters

### **Selection process:**

- Expressions of Interest invited by potential competitors
- Selection Panel of industry professionals comprising Shane Massingham, Lorelei Payne & Leanne Bartlett to review the EOIs received and invite up to ten riders to participate
- EOIs to be sent by email to [info@rhaa.com.au](mailto:info@rhaa.com.au) and to be received no later than Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 for consideration. Please include the following information:
  - Full name of rider & RHAA membership number
  - Name of horse & RHAA horse number (if applicable/known)
  - List rider & horse credentials – competition experience, show results etc.
  - Any other information you deem relevant
- Rider and/or horse owners must be current full RHAA members
- A rider may exhibit more than one horse (to a maximum of two horses) if capacity allows, at the discretion of the Selection Panel
- Substitution of horses may be considered if necessary, to be assessed on a case by case basis by the Selection Panel
- Invitations and entry details will be sent out by email to successful candidates by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, unless advised otherwise

