

# SECTION A – HORSES

## SPECIAL BY-LAWS

**PLEASE NOTE: It is becoming compulsory to provide a PIC number with any livestock movements from January 2018. If you do not have a number you will not be permitted to compete at the show, and will be asked to leave the grounds. (Refer to Pages 9-12).**

1. Unshod Horses, Galloways and Ponies will be allowed to compete in all classes without penalty.
2. The Committee reserves the right to substitute a Judge where it is deemed necessary. If a Judge shall consider that any exhibit does not possess sufficient merit to deserve a prize, no prize shall be awarded.
3. A novice is a horse that has never won a hack class at an Agricultural Show.
4. An intermediate is a horse that has never placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a hack or show hunter class at a Royal Show.
5. Competitors and their attendants holding horses and officials of the Show only, will be allowed to enter the ring enclosure.
6. All exhibits not ready to be judged at time arranged will be disqualified, even though the event, from any cause, is not held in the order shown in the official timetable.
7. Every endeavour will be made to avoid judging of two classes concurrently, in which one exhibitor may be interested. The Association, however, cannot accept any responsibility if the judging time happens to conflict with one or more classes or events.
8. **DISTRICT Classes are restricted to horses owned and stabled by persons who live within the boundaries of the Merriwa District as defined by the Map near the inside back cover of the Schedule, or who belong to the Merriwa Pony Club. (Any person or horse that competes in a district class at another show is not eligible to compete in these district events).**
9. Children who compete in Led-in classes may not compete in non-led classes and vice versa.
10. All horses in all recognised breed classes must be registered and owners must be financial members of the appropriate breed Association. Proof of registration and current financial membership may be asked for and **MUST** be produced upon request.
11. The following events are carried out under the control of the Council, whose decision in all cases shall be final. The Council reserves the right to eliminate any event or refuse any entry. All fees must be paid before any competitor is allowed to start. It is understood that each competitor competes entirely at his or her own risk.
12. Stallions are excluded from Open Hack, Open Hunter & Riding Classes (unless stated otherwise).
13. Any exhibitors intending to bring electrical equipment to the Showground will be required to ensure that such equipment is fitted with earth leakage circuit breakers and that all electrical leads, tools and appliances have been inspected and tagged by a licensed electrical contractor. This is essential for the safety of yourself, your fellow exhibitors and the general public and is a requirement of the Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1983. The Act imposes very severe penalties in the event of non-compliance with its provisions. Any exhibitors who do not comply will not be allowed to exhibit at the Showground. **PLEASE CHECK ALL YOUR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND LEADS BEFORE YOU COME TO THE SHOWGROUND TO AVOID THE OCCURRENCE OF ANY DIFFICULTIES.**
14. Drug testing may be carried out at this show. Any competitor found to be in contravention to the ASC Disputes & Disciplinary Regulations will be investigated by the ASC Disciplinary Committee.
15. Agriculture Societies Council Indemnity and Waiver form to be signed by ALL competitors **BEFORE** competing.
16. Competitors in ring events **PLEASE NOTE** that at this show the rings will be run under Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. Rules and Regulations.
17. Protests are to be accompanied by a \$50 cash bond, lodged within 30 minutes of the event. Protest committee consists of 3 members of the Horse Section Committee including the Ring Master. Protest to be lodged at the Horse Secretary Office. Bond will be refunded if protest is upheld.
18. All horses in all recognised breed classes must be registered and owners must be financial members of the appropriate breed association. Proof of registration and current financial membership may be asked for and **MUST** be produced upon request.

# AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES LIMITED

Name and Date of Event .....

## HORSE HANDLING PARTICIPANT RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & WAIVER

Name of participant: .....

Participant Address: .....

Contact Number of Participant: .....

Email: .....

Agricultural Societies Council of New South Wales Limited and ..... (together **the Suppliers**) advise that participation (including passive participation) in animal handling at an agricultural show contains elements of risk, both obvious and inherent. The handling of animals is a dangerous recreational activity as animals can act in a sudden and unpredictable way, especially when frightened or hurt.

1. By signing this waiver I acknowledge that:

- 1.1 participation in animal handling is a recreational service for the purposes of section 139A of the **Australian Competition and Consumer Act (Cth) 2010**, and also a recreational activity for the purposes of section 5K of the **Civil Liability Act (NSW) 2002**;
- 1.2 participation in animal handling is a hazardous activity and may result in injury, loss, damage or death to me;
- 1.3 participation in animal handling requires certain skills and experience. I declare that I have sufficient skills and experience to be able to safely and properly participate in the events;
- 1.4 animals can act in a sudden and unpredictable ways, especially if frightened or hurt, or if exposed to loud or unfamiliar noises;
- 1.5 animal showing events will be held in close proximity to rides and large groups of people, and that there may be loud and unfamiliar noises which can frighten animals;
- 1.6 if the event is held outdoors, there are risks to me as a result of the weather conditions, including either extreme hot or cold weather, rain or wind;
- 1.7 insects or other animals may cause animals to become frightened and act in an unpredictable way;
- 1.8 there is inherent in events involving the handling of animals the risk of suffering injury including injuries caused by animals; and
- 1.9 I use the facilities supplied for the event entirely at my own risk, as I find them and with the prior acceptance of the risk of possible danger to me.

2 If I suffer injury, loss or damage (Loss) while participating in an animal handling event, I will not hold the Suppliers, their employees or agents legally responsible for any Loss I suffer. I will not sue the Suppliers, their employees or agents for any claims, costs, damages or liability. I agree to release the Suppliers and their employees from legal responsibility for the services I have been provided and/or activity I have participated in.

- 3 I acknowledge and agree that my participation in the event and associated activities is dangerous and may have inherent risks as a result of which personal injury (and sometimes death) may occur. I acknowledge that the event and associated activities carry with them a significant risk of physical harm. I accept and assume all such risks of personal injury or death in anyway whatsoever arising from these activities and hereby waive my individual right to sue the Suppliers for all claims I or my representatives may have for such personal injury or death against the Suppliers in any way whatsoever arising from or in connection with these activities.
- 4 At the time of participating in the event, I have not been to any degree under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs.
- 5 I will not consume any alcohol or illicit drugs while participating in the Event and agree that such use may result in my being excluded from the Event or other events with no entitlement to any refund of money paid for entry to the Suppliers.
- 6 I agree to be bound by the rules and guidelines of the Agricultural Societies Council of New South Wales Limited as varied from time to time.

Name of Horse	Owner of Horse	Microchip No. or Reg. No. or Description (sex, colour, brand).	Pic. No.	Last Event & Date

**I, the owner/rider/exhibitor of the above horse/s, declare that, to the best of my knowledge, it is/they are fit and healthy and I agree that if found to be otherwise it/they will not be allowed to compete at this event.**

**Signature .....** **Date .....**

**Where the participant is over 18 years of age:**

I agree that I have read and understood this waiver prior to signing it and agree that this waiver will be binding on my heirs, next of kin, executors and administrators.

I acknowledge that the Suppliers have permitted me to participate in the activity the subject of this document in reliance upon the matters acknowledged by me and the representations I have made herein.

I agree that this waiver shall be governed in all respects by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of New South Wales.

Signature: ..... Dated: .....

**Where participant is under 18 years of age (to be completed by a parent or guardian):**

Participant's Date of Birth: .....

I ....., being a parent or legal guardian of the above named participant, hereby consent to my child participating in this animal handling event.

I confirm that I have read and understood and explained to the participant, this waiver prior to signing it and agree that this agreement will be binding on my (and his/her) heirs, next of kin, executors and administrators.

I acknowledge that the Suppliers have permitted the participant to participate in the activity the subject of this document in reliance upon the matters acknowledged by me and the representations that I have made herein.

I agree that this waiver shall be governed in all respects by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of New South Wales.

Signature: ..... Dated: .....

# **AWARDS AND TROPHIES**

## **CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS**

The First prize Winner of all single Hack Classes is eligible to compete for the Championship. In awarding the Reserve Champion the First prize Winners of all single Hack classes, other than the exhibit to which the Championship was awarded, shall be eligible to compete, together with the Second prize Winner in the class from which the Champion was drawn.

## **PATRICIA KAIT MOST SUCCESSFUL ASH EXHIBITOR**

From all ASH events including the challenge.

**ALL COMPETITORS ARE REQUIRED TO NOMINATE PRIOR  
TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF COMPETITION,  
TO COMPETE FOR THE TROPHIES LISTED BELOW.  
To be done at Secretary's box.**

## **KEVIN SHANNON PERPETUAL TROPHY**

For Most Successful Horse & Rider Combination under 13 years, in Section A.

## **THROWLEY PERPETUAL TROPHY**

For Most Successful Competitor, 13 years and under 17 years, in Section A.

# **STABLE BOOKINGS**

**STABLES MAY BE RESERVED AT \$10  
per stable for the duration of the show**

No portable yards permitted due to limited parking space.

The committee reserves the right to limit the number of stalls per exhibitor.

BOOKING FORMS available from the website [www.merriwashow.com.au](http://www.merriwashow.com.au)

Direct Deposit details on booking form, when using direct depositing make sure you clearly state your name.

**OR**

**POST BOOKING FORM & CHEQUE PAYABLE TO  
Merriwa PAH & I Association Inc  
P.O Box 102 MERRIWA NSW 2329**

Fees must accompany booking form (no payment, no stable)

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