

The Arabian Horse Society of Australia Limited

(A.B.N. 12 001 281 590)



Guidelines for Show Organisers

As at 1/5/2017

GRADING OF SHOWS

Any A or B graded shows, as at 1/1/2016, will maintain that grading for the next two (2) years on the condition that requirements for that grading, as detailed in this document, are met. Failure to comply will result in downgrading to B grade.

- **AA show gradings will be appointed by the Board. AA shows that do not comply with all requirements, as detailed in this document, will be downgraded. Application for shows not previously graded AA to be considered for upgrade for the following year must be received by the Secretary prior to 15th October.**
- **New Shows/Events will be allocated B grading and this may be reviewed by the Board from time to time.**
- **Shows must offer the minimum standard schedule of classes, as detailed in this document, in order to conduct a Show at A or AA level. Classes may be combined if numbers are insufficient after close of entries. Should numbers at the show be insufficient to conduct the majority of events over a two (2) year period the grading may be reviewed the following year. Irrespective of the above, at least one AA (State Title) Show will be allocated to each state in each year by the Board.**
- **Applications for a Specialist Guest Judge approval must be sent to secretary@ahsa.asn.au at least 90 days prior to the show together with the completed and signed Guest Judge resume and the fee of \$50.00.**
For Purebred & Derivative Halter – where an International Guest Judge is not on the appropriate level of the Judges Panel of an overseas country which is a member of WAHO or the ECAHO panel, a Guest Judge Application must be submitted.
For Saddle classes - where a judge who is NOT on the AHSA Ltd judges panel or EA, SHC, AHHA or HSAA Judges panels at the appropriate level is proposed to be used, a Guest Judge Application must be submitted.
NOTE: A Specialist Guest Judge or International Guest Judge may judge no more than one show per state per calendar year.

1. **Non-Affiliated Shows** will fall into 2 categories;

A – All State Royal Shows AND those approved by AHSA Ltd

B – All other shows that hold Arabian Horse events.

AFFILIATE means an incorporated group of people so recognised by the Board.

2. **Affiliated Shows** recognised by the Arabian Horse Society of Australia are classified into the following categories and recorded for Roll of Merit and Australian National Arabian Championship qualifications as such;

AAA (National) – Australian National Arabian Championships

AA (Elite) - State Arabian shows with minimum requirements as stated below

A (Prestige) - State Arabian shows with minimum requirements as stated below

B (Non-Titled) - All other shows that offer Arabian classes

3. **JUDGES**

Purebred & Derivative Halter : Must be judged by a AHSA Panel Judge of the appropriate level or an International Guest Judge on the appropriate level of the Judges Panel of an overseas country which is a member of WAHO or the ECAHO panel. Where an International Guest Judge is not on the appropriate level of the Judges Panel of an overseas country which is a member of WAHO or the ECAHO panel, a Guest Judge Application must be submitted.

Saddle classes: Where a judge who is NOT on the AHSA Ltd judges panel or EA, SHC or HSAA Judges panels at the appropriate level is proposed to be used, a Guest Judge Application must be submitted.

Applications for a Specialist Guest Judge approval must be sent to secretary@ahsa.asn.au at least 90 days prior to the show together with the completed and signed Guest Judge resume and the fee of \$50.00

NOTE: A Specialist Guest Judge or International Guest Judge may judge no more than one show per state per calendar year.

4. GRADING APPLICATIONS

- Applications for A and B Show Gradings are no longer required. Show Gradings will be allocated by the Board from time to time. Application for shows not previously graded AA to be considered for upgrade for the following year must be received by the Secretary prior to 15th October.

5. MINIMUM CONDITIONS FOR “AA” (ELITE) CLASSIFICATION

- All horses must be registered with the Arabian Horse Society of Australia and all horse owners must be current financial members of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia. It is the responsibility of the Affiliate running the show to complete sufficient checks on entered exhibits to ensure registration and membership details are correct and up to date.
- Prior to 31st January or 1st August each year a draft copy of your “AA” (Elite) schedule must be included showing the date of the show, the venue, and the classes proposed.
- A minimum number of 200 Arabian / Arabian Derivative Breed horses should be entered (based on previous year’s numbers) except that where no show in the State is able to fulfill this criteria the Board will determine one show in each calendar year to be allocated this grading

5.1 RECOGNISED JUDGES

- Purebred Arabian and Arabian Derivative – In Hand
The Judge must be on the current list of A.H.S.A. National or International Panel Judges, on the appropriate level of the Judges Panel of an overseas country which is a member of WAHO or the ECAHO panel or have Guest Judge Status as approved by the J.E.C. (Refer to 3 above)
- Arabian and Arabian Derivative Performance Classes.
Preference is to be given to A.H.S.A. National Panel Judges to judge these classes where possible.
Any other Judge to be utilised **MUST BE ACCREDITED AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL** by Equestrian Australia, the Show Horse Council of Australia, Australian Hunter Horse Association or HSAA for the particular performance class(s) they have been requested to Judge. Any Judge not from these panels Refer 3 above.

5.2 SHOW SCHEDULE – IN HAND CLASSES

a) Purebred Arabian

The MINIMUM number of ring classes to be offered in the schedule for Purebred Arabians, Senior and Junior required are;

STALLIONS	COLTS
2 separate age classes	2 separate age classes
Champion and Reserve	Champion and Reserve
MARES	FILLIES
2 separate age classes	2 separate age classes
Champion and Reserve	Champion and Reserve
GELDINGS SENIOR	GELDINGS JUNIOR
2 separate age classes	2 separate age classes
Champion and Reserve	Champion and Reserve

Classes may be combined if numbers are insufficient after close of entries. Should numbers at the show be insufficient to conduct the majority of events over a two (2) year period the grading may be reviewed the following year.

b) Arabian Derivative Breeds

The 8 individual Registries (Partbred, Arabian Pony, Arabian Riding Pony, Anglo Arabian, Arabian Stock Horse, Quarab, Arabian Warmblood, Half Arabian) should be judged separately. Sexes are not to be combined. Two separate age classes, plus Champion and Reserve MUST be provided for each Registry.

STALLIONS
2 separate age classes
Champion and Reserve

COLTS
2 separate age classes
Champion and Reserve

GELDINGS SENIOR
2 separate age classes
Champion and Reserve

MARES
2 separate age classes
Champion and Reserve

FILLIES
2 separate age classes
Champion and Reserve

GELDINGS JUNIOR
2 separate age classes
Champion & Reserve

5.3 SHOW SCHEDULE – SADDLE CLASSES

a) Purebred Arabians

Purebred Stallions, Mares and Geldings to be judged separately and as hacks. Champion and Reserve must be provided.

b) Arabian Derivative Breeds

Saddle classes must be offered for each of the Registries. If however, at the discretion of the Show Committee, entries are insufficient in some Registries, then for those so affected the sexes may be combined into one or more classes within that Registry or Registries and Judged.

Champion and Reserve are to be offered for each of the Registries.

5.4 SHOW SCHEDULE – PERFORMANCE CLASSES

Purebred Arabian / Arabian Derivative Breeds

Please note that the following classes **must** be provided so that horses may qualify for the Australian Championships: Horse in Harness, Bridle Path Hack, Show Hunter, Working Stockhorse, Arabian Costume, Side Saddle, Western Pleasure. Dressage Classes may be provided.

It is **preferable** for the Purebred Arabian to be judged separately to the Arabian Derivative Breeds. If however, at the discretion of the Show Committee, entries are insufficient the Purebred Arabians may be combined with the Derivative Breeds for some or all of the classes.

Should an overall Supreme award be offered, Arabian Performance Index recorded horses must NOT compete against Registered Arabian Derivative Breed horses..

5.5 SHOW SCHEDULE – ARABIAN PERFORMANCE INDEX

Horses recorded in the Arabian Performance Index with the Society must be catered for.

Classes split on height must be offered, Led and Under Saddle.

Where separate Performance Index classes are offered these are not open to Arabian Derivative Breeds registered in one of the Society Breed Registries.

Where combined Performance Index/Arabian Derivative Breed classes are offered these are open to horses in any of the Arabian Derivative Breed Registries as well as Performance Index horses.

Minimum classes **to be offered** are

ne 13hh

over 13hh & ne 14hh

over 14hh & under 15hh

over 15hh

Champion & Reserve

6. MINIMUM CONDITIONS FOR “A” (PRESTIGE) CLASSIFICATION

EVENTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AS ‘A’ WILL MAINTAIN THIS GRADING WITHOUT THE NEED FOR RE-APPLICATION PROVIDING THEY MAINTAIN A MINIMUM STANDARD PROGRAM AS DETAILED BELOW AND FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES RE JUDGE APPROVAL. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING TO ‘B’ WITHOUT THE RIGHT OF APPEAL

All horses must be registered with the Arabian Horse Society of Australia and all horse owners must be current financial members of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia. It is the responsibility of the Affiliate running the show to complete sufficient checks on entered exhibits to ensure registration and membership details are correct and up to date.

6.1 RECOGNISED JUDGES

a) Purebred and Arabian Derivative – In Hand

The Judge must be on the current list of A.H.S.A. National, International or Level 2 Panel Judges, on the appropriate level of the Judges Panel of an overseas country which is a member of WAHO or the ECAHO panel or have Guest Judge Status as approved by the J.E.C. (Refer to 3 above)

b) Arabian and Arabian Derivative Performance Classes.

Preference is to be given to A.H.S.A. National Panel Judges to judge these classes where possible.

Any other Judge to be utilised **MUST BE ACCREDITED AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL** by Equestrian Australia, the Show Horse Council of Australia, AHHA or HSAA for the particular performance class(s) they have been requested to Judge. Any Judge not from these panels Refer 3 above.

6.2 SHOW SCHEDULE – IN HAND CLASSES (YOUNGSTOCK & FOAL SHOWS EXCLUDED)

a) Purebred Arabian

The **MINIMUM** number of ring classes to be offered in the schedule for Purebred Arabians required are;

STALLIONS AND COLTS	MARES AND FILLIES	GELDINGS
3 separate age classes	3 separate age classes	3 separate age classes
Champion and Reserve	Champion & Reserve	Champion & Reserve

b) Arabian Derivative Breeds

The **8 individual Registries (Partbred, Arabian Pony, Arabian Riding Pony, Anglo Arabian, Arabian Stock Horse, Quarab, Arabian Warmblood, Half Arabian) SHOULD be judged separately.** Three separate age classes, plus Champion and Reserve should be provided for each Registry. However, if at the discretion of the Show Committee, entries are insufficient in some of the Registries, then for those Registries affected the sexes may be combined into one or more classes within the Registries. Where Half Arabian classes are not offered exhibits registered as such must be eligible to compete against exhibits in the Registry they are derived from on breeding (ie wording should be Arabian Pony or Half Arabian of Arabian Pony breeding). Half Arabians must compete in Half Arabian classes where these are offered and cannot compete in both Half Arabian and other specific Derivative Breed Registry classes at the same show.

STALLIONS AND COLTS	MARES AND FILLIES	GELDINGS
3 separate age classes	3 separate age classes	3 separate age classes
Champion and Reserve	Champion & Reserve	Champion & Reserve

6.3 SHOW SCHEDULE – SADDLE CLASSES

a) Purebred Arabians

Purebred Stallions, Mares and Geldings to be judged separately where numbers allow and as hacks. Champion and Reserve must be provided.

b) Arabian Derivative Breeds

Saddle classes should be provided for each of the Registries. If however, at the discretion of the Show Committee, entries are insufficient in some Registries, then for those so affected the sexes may be combined into one or more classes within that Registry or Registries and Judged. Champion and Reserve are to be offered for each of the Registries.

Should an overall Supreme award be offered, Arabian Performance Index recorded horses must **NOT** compete against Registered Arabian Derivative Breed horses..

6.4 SHOW SCHEDULE – PERFORMANCE CLASSES

Purebred Arabian / Arabian Derivatives

Please note that the following classes **must** be provided so that horses may qualify for the Australian Championships: Horse in Harness, Bridle Path Hack, Show Hunter, Working Stockhorse, Arabian Costume, Side Saddle, Western Pleasure. Dressage Classes may be provided.

It is **preferable** for the Purebred Arabian and Arabian Derivatives to be judged separately. If however, at the discretion of the

Show Committee, entries are insufficient the Purebred Arabians may be combined with the Derivatives for some or all of the classes. It is preferable that Arabian Performance Index recorded horses compete in their own performance classes. Arabian Performance Index recorded horses must not compete against Arabian Derivative Horses if separate classes are not offered. Shows are encouraged to provide classes for API horses to compete in.

Should an overall Championship or Supreme award be offered, Arabian Performance Index recorded horses must NOT compete against Registered Arabian Derivative Breed horses..

6.5 SHOW SCHEDULE – ARABIAN PERFORMANCE INDEX

Shows are encouraged to supply classes for horses recorded in the Arabian Performance Index.

Classes split on height may be offered, Led and Under Saddle

Where separate Performance Index classes are offered these are not open to Arabian Derivative Breeds registered in one of the Society Registries.

Where combined Performance Index/ Open Arabian Derivative Breed classes are offered, (such as hack classes, rider classes and handler classes) these are open to horses in any of the Arabian Derivative Breed Registries as well as Performance Index horses.

Minimum classes **to be offered** are

ne 13hh

over 13hh & ne 14hh

over 14hh & under 15hh

over 15hh

Champion & Reserve

6.6 SHOW SCHEDULE – IN HAND CLASSES - YOUNGSTOCK SHOWS

a) Purebred Arabian

The MINIMUM number of ring classes to be offered in the schedule for Purebred Arabians required are;

COLTS

3 separate age classes

Champion and Reserve

FILLIES

3 separate age classes

Champion & Reserve

GELDINGS

3 separate age classes

Champion & Reserve

b) Arabian Derivative Breeds

The 8 individual Arabian Derivative Registries (Partbred, Arabian Pony, Arabian Riding Pony, Anglo Arabian, Arabian Stock Horse, Quarab, Arabian Warmblood, Half Arabian) MUST be judged separately.

The MINIMUM number of ring classes to be offered in the schedule for EACH Arabian Derivative Breed Registry required are;

COLTS

3 separate age classes

Champion and Reserve

FILLIES

3 separate age classes

Champion & Reserve

GELDINGS

3 separate age classes

Champion & Reserve

Youngstock Shows not providing this schedule will be allocated B Grading

6.7 SHOW SCHEDULE – IN HAND CLASSES - FOAL SHOWS

a) Purebred Arabian

The MINIMUM number of ring classes to be offered in the schedule for Purebred Arabians required are;

Led Colt Foal

Led Filly Foal

Led Gelding Foal

Champion and Reserve

b) **Arabian Derivative Breeds**

The 8 individual Arabian Derivative Breed Registries (Partbred, Arabian Pony, Arabian Riding Pony, Anglo Arabian, Arabian Stock Horse, Quarab, Arabian Warmblood, Half Arabian) MUST be judged separately.

The **MINIMUM** number of ring classes to be offered in the schedule for EACH Arabian Derivative Breed Registry required are;

- Led Colt Foal
- Led Filly Foal
- Led Gelding Foal
- Champion and Reserve

Foal Shows not providing this schedule will be allocated B Grading

7. CONDITIONS FOR “B” (NON-TITLED) CLASSIFICATION

EVENTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AS ‘B’ WILL MAINTAIN THIS GRADING WITHOUT THE NEED FOR RE-APPLICATION PROVIDING THEY MAINTAIN A MINIMUM STANDARD PROGRAM AS DETAILED BELOW AND FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES RE JUDGE APPROVAL.

- a) All horses must be registered with the Arabian Horse Society of Australia and all horse owners must be current members of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia.
- b) Exhibitors must provide copies of Registration certificates and Membership cards upon request of the Show Committee.

7.1 RECOGNISED JUDGES

- a) Purebred Arabian / Arabian Derivative Breeds – In Hand
The Judge must be on the current A.H.S.A. Panel of Judges, but preference should be given to Judges from Level 1 Probationary or Level 2. Refer 3 above
- b) Purebred Arabian / Arabian Derivative Breeds – Saddle and Performance
The Judge must be on the current A.H.S.A. Panel of Judges or NZ Panel at a level approved by NZAHBS to judge in Australia or have Guest Judge Status as approved by the J.E.C. (Refer to 3 above), but preference should be given to Judges from Level 1 Probationary or Level 2. (Refer 3 above)

7.2 SHOW SCHEDULE – IN HAND

a) **Purebred Arabian** – the following classes should be provided;

STALLIONS AND COLTS	MARES AND FILLIES	GELDINGS
2 separate age classes	2 separate age classes	2 separate age classes
Champion and Reserve	Champion & Reserve	Champion & Reserve

b) **Arabian Derivative Breeds**

It is preferable that separate classes be provided for as many of the Arabian Derivative Breed Registries as entries will permit. Registries may be combined and judged on age and/or height. Champion and Reserve should be provided. Arabian Performance Index (API) recorded horses are not eligible to compete in Arabian Derivative Breed Registry classes.

7.3 SHOW SCHEDULE – SADDLE CLASSES

Purebred Arabian and Registered Arabian Derivative Breed horses may be judged separately or combined depending on entries for the following minimum classes. Arabian Performance Index recorded horses must not compete against Arabian Derivative Horses if separate classes are not offered. Shows are encouraged to provide classes for API horses to compete in.

- a) Stallions
- b) Mares and Geldings
Champion and Reserve Ridden Horse (excluding API) should be provided.

Should an overall Championship or Supreme award be offered, Arabian Performance Index recorded horses must NOT

compete against Registered Arabian Derivative Breed horses.

7.4 SHOW SCHEDULE – PERFORMANCE CLASSES

Purebred Arabian / Arabian Derivative Breed /API

An Arabian Costume class and other Performance classes should be provided depending on entries. API horses are only eligible to compete in these classes, providing no championship is offered.

Should an overall Championship or Supreme award be offered, Arabian Performance Index recorded horses must NOT compete against Registered Arabian Derivative Breed horses and show organisers are encouraged to provide separate API classes.

Arabian Performance Index (API) – Clarification

This register was initiated by the Board of the AHSA to encourage new members, to celebrate the Arabian blood in low percentage horses and to encourage these owners into higher percentage horses in the future. The concept was to have classes at our Arabian shows that these horses could enter that would possibly also assist the affiliates with higher horse entries. With this it was hoped that these owners would become owners of Registered Derivatives in the future and be eligible for the higher awards offered at our shows.

As often is the case when those very close to an idea and concept understand that they fail in their efforts to communicate this effectively. Unfortunately, this is the case and the Board has needed to set further rules to eliminate any further issues. These rules are effective immediately except where the show schedule has been published. If the schedule has been published it is at the discretion of the show committee.

Rules:

1. The Arabian Derivative Registries (A, AP, ARP, HA, PA, QA, ASH, AW) shall collectively be referred to as 'Arabian Derivative Breed'
2. The API shall be referred to 'Arabian Performance Index'. API are RECORDED horses with less than 12.45% Arabian blood, are not eligible for a derivative breed registration and are therefore ineligible for classes that are for registered breed horses.
3. Arabian Affiliate Shows shall provide either separate API classes or Open classes that API horses may enter e.g. Open Galloway Hack
4. API horses are not eligible for Champion or Supreme Arabian Breed awards.
5. Affiliates may restrict classes as they see fit to promote API but must not disadvantage Arabian Breed horses
6. API horses are eligible for Rider classes and classes not specific to an Arabian/Arabian derivative breed.

The AHSA would like its members and affiliates to support the API and to lobby other shows to include API classes into the Arabian Program. The success of this initiative will be a team effort and we hope that we can rely on you the member to play your part.