

Australian Arabian Youth National Championships

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The Australian Arabian Youth National Championships (hereafter called "Youth Nationals" or "YNC") is an annual competition for Youth exhibitors and Arabian, Arabian Derivative and Arabian Performance Index (API) horses registered with the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Limited (hereafter referred to as "the Society" or "AHSA").

The 2018 Youth Nationals is conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd. Competitors are responsible for becoming familiar with all sections of these Rules as they form a part of the conditions of Entry for the Nationals. Copies of the most current rules can be downloaded from the AHSA website: www.ahsa.asn.au. These Rules & Conditions are valid and up-to-date at the time of publication. All Rules & Conditions are subject to minor changes prior to actual event dates. Please check the event website for the most recently updated edition of the YNC Rules & Conditions: www.arabianchampionships.com/australian-arabian-youth-national-championships.

1. EXHIBITOR & EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

- a. A **Youth Exhibitor** is defined as a person who, on the start date of the show is:
 - i. **Handler:** over four (4) Years of age and has not yet reached his/her 18th birthday
 - ii. **Rider:** over five (5) Years of age and has not yet reached his/her 18th birthday
 - iii. **Lead Rein:** over three (3) Years of age and has not yet reached his/her 8th birthday
- b. Only mares & geldings aged Four & Older are eligible to be shown by a Youth and accepted as an Exhibit Entry.
- c. Any person entering a horse in the Youth Nationals MUST
 - i. Be the registered owner of the horse
 - ii. Be a current Financial Member of the AHSA.
- d. Every person handling a horse in any capacity at the Youth Nationals MUST:
 - i. Wear a wrist band for the duration of the Event to prove insurance cover.
 - ii. Adhere to Venue rules AT ALL TIMES.
 - iii. Be a member of the AHSA or an AHSA Affiliate. If you are neither, please go to <http://ahsa.asn.au/ahsa-forms> and join as a Participant Member of the AHSA (cost \$30). Participant members are eligible to enter all Arabian Affiliate shows for the Membership Year.
- e. All Youths attending the Event MUST be under the supervision of a parent or guardian AT ALL TIMES.
- f. Current standard approved safety helmets must be worn for all mounted events.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- a. Entries are subject to these Rules and Conditions and those of the current AHSA Rule Book, the Rules and Conditions if any, appearing on the Entry Form and to the formal Instructions to Competitors, Judges, Marshals and Stewards and to any other verbal or written instructions issued to competitors, judges, marshals or stewards prior to or during the course of the Nationals.
 - b. Entries will not be processed until payment has been received. No exceptions. Payment of entries must be directed through the payment portal with entry, or cheques sent to the Entry Secretary as listed on the official YNC entry form.
 - c. Any cheque received or accepted by the Events Company shall be deemed to have been received as a conditional payment only and subject to payment upon presentation. Any bank fees incurred as a result of a declined payment shall be borne by the exhibitor.
 - d. Entries will ONLY be accepted through the email address on the entry form. No entries will be accepted via text or messenger.
 - e. Any refund of entry fees will be at the discretion of the Nationals committee by written request received prior to the show and tabled Events Company Directors meeting following the show and subject to fees and charges. This excludes classes/Championships that may be combined; full entry fees will still apply.
 - f. The Nationals Committee shall have the power without assigning any reason therefore to:
 - i. Reject or cancel an entry at anytime.
 - ii. Prohibit the participation of any person or exhibit in any event or class for which it is entered.
 - iii. Cancel, divide and/or combine any event or class.
 - iv. Alter the time and day at which any class or event is to take place.
 - v. Order the removal of any exhibitor, spectator or exhibit from the Showground.
 - vi. Transfer an exhibit from any class to any other class.
 - vii. Invoke Clauses (a), (b) and (f) above
3. On receipt of a report to the PROTEST APPEALS COMMITTEE of any practice which appears to constitute an act of cruelty. Such reports must be in writing and be accompanied by a fee of \$100, which will be refunded unless the report is deemed frivolous
 4. All exhibitors will be required to complete an AHSA Health Declaration Form upon arrival at the Event Office.
 5. Unloading of horses and assignment of stables may be contingent to submission to and approval of Event Staff.
 6. ANY EXHIBITOR when called upon to do so by any Steward or Official of the Committee shall produce evidence to the satisfaction of the Committee as to the correctness of the description and particulars contained in the Exhibitor's certificate of entry in relation to any particular exhibit (horse or rider).
 7. Copies of birth certificates may be called for at the Event Company's discretion.

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8. EVERY EXHIBITOR shall be deemed to have guaranteed the correctness of the contents of every certificate submitted by the exhibitor or on the exhibitor's behalf. Entries of horses not yet registered or transferred with the AHSA will be rejected.
9. Upon the disqualification of any exhibit under any of the Rules, the YNC committee reserves the right to amend any placing and/or awards. Should any prize winning exhibit be disqualified, subsequent entries do not necessarily obtain their placing. The YNC Committee shall decide upon final outcome after consultation with the Judges.
10. EXHIBIT NUMBERS & CATALOGUES
 - a) Must be collected from the Show Office.
 - b) Correct numbers are to be worn around the neck of the exhibit, or around the waist or on the back of the handler or rider during each class. Exhibits displaying the incorrect number and/or failing to wear any number may be excluded from competing in a Championship.
 - c) Exhibits not complying with this rule may not be judged.
 - d) Each exhibit shall display the same exhibit number in all events it contests.
11. LIABILITY REQUIREMENTS
 - a) Every person handling, riding, driving, training, grooming or preparing a horse/pony must be a current financial member of the AHSA or an AHSA Affiliate.
 - b) Proof of Membership should be lodged to the Show Committee with entries to enable correct allocations of wrist bands.
 - c) Any person found to be handling any horse who is not wearing their wrist band will face disciplinary action.
 - d) No person, under any circumstances, will be allowed to enter the ring without their wrist band.
12. PROHIBITED APPARATUS: Please refer to the current AHSA Rule Book.
13. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES: Please refer to the AHSA Drug Testing Control System on the AHSA website.
14. RESPONSIBILITY: Neither the Society nor the YNC Committee shall be liable to any person in case of loss or damage by reason of any defect, accident, negligence or neglect, however arising.
15. ACCIDENT AND OR INJURY: ALL accidents or injuries to horses MUST be reported to the Show Manager immediately.
16. HEIGHT CERTIFICATES
 - (a) all entries aged Four (4) & Over entered in classes in which height at withers is a condition of entry, must be measured by the official Measuring Steward at least two hours prior to the start of the class, or submit a valid Height Certificate acceptable to Show Management (EA, SHC or Royal Show certified) with entries/upon check-in.
 - (b) all Valid Height Certificates, excluding official Lifetime Height Certificates, must have been issued in the last twelve (12) months.
 - (c) valid height certificate must be available upon request at all times.
17. CONDUCT OF EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS
 - (a) Please refer Rule 8 of the current AHSA Rule Book. Where a person is concerned, please refer to 8.4 of the current AHSA Rule Book.
 - (b) CODE OF BEHAVIOUR CARD SYSTEM: Please refer Rule 9.5 of the current AHSA Rule Book.
18. DEFINITIONS
 - a) "OFFICIAL" means any person or persons appointed by the Events Company for the purposes of carrying out any function under these Rules and Conditions. This shall include any member of the Nationals Committee and any Steward appointed by the Nationals Committee.
 - b) "PROTEST AND APPEALS COMMITTEE" - the Protest and Appeals Committee shall be the Committee appointed by the Nationals Committee. No member of the Protest and Appeals Committee may hear a protest in the section of the Nationals in which he is exhibiting or competing.
 - c) "DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE" - the Disciplinary Committee shall be the Committee appointed by the Events Company. It will consist of the Chairman of the Society, the Directors of the Events Company, and one other nominated by the Nationals committee.
 - d) For further definitions refer to the AHSA Rule Book.
19. QUALIFICATIONS

NOTE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR 2019 ONWARD

 - (a) Qualifications for Youth competitors may be gained by participating in any similar event at a show in the preceding twelve (12) months.
20. YOUTH AGES
 - (a) All handlers must be four (4) years and older on the first day of the show. Proof of age may be required.
 - (b) Handlers under the age of seven (7) must be accompanied by a suitably attired adult (long pants, closed footwear, no logo wear).
 - (c) Handlers must be seven (7) years or older on the first day of the show to compete independently.
 - (d) Handlers seven (7) & eight (8) years of age may be accompanied by a suitably attired adult (see 20b above).
 - (e) Riders must be five (5) years or older on the first day of the show to compete independently.

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- (f) Arabian/Arabian Derivative LeadLine Rider
 - i. No qualifications required
 - ii. Rider competing in this class are ineligible for any other rider class,
 - iii. Riders in Leading Rein classes must be, at minimum, three (3) years old on the first day of the show.
 - iv. Rider must NOT be aged older than eight (8) years on the first day of the show
 - v. Exhibit may compete in any other class with another rider.
- (g) Youth exhibits must only be mares or geldings. Stallions are NOT permitted to be exhibited by a Youth, either in-hand or under saddle.

21. GENERAL

- (a) The Youth Nationals will be conducted, and classes shall be adjudicated in accordance with the current Rules of the AHSA in force and published at the time of the YNC, as posted on the websites of the Event (& the AHSA), and the YNC Rules as printed here. In case of any conflict between the last mentioned rules and these YNC Rules and Conditions, the latter shall prevail.
- (b) The Show Committee, after receiving ratification by the AHSA, reserves the right to adjust the Nationals schedule, to remove, replace or reallocate judges and/or judging assignments, as well as to split, combine, add and/or remove classes and/or divisions at any time prior to or during the Event. Written notice, either posted on the event website or posted onsite in the Show Office, will be provided to exhibitors of all such changes and modifications.
- (c) The Show Committee, after receiving ratification by the Events Company, reserves the right to adjust and/or modify the allocation of awards to each division and/or breed section according to number of entries from the current Event or based on past Events.

22. COMMERCIAL DISPLAYS

- (a) No commercial display of any product or service is permitted at any time or anywhere at the venue including stabling areas without the written permission of the Society or the YNC Committee.
- (b) Commercial display includes signs in any form. This does not apply to exhibitor stud or trainer promotion.

23. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE OUTBREAKS: Infectious diseases such as Hendra Virus and Equine Influenza are notifiable by law. The AHSA in conjunction with the venue have formulated a Biosecurity Plan for the protection of horses and people. We are not expecting any outbreaks nor have there been any issues within the area however you are reminded that any sick horse should NOT leave your property and should not be brought to the event. The Show Committee assigns stables to competitors which cannot be altered without consent from your assigned Stable Warden. The primary responsibility for biosecurity at events lies with the horse owners, riders and trainers well before the event. Owners and those providing agistment and/or training for horses should have their own biosecurity plans on properties where horses are kept. Information for horse owners is available on the websites of the CSIRO and the Department of Primary Industries.

24. PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONSHIP WORKOUTS & AWARDS

- (a) Individual workouts shall be given for all exhibits in all National Performance Championships, with the exception of Bridle Path Hack, Western Pleasure, Native Costume and Show Costume.

25. PROTEST AND APPEALS – Refer to the most current AHSA Rule Book or visit website: www.ahsa.asn.au.

26. STABLING OF EXHIBITS – Booking of stables is through Nominate and is administered by K Ranch. It is suggested for people who wish to stable together that they book stables as one booking through Nominate.

- (a) It is suggested for people who wish to stable together that they book stables as one booking through nominate.
- (b) Stable bookings can be made through nominate at any time once entries have opened.
- (c) Upon entry to K Ranch, each exhibit, for which stabling has been paid assigned, must at once be stabled in the allocated stable(s) as designated by K Ranch.
- (d) No exhibit may at any time occupy any other stable other than the one which has been allocated to it by K Ranch for the entire period of the show
- (e) No exhibitor shall be deemed to have any right, whether by way of occupation or otherwise, to any stall or portion of the showground allotted to him from time to time by the Show committee, and he shall forthwith vacate same upon being requested to do so by an Official of the Society or Show Committee.
- (f) No exhibitor, stud owner, agent, sponsor or any person will be permitted to obstruct any stable aisle, doorway or thoroughfare.

27. AWARDS

- (a) All classes, unless otherwise stated shall be judged comparatively. Nominated classes shall be judged numerically.
- (b) All classes shall place first to fourth.
- (c) Champions shall be taken from first place getters in each section.
- (d) Reserve Champions shall be taken from the remaining first place getters, plus the second place getters to the Champion.
- (e) Gold champions shall be taken from the champions in each section.
- (f) Silver champions shall be taken from the remaining champions of the section, plus the reserve champion to the winning champion.
- (g) Bronze champions shall be taken from the remaining champions and reserve.

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28. HIGH POINT AWARDS

- (a) Points shall be allocated to ONE HORSE – ONE RIDER/HANDLER combinations ONLY.
- (b) High point awards will be awarded in each age group.
- (c) Competitors shall receive one point for every class in which they compete.
- (d) Further points shall be awarded as follows:
 - Four (4) points for a First place.
 - Three (3) points for a Second place.
 - Two (2) points for a Third place.
 - One (1) point for a Fourth place.
 - Three (3) points for a Champion.
 - Two (2) points for a Reserve Champion.
 - Five (5) points for a Gold Champion.
 - Four (4) points for a Silver Champion
 - Three (3) points for a Bronze Champion
- (e) **Points will NOT be awarded for Dressage or Halter.**

NOTE: *Gold Champion winner shall have accumulated thirteen points.*

High point award winners in each age group shall receive prizes to be announced.

29. CHILDS HACK

The Childs Hack is to be presented and judged as a Hack class with points given to the rider. A Childs Hack is a pony or horse showing manners and paces suitable for a child's first/early mount. Providing the rider confidence and ease of riding.

- (a) Rules and class procedure as per Hack Classes in the current AHSA Rule Book WITH THE FOLLOW CHANGES
- (b) Snaffle, Double or Bridoon bridle optional, however, emphasis will be on the correct use of the bridle.
- (c) To be scored as follows: 20 points each for
 1. Manners
 2. Paces
 3. Confirmation & soundness
 4. Education
 5. Rider
- (d) Tied scores will be broken by the highest score for 1, and then 2, 3, 4, 5 if necessary

30. FIRST RIDDEN PONY is a pony 14hh and under that is judged as a hack.

- (a) A FIRST RIDDEN PONY is to show manners and paces for suitable for a child's first mount providing confidence and ease of riding.
- (b) Ponies are to be presented in a snaffle bridle with simple snaffle bit.
- (c) Whips not to exceed 40cm, spurs not permitted.
- (d) Competitors will not be required to canter collectively.
- (e) Canter may only be requested in individual workouts and only if the rider feels confident.

31. NOVELTIES – See Current AHSA Rule book – available on the AHSA website

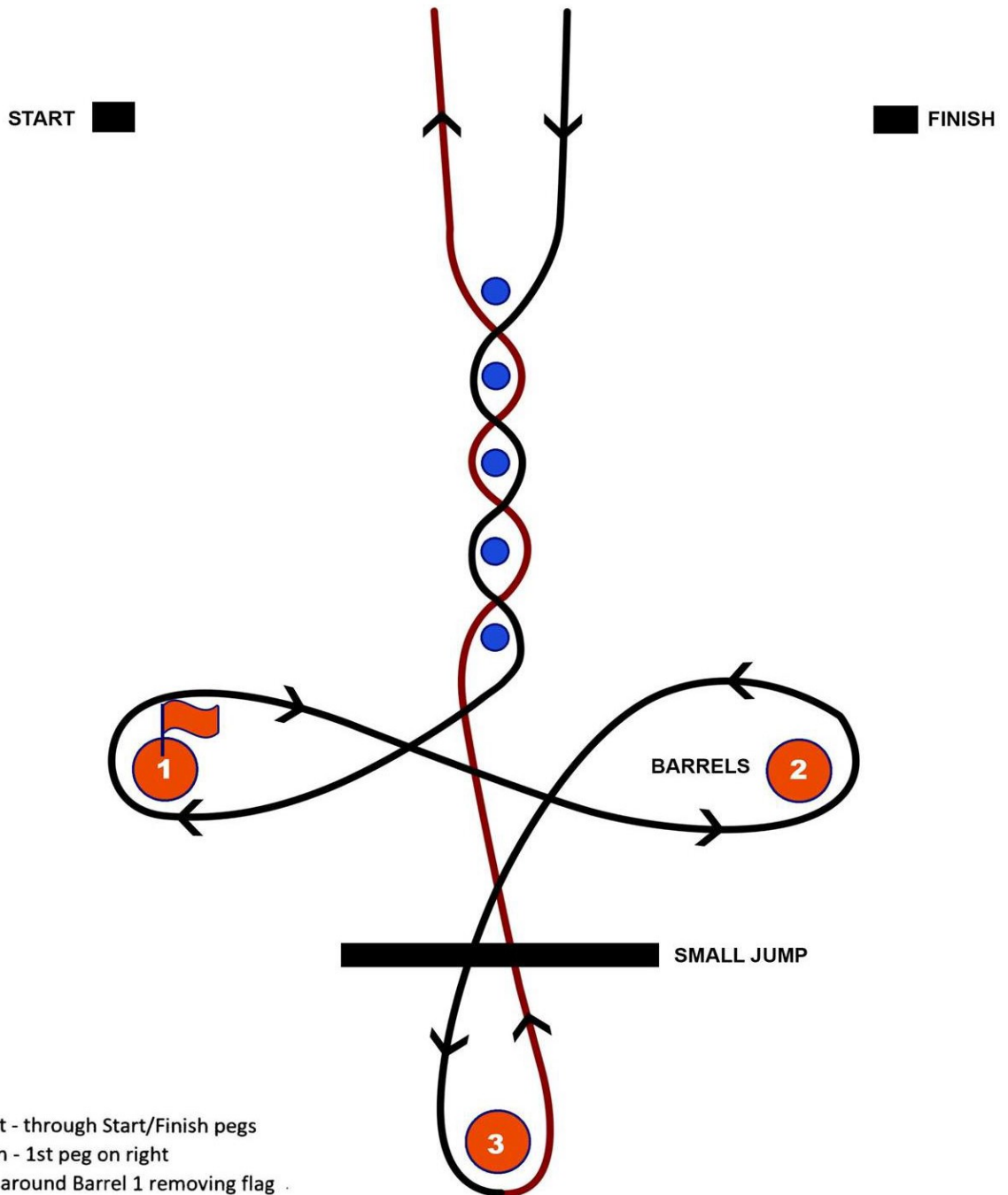
32. WORKING HUNTER – (Changed from 2017) – See Current AHSA Rule book – available on the AHSA website

33. SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

- (a) Champion & Reserve Sporting Horse in each age group
- (b) Champions & Reserves will ride off in the Youth Nationals Sporting Horse class for the title of National Arabian Youth Gold, Silver & Bronze Champion Sporting Horse
- (c) See Appendix 1 for ride off Diagram
- (d) PENALTIES:
 - Not starting and finishing through the Start/Finish pegs
 - Incorrect course execution
 - Dropping flag
- (e) DISQUALIFICATION
 - Knock down or breaking a bending pole
 - Knock down of a Barrel and or bucket on top
 - Knock down of jump rail – 3 second PENALTY
 - If the flag bucket is knocked off before the flag is picked up or replaced
 - Falling of horse and/or rider

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APPENDIX 1 - YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTING HORSE Ride Off Diagram



1. Flying Start - through Start/Finish pegs
 2. Bend down - 1st peg on right
 3. Right turn around Barrel 1 removing flag
 4. Left turn around Barrel 2 put flag in bucket
 5. Over Jump
 6. Left turn around Barrel 3
 - 7 Over jump
 8. bend home keep 1st peg on right
 9. Finish through start/Finish pegs
- Same rules as Bending, Barrell Race and Diamond T
Miss jump = elimination - knock down jump = 3 second penalty