

9 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

9.1 Events

Our Branch is wishing to run an event, do we need to notify the Society?

Yes, your Branch must notify the ASHS of the event and its details for insurance and awareness purposes. Use the Event Notification form and send to Head Office at least three (3) weeks prior to the event. Also complete two Site Inspection Checklists (one 30 days prior to the event and another 24 hours prior) retain a copy and send a copy to Head Office.

Our Branch is hosting an event, are we covered for Public Liability under the Society's Insurance?

Yes, if the Branch notifies Head Office via an Event Notification Form and completes Site Inspection Checklists (as above) and receives a letter from Head Office confirming that the event is sanctioned. A copy of the Society's Certificate of Currency for Public and Products Liability Insurance is sent to your Branch Secretary every year once the Branch has submitted its annual returns to Head Office.

Our Branch is wishing to run an event, it is not in the Events Handbook – can we run it?

You may be able to, you will need to seek permission from the Board prior to running the event.

Our Branch is hosting an event, using cattle, is there any way to insure our cattle?

Yes, the Branch should complete a Cattle Notification Form and send it to Head Office with payment. This covers transport (with a voluntary carrier) and competition (conducted under the Cattle Care Code) at sanctioned events.

A Branch Member is competing at an event, and they need to administer a sick horse with medication. Is this Member still able to compete in the enrolled event on that horse?

All competitors should consult with a veterinarian prior to administering any medication. The vet can advise the competitor on the effects and life span of the medication. Ultimately the decision to compete is that of the competitor.

Who do I approach for Sponsorship for my event?

Some financial support for events and sponsorship is paid directly to your Management Council each year; you will need to liaise with them regarding this assistance. Alternately you should develop relationships with local businesses and approach them for sponsorship.

We are running a Stockman's Turnout class at our Show, how do we know what the competitors should wear?

All attire and event specific rules are in the Events Handbook, which each Member should have. They are also available on the Society Website under Sport, Events Handbook.

A Member wishes to compete at an event on a First Cross horse; can they compete against the Pure Bred horses?

Yes, for horses to compete at Australian Stock Horse Society events they must be "Competition Eligible". That is, they must be Registered Horses owned by Full Financial Members at the time of competition. This includes all categories of horses other than Breeding Purposes Only - therefore First Cross horses, Second Cross horses and Special Merit horses are all eligible to compete against Stud Book (Pure Breds).

9.2 Riders

Even though my children are competent riders and handlers, are they eligible to ride a stallion?

No, children under 18 years of age may not, under any circumstances, ride or handle stallions at events. Please refer section 6, Item 4.1 in the Events Handbook.

Can my child ride an unregistered horse at a Branch Event?

Yes, children under 13 years of age are permitted to ride horses other than registered Australian Stock Horses in Branch conducted youth events.

Does my rider/handler need to be a Member of the Society to compete at Branch Events?

Yes, they need to be Members – Full, Youth, or Participant. They can also become a Temporary Member for that event.

Do I need to pay my Membership to compete in a Branch event?

Yes, all competitors at a Branch event should be Financial Members of the Society - either Full, Youth, Participant, Life Honorary, Honorary or Temporary Members. In addition, all horses should be competition eligible to compete – which means their owner or lessee must be a Financial Member of the Society.

9.3 Meetings

How many people are needed for a General Meeting Quorum?

Only three Branch Members are needed for a quorum at a general meeting – one of these must be a Committee Member.

How many people are needed for an Annual General Meeting Quorum?

Ten Branch Members are needed for a quorum at an Annual General Meeting – one of these must be a Committee Member.

How many people are needed for a Committee Meeting Quorum?

At every Meeting of the Committee, 50% plus one of the Committee Members are needed for a quorum.

Please refer to your Branch Rules for further explanation.

9.4 Membership

Our Branch is hosting an event; can we make Temporary (day) Memberships available for competitors?

Yes at Branch level. A Temporary Membership Receipt Book has been provided to all Branches. These forms need to be completed as well as a Liability Waiver form. Please ensure all paperwork is completed and returned to Head Office with the correct monies.

Do Members of our Branch need to be Members of the ASHS?

Yes. For competition they need to be Full, Youth, Participant, Life Honorary or Honorary Members and currently Financial. To vote at Branch Meetings they need to be over 18 years of age and Full, Life Honorary, Honorary Members or Participant Members and currently Financial.

Do I need to be a Member of a Branch to participate in that Branch's Point Score system?

This is at the discretion of the Branch Committee.

Can I be a Member of more than one Branch?

Yes, you can join more than one Branch, but only one Branch will appear on your renewal and this Branch will be reimbursed each year for your participation.

As a Branch Secretary do I need to maintain a Register of Members for my Branch?

Yes, independently of any lists provided to you by Head Office you are required by law to maintain a list of Members of your Branch.

9.5 General

Can I have a copy of the Templates in this Handbook?

Yes, please contact the Sport Department at Head Office to request softcopies or hardcopies of any templates. Or check the website – any of the “public” forms are available online.

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