

# 2012 Australian Stock Horse Society National Championship Show

## Rules and Regulations

### Birth Date for Riders Under 18 Years

Actual age of participants to be calculated from Day 1 of the Show (i.e.: age at 5th March 2012).

### Campdraft

Campdraft events will be run in accordance with the National Campdraft Council rule book, except when it contravenes with The Australian Stock Horse Society Events Handbook. Junior and Juvenile Rules will be run as per Australian Stock Horse Society Events Handbook. Rules for all other Campdraft events as per the National Campdraft Council.

### Conduct

Members who are ill mannered or rude towards fellow Competitors, Members, Directors, Staff and/or National Championship Show Committee will face disciplinary action. Any Competitor found guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, cheating in any way, attempting to defraud the Committee, abusing or threatening any Judge or other Official or persons acting in an official capacity, will be liable to suspension or disqualification, depending on the nature and severity of the offence. Cruelty to, or abuse of, a horse by any person is forbidden. The Committee or a Judge has the authority to dismiss from the Championships any person for cruelty to, or abuse of, any horse.

### Disclaimer

Neither the National Championship Show Committee nor The Australian Stock Horse Society Limited accepts liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, riders, beasts, ground, spectators, or any other person or property whatsoever. In the event that a person or persons are injured, an injury report and description of the accident must be submitted to the Office in writing within 24 hours. All competitors agree that any photographs/media coverage can be used by the National Championship Show Committee and The Australian Stock Horse Society Limited for commercial/promotional purposes.

### Disputes

The Disputes Committee will consist of Members of the National Championship Show Committee and Directors. Protests must be lodged in writing within sixty (60) minutes of the event to the Disputes Committee at the Secretary's Office and must be accompanied by a \$150 fee that will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

### Dogs

Dogs are NOT PERMITTED at the Australian Stock Horse Society 2012 National Championship Show. AELEC has a NO DOG POLICY unless the dog is entered in a show, a trial or is a guide or assistance dog.

### Dress

Recommended attire as per Australian Stock Horse Events Handbook for Committees, Judges, Competitors and Members as issued on 1st April 2004. Competitors under 18 years of age must wear an approved equestrian helmet approved by the Australian Standards Association (ASA 3838) or International equivalent, which must be securely fastened under the chin when mounted anywhere within the perimeter of the Grounds. This includes all public areas, the adjacent camping grounds and during Led events. Persons not adhering to this rule will be brought before the Board of Directors for a disciplinary hearing – and must be accompanied by parents and/or guardians. English saddlery and attire are optional, but mounts must be

ridden in a snaffle bit except for classes 43-46.

### Drugs

In line with the Society's nil tolerance Drug Policy, the Board has confirmed that Drug Testing will be conducted at random at the 2012 National Championship Show. In addition, Drug Testing will be carried out on the winners of the National Futurity, National Maturity, ABBEY Open Challenge and Maiden Series Campdraft. Resulting positive tests will be brought before the Board of Directors for a disciplinary hearing. The horse's ASH Registration could be suspended indefinitely at the discretion of the Board.

### Eligibility to compete

Only Registered Australian Stock Horses, owned by a financial member of the Society, are eligible to compete in events. Foal Recorded Australian Stock Horses are not eligible to compete.

### Entries

The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without reason. The committee reserves the right to cancel, combine or add to any classes on the programme if deemed necessary.

### GST

All prize money is exclusive of GST.

### Horses

All Stallions and Colts two years and over must be double tied if left unattended outside stable enclosures and bitted when handled outside stable enclosures. Handlers/riders of stallions and colts two years and over must be 18 years and over at this venue. Competitors under 18 years of age will not be able to compete in Led or Ridden Classes or Campdrafts with Stallions or Colts.

### Junior Challenge (8 yrs & Under 13 yrs)

In the Time Trial, competitors are only required to open the gate – not close the gate.

### Marshalling Area

No Exhibitor or Attendant will be permitted to enter the Marshalling Area unless his or her horse has affixed to it an Exhibit Number and is required to enter the ring to compete in a class, event or during designated practice times. This area is not for exercising exhibits.

### Membership Requirements

Riders/handlers/competitors must be the Nominee of a Full, Youth or Participant Membership. Non-Members are not eligible to compete at National Championship Show Level.

### Patterns

As per The Australian Stock Horse Society Pattern Book. Pattern Numbers are published in the Programme of Events and on our website [www.ashs.com.au](http://www.ashs.com.au). The Committee reserves the right to instruct a Judge to select competitors off the circle if necessary. Where no pattern is advertised, workouts will be at the discretion of judges and officials.

### Refunds

No refunds for cancellations will be considered after the closing date of 10th February, 2012 except on production of a veterinary certificate for the horse.

### Scratchings

Entry fees will only be refunded in the nominated horse has died and the Society has received confirmation from the Stud Book of said death.

### Sporting Events

Will be run in accordance with The Australian Stock Horse Society Events Handbook.


### Time

Starting time each day will be adhered to, but all other times are estimations only.

### Timetable of Judging

Starting time each day will be adhered to, but all other times are estimations only. The National Championship Show Committee accepts no responsibility if judging times conflict with one or more classes or events in which an Exhibitor may be entered.

### Trophy Saddles

All saddles awarded at presentation will be the trophy saddle and cannot be exchanged, transferred or refunded. 

### Amateur Owner Rider Status

The rider or a direct family member (mother, father, daughter, son, sister or brother) of the rider MUST be the current financial owner of the horse. A person is considered an amateur, regardless of their equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, unless they have:

1. Accepted remuneration directly or indirectly for breaking, riding, training, schooling, halter preparation, showing in halter or saddle
2. Accepted remuneration for conducting clinics or seminars or giving instruction in showing, training or riding
3. Given instruction at clinics for remuneration on any discipline pertaining to ASHS
4. Performed such activities while accepting remuneration directly or indirectly for employment in another capacity for an employer or a member of the said employer's family who owns, boards or trains the involved horse
5. Ridden or exhibited in halter at horse shows, any horse he/she or a member of his/her immediate family accepts remuneration directly or indirectly for boarding and training
6. Won a Championship under saddle at National, Royal or State level

The following activities shall not affect the Amateur Owner Rider status of a person who is otherwise qualified:

- Writing of books/articles pertaining to horses
- Accepting remuneration for judging and stewarding
- Receiving prizemoney
- Having the occupation of farrier, veterinarian, thoroughbred trainer, trotting trainer
- Owning or operating a saddlery, stud, breeding farm or boarding stables.

### Rules Explanation

*Anyone employed by a training establishment to do duties other than riding, breaking, training, schooling, driving, showing or preparing halter horses is eligible to be an amateur. Spouses and immediate family of a trainer are also able to be an amateur as long as they are not involved with the breaking, training, schooling, riding or showing any of the horses the trainer is being paid to work with. People who board horses are eligible for amateur status as long as they do not ride, show, train or do any of tasks 1 – 6 of the rules for the boarders. If you are not being paid money for any of those tasks in 1-6 of the rules, but are exchanging goods or services for those tasks, you would also be seen to be receiving remuneration indirectly.*