

Entry Conditions

The 2026 ASHS National Show will be held at AELEC, Tamworth, NSW from the 7th – 12th March 2026.

The committee reserves the right to cancel, combine, add or alter the sequence of classes or prizes as deemed necessary.

Any NSW Department of Agriculture or NSW Health Orders at the time of the event will be adhered to.

Nominations open to 2026 financial ASHS members. All competitors must be 2026 financial members to compete – to renew your ASHS Membership click on the following link:

<https://www.ashs.com.au/membership/members/renewing-memberships/>

Show Nominations Open: Monday 5th January 2026 , 10:00 am (AEDST)

Show Entries Close: Friday 23rd January 2026, Midnight (AEDST)

How to enter:

Entries via www.ashs.com.au/sportsevents

See the How to Enter document on the website for more details.

Stabling and Camping:

Open: Tuesday 13th January 2026, 7:00pm (AEDST)

To be booked through Nominate – link available www.ashs.com.au/sportsevents

Conditions of Entry: By entering this event you agree that the horse's particulars are correct and agree to abide by the Rules and Conditions of the National Show and The Australian Stock Horse Society Limited. You also hereby authorise the Society or its agents to take samples of Blood, Urine or any other Swabs deemed necessary for any horses nominated on the Entry Form.

Compulsory Condition of Entry:

1. Each Competitor/Handler will be charged a \$50 bond which will be refundable when a minimum of 2 hours volunteering has been completed. A VALID volunteer must be nominated for show entry to be accepted. You may volunteer yourself. Aspiring Judges are encouraged to pencil. A genuine attempt must be made to carry out volunteer duties, failure to comply with these rules could incur additional penalties. Please ensure nominated Volunteer will be available and attending the show at the nominated time slot. **Refunds will only be available from the show office at AELEC during the show.**
2. Each competitor will be charged a \$15.00 per competitor First Aid fee.
3. Each competitor will be charged a \$25 per competitor Ground User Levy.



Breastplate numbers: Each horse will be allocated a unique competition number, which must be displayed at all times during competition. Reusable breastplate numbers (3 x full sets of numbers from 0-9) can be purchased at the cost of \$15 each. Breastplate numbers can be ordered during the nomination process and collected from the Show Office at AELEC. A limited quantity of breastplate numbers will be available for purchase during the Show.

Incorrect or Insufficient Nominations: If a Scratching or Change to Nomination is required during the entries open period from 5th January – 23rd January 2026, a \$22 Administration Fee will be charged per **manual** update. No charge if this is completed **online** by competitor via ASHS Events Nominations during the entries open period.

Changes to Nominations/Scratching's: Change to Nominations and Scratching's, during and after the nomination period, can be completed online by the competitor via ASHS Events Nominations. For Change of Rider/Scratching's updates, competitor must complete online a **minimum of 24 hours before the event/class commencing** for this to be applied.

Horse Substitutions: Horse substitutions **due to injury or death are permitted up to 48 hours prior to the commencement of the class**. All Horse Substitutions are subject to verification of Horse Registration and Owner Membership and must be eligible to compete in the nominated event. The owner of the nominated horse being substituted must complete an official scratching form and must provide a vet certificate.

Refund Policy: Scratching's received during the entry open period, 5th – 23rd January 2026, will receive a FULL refund of the entry fee. The processing fee will NOT be refunded. After nominations close, a 50% refund on entry fees (excluding cattle levy) will be considered on the submission of, if completed online - a refund request, or submission of an Official Scratching Form with an accompanying Veterinary Certificate and/or Doctor's Certificate verifying the inability to compete. This form and documentation must be received by Head Office prior to the close of business on **16th February 2026**. After this date no refunds will be considered except in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the committee, after the Show is completed. **PLEASE NOTE: Entry fees for scratching from the National Futurity are non-refundable under any circumstance.**

Late Entries: Late entries may be accepted with a late fee of \$50.00 per class/event. The horse and rider will not be catalogued and the position in the draw will be at the discretion of the committee.



Protest: Any competitor or exhibitor may lodge a protest in writing to the secretary of the show committee within 30 minutes of the completion of an event. The protest must be accompanied by a fee of \$150 and is refundable if the protest is upheld. The protest shall be heard by the Disputes Committee and may be dealt with as the Disputes Committee may direct.

Cattle Availability: Any events using cattle are subject to cattle availability at the time of the Show.

Images: Any photos/videos of competitors taken by authorised photographers/videographers associated with the Australian Stock Horse Society may be used by the Society for promotional or training purposes. The Australian Stock Horse Society retains the rights for images taken at the 2026 National Show.

E-scooters: Please note that e-scooters are banned in NSW.

Horse Welfare Policy: Horse welfare is related to the general care and well-being of horses and is not limited to extreme cases of neglect. The Horse Welfare Committee will be patrolling the grounds during competition time and not. They are responsible for the welfare of all horses on the grounds and/or participating in an event. Concerns in relation to horse welfare includes:

- The physical, mental, social and physiological needs of horses
- Ground and weather conditions and infrastructure
- Horse tack, competition equipment and arena safety
- Horse feed, drinking water and exercise
- Horses are treated with respect and dignity at all times
- Horse organisational procedures and policies

Horse Welfare Officers will be initially required to discuss and report any horse welfare concerns with ASH Officials of the committee conducting the event. After discussion with the committee, the Horse Welfare Officer may need to liaise with owners and/or riders in a diplomatic way to ensure that perceived issues are resolved. Any discussed or reported issues needs to be documented on a horse welfare report, outlining the issue and resolution, then submit the form to the Society's Head Office within 14 days of the event.



NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR ANY AWARD WITHIN ANY EVENT HELD AT THE 2026 ASHS NATIONAL SHOW MUST BE NOMINATED BY THE COMPETITOR WHEN NOMINATING FOR THE NATIONAL SHOW. IT IS THEN THE COMPETITORS RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THE AWARD ELIGIBILITY IN THE COMPETITOR LIST PRIOR TO EVENT COMMENCING.

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Special Award Nominations

Maddens Stable Bedding Yearling Futurity

The Yearling Futurity is for horses born in the 2024 foaling season (1st August 2024 – 31st July 2025).

Maddens Stable Bedding Snaffle Bit Futurity

The Snaffle Bit Futurity is for horses born in the 2023 foaling season (1st August 2023 – 31st July 2024).

The Marsh Carney Saddlery National Futurity Series 38

To be eligible for section placings and overall placings/awards each section must have been attempted. The National Futurity Series 38 is open to horses that were born in the 2022 foaling season (1st August 2022 to 31st July 2023). Fees paid for the National Futurity will not be refunded if horse is withdrawn. Section scores will not be posted until after the presentation of each event. The Time Trial times will be announced.

Futurity Plate –National Futurity Series 38

The Futurity Plate is open to riders who have not previously won the Futurity plate. Once a rider has won a Plate, or an event associated with the Plate Awards, they become ineligible to nominate for that Plate prize again.

The Rosebrook ASH Stud & Stan Bowd Custom Made Saddlery National Maturity Series 37

To be eligible for section placings and overall placings/awards each section must have been attempted. The National Maturity Series 37 is open to horses born in the 2021 foaling season (1st August 2021 to 31st July 2022). Campdraft will be conducted as a cattlework section. Section scores will not be posted until after the presentation of each event. The Time Trial times will be announced.



Maturity Plate – National Maturity Series 37

The Maturity Plate is open to riders who have not previously won the Maturity plate. Once a rider has won a Plate, or an event associated with the Plate Awards, they become ineligible to nominate for that Plate prize again.

ABBEY Open Challenge

To be eligible for section placings and overall placings/awards each section must have been attempted. The Abbey Open Challenge is for horses 6yrs & over. Campdraft will be conducted as a cattlework section. Section scores will not be posted until after the presentation of each event. The Time Trial times will be announced.

Youth Awards

To be eligible for Youth Awards in our Feature Events, competitors must be under 18 years on the first day of the show.

Other Important Information

Fountain of Youth Sale Horse Classes

Horses that have been previously purchased from the Fountain of Youth Sale can now nominate to compete in the following additional classes:

- **Hack 3yr Old Fountain of Youth**
- **Working 4yr Old Fountain of Youth**

Entry Conditions

1. Must be entered into the relevant FOY class at the time of nominations.
2. Horse must be competition eligible (financial owner)
3. Eligible horses must have been sold through the Fountain of Youth Sale
4. Current owner does not need to be the purchaser from the Fountain of Youth Sale
5. All horses of that age group compete together e.g. fillies geldings & colts
6. The winners of these classes are NOT eligible for Championships

Jackpot Open Time Trial

The Jackpot Open Time Trial is open to horses 5 years & over one run only. Awarded to highest overall score.



Dressage

Preliminary, Novice, Elementary and Medium classes. ASHS Dressage Rules.

CONQUISTADOR II Perpetual Trophy for Highest Scoring Medium Competitor donated by Lisa Martin Dressage.

PLEASE NOTE: If entry numbers require, the Novice 2A, Preliminary 1B, Preliminary 1C & Novice 2B tests will be split into (1) & (2) to allow the removal of entry number restrictions.

Dressage Riders please note:

- All classes will be conducted under EA rules and regulations, unless ASHS take precedence (i.e. it is not essential to use a dressage saddle as ASHS rules and regulations take precedence). EA rules can be found at the following link <http://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules>
- **RIDER AND HORSE:** one rider one horse for all dressage events.
- **CALLERS:** Callers are permitted.
- **DRESS AND SADDLERY:** Please check the complete rules on the ASHS National Show website. Gear checks must be completed 10 minutes prior to your scheduled test time/ draw and is compulsory so please check the rules carefully prior to competition. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure their gear check is completed prior to their test.
- **STYLE OF PRESENTATION:** Competitors should choose a single style – either competing in Australian Stock Horse style attire, saddle and saddlecloth or “English Style” attire, saddle and saddlecloth/numnah. Refer to the ASHS Events Handbook for the full rules and regulations.
- **HELMETS:** Current Australian Standard Association or international equivalent helmets must be worn during competition, these must be securely fastened under the chin.
- **PRESENTATIONS:** These will take place at the end of competition and will be unmounted.
- **RIDERS BRIDLE NUMBERS:** Please see Breastplate numbers. Numbers must be displayed on the horse.
- **EVENTS:** the horse entering must only enter Prelim/Novice or Novice/Elementary not Prelim/Elementary. In the case of a horse entering that has EA points, they must only enter those events at the level graded at with the EA. Freestyle excluded.
- **YOUNG HORSE CLASS:** must be 4 years and under. Birth dates for all young horses will be as at 1 August. They are NOT to enter any other levels, only the young horse class.
- **EVENTS:** horse and rider combinations may enter up to four tests (e.g. 2 preliminary & 2 Novice), except the Young Horse combinations (see above).
- **CHAMPIONS:** To be eligible for champion you must have competed in two tests at the same level over both days.

Oakwood Stockmans Turnout

The horse should be suitably equipped and the tack should include items that may be required for a day's work around the property. The horse should work in a relaxed manner and the gear well cared for and comfortable for both horse and rider. The horse should be a good walker, with a smooth canter – a horse you can ride all day.

Competitors will be judged in the following format: Type and conformation of horse – 40 points
Presentation and suitability of gear – 40 points, workout 20 points.



Presentation and Attire

ALL COMPETITORS

For presentations competitors must wear Australian style felt hat or safety helmet, boots, collared full-buttoned long sleeve plain shirt, a tie and clean long trousers/jeans. Competitors must be neat and presentable. Competitors will be expected to be suitably attired and mounted for presentations except for Dressage and Station Horse Classes which are unmounted presentations – but dress regulations still apply. Competitors not meeting these standards may be asked to leave the ring and rectify prior to any presentations taking place.

ALL OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Presentations will be mounted. Led/hack/working competition wear must be worn. Competitors must be neat and presentable. Competitors not meeting these standards may be asked to leave the ring and rectify prior to any presentations taking place. Competitors should refer to the ASHS Events Rules and Regulations as published on the Society's website for the most recent information.

Stallion Service Prizes

Any Service Fee prizes won in any event are NON-REFUNDABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE.

All other Society Rules & Regulations are applicable to this event including the Social Media Policy.

