



SHOW HORSE COUNCIL S.A. INC
2017 HYGAIN FEEDS SHC SA HACK OF THE YEAR (2018 GRAND NATIONAL QUALIFIER)
RULES & REGULATIONS

**** Please ensure that you read these rules prior to entering the Show ****

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: *The onus is on the competitor/owner/exhibitor to ensure that they meet the eligibility to compete in this event as well as the horse/pony entered:*

- ALL horses **MUST** be registered with the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. National Saddle Horse Register to compete in the any class at the show
- The rider/handler and owner/lessee **MUST** be a financial member of Show Horse Council SA Inc. or another SHC Affiliate (e.g. HIA Competitors Association) at the close of entries.
- Leading Rein Classes – Both the Handler (to be 17 years or over) and rider **MUST** be a full financial member of Show Horse Council SA Inc. or other SHC Affiliate (e.g. HIA Competitors Association) at the close of entries.
- Led Classes (In Hand) – The handler of the horse in a Led Show Hunter, Show Hack or Led Shetland class **MUST** be a full financial member of Show Horse Council SA Inc. or other SHC Affiliate (e.g. HIA Competitors Association) at the close of entries. **NO DAY MEMBERSHIP IS AVAILABLE FOR HANDLERS – SOCIAL MEMBERS CAN NOT LEAD HORSES.**

RULES OF COMPETITON: In addition to the rules outlined below all competitors should take note of the SHC Australasia Inc. General Competition Rules, which will apply, unless precluded by rules or conditions of entry specific to this show, the 2017 SHC SA HYGAIN FEEDS HOTY SHOW - 2018 Grand National Qualifier. Entry to this competition is voluntary and by entering you agree to abide by and accept the rules and conditions of the SHC of Australasia. The SHC SA Inc. reserves the right to interpret all rules where any dispute arises and its decision is final.

Entries for this show will ONLY be accepted from bonafide residents of SA or those who reside within a 100km domicile rule radius of the SA State Borders, and have already applied via the SHC domicile rules to compete in SA (via Statutory Declaration & Membership with a SA SHC Affiliate)

ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED VIA THE SHC DATABASE <http://www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au/shc-data-base>

Contact your Association Secretary if you experience problems with your login to the database

ENTRIES WILL OPEN Thursday 24th August 2017 (if not before) and CLOSE on Friday 29th September 2017 at midnight

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

- ALL horses shall be currently registered with the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc., National Saddle Horse Register to enter this show and with a Breed Register as recognized by the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. (e.g. APSB) for Shetland classes only. **NSH REGISTRATION is COMPULSORY for ALL horses entering Classes.**
- All horses shall be resident in SA **for at least 3 months leading up to the show** and be owned by a resident of SA for a period of **NOT LESS THAN 3 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES.** For border competitors in VIC/NSW the same timeframes apply to horses for competition.
- Show Horse Council of SA Inc. members or SHC Affiliate (e.g. HIA Competitors Association) Members may compete and all owners /exhibitors/ riders must be financial with a SHC Affiliate - **entry is open to SA SHC Affiliate members ONLY.**
- If a horse has competed in another state's SHC Horse of the Year show held in the 2017 calendar year, it is ineligible to compete in the OPEN HACK section or SHOW HUNTER section of the 2017 Show Horse Council of SA Hack of the Year show.
- If a rider has competed in another state's SHC Horse of the Year show held in the 2017 calendar year, he/she is ineligible to compete in the RIDER section of the 2017 Show Horse Council of SA Hack of the Year show.

- Horses / Galloways / Ponies can ONLY compete as either a Show Hunter or Show Hack. SHC Federal Ruling is that horses MUST compete in the section that they start in with SHC for the full calendar year (**1st January - 31st December**) only after that can horses switch sections if desired.
- **WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD RINGS – Competitors need to choose their events accordingly and be on time to their classes. There is a large program to get through. Some holding of classes will be initiated by the committee if there are clashes but it is important that you do not rely on this to make it to your events. No refunds will be given for classes that are missed.**
- **NUMBERS** - Numbers corresponding to the catalogue shall be worn in competition. Breastplate numbers on horses in ALL classes, rider numbers are issued for riders entered in RIDER classes (to be placed in number holder). Horse entries shall be catalogued as per exhibitor details on the entry form. Exhibitors to supply their own breastplate number holder.
- **LIABILITY** - The Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc., Show Horse Council SA and Talunga Park, Mt Pleasant shall not be responsible for the loss of, or for any damage or injury occasioned to any exhibit or the property of any exhibitors from any cause what so ever. The exhibitors/competitors enter and compete entirely at their own risk.
- Except where any ineligibility is officially proved, the judge's decision is final. A judge's decision representing his / her individual preference can NOT be protested against.
- **PROTESTS - All protests shall be in writing to the ground jury accompanied by a fee of \$100 and are to be received NO LATER than one hour after the event, after which time no protest shall be entered in to.** A refund of \$100 only applies if the protest is upheld – otherwise the fee is forfeited. No discussion will be entered into and the committee's decision will be FINAL. Protests may be taken further to the SHC of Australasia Inc. Disciplinary and Disputes committee for further discussion to reach a resolution.
- **No outside assistance is to be displayed during competition. NO coaching/teaching from the sidelines. Penalty of disqualification may apply to breach of this regulation.**
- **RANDOM SWABBING** - Drug testing will be carried out on both days of the show in accordance with the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. requirements and Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. competition rules on DRUGS and DRUG TESTING (rules 7.1-7.12) together with the department of sport and recreation doping policy, or in accordance with the relevant laboratory sample collection protocol. Compliance with this rule is mandatory for all exhibits and persons responsible. Drug penalties as adopted in the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. competition rules (7.8a-7.8b) will be apply. Registration papers must be produced if a horse is called up for drug testing. **IF AN EXHIBIT RETURNS A POSITIVE SWAB ALL DRUG TESTING & ASSOCIATED VETERINARY / LABORATORY COSTS INCURRED BECOME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPETITOR/EXHIBITOR & WILL BE BECOME A DISCIPLINARY & DISPUTES MATTER WITH THE FEDERAL BODY (SHC of Australasia Inc.)**
- **DRUGS** - It is the intention of these regulations that a horse shall perform at the time of competition on their merits, without the aid of drug (s) or prohibited substance (s) which will affect the conduct, performance or appearance of the horse. It is the absolute liability of the owner (s) / exhibitor (s) / responsible officer to ensure that any horse exhibited by them in this competition is free from any prohibited / banned drug or substance at the time of competition. Failure to adhere to this rule may render the exhibit / owner (s) / exhibitor (s) / responsible officer liable to disqualification and / or disciplinary action as determined by the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. Results of drug testing may be published by SHC.
- **TREATMENT SHEETS** in accordance with SHC Aust. Competition Rules 7.00 & 7.5A shall be used. Forms can be downloaded from www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au . The decision as to whether the horse will be permitted to start shall be made by the ground jury. Veterinary advice may be sought if considered necessary. The exhibitor / competitor shall be advised of the decision prior to the commencement time. No (a) claim shall be made against or (b) appeal made to the ground jury or council if, by such decision of the ground jury, the entry is not permitted to start.
- The committee reserves the right to refuse or withdraw any entry / entries without having to assign a reason.
- All information supplied by the exhibitor (s) and / or owner (s) and / or responsible officer (i.e. the person in charge of the horse) shall be true and correct and represent that the horse / rider is eligible to compete. If this information is found to be false, the exhibit shall be ineligible to compete. The Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. may discipline the exhibitors and / or owners and / or responsible officer of the entry.
- Horse entries shall ONLY be accepted where the names and signatures of the current registered owner (s) and / or lessee (s), and exhibitors / competitors appear on the entry form and they are members of a SHC Affiliate Group (e.g. Show Horse Council of SA or HIA Competitors Association).
- Where an owner of the horse shall be in charge of the horse during the competition, then THAT owner is required to sign the entry form as the responsible officer. If a person other than an owner shall be in charge of the horse during the competition, then THAT person is required to sign the entry form as the responsible officer.
- Where a horse is registered and / or entered in the name of a minor (under 17 years), the entry form shall be signed by the parent / legal guardian. **The responsible officer of a minor at events is required as a minimum to be a social member for insurance purposes.** In the event of disciplinary action, the person(s) considered responsible shall be the Owner(s) and / or responsible officer and / or the person in charge of the horse at the time of the offence. Please remember to select your responsible officer on the entry form before you submit it.

- The committee and / or the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. and / or the ground jury, reserve the right to alter the numbers of Finalists, Program, Judges, Schedule or Timetable.
- **HEIGHT CERTIFICATE / MEASURING** – All horses need to hold a current Official SHC height certificate to compete – we recognise Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. (Annual, Provisional and / or life certificates). **It is your responsibility to ensure that your horse has been measured prior to or at the show. A Measuring day will be held at Mt Pleasant Show grounds on Friday 20th October 2017 between 12-3pm for measurements. Measuring will also be available on Sat 21st October & Sun 22nd October from 6.30am – 7.30am by appointment with the official measurer. THERE WILL BE NO OTHER MEASURING OUTSIDE OF THESE TIMES. Your official SHC Height Certificate needs to be presented to collect exhibit numbers or can be scanned and emailed to shc.sa@bigpond.com . No height certificate, No ride, no exceptions.**
- A rider may have more than one horse in a class, but requires another rider to be on board for the circle, etc. In rider classes, two riders in the same section cannot ride the same horse. **Entries received with rider or mounts TBA WILL NOT be accepted by the system – all horses and riders must be nominated or entry will not be accepted.** Any changes to mounts on the day **WILL NOT** be accepted unless requests are made to the Ground Jury prior to the event. All riders must be current SHC Affiliate members.
- **RIDING ATTIRE/GEAR RULES** – All riders are required to wear a suitable safety helmet (Australian Standards AS/NZ 3838 or EN1384) and approved riding boots at all times. Any breach of this rule, may incur disqualification from the competition. **RIDERS OVER 17YRS MAY COMPETE IN TOP HATS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SHC INSURANCE (ONLY EXCEPTION IS WORKING HUNTER CLASSES)** Whips must have a leather keeper that is at least 5cm long & 2cm wide. Whips must not exceed 72cm in length including flapper. ***Spurs other than dummy or roller spurs exceeding 2cm in length are not permitted.*** Riders in rider class under 17yrs are required to wear Jodhpur boots. (No Gaiters/top boots). Riders over 17 years can wear gaiters and/or top boots. A full list of suitable bits, gear, whips, etc. is available on the SHC of Australasia website in the Competition Rules – July 2017 edition. Please read the Competition rules to ensure that you are up to date on any changes to gear / attire.
- **EXERCISING HORSES** – **Lunging on the main oval is NOT permitted at any time.** Riders must lunge horses outside this area. Horses may be ridden on the oval prior to competition. Competitors can work in the arenas prior to competition commencing each day but not during lunch breaks.
- **STABLING** – Bookings and payments for stabling needs to be received as soon as possible. **\$50 BOND IS APPLICABLE PER STABLE BOOKED** – Please supply a separate cheque for this bond which will be refunded on departure. Stables will be inspected and **if not cleaned satisfactorily will incur a \$50 cleaning fee per box (Bond Payment).** PLEASE NOTE: Applying for a stable doesn't guarantee acceptance of one. STABLES WILL ONLY BE ISSUED FOR HORSES COMPETING AT THE SHOW – 1 stable per horse. Stabling and Camping requests are to be sent to the Show Secretary, 6 Garland Rd, Noarlunga Downs SA 5168 or email to: shc.sa@bigpond.com Bookings are needed ASAP for stabling and camping as there will be high demand. **BOOKINGS FOR CAMPING & STABLING ARE ONLY TO BE MADE WITH THE SHOW SECRETARY USING THE AVAILABLE FORM – If not booked this way it will not be included in the stables allocated on the grounds. Confirmation emails will be sent after the closing of entries.**
- **DOGS** – Dogs **MUST** be kept on a leash **AT ALL TIMES** and under suitable control around horses. If not on a leash you may be asked to leave.

WITHDRAWAL OF ENTRY AFTER THE CLOSING DATE: NO REFUNDS WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES.