

ASHFA ARABIAN & DERIVATIVE SHOW HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Conditions of entry for ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships:

1. Please note - all competitors must agree and abide by the rules below and accept the conditions to be able to proceed to the Entries on Nominate Equestrian. Competitors, please ensure you familiarise yourself with the rules below. By entering ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships - you agree to abide by the conditions below.
2. AHC is affiliated with Equestrian Australia, however follows the guidelines for the Arabian Horse Society of Australia. Please read AHC rules carefully.
3. All Competitors/Handlers/Owners entering must be either a current financial member of AHC or pay Day membership.
4. Please contact AHC if you require any assistance with entering or if you require a payment plan.
5. Show updates prior and on the day of the show will be via ASHFA/AHC Facebook page
6. The nominate entry Link shown here will redirect you to the Nominate Equestrian website: [ASHFA enter here](#)
7. This event will run regardless of weather conditions. Should the day experience unseasonal weather, it is the sole choice of the competitor, handlers, riders, owners & spectators to attend and compete. No refunds will be entered into for any reasons for competitors not competing in circumstances regarding weather.
8. The AHC Committee reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions and shall make any relevant decisions in regard to or arising from any incident at or pertaining to this Show, without claim for damages or recourse of any kind. Any questions not covered in the Conditions of Entry will be decided by the AHC Committee. The decision will be final.
9. All competitors, handlers, assistants, spectators, Trade Stand employees compete/attend the ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships at their OWN RISK to their person, property, transport, and other items. All horses shown at own risk to owner/handler/rider. The AHC Committee will not be liable for any injury or incident arising from this event. It is a condition of entry to accept this decision.
10. Entry and Competition in the ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships is voluntary. By Entry it is the Absolute Liability of all participants to agree to be bound by the decisions of The AHC Show Committee in accordance with all Rules applicable to the Competition.
11. Entry to this Event shall constitute an agreement and affirmation by the Exhibitor(s)/Owner(s), Responsible Officer (which includes Lessee(s) / Manager / Rider / Handler) to compete subject to and in accordance with the ASHFA Competition / Rules and Conditions applicable to this Event.
12. Any Incidents of non-compliance with the Rules and/or instructions of Show Officials will result in disciplinary action by the AHC Committee.
13. Online Entries must be fully completed through Nominate Equestrian. Entries will only be accepted from Owners / Exhibitors / Lessees / Competitors
14. ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry, without assigning any reason, to any claim made against the ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships should an entry be refused.
15. In the unlikely event this show would only be postponed if a catastrophic Fire, Weather warning or Health Pandemic was issued by relevant Government Authorities and whereby the Showground Officials closed the showgrounds to the public. An alternate date of the planned event would be sort, if possible, for the competition to continue. If cancellation of

the event is inevitable competitors will receive a full refund less any Nominate/Administration and, or other processing fees.

16. All horses competing in this Event shall be registered with Arabian Horse Society of Australia - Any horse found to be competing with falsely provided registration or membership details will be immediately disqualified from the event and may face disciplinary action.
17. Any horses entering and competing at the ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships who have required veterinary care prior and received substances, which may be shown in a random swabbing test - a statutory declaration must be submitted to ASHFA prior to the competition date. This information will be kept confidential by the ASHFA Committee and only used should the horse in question be selected for swabbing.
18. The AHC Show Committee reserves the right to change any Judge without notice.
19. The AHC Committee reserves the right to alter the Program, Judges and any other matters pertaining to this Show without notice.
20. A protest can only be placed for alleged violations of the Rules.
21. Protests must be delivered "in writing" to the ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships Committee, no later than one hour after the Class in question. A \$100.00 Protest Fee must accompany the Protest and will be forfeited if the Protest is not upheld. The ASHFA Committee will adjudicate, in private, on any Protests. The ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships reserve the right to call any relevant witnesses for consideration in their deliberations. Information received for any protests will remain confidential within the ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships Committee and outcomes only divulged to those in question and the relevant ring Judge. The decisions of the ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships Protest Committee shall be final.
22. There are NO qualifications requirements needed to enter the ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships.
23. Children under the age of 18 years must wear a helmet (meeting recognised Safety Standards), with safety harness - e.g Charles Owen/Derby etc.
24. Adult riders MUST wear a helmet (meeting recognised Safety Standards), with safety harness.
25. All riders regardless of competing in an event or practising must be wearing a helmet.
26. A 'Youth' is a person who will be under the age of 18 years on the day of the Show. Those aged 18 on the day are Adult Riders.
27. Show Hunters - must wear a plain browband. Time may be allowed by the Judges and Stewards for bridle swaps.
28. In Show Hunter events - the judges may ask competitors for a hand gallop. This is to be done at a safe pace and we ask competitors not to be irresponsible in their speed of pace and to be mindful of other competitors. Any rider who does not feel comfortable with the workout will need to express their wishes to the judge, for their decision for ongoing judging.
29. Judges officiating at the ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships are under no obligation to award a placing if they consider such placing not up to standard.
30. ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships will consist of 3 rings. 2 Halter rings, An Australian ring with one Australian International Judge, an International ring consisting of 2 Internationally accredited judges and a ridden ring. Ridden classes will commence after the judging of Senior Halter horses.
31. Entries open for ASHFA members on Thursday 10th August at 6.00pm and close at midnight on the 15th October.

32. To compete if members are not a member of Arabian Horse Connection \$25 per day Show membership is required, Show membership does not entitle competitors to discounted prices or members only classes if available.
33. Late Entries will be taken until 18th October 2023, 8pm with an additional \$50 per class late fee.
34. In the event that due to veterinary reasons (with certificate) your horse needs to be scratched, a horse can be swapped at no charge up until close of entries. If entry is less than the original cost, there will be no refund of difference.
35. If you are not able to enter online for any reason, please email arabianconnect@gmail.com so they can assist you
36. Australian Breed Halter Class & Ridden Class Awards: Champion, Reserve Champion and Top 5 (where numbers warrant), International Halter class will be awarded Gold, Silver & Bronze Champion
37. All Champion winners of breed halter classes are eligible to compete for Champion of Champions on Saturday Finals evening
38. All Champion winners of breed ridden classes are eligible to compete for Ultimate Spectacular Grand Champion on Saturday Finals evening
39. Eligibility for Finals Night – Halter: All halter horses must compete in both halter rings and win at least one champion to be eligible to compete in the Champion of Champions on Saturday evening. Should you choose not to compete in two halter rings the price remains the same and you cannot compete on finals night regardless of a win in that ring.
40. Membership can be completed at: [AHC membership](#)
41. Youth competing in open classes, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure a suitable exhibit is selected. No stallions or colts will be allowed.
42. All Youth competing in Youth and Youth Rider classes must wear short jodhpur boots. Youth competing in open events including dressage may wear any approved riding boots.
43. Junior horse is 3 years and under and Senior horse is 4 years and over.
44. Age is calculated on 1st August for horses.
45. Non-Pro Halter classes are open to all Non Pros, you do not need to own the horse. Non Pro declarations must be completed.
46. Competitor Responsibility - a) It is the Competitor's/Exhibitor's responsibility to ensure eligibility for a class.
47. Where any ineligibility to compete may occur, the Competitor/Exhibitor (not the judge) should withdraw from the class/event. Competitor/Exhibitor/Owner, should not compete under any Judge where a breach of these Rules may occur. It is the responsibility of the Competitor/Exhibitor to ascertain who is the Judge of any class/event he/she intends to compete in. Where a conflict may occur, the onus, in the first instance, is on the Competitor/Exhibitor to abide by the Rules and withdraw from competition. In the second instance, a Judge should not knowingly judge an ineligible entrant. Ignorance will not be accepted as a defence for breach of the Rule.
48. Any dealings between judges and competitors **from 1st January 2023** for Horse Purchase, Showing or Preparation of a horse, Training/Lessons for Horse or Rider, Business transactions where money exchanges hands for the aforementioned reasons or Family matters (related by blood or marriage) will deem a competitor ineligible to compete. Social occasions will not be considered formal interaction. Gifts or product giving will not be considered business transactions.
49. A Competitor/Exhibitor or a member of their family shall not approach a Judge with regard to a decision, unless they first obtain permission from the Ring Steward. The Judge or Official

may refuse the request. A representative of ASHFA shall remain present during any such discussion/meeting.

50. Any alleged acts of cruelty are to be reported to the ASHFA Committee in writing. The statement referring to the alleged cruelty should be supported by signed statements from two witnesses. The matter will be dealt with in a confidential manner with ASHFA Officials.
51. A Competitor/Exhibitor shall at all times behave in a proper and respectful manner to Judges, Show Officials and their fellow competitors.
52. Any invalid Registration shall render the horse ineligible to compete in the current ASHFA Show and possibly future events.
53. An ASHFA Official, the Ring Steward/Master and or Judge may request any unruly horse be removed from the ring and or grounds. The competition should not continue until the horse is removed as requested.
54. Should a rider have more than one horse entered in an event - a Strapper will be permitted to enter the ring to hold a horse whilst the rider competes on their other mounts. In Championship events, one Horse one rider at all times including presentation. Any handler holding a horse must be in plain smart casual wear with appropriate enclosed shoes.
55. Competitors or handler in the ring should not be wearing any branding of sponsors/stud/farm etc. This includes any adornments including ties, belt buckles or jewellery. Any competitor or handler with any form of branding inside the ring will be asked to leave.
56. Martingales, any kind of gadgets (bearing, side, running, balance reins etc), any kind of boots or bandages, any form of blinkers are forbidden.
57. Spurs other than dummy spurs exceeding 2cm in length are not permitted.
58. Unsafe, cruel, ill-fitting or unsuitable gear or saddlery must be replaced or removed at the request of the Judge, Ring Steward or Show Official. Failure to comply with such a request will mean the horse and/or rider is ineligible to compete.
59. Responsible Officer - Is a person, who must be the Owner or Lessee or Exhibitor of the horse and is the person deemed responsible for the horse in respect to these Rules.
60. Ringside Instruction or Tuition - Instruction of horse or rider in a small group or individually during an event, if requested by the Judge will result in the horse/rider being disqualified from the event.
61. Publication of Results and Photos from this event. It is a condition of entry that all competitors, owners, responsible officers and those associated with horses being exhibited at the ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships consent to their results and any competition related photos being published on the ASHFA Official Websites or any other media source for the purposes of result reporting and current and future event promotion.
62. The ASHFA Show Committee reserve the right to swap or change any judges for the judging of Supreme Champion, in the event of sickness, early departure from the event or other unforeseen circumstances
63. All other events in the ASHFA program will be judged solely by the listed Judge in the ring program.
64. The Judges decision is final.
65. ASHFA has tried to ensure minimal class clashes will occur in our scheduling. Should you see that a class you have entered may clash - please advise the Ring Stewards as soon as possible. Our Ring Stewards in consultation with the Judge(s) will use their discretion on the time allowed for competitors to hold up any of the rings. Championship Events will not be held for competitors if they are not presented in the ring for the commencement of the event. Please note the Ring Steward's decision will be final.

66. The ASHFA Show Committee reserves the right to add or alter any classes to the show schedule at any time or during the competition day.
67. In the event of Classes having large numbers entered, judges will have catered for them additional ribbons should they wish to split classes further. This will be entirely the discretion of the Judge/ Steward and confirmation received to the Ring Steward.
68. In the event that a Ring may finish early and others still have many events to be judged – The Show Committee may choose to allow the finished Judge to take on classes from other rings, to ensure a timely finish for all competitors especially prior to the judging of Grand Champion. Should this occur, competitors will be advised by our announcer with time allowed for them to prepare for any changes.
69. For the ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships in November 2023, please note:- NO PENDING Registrations and NO PENDING Memberships will be accepted. Full, current and financial details must be up to date at the time of entering this event.
70. Horses competing in Ridden Events must be a minimum of 4 years of age as at 1st August.
71. The Age of riders is that on the day of competition for this event. ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships
72. A 'Youth' is a person who will be under the age of 18 years on the Day of the Show. Those aged 18 on the day are Adult Riders.
73. In classes that cater for Stallions in both Led and Ridden - the stallion must be kept under control at all times. Competitors/owners of stallions are requested to be mindful of their stallion's behaviour towards other horses in their classes. In practice or marshalling areas, if handlers are concerned, we asked them to alert those near to them that a stallion is in the vicinity. Stallions can only be handled or ridden by an adult aged 18 or over.
74. Anyone inciting stallions to challenge each other will be disqualified.
75. ASHFA is extremely grateful to all the sponsors who make our event possible. Many prizes are donated by our sponsors. Whilst we make every effort to ensure as many winners as possible take home prizes, it is sometimes beyond the control of the ASHFA team should a sponsor or prize giver neglect, rescind, default or not present to ASHFA the promised published prize. In the unfortunate event of this occurring, given appropriate notice the ASHFA Team will try to ensure a replacement is provided on the day of the show, however in this instance this may not always be achievable and no action can be taken against the ASHFA team for any sponsor default.
76. NO refunds will be given after close of entries for any reason. Entrants may contact ASHFA for amendments to entries in the event of Change of Horse/Rider, this will be at the discretion of ASHFA in relation to Cataloguing status.
77. NO entries will be accepted without full and complete payment unless a previously arranged payment arrangement has been made and confirmed to ASHFA prior to initial closing date of entries.
78. Online Entries will be conducted with the Nominate Equestrian Website. Credit Card payments will be available through the above website. Entries will not be processed on the website for invalid or declined cards.
79. Competitors will receive their Entrant Numbers for horses/riders/handler from the show office at the event. Please try to ensure all entries are correct and all horse/owner/rider/handler details are completed. Whilst no entries will be returned if incorrect, we would like competitors to be careful and precise when choosing their classes.
80. ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships is a "Clean Event". All horses being entered have the chance of being swabbed at our event. In the unlikely event of a Positive Swab result returned to the ASHFA committee, the usual legal processes will follow and

under advisement of the ASHFA Legal team, once confirmed and accepted by the competitor - the Name of the Horse & responsible officer will be published on the ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships Website for 12 months and banned from the ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships for 2 years.

81. There is 160 competition stables at Willinga Park and 94 campsites. Please ensure you bring equipment to clean stables. 4 bags of shavings are recommended when booking stables.
82. Stable bond is expensive and is set by Willinga Park, if any of our members are experiencing financial difficulty please contact arabianconnect@gmail.com so we can discuss other options.
83. Stabling will be allocated on a first in best dressed basis by booking with entries. Stables and Camping sites will NOT be available until 6am on the Wednesday morning unless otherwise pre-arranged and booked.
84. Shavings and other needs will be at the competitor's separate cost. Stables must be cleaned of manure and tidy prior to vacating.
85. HOOF PAINT, the painting of hooves must not be done on any concrete or roadways, please bring carpet or rubber to put under horses feet to paint. \$1000 fine will be issued if anyone breaches this request.
86. 34. Camping sites (per Vehicle) requiring power or just a space are available. These must also be booked online with entries. ALL Camping sites must be pre-booked. A representative from the ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships and Willinga Park will be inspecting all sites, those who are using power that have not pre booked or paid will be issued with an on the spot payment advice from the Willinga Park Manager. This will be strictly enforced.
87. All communication with Competitors will be conducted by email - not phone.
88. Please do not hesitate to contact the AHC Team at any time prior to the show at arabianconnect@gmail.com
89. The Team will be in attendance at Willinga Park from 4pm on the 22/11/2023. We look forward to having your support and attendance at our Inaugural ASHFA Arabian & Derivative Show Horse Championships and wish you the best of luck.
90. Join us for a Free Welcome on Saturday evening in the forecourt near the arena - Pre Bookings required for catering, nibblies and drinks available, Please book via nominate.
91. Introduction to the judges on Friday evening in the BBQ area, catering required \$5 per person. Please book via nominate