



# 2026 FRASER COAST AGRICULTURE SHOW

Show Theme: *Cultivating the Future*

SECTION 1:

# HORSEMANSHIP CHALLENGE

Friday 22 May 2026

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Section Sponsors:

**Southern Cross Xtreme Cowboy Racing,  
AA Waste Disposal  
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## GENERAL REGULATIONS

*(For the conduct of competitions at Queensland Ag Shows affiliated Queensland Agricultural Shows)*

Subject to the Rules, By-Laws and Regulations of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Society's Inc. (Queensland Ag Shows) and the society relevant to this schedule (Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc.), the following regulations shall apply. Where there is a conflict between these regulations and the regulations and the rules of the local Agricultural Society, (Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc.), the rules of the Affiliated Agricultural Society prevail.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES

1. The attention of Exhibitors is drawn to the fact that entries are accepted subject to the Rules, By-Laws and Regulations of the Queensland Ag Shows and the Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc. in addition to any Special Regulations which appear in this schedule. Copies of the Rules and By-Laws may be obtained the Queensland Ag Shows website [www.queenslandshows.com.au/competitions](http://www.queenslandshows.com.au/competitions) or the show society relevant to this schedule (Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc.)
2. These By-Laws and Regulations, together with Special Regulations and notes as set forth in the respective sections of the Competition Schedules or Catalogues, are to be the conditions of competition. In these By-Laws, the Regulations, the Special Regulations and notes the words "entry form" shall, unless the context otherwise indicates or requires mean the form supplied by the Show to persons desiring to apply to enter an Exhibit in any of the Show's competitions or to compete in any event which those persons are required to complete and lodge with the Show in order to apply to do so.
3. Subject to this by-Law and to any Regulation, Special Regulation or condition of Entry in any section or class (a) An Exhibit must be the bona fide property of the person who enters the Exhibit or class.
4. In any class in which entries are accepted from a club or other groups of Owners, the name of the club or particulars sufficient to identify the group shall be stated on the Entry Form together with a statement of the name and address of a person who is authorised to act on behalf of the club or group in relations to all matters relating to the entry. The Show shall be entitled to deal with the person so authorised as if he were the sole Owner of the Exhibit and delivery or payment to that person or the club or group by whom such person is authorised to act of any trophy prize or moneys won by or payable in respect of the Exhibit shall be a complete discharge to the Show.
5. Entries entered in the wrong class by the Exhibitor/Competitor may be transferred to the proper class by the Chief Stewards.
6. In the case of insufficient numbers being nominated or shown in any class, the society retains the right suspend classes at any time. The section Chief Steward retains the right to reduce prize money where classes are not sufficiently patronised.
7. **The Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc. is operating under the Queensland Ag Shows and the Maryborough Showgrounds & Equestrian Park covid safe plan. You must adhere to COVID safe key principles that apply to Maryborough Showgrounds & Equestrian Park and the Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc.**

## JUDGING

8. Judging will be performed by a Judge or panel of Judges appointed by the Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc.
9. In all affiliated Agricultural Show Sections, Judges should not judge the same section within a two (2) year period of the same show.
10. An exhibitor shall not compete in a section if the Exhibitor is a member of the Judge's immediate family.
11. Any person causing a nuisance by loud comments, or the decision of the judge or otherwise unseemly behaviour will, after being cautioned, be expelled from the judging area and in the case of exhibitors, be liable for disqualification.
12. All Judges and Stewards who accept engagements with Queensland Ag Shows and Show Societies must follow the rules set in the Code of Practice and Conduct – Show Judges and Stewards document obtained from the Qld Ag Shows website [www.queenslandshows/competitions](http://www.queenslandshows/competitions) or the show society relevant to this schedule (Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc.)

## NOTICE TO INTENDING EXHIBITORS

13. Entries for the upcoming Fraser Coast Agriculture Show can be made as described for each section in this schedule. Entries submitted other than on the correct form or online will be returned to the Exhibitor and, unless all requirements are complied with, and the forms returned to the Fraser Coast Agriculture Show office by completion of business on the closing date, as shown in this Schedule, they will not be considered.
14. Notwithstanding the provisions of General Regulation 6, late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Section Chief Steward.
15. Entries are accepted subject to the Rules, By-Laws and Regulations of the Society, in addition to any Special Regulations, which appear in the Schedule and **MUST be your own work**. All completed Entry Forms remain the property of the Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc. and are to be returned to the Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc. office after the Show for further office procedures as required.
16. Exhibitors whose entries have not been accepted shall be advised accordingly and entry fees refunded.
17. The Exhibitor must complete the Exhibitor's Declaration on the Application for Entry. Queensland Ag Shows recommends that the Exhibitor seeks professional advice before completing the Exhibitor Declaration.
18. The exhibitor irrevocably consents to the Society publishing or reproducing in any manner whatsoever any particulars or information in relation to their exhibits; the publication or reproduction may be in a printed form or visual image through electronic means and/or on the internet. **See Over**

## **PRIVACY STATEMENT**

19 The information provided by Exhibitors is used by the Queensland Ag Shows and the Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc. to organise, process and conduct competitions at the relevant agricultural show (Fraser Coast Agriculture Show), sub chamber and state finals. By entering such competitions, you consent to your personal information being used for this purpose including this information being made available to sponsors, breed Associations, the media, the public, promotional purposes, archival purposes, published in publications and could be made available to other third parties for the purpose of promoting the Queensland Agricultural Show movement, or as otherwise required by law. Queensland Ag Shows and the Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc. have the right to take or use photographs of exhibits or exhibitors (and or property) and use photos in any or all marketing and media worldwide including online, now and in the future. Exhibitors have a right of access to and alteration of personal information concerning themselves in terms of the Privacy Act. This may be done by contacting Queensland Ag Shows.

## **WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY**

20 All Queensland Ag Shows affiliated Society's Showground's are designated workplaces within the meaning of the Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011 and exhibitors / competitors are required to ensure that they and all persons under their direction or control, including their contractors or subcontractors, comply with all requirements of the Act and Queensland Ag Shows holds each exhibitor responsible to discharge its obligations to provide and maintain a safe place and system of work during occupation by the exhibitor/competitor of any area of the affiliated Agricultural Society's Showground's.

21 Each exhibitor/competitor will assess the risk to themselves, staff, volunteers, family, other exhibitors, Agricultural Society staff, show visitors, children and any person foreseeably affected by the presentation of their exhibit.

22 Risks identified by exhibitors/competitors will be eliminated or controlled by the exhibitor/competitor and particular attention will be paid to ensuring public safety and safety of other exhibitors/competitors.

23 Exhibits will only be held and handled by competent persons whose experience is known to the Exhibitor/Competitor.

24 **A "No Smoking Policy" will be strictly adhered to by exhibitors/competitors. Smoking areas are marked in "ORANGE MARKINGS/FLAGS" which are located near the Cane & Cattleman's Bar & far end of Working Heritage display.. No food or drink is allowed in the smoking area.** The exhibitors/competitors are advised that the use of Primus stoves, any heating or lighting appliances of a like character, or any naked light, is strictly prohibited in pavilions.

25 Any exhibitors/competitors intending to bring electrical equipment to the Showground's will be required to ensure that such equipment is fitted with earth leakage circuit breakers/residual current protection and that all electrical leads, tools and appliances have been inspected by a licensed electrical contractor and currently tagged. The use of double adaptors is prohibited as well as all power boards must also be tested and tagged. This is essential for the safety of all exhibitors and the general public and is a requirement of the current Electrical Safety Regulations.

26 All exhibitors/competitors will comply with the requirements of the Act and its Regulations and Standards in every other respect. This is essential for the safety of all exhibitors/competitors and the general public. The Act imposes very severe penalties in the event of noncompliance with its provisions. Any exhibitors/competitors who do not comply will not be allowed to exhibit at QCAS affiliated Shows.

## **DISCLAIMER**

27 The information contained in the Competitions Schedule is gathered for the purpose of providing information to Exhibitors and show patrons. The information is a compilation of information provided by third parties and the QCAS. and affiliated Agricultural Society's does not warrant its accuracy and advises that any such information may be subject to change or amendment occurring at any time and thereby making the information incorrect. Subject to the QCAS legal obligations and responsibilities if you require confirmation of any information, please contact the QCAS Office.

## **PRIZES AND GST**

28 The Australian Taxation Office has deemed that GST is payable on prizes if an Exhibitor is registered for GST and enters an Exhibit as part of a business enterprise.

29 The information an Exhibitor provides on the Application for Entry determines whether GST is applicable.

30 Any prize stated in this Schedule does not include GST.

31 GST will not apply:

(a) If an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as a hobby or private recreational pursuit; or

(b) If an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as part of a business enterprise, the Exhibitor has an ABN, but the Exhibitor is NOT REGISTERED for GST.

(c) If an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as part of a business enterprise, the Exhibitor is not entitled to an ABN as the business or enterprise is not operating in Australia.

32 GST will apply if an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as part of a business enterprise, the Exhibitor has an ABN, and the Exhibitor is REGISTERED for GST.

33 Where GST applies, the Society will pay the prize money quoted in this Schedule plus 10% GST. The Society will issue a recipient created tax invoice.

34. All cash prizes, sashes, cards and trophies etc. **must be claimed within 4 weeks** from the closing date of the show. Prizes not claimed will become a donation to the Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society.

# HORSEMANSHIP CHALLENGE

Section: 1

Show Theme: Cultivating the Future

2026 HORSEMANSHIP CHALLENGE

**Location:** Eastern Arena

Friday 22nd May 2026

Commencing at 10.00am (subject to change)

## **Sponsors:**

Southern Cross Xtreme Cowboy Racing

AA Waste Removal

JW Scott Horsemanship

Fraser Coast Regional Council

Queensland Government

**Horse Office Location:** In front of Cane & Cattleman's Bar.

(See horse head on map)

**Equestrian Co Ordinator:** Janeen Greaves 0447 184 611

**Centre Ring Chief Steward:** Debbie Gibbs 0427 297 025

**Ring Master** - Larry Cann

**Livestock Steward:** Lesley Smith 0409 634 601

**Stable & Camping Queries:** Rhonda Stanberg 0417 343 493

**First Aid:** Rhonda Stanberg 0417 343 493

## **Nominations on Showdayonline only**

**Nomination fee:** \$20 per run

NO NOMINATIONS TAKEN ON THE DAY – ALL NOMINATIONS TO BE PRE BOOKED

**Nominations close** 11th May 2026 midnight.

**Create an account on Showdayonline, ensure bank details are added for payment of prizemoney.**

**When processing classes, please add into fields on the right hand side**

Horse Reg.

Horse Name

Horse Date of Birth

**Entry Fee:** \$20 per run

Open arena style - come & run when you can.

## **DIVISIONS**

Ribbons - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

1320.Kids - 4 -12 Prizemoney \$20 + Ribbon

1321.Youth 13 - 18 Prizemoney \$30 + Ribbon

1322.Novice - 18+ Prizemoney \$50 + Ribbon

1323.Intermediate - 18+ Prizemoney \$75+ Ribbon

1324.Open - 18+ Prizemoney \$100 + Ribbon

Jackpot \$100

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING, COMPETITORS ARE REQUESTED TO READ THESE REGULATIONS CAREFULLY

**BIOSECURITY & WAIVERS:** Forms available on Showdayonline Documents tab or FCASS Website at <https://frasercoastagshow.com/more-2026-show-schedules> [www.frasercoastagshow.com](http://www.frasercoastagshow.com)

**A QCAS Risk & Duty of Care Document Waiver form** must be printed, filled in and given to the Horse Office on arrival at the Showgrounds.

**A BISOSECURITY HORSE HEALTH /MOVEMENT RECORD** must be printed, and brought to the Showgrounds and taken to the Horse Office when you check in. These are to be completed within 48 hours of attendance. Forms will be available at the Horse Office. These forms are also available at <https://frasercoastagshow.com/more-2026-show-schedules> or can be emailed to you by emailing [secretary@frasercoastagshow.com](mailto:secretary@frasercoastagshow.com) or Ph 0417 343 493.

**BIOSECUTIRY PLAN FOR FRASER COAST AGRICULTURE SHOW** is available on Showdayonline Documents tab or on FCASS Website at <https://frasercoastagshow.com/more-2026-show-schedules>

### **MEDIA CONSENT:**

I understand it is a condition of my entry that I hereby authorise the Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc. or its representatives, the irrevocable right to use my name, likeness, image, voice, property and/or any performances as captured by photo/video means for release and /or reproduction in any medium for legal purpose. I acknowledge

that I have no interest, ownership or copyright in the use of my name, likeness, image, voice, property and/or performances and that any use made without compensation or notice to me, I waive any right to inspect or approve and/or otherwise control the use of same in any kind of marketing and media worldwide including online, now or in the future.

### **IMPORTANT:**

Program/Classes are subject to change. The organisers reserve the right to alter/amend/delete classes/events if deemed necessary on the day without consultation. Please print your confirmation of Stable/Yards/Camping and present at the Horse Office to check in and finalise your Horse Health Declaration (HDD).

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

CLASSES MAY BE PAUSED (RING TO BE EMPTIED) WHILE LOUD ENTERTAINMENT TAKES PLACE. THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL COMPETITORS.

All horse competitors to enter & exit thru the Horse Gate - Gate 2 or Gate 9. These are open 6am to 9am Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd May 2026 for competitor entry.

**WHEN EXITING GATE 2 YOU CAN ONLY TURN LEFT TO LEAVE THE SHOWGROUNDS VIA SHOUGROUNDS ROAD, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### **HORSE PROGRAM RULES:**

(These conditions to be read in conjunction with the QCAS Special & General Horse Regulations.) A Horse Participant Waiver, Release and Acknowledgement Form is available on the documents tab of Showday online and must be printed or pick up a copy at the Horse Office.

**A Horse Health Declaration & Horse Movement Record MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 48 HRS OF THE SHOW COMMENCEMENT AT THE HORSE OFFICE WHEN YOU CHECK IN.**

If all these forms are not received together, no participation in events can be allowed.

1. **Stables:** Stables must be pre-booked at [nominate.com.au](http://nominate.com.au)
2. **Gate entry for competitors:** Competitors will need to phone 0417 343 493 for link for Gate entry ticket.
3. **Camping:** must be pre-booked online at Showdayonline. Unpowered camping sites are available for the duration of the Show period. Camping is \$11 per night per unpowered site. Sites to be prebooked online at Showdayonline and confirmation presented at Horse Gate 2 or Gate 9 to receive your Camping Pass.
4. **Class Entry (Entry Tickets will not be utilised this year) pre-nominate ONLY on Showdayonline up to May 11th at midnight.** No refunds will be given after the close of nominations. If your name is not on the list, you will not be allowed to enter the ring without showing your receipt of purchase for that class. No entry to any Class on the day.
5. **Class entry fees** are as per indicated on the program & set on Showdayonline.
6. **Prize Money** to be issued via Bank transfer at the conclusion of the Show. No prize money will be given out on the day. Please ensure you add bank details when opening a Showdayonline account.
7. **Prize money** is as indicated on the program only.
8. **Helmets:** RIDERS Under 18 years of age **MUST WEAR APPROVED SAFETY HELMETS AS/NZS 3838:2006** (or later). Exhibitors over the age of 18 years, may choose to wear the appropriate headwear for their section class i.e. Australian style broad brimmed felt hat in the relevant association standard colours.
9. **Attire detail explicitly per section - Correct attire including riding boots must be worn for all events.** Please refer to the relevant Association standards. Hack & Hunter, tasteful style & trim jackets, jodhpurs to be of neutral colour, boots brown or black in colour, hair should be neat & tidy and general good presentation.
10. **District Events** are open to horses and riders who are residents of the Shire of the Fraser Coast Regional Council and have been so for a minimum of three (3) months. Proof of address will be requested.
11. **Random Drug Testing** may be conducted.
12. **The age of the horse shall be calculated from the first day of August.** Every horse foaled before August in any year shall be deemed to be one (1) year old on that date.
13. **No Ring shall be required to wait for a competitor who may be competing in another ring.**
14. **If in the opinion of the Judge any horse or pony has been entered in the wrong class; the Judge shall have the authority/power to classify the horse/pony in the correct class.**
15. **A Maiden** is a horse who has not won a first (1st) prize in a similar event at an affiliated show.
16. **A Novice horse** is one that has not won an Open Championship at any Agricultural Show.
17. **Stallions** are not permitted in hack classes, except in classes as listed (Breed Classes only). No persons under the age of 18 years are to handle stallions on the grounds or in the show ring. Stallions must be identified with a green stallion disc on their bridle at all times when outside of their stable.
18. **Pony Hack** must not exceed 14hh.
19. **Pony Hack classes** ne 12.2hh for riders under 17 years, 12.2hh and above can be ridden by anyone.
20. **A Galloway Hack** shall be 14hh not to exceeding 15hh.
21. **Horses entered in Hunter classes** are not eligible for Show Horse classes.
22. **Horses entered in Show Horse Classes** are not eligible for Hunter classes.
23. **ANSA registration** will be required at nomination and checks may be done at the event. If you are found not to be ANSA registered, you will be removed from the class.
24. **A Judge or Steward** may exclude any person or horse from competition for bad behaviour or conduct.
25. **The Steward** rather than the Judge shall sign performance cards during the continuance of the Show.
26. **Entrants attention** is drawn to the QCAS SPECIAL HORSE REGULATIONS and the BIOSECURITY FOR FRASER AG SHOW INFORMATION LEAFLET.
27. **It is not expected that competitors attend the Grand Parade unless the competitor wishes to.**
28. **Section conditions** apply to all Equestrian events in the FCASS Program in conjunction with additional discipline-specific rules.
29. **All horses entering breed classes** must be registered with relevant breed society. Random checks will be conducted throughout the Show.



## HORSEMANSHIP CHALLENGE

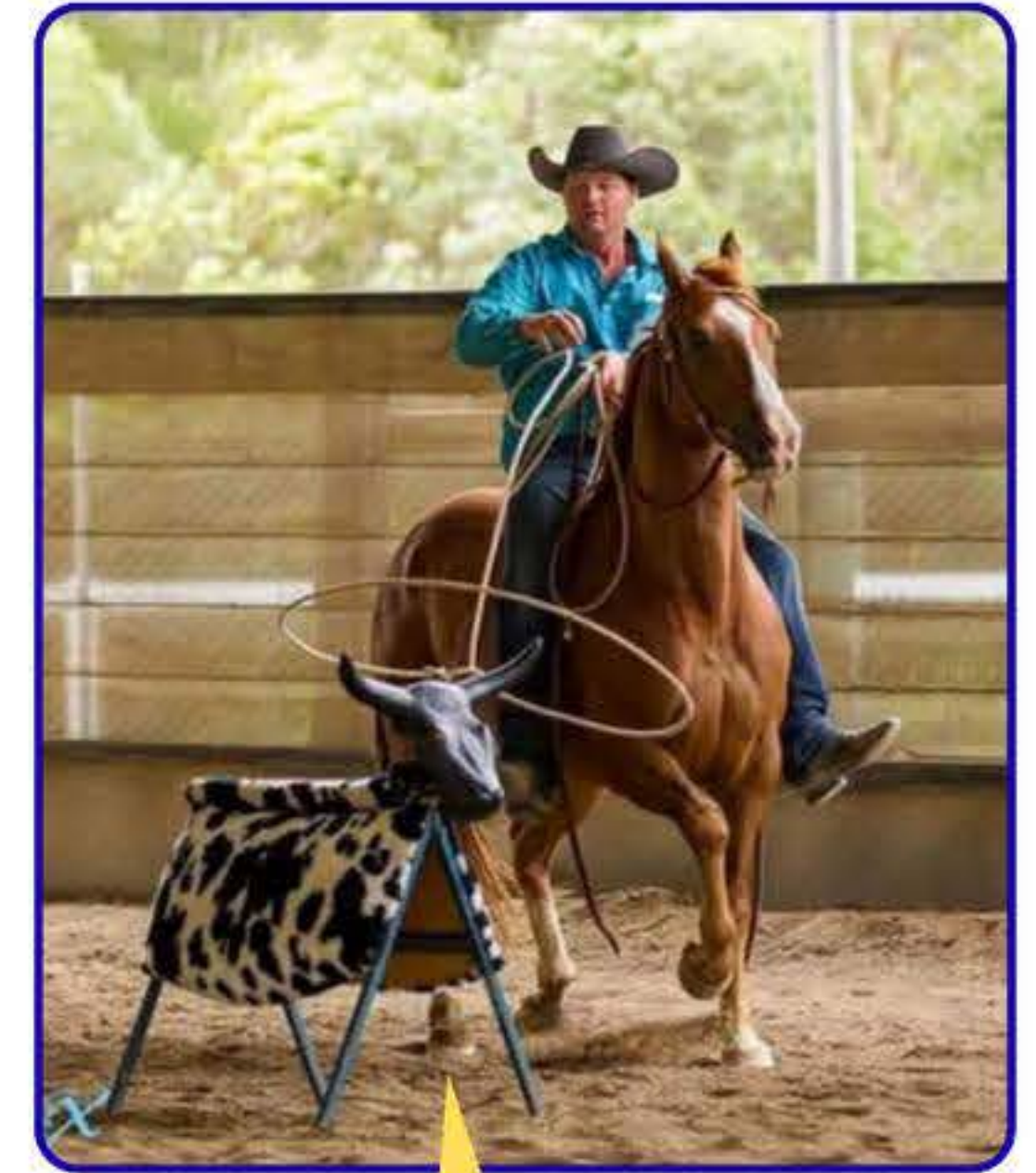
FRIDAY 22nd MAY 2026 - Eastern Area  
OTT FEATURE SHOW

Commencing at 10am

*Judge: Tammy Scott*

\$20.00 per run - max 2 runs per horse

Open arena style - come & run when you can



**PRIZE  
MONEY  
for 1ST  
RIBBONS  
to 3RD**

### DIVISIONS

- 1320. Kids - 4 -12
- 1321. Youth 13 - 18
- 1322. Novice - 18+
- 1323. Intermediate - 18+
- 1324. Open - 18+

### PRIZE MONEY

- \$20.00
- \$30.00
- \$50.00
- \$75.00
- \$100.00

**\$100  
OTT JACKPOT**



**JW SCOTT  
HORSEMANSHIP**

## SECTION RULES HORSEMANSHIP CHALLENGE

### Division Breakdown:

Novice – Beginner riders 10 yrs + Limited horsemanship. Generally a walk, trot class with minimal catering.

Junior -3 – 10 Years of age Note ages come from the age the child is at the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

Youth – 11 – 17 Years of Ages Note ages come from the age the child is at the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

Intermediate – Riders aged 11+ Who have increased horsemanship this class should be a trot or canter with limited walking.

Open – 10yrs + Experienced Riders obstacles increase difficulty.



### Course

10 obstacles per course riders can compete in 2 different division where applicable. EG. Novice riding up to intermediate, Intermediate and an open, Youth and Beginner, Youth and Intermediate or Youth and Open.

### Safety

- All riders are expected to compete within their individual capabilities.
- Should a rider be bucked off or fall off, he/she may continue to compete provided he/she can catch their horse unassisted and remount within one minute. Should the horse leave the parameter of the course, the rider is disqualified from that round of competition.
- All riders are expected to make certain their horse is in condition to compete.
- A rider may be disqualified if they are unable to cross the start line within 30 seconds.
- A rider may not be tied or attached to their saddle in any manner.
- Parent(s) or their designate may be on the course when the competitor is competing. The purpose of the parent or designate is for safety, not coaching the rider through the obstacles.
- A rider may not use any device that allows communication to or from another individual while competing.
- Should a rider be required to dismount, he/she may use a mounting block or hay bale to remount. Getting a "leg up" is not allowed.
- The rider or the parent(s) / legal guardian in the case of riders under the age of 18 assumes all responsibility for participation in this event.

### Obstacles

The obstacle rating is designated to the right of each obstacle i.e. 1R, 2R, 3R, 4R, 5R and 6R. (R means rating)

- It is the riders' responsibility to have a clear understanding of their own ability and the ability they have achieved within the partnership with their horse. Should any rider approach an obstacle that he/she feels is beyond their ability, he/she is expected to skip that obstacle and go to the next obstacle.
- Each obstacle shall have a 30 second time limit. The time begins when the rider approaches and begins to negotiate the obstacle. If the time limit elapses, the rider will be instructed to and must move on to the next obstacle. The judges may allow the rider to continue provided the horse/rider team was making substantial forward progress toward completing the obstacle.
- If the rider does not complete the obstacle, points will be given or deducted based on his/her attempt. A valid attempt may be scored from .5 – to 2 points. The judges shall not give a 0 (zero) if a valid attempt is made.
- If a rider skips an obstacle and begins the next obstacle (example: the rider completes obstacles 1 – 4 and skips obstacle 5 and begins obstacle 6) he/she may not go back to the obstacle that was skipped. If the rider does go back to the skipped obstacle at any time, it will be considered "off course" and will result in a DQ (disqualification) for that round of competition. The rider will receive a score of 0 (zero) and a 30 second time penalty for any obstacle that is missed
- Obstacles should not be numbered.

### Scoring and Judging

Each obstacle will be scored on a scale of 1 – 10, with 5.5 being considered an average score. There are three basic components to each obstacle:

- 1.the Approach (+1 or -1 point),
- 2.the Obstacle itself (0 – 8 points) and
- 3.the Departure (+1 or -1 point).

Although there are three components to consider, the judge only records one number for each obstacle score. The purpose of this is to improve horsemanship and to allow the judge to provide a more accurate score for each obstacle, as well as pinpoint areas for improvement. The following is a breakdown of the scoring system defining each phase as well as what the judge will be looking for on each obstacle.

## Section Rules HORSEMANSHIP CHALLENGE (cont'd)

### 1. THE APPROACH

Every rider will start the approach with a score of 0, and receive quarter point increments or deductions, based on performance. Total points for the approach are not to exceed -1 or +1 point in this section.

The approach to any obstacle might involve a downward transition to a trot or walk from a lope. Extreme Trail judges would like to see riders riding with a loose rein. The judge will be scoring on what happens when those loose reins are picked up to make a transition or start the manoeuvre. The downward transition should be smooth, soft and balanced. The horse should be in a natural frame and willingly respond to cues from the rider. The horse should act as if it knows how to do the transitions, and that they are following the cues they were taught. The horse should not act as if being pulled down by strength, gaping its mouth, or throwing its head up in the air to resist to the point of notice. The horse should not be swapping leads on the way in. The approach should be as straight as possible.

**Penalties** (-1/4) point per incident

- Incorrect lead
- Gaping mouth
- Not changing in the back during a lead change (cross firing)
- Excessive spurring
- Hanging or balancing on your reins to maintain balance
- Going too fast when conditions make footing unstable
- Being heavy handed
- Having excessive speed going into an obstacle creating an unnecessary risk for the horse and rider
- Not keeping the horses' hind leg planted during a turn around
- On a turn around, hopping and not crossing over correctly on the front end

**Awards** (+1/4) point per incident

- Starting on and maintaining the correct lead
- Riding on a loose rein
- Keeping the horse's inside leg planted during a turn around
- On a turn around, showing speed and crossing over in the front without hopping
- Big sliding stop, without pulling on the horses' face, causing a gaping mouth and head elevation
- Good speed control with lots of rate
- Backing through an obstacle with straightness, cadence and speed while having the horse bridled up and broken at the poll
- Keeping the horse collected and correct throughout the obstacle maintaining the proper framed body

### 2. THE OBSTACLE

The rider shall start the obstacle portion with an average score of 5 1/2. A judge may award up to 3 additional points for the execution of the obstacle and may deduct to a score as low as 0. The maximum score of an obstacle shall be 8. Riders shall be awarded or penalized using quarter point increments as shown below. After transitioning down to the appropriate safe speed, the horse should act as if it has seen and done the obstacle before and is looking to find their way through the challenge. On the obstacle, the judge is looking for a horse working on a loose or soft rein. For example, does the horse have a catty look with his head down hunting the obstacle? And, does the rider know where the horses' feet are? Ideally, the horse and rider should look confident and even a little relaxed. Again, horsemanship is always stressed as well as speed with control.

**Penalties** (-1/4) point per incident

- Incorrect lead
- Gaping mouth
- Not changing in the back during a lead change (cross firing)
- Excessive spurring
- Hanging or balancing on your reins to maintain balance
- Going too fast when conditions make the footing unstable
- Being heavy handed
- Having excessive speed going into an obstacle without control in a way that could endanger horse or rider



## Section Rules HORSEMANSHIP CHALLENGE (cont'd)

- Not keeping the horses' inside hind leg planted during a turn around
- On a turn around, hopping and not crossing over correctly on the front end
- Big sliding stop, pulling on the horse's face, causing gaping mouth and high head

### **Awards** (+1/4) point per incident

- Starting on and maintaining the correct lead
- Riding on a loose rein
- Keeping the horses' hind inside leg planted during a turn around
- On a turn around, showing correctness, crossing over in the front without hopping
- Good speed with lots of rate
- Backing through an obstacle with straightness, cadence and speed while having the horse bridled up and broke at the poll
- Keeping the horse collected and correct throughout the obstacle maintaining proper framed body

### **3. THE DEPARTURE**

In the departure, the rider shall be awarded up to 1 point or deducted as much as 1 point depending on his performance done in ¼ point increases or deductions.

Leaving an obstacle is probably a little easier to do and judge. How the actual obstacle is accomplished will have a lot to do with how the horse and rider leave. If an obstacle went well, the judge would expect to see a smooth exit and an efficient line being established to the next obstacle. Like jumpers coming down from one jump while looking and lining their horse up for the next jump. The upward transition should be smooth and on the correct lead for the line of travel. Leads are really important here but may not always happen within the parameters of the obstacle. A lot of riders trot out and acquire the new lead on the way to the next obstacle. That correct or incorrect lead will be judged in the overall horsemanship category. Balance, cadence and confidence are what the judge wants to see coming into and out of obstacles. Smoothness up and down through the gait transitions, similar to automatic transmissions, rather than four speeds with popping clutches.

### **Penalties** (-1/4) point per incident

- Incorrect lead
- Gaping mouth
- Not changing in the back during a lead change (cross firing)
- Excessive spurring
- Hanging or balancing on the reins to maintain balance
- Going too fast when conditions make the footing unstable
- Being heavy handed
- Having excessive speed going into an obstacle
- Not keeping the horses' hind inside leg planted during a turn around
- On a turn around, hopping and not crossing over correctly on the front end

### **Awards** (+1/4) point per incident

- Starting on and maintaining the correct lead
- Riding on a loose rein
- Keeping horses' hind inside leg planted during a turn around
- On a turn around, showing speed and crossing over in front without hopping
- Big sliding stop, without pulling on the horses' face, causing gaping mouth and head elevation
- Good speed control with lots of rate
- Backing through an obstacle with straightness, cadence and speed while having the horse bridled up and broke at the poll
- Keeping the horse collected and correct throughout the obstacle maintaining proper framed body

A score of 8 or 9 indicates the horse rider team had an outstanding Approach, Obstacle and Departure.

A perfect ride and a score of 10 should be extremely rare.

Maximum 2 runs per horse.

**Judge reserves the right to move you to another division if it is clear you have nominated in the wrong division**






 Maryborough Showgrounds & Equestrian Park  
 23349 Bruce Highway,  
 Maryborough West Qld 4650  
  

 FCASS Secretary  
 Ph 0417 343 493

**IF PARKING ON THE TRACK PLEASE STICK TO THE OUTSIDE TO ALLOW TRAFFIC FLOW**

**ENTRY ONLY**

**HORSE CAMPING**

**ONE WAY ONLY**

**HORSE OFFICE: all riders MUST check in at the Horse Office to finalise Horse Health Declaration & check in.**

**Show Horse, Show Jumping & Team Penning**  
**Enter & Exit Gate 2 ONLY**  
 Parking & camping north end of Centre Ring & around the Track (please stick to the outside to allow traffic flow). Stabling - A to H (3)

**PLEASE NOTE WHEN EXITING GATE 2 YOU CAN ONLY TURN LEFT TO LEAVE THE SHOWGROUNDS VIA SHOWGROUNDS RD. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Dressage/Working Equitation & Cowboy Racing**  
**Enter & Exit Gate 9 ONLY**  
 Parking & camping in between East & Campdraft Arena  
 Stabling - Open yards Y Block (29) + day yards

**Western B Show**  
**Enter & Exit Gate 9 ONLY**  
 Parking at Campdraft arena or Welfare Centre (39)  
 Stabling - S Block (41) + yards T Block (40)



**PLEASE NOTE: CLASSES MAY BE PAUSED (RING TO BE EMPTIED) WHILE LOUD ENTERTAINMENT TAKES PLACE. THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL COMPETITORS.**



# KEY SAFETY MESSAGES FOR ALL HORSE COMPETITORS

- WHEN EXITING GATE 2 YOU CAN ONLY TURN **LEFT** TO LEAVE THE SHOWGROUNDS VIA SHOWGROUNDS RD. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- DO NOT PARK IN ORANGE ZONES MARKED "NO PARKING" AS YOU WILL BE ASKED TO MOVE OR BE TOWED.
- THE DROP OFF ZONES ARE STRICTLY 10 MINUTES ONLY.
- NO PARKING IN THE AREA SOUTH OF CENTRE RING MARKED IN ORANGE ON THE ATTACHED MAP. ADDITIONAL PARKING ON THE TRACK. PLEASE PARK TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE TRACK TO ALLOW TRAFFIC FLOW.
- NO PARKING ON THE GRASSED AREA AT THE NORTH END OF STABLES A TO H. THIS IS A 10 MINUTE DROP OFF ZONE ONLY. CATTLE TRUCKS WILL BE TURNING IN THIS AREA AND IF YOUR VEHICLE IS IN THE WAY YOU WILL BE ASKED TO MOVE OR BE TOWED.
- ROADWAYS ENTERING GATE 2 & BACK OF UNDERCOVER ARENA TO BE KEPT CLEAR TO ALLOW TRANSPORT OF CATTLE FOR TEAM PENNING THURSDAY & FRIDAY.
- WHERE REQUESTED HORSES MUST EXIT CENTRE RING DURING ENTERTAINMENT THAT MAY POSE A RISK TO HORSES & RIDERS FOR SAFETY REASONS.
- ALL GATES MUST BE KEPT CLEAR AT ALL TIMES IN CASE EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS REQUIRED.



**HORSE OFFICE: ALL riders MUST check in at the Horse Office to finalise their Waiver & Horse Health Declaration. Please bring your printed entry confirmation to check in. All competitors will then report to their section office or Steward at the allotted arena to sign in, once completed HHD at the Horse Office. Team Penning competitors to report to the Undercover Arena Office.**



ALL COMPETITORS ARE REQUIRED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ & UNDERSTOOD THESE SAFETY MESSAGE UPON ENTERING ON SHOWDAY ONLINE.



# HORSE COMPETITOR CHECK IN



Check in at Horse Office with printed copy (or photo on your phone) of your entry confirmation. Complete Waiver & Horse Health Declaration. Receive check in pass.



Report to your allotted arena Steward with check in pass to sign in. No pass = no competing. Show Jumping will complete safety check with Steward also.



You are good to go! Have fun & stay safe

