



# 2026 Upper Hunter Show

*at the*

## MUSWELLBROOK SHOWGROUND

*Cnr. Maitland Street & Rutherford Roads, Muswellbrook*

### Showjumping Schedule

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

**Entries through Global - Entries close on the 18th March**

**Gate tickets need to be purchased online prior to entry to the gate**

***All competitors/exhibitors compete at their own risk, must complete and sign Indemnity & Waiver Form and provide PIC number before competing***

<http://www.upperhuntershow.com.au/competitor-and-exhibitor-waiver/>

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## **UPPER HUNTER HORSE SHOW COMPETITION RULES**



**Committee:** All events are carried out under the control of the UHS Committee whose decision in all cases shall be final.

All competition at this show is governed by these regulations and by the Agricultural Society Council of NSW rules for discipline in horse sections at shows which can be viewed at [www.agshowsnsw.org.au](http://www.agshowsnsw.org.au).

The UHS Committee reserves the right to make alteration to the program of events if necessary.

**Disputes:** Consists of Ringmaster, Assistant Ringmaster and main Steward of section involved. Any disputes to be lodged in writing at the horse office within 30 minutes of the event happening and accompanied by \$50 that will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

**Improper Behaviour:** Outside assistance to competitors by word, radio or any other method in Horse Ring Events will NOT be

permitted. If in breach of this ruling, competitors and their exhibits may be dismissed from the event and the Showground. Competitor's names will be submitted to Agricultural Societies Council (ASC) NSW.

Drug testing may be carried out at this Show on both horses and competitors. Any competitor/exhibitor who presents and tests positive to a prohibited substance will be subject to investigation by the ASC Disciplinary Committee. Any penalty imposed as a result of the infringement will be fully supported by this society.

Any competitor/exhibitor found to have breached the ASC Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations will be investigated by the ASC Disciplinary Committee.

**Definitions:** **AGE** – Rider's age to be as at the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the show.

**NOVICE** – Horses and riders who have not won a 1<sup>st</sup> prize or similar at any agricultural, breed or recognised show.

**LEADING REIN** – For ponies' ne 12HH, Rider under 8 years, handler over 17 years of age. Snaffle bit only. No spurs or whips.

**NEWCOMER** – A Newcomer PONY/HORSE is one that has not been shown under saddle (racing excepted) prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January in its first year of being shown. Once shown under saddle, such pony/horse ceases to be a Newcomer on 31<sup>st</sup> December that same year. All ponies/horses in Newcomer classes shall be shown in a snaffle bit.

**DISTRICT** – Riders & Ponies/Horses must reside in the Muswellbrook Shire, or part of the Upper Hunter Shire which is East of Halls Creek at Gungai for a period of not less than 3 months prior to the Show.

**Conditions** All competitors/exhibitors in horse ring events and spectators wishing to enter the ring area must sign Indemnity Forms

**Of Entry:** and DPI Record of Attendance at Horse Events Forms at post entry box. Forms must be filled out and signed to receive wristbands prior to entering the ring area. Wristbands must be worn at all times.

Property Identification Codes (PIC) are required for anyone who keeps horses in NSW for the land on which the horses are kept. Even if you only have one horse, you still need a PIC. Please ensure this information is included on the waiver form.

Any entry fees must be paid before any competitor is allowed to start. It is distinctly understood that each competitor competes at their own risk.

**Class Entry** Friday, Saturday and Sunday \$5 per class unless otherwise stated. Funkhana \$20 for unlimited classes.

**Fee:** Entries through nominate. No refunds will be given on unused tickets

**Ribbons:** Ribbons will be awarded in each class to the discretion of the judge. The judge need not award ribbons for competitors/exhibitors in any class which does not in their opinion possess sufficient merit. A judge may refuse to award any exhibit he/she considers to be unsound.

**Horses** Age is from August 1 – Foals born before August 1 in the year shall be deemed to be 1 year old on that date. Fillies/Colts are

**And** under 4 years. Horses/Ponies are subject to be measured according to the discretion of the Judges. Ring Stewards have the **Ponies**: authority to have a horse in dispute measured.

Show Hunter Ponies/Horses may NOT compete in Show Hack Classes and vice versa. Competitors must decide which classes they wish to compete in and understand they cannot compete in both Show Hunter and Hack Classes on the same horse/pony.

Breed Classes – all ponies/horses must be registered or foal recorded with the relevant society/association and owned by current financial members. Proof of registration/membership must be produced if requested by Stewards. Standard breeds and Thoroughbreds without freeze bands need proof of registration. Stallions/Colts are not eligible to compete in classes other than those specifically provided for. No stallions/colts to be handled or ridden by juniors (under 17 years).

Stallions/Colts must wear a bridle with bit when in the ring and double tied when not being shown. The handler/rider of any horse deemed by the Show Committee to not be under effective control will be asked to remove the pony/horse from the showground.

**Competitors:** Competitors in ring events are requested to be correctly attired and have horses ready to enter marshalling areas as and when directed by the Stewards. Any competitor disregarding directions/requests of Stewards will not be permitted to compete in the event about to take place.

All competitors while riding or handling a pony/horse at the Muswellbrook Showground must wear helmets that conform to **Australian Standard AS/NZS 3838**. Any handler/rider acting in an offensive manner will be asked to leave the showground.

**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 Upper Hunter Spring Horse Show consent to their results and any competition related photos being published on the Show's Official Website and Facebook page or any other media source for the purposes of result reporting and current and future event promotion.

#### **Regulations:**

- 1 Protests to be handled as above.
- 2 Entries taken on Global Online
- 3 **First event starts at 8:00am SHARP! - Course open for walk from 7.30am**
- 4 Showjumping to be judged under EFA and FEI Rules.
- 5 All competitors must show CURRENT EFA membership card before competing
- 6 Prizemoney will NOT be paid until Performance Card has been presented and signed by the judge
- 8 Draw for order of jumping will be announced prior to commencement of event.
- 9 All Riders MUST wear approved boots and headwear.
- 10 All prizewinning horses and riders are requested to participate in the Grand Parade.
- 11 Dress code as per summer dress.
- 12 **Horses may only compete in two (2) consecutive classes per day (Article 251.4)**
- 13 All horses jumping 1.05cm or higher must be registered with EA
- 14 Indemnity forms must be signed and wrist bands must be worn.  
Drug testing may be carried out at this Show. Any competitor found to have breached the ASC disputes and disciplinary regulations will be investigated by the ASC Disciplinary Committee.



## Showjumping Schedule

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> & Saturday  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2026**



**Course Designer: Sue Bettington Judge: Karen Paradisi**

Day	Classes		Entry Fee
Friday	1	*** Junior 60cm Height Class (Juniors Under 18) AM2 Article 238 2.1	\$5
Friday	2a	*** Junior 75cm Height Class (Juniors Under 18) AM2 Article 238 2.1	\$5
Friday	2b	*** Open 75cm Height Class AM2 Article 238 2.1	\$10
Saturday	3	*** Height Class – 80cm Open Age Event AM2 Article 238 2.1	\$10
Saturday	4a	*** Height Class – 90cm - 100cm Height AM7 Article 245.3	\$10
Saturday	4b	*** Off The Track Height Class – 90cm - 100cm Height AM7 Article 245.3	\$10
Saturday	5	*** 105cm Height Class AM7 Article 245.3	\$15
Saturday	6	*** Height Class 110cm - 115cm Height Class A2 Article 238 2.1	\$15
Saturday	7	*** Height Class 120cm Height Class AM7 Article 245.3	\$25

### Off The Track (OTT) classes

Horses must have competed in an official trial or started in a race either locally, nationally or internationally

Nominations for these prizes need to be done with your entries and official race name needs to be used

Prizemoney/Awards are as stated under each class.

Ribbons awarded in each class (at the discretion of the judges).

Only owner or rider of the horse taking part in the competition is entitled to lodge an objection. Objection must be made in writing to the Secretary, accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 not later than 30 minutes after the incident that gave rise to the objection. The decision of the protest committee will be final.

**Regulations: Please see previous page**

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