

CONDITIONS

1. All Exhibitors and Competitors competing in horse ring events and spectators wishing to enter the ring must sign Indemnity & Waiver forms. All competitors must include PIC numbers on forms. Forms must be filled out and signed to receive wrist bands prior to entering ring area. Wrist bands must be worn at all times.
2. Horse Measuring: No official measuring will take place at the Show, but, if a question about height arises, proof of height may be required. In the absence of proof, a decision will be at the absolute discretion of the Ringmaster or Chief Steward
3. ADULT – A person who has attained his/her 17th birthday
4. CHILD – A person who has not attained his/her 17th birthday.
5. LOCAL – Residing within the boundaries of the former Gloucester Shire for three months or be a member of the Gloucester Pony Club.
6. NOVICE – Horse or Rider is one who has NOT won a 1st Ribbon in a similar event at any recognised Agricultural, breed or Royal Show Including Bathurst.
7. INTERMEDIATE – Having not won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing in a solo event in a similar height class at any Royal Show.
8. Open riders and/or horses are not permitted to compete in the Ring 5 Funkhana classes 501 to 526. The Funkhana/Unofficial ring is designed to give inexperienced riders an opportunity to participate in the Show. Any ribbons or places awarded in the Funkhana classes are not classified as official classes for the purpose of attracting points for eligibility to compete at the Sydney Royal or equivalent Shows. Should any rider enter these unofficial classes without the correct wristband, points acquired from official classes will be revoked.
9. Show Hunter Horses – Competitors competing in Show Hunter Classes may not compete in hack classes. Competitors must DECIDE which classes they wish to compete in. (ASHH members only to compete in special ASHH classes)
10. Show Jumping - Dress and Gear code are in accordance with Jumping NSW and ASC rules and regulations unless stated otherwise in the schedule.
11. Stallions are not eligible to compete in classes other than those specially provided for. No stallions/colts to be handled or ridden by persons under the age of 17 years. Stallions/ Colts while in the ring must wear a bridle with a bit. Stallions/Colts must be double tied.
12. Electric fences/ electric tape or electric fence equipment is NOT permitted to be erected on the grounds.
13. All juniors under the age of 17 years while riding or handling a horse on the Gloucester showground must wear an approved safety helmet. All other competitors are encouraged to wear safety helmets when competing.
14. The judge need not award prizes for exhibits in any class which does not in his/her opinion possess sufficient merit.
15. In awarding the championship, unless otherwise stated, the first prize winner in each class is eligible to compete.
16. In awarding the reserve championship, unless otherwise stated, the first prize winner in each class other than the champion is eligible to compete together with the 2nd prize winner from the class or classes from which the champion was drawn.
17. All breed classes are only open to horses registered with that breed and owned by current financial members. Registration and Membership papers may be asked to be sighted.
18. The age of all horses to be calculated from the 1st August. Every horse foaled before the 1st August in the year shall be deemed to be 1 year old on that date.
Fillies and colts to be under 4.
19. The Ringmaster reserves the right to alter, vary, add or delete any clause or event in the program, and to make any investigation they deem necessary, until enquiries are finalised.
20. Age for children's events – age of child determined on the first day of the show.

21. Misconduct includes conduct that is inimical to the interests of the Gloucester AH&P Association or which is or may be prejudicial to the health or wellbeing of a horse and also includes
 - a) Any breach of these rules
 - b) Any conduct considered by the committee to be unsportsmanlike or to be contrary to the manner in which a person ought to behave.
 - c) Any conduct that injures or may induce a breach of the peace or which is or may be a nuisance.
 - d) Any conduct which does or might prejudice the smooth running or interfere with the conduct of the show.
22. Drug testing may be carried out at this show. Any competitor found to have breached the ASC disputes and disciplinary regulation will be investigated by the ASC Disciplinary Committee.
23. Committee members reserve the right to refuse any exhibit to the ground, refer horse handling Waiver.
24. Approaching Judges: No exhibitor or associate will initiate conversation with a judge on judging day, before, during or after judging, except through the Ringmaster or Chief Steward.

CONDUCT IN THE ARENA

The Association accepts no responsibility if judging times conflict with one or more classes or events in which an exhibitor may be entered. Where a conflict may occur, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify a withdrawal from either event. No ring shall be required to wait for a competitor or exhibitor who may be competing in another ring.

PROTESTS

A protest or complaint against any exhibit or exhibitor may be lodged verbally with the Ringmaster or Chief Steward no later than 10 minutes after the judging of the exhibit or exhibitor. The Ringmaster or Chief Steward must be provided with the exact nature of the complaint and act if necessary, to maintain competitive fairness. The Ringmaster or Chief Steward may choose to refer the matter to the Protest Committee, which shall comprise the President of the Association or a Vice-President and 2 other members of the general committee. A protest or complaint or an appeal against the decision of the Ringmaster or Chief Steward may be lodged with Secretary no later than 10pm in the day of judging. Such protest, complaint or appeal shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 which shall be forfeited if the protest, complaint or appeal proves to be frivolous or vexatious. A matter lodged this way shall be dealt with by the Protest Committee within 24 hours of lodgement and the decision of the Protest Committee shall be final.

NB: no protest or complaint will be considered if it refers simply to a judge's decision.

COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE: All entries are accepted on the understanding that competitors agree to compete under the articles of the Association of the Gloucester AH&P Association Inc and its By-laws and regulations.