

2023 EWA SHOW HORSE INFORMATION HANDBOOK



SHOW HORSE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**EQUESTRIAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA (EWA)
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Our Vision

To have an active Show Horse community with increasing participation in a professionally run sport where all members have the opportunity to compete safely at a variety of levels.

Our Principal Objectives

1. To provide effective governance to maintain a position of leadership and influence within the WA Show Horse community.
2. To maintain professional and prestigious events to ensure a vibrant competition environment for all levels.
3. To promote the highest ideal of sportsmanship and to provide benefits for members of all levels to be involved in show horse competition.
4. To develop high quality Coaches and Officials.
5. To improve communications within the EWA, its members and the broader community.
6. To encourage riding and Show Horse as a sport and recreation. To promote good fellowship among riders and to improve and maintain the standard of riding and horse mastership.

Preamble

This information booklet has been revised to gather the rules and guidelines from many aspects of the sport of Show Horse, into one resource. It is important that all involved in the sport know the rules under which they compete. As well, organizers and volunteers must be aware of their responsibilities and entitlements. This booklet will be a key source of knowledge. Competitors, officials and volunteers will be advised of updates to this handbook, during the year, via the EWA Newsletter.

Please note: There have been CHANGES to the National Show Horse Rules, EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY, 2023. Please refer to the National Rules.

A Leaderboard CHAMPIONSHIP Series will be run during 2022 with affiliated clubs however there will be no funding available during 2023 to support the Clubs. These events MUST BE run under EA rules with an accredited EA Judge officiating. Results from clubs running these events together with results from the EWA run Autumn Pageant, Winter Gala and Horse of the Year will count towards the Leaderboard points. Further details will be advertised on the Showhorse Facebook page, EWA Newsletter and website as they become available.

MILLIONAIRE PERPETUAL TROPHY

AWARDED TO THE BEST PERFORMED Show Horse or Show Hunter – Horse, Galloway or Pony.

Points awarded as follows -

	CHAMPION	RESERVE
CLUB LEADER BOARD SHOWS -	4	2
AUTUMN PAGEANT	6	4
WINTER GALA	6	4
HOTY	8	6
NATIONAL TITLE	10	8

In the event of a tie a National result/s would be the overriding factor. If still a tie then HOTY result/s would determine winner and so on.

EWA Show Horse Events. All events will be run by the EWA Show Horse Committee. Information will be available via the EWA Newsletter, FB page OR at www.equestrianwa.org.au click on NEWSFLASH.

PROGRAMS & ENTRY FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM CAVALLETTI AND/OR NOMINATE AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE <https://www.facebook.com/EquestrianWAShowHorse/>

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Horse Welfare

FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse:

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

At all stages during preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery, tack and transportation.

Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids. Competitors should refrain from excessive pre-event lunging. 30 minute period interspersed with 10 minute rest.

Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.

Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement. The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in the areas of expertise.

Officials

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Measuring

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National Show Horse Committee 2022

Position	Name	Phone	Email Address
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Glossary / Definitions

Novice

Horse/pony that has **not won** more than three first placings in an open official show horse or show hunter class.

Newcomer

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY SPECIFIC TO NEWCOMER EVENT

A horse/pony that has not competed under saddle (with the exception of Racing) in any State/Territory prior to the start of the Qualifying period determined by each State/Territory in which the horse resides and is registered. This includes any Pony Club competition. A Pony that has only competed in Leading Rein or Miniature Turnouts and has not competed off the lead is eligible to be considered a Newcomer.

A horse/pony that has competed in breed classes under saddle is not eligible to be considered a Newcomer.

- ◆ The horse must be registered with the EWA at the time of close of entries.
- ◆ The horse must have a current EWA Height Certificate at the time of competing.
- ◆ The horse must be shown in a snaffle bridle.
- ◆ The horse may compete in the relevant State HOTY event as its first competition.
- ◆ The horse may compete in the Open section at the HOTY subject to State/Territory qualifying rules where applicable.
- ◆ Any horse or pony, having competed interstate or internationally during this period, will be required to provide proof of eligibility. Horses arriving from interstate or internationally must provide details of performances to the Show Horse Committee, prior to the Newcomer license being issued.
- ◆ Owners and Riders must be current EWA financial members, at the time of close of entries.
- ◆ Horses/Ponies must have a current Newcomer Licence card at the time of close of entries.
- ◆ Horses/ponies are not eligible to enter if they have competed outside the qualifying period.
- ◆ Horse/pony can only compete in one State Newcomer Award.
- ◆ Stallions are not eligible to compete.

No qualification is required to compete in the Newcomers provided the horse/pony has not competed under saddle prior to the start of the qualifying period. Performance licences will be issued by the office and must be returned with entries.

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Newcomer Classes 2023

Ponies 12h & under must be ridden by a child 14 yrs and under, ponies over 12h may be ridden by a rider any age, as per National EA Rules

Show Pony 12.2 hands and under must be ridden by rider 14 years and under.
Show Pony over 12.2 hands up to and inc 14 hands ridden by a rider any age.
Show Galloway over 14 hands up to and inc 15 hands ridden by a rider any age.
Show Hack over 15 hands ridden by a rider any age.

Ponies 12h & under must be ridden by a child 14yrs and under, ponies over 12h may be ridden by a rider any age, as per National EA Rules

Show Hunter Pony 12.2 hands and under must be ridden by rider 14 years and under.
Show Hunter Pony over 12.2 hands up to and inc 14 hands ridden by a rider any age
Show Hunter Galloway over 14 hands up to and inc 15 hands rider any age
Show Hunter Hack over 15 hands ridden by a rider any age

QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR 2023 NEWCOMERS IS FROM CLOSE OF ENTRIES 2022 (25 April 2022) until 17 April 2023

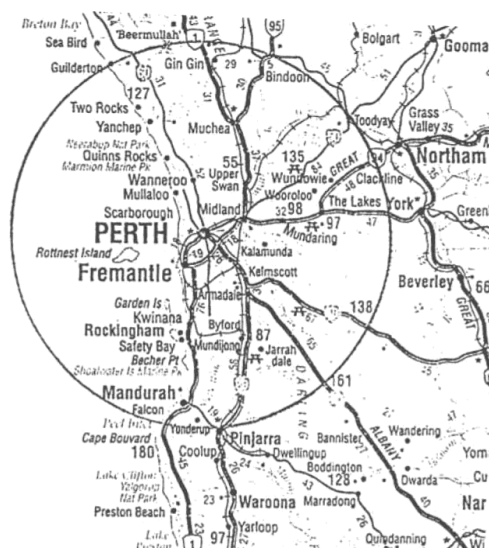
Rural

To be eligible horses/ponies must meet the following criteria;

- ◆ Horses/ponies must be domiciled in rural Western Australia for a minimum period of no less than **THREE** months and **1** day during the twelve months immediately preceding the day of the show.
- ◆ Any horse having competed interstate during this period must provide proof of travel dates.
- ◆ Horses/ponies must be ridden by **rural riders**.
- ◆ Rural is no less than 85 km's outside Perth GPO (as per Rural Map).

Map of Rural Horse Competition Area

Please address any queries regarding the boundaries of the map to The Show Horse Committee.
(Circle delineates the 85km radius of the GPO Perth)



Rural Rider:

- ◆ A Rural Rider can board in the city but their actual place of residence must be in the country.

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EWA SHOW HORSE COMPETITIONS 2023

EWA AUTUMN PAGEANT

30 April 2023
STATE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
Full Hack and Hunter Program for riders any age
(2024 ENSW Southern Cross Show Horse qualifier) inc OTT
classes Owner/Rider classes
OTT classes
ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 24 APRIL 2023
www.nominate.com.au
EWA MEMBERS ONLY
NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED
MEASURING AVAILABLE
Points count for Annual EWA Awards

EWA NEWCOMERS

30 April 2022
STATE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 17 APRIL 2023
www.nominate.com.au
NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED
EWA MEMBERS ONLY
MEASURING AVAILABLE

WINTER GALA

11 JUNE 2023
STATE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
Full Hack and Hunter Program
(2024 ENSW Southern Cross Show Horse qualifier) inc OTT
classes Owner/Rider classes
ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 5 JUNE, 2023
www.nominate.com.au
EWA MEMBERS ONLY
NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED
MEASURING AVAILABLE
Points count for Annual EWA Awards

EWA HORSE OF THE YEAR

8, 9 & 10 SEPTEMBER 2023
STATE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
EA AUSTRALASIAN SHOW HORSE & RIDER NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFIER
2024 ENSW Southern Cross Show Horse qualifier
EASTERN STATES JUDGES
ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 14 AUGUST 2023
www.nominate.com.au
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED
EWA MEMBERS ONLY
MEASURING AVAILABLE
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EWA HORSE AND RIDER OF THE YEAR 2023

For more detailed information on the Horse of the Year Championships refer to the National Show Horse Rules – STATE HORSE OF THE YEAR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Winners, 1st & 2nd runners-up of each section of the EWA Horse of the Year Open Show Horse, Open Show Hunter, Child's Show Horse, Child's Show Hunter, Rider and Lead Rein classes are eligible to represent WA at the AUSTRALASIAN SHOW HORSE & RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS to be contested at SIEC, in NSW, in December. Winner & 1st & 2nd runner up of the Off the Track Class are eligible to compete at the Australasian Show Horse & Rider Championships.

Winners, 1st and 2nd runners-up of each section (including Off the Track) of the EWA Horse of the Year will be invited to attend the ENSW Southern Cross Show Horse Championships to be held at SIEC in March 2024. (This includes Owner/Rider classes).

Classes will be offered for Lead Rein Show Ponies and Lead Rein Show Hunter Ponies.

All judges are randomly selected by the EA National Office and contacted in order of selection until there are four (4) accepting judges with no more than 2 judges from any one State.

Children's classes will also be offered for Show Ponies, Show Galloways and Show Hacks and for Show Hunter Ponies, Show Hunter Galloways and Show Hunter Hacks, in all height sections. Riders must be 17 years and under as at 1 January 2023.

Horses representing the State must hold current EWA Height Certificates at the time of the State and National Competition. Riders must be current Competitor members of the EWA.

Winners and 1st and 2nd runners-up of all open, child's and rider classes **must indicate** their intention to compete at the EA Nationals by completing the "Riders Agreement" and "Code of Conduct" Forms and forward this to the Show Horse Committee within **fourteen days** of the WA Competition.

Acceptance of this invitation will confirm your position on the State Team.

Show Horse Competitors are reminded that **State badges** are to be worn at the National Event **only** i.e **No State or National badges are to be worn at the State Horse and Rider of the Year Championships.**

STATE HORSE OF THE YEAR AND NATIONAL HORSE OF THE YEAR

These competitions are run under the National Rules for Equestrian Australia Show Horse, available at www.equestrian.org.au. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPETITOR TO HAVE READ AND TO HAVE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THESE RULES.

THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES TO THE SHOW HORSE RULES EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2023

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QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2023 HORSE OF THE YEAR

There are no qualifying requirements for the 2023 Horse of the Year providing horse and rider meet the residency rules and are current members at the time of entry and horse/pony is registered at time of entry.

HEIGHT CERTIFICATES

Horses and ponies must hold a current EWA Height Certificate on the day of competition.

ALL LEAD REIN HANDLERS MUST BE A CURRENT EWA FINANCIAL MEMBER AT THE TIME OF COMPETITION. THEY MAY BE EITHER PARTICIPANT OR COMPETITOR MEMBER.

HANDLER MUST BE 18 YEARS AND OVER.

RIDERS AGE IS OF 1st JANUARY IN YEAR OF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. ADDITIONALLY, RIDERS TURNING 5 YEARS ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE THE DAY THEY TURN 5 YEARS OLD. The age of 5 commences from the child's birthday. The Under 8 age limit is taken as per the child's age as at 1st January in the calendar year that the competition is being held.

Judging at HOY is conducted under the EA Preferential Judging System. Please refer to the EA National Showhorse rules for further details.

2023 AUSTRALASIAN SHOW HORSE AND RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS

All horses and riders qualifying at their 2023 State Horse of the Year will be eligible to compete at the National Championship to be held at SIEC Sydney in December 2023.

HELMETS

Except where Sport Rules allows otherwise, riders and drivers competing in an EA competition, must wear an approved helmet with the chin strap fastened at all times. The same is recommended when riding a horse at any time.

Protective headgear must conform with one of the current approved safety standards:

- Current Australian standard **AS/NZS 3838** (2006 onwards) *provided they are SAI Global marked.*
- New Australian standard **ARB HS 2012** *provided they are SAI Global marked.*
- Current American standard **ASTM F1163** (2004a or 04a onwards) *provided they are SEI marked.*
- Current American standard **SNELL E2001**.
- Current British standard **PAS 015** (1998 or 2011) *provided they are BSI Kitemarked.*

- Interim European Standard **VG1** (01.040: 2014-12) *with or without BSI Kitemark.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO HELMETS PLEASE REFER TO THE EA WEBSITE

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/content/current-approved-safety-standards-helmets>

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Judging Scheme

EWA Judges Accreditation Scheme Rules and Guidelines, are available from www.equestrianwa.org.au > Rules, Regs, Forms > Show Horse.

Updated Judge List is available online <http://www.equestrian.org.au/members/search/official>

Measuring Scheme

Information relating to Measuring can be found at www.equestrianwa.org.au > Rules, Regs, Forms > Measuring.

All other rules are as per the National Measuring Scheme Rules. www.equestrian.org.au – Rules and Regulations > Measuring

For measuring dates please refer to the EWA website calendar.

Current EWA Measurers are listed at www.equestrianwa.org.au > Searches > Officials, select measuring as criteria.

See National Rules for Permitted Bits

Information for Event Organisers

For an up to date list of Accredited Western Australian Judges, please visit www.equestrian.org.au

National Judges Accreditation Scheme

Please Note: Judges Accreditation Information can be viewed on the Equestrian Australia website. www.equestrian.org.au

Judges

- ◆ A link to a list of accredited EWA judges – www.equestrian.org.au -Search – Judges/Officials
- ◆ Judges should be provided with a penciller/steward.
- ◆ Judges should be provided with suitable meals and ample hot and cold drinks, depending on the weather conditions.
 1. Morning & Afternoon Tea (15 mins)
 2. Lunch (30 mins)
- ◆ Travel, accommodation and meal expenses if applicable, must be paid by the host club.
- ◆ **Judges Expenses** - It is essential that the matter of reimbursement of expenses be discussed and agreed to prior to the fixture. Suggested reimbursement of Judges as follows: minimum of \$80 (depending on distance travelled).
- ◆ **Secure judges well in advance of your event.**

***** Please notify the EWA Show Horse Committee if your club is experiencing any problems securing Judges. *****

Official Dates:

EWA will consult with clubs regarding the date of their fixtures for the following year. These dates, are available on the EWA website. Any qualifying event must use an EWA Official Judge for validity of points and insurance cover.

Results

- ◆ Results of all official fixtures are to be forwarded to the EWA office and the RAS within 14 days of the show.

Show Horse Levies

- ◆ Clubs should note all \$7 levies to be forwarded to the EWA Office within 14 days of the show.
- ◆ Levies are used to fund Judge's education and seminars, and the National Team uniforms.

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Protests

- ◆ Refer to Protest and Complaints Section in the EWA National Show Horse Rules and Guidelines which is available on the EWA website.

Insurance

- ◆ Clubs insured through Equestrian Australia are reminded that all competitors at their events are required to be either EWA Riding Members or direct club members. Direct Club membership covers the member for Public Liability only. Further information relating to Insurance can be found at www.equestrianwa.org.au

Competition Licences

Competition Licences are used to fund swabbing at EWA Show Horse events.

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Guideline No 1

GUIDELINES FOR THE MEMBERS TRIPLE CASH BONANZA LOYALTY AWARD

In previous years a Triple Crown award was provided by the Show Horse Committee and was awarded to the owner of an exhibit which won Champion in its respective ridden class at all three shows conducted by EWA Show Horse during a calendar year.

The three shows are:

- EWA Autumn Pageant (usually held in April/May)
- EWA Winter Gala (usually held in June)
- EWA Horse and Rider of the Year (held in September).

The Triple Crown was an honour to win and a substantial cash prize of \$1000 was offered.

The extent of prizemoney offered in Show Horse events is insufficient overall to off-set the cost of keeping, training and showing horses. Athletes/competitors, or owners' motivation is more likely to be based on the love of animals, riding and showing horses, social interaction and the pride in winning a ribbon or broad sash. Nevertheless, a significant cash prize can help to offset the cost of EWA Membership, entry fees or travel in some circumstances.

The purpose of the Triple Crown was to encourage competitors to attend all three EWA shows and to provide a reward to an outstanding ridden exhibit.

However, it was noted that the Triple Crown may also have operated as a disincentive as exhibits which were not successful in winning Champion at the Autumn Pageant were no longer eligible for the Triple Crown, and thus competitors may have elected not to attend the other shows (particularly the Winter Gala) if there were other competitions on at the same time. Further, it did not share the precious and limited funds of EWA Show Horse or its sponsors to other members.

In addition, the winners of Champion/Supreme at the three shows receive a small cash award (about \$50 for Champion), sashes, rugs, garlands and sponsors' products. So they are already the beneficiary of awards and prizes.

The Triple Crown was previously presented at the EWA Awards Night. The EWA Awards Night has been amended in format such that the individual sport discipline awards will not be presented. Instead, the sport disciplines may hold their own presentation events. EWA Show Horse will hold a Show Horse function provisionally in November each year to present the Leaderboard winners and other relevant accolades.

Accordingly, EWA Show Horse created a new "*Loyalty Award*" to encourage attendance at all three Show Horse events and to endeavour to distribute the funds more widely.

The advantages of a "*Loyalty Award*" are that it would distribute valuable EWA Show funds back to members, would allow more competitors, or owners, a chance to receive a cash bonus and would assist in satisfying the *draft* EWA Key Performance Indicators Policy by encouraging participation.

The Triple Cash Bonanza is so titled as there are **three** EWA Show Horse events which make people eligible to win.

The Triple Cash Bonanza will operate in accordance with the following Guidelines.

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GUIDELINES

1. EWA Show Horse will allocate an amount of \$1000 for the Triple Cash Bonanza Loyalty Award.
2. There will be five cash amounts to be awarded.
 - (a) One cash award of \$500 and;
 - (b) Four cash awards of \$125 each.
3. Only EWA members will be eligible.
4. The Triple Cash Bonanza is open to either competitors (riders) or an owner.
5. For the purpose of these Guidelines, the word "owner" includes the single or multiple ownership of an exhibit, or lessee of an exhibit, who shall all be EWA members. For any exhibit (horse or pony) which is co-owned by two or more members, the members will receive a co-joint entry into the Triple Cash Bonanza draw. For example, Member A+Member B or Member A+Member C.
- 5A The same exhibit does not need to compete at all three events but the member must own an exhibit which competes at all three events.
6. The Triple Cash Bonanza will only be awarded to a person. (That is, not to a company or organisation.)
7. The member/competitor (rider) does not need to ride or own their own exhibit, but they must compete on an exhibit owned by an EWA member and the exhibit must hold a valid competition licence.
8. Eligibility is afforded to any and all EWA Members who compete at all three qualifying events either by owning any exhibit which competes or by riding as a competitor at all three qualifying events. The three qualifying events are:
 - Autumn Pageant
 - Winter Gala
 - Horse and Rider of the Year
- 8A The Newcomer show is not a qualifying event whether it is held on the same date as one of the events listed in Clause 8 or on another date.
9. Any EWA member/competitor or owner of an exhibit who has satisfied the qualifying criteria, is eligible for the chance draw. One chance per eligible EWA member.
10. The member or competitors' exhibit does not need to win or be placed at the qualifying events.
11. The Triple Cash Bonanza winners will be selected by a random draw to be held at the Show Horse Awards function.
12. The Triple Cash Bonanza random draw will be made based on the verified names of the eligible members to be drawn and witnessed by a scrutineer(s) and those attending the Show Horse Awards Function.
13. The winner of the \$500 cash prize will not be eligible for the further prizes of \$125 each.
14. The first drawn winner of a \$125 cash prize will not be eligible for the subsequent \$125 cash prizes.
15. The second drawn winner of a \$125 cash prize will not be eligible for the subsequent \$125 cash prizes.
16. The third drawn winner of a \$125 cash prize will not be eligible for the final \$125 cash prize.
17. The cash prizes will be made by direct deposit into an approved bank or credit account held in the name of the winners by EWA Accounts within 30 days of the announcement of the winners.

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18. If the winner of any of the cash prizes does not have a bank or credit account registered with EWA, the amount will be paid to them by an alternative method.
19. If the winner is a child under 18 years of age who does not have a bank or credit account registered with EWA, the amount will be paid by agreement to a parent or guardian who has a registered bank or credit card account, or paid to the winner by an alternative method.
20. If there are no competitors (riders) or owners who are eligible for the Triple Cash Bonanza, then the award will lapse for the calendar year. In this circumstance, the Show Horse Committee reserves the right to use the allocated funds for alternative purposes for the benefit of the Show Horse discipline.
21. If, due to circumstances beyond the control of the EWA Show Horse Committee any, or all of, the three qualifying shows are unable to be held in the calendar year, then the Show Horse Committee reserves the right to determine an alternative eligibility method or allocate the funds for alternative purposes for the benefit of the Show Horse discipline.
22. These Guidelines may be altered or amended by the EWA Show Horse Committee, with agreement with the Chief Executive Officer of EWA, to ensure fairness in the awarding of the cash prizes and to respond to any inconsistency.

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Guideline No 2

Reimbursement of Cost of Uniform for Riders competing at the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships.

Preamble

Each State represented by competitors at the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships competes for a Team Award based on, inter alia, consistency of uniform, tidiness around stables, team harmony, and observed manners and behaviour towards officials and other competitors.

Western Australia is represented on average by 12-16 competitors and horses. Riders are competing as part of a state team so it is appropriate that part of a uniform is provided.

It is noted that some of our representatives are owner-riders whereas some horses are ridden by a friend or semi-professional/professional show rider. Often an appointed rider may ride several horses owned by different people.

Considerable expenses are borne by riders and owners to compete at the Nationals. This includes the cost entry to the event (several hundred dollars) cost of transport of horse(s) from Western Australia to Victoria and return, cost of stabling, agistment feeding, cost of airfares, accommodation and transport for people. The average cost of competing at the Nationals is in the order of \$8,000 per competitor.

Equestrian Western Australia Show Horse (EWA Show Horse) is unable to assist with the major costs. However, EWA Show Horse elects to subsidise the cost of the Polo shirt and cap which is deemed to be part of the State uniform. The cost of a Polo shirt is approximately \$70, the cost of a cap is \$15 (*as at 2019*). A State pin/badge is also provided.

The Polo shirt and cap carry the Western Australian colours of black and gold but vary in design each year.

If every horse is ridden by its owner, then the EWA Show Horse Committee would bear the cost of a Polo shirt and cap for each legitimate rider.

For example, if 12 different riders competed, the cost would be in excess of \$1,000.

Having regard to the fact that some competitors, may ride more than one horse, and that the Team event is based on the competitors, priority must be given to subsidising a Polo shirt and cap only for the legitimate rider of the horse.

So, if the same rider is riding four horses, that rider would be entitled to only one subsidised Polo shirt and cap, not three or four subsidised Polo shirts or caps that can be passed on to other interested persons.

Prior to competing at the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships, all entries need to state the name of the rider. This is for the benefit of the organisation of the event, the commentators and the program that is produced. Accordingly, our rider representatives are known well ahead of time.

There may be issues that occur post entry, such as the rider not being available to ride a certain horse and a substitute rider being appointed to ride it, or the owner may elect to ride it. In that instance, the new rider, or the owner-rider may be eligible for reimbursement of the cost of the Polo shirt subject to actually competing on the horse or pony. This will be monitored by the appointed Team Manager who will report to the Show Horse Committee.

It is noted that owners of horses that are competing, strappers and other spectators from Western Australia may wish to wear a Polo shirt and cap, jacket or vest that represents the State team uniform for that year. This is commendable for fostering team spirit, and they may purchase such items, but the cost will not be reimbursed to those people.

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Guidelines

1. Each rider who enters, or who is nominated to ride by an owner, at the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships (the Nationals) must order and pay for their own Western Australian team Polo shirt.
2. EWA Show Horse will not be responsible for an incorrect order (such as size) of a Polo shirt made by a rider, or made by a someone on behalf of a rider.
3. EWA Show Horse will reimburse from the Show Horse Account, the cost of the designated Western Australian Team Polo shirt. The reimbursement will only occur following the riders' representation at the Nationals for that year.
4. EWA Show Horse will not pay for the cost of the Western Australian Team Polo Shirt if the rider/competitor fails to compete in their event at the Nationals.
5. Only the **rider** of a horse or pony which is competing at the Nationals may seek reimbursement of the cost of the Polo shirt and evidence/proof of purchase must be provided.
6. EWA Show Horse will not pay for or reimburse owners or other connections (eg strappers) or spectators for the cost of the designated Western Australian uniform.
7. EWA Show Horse will provide a cap to each rider. EWA Show Horse will not order, provide, pay for, or reimburse owners or other connections of a horse for cost of a cap.
8. EWA Show Horse will provide a State pin/badge to each rider. EWA Show Horse will not provide a pin/badge to owners, strappers, or other connections of a horse or pony.

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Guideline No 3

Determination of Tie-Breaker for Leaderboard Awards

Preamble

Within Western Australia, there are five affiliated Horse & Pony and Riding Clubs with Equestrian Western Australia (EWA) which conduct Show Horse events and which are designated shows for the Leaderboard. This means that they operate under Equestrian Australia and EWA Show Horse Rules and conduct a full event program to cater for show horses and hunters.

The Leaderboard gives competitors who compete at the designated shows held by EWA affiliated horse and pony clubs in the metropolitan and regional areas, and compete at all, or any three, of the events conducted by EWA Show Horse (Autumn Pageant, Winter Gala and Horse and Rider of the Year), who are successful in gaining points for Champion and Reserve Champion awards, the opportunity to win the Leaderboard for their respective section. A Leaderboard award trophy is presented at the Show Horse Awards Function held in November.

The three shows conducted by EWA Show Horse, in particular Horse and Rider of the Year are given priority in assessment for the Leaderboard. It is appreciated that regional competitors may feel that they are disadvantaged but it is noted that many metropolitan competitors travel to regional areas and vice versa. It is a fact that equestrian competitions of any discipline require some level of travel.

In view of the number of horses and ponies competing within the geographic areas of the State, there are often numerous individual Champion and Reserve Champions of the show horse sections. The eligible Show Horse sections are:-

Show Pony	Show Galloway	Show Hack
Show Hunter Pony	Show Hunter Galloway	Show Hunter Hack
Child's Show Pony	Child's Show Galloway	Child's Show Hack
Child's Show Hunter Pony	Child's Show Hunter Galloway	Child's Show Hunter Hack
Lead Rein (Combined Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony)		
Rider 17 & under	Rider 18 & over	

When the affiliated clubs return the results to EWA, a Leaderboard is populated with the results and cumulative points are calculated. There can be horses and ponies on equal points for the respective sections.

It is preferable for there to be only one winner of each section. In the case of equal points, a tie-breaker system needs to be established. If a tie-breaker cannot determine a winner (such as neither horse or pony competed at any of the three EWA Show Horse events) then an equal award may be given.

The following guidelines will apply.

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Horse or Pony

1. A horse or pony gains four (4) points from winning a Champion award in its respective section at the designated events other than those conducted by EWA Show Horse during the calendar year.
2. A horse or pony gains two (2) points from winning a Reserve Champion award in its respective section at the designated events other than those conducted by EWA Show Horse during the calendar year.
3. A horse or pony gains six (6) points from being awarded a Champion in its respective section at either the EWA Show Horse Autumn Pageant or Winter Gala during the calendar year.

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4. A horse or pony gains four (4) points from being awarded a Reserve Champion in its respective section at either the EWA Show Horse Autumn Pageant or Winter Gala during the calendar year.
5. A horse or pony gains eight (8) points from being awarded as the Winner of its respective section at EWA Horse and Rider of the Year.
6. A horse or pony gains six (6) points from being awarded First Runner-Up in its respective section at EWA Horse and Rider of the Year.
7. In the event of a horse or pony on an equal number of points from awards given at any of the metropolitan or regional events, then *the highest result from Horse and Rider of the Year will be the decider.*
8. *If the tie is not broken, then a horse or pony which has been awarded a Supreme from the EWA Show Horse Autumn Pageant will be the decider.*
9. *If the tie is not broken, then a horse or pony which has been awarded Supreme from the EWA Show Horse Winter Gala will be the decider.*
10. *If the tie is still not broken having regard to 8 and 9 above, then an equal award may be given.*

Riders and Lead Rein

11. Points for Champion and Reserve Champion Riders and Lead Rein Ponies are the same as Clauses 1-6 above.
12. The tie-breaker will apply per Clause 7.
13. If the tie is still not broken, for a Rider or Lead Rein section, then a Champion from the Autumn Pageant will be the decider. If that does not break the tie, then a Champion from the Winter Gala will be the decider.
14. If a tie is not broken, as there is no Supreme award for Riders or Lead Rein, then an equal award may be given.