



**Australian Stock Horse
SOCIETY**

**WA SMC EVENT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES, RULES AND
REGULATIONS FOR THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND
SHOW**

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SHOW - ANNUAL EVENT

To be conducted every year with a CORE EVENT PROGRAM (CEP) which is managed by ASHS WA SMC Event Committee.

Long term Sponsorship is honoured and retained; SMC Event Committee will be responsible to invite and thank these sponsors every year.

Entries and Expenses relating to the CEP are managed and retained by the Event committee.

Host branches are able to conduct a SUPPLEMENTARY EVENT PROGRAM (SEP) to run with the Annual ASHS State Championships and Show.

This program is to be ratified by ASHS WA SMC.

Entries and Expenses relating to the SEP are managed by the SMC Event Committee.

Other shared services to be negotiated between ASHS SMC and the Host Branch when preparing the forecast budget include (but are not limited to):

- Equestrian Centre hire and fees
- Waste Management
- Catering
- Horse Welfare arrangements
- Ambulance
- ASHS Event Management
- Publicity

The Core Event Program can only be altered by the ASHS WA SMC.

Supplementary Event Programs are at the discretion of the Host Branch, should not be restricted by SMC however SMC should review and accept the program, this program should be prepared and presented at the WA SMC, in the year prior to the event taking place.

Both the ASHS SMC Event Committee and the Host Branch should work together to provide the highest standard of event for both programs and should not compromise the success of either these events. Remember our aim is to showcase our horses at the highest standard.

CORE EVENT PROGRAM

The following events are required in the CEP:

Led

1. Youth Judging (incorporating Youth Judging State Final as well as a Youth judging heat for the following year.)

Futurity/Maturity class are not eligible to enter classes 6-14

2. Yearling Futurity

3. Two-Year-Old Futurity

4. Three-Year-Old Futurity

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5. Four-Year-Old Maturity
6. Stallions (5yrs & over) 15 hh and under
7. Stallions (5yrs & over) over 15 hh
8. Champion Stallion / Reserve Champion Stallion
9. Mare (5 yrs and over) 15 hh and under
10. Mare (5 yrs and over) over 15 hh
11. Champion Mare / Reserve Champion Mare
12. Gelding (5 yrs and over) 15hh and under
13. Gelding (5 yrs and over) over 15hh
14. Champion Gelding / Reserve Champion Gelding
15. Supreme Led
16. Progeny - group of 2 (mare or stallion)

Futurity & Maturity Working Classes

17. Two-Year-Old Futurity Ridden (A hack or working pattern can be chosen preference would be for a hack pattern)
18. Three-Year-Old Futurity Ridden (A hack or working pattern can be chosen preference would be for a working pattern and consideration that a whip not be required)
19. Three-Year-Old Time Trial
20. Four-Year-Old Maturity Ridden (A hack or working pattern can be chosen preference would be for a working pattern and consideration that a whip be required)
21. Four-Year-Old Time Trial
22. Four-Year-Old Maturity Cattle Section

ASHLA

23. ASHLA Competitors must be a financial member of ASHLA

Polocrosse

24. Rookie Polocrosse Horse Pattern (Patterns chosen must be those written specifically for Polocrosse & are in the ASHS pattern book)
25. Open Polocrosse Horse

Hack Classes

Note: If class entries exceed 24 horses - this event should be presented on a ring of no more than 12 horses and a selection of total of 8 horses are chosen to ride the pattern. (Can be ridden in English or Stock Horse Attire)

26. ASH Hack Stallion (Rider to be 18yrs & over)

- 27. ASH Hack Mare (Rider to be 18yrs & over)
- 28. ASH Hack Gelding (Rider to be 18yrs & over)
- 29. ASH Hack Ridden by Junior (Junior 8 - under 13)
- 30. ASH Hack Ridden by Juvenile (Juvenile 13 - under 18)

Working Classes

- 31. ASH WSH Stallion (Rider to be 18yrs & over)
- 32. ASH WSH Mare (Rider to be 18yrs & over)
- 33. ASH WSH Gelding (18yrs & over)
- 34. ASH WSH ridden by a Junior (Junior 8 - under 13) (consideration should be that the pattern chosen will have no whip)
- 35. ASH WSH ridden by a Juvenile (Juvenile 13 - under 18) (consideration should be that the chosen pattern will have a whip)

Championship Series: Champion Working Stock Horse / Reserve Champion Working Stock Horse

36. Champion of Champions' ASH WSH - Kenmore Stud Perpetual Trophy (Bill Toovey). Must have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any OPEN Working Stock Horse event from 1st January - 31st December of the previous year.

Note: This event is seen as a Championship event and the WSH Pattern chosen should have a high degree of difficulty, include a whip and should be showcased as a major event.

Saturday Evening Presentation including presentation of the State Management Council Annual Awards conducted by the SMC Trophy Coordinator.

Time Trial

- 36. Junior Time Trial (Junior 8 - under 13)
- 37. Juvenile Time Trial (Juvenile 13 - under 18)
- 38. Open Time Trial (Rider to be 18yrs & over)

Campdraft

- 39. Junior Campdraft (Junior 8 - under 13)
- 40. Juvenile Campdraft (Juvenile 13 - under 18)
- 41. ASH Maiden Series Campdraft - 2 Rounds & Final. Note: Nominations to be confirmed WA horses & must be maiden status between January to December the year prior to the show registered ASHS.
- 42. Open Campdraft (no maiden horses or Junior/Juvenile riders) - Round 1 & Final. If cattle numbers are limited, priority will be given to open horses. Additional restrictions may also apply, such as a maximum of two first-round starts per rider.

HI POINT TROPHIES & ANNUAL AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED AT EACH SHOW

Hi Point Trophies:

- Hi Point Australian Stock Horse - Warrigal Park Tenebrae
- Hi Point Juvenile Trophy
- Hi Point Junior Trophy
- Hi Point Polocrosse Rider

Additional Annual Trophies:

- ASH Maiden Series
- Steward's Best Presented Trophy (over whole weekend- chosen by the Ringmaster of each show this is an award for the most professional, courteous member that displays outstanding sportsmanship and camaraderie while showcasing the ASHS breed at a high standard and being a fine ambassador to the society)

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS AND RULES - CORE EVENT PROGRAM

ASHLA

All riders must be financial member of Australian Stock Horse Society as well as a current member of ASHLA to compete in the ASHLA class. Judging Criteria for ASHLA class:

- # 25 points - Riding ability (Ability of rider to control and work her mount at all paces.)
- # 25 points - Horse's ability, manners & paces (a pleasant, educated mount showing ability and manners to work at all paces in hacking and working.)
- # 25 points - Dress, equipment and General Presentation (to be clean, neat and tidy.)
- # 25 points - Horse's type and conformation (demonstrate the all-round lady's horse.)

Champion of Champions

To qualify for this event you must have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd at any OPEN working stock horse event from 1st January to 31st December. Entrants need to state where they qualified for this event.

Futurities & Maturity

Eligibility:

- Yearlings: Foals must be born between 1st August 20XX and 31st July 20XX and must be registered.
- Two-Year-Old: Foals must be born between 1st August 20XX and 31st July 20XX and must be registered.
- Three-Year-Old: Foals must be born between 1st August 20XX and 31st July 20XX and must be registered.
- Four-Year-Old: Foals must be born between 1st August 20XX and 31st July 20XX and must be registered.

Every horse must carry a registered brand, foal and year numbers.

Specific Rules: ASHS 'EVENTS RULES & REGULATIONS' apply for events UNLESS STATED BELOW.

2-Year-Old Futurity:

The classes will follow the 'EVENTS RULES & REGULATIONS Futurity, Maturity, Challenges and Maiden Series Campdraft Section 5 - Section NATIONAL SNAFFLE BIT FUTURITY'. However, the following differences are listed:

- One judge
- Two events only: led and ridden
- All sections must be completed by the same rider/handler. In exceptional circumstances, such as injury or other unavoidable reasons, an exemption may be sought from the committee prior to the commencement of each section.

3-Year-Old Futurity:

The classes will follow the 'EVENTS RULES & REGULATIONS Futurity, Maturity, Challenges and Maiden Series Campdraft Section 5 - Section NATIONAL FUTURITY'. However, the following differences are listed:

- One judge
- Two events only: led and ridden
- All sections must be completed by the same rider/handler. In exceptional circumstances, such as injury or other unavoidable reasons, an exemption may be sought from the committee prior to the commencement of each section.

4-Year-Old Maturity:

The classes will follow the 'EVENTS RULES & REGULATIONS Futurity, Maturity, Challenges and Maiden Series Campdraft Section 5 - Section NATIONAL MATURITY'. However, the following differences are listed:

- One judge
- Two events only: led and ridden
- All sections must be completed by the same rider/handler. In exceptional circumstances, such as injury or other unavoidable reasons, an exemption may be sought from the committee prior to the commencement of each section.

Scoring:

Scores for each section are added together (out of 100 points), with the exception for the Time trial score, which is deducted from the total score to give an overall score.

The Maturity Cattle Section is like a campdraft with a limited time of 40 seconds in the arena and a fresh beast for each competitor. The scoring is:

- # 25 points Cut Out,
- # 25 points 1st circle/peg,
- # 25 points 2nd circle/peg,

25 points 3rd circle/gate.

Hack Classes

The horse is judged not the rider, for behaviour, conformation, responsiveness to the rider and movement. Horses should be supple, obedient and moving freely in balanced rhythmic paces.

Working Stockhorse

Working Stockhorse classes show the horse can do all paces with obedience and control. The whip be included in the Champion and Reserve Champion section of this part of the program, this is for Junior and Juvenile entrants also who compete in the Champion and Reserve Champion.

Junior Campdraft

Rider of junior age. One beast only in camp. NCCA Rules.

Juvenile Campdraft

Rider of juvenile age. Camp requires a minimum of 5 head of cattle. NCCA Rules.

Led Classes

These classes are assessed on type, conformation, temperament, movement and presentation. The horse should show qualities and type that define the ASH horse with a calm temperament and nature. Classes are on age and height for Stallion, Mare and Gelding. The Progeny class is for 2 horses which must have the same dam or sire. The supreme led event will be the 1st place getters in events 2-5, 8, 11, and 14 (Futurities, Maturity, Champion Mare, Gelding and Stallions).

Maiden Series Campdraft

The Maiden Series is open to all maiden horses (if your horse was a maiden at any time between 1st January and 31st December of the year prior to the show, you can nominate). You do not have to place to qualify. This event is run through WAMC, all entry fees must be paid with show entries. This will be run as 2 full rounds and a final. Camp will consist of a minimum of 5 head of cattle in the camp. NCCA Rules.

Open Campdraft

Open Campdraft is open to Open and Novice Status Horses only. [Status at the time of entries close] 1 full round and a Final. Number of competitors in final to be enough to fill placings at a minimum. All entries accepted and late entries if desired/required at the discretion of the Events Committee in consultation with SMC. If Required entries to be accepted on the basis of

- 1: Open Status Horses
- 2: 1 Run/Competitor- 2 runs/Competitor etc.
- 3: Horse Achievements throughout the year prior to the event.

Starts subject to cattle and entry numbers. Reasonable attempts must be made to secure enough cattle to accept all entries. Unsuccessful entries will be notified by the Show Committee.

- Novice and Open horses are only eligible, all maiden horses are ineligible and no Junior/Juvenile riders.
- A rider may enter on more than one horse.
- The rider and owner must be current members and horse fully registered with the Australian Stock Horse Society.
- Pay your fee with your show entries plus ground and competitor fee.
- Camp will consist of a minimum of 5 head of cattle.
- NCCA Rules.

Polocrosse

Rookie classing if defined by the horse only that has completing in 3 or less carnivals.

Time Trial

The time trial has two (2) timekeepers and a judge for the duration of this event. Event to be run as per the ASHS Rule & Regulations.

Youth Judging

Youth Judging is to encourage young members to learn about judging from accredited ASH judges. Competitors must be 8 years old. Each competitor is to judge four (4) horses. The event requires two (2) ASHS Judges to complete. The event must be the first on the program.

TROPHY DESCRIPTIONS AND POINT SYSTEM - CORE EVENT PROGRAM

Hi Point Polocrosse Rider:

Points gained for same combination (horse & rider) entered in events across the whole Championships. Combination must have registered and paid the nomination fee in the National WA Polox competition for the year previous to the show.

Hi Point Junior:

Points gained for same combination (horse & rider) entered in events across the whole CEP program only. For riders 8yrs to 12yrs.

Hi Point Juvenile:

Points gained for same combination (horse & rider) entered in events across the whole CEP program only. For riders 13 yrs to 21 yrs.

Steward's Best Presented:

Presentation award for presentation of both horse and rider combination over the whole weekend judged by the ringmaster & presented at the completion of the event with other awards.

Triple Crown (Accumulative Points) Trophy:

This trophy is an accumulative points award, with points earned over multiple years of competition in the Futurities and Maturity. Horses that have competed in the Futurities/Maturity are eligible for this trophy, provided it is the same horse and rider/handler combination, unless the horse has been sold and

ownership transferred, or an exemption for an alternative handler has been granted. If there is no horse/rider/handler combination that has attended all three years of this event. The scores from horses that have attended at least two of the years are eligible, preference is given to the points accumulated in maturity events.

Warigal Park Tenebrae Hi Point ASH:

Points gained for the same combination (horse & rider) entered in events across the whole CEP program only. For senior riders over 21 yrs.

SUPPLEMENTARY EVENT PROGRAM

Supplementary Events can include Encouragement, Masters and First Ridden classes, the following events and all ASHS registered events, they may have 'add on' classes to the CEP and can be included in the main program or be ran on an additional day.

Dressage

The tests offered are a Preliminary, Novice and Elementary. The WAMC follow the Equestrian Association guidelines for dressage, which includes the ruling that two levels may be competed on any one horse. Times will be allocated and posted on the clubroom windows on Friday afternoon. A caller is permitted for with the caller to stand at the mid-point on the long side of the arena and use a clear voice.

Gents Hack

A Gents Hack follows the same criteria as the ASHLA class. Judging Criteria for ASHLA class:

- # 25 points - Riding ability (Ability of rider to control his mount at all paces.)
- # 25 points - Horse's ability, manners & paces (a pleasant, educated mount showing ability and manners to work at all paces in hacking and working.)
- # 25 points - Dress, equipment and General Presentation (to be clean, neat and tidy.)
- # 25 points - Horse's type and conformation (demonstrate the all-round gent's horse.)

Sub Junior classes

Sub Junior classes are for handler/rider under 8yrs. The handler class is a led class while the ridden classes are Lead Line (rider/horse combination led by adult) or 1st Ridden off lead line.

Utility Horse

Utility Horse has obstacles to show the horse and rider work together and are a team.

Working Hunter

Consists of two phases: Phase 1 - Jumping and Phase 2 - Working Show Hunter Pattern. Horses must be 4 years of age or over. Gear/Saddlery maybe either ASH or English, no change of saddlery allowed between phases.

- Phase 1: Martingales, Protective Boots/Bandages and Breastplates allowed.

- Phase 2: Breastplates allowed.
- No Whips, Spurs or Standing Martingales permitted.

Judging: Horses with a clear round or only 10 penalties (judges' discretion may include rounds with higher penalties) that have not been eliminated will be eligible to progress into Phase 2.

PHASE 1 Scoring: Jumps 60 Marks, Style & Manners 30 Marks, Paces 30 Marks. Horses should jump the course confidently & smoothly. Penalties: Knock Downs 10 Marks, 1st Refusal 15 Marks, 2nd Refusal 20 Marks, 3rd Refusal / Wrong Course / Fall = Elimination.

PHASE 2 Scoring: Paces and Freedom of Action 30 Marks, Type & Conformation (judged unsaddled except bridle) 30 Marks, Manners 20 Marks, Attire 10 Marks. Penalties: Fall of horse or rider = Elimination. Horses should be bold with depth of substance and can cover the ground.

Final score is a combination of Phase 1 and 2 (if the final combined score is equal the jumping score will preside, if there is still a tie the Type Mark will be the Deciding Factor, should this still result in a tie the Judge's Decision is final).

Pleasure

Pleasure classes are to be ridden with one hand and are to show the horse is a pleasure to ride. No spurs or whip.

Novelty Classes

Novelty classes have two (2) timekeepers and a judge for the duration of this event. Disqualification can happen if pattern is not followed, wrong direction is taken or combination fails to finish.

WAMC Supreme Performance Horse

Competitors must compete in a minimum of 8 disciplines to be eligible, if there is more than 1 section of any of the parts that a competitor enters then the highest placing is taken as the one that is counted e.g. if a competitor enters 2 tests in dressage only the highest placing will be added not 2 placings. If an entrant is eliminated from a class, they will receive no points for this class. Sections are Led, Dressage, Working Hunter, Utility Horse, Polocrosse, ASHLA, Gents ASH, Hack, Pleasure, WSH, Barrels, Time Trial and Campdraft.

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING BOTH PROGRAMS

Both show programs must be all regulated by the ASHS Rules and Regulations and the following behavioural expectation must be included in the program.

Priority should be that the CEP be ran on the Saturday and Sunday of the weekend allocated, allowing the best opportunity for members to attend the Championships.

Both SMC and Host Branch must contribute to the SMC Cattle Mortality Fund as per the outline of the policy.

Behaviour Policy

We will be following the motion from WAMC as follows: 'I and my supporting or accompanying people agree to abide by the Code of Conduct of the ASHS. The very best level of conduct is expected any unsportsmanlike behaviour will not be tolerated.'

WA ASHS Management Committee is following ASHS guidelines relating to social media. Any competitor that is shown to be using social media to denounce or denigrate either a volunteer, judge or other competitor will be immediately asked to vacate the grounds. If you have an issue, we have a disputes committee and process.

Disputes Committee

SMC must select a group of five members that should have a high level of experience with events either as an organiser, competitor or official. These Members also need to have a thorough understanding of the Society's Rules & Regulations, SMC expectations and be able to be impartial, with no vested interest in the dispute. If the dispute involves a horse owned or ridden by that member, or it involves a family member, then that member must step down and be replaced with a SMC delegate.

The disputes committee must have the Event Coordinator as one member. Disputes committee must have at least two current ASHS Judges with more than 5 years judging experience.

Disputes committee is chosen by SMC and ratified at the WA SMC.

Members will need to be at the event and be notified in writing that they have been invited to participate on this committee an SMC must confirm the appointment.

Any disputes are to be handed in, in writing, along with \$50 to the Show Secretary within 1 hour of the class overall results announced.

If the placings are upheld, then no refund. If the dispute is not upheld then a refund will be given. Any disputes will be determined by the Disputes Committee.

No disputes will be considered after one (1) hour post close of the event (the show). Members may write to SMC with concerns regarding decisions made, but no change in results will be upheld after this date.

Disputes are to be recorded, and retained by the Event Co-ordinator, and presented to SMC in the post show report, for consideration by SMC if there is need for change.

Equal Placings

In the event of a tie, the overall winner of the event is to be determined by a countback starting with Type, Presentation and Overall Impression, with the highest score leading to the highest placing. Should the scores still be equal then the next movement of the pattern should be used to determine the winner. If there is still an equal score the countback is to go to the next movement in the order listed on the pattern. If necessary, the countback can continue through the movements in order until a winner is determined.

Succession Plan for the WA SMC State Championships and Show

- 2026 - SW Branch
- 2027 - SW Branch
- 2028-2029 - Great Southern Branch
- 2030-2031 - EOI to Central Branch in 2028
- 2032-2033 - EOI to Midwest Branch in 2030

Branches are expected to host the Show for 2 consecutive years upon acceptance of EOI. Reasonable notice is expected if a host branch does not intend to host 2 shows]

SMC to send EOI to perspective Branch approximately 2 years before initial event.

Event dates should be secured and booked by the Host Club within the month before the SMC AGM and the save the date should be advertised within a month after the SMC AGM by the Event Co-ordinator. Where possible, the Event Committee should endeavour to schedule the event, so it does not clash with the National Show.

RETAINING RECORDS

ASHS SMC WA purchase a laptop, together with x 2 ipads, which are to be held by the Event Coordinator, all records are to be retained on this laptop.

SMC Show Email address to be used by the Committee, all members of the executive of the Event Committee must have access to this email and receive regular updates of all correspondence on that email.

Event Handbook to be reviewed and updated every year.

Guidelines, Rules and Regulations only to be upgraded when deemed necessary and with formal process through SMC, ie consideration of all members, and ratified at SMC AGM.