



NSW Arabian Horse Association Inc.

2013 East Coast Arabian Championships

Exhibitor Notes

Thank you for your entry to the 2013 East Coast Arabian Championships. We hope that all involved will have a hugely successful and enjoyable show. To assist the Committee in running the Show as smoothly as possible, **please** take the time to read the following notes carefully.

Outstanding requirements Should you have any outstanding requirements they must be received by the office before or at the Show before you will be given your exhibitor number and wristband to compete.

Please do not forward your outstanding requirements to the Secretary prior to the show after January 19th 2013 in case they are not processed in time. Instead please bring anything outstanding to the show and it will be dealt with at the office.

Timetable Please find a copy of the timetable on our events page. Read this carefully as not all classes run in numerical order as they were in the Schedule. This has been done for competitors to help minimize class clashes. The starting times in this timetable are final and will only be changed if a ring is running late.

Classes will not be held up nor will they commence ahead of scheduled time. By the same token we do not expect any horse to be in two places at the same time, but we cannot be held responsible for Handler/Rider clashes. Marshaling is 15 minutes prior to each class, it is your responsibility to make sure that you are in time for your Marshaling call.

No exhibitors will be permitted to enter the ring once the Marshall has closed the ring, (handed the ring card over to the steward), however horses which are marked as presented but delayed in another class may be allowed in to the ring at the discretion of the Ring Steward. Every effort will be made to avoid timetable clashes but the Committee accepts no responsibility.

Finals Night - Purebred Halter: Horses entered in Classes 63 - 66 & 80 - 88 are not required to compete in a heat and will only be required to attend for the judging of their class as scheduled on Finals Night.

Arabian Derivative Halter Champion of Champions: There will be no preliminary judging on Thursday; all Champions will be required to attend on Saturday evening for judging of Champion of Champions.

Arabian/Arabian Derivative Saddle Champion of Champions Purebred Arabians under saddle, Arabian Derivative under saddle, Bridle Path Hack and Show Hunter will have Preliminary judging on Friday. Final judging will take place Friday Finals Night as scheduled.

Exhibitors Meeting There will be a meeting and briefing in the indoor arena at approximately 1.00pm on Saturday for all exhibitors competing on Finals night.

Indoor Arena The Indoor Arena will be open for competitors to exercise their horses (no lunging) on Wednesday 7th February between 8am and 7pm for all competitors. Other than these times, the indoor arena will not be open for exercising horses.

Stabling All stables will be locked and you will need to have your stable opened upon your arrival by our Stable Monitor, Phil, who will be in the vicinity of the stable area. Should you be unable to locate Phil upon arrival or if you are arriving late at night, you can contact him on **0424 533 876**. We request that exhibitors make an effort to arrive before 9pm or after 6.00 am.

Stabling allocations can be found at our events page.

It is imperative that you bring your own water and feed buckets and ensure that your horse has adequate amounts of water when left in a stable.

Stables do not have any bedding provided unless you ordered same at the time of entry. Should you require extra bedding a limited amount of shavings will be available for **\$25.00 per bag** (incl. GST). Please contact the stable monitor upon your arrival at the showground's to arrange any extra bedding you require.

Stable occupation time is from 5pm to 5pm, therefore a Thursday stable starts at 5pm Wednesday evening and **MUST** be vacated by 5pm Thursday evening as someone else may have paid to use that stable from 5pm Thursday onwards. Our Stable Monitor and Horsley Park officials will be doing regular checks on the stables.

No wheelbarrows or forks to clean out stables are provided so you must bring your own. We also advise you to bring a broom. Please do **NOT** alter or damage the stables or put nails or staples in the walls of them - please leave them in the same condition in which they were found. Should any stable be damaged in anyway, you will be responsible for any repair costs incurred.

Stable Cancellation Please advise either by phone on 0408 232 162 or email to secretary@nswarabian.org.au, if you are not going to be needing any or all of your stables. All cancellations received by Monday 21 January 2013 will receive a refund of stable fees and bonds, less a \$10.00 administration fee. There will be no refund of stables after Monday 21st January 2013.

Stable Bonds: When vacating your stable, you are to **clean out all waste completely including all bedding**. After your stable has been passed by the Stable Monitors, you will be given a Stable Bond slip which will allow you to reclaim your Stable Bond from the Show Office. If the Show Office is unattended, you can post your Stable Bond slip to the Association at PO Box 125, Richmond NSW 2753 after the show and your Bond will be refunded as soon as possible. The area outside and around your stables must also be left in a clean and tidy condition.

Please note that any stable occupied by a horse or tack overnight will be charged to the allocated occupant. If your stable is to be left unoccupied overnight, please have the stable monitor lock it so that it is not used in your absence. NSWAHA is charged by SIEC if a box is deemed "occupied" and this cost will be passed on to you.

Camping & Cabins Our Stable Monitor and SIEC officials will be doing regular checks on the camp sites and cabins to ensure you are in the correct site, and that only those that have paid for and been allocated sites or cabins are using them. Anyone found to be using a site or cabin that has not been paid for or allocated to them will be evicted from the Centre. Please ensure that you leave cabins clean and tidy ie. Any mud off floor, etc. or a \$10.00 cleaning fee may be incurred.

Cabin / Camping allocations will be found on the events page.

All cabin keys must be returned to the Stable Monitor or Office on your departure. Failure to do so means that SIEC will charge NSWAHA for the cabins use and this cost will be passed on to you

Show Office The Show Office will be located in the demountable building on the concrete slab opposite the Mess Hall this year, not in the Indoor Arena as in previous years. Show Catalogues may be collected from the show office with Exhibit Numbers. Any additional catalogues will be for sale at a cost of \$25.00 (including GST). Office times will be:-

Wednesday	1pm - 5pm
Thursday	7am - 12pm and 2 - 5pm

Friday	7am - 12pm and 2 - 5pm
Saturday	7am - 12pm

Any outstanding requirements as per these Exhibitor Notes must be rectified at the time of collecting your exhibit numbers, otherwise exhibit numbers will not be handed out until all entries are in order.

Finals Night Entry to the Indoor Arena on Saturday evening will only be permitted upon presentation of the appropriate Wristband. Finals tickets can be purchased from the show office during the show or at the gate on the night. Tickets will be \$15.00 per Adult or \$10.00 per Child 5-12 years (Children under 5 years admitted for free). Friday evening Saddle Finals will be no charge for entry.

No table/dinner tickets will be sold on the night. The person who booked the table can pick up the wristbands for all their guests at the show and ensure all their guests have received their wristbands prior to Saturday evening. We ask that all people with dinner seats be wearing the wristbands upon arrival at the showground to save any confusion or embarrassment.

Show Rules The Show will be conducted under the rules of the 2012 Arabian Horse Society of Australia Limited (AHSA) Rule Book. Copies of this rule book are available from the show office.

Any form of cruelty, whip abuse or horses presented with whip marks will find owners/handlers excused from their respective classes and an appropriate penalty will be determined at a hearing by the Committee.

Failure to comply with the rules and regulations of The Sydney International Equestrian Centre could lead to being expelled from the grounds and possibly penalised by the NSW Arabian Horse Association.

Failure to comply with these rules may also jeopardise the future of any horse shows to be held at this venue. Please use common sense and be considerate of others. If caught littering, you may find yourself with a \$100 on the spot fine.

Stealing is a chargeable offence and anybody caught stealing **will be charged**, removed from the grounds and suspended from any show run by the NSW Arabian Horse Association Inc for a period to be determined by the committee.

Please do not tie horses to the mesh of the stables or surrounding railings on the grounds, there is a tie up ring located inside each stable. There will be continual patrols by the security officers of the grounds and anybody found to be in breach of regulations may find themselves evicted from the grounds.

Washbays All manure your horse deposits on the wash bays must be collected immediately. Hoses are available in the wash bays, however, any damage or theft will be noted. As previously stated, there will be regular security patrols and action will be taken by the proper authorities.

Exhibit Numbers Exhibitors not wearing the correct exhibit number as per the catalogue will not be judged.

Measuring: Wednesday evening between 5 & 6pm and Thursday morning between 7 & 8 am. If your horse has not been measured and doesn't have a measuring stamp you will not be able to compete in the their height class.

Insurance Any handler, rider or any person handling a horse whilst attending this event is required to fill out an insurance form and wear the appropriate wrist band. Any handler or rider not wearing a wrist band will be unable to compete in that class.

Marshaling area: There is to be one handler and one groom at any one time in the marshaling area, anyone in the marshaling area must be wearing an insurance armband.

COACHING OR VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS: No coaching, verbal instructions or signals are to be given from the sideline once the horse has entered the ring. Any direction given by the Steward to warn any offending parties that their behaviour is unacceptable must be adhered to; failure to take direction may result in elimination.

IDENTIFICATION OF EXHIBITS: All horses must be able to be identified by their brands (where applicable) and markings in accordance with the Certificate of Registration issued by the Society. Show secretaries and competitors should note that exhibits must comply with individual State and Federal laws regarding livestock identification. *Change of coat colour or adding white markings is prohibited and may result in disqualification.*

Code of Behavior Card System A card system will be used at this year's show to deter types of behavior (Reportable Conduct) wherever occurring on the grounds and at any times during the show including events. "Reportable Conduct" includes types of behavior which are cruel or abusive to horses; including but not limited to inappropriate use of whips, handlers/riders witnessed striking a horse with a whip or other implement whether or not it leaves a mark, chasing horses with plastic or rattles outside the ring, intimidating horses by threatening them with a whip or body language that causes them to run backwards, crouch, buckle at the knees, roll their eyes in fear, etc, yanking, chain abuse and mistreatment of horses, and also other behaviour by competitors and handlers and including but not limited to physical or verbal abuse of any Official, refusal to comply with the direction of any

Official and any behaviour which may bring the show or good horsemanship into disrepute. Show Officials, Committee and Judges will be empowered to show either a Yellow Card or a Red Card to any person on the grounds for any act of Reportable Conduct observed by them or upon evidence given to them. The decision as to whether any act is Reportable Conduct shall be in the absolute discretion of the Official showing the card. A Yellow Card is a first and only warning. Any person who infringes after having already received a Yellow Card at any time during the show shall be shown a Red Card whereupon they shall immediately be disqualified from the show and for all events for which they may have entered and shall forthwith be ejected from the grounds. The penalties applicable for the showing of a Red Card shall be in addition to any action the NSW AHA Inc may take subsequently in respect of Reportable Conduct. Any Official who shows either a Yellow Card or a Red Card shall, as soon as is practicable thereafter, report the issue of such Card to the Committee giving particulars of the Reportable Conduct and the person to whom the Card was shown.

Where the horse is concerned, Cardable Offences will be specifically but not limited to:

- (1) Any horse who mouths to his handler like a foal does to an older horse; that handler shall have a Red Card and instant dismissal. This is not a normal horse reaction to a human and clearly denotes abuse.
- (2) Any handler who strikes a horse, especially on the front legs, unless the horse has clearly misbehaved and at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee, shall have a Yellow Card.
- (3) If a horse buckles over or retracts their legs in fear, the handler will get a Yellow Card.
- (4) Any handler who delivers a full strength shank or excessively shanks a horse who is already standing still and has been standing still for the last few moments shall receive a Yellow Card. This is to be differentiated from reprimanding a horse who has just clearly misbehaved, i.e. won't stand still at all, is striking out etc.
- (5) If a horse makes a half rear at his handler with ears back and front legs extended forwards towards his handler, that handler will receive a Yellow Card. No horse does this without provocation. It is clearly differentiated from a vertical rear where the horse has his knees tucked, his ears forward and is just standing up in natural exuberance.
- (6) If a horse takes more than three (3) steps back from his handler at speed when the handler attempts to "pose" the horse, that handler will receive a Yellow Card. The Judge and Stewards and Official's discretion and decision will be final.

Photographers Our invited photographers for our 2013 East Coast Championships are Suz of SWD images and Kristin of Horseography. We request that any other photographers who would like to attend our show please apply for a media pass by emailing our Secretary (secretary@nswarabian.org.au) and advising the purpose for attending, which classes you would like to photograph and what publications (if any) you will be submitting your photos to. Your application will then be forwarded to the committee for a decision as to whether a media pass will be issued or declined. Please understand the Committee has chosen to proceed in this manner to ensure that our invited photographers, who have been reliable and loyal sponsors of the Association for the past few years, can make the most out of their time and dedication to covering our events. We thank you for your understanding and look forward to your co-operation.

General Rules Enforced by SIEC

Horses are **NOT** to be worked, lunged or walked in any areas other than the round yards or nominated warm-up arenas. This is to be **STRICTLY** adhered to. There are many covenants on the land and riding is strictly prohibited anywhere other than stipulated.

You are responsible for your horse and its actions. The show committee and members of the NSW Arabian Horse Association Inc. accept no responsibility for any accident, injury or damage to any spectator, competitor, goods, property, pedestrian or vehicle. There will be constant traffic within the confines of Horsley Park so please exercise due care.

Under no circumstances are dogs allowed in the Stabling area or Indoor/Outdoor arenas. They are NOT allowed in the cabins, or in the Rider's retreat/kitchen areas. All dogs must remain in camping area only and on a leash. Any dog found wandering off a lead or in any area apart from camping areas will be removed along with the owner.

Do **NOT** cook or smoke within the stable compound. This is a safety related issue and strict penalties apply. Fines of up to \$150 on the spot. As this venue has strict rules about smoking, the only designated area is located out the front of the stable complex.

You will note many white flags pegged in the grounds of the complex, please do not park, walk or ride over these as this is the water sprinkling system.

As this is considered a special event in accordance with the RTA & policing bodies, please be advised that there will be police patrols in the local vicinity. You are

responsible for your actions and we advise you to exercise due care if having a drink and driving home.

Do NOT bring any glass bottles or containers on to the grounds. This is a fineable offence of up to \$100 and any broken glass found on the site will lead to the show being cancelled immediately by the Olympic Co-Ordination Authority Group.

Committee Accepts No Responsibility It is the policy of the Committee to see that all due care is taken to protect property but the Committee shall not be liable to any person in case of loss or damage by reason of any defect, accident, negligence or neglect, however arising.

Snake Warning SIEC has issued a warning to please be very aware of snake activity at this year's show. Large numbers of snakes have been sighted on the grounds in the last few weeks so please make sure you shut cabin, caravan and float doors and close tents up well before leaving the camping area. If you spot a snake, please notify a committee member or SIEC staff member as soon as possible.

Hendra Virus At this stage, we have been lucky enough not to have any reported cases of the Hendra Virus in Sydney. As you would all know though, the Virus has been diagnosed and lethal in parts of Queensland and Northern NSW. There are no travel restrictions in place due to the Virus and we do have competitors attending our show from Queensland and Northern NSW. We therefore ask that all horse owners and/or carers be vigilant in keeping a look out for any symptoms of a sick horse. Should any horses appear to become unwell, we ask that a committee member or SIEC staff member be notified **immediately** so appropriate quarantine measures can be imposed until a vet can attend, and hopefully avoid a possible lockdown of the whole showground.

**ONCE AGAIN, THE 2013 COMMITTEE HOPE
YOU HAVE A SUCCESSFUL, SAFE AND
ENJOYABLE SHOW!!!**