

The West Australian Arabian Horse Association Inc.

2022 Rules and Regulations



The West Australian Arabian Horse Association Inc Rules and Regulations, in order of precedence, is governed by:

1. Its Constitution: <http://www.waaha.com.au/resources/WAAHA%20Constitution%202019.pdf>
2. The Arabian Horse Society of Australia's rules (AHSA): <https://www.ahsa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/COMPETITION-RULE-BOOK-January-2022.pdf>
3. Show Rules outlined below
4. Specific show / event rules as outlined in the relevant show program.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES

- a) All exhibitors lodging an entry into any West Australian Arabian Horse Association Inc. (WAAHA) event/s shall accept and be bound by these rules upon entering the event.
- b) Competitors are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules and guidelines listed or referred to in this document. It remains the full responsibility of the owner / handler / rider to comply with the equipment rules and general rules as outlined.
- c) Breach of the rules may entail elimination unless other penalties are stipulated.

ASSOCIATION LIABILITY

The West Australian Arabian Horse Association Inc (WAAHA) or any of its Agents, shall not be liable for any financial loss or damage, physical injury or property damage suffered by any person or animal by reason of any defect, accident, natural disaster, negligence, or neglect however arising.

Entry to the event is done with the exhibitor/participants knowledge that a pandemic named Covid-19 is still active in Australia and neither The Affiliate, The AHSA Ltd. or the Show Committee will be held liable for any Covid-19 related incident that may occur as a result of participation.

All current government restrictions in place at the time of events will be adhered to.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Entries to events are to be submitted via methods listed in the show schedule and must be accompanied by the correct payment and all supporting documents by close of entries.
- Incorrect and/or incomplete entries that have not been finalised by close of entries will not be accepted. Exhibitors will be sent only one email requesting any outstanding documents, monies etc be forwarded to the show committee.
- Exhibitors must include the names of all persons attending the event as a handler, rider or groom on their entry form.
- By lodging an entry, the exhibitor shall be bound by the terms & conditions of the event. The signature on an entry form by an exhibitor shall be deemed to evidence acceptance of same.

REGISTRATION, OWNERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

Arabian Events

Arabian events are those restricted to Arabian, Arabian Derivative or Arabian Performance horses.

- All horses must be registered or Performance Index recorded with the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Limited or be registered in an approved WAHO Studbook with a valid Competition Visa issued by the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Limited. Registration and Recording numbers to be stated for all exhibits on entry forms. Horses may only compete in classes for the section of the registry in which they hold registration.
- The Society does NOT recognise any form of "pending" registration and horses without a registration or recording number must not be exhibited.
- Horses recorded in the Arabian Performance Index are considered to be Arabian Derivatives at all shows except Arabian Affiliate shows or shows where separate classes are provided for them. Horses competing under a Competition Visa shall be eligible to compete in the sections they are eligible for on pedigree.
- Persons exhibiting any horse, Purebred, Derivative or Performance Index, must be the Registered Owner or Lessee as per the Certificate of Registration or Recording.
- Owners or Lessees of any Arabian, any Arabian Derivative or any Performance Index exhibit MUST be current financial members of the AHSA Ltd in order to be eligible to show at an event conducted by AHSA Ltd or any AHSA Ltd Affiliate in classes for Arabian and Arabian bred exhibits.

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- Participants/Riders/Handlers who are not the registered owner of the exhibit (or any horse registered or recorded with The AHSA Ltd) may be AHSA Ltd Participant Members.

Open Events

Open events are those not restricted to Arabian, Arabian Derivative or Arabian Performance horses.

- Participants at open events who are AHSA members must complete the Release and Waiver of Liability form
- Participants who are not a member of AHSA must have adequate Public Liability Insurance through another organisation (eg EA membership) and provide proof of same and complete the Liability Declaration for Day Members form
- Participants who are not members of AHSA and do not have sufficient Public Liability Insurance must complete the Liability Declaration for Day Members and Application for Day Members form and submit the relevant fee of \$12.00 per person per day.

SHOW COMMITTEE

Shall have the power, without assigning any reason to:

- a) Reject or cancel any entry at any time.
- b) Prohibit the participation by any person or exhibit in any event or class for which it is entered.
- c) Cancel, combine or divide any event or class.
- d) Alter the time at which any class or event is to take place.
- e) Order the removal of any exhibit from the Show grounds.
- f) Transfer an exhibit from any class to any other class.
- g) Act upon any report of cruelty to any exhibit on the Showground. Clauses b) and e) above may be invoked.
- h) Enforce the exclusion of any exhibit which has been excused from any class upon the direction of a Judge

MEMBERS RATES

- Only current 2022 Junior, General, Family/Joint and Life members of the WAAHA Inc., whose name appears on the Registration Certificate of an exhibit as the Owner or Lessee, are eligible to enter at WAAHA member's rates.
- Membership fees must be paid before or on the close of entries.
- Non-members of WAAHA competing in Rider/Handler classes must pay non-member rates for those classes regardless of the horse owner's membership status.

CONDUCT

- Competitors and their team shall at all times behave in a proper and respectful manner to Judges, Show Officials and their fellow competitors. Any exhibitor or team member whose conduct is considered to be ill-mannered, aggressive or unsportsmanlike during the judging of an event or anywhere on the grounds may be issued a warning and subsequently dismissed from the class or disqualified from the show and may result in disciplinary action by the Association.
- Once Judging has commenced, the horse shall not be led or ridden in or out of the Ring without the permission of the Judge.
- No horse or rider can participate or perform unofficially or non-competitively.
- Competitors will refrain from smoking, drinking alcohol or taking any substance which impairs their ability to control the exhibit.
- The use of mobile phones whilst competing is prohibited.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

WAAHA as an Affiliate of AHSA follows the AHSA Social Media Code of Conduct -

https://www.ahsa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/AHSA_Social_Media_Code_of_Conduct.pdf

DISPUTES COMMITTEE

Every Show shall have a Ground Jury / Disputes Committee made up of the following:

- One Committee Member.
- The Show Manager and/or Ring Master.
- One Competitor.

No member of this Committee may hear a protest in a Section of the Show in which he/she is exhibiting or competing. The Judge of the Section concerned may be consulted. The decision of the Committee is final and binding.

PROTESTS/COMPLAINTS

Protests/Complaints must be lodged in writing. The following persons may lodge a protest/complaint:

- Competitors or Exhibitors in the disputed Class. The protest/complaint must be lodged within ONE HOUR of the completion of the class.
- In the case of Dressage or classes using the scoring system, protests/complaints must be lodged within ONE HOUR of the scores being posted.
- A contestant competing for a High Point Award at any Show may protest/complain about a class which counts towards this award even though the contestant is not a competitor in the class.

Protests/Complaints must be accompanied by \$100 which shall be refundable if the Protest/Complaint is upheld.

- a) Contestants have the right of protest/complain, through the Ring Steward or Show Manager to any Obstacle, Marker or Surface which in the opinion of 50% or more of the contestants in the class could endanger the horse or rider. Such a protest may be adjudicated by the Disputes Committee.
- b) A Judge's decision, representing his or her individual preference is not protest-able unless it is alleged to be in violation of the Show or AHSA Rules.
- c) Problems arising at a Show involving questions not specifically covered by the Show Rules will be adjudicated by the Show Committee. Any suggestions or queries involving Rules contained in the AHSA Rule Book should be addressed to the Secretary of the Society.

REFUNDS

Refunds after the close of entries will only be considered by the show committee where

- application in writing is made to the committee before the commencement of the event outlining the reasons for withdrawal.
- a valid doctors or veterinarian certificate must accompany the above request for the exhibitor / exhibit in question.

If approved, a refund of 50% of class entry fees will be refunded to the exhibitor.

Non-attendance at an event, an exhibit missing a class or being disqualified are not grounds for a refund.

In the case of an exhibitor being required, by law, to self-isolate or be in quarantine due to COVID-19 risk or exposure, a full refund will be provided upon proof of such legal requirement.

ABUSE OF HORSES, LAMENESS

Any incident wherever on the show ground observed by an Official of the Show which is considered to reflect abuse or a cruel practice to an exhibit by an exhibitor, handler, rider or driver shall be reported to the Management and may result in immediate disqualification of it or him from all events in which the exhibit, exhibitor, handler, rider or driver is entered as well as the forfeiting of all prize monies gained.

Horses exhibiting any sign of serious lameness in the opinion of the Judge and/or organising committee will be excused from the class and take no further part in competition for the remainder of the day.

STALLIONS

At all WAAHA events, exhibitors, handlers and riders of stallions will be required to abide by the rules set out in the EA Stallion Safe Practice Rules & Regulations Policy -

https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA_Stallion_Safe_Practice_Policy_15062018_0.pdf

Whilst it may not always be possible for green stallion discs to be attached to some in-hand cable halters, it is strongly recommended they be worn in all halter classes.

All stallions will be issued with a green exhibit number which must be worn by the handler / rider in all classes.

SWABBING

Swabbing may take place at any WAAHA event and will be conducted as per the AHSA Medication & Testing Policy and Rules - <https://www.ahsa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/AHSA-Drug-Testing-Control-System-2020.pdf>

APPROVED SAFETY HELMET

Any person mounted on a horse is required to wear an approved safety helmet with the retaining harness secured and fastened at all times, in ANY class. Protective headgear must conform with current standards as per Equestrian Australia General Regulations at rule 122.2.

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EXHIBIT NUMBERS

Where entries have been allocated an exhibit number, the exhibit or handler/rider/driver must display the correct exhibit number at all times in each event unless otherwise permitted by a show official.

HEIGHT CERTIFICATES

Current Annual or Life Height Certificates are required for all classes listed with heights, excluding horses two years and under – where-by expected mature height is to be considered. A copy of the height certificate must be provided with the show entries where applicable

VENUE RULES

Competitors are required to follow any rules and regulations that are specific to the venue of a WAAHA event. Such rules and regulations will be listed in the relevant show program.

STATE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

All exhibitors, riders, handlers, grooms and persons attending events held at the SEC are to abide by the SEC's General Conditions Of Use - <https://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/sec/general-conditions-of-use>

- All exhibitors will pay a \$7.50 per horse / per day Facility Levy with their entries.
- Exhibitors who are Non-EWA members will also pay a \$20 per horse / per day Ground Service Fee
- Stables, camping and yards are to be booked directly through the SEC - <https://sec.intrac.com.au/sports/book.cfm?location=13&stable=1>

CLASS RULES

Please refer to the AHSA Rulebook for all class rules not outlined below.

NON-PRO CLASSES See AHSA Rule 16 for the full definition of a Non-Pro

Open to competitors of any age. Competitors competing in Non-Pro classes must complete a Non-Pro Declaration form at each event they attend to declare their Non-Pro status.

YOUTH CLASSES See AHSA Rule 19 for full definition

- Handler classes - Are open to all competitors aged four to seventeen years.
- Ridden classes - Are open to all competitors aged five to seventeen years.

Due to the Youth of the Year award, the youth's age will be taken from the 1st January in the year of competition.

Birth certificates will be required for proof of age.

LEADLINE CLASSES See AHSA Rule 19.2 for full details

Riders must be three to seven years old. Handler must be 18 years or older. Leadline riders cannot compete in any other ridden classes.

DRESSAGE

Will be run in accordance with the current EA Dressage Rules <https://www.equestrian.org.au/Dressage-rules>

NEWCOMER CLASSES

A newcomer is a horse that has not competed under saddle (with the exception of Racing/Endurance) in any State/Territory before the date stipulated in the relevant show program.

- The horse must be ridden in a snaffle bit
- A Pony that has only competed in Leading Rein and has NOT competed off the lead is eligible to be considered a Newcomer.

YOUNG SADDLE HORSE CLASSES

For horses aged 3, 4 or 5 years old. Horses must be ridden in a snaffle bit.

DUAL REGISTERED

Horses competing in Dual Registered classes must be registered with AHSA and another recognised Breed or established Colour Society. Proof of second registration must be provided with show entries where applicable.

SHOWHORSE CLASS (Held at WA Arabian Championships)

Horses may be presented as either a show hack or show hunter.

The class will be judged 1/3 Presentation, 1/3 Conformation and 1/3 Paces and Manners and horses will be scored out of 10 points per section. In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest score for presentation will be the winner.

WEST COAST CUP

For registered Arabian and Arabian Derivatives.

Horses and riders must be presented in English show hack attire including English saddle and bridle, gloves and the horse to be plaited. Spurs and hacking canes are optional. Dressage whips are not permitted.

Riders may ride a maximum of 2 horses in each class however, all horses must be presented in the ring with a suitably attired rider or handler for presentations.

The top 5 will be selected by the judge/s. The Runner-up and Winner will then be selected from the Top 5 and presented with their awards.

The top five will receive prizemoney.

Judging criteria

Horses will enter the arena and complete a set workout individually. At the completion of the workouts, all horses will enter the arena for presentations.

Horses will be scored out of 100 with 0 - 10 points being awarded as follows;

- Quality of walk
- Quality of trot
- Quality of lengthened trot
- Quality of canter
- Quality of lengthened canter
- Quality of halt
- Transitions
- Conformation and quality as a show hack
- Presentation as a show hack
- Harmony of horse and rider and overall impression

In the event of a tied score, the horse with the highest score for Harmony of horse and rider and overall impression will be the winner.

THE ULTIMATE ARABIAN

Judged at the All Arabian Show. Open to all Purebred Arabians and Arabian Derivatives.

Qualification

A horse must compete and place in their breed halter and breed ridden classes to qualify to compete in the Ultimate class. A breed class is a mare, stallion or gelding class that is not restricted by handler or rider age or status.

Judging

The class is conducted in two parts.

- Part 1 - Exhibits are presented to the judge(s) under saddle where a ridden workout is completed and each exhibit is given a score out of 10 (one being the lowest score and ten being the highest).
- Part 2 - Exhibits are presented to the judge(s) in halter and each exhibit is given a score out of 10 (one being the lowest score and ten being the highest).

Scoring

The led and ridden parts of the class are each worth 50%. The points from both parts of the class are combined and the highest score wins. Ties are split by the higher halter score.

Judges

One or two judges may be used. If one judge is used (one judge for Part A and one judge for Part B) the score is out of 20, and if two are used (both judge Part A and Part B) the score is out of 40.

Handler/Rider

There must only be one rider and one handler per horse. These may be the same person, or two people. There should be no more than two individuals in the ring at any one time.

Presentation of winner

Horses to be saddled at the completion of the class for presentations.

Places awarded will be gold, silver and bronze for first, second and third respectively.

There is no restriction on the number of times an exhibit can win this class, providing that it enters and contests the class in accordance with the rules.

Committee reserves the right to modify the way this class is judged on the day if the situation dictates.

ANNUAL AWARDS

THE KADOVA FAVOURY TROPHY

Open to all Purebred Arabians, WAAHA Members and Non-members.

Competition runs from January 1 to December 31 each year. Nominations are not required.

ELIGIBLE SHOWS - WA Arabian Championships, Arabian Showcase, Perth Royal Show and the All Arabian Show

Points will be allocated as follows:

Arabian Showcase, Perth Royal Show and the All Arabian Show and can only be gained in halter breed (Handler, Head, Trot, youth, Non-Por etc. classes are excluded)

1st - 3 points, 2nd - 2 points, 3rd - 1 point

Champion - 6 points plus 1 point for each class winner beaten

Reserve Champion - 3 points plus 1 point for each class winner beaten

Supreme - 3 points plus 1 point for each Champion beaten

WA Arabian Championships

Champion - 10 points plus 1 point for the Reserve beaten plus 1 point for each Finalist beaten (up to 8)

Reserve Champion - 6 points plus 1 point for each Finalist beaten (up to 8)

Finalist - 3 points each

6 extra points awarded for Champion of Champions of the Day

6 extra points awarded for Champion of Champions of the Show

In the event of a tied result, a Supreme Champion win will decide the winner.

If the score is still tied then the horse with the greatest number of Champions wins.

If the score is still tied then the horse who has beaten the greater number of horses in each of the above wins.

The W.A.A.H.A. Committee cannot change the point scoring system without approval from Michele Ormsby.

Michele is invited to present her trophy at the All Arabian Show as this is the last show of the calendar year.

The Committee purchases a smaller trophy which is presented to the winner on the day.

The Kadova Favoury Trophy is taken from the display case at the State Equestrian Centre to be presented to the winner (for photos) and then returned to the display case where it will remain. It will only be removed for updating as required.

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AUTHORISED: Signed by Michele Ormsby DATE: 20.6.05

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WAAHA HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Purebred Halter Horse of the Year

Colt / Stallion

Mare / Filly

Gelding

Arabian Derivative Halter Horse of the Year

Colt / Stallion

Mare / Filly

Gelding

Purebred Ridden Horse of the Year

Colt / Stallion

Mare / Filly

Gelding

Arabian Derivative Ridden Horse of the Year

Colt / Stallion

Mare / Filly

Gelding

Arabian Performance Index

Halter

Ridden

Breeder of the Year

Non-Pro of the Year

Youth of the Year

Dressage Horse of the Year

Competition runs from 1st January to 31st December each year. Nominations are not required. Perpetual trophies are awarded annually at the AGM. All trophies must remain in WA and are to be returned at or before the All Arabian Show each year.

Points can be gained at the WA Arabian Championships, Arabian Showcase / Ridden Horse of the Year, Perth Royal Show and the All Arabian Show.

In the event that less than 2 of the above-mentioned shows are held in a year, the committee reserves the right to not award any Horse of the Year Awards.

In the event of a tie, the WA Arabian Championships will be the deciding event. If this does not split the tie, the horse that beat the higher number of competitors in their classes throughout the year will be the winner.

Halter and Ridden Horse of the Year Awards

The horse owner must be a current financial member of WAAHA at the time the points are accrued for points to be counted.

Breeder of the Year Award

Points will be awarded to each breeder as per the breeder's name listed on the horses AHSA registration papers. The horse breeder, or in the event of the horse having multiple persons listed as breeder, at least one person listed as the breeder must be current financial member of WAAHA at the time the points are accrued for points to be counted.

Eligible classes for Horse and Breeder of the Year Awards

Points can only be gained in breed halter and breed ridden classes. (Handler, Head, Trot, Height, weight, ladies/gents, youth and open pleasure, bridlepath, costume etc. classes are excluded)

When ridden classes are only divided by height at a particular show, the points shall be awarded to the different sexes based on their placing within the class. (eg. if a mare places first in a height class the points earned for first place will count towards the ridden mare trophy)

Points are collated and the trophies awarded to the highest points scorer from the above shows, as follows:

Arabian Showcase (halter classes), Perth Royal Show and the All Arabian Show
1st – 6 points, 2nd – 5 points, 3rd – 4 points, 4th – 3 points, 5th - 2 points, 6th – 1 point
Champion – 4 points
Reserve Champion – 2 points
Supreme Champion – 1 point
Champion of Champions – 1 point

Ridden Horse of the Year Classes

Points will be awarded in the Show Horse and Show Hunter classes as follows:
Gold - 6 points, Silver - 5 points, Bronze - 4 points, Finalist - 3 points

WA Arabian Championships

Champion - 8 points, Reserve Champion - 6 points, Finalist - 3 points

NON-PROFESSIONAL OWNER OF THE YEAR

Points as outlined above can be gained in the following classes at the above-mentioned events where Non-Pro classes are offered

Shown by a Non-Pro

Non-Pro Handler

Ridden by a Non-Pro

Non-Pro Rider

Where a Non-Professional shows more than one horse, points will only be counted in each section of classes once (eg. Where a Non-Pro shows a horse in the Purebred Shown by a Non-Pro and Derivative Shown by a Non-Pro classes, only the highest set of points will count)

The Non-Professional handler / rider must be a current financial member of WAAHA at the time the points are accrued for points to be counted.

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Points as outlined above can be gained in the following classes at the above-mentioned events where Youth classes are offered

Shown by a Youth

Youth Handler

Ridden by a Youth

Youth Rider

Where a Youth shows more than one horse, points will only be counted in each section of classes once (eg. Where a Youth shows a horse in the Purebred Shown by a Youth and Derivative Shown by a Youth classes, only the highest set of points will count). The youth rider / handler must be a current financial member of WAAHA at the time the points are accrued for points to be counted.

DRESSAGE HORSE OF THE YEAR

The award is open to all Purebred Arabians, Arabian Derivatives and API horses.

Points can be gained at any dressage event held by WAAHA throughout the year.

If any event is held in conjunction with a specific Arabian show (eg All Arabian or WA Arabian Championships) the horse will earn points as per its placing in the Arabian, Derivative or API classes, not its overall placing in the "open" class.

Points will be awarded as follows according to the horses placing in each test.

1st – 6 points, 2nd – 5 points, 3rd – 4 points, 4th – 3 points, 5th - 2 points, 6th – 1 point

In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest percentage at the WA Arabian Championships will be the winner.

Points will be on a horse / rider basis. The rider must be a current financial member of WAAHA at the time the points are accrued for points to be counted.

The WAAHA Committee reserve the right as per the WAAHA Constitution to update show rules at any time.