

Katherine and District Show Society

Equestrian Rules

1) General Equestrian Rules

- 1. The event shall be run in accordance with the Katherine & District Show Society (KDSS) Rules and Regulations, these rules can be found on the KDSS website: www.katherineshow.org.au/all-equestrian-rules
- 2. All Equestrian competitions shall be run in accordance with each discipline's relevant national rules and regulations; including but not limited to:
 - a) Equestrian Australia <https://www.equestrian.org.au/rules>
 - b) Pony Club Australia
<https://ponynt.omnisportsmanagement.com/en-us/policies.aspx>
 - c) Australian Stock Horse Society
<https://ashs.com.au/media/2328/eventshandbookwebversionmar2021v5-compressed.pdf>
- 3. Neither the Katherine & District Show Society (KDSS), Equestrian Australia (EA), Show Horse Council, Pony Club Australia nor Australian Stock Horse Society accepts any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, equipment, and spectators or any other person or property whatsoever during the Katherine Show period.
- 4. Entry to this event is voluntary and shall constitute an agreement and affirmation by the Exhibitor(s)/Owner(s)/Responsible Officer which includes Lessee's (Manager/Rider/Handler) to compete, subject to and in accordance with the All Competition Rules and Regulations. By Entry it is the Absolute Liability of all participants to agree to be bound by the decisions of the Katherine & District Show Society Committee and compete in accordance with all Rules and Conditions and decisions made applicable to the competition.
- 5. All Equestrian Events at the Katherine Show are pre-nomination ONLY, these nominations must be completed by the closing date advertised in the program. There will be no tickets available for purchase before or during the show. All events are available online to enter via the show society's website: katherineshow.org.au No late entries will be accepted.
- 6. All riders under 18 years must wear approved safety helmets whilst mounted. This includes warm up and stable areas. Approved headgear is listed under Equestrian Australian website:
<https://www.equestrian.org.au/contant/current-approved-safety-standards-helmets>.

- 7. Stallions must be handled and ridden by persons 18 years or over while on the grounds.
- 8. Horses are not permitted beyond the stallion stalls or in the Sideshow Alley, at the risk of disqualification from all events. This is to ensure the safety of the horses as well as the spectators at the show.
- 9. Protests must be lodged with the Show Officer or Ringmasters, in writing, within one hour of the conclusion of the event from which the protest arises, together with a \$20 fee, refundable if the protest is upheld.
- 10. The Judge or Ringmasters have the right to request that any competitor/handler be removed from the competition for bad conduct.
- 11. The Judge or Ringmasters or nominated show veterinarian may request that any lame, injured, diseased, unruly or stressed horse be removed from the competition or the grounds at any time.
- 12. The KDSS Dispute Committee reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions and shall make any relevant decision in regarding to or arising from any incident at or pertaining to this show. Any questions not covered in the conditions or rules of entry will be decided by the Dispute Committee.
- 13. Streptococcus equi (Strangles) infection is a common flu like disease of horses in Australia. During 1999 & 2000 there were cases detected in Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs and outlying areas. It is all owners' responsibility to ensure that all horses are fully vaccinated prior to attending the show.
- 14. Acts of cruelty while competing, or at the Show that breach the KDSS Animal Welfare Policy shall be acted upon by the Dispute Committee or Ringmasters (their decision is final). The Animal Welfare Policy is available from www.katherineshow.org.au or by contacting the show office.
- 15. The KDSS Committee has the right to change any Judge or class in the Program at any time without notice.
- 16. No competitor may approach a Judge without prior approval from a Ringmaster.
- 17. Competitors shall not enter or leave the Ring when judging has commenced without permission from the Judge or Ringmaster.
- 18. Competitors and Exhibitors must be respectful to Judges, Officials and fellow competitors at all times and abide by the Rules and Regulations in all competitions throughout the show.
- 19. Horses must enter events through the Marshalling Area gate only. Entry from exit gates may result in disqualification from the class.
- 20. Classes will be called twice only. Rings will be held only on the Ringmaster's decision.

- 21. Proof of KDSS membership or two-day Advantage Pass must be produced before entering the Ring for each event or entry may be denied, this is in the form of coloured wrist straps issued by the KDSS and must be worn on the wrist
- 22. Proof may be required to verify the age, height, breed, registration of horse or age of rider. Proof of current EA or ASH registration may be requested by the Judge or Ringmaster. Failure to provide proof in a timely manner may result in elimination from that class.
- 23. Where applicable on entry forms EA, ASH or PCANT registration numbers and registered owner/rider names and numbers are to be provided. Failure to provide these numbers may result in entry being denied.
- 24. No lunging of horses in the marshalling yard or sand roll area adjacent to the wash bay is permitted.
- 25. All equestrian exhibits 2 years of age and over competing in led classes must have a bit in their mouth. Appaloosa, Quarter Horse, and Paints must be shown in a halter in their respective breed classes. Arab, Arab Derivative and Miniatures as per their respective rules and regulations may compete in either a halter or bridle with bit.
- 26. Alcohol is permitted within the KDSS equestrian campgrounds. Alcohol cannot be consumed in the marshalling areas, horse stable areas or on the main arena.
- 27. Any injuries must be reported to the Show Officer or Ringmasters Immediately. The KDSS-FM 05 Accident, Incident, Near Miss Report and Investigation must be completed at the direction of the Show Officer or nominated representative. Any damaged equipment or resulting hazard from an accident must be removed from competition and/or isolated from public access. This can include a person(s) directing the public away from the area until the Show Officer can be contacted.
- 28. It is the discretion of the committee to refuse any competitor the chance to compete if it is thought that they may be under the influence of either drugs or alcohol. Any person suspected may be required to undertake a test. Competitors must return a 0-blood alcohol level or negative drug test. No refund to be given if under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

2) Attire & Helmets

- 1. All attire, including helmets, must adhere to the relevant rules for the discipline being competed in.
- 2. Attire for handlers must be clean, tidy and suitable for competition.
- 3. All riders under 18 years must wear approved safety helmets at all times whilst mounted. This includes warm up and exercise areas.

- 4. In show Ring classes (Led, Rider, Hack and Pony Club Classes) riders under 18 years of age are not permitted to wear long boots or gaiters/chapettes.

3) Australian Stock Horse (ASH) Rules

All Equestrian Rules (Above) apply in addition to the following:

- 2. Champion ASH Rider and Champion ASH Hack are eligible for Supreme Rider and Supreme Hack of the Show. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure they are on time for the judging of the Supremes in the Main Arena.
- 3. These classes are run under ASH rules and regulations www.ashs.com.au.
- 4. Stallions: Refer to rule 10 under all Equestrian Rules.
- 5. English attire may be worn in all Classes except Working Stock Horse Classes.
- 6. All horses must be registered with the ASH Society unless otherwise stated; proof of registration must be produced if requested.
- 7. All riders must be current financial members of ASH; proof of membership must be produced if requested.
- 8. Riders under 18 years of age must wear an approved riding helmet at all times whilst mounted. Failure to do so will result in the competitor not being allowed to enter the arena.
- 9. Attire: Sports coat or jacket; stockmen's fawn trousers or jodhpurs; Black or Tan riding boots; ASH tie; long sleeved collared shirt.
- 10. Equipment: Australian Stock saddle; ASH saddle cloth or one similar; singled reined leather bridle; snaffle bit; spurs optional.

NT ASH Bred Award: Points for this award will be taken at the highest aggregate from the Led, Hack and Working section of the ASH Show. Riders will need to indicate on the nomination form the Led, Hack and Working class they would like to compete for this award. Horses can be any age but must be owned and ridden by financial ASH members and the horse must be foaled within the NT borders. Champion 7 points, Reserve Champion 6 points, 1st 5 points, 2nd 4 points, 3rd 3 points, 4th 2 points and 5th 1 point. Must nominate via form on Show website.

4) Dressage Rules

All Equestrian Rules (Above) apply in addition to the following:

- 2. The Restricted Competition and Official Competitive Competition will be run under the current National Equestrian Australia (EA) Dressage Rules which can be found on their website: www.equestrian.org.au/Dressage-rules
- 3. Entries close in accordance with the KDSS advertised closing date. No late entries will be accepted.

- 4. No person other than the nominated rider can ride a horse on the day, except a groom riding the horse at the walk on a long rein, elimination will result. Only one rider per horse per day is permitted.
- 5. The Draw will be available on the KDSS website and will be sent to competitors email addresses, advertised on our FB page and posted on the notice board prior to competition. Please ensure you have your own copy of the draw with you as copies will not be available on the day.
- 6. To compete in any Official Competitive dressage classes Horse and Rider must be current financial members of EA. The EA registration number for the horse and rider must be noted on the entry form. If EA membership is not valid at the time of the draw, entry to the Official Competitive Dressage classes may be denied. Only Horses and Riders competing in the Official Competitive Dressage Events need to supply EA Numbers.
- 7. All horses and ponies competing in the Official Competitive Dressage must display their EA number on either the Bridle or Saddlecloth on both sides of the horse.
- 8. Restricted Classes are open to all riders who are current financial members of the KDSS.
- 9. Riders wishing to ride Hors Concours (HC) must indicate this on the entry form. No HC will be accepted on the day.
- 10. A horse may only compete in two (2) consecutive levels on one day, e.g. A horse may compete in Preliminary and Novice or Novice and Elementary, Not Preliminary and Elementary.
- 11. Horses may only compete in 2 official tests per day as per new EA rule coming into effect July 2022.
- 12. The age of riders for dressage is the relevant age on the first day of competition.
- 13. Junior riders are classified as riders who are under the age of 16 years old on the date of competition. Senior riders are 16 years and over on the date of competition.
- 14. The Pam Crellin Memorial Trophy will be presented to the rider with the highest score at Elementary level and above in any Official or Associate class. However, to qualify at Elementary level, the score has to be 65% or above. At Medium, Advanced and Prix St George levels, the score has to be 55% or above.
- 15. There will be highest percentage awards for each level of dressage, including both Official and Associate scores as well as a highest percentage district test awarded at the Dressage presentation.
- 16. Please note new EA rules come into effect 1st July 2022, Most notably whiskers may not be shaved, helmets to be tagged and hooves may not be blackened.

5) Led Classes

- 1. Any Other Registered Breed Class: This class is for any Horse or Pony that is registered with a breed association that is not already included in the Katherine Show program. Horses must be registered with this breed association; proof of registration may be requested by the Ringmaster or Judge. Failure to provide proof can lead to elimination from the class.
- 2. Any unregistered horse or pony class: This is for any Horse or Pony who is not registered with a breed association (not including EA registration). Proof of the horse or pony not being registered may be requested by the Ringmaster or Judge. Failure to provide proof can lead to elimination from the class.
- 3. Territory Bred Class: This class is for any Horse or Pony that was born in the Northern Territory. Proof of this can be requested by the Ringmaster or Judge. Failure to provide proof can lead to elimination from the class. Sire and Dam are not required to have been born in the NT.
- 4. District Led Class: This class is for any Horse that has resided in the Katherine region for the 12 months prior to the Katherine Show (Please see Rules and Regulations for the definition of the Katherine Region). For District led classes only, the handler is not required to be a district handler.
- 5. All horses that have received a first place are eligible for Champion in their respective sex classes. The Champion of each sex then goes on to compete for Supreme Exhibit, this includes the ASH led horse from Wednesday.

6) Rider & Hack Classes

- 1, Novice: To qualify as a Novice Rider or Hack, the Rider or Hack must not have won a first place or a broad sash award in the respective age or height class at any show or Gymkhana previously.
- 2. Best Novice Rider: This award is for the best Novice Rider of the Katherine Show. After the judging of the Novice Rider classes the judging of the Best Novice Rider will commence in Ring 1. Only first places from the Novice rider classes are eligible for this award. The winner will receive a broad sash and a trophy.
- 3. Best Novice Hack: This award is for the best Novice Hack of the Katherine Show. After the judging of the Novice Hack, Galloway and Pony the judging of the Best Novice Exhibit will commence. Only first places from the Novice Pony, Galloway and Hack are eligible for this award. The winner will receive a broad sash and a trophy.

- 4. Registered EA Rider and Hack: To enter the registered EA rider class or Registered EA Hack class, the Rider must be a current financial member of EA and the horse must have a current EA registration.
- 5. District Rider and Hack: This class is for a Rider and Horse combination that has resided in the Katherine region for the past 12 months prior to the Show. Please see rules and regulations around the definition of the Katherine Region.
- 6. Specialty Hack Classes: If horses are entered in the specialty hack classes, run at the beginning of the rider events, then the horse must be registered in the appropriate association in relation to the class. For example, if you wish to enter into the Ridden Thoroughbred your horse must be a registered thoroughbred. Ridden Stallion and Ridden Heavy Horse do not require any breed registrations.
- 7. Pony Club Rider & Pony Club Mount Classes – These classes will be judged under Pony Club Rules. Riders can be in Pony Club attire and are required to ride with no whips, spurs or drop nose bands. The judging will be based on the suitability of the rider and horse for pony club. People wishing to nominate for these classes must be a current financial member of a Pony Club and have their membership number included on their entry forms.

g) Show Jumping

- 1. The Open Show Jumping held during the Katherine Show will be run under the current EA National Show Jumping Rules which can be found on the EA website: www.equestrian.org.au/jumping-rules
- 2. The Pony Club Show Jumping held during the Katherine Show will be run under the Current National Pony Club Rules.
- 3. Competitors wishing to compete in both the Pony Club Show Jumping and Open Show Jumping on the Thursday afternoon cannot nominate for both open and pony club classes within the same height class. For example, exhibitors cannot jump in Pony Club E Grade and open 45cm, they can however enter in the Pony Club E Grade and open 60cm classes or they could also jump in Open 45cm and Pony Club D grade but not Pony Club E Grade and Open 45cm.
- 4. Champion Showjumper Award: The Champion Showjumper award will be awarded for both Junior and Senior riders. The awards will be awarded at the conclusion at the conclusion of the Show Jumping on Saturday. Only Open Show Jumping Classes on Friday and Saturday count towards this award. (Not classes held on Thursday). Junior riders are classified as riders who are under the age of 16 years on the date of competition. Senior riders are 16 years and over on the date of competition

h) Novelties

- 1. These events are run under the Rules and Regulations of the Pony Club Association of the NT, including saddlery rules.
- **2. All riders** must wear approved helmets while mounted including adults.
- 3. Rules for Novelty Events will be on the notice board. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure they are familiar with these rules. Failure to comply with these rules will result in elimination.
- 4. All events are individually timed classes they will run on Saturday; see Equestrian Ring Program. Riders may compete at any time, just give their name and age group competing. This will determine final placings in each event.
- 5. No practice runs allowed.
- 6. Presentation will be held on Saturday; see Equestrian Ring Program.

i) Entries

- 1. All Equestrian events will be pre-nominated. No tickets will be available to purchase before or during the show.
- 2. All Equestrian entries close on Sunday the 3rd July 2022. No late entries will be accepted.
- 3. Entries for led, rider, hack and novelties can be made via our online nomination system (go to www.katherineshow.org.au and create your account) or by requesting assistance through the Show office.

Entries for Dressage and show jumping can be made via Nominate nomination system

j) Withdrawals and refunds

1. Prior to entries closing: Any riders wishing to withdraw from the show prior to entries closing can request a refund to the KDSS committee via email, refunds will be made available at the discretion of the committee.

2. After entries closed, prior to day 1 of the competition: Any riders wishing to withdraw from the show after entries close must provide a veterinary certificate or medical certificate to confirm they are unable to compete. Refunds are only available before commencement of the competition.

3. After entries closed on the day of competition: No refund is available after the competition has commenced.

k) EA Measuring:

1. Official EA measuring will be available on the grounds on the Monday of show week, horses are presented unsaddled but in a bridle. All EA registered horses must have their registration paperwork with them otherwise they will be measured as unregistered. The cost for non-registered horses is \$20 per horse. Cost of registered horses is \$10 per horse. Please try and bring the correct amount as changing big notes can be sometimes difficult.

The following standards apply to all measuring days:

- (a) Handler must be 16 years of age or over.
- (b) Horse must be presented in a bridle with a bit.
- (c) Horse must have all boots/bandage/rugs removed prior to measuring.
- (d) Handler must be wearing appropriate, covered footwear (no thongs)
- (e) If the horse is shod, it will be measured if it is fully shod (all 4) or shod in both front feet. Horses with only hind shoes or with a front shoe missing will not be measured.

I) Height Definitions:

- (a) A Pony Hack is up to and including 14hh
- (b) A Galloway Hack must be over 14hh and up to and including 15hh
- (c) A Hack is over 15hh

M) Equestrian Conduct

- 1. Competitors/participants at any event run by the Katherine and District Show Society have a responsibility to ensure the welfare of their horses and at all times treat their horses humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. Participants, handlers or competitors must adhere to the KDSS Animal Welfare Policy. The Judge/Dispute Committee has the right to request that any competitor/handler be removed from the competition for bad conduct. The Judge/Dispute Committee may request that any lame/injured/diseased or stressed horse be removed from the competition or the grounds.
- 2. Competitors/participants are to conduct themselves in a professional manner and act with integrity in all dealings with the Affiliate and other competitors. To uphold the rules and regulations of the Katherine and District Show Society, EA and the AQHA at all times. Competitors/participants are to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, showing respect for your fellow competitors and officials, following the rules to treat people the way you yourself wish to be treated.

N) Katherine District

The Katherine district is north to Hayes Creek, south to Elliott and border to border (QLD/WA), within these parallels, including Lajamanu and Douglas Daly. Junior Riders who are currently attending Boarding Schools (Primary or High Schools) outside the Katherine District, but who have previously resided in the Katherine District, and whose parents still reside here are eligible to compete in District Classes. This does not apply to University or Higher Education students who are living outside the Katherine District.

o) Horse Stalls

- 1. Stall holders will abide by the direction of the Ringmasters at all times.
- 2. No horse shall be removed or relocated in stalls unless at the direction of the Ringmasters.
- 3. No taps are to be left running in stalls.
- 4. Horses are only to be washed in the wash down bay.
- 5. All manure, straw, bedding and stall waste to be put in the designated areas.
- 6. All stalls to be left clean.
- 7. Cancellations for stalls must be made in writing via an email to mail@katherineshow.org.au **NO LATER** than 10am on Wednesday 6th July or fees will be forfeited.
- 8. Stall allocations will be listed on the noticeboard near the toilet block.
- 9. Yards/Stalls not constructed by KDSS are only allowed in the campdraft area and the middle of the racecourse, to the right of polocrosse fields, please stay away from the model airstrip. No yard/stalls are to be constructed in the camping area near the main arena.
- 10. Horse stalls are only available to members and 2 Day Advantage pass holders. Do not book stalls for other pass holders. Please ensure you have the correct pass type in your basket before you try to book a stall.
- 11. Stalls can only be booked through our online nomination system (go to www.katherineshow.org.au and create your account.)
- 12. Stalls are \$20.00 for the duration of the Show.
- 13. Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification from the Show and all associated fees will be forfeited.