

## SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All horses must be registered with MHAA or a society recognised by MHAA, clearly showing registered Morgan parentage. Foals must have been foal recorded prior to the closing date for entries, 3rd January 2014.
2. No foal under the age of three (3) months of age at the time of the show may be exhibited.
3. Lactating mares will not be permitted to compete in ridden and/or performance classes.
4. A Protest and Appeals Committee consisting of the Chief Ring Judge, the Show Secretary, and one other independent non-competitor, will be appointed prior to the ANMS. All protests must be made in writing and accompanied by a fee of \$50. This fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Protests must be lodged within one hour of the class or event having taken place. The decision of the Protest and Appeals Committee is final and binding.
5. Stallions and colts (2 years and over) must be shown in a bitted bridle for in-hand classes. Handlers and riders of stallions and colts must be 18 years and over.
6. To be eligible for an award, an exhibit must not, in the judge's opinion, show any lameness or the effects of any banned substance. The MHAA reserves the right to carry out vet checks and random swabbing. An exhibitor who, in the judge's opinion, abuses the horse in their care could have an award withheld or be requested to leave the ring.
7. Any exhibitor whose horse misbehaves, in any manner considered to be dangerous, or where such exhibitor is deemed to be incapable of exercising proper control over such animal will be requested to leave the arena or marshalling area. Failure to do so will incur instant disqualification for the duration of the show. The exhibitor who has withdrawn on request will be allowed to continue participation provided they can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Chief Ring Judge that they have achieved control of the exhibit.
8. Any person demonstrating abusive behaviour in any manner to any other person will be banned from the arena.
9. Refund of entry fees will not be made unless a veterinarian certificate is provided.
10. Entries with payment must be in the hands of the Show Secretary on 3rd January 2014. Late entries will be taken at **DOUBLE THE FEES, except for the Silver Buckle Versatility Challenge, Dressage (including the Freestyles to Music), Liberty, Showjumping and Long Reining.**
11. **YOUTH** exhibitors are members aged 18 years and under. ALL youth must at ALL times whilst mounted, competing in In-Hand events and in Warm Up Arenas, wear approved footwear and an equestrian helmet approved by the current Australian Standards Association.
12. ALL riders must at ALL times, while mounted, wear approved footwear and an approved safety helmet. Riders competing in Western, Trail and Stock Horse classes may compete without helmets.
13. No horse should have more than 3 riders for the duration of the show.
14. No horse under the age of 3 shall be ridden in any event at this show.
18. Competitors need to follow specific class rules and regulations which are available from the show secretary or the MHAA website.
19. **Horses not to be entered in more than 8 ridden events per day of show**