



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

Competitor Information Guide

Sydney Royal
Woodchopping &
Sawing Competition

1 - 12 April 2021
Sydney Showground
Sydney Olympic Park
www.rasnsw.com.au



Dear Exhibitor

Welcome to the 2021 Sydney Royal Woodchopping & Sawing Competition. The following information has been provided to assist you during your time at the 2021 SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW.

Please familiarise yourself with this information as much as possible.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR WOODCHOPPING AND SAWING CONTENTS

The Special Regulations are in the Woodchopping and Sawing Schedule for 2021. For Competitor reference the updates and changes since 2019 are highlighted **in yellow**.

Each Competitor has accepted these Special Regulations upon entry.

EXHIBITOR PASSES

Exhibitor entry passes are enclosed and have been allocated in accordance with Special Regulations. These passes are magnetically coded and are **not transferable**. The cards should be signed immediately in the panel provided by the person nominated by the Exhibitor. If you are leaving the Showground and intend to return later during that same day, you must leave through one of the turnstiles and swipe your card, as passes are not automatically validated for re-entry on that day.

Instructions for using your passes will be displayed at all entrances to the Showground.

Lost or stolen passes **will not be replaced**; Competitors will have to purchase gate entry from the main gates.

REMEMBER: NO TICKET - NO ENTRY!

VEHICLE ACCESS

You **MUST** have a vehicle pass to enter the Showground. Please contact the Coordinator on woodchop@rasnsw.com.au or 02 9704 1019 as soon as possible to request a pass.

Vehicle access to the Showground to deliver equipment is restricted; please see details of access times below when the changing rooms will be open. If entering after hours please pull close the change room gate as you leave.

Wednesday 31 March 2021 - 8am to 10pm via GATE 10

Thursday 1 April 2021 - 6am to 8am via GATE 9

Sunday 11 April 2021 - 6am to 8am and 11pm to 12am via GATE 9

Tuesday 13 April 2021 - 6am to 8am via GATE 9

NOTE: There will not be out of hour's access outside of these times so please make arrangements accordingly.

Ensure your vehicle pass is clearly displayed on your dashboard and your mobile number listed so you can be contacted if required.

DUMP IN AND DUMP OUT – HI-VIS

During bump in and bump out periods any person onsite must be wearing a hi-vis vest at all times, day and night, this includes in the pavilions. We encourage Exhibitors to bring their own Australian standard hi-vis vests when bumping-in and bumping-out.

Whilst we are to encourage Exhibitors to bring their own hi-vis it is understood that this may not happen. Hi-vis will be available on-loan at the gate and also the section offices, all hi-vis should be returned on exit.

WOODCHOPPING & SAWING CATALOGUE

The Catalogue will be available online approximately 2 weeks prior to the Show. The full catalogue will be available at the show and there is only one complimentary catalogue provided to each Competitor. Replacement or additional catalogues can be purchased from the office for \$10 over the show.

COMPETITION TIMETABLE

The 2021 competition timetable is available at www.rasnsw.com.au/woodchop on the Key dates & Schedule tab.

TEAM EVENT NOMINATIONS

Please find enclosed the Team events nomination form. If you have not done so already, please fill this in and return to the Woodchop Office by Thursday 1 April 2021 (first day of competition) or email the details to woodchop@rasnsw.com.au

You may only nominate for a team event if you have already entered and paid for that event. Nominations without entries will not be accepted.

AXES & SAWS

Competitors must exercise every care and keep axes and saws covered on the cutting edge. Axes and saws must not be carried among the general public unless so covered.

All axes must be safe and properly pinned with a minimum of a 3mm pin. Failure to do so will result in a \$500 fine and confiscation of the axe and its protective cover. If the Competitor does not surrender the axe, the Competitor may be disqualified from the competition, or otherwise penalised as the Committee in its discretion sees fit.

The axes used by Competitors in Hard Hitting Events shall be of a type approved by the Committee and shall not exceed 3kg in weight and the cutting edge shall not exceed 180mm in width. In all other Woodchopping Events there will be no restriction on weight or width of axe used by Competitors except that it shall be of a type approved by the Committee. All saws used by Competitors shall be a type approved by the Committee.

PERSONS ALLOWED IN THE ARENA

With large competitor numbers, managing people in the ring is of vital importance to ensure we run to Schedule and continue to maintain a positive image for the sport for our spectators and sponsors.

We ask that you read and are familiar with Special Regulations 67 and 68 regarding Persons Allowed in the Arena. A Competitor who fails to assist an Official in the enforcement of Special Regulation 67 may be scratched from the Event in question by the Official in Charge. These rules refer to the competition area,

not the seating area around the arena perimeter. Due to Covid-19 there will be restrictions in place on the amount of people allowed to seat in the competitor area and the restrictions will be enforced.

During the set up of logs the only persons permitted in the arena are the Competitor and one assistant and those persons must be dressed in accordance to the Special Regulations for Dress, 35-41.

For team races there will be a limit of one coach or manager in the arena. Competitors are to remain close to and knelt/seated at their blocks until the conclusion of the event to allow the Video Judge unobstructed views.

Non-competitors and spectators **are NOT permitted** in the arena or competitor seating areas of the perimeter of the arena unless invited by an Official. The only persons permitted in the arena are those entered in the 2021 competition.

DRESS AND UNIFORMS

You will be provided a competition state singlet. As part of the conditions of entry, these singlets **must** be worn for all events.

All persons competing along with any Deputies or Wedgers must be dressed in long white pants / trousers and while an event is in progress no hats or caps are to be worn

You will be required to present in your competition singlet & white pants for ALL ribbon presentations. Failure to do so may incur a deduction of your prize money.

SAFETY AND RISK – DRUG TESTING AND CHAINMESH

Each year the regulations and practices are reviewed to ensure the health and safety of competitors, work crew, officials and the general public.

Changes for the 2021 competition include:

- Chainmesh socks will be mandatory to be worn when competing and shin guards are optional.
- Drug testing will be introduced in addition to the alcohol testing. Competitors may be required to undertake an alcohol breath or drug test.

STARTING – JUMP STARTS

Special Regulation 80 has been added to clarify the process for jump starts.

Reference to the official video recording for events may be made prior to coming to a decision. Competitors may be notified at the conclusion of their cut by an Official that a review will be undertaken by the Video Judge. If deemed by the Video Judge to be a jump start the Competitor will be disqualified.

CHAINSAW – ACCREDITATION

Competitors entered in the chainsaw event and Main Arena Showcase Relay (for chainsaw) will need to provide a copy of a document certifying their formal accreditation by an appropriate organisation to use a Chainsaw as per Special Regulation 184.

Competitors who have entered and do not have the relevant documentation are asked to contact the Woodchop Section immediately. woodchop@rasnsw.com.au

ADVERTISING ON CLOTHING - SPONSORSHIP

We understand that there are many Competitors that have sponsors. Special Regulations 45A, 45B and 45C in the Schedule refer to sponsorship agreements. These regulations have been highlighted in the Schedule to make it easy to identify the, please ensure you have read and understood the regulations.

At a presentation of Awards, a Competitor must not hold, wear or display, or stand adjacent to anything relating to any sponsorship or other support the Competitor may have received, except as expressly permitted by these Special Regulations. A hat or cap displaying a private sponsor's logo may only be worn after completion of the Award presentation.

No Competitor's private sponsor's logo may be worn on competition singlets

Subject to Special Regulation 44, a Competitor's private sponsor's logo may be worn in the vertical position on a leg of a Competitor's trousers, but only in the calf or thigh region, or on the seat of the trousers. In no case may such a logo be larger than 100mm by 250mm. (unless specifically previously approved in writing by the Committee).

The Committee may require a private sponsor's logo to be removed when, in the opinion of the Committee, the logo is offensive, in bad taste, or conflicts with a commercial arrangement to which the RAS is a party. A Competitor who fails or refuses to comply with any such requirement is automatically Disqualified from competing in the Competition until such requirement is complied with.

The Committee may require a Competitor, at a presentation of Awards, to wear on his Dress an insignia, logo or wording relating to any sponsorship.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We ask that you read and are familiar with Special Regulations 162A and be mindful of uploading social media posts relating the Sydney Royal Woodchopping & Sawing Competition that may be deemed denigrating or inappropriate.

DRESSING ROOMS

Competitor's dressing rooms are located on both eastern and western sides of the stadium.

There is **ONE LOCKER** per Competitor. Scratching names on the paintwork is not permitted. The security of personal belongings is the Competitor's responsibilities. Lockers are provided to Competitors, but Competitors **MUST** bring their own small padlocks – similar to those used on letter boxes to secure their belongings and all equipment must be locked away at night.

Competitors must not store or bring into dressing rooms any excess or extraordinary items that cause congestion or issues with limiting space. Items such as fridges, chairs, bedding or tools are not permitted.

The back doors of the locker rooms are for access OUT only. They are to be kept closed at all times. THEY MUST NOT BE WEDGED OPEN. This is for the safety of you & your equipment.

Dressing rooms will be locked 45 mins after the final event each day. Competitors will not be permitted access to the dressing rooms after this time.

COMPETITOR NOTICEBOARD

A notice board will be set up for Competitors near the Competitor Kitchen where important notices including Championship/Semi-Final/Final heat draws will be posted. It is the Competitor's responsibility to check this notice board daily.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

A copy of the General Regulations of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW is available for review on our website: www.rasnsw.com.au

If you would like a copy mailed out to you please contact the Coordinator.

EXHIBITOR ACCOMMODATION

A list of Accommodation Options is available on the website www.rasnsw.com.au/woodchop
Woodchop Competitors are NOT permitted to stay onsite during the Sydney Royal Easter Show.
Any Competitor found to be staying onsite will be removed from the grounds.

CONTACT DETAILS

For any enquiries please contact the following staff in the Woodchop Office:

WOODCHOP OFFICE GENERAL ENQUIRIES –

- T – 02 9704 1019
- E – woodchop@rasnsw.com.au