



## SYDNEY ROYAL HORSE SHOW 2025 HORSE EXHIBITORS INFORMATION GUIDE

Dear Exhibitor,

Welcome to the 2025 Sydney Royal Horse Show. The following information has been provided to assist you during your time at the Showground. Please familiarise yourself with this information as much as possible.

### ACCOMMODATION – GENERAL INFORMATION

There is limited accommodation available for Exhibitors onsite including lofts (above tack rooms/lockers) and site sheds. We urge our Exhibitors to consider their accommodation requirements for 2025 and plan accordingly.

Due to fire safety regulations, we are unable to permit sleeping downstairs in tackrooms or in stables. To ensure the health and safety of Exhibitors, the rules of your accommodation on the Showground will be strictly enforced. Breach of any accommodation and fire regulation rules may result in Disciplinary Action under the RAS General Regulations. Penalties may include removal of Awards, fines, eviction from the Showground and disqualification from future Shows. Loft spaces are not guaranteed and will be allocated where possible as follows:

#### Loft Spaces Allocations:

1. A maximum of three (3) people per loft space are permitted if all Exhibitors are from the same household or with the same Exhibitor or Stable Manager,
2. A maximum of one (1) person per loft space will be allocated where Exhibitors are NOT from the same household or Stable Manager.

Each person who is accredited to stay on the Showground overnight in an approved space is required to register at the Horse Section Office. Upon accommodation registration, each person will be issued with an RAS certified wristband which is to be worn at all times. Only those with a wristband will be permitted to stay onsite.

#### Alternate Accommodation

Accommodation options, both onsite and offsite can be found at [www.rasnsww.com.au/horse](http://www.rasnsww.com.au/horse).

**Site Shed Accommodation:** Site Shed Accommodation Application forms are available at [www.rasnsww.com.au/horse](http://www.rasnsww.com.au/horse).

**Armory Camping:** There is a limited number of powered camping sites available for Horse Exhibitors at the Newington Armory Campground. A shuttle service to and from the Showground will operate daily from 6.00am until 12.00am throughout the Show. Application forms are available at [www.rasnsww.com.au/horse](http://www.rasnsww.com.au/horse).

**Please note:** Persons under the age of 18 years of age are not permitted to stay overnight on the Showground unless accompanied by an adult.

### EXHIBITOR ENTRY PASSES UPDATE

Pedestrian Access will be through Gate 10 via Australia Avenue. Gate 9 is for vehicles access only.

**NO ENTRY WITHOUT A PASS** – For entry onto Sydney Showground you must have a valid ticket. If arriving before the first day of the Show, you will still need to scan your exhibitor pass every time you enter and exit the Showgrounds (in either a car or on foot).

Exhibitor entry passes are sent out pre-Show and have been allocated in accordance with Special Regulations of the 2025 Horse Schedule.

Entry passes come in two forms:

- Exhibitor Passes (plastic cards) are date restricted to the period of which an Exhibitor is competing, and the valid date range is printed on the pass.
- One Day Pass – (card stock) provide entry for one day and are single use.
- **Note: PRE-Show and POST-show entry – in 2025, Exhibitors will be required to obtain a Digital Pass Site Crew Pass to gain entry to the Showground. Any Exhibitor requiring access pre and post-show who are over 18 years of age, will be required to watch a short induction video before their pass is approved.**

EVERY PERSON ACCESSING THE SITE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT THEIR EXHIBITOR PASS TO BE SCANNED ON ARRIVAL. YOUR BENCHSLIP AND DASHBOARD SLIP PROVIDE VEHICLE ACCESS ONLY. EACH PERSON IN THE VEHICLE NEEDS TO HOLD A PASS.

If you are leaving the Showground and intend to return later during that same day, you must scan your pass on the way out.

Exhibitor passes (plastic cards) are barcoded. The plastic cards should be signed immediately in the panel provided by the person nominated by the Exhibitor. If you have received more than one pass, your name will be registered against all passes. It will be the responsibility of each exhibitor to keep records of who they have nominated as their additional passholders to assist them with their horses at the Show.

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

Entry Passes will be allocated and posted to Exhibitors as follows:

1 and 2 horses	2 Passes
3 and 4 horses	3 Passes
5 and more horses	4 Passes

Exhibitors in Riding Classes will be allocated one (1) pass per day of Competition. No additional tickets will be allocated.

#### STALLION IDENTIFICATION

All stallions and colts in all Horse Competitions must be identified with green identification. Stallion disks & stable identification magnets may be purchased from the Horse Office.

#### HORSE CONFIRMATION ADVICE (BENCHSLIPS)

The Exhibit Confirmation Advice, otherwise known as a Benchslip, indicates the class(es) in which your horses have been entered, is sent to you prior to the Show. This will allow your vehicle onto the Showground on the day or night (whichever is applicable) of your arrival and departure, for the purpose of unloading and loading your animals and equipment.

**Remember** - Please bring your Benchslip to the Horse Office upon arrival. The Horse Office Staff will provide your Exhibitor Show Pack upon presentation to your Benchslip. It is essential that the exhibitor's check-in with the Horse office on arrival. All horses in the Horse Section must be entered into competition. Non-competition horses will not be permitted onto the Showground at any time.

#### DASHBOARD IDENTIFICATION

A Dashboard Slip (Green) has been included in your exhibitor pack. To assist our Security and Parking team, all vehicles on the Showground will be required to display a Dashboard Slip (with your Showtime mobile number).

#### MAPS

Please see the following Maps at the end of this Information Guide:

1. Exhibitor Showground Map.
2. Exhibitor Armory, Parking and Showground Map.

#### PRECINCT ACCESS

Once you are in the vicinity of the Sydney Showground, we ask that all Horse Exhibitors refer to precinct map (see end of this document) and on the website at [www.rasns.wa.gov.au/horse](http://www.rasns.wa.gov.au/horse) in general information.

The below information aims to help you have a smooth arrival and departure experience at the Show.

##### 1. Access to Showground (Gate 9 Only)

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| (A) | From Hill Road and P5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Heading North, follow Hill Road.</li><li>- Turn Right into Bennelong Road.</li><li>- Turn Right into Marjorie Jackson Parkway.</li><li>- Continue straight and GATE 9 is on Kevin Coombs Ave.</li></ul>  |
| (B) | From Homebush Bay Dr  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Turn into Australia Avenue.</li><li>- Turn right into Bennelong Pkwy</li><li>- Continue straight onto Marjorie Jackson Parkway.</li><li>- Continue straight and GATE 9 is on Kevin Coombs Ave.</li></ul>                                       |
| (C) | From Parramatta Road  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Turn into Underwood Road (Australia Avenue).</li><li>- Turn Right into Bennelong Pkwy</li><li>- Continue straight onto Marjorie Jackson Parkway.</li><li>- Continue straight onto Kevin Coombs Ave, GATE 9 is on the left hand side.</li></ul> |
| (D) | From Silverwater Road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Turn onto Holker Street.</li><li>- Turn left onto Hill Road.</li><li>- Turn right into Bennelong Pkwy &amp; Marjorie Jackson Parkway.</li><li>- Continue straight onto Kevin Coombs Ave, GATE 9 is on the left hand side.</li></ul>            |

## 2. Access to P5 (Long Term & Day Truck/Float PARKING) Hill Road

- (A) From the Showground
- Turn left out of GATE 6 onto Kevin Coombs Avenue.
  - Turn Right into Pondage Link.
  - Turn Right into Hill Road, continuing to P5.
- (B) From Silverwater Road
- Turn off Silverwater Road into Holker Street.
  - Turn Right onto Hill Road then left at P5 sign and follow the road to carpark
- (C) From Homebush Bay Dr
- Turn left into Australia Avenue.
  - Turn right into Bennelong Pkwy.
  - Turn Left into Hill Road into P5.
- (D) From Parramatta Road
- Turn into Hill Road and follow to P5.
- (E) From M4 Motorway
- Heading east - turn left onto Hill Road exit and follow to P5.
  - Heading West – turn left onto Homebush Bay Exit.
  - Right onto Homebush Bay Drive and refer to 2 (C).

## 3. Access to Newington Armory (Long Term Truck Float CAMPING)

- (A) From the Showground
- Turn left out of GATE 6 onto Kevin Coombs Avenue.
  - Turn right into Pondage Link.
  - Turn right into Hill Road.
  - Turn left into Holker Street.
  - Turn right into Jamieson Road.

## 4. Departure from the Showground (Gate 6)

All vehicles depart from the Showground via GATE 6 or as instructed.

- Turn left onto Kevin Coombs Avenue, right into Pondage Link and then left or right onto Hill Road.

## 5. Bennelong Bridge

- Access is restricted to 30T vehicle with a maximum single axle weight of 9T, tandem axle weight of 15T, and triaxle weight of 16T. An alternative route is available on Holker Busway.

## PARKING

### P5 Parking Site

Any vehicle requiring parking only, i.e. small truck, large trucks, horse floats and semi-trailers, which is not utilised for camping, will park in **P5C**, Hill Road, Sydney Olympic Park.

The conditions of parking in these locations are stated on the back of the long-term parking and camping forms and will be displayed in parking areas. When you park your vehicle, using our parking permit you should understand that, to the full extent permitted by law, you remain responsible for any loss or damage to the vehicle and its contents and any loss or injury to yourself or any other persons. Upon acceptance of your parking site, you will indemnify the RAS of NSW, Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA), the owners of the parking sites and their agents against any claims which arise whilst the vehicle is in the car park.

**We strongly recommend pre- booking parking at the time you make your stable payments**, allocation dependant parking may not be available to purchase from the Horse office during the Show.

Pre-paid P5A and P5C parking passes will be in your Exhibitor envelope and are available at the Horse Section Office for collection upon your arrival.

Car park **P5** is accessible 24 hours. The Parking Pass is only valid for the date(s) displayed on the pass. SOPA will be checking for date and vehicle size validation in 2025 and those vehicles found to be out of date, or larger than the size specified at the time of booking will be contacted to bring pass into order.

If you are bumping in between 7.00 – 9.00pm on the evening prior to your stable allocation date, you will need to book parking for that night.

Accessible parking is available in car park **P5A** to any drivers displaying a valid disability sticker.

**Exhibitors are required to return to the Showground by foot along Holker Street and Australia Avenue and re-enter the Showground through the Exhibitor Entry Gate 10 (Australia Ave) upon scanning an Entry Pass.**

### PARKING FEES FOR 2025:

Vehicle Type	\$ Rate per Vehicle per Day
Car only (P5-A)	\$27.00
Float only (P5-C)	\$27.00
Car and float, truck/combination up to 10.8 metres (P5-C)	\$54.00
Truck/combination over 10.8 metres (P5-C)	\$70.00

## ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE ACCESS TIMES

Vehicles are only allowed on the Showground during the times stipulated in the following timetable. You will be required to Show your **Horse Confirmation Advice** slips (**Dashboard Slip**) to gain vehicle access.

Tack rooms will be locked prior to your arrival – you must report to the Horse Section Office to arrange access upon Bump in.

**On departure (4.00pm – 6.00pm daily)** Exhibitors **MUST** present their exhibits **Breastplate to be sighted by the Horse Section office** for Check-out. Stable refunds will not be processed without the Horse Office sighting the Exhibitor breastplate numbers and corresponding stable check. For departure from the Showground you will also be required to present your Horse Confirmation Advice slip (**Dashboard Slip**) at **Gate 9** between **4.00pm – 6.00pm** to allow you to bring in an empty vehicle on to the Showgrounds. Exit is via **Gate 6**. Please note during Departure only times, only vehicles without horses or horse equipment will be permitted onto the Showground.

Any Exhibitors that arrive early will be required to wait until the access time advised to enter the Showground.

	ACCESS DATES 2025	ACCESS TIMES
Pre Show	Saturday 5 April ( <b>Harness drop off only- pre-approval to be requested, bump in pass required to enter through Gate 10</b> )	10.00am- 4.00pm
Pre Show	Tuesday 8 April	8.00am – 5.00pm
Pre Show	Wednesday 9 April	8.00 am –5.00pm
Pre Show	Thursday 10 April	8.00am – 7.00pm
During Show	<b>Friday 11 April – Tuesday 22 April</b>	<b>6.00am – 8.00am</b> <b>4.00pm – 6.00pm (departure only)</b> <b>7.00pm – 9.00pm (arrival only)</b>
	<b>EXCEPTIONS</b> <b>Grand Parade 1: Day 2 – Saturday 12 April</b>	<b>5.00pm – 6.45pm (departure only)</b> <b>7.00pm – 9.00pm (arrival only)</b>
	<b>Grand Parade 2: Day 4 – Monday 14 April</b>	<b>5.30pm – 7.00pm (departure only)</b> <b>7.30pm – 9.00pm (arrival only)</b>
	<b>Grand Parade 3: Day 9 – Saturday 19 April</b>	<b>5.15pm – 7.00pm (departure only)</b> <b>7.30pm – 9.00pm (arrival only)</b>
Last Show Day	Tuesday 22 April	<b>6.00am – 8.00am</b> <b>After Class (departure only)</b>

Please ensure these times are adhered to strictly to ensure a smooth changeover as others may require your site shed, stable or loft immediately after your departure.

Exhibitors please note: **NO parking is permitted onsite at any time.** ALL vehicles must be attended during loading and unloading periods. All vehicles, whilst on the Showground must display a Dashboard Identification Slip (green slip) on the dashboard of the vehicle at all times. Disciplinary action may be taken for non-compliance.

## HORSE STABLE, TACK & ACCOMMODATON LOCATIONS

The Horse Section is located in the Northern corner of the Showground. The section is made up of six pavilions, Mackay (I), Kelly (L), Falkiner (K), Grace (H), Murchison (G), Jenko (M), Exercise Arenas, Horse Marshalling Yard, Schmidt Arena and the Horse Section Office.

### ONLINE STABLING ALLOCATIONS

In order to obtain your stable number, please visit [www.rasnsr.com.au/horse](http://www.rasnsr.com.au/horse). Click on the link STABLING ALLOCATIONS. You will find your stabling allocation listed under your catalogue number. Catalogue numbers can be found on your Benchslip.

### STABLE FEES FOR 2025:

Stable	\$ Rate per Stable per Day
One stable per night (25% RAS Member discount applies)	\$45.00
Stable Deposit	\$ Rate per Stable
Stable Deposit	\$100.00

Stabling Allocations may change prior to your arrival. Please check these allocations 24 hours before arriving to ensure they have not changed.

If arriving in the evening between 7.00pm and 9.00pm you must either bring your own shavings or pre order shavings through the Fodder Merchant as they may be closed when you arrive. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to notify the Fodder Merchant if your stable allocation has changed since the order was made.

All tack rooms will be kept locked, the combination code to access can be obtained from the Horse Section Office at the time of check-in. A \$100 deposit per stable and tack has been deducted from your Competition Administration System Account. This is refundable after the conclusion of the Show subject to your stables being left in a satisfactory condition upon your departure.

For Exhibitors who have booked additional onsite accommodation, collect your key from the horse Section Office (key deposit \$50).

Please Note:       Lofts are completely empty; therefore, you are required to bring all your bedding requirements.  
                          Site sheds have a double bunk, without mattress; however, you are required to bring all your bedding requirements.

#### UNLOADING & LOADING AREAS

All competitors will be required to unload and load-up in two areas only. These are as follows:

- 1. All Exhibitors stabled in Pavilions Grace, Mackay & Murchison** must enter through Gate 9 and unload behind or around each of those pavilions (Northern Rivers Avenue & Clarence Avenue). To exit the Showground, please leave through Gate 6.
- 2. All Exhibitors stabled in Pavilions Falkiner & Kelly** must enter through Gate 9 and unload behind or around each of those pavilions (Cumberland Street and Hawkesbury Street). To exit the Showground, leave through Gate 6 or 10.

An unloading ramp is located behind Falkiner Pavilion in the northern corner of the Showground.

Heavy Horse Exhibitors Please Note – Any Exhibitor arriving Pre-Show (Tuesday 8 April – Thursday 10 April 2025 inclusive) and unloading from a steep truck ramp may be permitted to unload into the Marshalling Yard off Hawkesbury Street. Special Permission must be granted from the Horse Section Office before unloading into the Marshalling Yard in order not to disrupt traffic flow.

Exhibitors that require parking in **P5** must ensure they have booked a parking space prior to arrival. Pre-paid **P5** Parking Passes will be available for collection with your Exhibitor Pack from the Horse Section Office upon your arrival.

Please remember that Gate 9 is the entry gate for **ALL** livestock sections. Once you have entered the Showground, please park **all vehicles to the left (closest to the Pavilions) to allow other vehicles to pass**. This will assist with making the transition as smooth as possible.

Helpful hints for Bump In and Bump Out can be found on the website under General Information at [www.rasnsr.com.au/horse](http://www.rasnsr.com.au/horse). This document gives some very useful suggestions and advice to assist you on your arrival and departure.

#### HORSE SECTION OFFICE

The Horse Section Office is located on the corner of New England Avenue and Hawkesbury Street (opposite the Horse Marshalling Yard). Telephone 02 9704 1220 email: [horse@rasnsr.com.au](mailto:horse@rasnsr.com.au)

**In 2025 the Horse Office will be closed between 12:00pm and 2:00pm on each day of the Show.**

**Please Note: The Horse Section Office is also closed during Grand Parades.**

##### Office Hours:

##### Pre-Show

Tuesday 8 April -Wednesday 9 April	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday 10 April	8:00 am – 7:00 pm

##### Showtime

Friday 11 April – Tuesday 22 April	6:00 am – 12:00pm & 2:00pm - 9:30 pm (Closed 12:00pm – 2:00pm)
Wednesday 23 April	9:00am – 5:00 pm

#### STABLING

*The RAS has accepted considerable entry numbers for the 2025 Sydney Royal Horse Show. As a result, those horses stabled within a 100 km radius of the Showground may not be allocated overnight stabling.*

Stabling has been allocated, where possible, based on the Stable Managers name, distance travelled, the number of Exhibits accepted, and the number of classes entered.

The Horse Section Office has made every effort to consider all Exhibitors stabling requests. If you have not already been allocated a stable, please be assured that we will continue to re-allocate stables as we receive withdrawals, in an effort to meet as many requests as possible.

Stables are to be used for the purpose of stabling of horses only. No Exhibitor has any right to use or occupy any stable for any other purpose, such as accommodation, storage of fodder, horse chiropractor, bedding or tack without approval. Any Exhibitor acting in breach of this Regulation will be fined a Penalty of \$200 for each stable per day. At the discretion of the Committee, they may be disqualified from competing at the then current Show, in which event any Award that the Exhibitor may have won at that Show is also forfeited.

Any horse found in a stable to which it is not allocated to such horse, shall if so required by any Official of the RAS, be immediately removed from the Showground and shall not again enter the Showground except with the written consent of the Chairman of the Committee.

#### ARRIVAL / CHECK-IN TO HORSE SECTION OFFICE

Upon Arrival onto the Showground, you are required to check-in to the Horse Section Office. Please bring your Benchslip to confirm which horses are on the Showground. The Horse staff will confirm your stable/s and loft number/s, allocate a combination lock code to you, as well as finalise any parking and accommodations details. **Please note:** your breastplate number will only be allocated at the time of microchip identification and measurement from the Measurers at the Measurers Bay. The measurers will NOT measure/identify your horse without confirmation on your benchslip, this is only gained through check-in at the Horse Office.

#### MEASURING & IDENTIFICATION OF EXHIBITS

**ALL** Exhibits must be identified and/or measured (if competing in a height class) and have their exhibits microchip scanned and registered with recognised National Pet Registry before entering Engie Stadium or the Schmidt Arena.

The Measuring Boxes are located behind the Horse Section Office. **You must present your Benchslip, which contains proof of being 'checked-in'; at the Horse Office and Exhibit Catalogue number at time of microchip identification and measuring.** Registration papers must be presented to the Society's Official Measurer upon request. Your exhibit's Breastplate will be issued upon completion of microchip identification and/or measurement.

BREASTPLATES WILL ONLY BE ISSUED ONCE MICROCHIP NUMBER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED.

The Official Measurers will be available from:

Wednesday 9 April	8.00am – 4.00pm
Thursday 10 April	8.00am – 4.00pm
Friday 11 April to Monday 21 April	7.00am – 5.00pm <b>(Closed 1pm–2pm)</b>
Tuesday 22 April	7.00am – 2.00pm

#### JUDGING TIMETABLE

The Judging Timetable is available on the horse website [www.rasnsr.com.au/horse](http://www.rasnsr.com.au/horse). **Please note this is subject to change at any time and it is the responsibility of each Exhibitor to confirm entry class times prior to their class commencing.**

Catalogue Numbers can be collected from the Horse Measurers Bay at the time the Exhibit is Microchip identified and, if applicable, height measured.

All Exhibits or Exhibitors must wear a catalogue number for all classes and Grand Parades in the form of a breastplate, armband or saddlcloth number.

Exhibitors entering riding classes and Showjumping, plastic armband holders are available to purchase for \$10 each at the Horse Section Office.

Please check and ensure that the correct catalogue number has been issued and is on the correct exhibit.

#### WITHDRAWALS

Exhibitors are now able to Withdraw classes or Exhibits **ONLINE** by logging onto your account. Log on at: <https://www.myras.org.au>

**WITHDRAWALS:** Withdrawals submitted prior to 7.00am on the day on which the Class is scheduled to take place will not attract an absent penalty.

**ABSENT PENALTY:** Exhibitors who do not withdraw by 7.00am on the day on which the Class is scheduled must pay an Absent Penalty of **\$150** for each Exhibit or Exhibitor not present in each and every event for which the horse or rider has been nominated (except pairs and teams - This does not include the Parent & Child Class). Absent Penalty fees will not be charged to those Exhibitors who have submitted their Withdrawal Form accompanied by an authorised RAS veterinary certificate or medical certificate (from a doctor or St John's Ambulance).

Withdrawals received prior to **WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2025** may be eligible for a refund of Entry Fees (an administration fee of \$18 will be retained per entry per Class). Refund is paid at the discretion of the Committee upon notification. No Entry Fee refunds will be issued for withdrawals received after this date. Withdrawals received prior to **WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2025** may be eligible for a refund of stabling fees paid. No refunds for stabling will be issued after this date.

Entries are permitted in Gents, Ladies and Childs Hack and Show Hunter Classes. However, the Exhibit may only compete in one of the three Classes. Transfers between these are not permitted. Exhibitors must confirm their intention to start in their chosen Class by 7.00am on the morning of the Class. Failure to withdraw from the Class(es) you are not competing in will result in an Absent fine (\$150). Acceptance Fees for these three Classes will not be refunded. Please note: If an Exhibit has won its Open Class, it is permitted to be withdrawn from Gent's, Ladies & Child's Classes with no withdrawal penalty, but the withdrawal must be submitted by 7.00am on the morning of the class.

## HELMETS

All Persons riding a horse must wear approved safety helmets to the current Australian, European, British or American Standard whilst mounted, including but not limited to Competition and exercise arenas (unless otherwise specified).

The restraining helmet harness must be secured and fastened at all times.

Only helmets bearing one or more of the standards below are accepted.

## Protective headgear must conform with one of the current approved safety standards:

- Current Australian standard AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) provided they are SAI Global marked.
- New Australian standard ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked.
- Current American standard ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked.
- Current American standard SNELL E2001.
- Current British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided they are BSI Kitemarked.
- Interim European Standard VG1 (01.040: 2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark.

Helmets worn in Showjumping events must be approved and tagged by Equestrian Australia.

It is the Exhibitors responsibility to ensure they are wearing the correct helmet, however, should the RAS deem the helmet worn is not of appropriate standard, or the Exhibitor is not wearing a helmet, the Exhibitor will be asked to dismount immediately.

This ruling applies to all areas associated with the Sydney Showground including the **Horse Trail and the Exercise areas** located outside of the immediate Showground precinct. Breaches of this compulsory requirement may lead to disqualification or eviction at the discretion of the Horse Committee and RAS of NSW.

## MARSHALLING FOR EVENTS

It is recommended that Exhibitors marshal **30 minutes prior to their event** in the Marshalling Yard. Each class will be escorted into the Main Arena by a Mounted Greencoat Steward, 5 minutes prior to the commencement of an event. **Late arrivals will not be allowed to enter the ring.**

Competitors eliminated from a class must leave the ring immediately. A Mounted Greencoat Steward, where possible, will lead prize winners around the arena so that the spectators may be given the opportunity to view the placegetters.

Competitors must comply with any request made by the Mounted Greencoat Stewards and Livestock Attendants in charge of the Marshalling Yards, Main Arena and Schmidt Arena.

## VETERINARY OFFICERS

The Society's Veterinary Officers will be located in the Veterinary Office under the horse undercroft leading into Main Arena (opposite the Schmidt Arena and approx. 100m from Horse Office).

They may be contacted by telephone from the assembly yards or through the Horse Section Office. After hours contact can be made by telephone at the numbers shown on the windows of the Horse Section Office and the Veterinary Office.

The RAS may (but is not obliged to) provide a 24-hour service by a Veterinary Surgeon during the Show which is:

- (a) free for first aid treatment of Exhibition related emergencies and incidents;
- (b) available at a fee: (i) for drugs and materials used in such a service; and (ii) for continuing service if required by the Exhibitor.

If an Exhibitor wishes to have his Exhibit attended to by his nominated veterinarian while the Exhibit is on the Showground, the Exhibitor must first make arrangements for that purpose with a Veterinary Surgeon.

## TREATMENT NOTIFICATION FORMS

A Treatment Notification Form must be:

- (a) completed if a Prohibited Substance has been administered to an Exhibit within:
  - (i) in the case of hormones and their synthetic counterparts, cortico steroids and anabolic steroids, 180 days; and
  - (ii) in all other cases, 14 days, before the Day of Exhibition;
- (b) signed by a qualified veterinarian;
- (c) submitted to the Superintendent's office of the relevant section by 6pm on the day before the Day of Exhibition.

## RANDOM PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE TESTING PROGRAM

The Society will be conducting random swabbing of Exhibits in the Horse Section. Exhibitors should be familiar with the relevant regulations, in particular General Regulations 126–137 (these are available at [www.rasnsw.com.au](http://www.rasnsw.com.au)).

Exhibitors should be aware that herbal remedies and medicines, including those obtained over-the-counter at a pharmacy, may contain prohibited substances. The constituents of many of these preparations are unlisted or unknown. Accordingly, Exhibitors are strongly advised to refer to General Regulations 126-137.

Where a prohibited drug has been administered to an Exhibit **within 14 days prior to an event, a RAS Treatment Notification Form** must be submitted to the Horse Section Office by **6.00pm on the day prior** to the event. The Exhibit must not compete in that event until the Society's Chairman of the Veterinary Committee has signed the form. Please note this does not preclude a positive swab administered outside of this 14 day period.

## HENDRA VIRUS

All exhibits from Hendra endemic postcode areas must be vaccinated for Hendra Virus. The postcodes for endemic areas change relative to Hendra Virus outbreaks and the list will be updated accordingly. It is not a requirement by the RAS of NSW that all horses need to be vaccinated for Hendra Virus. You may view the Hendra Policies and Procedures at [www.rasnsw.com.au/horse](http://www.rasnsw.com.au/horse) for more details.

## QUEENSLAND TICK

All QLD postcodes will be required to provide QLD Tick acknowledgement and documentation if the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) so requires.

## EXHIBITOR AMENITIES

Toilets and showers are located upstairs in each of the pavilions for the use of Exhibitors staying in these Pavilions.

There are kitchens available in each pavilion for use by Exhibitors. Each kitchen includes a stove, microwave, fridge, hot water instant, tables, chairs and washing up facilities. Please remember this is a shared facility and Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after themselves.

Should you wish to advise the Show Cleaning team that Bathroom areas require attention on display is a **QR** code, this will allow you to lodge a request directly via your mobile phone.

Exhibitors are encouraged to set a good example to visitors at the Show by demonstrating good hygiene practices. Please note you are required to bring all your own utensils, etc. Think of it as camping.

## FIRE REGULATIONS

**Portable Gas Hot Water Systems and other portable gas appliances** of any kind are prohibited at the Sydney Royal Horse Show.

Any person in possession or using a Portable Gas Hot Water System or other portable gas appliances on the Showground will be found in breach of the Fire Regulations and the equipment will be removed from the Showground immediately.

### PERMITTED use within tack boxes ONLY:

- Electric kettle/jug – maximum 2L – must have a safety cut out switch.
- Electric bar fridge – up to 100L (small)
- Electric pop up toaster – up to 4 slice only
- Electric battery chargers for sealed solid state batteries (phones etc.).

Items must be supervised at all times when in use and are not permitted to be stored or used outside the tack box. Only ONE power board may be installed in a single outlet (no piggy backing of power boards permitted).

### COMMUNAL KITCHEN AREAS:

All cooking must be supervised at all times. Only electric appliances to be used – NO GAS appliances or electric BBQ's. No appliance/process which uses deep or shallow fat frying or may result in an open flame.

**Do not disable any smoke detector – these will be randomly checked by NSW Fire Brigade.**

The use of temporary structures and /or shade cloth attached to the tack rooms or lofts during the Royal Easter Show prevents the existing Fire Safety Detection and Alarm Systems from operating in an emergency.

**The use of temporary structures is no longer accepted by the NSW Fire Brigade.**



## TACKROOMS

Each stabled Exhibitor will be provided with access to a tack room. One tack room will be allocated to approximately every 6 horses. Tackrooms are not mutually exclusive and must be shared with other Exhibitors **and the amount of tack/gear stored should be kept to a minimum.**

Combination locks have been fitted to all tackrooms. On check-in at the Horse Office, you will be given the specific code for the combination lock associated with your allocated tackroom. Each tackroom has electricity, lighting and a loft that is utilised as an allocated sleeping area.

## PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Security of all personal belongings is the responsibility of the Exhibitor. **No lockers will be provided in the Pavilion.** Lost property will be handed to the office staff. Please note that Horse tack and feed in wheely bins must be either stored inside the tack room or inside a stable. Wheely bins left in the aisle could be regarded as garbage bins and emptied by our cleaning staff.

## PAVILIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Horse Pavilions will be open to the public daily from 9.00AM to 7.30PM.  
In 2025, we will implement some measures as a trial to reduce the number of general public visitors in the stable areas.

Exhibitors **are not** permitted to pull down the shutter doors adjacent to their stables at any time. This is a Fire Regulation that we must enforce at ALL times.

## CLEANING OF STALLS

All waste must be directly placed into the waste bins provided behind or within each pavilion.

Bedding and manure MAY NOT be placed onto the ground surface outside the stables.

### Stable Deposits:

For each Exhibit that has been allocated a stable, a Stable Deposit Fee of \$100 per stable was paid online at the time of stable payment. This will be refunded after the conclusion of the Show subject to your stables being left in a satisfactory condition.

Prior to departure, stables will be inspected by Horse Office Staff. We ask that all Exhibitors cooperate with Horse Office Staff in an orderly and courteous manner. Stables must be cleaned of all manure and urine tainted bedding (**shavings may be completely removed OR raked to the sides of the stable**). The inspections will also check for damage to the stables including removal of screws and washers to tie up vinyl partitions.

## DEPARTURE / CHECK OUT AT HORSE SECTION OFFICE

Prior to departure, the stable will be checked, and if clean, the stable deposit will be refunded after the conclusion of the Show.  
**Exhibit Breastplates must be sighted on Departure otherwise your stable deposit may not be refunded.**

## WASH BAYS & GROOMING

Designated wash bays and grooming bays are located at the back of each pavilion; **you must bring your own hoses with connections as none will be provided.**

In accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, contamination of storm water is a criminal offense and Parramatta Council environmental health officers will be on site monitoring for compliance. As such, horses and any related infrastructure and equipment must be washed in designated horse wash bays only. These designated wash bays are connected to the sewer drainage system and not to stormwater.

Two wash bays at each pavilion have been fitted with regulated hot water systems. Each hot water wash bay is sign-posted for your convenience.

## FODDER

We welcome back Glenorie Stockfeeds as our Official fodder and bedding supplier for the 2025 Show. A price list and instructions on how to order is available on our website.

Key Contact details for **Glenorie Stockfeeds** are as follows:

**Glenorie Stockfeeds**  
**Pre-Show Orders - (02) 9652 0291**  
**During Show - 0404 335 555**  
[info@glenoriestockfeeds.com.au](mailto:info@glenoriestockfeeds.com.au)

Please note it is your responsibility to arrange all your fodder requirements with the Fodder Merchant for the 2025 Show. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the Fodder Merchant if your stable allocation has changed since the order was made as stable allocations may change prior to your arrival.

Please check these allocations 24 hours before arriving to ensure they have not changed.

The Fodder shed is located at the rear of the Grace Horse Pavilion. Fodder brought onto the Showground must be for each Exhibitor's exclusive use.

No person, firm or company other than the Official Produce Merchant shall be allowed to sell or deliver fodder on the Showground at any time. Fodder may not be stored above stables at any time.

#### **BEDDING OF STALLS**

Wood Shavings (Pine) and approved Stable Bedding Pellets are permitted as bedding for the 2025 Show. STRAW bedding is **not** permitted in any of the horse pavilions.

Wood Shavings will be available for purchase from the Official Produce Merchant operating on the Showground.

Please note – If arriving in the evening between 7.00pm and 9.00pm you must either bring your own shavings or pre order shavings through the Fodder Supplier. Please re check your stable numbers before ordering bedding as these are subject to change.

#### **DOGS**

Horse Exhibitors are not permitted to bring dogs onto the Showground.

#### **FEED BINS & WATER BUCKETS**

Exhibitors will be required to provide their own feed bins and water buckets for horses stabled on the Showground.

#### **LIGHT HARNESS & HEAVY HARNESS CARRIAGE SHED (ENGIE STADIUM)**

This area is restricted to all Harness Exhibitors only.

The Light Harness carriage shed is located under the Main Arena, near the Horse entrance.

The Heavy Harness vehicles will be stored on the lower level of the shed.

#### **HORSE EXERCISE TRAIL**

- The trail is closed to all Exhibits between dusk to dawn.
- The trail is 2.1 km long and 6 m wide.
- Helmets must be worn at all times when riding.
- Horses ridden must be properly saddled and bridled with a bit.
- Horses that are led must be under proper control & be bridled.
- Horses will only be allowed to walk and trot on first section of trail (from Australia Avenue to Marjorie Jackson Parkway crossover). Canter is permitted on the loop of the trail.
- There is a grassed area in the middle section of the loop for Exhibitor use. Horses **MUST NOT** go beyond that perimeter.
- There are four by-pass bays situated around the loop to allow for faster Exhibits to pass.
- Dogs are not permitted to be exercised or walked with horses.
- In the event of the necessity for horse exercise areas to be closed due to rain or excessive damage to turf, the RAS will close the trail off from Exhibitors.
- The Horse Trail will be closed 2 hours prior to each Grand Parade and will not open until after the Parade. Any exhibits out on the trail and not participating in the Grand parade will be fined.

#### **HORSE EXERCISE ARENAS**

The Horse Exercise Arenas are located between Kelly & Jenko Pavilions and MacKay & Grace Pavilions for all Exhibitors.

**Please adhere to the timetable on display in all Arenas and the Marshalling Yard** - Allotted times for both Riding and lunging of exhibits must be followed.

**Marshalling Yard** will be made available to Exhibitors when there is no Competition or Marshalling.

**The Schmidt Arena** This facility will be made available to Exhibitors when there is no Competition or Marshalling.

Please also check signage on the Schmidt Arena for any updates and changes to available times. The arena will be made available as much as possible outside of competition times. Please respect when gates are locked or when a 'closed' sign is displayed, as the arena may have been rolled and prepared for competition.

Your attention is drawn to the following regulations under which riding horses is permitted within the Schmidt Arena; these regulations will be strictly enforced.

1. **Helmets** must be worn at all times when riding in the Schmidt Arena.
2. Horses ridden in the Schmidt Arena must be properly saddled and bridled with a bit.

3. In the event of the necessity for the Schmidt Arena to be closed due to rain or excessive damage to the surface, Exhibitors will be required to utilise other facilities.
4. Non-compliance with these requirements will jeopardise Exhibitors' future usage of the Schmidt Arena as an exercise facility.

## GRAND PARADES

**Breastplates MUST be worn in Grand Parades**

**Stallions and Colts are not permitted in the Grand Parade**

Exhibitors should appreciate that the Grand Parades are a spectacular feature of the Show and the Society has an obligation to the general public to present all prize winners in the Grand Parades.

**Parades will take place on:**

<b>Shetland Parade:</b>	<b>Day 1 – Friday 11 April at 5.20pm</b>
<b>Grand Parade:</b>	<b>Day 2 – Saturday 12 April at 4.00pm</b>
<b>Evening Harness Parade:</b>	<b>Day 3 – Sunday 13 April at 4.45pm</b>
<b>Australian Stock Horses Parade:</b>	<b>Day 3 – Sunday 13 April at 5.35pm</b>
<b>Grand Parade:</b>	<b>Day 4 – Monday 14 April at 4.40pm</b>
<b>Grand Parade:</b>	<b>Day 9 – Saturday 19 April at 4:10pm</b>

Each competitor and each exhibit allocated stables on the Showground must parade in each Grand Parade held during the Show. It is the responsibility of each Exhibitor to ensure each exhibit has a competent leader or rider.

Exhibitors must ensure that each exhibit in a Grand Parade carries the same breastplate number as carried by the exhibit in its competitive classes.

All horses and ridden Exhibitors must parade as they are shown in their competitive classes daily. eg Exhibits in ridden Classes must be ridden and exhibits in led Classes must be led.

All attendants of led horses may wear a gold RAS dust coat in lieu of coats/waistcoats. The dust coats will be available from the Horse Section office prior to each Grand Parade. An announcement will be made when these are ready for collection.

All Exhibitors participating in the Grand Parade are required to wear a helmet or dress hat.

Any Exhibitor who fails to parade a horse shall forfeit all prize money (if any) won by the Exhibitor and be liable to a fine of \$150 for each animal not paraded.

All horse participants in the Grand Parade are now allowed to wear Boots and/or Bandages provided they are leather, white, black or blue. NO fluoro colours are permitted.

## SHOWJUMPING WARM UP AREA

The Showjumping warm-up area is located in the Horse Marshalling Yard. This area is for the sole use of Showjumping Exhibitors.

## SCORE SHEETS

It is the absolute discretion of the Judge and the Chair of the Horse Committee as to whether scoresheets are posted at the completion of a Class. If these results are made available, they will be posted in the Horse Section Office

## FARRIER

The Official Show Farrier will be available from Wednesday 9 April to Tuesday 22 April 2025 and he will be located in the Mackay Pavilion. The farrier is Matthew Scotts phone: 0420 211 711. Contact details for the farrier will also be posted at the Horse Section Office.

## HORSE SALES

No Exhibitor is allowed to sell privately or be a party to the private sale of any horse or pony on the Showground.

"Horse for Sale" signs are **NOT** permitted to be displayed anywhere within the Horse Section.

## SUBSTITUTION OF EXHIBITS

Substitution of an exhibit is not permitted.

## RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED ITEMS

It is a condition of entry to the Sydney Showground that Skateboard's, Scooter's, Roller Blades or any Wheeled Recreational Devices are strictly prohibited.

Any individual seen violating this condition is subject to disciplinary action by the appropriate RAS Office or Official.

## HORSE SECTION TEAM

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### Office Hours:

#### Pre-Show

Tuesday 8 April - Wednesday 9 April 8:00 am – 5:00pm

Thursday 10 April 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

#### Showtime

Friday 11 April – Tuesday 22 April 6:00 am – 12:00pm & 2:00pm - 9:30 pm (Closed 12:00pm –

Wednesday 23 April 2:00pm) 9.00 am – 5:00 pm

The Horse Committee warmly welcome exhibitors from all over Australia and trust your time at the Show will be successful and rewarding. We look forward to seeing you at the Show.

Yours sincerely,



**Leonie Roberts**  
**Manager**