



SYDNEY ROYAL HORSE SHOW 2026 HORSE EXHIBITORS INFORMATION GUIDE

Dear Exhibitor,

Welcome to the 2026 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 2026 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 a RAS certified wristband which is to be worn at all times. Only those with a purple wristband will be permitted to stay onsite.

Alternate Accommodation

Accommodation options, both onsite and offsite can be found at www.rasns.w.com.au/horse.

Site Shed Accommodation: Allocations have been finalised for Site Sheds, we do have a waiting list if exhibitors no longer require their bookings. Site Shed departures is required prior to 4.00pm, with keys to be returned to the Horse office.

Armory Camping: Allocations have been finalised for the Newington Armory Campground, we do have a waiting list if exhibitors no longer require their bookings.

A shuttle service to and from the Showground will operate daily from 5.00am until 1.00am throughout the Show, the bus driver does need to

stop for comfort breaks or to fill up for petrol. The shuttle bus will pause for that period of time. **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 vehicle access only.

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

Links to obtain Digital passes will be sent out preshow to the email address attached to exhibitors **myRAS** account, along with instructions on how to complete your Digital Accreditation, the number of links supplied will be in accordance with Special Regulations of the 2026 Horse Schedule.

Entry passes will also come in the form of a One Day Pass – (card stock) to provide entry for exhibitors only requiring one day and are single use.

EVERY PERSON ACCESSING THE SITE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT THEIR 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. 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 of 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.w.com.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">- Heading North, follow Hill Road.- Turn Right into Bennelong Road.- Turn Right into Marjorie Jackson Parkway.- Continue straight and GATE 9 is on Kevin Coombs Ave. |
| (B) | From Homebush Bay Dr | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Turn into Australia Avenue.- Turn right into Bennelong Pkwy- Continue straight onto Marjorie Jackson Parkway.- Continue straight and GATE 9 is on Kevin Coombs Ave. |
| (C) | From Parramatta Road | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Turn into Underwood Road (Australia Avenue).- Turn Right into Bennelong Pkwy- Continue straight onto Marjorie Jackson Parkway.- Continue straight onto Kevin Coombs Ave, GATE 9 is on the left hand side. |
| (D) | From Silverwater Road | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Turn onto Holker Street.- Turn left onto Hill Road.- Turn right into Bennelong Pkwy & Marjorie Jackson Parkway.- Continue straight onto Kevin Coombs Ave, GATE 9 is on the left hand side. |

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

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| (A) | From the Showground | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Turn left into Australia Avenue.- Turn right into Bennelong Pkwy. |

- (D) From Parramatta Road - Turn Left into Hill Road into P5.
 - (E) From M4 Motorway - Turn into Hill Road and follow to P5.
 - 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.

Parking is limited and we will sell out, we strongly recommend pre- booking parking at the time you make your stable payments, prior to 11th March 2026, to avoid disappointment.

Parking **WILL 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 2026 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 2026:

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). Stables are required to be left clean with all feed, rubbish, wet and dirty shavings removed. Stables where Bump Out is on Monday 13th April, exhibitors are not required to leave stables cleaned.

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 2026	ACCESS TIMES
Pre Show	Saturday 28 March (Harness drop off only- pre-approval to be requested, bump in pass required to enter through Gate 10)	10.00am- 4.00pm
Pre Show	Monday 30 March	8.00am – 5.00pm
Pre Show	Tuesday 31 March	8.00 am –5.00pm
Pre Show	Wednesday 1 April	8.00am – 7.00pm
During Show	Thursday 2 April – Monday 13 April	6.00am – 8.00am 4.00pm – 6.00pm (departure only) 7.00pm – 9.00pm (arrival only)
	EXCEPTIONS Grand Parade 1: Day 2 – Friday 3 April	5.00pm – 6.45pm (departure only) 7.00pm – 9.00pm (arrival only)
	Grand Parade 2: Day 4 – Sunday 5 April	5.30pm – 7.00pm (departure only) 7.30pm – 9.00pm (arrival only)
	Grand Parade 3: Day 9 – Friday 10 April	5.15pm – 7.00pm (departure only) 7.30pm – 9.00pm (arrival only)
Last Show Day	Monday 13 April	6.00am – 8.00am After Class (departure only)

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 & ACCOMMODATION 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

Exhibitors will be emailed approximately one week before Day 1 of the Show and will be advised, that allocation details have been released. In order to obtain your stable number, please visit www.rasnw.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 2026:

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.

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 (Monday 30 March – Wednesday 1 April 2026 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.rasnsw.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@rasnsw.com.au

In 2026 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

Monday 30 March - Tuesday 31 March	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday 1 April	8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Showtime

Thursday 2 April – Monday 13 April	6:00 am – 12:00pm & 2:00pm - 9:30 pm (Closed 12:00pm – 2:00pm)
Tuesday 14 April	8:00 am – 12.00 pm

STABLING

The RAS has accepted considerable entry numbers for the 2026 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, with the exception of exhibits that hold a Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Lifetime Measurement) 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:

Tuesday 31 March	8.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 1 April	8.00am – 4.00pm
Thursday 2 April to Sunday 12 April	7.00am – 4.30pm (Closed 1pm–2pm)
Monday 13 April	7.00am – 2.00pm

JUDGING TIMETABLE

The Judging Timetable is available on the horse website www.rasnsw.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 saddlecloth 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 04 FEBRUARY 2026** may be eligible for a refund of Entry Fees (an administration fee of \$20 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 11 MARCH 2026** 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.

- 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.

All veterinary services rendered while on the Showground are a first aid service only, beyond which it is the responsibility of the person concerned to contact his or her own veterinary officer. This does not in any way preclude persons engaging the service of the Society's veterinary officers in a private capacity and at their own expense.

TREATMENT NOTIFICATION FORMS

Please be advised that Treatment Notification Forms are available from the Horse Section Office – **ANY** and **ALL** drug treatments **MUST** be notified no later than **6.00pm** on the day before the day of Exhibition. Refer to General Regulation 130.

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 125 –137 (these are available at 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 constitutions of many of these preparations are unlisted or unknown. Accordingly, Exhibitors are strongly advised to refer to General Regulations 125-137.

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 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 instants, tables, chairs and washing up facilities. Please remember this is a shared facility and Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after themselves.

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 daily to the general public. Public access in the Grace and Kelly Pavilions will be limited to the center aisles from 9.00am to 7.30pm.

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

Stables will be checked, and if clean, the stable deposit will be refunded after the conclusion of the Show.

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 2026 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

Please note it is your responsibility to arrange all your fodder requirements with the Fodder Merchant for the 2026 Show.

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 2026 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 are to enter the track to the left, going around in a clockwise direction. (One way only)
- 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. Lungeing is NOT permitted in the Exercise Arena between Kelly & Jenko.

Lungeing will be permitted in the Marshalling Yard after class hours, in accordance with the times displayed on signage, and in the Schmidt Arena when it is designated as an exercise arena (refer below). Please remain considerate of other exhibitors who may also be utilising the area.

The Schmidt Arena has been provided to Exhibitors for an exercise facility for horses stabled on the Showground site. 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 of 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:

Shetland Parade:	Day 1 – Thursday 2 April at 5.30pm
Grand Parade:	Day 2 – Friday 3 April at 4.00pm
Evening Harness Parade:	Day 3 – Saturday 4 April at 4.55pm
Australian Stock Horses Parade:	Day 3 – Saturday 4 April at 5.35pm
Grand Parade:	Day 4 – Sunday 5 April at 4.40pm
Grand Parade:	Day 9 – Friday 10 April at 4:00pm

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 fluorescent 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 Tuesday 31 March to Monday 13 April 2026 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

Leonie Roberts: Manager, Horse Competitions & Events

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Office Hours:

Pre Show

Monday 30 March – Tuesday 31 March 9:00 am – 5:00pm

Wednesday 1 April 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Showtime

Thursday 2 April – Monday 13 April 6:00 am – 12:00pm & 2:00pm - 9:30 pm (Closed 12:00pm – 2:00pm)

Tuesday 14 April 8:00 am – 12:00 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
Horse Event Manager.