

ASH SA CENTRAL BRANCH CHALLENGE RULES

SA Central Branch Challenges are open to all breeds and not restricted to Australian Stock Horses. Rules & Regulations are in accordance with the ASHS Ltd Green Handbook.

Juniors = Juniors are youths that may compete until they turn 18yrs of age. At which time they will no longer be eligible to compete as a junior.

Encourage = A horse or rider that has not won a challenge event at any show, open event or similar equine event.

Open = Experienced competitors and horses.

1. All competitors competing for High Points or Youth ASHS trophies must be financial members of the ASHS or the immediate family member of a financial ASHS member. Youth competitors may compete as such time as they turn 18 years of age.
2. Youth competing for High Points or High Point Trophies can only do so on a registered Australian Stock Horse.
3. Persons under 18 years of age are not permitted to handle or ride Stallions or Colts at this event.
4. Competitors under 18 years of age must wear an equestrian helmet approved by the Australian Standards Association, which must be fastened under the chin, when mounted anywhere within the perimeter of the grounds.
5. Encourage horses may compete as such, until they have won a challenge overall or placed either 2nd or 3rd three times in any one show season. After which, they will elevate to the Open challenge event. An overall winner is the horse that scores the overall best score.
6. Placings are 1st, 2nd and 3rd. However, the committee reserves the right to place to 5th in events where there are a large numbers of entries.
7. Incentive Prize will be given for Highest Placed ASH in Open Events only.
8. All decisions made by the judge are final.
9. Any Junior or Encourage horse winning one only section of a challenge does not change its competitive status, ie: working section or hacking or time trial. You must win the event overall to change status or place 3 times in the one season (refer above).
10. Competitors choosing to enter the Encourage or Junior section are not then eligible for the Open event & vice versa.
11. Competitors may compete on more than one horse, however, each additional horse will be charged the full entry fee.
12. The same horse may be ridden by a Junior competitor and then ridden in the Encourage section by a parent/adult/family member, ie: horse is eligible to compete only once in each category.

However, should the horse be ridden in a Junior event and then ridden in an Open event, it cannot go back in class and must remain in Open competition from then on.

13. All competitors who enter this event do so, on the condition that they will compete and ride in the manner and spirit recognized as befitting an Australian Stockman.

14. Competitors must be experienced and accomplished riders with appropriately trained and fit horses capable of undertaking the conditions of all phases of the event.

15. The expected dress code must be worn for the entire program and will be comprised of:

- A: Collared shirt with sleeves
- B. Approved safety Helmet for the cross country and Stock events
- C. Smooth soled boots
- D. Appropriate stockman's hat
- E. Jeans or jodhpurs will be accepted.

16. Tack: Horses must be ridden in a snaffle bridle. The bridle shall have no drop noseband or head check, running reins, rings or any other device giving extra control over the horse.

17. The style of saddle used must remain the same for the entire sections of the event.

18. Competitors must complete the program as set by the committee.

19. No alcohol to be consumed whilst competing or prior to completion of the day's events.

20. No unrestrained dogs allowed.

21. In the event of a protest: it must be lodged within ½ hour of the event with a \$20 non-refundable deposit. The protests committee will be the judge, horse convener.

HORSE RIDING CAN BE HAZARDOUS. Neither the organising committee, or the Australian Stock Horse Society Ltd accepts any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to riders, horses, beasts, grounds, spectators or any other persons or property what so ever.