

# The West Australian Arabian Horse Association Inc.

## Rules and Regulations



2020

The West Australian Arabian Horse Association Inc Rules and Regulations, in order of precedence, is governed by:

**1. Its Constitution:** <http://www.waaha.com.au/resources/WAAHA%20Constitution%202019.pdf>

**2. The Arabian Horse Society of Australia's rules (AHSA):**

[http://s3.amazonaws.com/static.ahsa.asn.au/files/attached\\_files/633/RULE\\_BOOK\\_2019\\_draft\\_20200109.pdf](http://s3.amazonaws.com/static.ahsa.asn.au/files/attached_files/633/RULE_BOOK_2019_draft_20200109.pdf)

**3. Show Rules** – for rules pertaining to a specific show, please see show schedules. Generic show rules that pertain to all shows are as follows:

- **SHOW COMMITTEE shall have the power, without assigning any reason to**
  - a) Reject or cancel any entry at any time.
  - b) Prohibit the participation by any person or exhibit in any event or class for which it is entered.
  - c) Cancel, combine or divide any event or class.
  - d) Alter the time at which any class or event is to take place.
  - e) Order the removal of any exhibit from the Show grounds.
  - f) Transfer an exhibit from any class to any other class.
  - g) Act upon any report of cruelty to any exhibit on the Showground. Clauses b) and e) above may be invoked.
  - h) Enforce the exclusion of any exhibit which has been excused from any class upon the direction of a Judge.
  
- **CONDUCT** - Competitors shall always behave in a proper and respectful manner to Judges, Officials and fellow competitors. Any exhibitor whose conduct is ill-mannered, aggressive or unsportsmanlike may be issued a warning and subsequently dismissed from the class or disqualified from the Show. Please refer to the current AHSA Ltd Rule Book for information.  
**BULLYING OF ANY DESCRIPTION WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
  
- **ASSOCIATION LIABILITY** - The Western Australian Arabian Horse Association Inc. (WAAHA) or any of its Agents, shall not be liable for any financial loss or damage, physical injury or property damage suffered by any person by reason of any defect, accident, negligence or neglect however arising.
  
- **SHOW RULES** - This show is for Purebred Arabian, Arabian Derivative and Arabian Performance Indexed horses and is governed by the current Arabian Horse Society of Australia Rule Book, EWA, and the SEC Rules and Regulations where no specific show rule is available. It is the responsibility of the entrant to read and be familiar with the rules and requirements for all classes.

- **ENTRIES** – All entries must be made in the name of the registered owner/lessee of the exhibit.

Entries can be submitted via methods listed in a show schedule and must be accompanied by the correct payment and all supporting documents.

Incorrect and/or incomplete entries that have not been finalised by close of entries will incur an additional penalty fee.

By lodging an entry, the exhibitor shall be bound by the terms & conditions of the event. The signature on an entry form by an exhibitor shall be deemed to evidence acceptance of same.

Owners of ALL Purebreds and Derivatives must be CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF AHSA to enter their horse(s) at a WAAHA show.

Horses without a registration number cannot be exhibited.

All horses must be able to be identified by their brands and/or markings in accordance with the Certificate of Registration issued by the Society.

Exhibitors must include the names of ALL handlers and riders on their entry – this is an insurance requirement.

**ALL OWNERS MUST HAVE A COPY OF THEIR PAPERWORK WITH THEM AT THE SHOW.**

- **REFUNDS**

Request for a refund of class entries can be submitted, in writing, with the reason for withdrawal. Refunds will only be made on production of a veterinary or medical certificate and must be forwarded to the committee within 5 days of the issue of certificate. Any request for refund will be considered on a case by case basis.

Note - Non-participation in an event will not warrant the refund of any monies.

- **LAMENESS** - Horses exhibiting any sign of serious lameness in the opinion of the Judge and/or organising committee will be excused from the class and take no further part in competition for the remainder of the day. **THIS IS AN ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUE.** Exhibits displaying whip or spur marks will also not be judged.

- **DISPUTES COMMITTEE (AHSA Rule 5:10) –**

Every Show shall have a Disputes Committee made up of the following:

- a) One Committee Member.
- b) The Show Manager and/or Ring Master.
- c) One Competitor.

No member of this Committee may hear a protest in a Section of the Show in which he/she is exhibiting or competing.

The Judge of the Section concerned may be consulted.

The decision of the Committee is final and binding.

- **NON-PROFESSIONAL CLASSES** - Open to competitors 18 years & over. Name of Rider and/or Handler must be included on the entry form. Competitors in these classes must supply a SIGNED declaration claiming non-professional status. A declaration must be provided with your entry. See Members Resources page of the WAAHA website for declaration form.

- **YOUTH CLASSES** – Open to all competitors 17 years & under. Birth certificates will be required for proof of age. Exhibitors entering a horse in a youth class must include the name of the youth that is handling/riding.
- **LEADLINE CLASSES** – Leadline Riders must be aged from 3 years up to and including 7 years. Youths riding in the Leadline rider class CANNOT also compete in open youth rider classes.
- **AGE OF YOUTH RIDERS** – Due to Horse of the Year Awards, the age of riders will be taken from January 1 of any year, not at date of show.
- **DRESSAGE** - Where dressage classes are offered, all tests will be run in accordance with the current EA dressage rules, unless there is a specific show or AHSA rule. Horses must not compete below their official graded level or at more than two consecutive levels.  
No horse may compete in more than two tests. However, in the event of vacant tests slots, competitors already entered may be offered one of those slots on a first come first serve basis, to ride a third test at the same level as already entered.  
**Only one rider per horse is permitted in dressage.**
- **HIGH PERCENTAGE ARABIAN DERIVATIVES** - must be MORE than 50% purity as listed on the AHSA registration certificate to compete in this class.
- **NEWCOMER SADDLE HORSE** – must be ridden in a snaffle bit. Newcomers must not have competed (with the exception of Racing/Endurance) under saddle prior to the date stated in the show schedule. A Pony that has only competed in Leading Rein and has NOT competed off the lead is eligible to be considered a Newcomer.
- **YOUNG SADDLE HORSE** – must be ridden in a snaffle bit. A young horse is defined as being 3, 4 or 5 years old.
- **HEIGHT CERTIFICATES** – Current Height Certificates are required for all classes listed with heights, excluding horses two years and under – where-by expected mature height is to be considered.  
Please note:- horses 8 years and over do not require a current height certificate if they have been measured in the three previous consecutive years at the same height. This proof must be provided with show entries.
- **DUAL REGISTERED** – Open to all Purebred Arabian/Arabian Derivatives/API that are registered with another breed society.  
Proof of registration must be provided with entries.

#### **4. Specialist Awards Rules:**

##### **THE KADOVA FAVOURY TROPHY**

Competition runs from January 1 to December 31 each year. Nominations are not required. Open to Members and Non-Members.

ELIGIBLE SHOWS:- All Arabian Show, Trilogy Show, Perth Royal Show and State Championships.

FOR PUREBRED ARABIANS ONLY – ALL AGES AND SEXES All Arabian, Trilogy and Perth Royal Show.

Points will be awarded as follows:-

AGE CLASSES 1st = 3 points 2nd = 2 points 3rd = 1 point

CHAMPION 6 points PLUS 1 point for each class winner beaten

RESERVE 3 points PLUS 1 point for each class winner beaten

SUPREME 3 points PLUS 1 point for each Champion beaten

At the Arabian Championships of WA – Points will be awarded as follows:-

AGE CLASSES

CHAMPION – 10 Points PLUS 1 point for Reserve beaten PLUS 1 point for each Finalist beaten (up to 8)

RESERVE – 6 Points PLUS 1 point for each Finalist beaten

FINALIST - 3 points each

6 EXTRA points awarded for Champion of Champions of the Day

6 EXTRA points awarded for Champion of Champions of the Show

TIED SCORES:-

A Supreme Champion win will decide the winner.

If the score is still tied then the most number of Champions wins.

If the score is still tied then the most number of horses beaten in each of the above wins.

W.A.A.H.A. Committee cannot change point scoring system without approval from Michele Ormsby. Michele is invited to present her trophy at the All Arabian Show as this is the last show of the calendar year. Committee purchases a smaller trophy which is presented to the winner on the day.

The KADOVA FAVOURY TROPHY is taken from the display case at the State Equestrian Centre to be presented to the winner (for photos) and then returned to the display case where it will remain. It will only be removed for updating as required.

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AUTHORISED: Signed by Michele Ormsby DATE: 20.6.05

### **THE 'ULTIMATE' ARABIAN**

Qualification - a horse must compete and place in their breed halter and breed ridden classes to qualify to compete in the Ultimate class. A breed class is a mare, stallion or gelding class that is not restricted by handler or rider age or status.

Judging – The class is conducted in two parts. In Part 1 exhibits are presented to the judge(s) in halter and each exhibit is given a score out of 10 (one being the lowest score and ten being the highest). In Part 2, exhibits are presented to the judge(s) under saddle where a ridden workout is completed and each exhibit is given an additional score out of 10.

Scoring - The led and ridden Parts of the class are each worth 50%. The points from both parts of the class are combined and the highest score wins. Ties are split by the higher halter score.

Presentation of winner - Horses to be saddled at the completion of the class for presentations. Places awarded will be gold, silver and bronze for first, second and third respectively.

Judges – One or two judges may be used. If one judge is used (one judge for Part A and one judge for Part B) the score is out of 20, and if two are used (both judge Part A and Part B) the score is out of 40.

Handler/Rider – there must only be one rider and one handler per horse. These may be the same person, or two people. There should be no more than two individuals in the ring at any one time.

There is no restriction on the number of times an exhibit can win this class, providing that it enters and contests the class in accordance with the rules.

*Committee reserves the right to modify the way this class is judged on the day if the situation dictates – e.g. cancellation of classes due to extreme weather, etc.*

### THE HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Purebred of the Year Halter:	Purebred of the Year Ridden:	Derivative of the Year Halter:	Derivative of the Year Ridden:	Arabian Performance Index of the Year
Stallion/Colt	Stallion/Colt	Stallion/Colt	Stallion/Colt	Halter
Mare/Filly	Mare/Filly	Mare/Filly	Mare/Filly	Ridden
Gelding	Gelding	Gelding	Gelding	

Non- Professional of the Year	Breeder of the Year	Youth of the Year	Dressage Horse of the Year
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Competition runs from January 1 to December 31 each year.

Nominations are not required. Eighteen perpetual trophies are awarded in the following categories:

Points are gained at these shows only:

All Arabian Show, Arabian Trilogy, Perth Royal Show, and Arabian Championships of WA.

Points are collated and the trophies awarded to the highest points scorer from the above shows, as follows:

To 1st Place	To 2nd Place	To 3rd Place	To 4th Place	To 5th Place	To 6th Place
1st - 6 Points	1st – 6 Points	1st – 6 Points	1st – 6 Points	1st – 6 Points	1st – 6 Points
	2nd – 5 Points	2nd – 5 Points	2nd – 5 Points	2nd – 5 Points	2nd – 5 Points
		3rd – 4 Points	3rd – 4 Points	3rd – 4 Points	3rd – 4 Points
			4th – 3 Points	4th – 3 Points	4th – 3 Points
				5th – 2 Points	5th – 2 Points
					6th – 1 Point
Champion + 4 Points					
Reserve + 2 Points					

For the **Ridden Horse of the Year** points will be awarded for the Arabian and Registered Derivative height classes only as follows:

Gold - 6 Points Silver - 5 Points Bronze - 4 Points Finalist - 3 Points

Ridden Horse of the year Gold, Silver or Bronze cannot claim points for a Finalist place, i.e. they will only earn 6, 5 or 4 points respectively.

**At The Arabian Championships of WA:**

Champion - 8 points      Reserve - 6 points      Finalist - 3 points

NB. At the Arabian Championships, Champion and Reserve Champions cannot claim points for a Finalist place, i.e. they will only earn 8 or 6 points respectively.

Eligible points classes are Purebred Arabian and Registered Derivative breed classes only, i.e. age halter classes and ridden breed classes (ridden mare, gelding and stallion only). Handler, Head, Trot, Height, weight, ladies/gents, youth and open pleasure, bridlepath, costume etc. classes are excluded.

**ARABIAN PERFORMANCE INDEX OF THE YEAR:**

Eligible points classes are API "breed" classes i.e. age halter classes and ridden API height classes only. Weight, ladies/gents, youth and open (pleasure, bridlepath, costume etc) classes are excluded. Points are awarded as rules above.

**Horse owner must be a current financial member of WAAHA at the time the points are accrued for points to be counted.**

**DRESSAGE HORSE OF THE YEAR:**

All Purebred/Registered Derivative/API dressage classes will earn points at the above shows as follows:

To 1st Place	To 2nd Place	To 3rd Place	To 4th Place	To 5th Place	To 6th Place
1st - 6 Points	1st - 6 Points	1st - 6 Points	1st - 6 Points	1st - 6 Points	1st - 6 Points
	2nd - 5 Points	2nd - 5 Points	2nd - 5 Points	2nd - 5 Points	2nd - 5 Points
		3rd - 4 Points	3rd - 4 Points	3rd - 4 Points	3rd - 4 Points
			4th - 3 Points	4th - 3 Points	4th - 3 Points
				5th - 2 Points	5th - 2 Points
					6th - 1 Point

Horses may gain points in 2 consecutive test levels only. Ie: prep/prelim, prelim/novice etc.

The highest accumulated score will be awarded dressage horse of the year.

In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest test score at the Arabian Championships of WA will be the decider.

**Dressage horse and rider must be a current financial member of WAAHA at the time the points are accrued for points to be counted.**

**NON-PROFESSIONAL OWNER OF THE YEAR:**

Purebred/Registered Derivative shown by a Non-Pro

Purebred/Registered Derivative Non-Pro handler

Purebred/Registered Derivative ridden by a Non-Pro

Non-Pro Rider are the classes that will earn points, at each of the above shows (where offered).

Where a Non-Professional shows more than one horse, each horse will be recorded separately.

**Non-Professional owner must be a current financial member of WAAHA at the time the points are accrued for points to be counted.**

**YOUTH OF THE YEAR:**

All classes restricted to Youth will earn points at each of the above shows (where offered). Where a Youth shows more than one horse, each horse will be recorded separately.

**Youth must be a current financial member of WAAHA at the time the points are accrued for points to be counted.**

**WA BREEDER OF THE YEAR:**

All horses bred by WA breeders will be eligible for points towards the WAAHA breeder of the year award.

Eligible points classes are Purebred Arabian, Registered Derivative & API breed classes only i.e. age halter classes and ridden breed classes (ridden mare, gelding and stallion only). Handler, Head, Trot, Height\*, weight, ladies/gents, youth and open pleasure, bridlepath, costume etc classes are excluded.

\*When ridden classes are only divided by height at a particular show, the points shall be awarded to the different sexes based on their placing, e.g. if a mare places first in a height class the points earned for first place will count towards the ridden mare trophy.

**Horse breeder must be current financial members of WAAHA at the time the points are accrued for points to be counted.**

*In the event of a tie, the Arabian Championships of WA will be the deciding event. If this does not split the tie, the horse that beat the higher number of competitors in their classes will be the winner.*

*All trophies must remain in WA and are to be returned from January 1st in order to engrave them in readiness for presentation to the new winners at the AGM.*

**5. Equestrian WA (EWA) Rules:** <https://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/>

**6. The State Equestrian Centre Rules:** <https://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/sec>

**7. WAAHA Social Media Policy**

**Introduction**

Social media gives individuals, groups, organisations and businesses the opportunity to instantly share information with online communities. Blogs, forums, social networking and video sharing sites are the most popular types of social media sites, however, any forum which allows a user to upload and share information is considered part of the social media space. It is also important to note that information that is shared need not be written; it could take the form of an image or audio-visual material.

The WA Arabian Horse Association (WAAHA) supports the use of social media as a timely and effective method of communication. In addition to engaging with members of the equestrian community, social media can help the organisation reach members of the broader public and traditional media.



WAAHA proactively seeks positive media coverage and does so for the benefit of its members. Traditionally this media coverage has been through TV, radio and print media outlets however the rise of social media has widened this landscape. Given these changes, all WAAHA representatives have the opportunity to act as ambassadors for the association simply by maintaining an online presence.

Whilst social media provides great opportunity to raise WAAHA's profile and reach new audiences, it also has the potential to harm the reputation of the association, and its members. It is crucial therefore that individuals representing WAAHA are aware of the implications of using social media.

The purpose of this document is to provide representatives of WAAHA with guiding principles for using social media. WAAHA encourages each of its representatives to use social media within the parameters outlined in this policy.

This policy applies to WAAHA representatives when they use social media in an official capacity or when referring to WAAHA in a private space.

### **Scope**

Individuals bound by this policy include all WAAHA members, officials, and volunteers (including but not limited to committee members, subcommittees and committee volunteers).

For the purpose of this document, the above mentioned will be collectively referred to as WAAHA representatives.

All forms of social media activity are covered under this policy, including, but not limited to:

- Creating and maintaining social or business networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, MySpace or LinkedIn.
- Sharing audio-visual content on sites including Flickr and Pinterest (photo sharing) and YouTube and Vimeo (video sharing)
- Authoring and commenting on blogs or forums
- Editing a Wikipedia page

### **Guiding Principles**

WAAHA representatives should be mindful that information shared on social media platforms appears in the public sphere so careful consideration should be given to content before it is posted. Never forget that information shared within online communities could have implications for the sport and those associated with it.

Adhering to these guidelines will ensure the reputation of WAAHA and its representatives remains protected.

- Information shared online by WAAHA representatives should be honest. Further, defamatory or disrespectful comments about individuals or organisations will not be tolerated. Once information is shared online it can be difficult to retract. A representative might be able to remove his/her original comments however the very nature of social media encourages people to share information which can make it difficult to know where information is posted.
- Representatives must never bring WAAHA, its members, or the Arabian or Arabian Derivative horse into disrepute. Representatives should assume that all posts and information they share with online communities can be traced back to them.

- When posting in online communities, representatives should uphold WAAHAs values and protect the WAAHA brand at all times. A WAAHA representative who shares information online should consider themselves a spokesperson for the organisation and must never publish a comment that could jeopardise WAAHAs relationships with its partners, including sponsors.
- Representatives should refrain from publishing comments that are uninformative. In addition, the publishing of confidential or sensitive information is not permitted.
- Information that the committee or members wish to share with WAAHA members must be authorized by the management committee.

#### **Breach**

If a representative fails to follow these guidelines WAAHA has the right to issue the representative with a take-down notice. Repeated breaches could lead to disciplinary action as per the WAAHA Constitution (Clause 21).

#### **Legislation**

As with any form of public communication online communication can also be subject to legislation. Representatives should be mindful that unsubstantiated claims, false statements, defamatory, offensive and threatening comments may lead to prosecution.

#### **Conclusion**

WAAHA understands that social media is a new method of communication and as such encourages its representatives to seek clarification from the WAAHA committee if they are unsure what constitutes appropriate and inappropriate content.

Approved at the 2013 AGM

**The Committee reserve the right as per the WAAHA Constitution and Arabian Horse Society of Australia, known as AHSA in this document, to update show rules.**