

By-Laws Pertaining To Show Horse (Amended 7th October, 2025)

SH1 All Official Show Horse Events, Show Horse Queensland Horse of the Year (HOTY) and Show Horse Queensland Newcomer Show will be conducted under the Rules of Equestrian Australia.

SH2 Qualification Criteria to participate at Show Horse Queensland HOTY & Child's HOTY

1. All handlers and riders must qualify by competing at one (1) qualifying show to be able to compete at the State HOTY
 - All handlers, and riders, Leading Rein Leaders and riders must have competed at one (1) qualifying show
 - All owners of EA life registered horses must be current financial members at the time of the qualification event
 - All horses must be EA life registered and have competed at one (1) qualifying show
2. Show Horse Queensland reserves the right to reduce the qualifications required, giving consideration to the number of qualification events provided to members during the course of the year and other situations that may occur.
3. All qualifying shows are advertised on the Show Horse Queensland web pages, Equestrian Queensland website and Equestrian Queensland live calendar.
4. Members are able to apply for an exemption to Show Horse Queensland if unable to meet the qualification requirements.

SH3 Show Horse Queensland gives the Show Horse Queensland Judges Coordinator full responsibility for inviting and allocating judges for those events that Show Horse Queensland conducts, with the exception of HOTY & Newcomer Show. Judges will be approved by the Show Horse Queensland Committee prior to publication. Where possible, Judges appointed should not be from the Show Horse Queensland committee. The Judges appointment for HOTY & Newcomer Show shall be in accordance with the Equestrian Australia National Show Horse Rules.

SH4 Qualification Criteria to participate at Show Horse Queensland Newcomer

1. Newcomer HOTY is open to horses and ponies which have NOT competed in any under saddle class at any event (excluding racing), which includes but is not limited to – breed, local, pony club, dressage, jumping etc. prior to the commencement of the Newcomer season. A Pony that has only competed in Leading Rein or Miniature Turnouts and has not competed off the lead is eligible to be considered a Newcomer. (As per National Show Horse rules)
2. Any Newcomer must have started at it's first show in Queensland, to be eligible for EQ Newcomer classes
3. The Queensland Newcomer season is from 1st of June to 1st of June 2026.

SH5 Owner Rider Rules and Regulations

1. To be eligible to apply for Owner Rider status, all riders/owners/lessees must be a financial member of the Equestrian Queensland prior to the close of entries. To be eligible to compete in Owner Rider events, you must be registered with Show Horse Queensland as an Owner Rider. There will be a fee to participate. Payment is non-refundable and non-transferable.
2. All horses and ponies are required to have an official EA/EQ lease or be the bona fide property of the rider. An official lease must have been in existence for a period of at least three months prior to the show for the owner-rider classes.
3. Partners and immediate family members i.e. step-child, child, mother or father are able to register as an owner rider. Preference would be that the registered owner rider is noted on the EA Horse Registration Certificate.
4. All Owner riders must be a registered (financial owner rider) and have competed in an owner rider class prior on or before the 7th of June.

SH6 Any fundraising, sale of merchandise or activity for monetary gain, i.e. raffles, merchandise, sponsorship must be approved by the Show Horse Queensland.