

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION (Inc.)**

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The Western Australian Arabian Horse Association Inc. Show Rules, in order of precedence, is governed by:

1. Its Constitution:
2. The West Australian Rules & Regulations:
3. Show Rules outlined in this document.
4. Specific Show\Event rules as outlined in the relevant Show Program.

### **1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES**

- a) All exhibitors lodging an entry into any Western Australian Arabian Horse Association Inc. (WAAHA) event/s shall accept and be bound by these rules upon entering the event.
- b) Competitors are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules and guidelines listed or referred to in this document. It remains the responsibility of the owner / handler / rider to comply with the equipment rules and general rules as outlined.
- c) Breach of the rules may entail elimination unless other penalties are stipulated.

### **2. 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 or animal by reason of any defect, accident, natural disaster, negligence, or neglect however arising.

### **3. CONDITION OF ENTRY**

- Entries to events are to be submitted via methods listed in the show schedule and must be accompanied by the correct payment and all supporting documents by close of entries.
- Incorrect and/or incomplete entries that have not been finalised by close of entries may not be accepted.
- Exhibitors must include the names of all persons attending the event as a handler, rider or groom on their entry form.
- 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 as evidence of acceptance of WAAHA rules.

### **4. REGISTRATION, OWNERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP**

- All horses must be registered or recorded in the Performance Index with the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Limited or be registered in an approved WAHO Studbook with a valid Competition Visa issued by the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Limited. Registration and Recording numbers to be stated for all exhibits on entry forms. Horses may only compete in classes for the section of the registry in which they hold registration.
- WAAHA does NOT recognise any form of "pending" registration and horses without a registration or recording number must not be exhibited.
- Horses recorded in the Arabian Performance Index are not Arabian Derivates and may only compete in classes specifically for A.P.I. horses or in Rider/ Handler classes, or in Youth Classes. A.P.I. horses are not eligible to compete in any Arabian Derivative classes including any Championship or Supreme classes. Horses competing under a Competition Visa shall be eligible to compete in the sections they are eligible for on pedigree.
- Persons exhibiting any horse, Purebred, Derivative or Performance Index, must be the Registered Owner or Lessee.

### **5. SHOW COMMITTEE**

Shall have the power, without assigning any reason to:

- Reject or cancel any entry at any time.
- Prohibit the participation by any person or exhibit in any event or class for which it is entered.
- Cancel, combine or divide any event or class.
- Alter the time at which any class or event is to take place.
- Order the removal of any exhibit from the Show grounds.
- Transfer an exhibit from any class to any other class.

- Act upon any report of cruelty to any exhibit on the Showground.
- Enforce the exclusion of any exhibit which has been excused from any class upon the direction of a Judge.

## **6. MEMBERS RATES**

- Only current financial Junior, General, Family/Joint and Life members of the WAAHA Inc. of an exhibit as the Owner or Lessee, are eligible to enter at WAAHA member's rates.
- Membership fees must be paid before or on the close of entries.
- Non-members of WAAHA competing in Rider/Handler classes must pay non-member rates for those classes regardless of the horse owner's membership status.

## **7. STALLIONS**

At all WAAHA events, exhibitors, handlers and riders of stallions will be required to abide by the rules set out in the EA Stallion Safe Practice Rules & Regulations Policy -

[https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA\\_Stallion\\_Safe\\_Practice\\_Policy\\_15062018\\_0.pdf](https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA_Stallion_Safe_Practice_Policy_15062018_0.pdf)

Whilst it may not always be possible for green stallion discs to be attached to some in-hand cable halters, it is strongly recommended they be worn in all halter classes.

All stallions will be issued with a green exhibit number which must be worn by the handler / rider in all classes.

## **8. EXHIBIT NUMBERS**

Where entries have been allocated an exhibit number, the exhibit or handler/rider/driver must display the correct exhibit number at all times in each event unless otherwise permitted by a show official.

## **9. HEIGHT CERTIFICATES**

Current Annual or Life 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. A copy of the height certificate must be provided with the show entries where applicable.

## **10. CLASS RULES**

### **WEST COAST CUP**

For registered Arabian and Arabian Derivatives.

Horses and riders must be presented in English show hack attire including English saddle and bridle, gloves and the horse to be plaited. Spurs and hacking canes are optional. Dressage whips are not permitted.

All horses must be presented in the ring with a suitably attired rider or handler for presentations.

The top 3\5\10 will be offered depending on the number of entries.

Judging criteria:-

Horses will enter the arena individually and complete a set workout. At the completion of the workouts, all horses will enter the arena for presentations.

Horses will be scored out of 100 with 0 - 10 points being awarded as follows;

Quality of walk

Quality of trot

Quality of lengthened trot

Quality of canter

Quality of lengthened canter

Quality of halt

Transitions

Conformation and quality as a show hack

Presentation as a show hack

Harmony of horse and rider and overall impression.

In the event of a tied score, the horse with the highest score for Harmony of horse and rider and overall impression will be the winner.

## **THE ULTIMATE ARABIAN**

This Class is judged at the All Arabian Show. Open to all Purebred Arabians and Arabian Derivatives.

### *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.

- Part 1 - Exhibits are presented to the judge(s) under saddle where a ridden workout is completed and each exhibit is given a score out of 10 (one being the lowest score and ten being the highest).
- Part 2 - 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).

### *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.

### *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*

The same handler and rider who qualified the horse for this event must be the same handler and rider presenting in the Ultimate Arabian judging. There should be no more than two individuals in the ring at any one time per exhibit.

### *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.

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.

## **11. ANNUAL AWARDS**

Competition runs from 1st January to 31st December each year. Nominations are not required.

Trophies/prizes are awarded annually at the AGM.

Points may be gained at the WA Arabian Championships, Arabian Showcase, Perth Royal Show and the All Arabian Show.

In the event that less than 2 of the above-mentioned shows are held in a year, the committee reserves the right to not award any Horse of the Year Awards.

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

### *Halter and Ridden Horse of the Year Awards*

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

### *Breeder of the Year Award*

Points will be awarded to each breeder as per the breeder's name listed on the horses AHSA registration papers. The horse breeder, or in the event of the horse having multiple persons listed as breeder, at least one person listed as the breeder must be a financial member of WAAHA at the time the points are accrued for points to be counted.

### *Eligible classes for Horse and Breeder of the Year Awards*

Points can only be gained in breed halter and breed ridden classes. (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 within the class. (eg. if a mare places first in a height class the points earned for first place will count towards the ridden mare trophy)

### *Non-Professional Owner of the Year*

Points can be gained in the following classes at the above-mentioned events where Non-Pro classes are offered:

- Shown by a Non-Pro,
- Non-Pro Handler,
- Ridden by a Non-Pro,
- Non-Pro Rider.

Where a Non-Professional shows more than one horse, points will only be counted in each section of classes once (eg. Where a Non-Pro shows a horse in the Purebred Shown by a Non-Pro and Derivative Shown by a Non-Pro classes, only the highest set of points will count). The Non-Professional handler / rider must be a financial member of WAAHA at the time the points are accrued for points to be counted.

*Amateur of the Year*

Points may be gained in the following classes at the above-mentioned events where Non-Pro classes are offered:  
Shown by an Amateur,  
Ridden by an Amateur.

Where an Amateur shows more than one horse, points will only be counted in each section of classes once (eg. Where an Amateur shows a horse in the Purebred and Derivative classes, only the highest set of points will count). The Amateur handler / rider must be a financial member of WAAHA at the time the points are accrued for points to be counted.

*Youth of the Year*

Points can be gained in the following classes at the above-mentioned events where Youth classes are offered:  
Shown by a Youth,  
Youth Handler,  
Ridden by a Youth,  
Youth Rider.

Where a Youth shows more than one horse, points will only be counted in each section of classes once (eg. Where a Youth shows a horse in the Purebred Shown by a Youth and Derivative Shown by a Youth classes, only the highest set of points will count). The youth rider / handler must be a financial member of WAAHA at the time the points are accrued for points to be counted.

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

**Calculating Points for State Championships**

Supreme Led	15 points
Grand Champion (Snr\Jnr)	12 points
Champion	8 points
Reserve Champion	6 points
Finalist	2 points

**Calculating Points for All Arabian & Breeders Showcase**

Individual Age /Gender Class	1st Place	3 points
	2nd Place	2 points
	3rd Place	1 point
Champion Exhibit		+5 points
Reserve Champion		+3 points
Grand Champion		+4 points
Supreme Champion		+3 points

**Calculating Points for Perth Royal**

Individual Age\Gender class	1st place	3 points per class
	2nd place	2 points per class
	3rd place	1 point per class
Champion (excludes Junior Champion)		+5 points
Reserve Champion		+3 points
Supreme		+4 points

## WAAHA HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Purebred Colt\Stallion of the Year

Purebred Mare\Filly of the Year

Purebred Gelding of the Year

**PUREBRED HALTER HORSE OF THE YEAR**

Arabian Derivative Colt\Stallion of the Year

Arabian Derivative Mare\Filly of the Year

Arabian Derivative Gelding of the Year

**ARABIAN DERIVATIVE HALTER HORSE OF THE YEAR**

Purebred Ridden Stallion of the Year

Purebred Ridden Mare of the Year

Purebred Ridden Gelding of the Year

**PUREBRED RIDDEN HORSE OF THE YEAR**

Arabian Derivative Ridden Stallion of the Year

Arabian Derivative Ridden mare of the Year

Arabian Derivative Ridden Gelding of the Year

**ARABIAN DERIVATIVE RIDDEN HORSE OF THE YEAR**

Arabian Performance Index Junior of the Year

Arabian Performance Index Senior of the Year

**ARABIAN PERFORMANCE INDEX HALTER HORSE OF THE YEAR**

Arabian Performance Index Ridden Pony of the Year

Arabian Performance Index Ridden Galloway of the Year

Arabian Performance Index Ridden Hack of the Year

**ARABIAN PERFORMANCE INDEX RIDDEN HORSE OF THE YEAR**

**BREEDER OF THE YEAR**

**NON-PRO OF THE YEAR**

**AMATEUR OF THE YEAR**

**YOUTH OF THE YEAR**