

HSAA NEWSLETTER

October / November 2016

Dear Affiliates and Judges,

It's that time of year again when everyone is winding down and horses are getting a break.

The new Committee was elected at the AGM in October.

As there won't be another Newsletter before the New Year, on behalf of the Committee I would like to wish you an early Seasons greetings and a safe New Year.

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AFFILIATE

There were no new affiliates this quarter

We have taken on recommendation from AON to enforce that all Instructors or Clinicians (whether instructing on a volunteer basis or being paid) are to provided their own insurance. The HSAA Secretary must receive in writing a letter of notification for any event held by an affiliate (clinic, fun day, show, social event) and a current copy of their certificate of currency must be sent to the HSAA Secretary for all trainers, coaches, clinicians.

Information from AON

Negligence vs Liability

In basic terms, Negligence means a lack of accountability to follow the proper process causing harm and Liability means a failure in responsibility (duty of care) eventuating in harmful results. Therefore Negligence can lead to Liability...

Law of Negligence..

The law of negligence is a general recognition that if someone is adversely affected by the careless act of another and they suffer from it, they are entitled to be restored to their original position.

A decomposed snail in a ginger beer bottle back in 1928 in Scotland was the humble beginning of the modern law of negligence. It has now evolved to where we are today.

What is Liability

"Liability" is one of the most significant words in the field of law, liability means legal responsibility for one's acts or omissions. Failure of a person or entity to meet that responsibility leaves them open to a lawsuit for any resulting damages, or a court order to perform (as in a breach of contract or violation of statute).

In order to win a lawsuit the suing party (plaintiff/third party) must prove the legal liability of the defendant (insured/policyholder) if the plaintiff's allegations are shown to be true. This requires evidence of the duty to act, the failure to fulfil that duty and the connection (proximate cause) of that failure has resulted in injury or harm to the plaintiff.

Just because you feel liable does not necessarily mean that, in a Court of Law, you would be found to be liable.

Public Liability Insurance (Equine Liability) is therefore not designed to reimburse third parties for expenses they incur, whether it be medical expenses or damage to their motor vehicle. It is there to protect the Insured/Policyholder in the event an injured party takes legal action against them alleging **Negligence or Liability**.

AMENDMENTS 2016/2017

Remove Australian Stock Horse Society, NCHA and change to Miniature Horse Association of Australia.

Rule 72(a) NOTE Amateur Owner Add Select Amateur

If a person has attained the age of 50 and over and provides proof of age (Driver's license) will be endorsed to compete in Select Amateur Owner. A competitor may only enter Amateur Owner (Junior/Senior) or Select Amateur in each event **NOT IN BOTH**

Rule 73 Personal Appointments (English)

NOTE 2 All Youth competitors must wear approved Safety Helmet

Youth Age – change minimum age to 3, so Youth age will be 3 – 18 year as of the 1st August

Minimum Age for Youth competing in Showmanship at Halter and Youth Halter is 5 years

Minimum Age for Youth to compete in open ridden class 7 years

Youth Lead Line 3 – 6 years

No 2 or 3 year old horses can be used in this class, Approved safety helmet to be worn.

Youth Walk Trot 5 -10 years

No 2 or 3 year old horses can be used in this class, Approved safety helmet to be worn.

Rule 110 Ranch Horse Pleasure to read Ranch Riding

Minimum of 3 classes All ages (or Junior / Senior) Amateur and Youth

No horse may cross enter in Western Pleasure and Ranch Riding at the same show.

POSPOSED RULE CHANGES

The HSAA as this time will not be changing the 2 year old to fall in line with the AQHA

We have adopted the AQHA rules for Ranch Riding, a copy of rules to go on the website.

Ranch Riding is the fastest growing Western class, garnering interest from ranchers, reiners, all-rounder's, cutters and everything in between. The novelty that Ranch Riding brings to horse shows is that exhibitors can ride the class for enjoyment as well as ride to win it. However, despite its popularity, Ranch Riding has many misconceptions surrounding it.

Judge Terry Thompson took the time to speak with Competitor Central to clear up many of these misconceptions. Terry has a passion for the industry and strong knowledge of this event. His desire is to see it succeed and flourish while supporting the industry's mission of maintaining the authenticity of the Ranch Horse. “

Ranch Riding was originally named Ranch Horse Pleasure because of the emphasis that is put on the movement of the horse throughout the maneuvers. Ranch Riding is a more appropriate name since the movement required is what you would see on the ranch. “We want a horse with a natural movement. The headset should be slight above the wither, with the horse being attentive with his ears. We want a horse that wants to work.” Terry explained. “A low headed horse won't be able to see where he's going. On a ranch there will be hills and holes, we want the horse to be able to look around and see that.”

When the pattern calls for a walk, the walk needs to be ground covering with a purpose. The horse should be attentive to its surroundings as well as its rider. A good walk will be comfortable for the rider and give the impression that the horse is ready to do whatever the rider may ask of him. The trot is one of the biggest elements of the class. "A ranch horse doesn't necessarily 'jog' anywhere. He is always trotting with forward motion." Terry said. The trot should be ground covering and smooth. "When I watch a horse move, I ask myself if I would like to be out on the ranch covering two sections in a day. A rough one will leave both the rider and the horse exhausted by the end of it." The extended trot is similar to the basic trot, it needs to be ground covering. The horse should be driving from behind with full extension of his legs. "A fast extension doesn't always equal a better extension. We want the horse using himself with his hock underneath him to propel himself forward. Smoothness goes a long way in this gait too."

When it comes time to lope your horse in the pattern, a good ground covering lope will be credit earning. The horse must be driving from behind and give them impression that you would ride it all day long across your property in comfort. The extended lope should maintain the same ideal as the extended trot, with the horse increasing their stride length and keeping the integrity of the movement.

Keeping contact with your horse's face is a big part of the class as well. "We want to see contact with the mouth because on a ranch, if a cow were to take off one way or your horse spooked, you need to be able to gather them up and take control." A 3 point penalty will be recorded in each maneuver that exhibits too much slack in the reins. The horse needs to be under total control of the rider and his movements dictated to. Turns while loping and trotting are meant to see how the horse guides and handles.

The turnaround doesn't need to be a fancy reiner turn. The intention of the turnaround on a ranch would be to move and go in a different direction. They can be handled more through this maneuver, as long as the horse is guiding in every part of it. The backup is the finishing touch of this event. It leaves a good impression in the judge's mind of the run. The horse should lift its shoulders up and move backwards driving from behind. On a ranch, the horse is typically backing up when they are dragging cattle. Ranch Riding patterns sometimes incorporate logs, gates or cattle. The judges will be looking for a horse that looks at the logs and lifts up and over them with his legs. A horse that drops his nose to ground to go over them is not credit earning. A horse that is attentive to the logs will be able to make sure he doesn't step on them or in a hole. The gate needs to be looked at as if you were on a ranch, riding through a gate with a pen of cattle on one side. You don't want the cattle to get out, so constant contact with your hand on the gate is a must. Your horse should guide off your reins and move the gate easily. Riding through a pen of cattle is like splitting the herd on the ranch. The horse needs to be attentive to them and not spook. "Horses that ride straight into the herd and off the wall show

JUDGES SEMINAR

The only Judges seminar planned was for the 15th October, at Caboolture, as there are only a few applicants it was decided to hold the Seminar on one day

Judges will be send out a Western Dressage judges approval application form, for those who may wish to be added to the Western Dressage judges list, this is totally optional.

Congratulations to Courtney Whittaker who has been added to the Judges List and Lee Haste who has been upgraded to Open

NEW & RENEWAL AMATEUR OWNERS

Mandy Jen Chapman, Stirling North, SA
Jan Johnson, Wirrabara SA

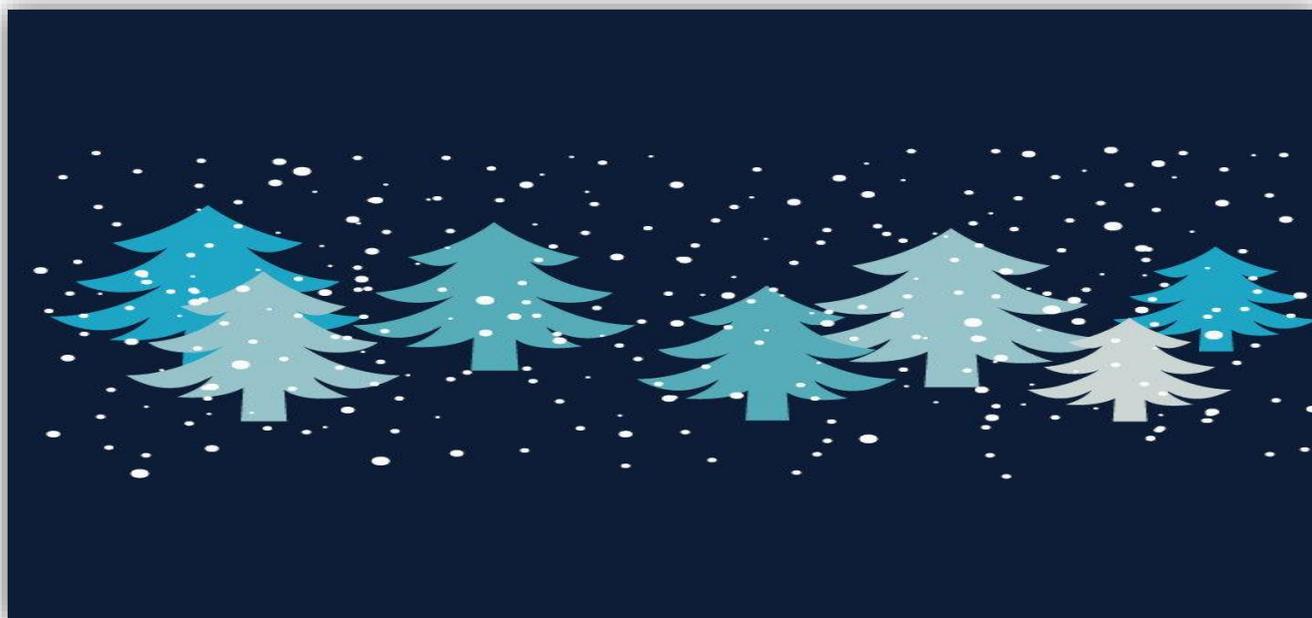
Karen Oborn, Blayney NSW
Cathryn Bornholm, Wilmington SA

GENERAL BUSINESS

Whenever possible please use HSAA and AQHA judges in order to meet with insurance requirement. It is suggested that Affiliates put this in their show conditions: Any person riding on the grounds regardless of whether they are competing must pay a day fee and sign a waiver otherwise they are not covered by insurance.

**Remember that all Affiliates and Clubs are required to submit approval for all
Their shows and clinics to HSAA one month prior to the event.
Show Approval Forms can be obtained on the website.**

Please note that all clinicians who are employed to conduct a clinic at any Club or Affiliate must have and produce proof of their insurance, which needs to be forwarded to the office with approval form.



Our next Meeting date TBA at Caboolture RSL, starting at 10.30 am

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