

## **DIVISION 5 - SHOWS**

### **5.1 General**

The AAA Ltd Rule Book contains all rules for shows run by the AAA Ltd and affiliates. The AAA Ltd also recognises shows run under the Show and Performance rules as laid down by the Horse Show Association of Australia (HSAA) and the Australian Quarter Horse Association (AQHA).

The rules as printed in this rule book shall be used at all approved shows and contests, unless otherwise approved by the Board of the AAA Ltd.

To compete at any approved show, all horses must be registered with the AAA Ltd

All competitors, owners, strappers, riders or handlers must be financial members of the AAA Ltd to compete/handle at any approved Appaloosa shows.

A current financial membership ticket must be produced prior to commencement of show.

The National Show to be run at any time, dates or days of the week that the Board of Directors decides upon.

All National and State Shows must have High Point Horse Awards, High Point Youth Awards and High Point Amateur Awards.

At all shows including National, State, 'AAA', 'AA' & Approved 'A' Class shows – Halter and Showmanship classes, must be shown in western attire.

At Shows of 'A' Class or below, Halter may be shown as either Western or English attire, however Western attire is preferred. Showmanship must be shown in Western attire.

Australian Safety Standard helmets and appropriate riding boots must be worn at all times by youth except when showing in western classes.

### **5.2 Misconduct**

Misconduct or unbecoming behaviour of a member while showing performance or halter at a horse show shall be defined as:

- Abusive or insulting language to the judge, directors, committee members, stewards or competitors while on the show ground.
- Physical interference with a judge, committee members, steward, competitor or horse while on the show ground.
- Cruel or painful physical usage of a horse while on the show ground as defined in the Inhumane/Cruelty Treatment and Animal Welfare section of this rule book.

Where a complaint has been lodged against a member for misconduct or unbecoming behaviour on the show ground the following procedure will take place:

- The member will be advised that such complaint has been lodged and requested to reply to the alleged complaint within 30 days
- Such reply will be considered by a meeting of AAA Ltd Disciplinary Committee and if the complaint is found to be correct and true by a majority of the Disciplinary Committee the member will forfeit the right to show or handle Appaloosa horses in the show ring for a period specified by the AAA Ltd Board.
- Should this member continue to show and handle Appaloosa horses at AAA Ltd approved shows then his suspension as a member of the AAA Ltd will be considered under the relevant articles in the Constitution of the AAA Ltd

### **5.3 National Show Inspection**

Every horse that is to be entered in the National Appaloosa Championships (or any other event as deemed necessary), may be identified by an official inspection prior to participating in the National Event. An official AAA Ltd inspector may be available for such purpose at the site of each National event. The inspector may refuse to allow a horse to participate in the event if the registration of the horse appears invalid or otherwise improperly issued. The inspector may, for example, refuse to permit the horse to participate in the event if the horse does not meet registration requirements. All approved shows requesting the services of an inspector and paying the appropriate fee will be required to follow the procedures set forth in this section.

The owner of a registered Appaloosa may request, not less than 60 days prior to the National event in which the horse is entered, that an official AAA Ltd inspector inspect such horse on a nominated date. Such requests shall be made in writing to the Board of the AAA Ltd. The owner shall pay all actual and necessary expenses relating to the inspection.

Upon request, the owner shall transport the horse to a convenient location to permit the inspection. Failure to request such an advanced inspection shall be deemed to be a waiver of the privilege to participate in the National event. The refusal of an inspector to permit the horse to participate in a National event, either at the time of an advance inspection or at the time of the National event, shall constitute an adverse determination, that the registration of the horse shall be reclassified or cancelled. If the official inspector refuses to allow the horse to participate in the National event, thus constituting an adverse determination, the inspector shall prepare and forward to the Board of Directors an inspection report and photographs.

However, the inspector may make a determination that the registration papers merely need correction and to stamp the registration papers accordingly. This correction procedure shall not constitute an adverse determination.

If an official AAA Ltd inspector refuses to permit a horse to participate in a National event, either at the time of an advance inspection or at the time of the National event, the owner shall have the right to appeal such refusal to an Appeal Committee of the Board of Directors of the AAA Ltd. No such appeal shall be heard unless a written petition signed by the owner or his/her authorised agent, together with a \$500.00 appeal fee, is received within 20 days after the date of the inspector's refusal.

The petition shall include:-

- The name of the inspector,
- The date and place of the refusal,
- The reasons for the appeal and
- The address to which notices from the AAA Ltd may be mailed
- If the owner's appeal is upheld the fee shall be refunded.
- If the written appeal and fee are filed within the appropriate time frame, the horse may still be shown pending the outcome of the Appeal Committee hearing but any points or awards earned at that show or any subsequent show will be escrowed (held) pending completion of the appeal process.
- The registration status of the subject shall automatically be suspended if the owner fails to appeal within such 20 day period. Upon written request the owner shall return the certificate of registration of the subject horse to the Board of Directors for correction or other appropriate action.
- The Appeal Committee of the Board of Directors of the AAA Ltd shall conduct a formal hearing in accordance with the procedures outlined in the rules as soon as practicable after the receipt of any such petition and its decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

### **5.4 Show Classifications**

Order of Prestige Shows:

- (i) **National Appaloosa Championship Show**
- (ii) **State Championship Show**
- (iii) **'AAA' Class Shows**
- (iv) **'AA' Class Show**
- (v) **Multi Judged/Multi judged consecutive shows**
- (vi) **'A' Class Show**

**Note:** Members are to submit their own point sheets for all 'A' Class Shows and non-approved shows.

### **5.5 National Championship Show**

The National Championship Show is run by the AAA Ltd Board of Directors or a Committee/Delegate appointed by the Board on such terms and in such a manner as determined by the Board. Points earned at the National Show are **Quadruple "AAAA" Class points.**

All owners, riders, handlers, strappers etc must be financial members of the AAA Ltd.

**"AAAA" National class points count towards ROM's and Annual National High Point Awards but DO NOT count towards State Awards.**

### **5.6 State Championship Shows**

Applications to conduct State Championship Shows will not be accepted until ninety (90) days after the previous State Show, not any later than ninety (90) days prior to the proposed State Show.

Points earned at State Championships are **Triple "AAA" Class points**

**Requirements: ALL HORSES MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE AAA LTD** and all owners, riders, handlers, strappers etc must be financial members of the AAA Ltd.

**All memberships and registrations are to be checked by the AAA Ltd office for eligibility.**

In general terms State Shows must have a minimum of the following classes, however, consideration will be given to reviewing this number of classes dependant on estimated competitor numbers. Any dispensation must be sought from the office and form part of the show approval process.

Must have a Minimum of six (6) Appaloosa Halter Classes:

- One for stallions 3 years and over
- One for colts two years and under
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Colt/Stallion**
- One for mares 3 years and over
- One for fillies two years and under
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Filly/Mare**
- One for gelding 3 years and over
- One for gelding two years and under
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Gelding**
- **Supreme Champion Appaloosa**

Must have at least six (6) Appaloosa Amateur Halter Classes:

- One for stallion 3 years and over
- One for colt 2 yrs & under
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Stallion/Colt**
- One for Mare 3 yrs & over
- One for Filly 2 yrs & under
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Mare/Filly**

- One for Gelding 3 yrs & over
- One for Gelding 2 yrs & under
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Gelding**
- **Supreme Champion Amateur Exhibit**

Must include mandatory events as follows:

Led Versatilities:

- Yearling - Hunter In Hand, Led Trail and Lungeline
- 2yrs & Over Led – Hunter In Hand, Led Trail and Lungeline

**\*\*NOTE – Horses competing in 2yrs & Over Led Versatility Events are NOT ELIGIBLE to compete in any Ridden events at the same show\*\***

- Minimum of three (3) events – Hunter In Hand, Led Trail and Lungeline Must compete in a minimum of two (2) of the three (3) events at Regional, State and National level to be eligible for High Point Awards.

OR

- May also run five (5) events – Hunter In Hand, Led Trail, Lungeline, Led Hack and Suitability for Dressage. Must Compete in a minimum of four (4) of the five (5) events at Regional, State and National level to be eligible for High Point Awards.

**Halter cannot be included in any Versatility Event.**

- 2 year old - Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail

**(EXCEPTION - any show held between August 1 and December 31 in any year, 2 year old ridden events are NOT PERMITTED)**

- Junior Horse - Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail
- Senior Horse - Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail

**Note:** 3 year old events may also be included.

- Any three of the following:  
Dressage, Hacking, Hunter In Hand, Reining, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding, Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail.
- Amateur - Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail
- Novice Amateur - Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail
- Amateur Masters - Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail
- Youth 13yrs & under Walk/Jog - Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail
- Youth 13yrs & under Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail
- Youth 14 to 18yrs - Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail

The following events are optional for Amateur and Youth:

- Hunt Seat Equitation
- Western Horsemanship
- Dressage
- Hack
- Reining
- Western Riding
- Ranch Riding
- Ranch Trail
- Any other event identified as 'recognised' within this Rule Book will also be accepted

High Point Awards of the show are to be calculated the “High Point Awards of the Show” section of

this rule book. In the event of a tie for any high point award, also refer to this section.

Must have an International Judge or an Open HSAA or an accredited AQHA judge and must run under AAA Ltd and HSAA rules.

All International Judges must be Appaloosa and/or AQHA or NSBA or American Paint judges ticketed in their own country.

Closed entries, use of numbers are compulsory. Registration papers to be available for inspection.

**Note:** State Championship points count towards ROM's and Annual National High Point Awards and for State Awards but ONLY for the State Championships held in the State where the competitor resides.

## **5.7 'AAA' Class Shows**

Applications for an "AAA" Class Show must be received by the Association at least 30 days prior to the scheduled closing date for entries. The organising body should bear in mind, when planning the program that it should be set down in the best possible way in which the show can provide both competitors and spectators with the highest standard of events. **Triple 'AAA' Class points are awarded for these shows.**

The following shows will receive "AAA" points – Summer Sizzler, National Pleasure Horse Association Pleasure Celebration, Halter Breeders' Group, Western Congress and any other show as approved by the Board as being appropriate.

A "AAA" Class Show must have at least six (6) halter classes as follows:

- One for stallion 3 years and over
- One for colts 2 years & under
- **Champion and Reserve Champion Stallion/Colt**
- One for mares 3 years and over
- One for fillies 2 years & under
- **Champion and Reserve Champion Mare/Filly**
- One for gelding 3 years and over
- One for gelding 2 years and under
- **Champion and Reserve Champion Gelding**
- **Supreme Champion Appaloosa (OPTIONAL)**

Must have at least three (3) Appaloosa Amateur Halter Classes:

- One for Colt/Stallion
- One for Fill/Mare
- One for Gelding
- **Champion & Reserve Champion Amateur Exhibit**

(a) All other events to be open to all **Recognised** breeds. Must include Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail.

If two (2) classes are held, they are to be Junior and Senior horse classes or if three (3) classes are held they are to be 2 year old, Junior and Senior horse classes. (Any show held between August 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> in any year, 2 year old ridden events are NOT PERMITTED).

**Note:** 3 year old classes may also be included.

- Any two (2) of the following – Dressage, Hacking, Hunter in Hand, Reining or Western Riding, Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail.
- Amateur - at least one (1) Amateur division in each class – optional to split into Junior

and Senior horse events – Showmanship, Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail

- Youth – at least one (1) Youth division in each class – optional to split into Junior & Senior Youth events – Showmanship, Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail
- The following events are optional for Amateur and Youth: Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Horsemanship, Dressage, Hack, Reining or Western Riding, Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail.
- Any other recognised event as noted in the “Recognised Events” section of this rule book
- Must have an international or an HSAA or AQHA approved judge and must run under AAA Ltd together with either HSAA or AQHA Rules.
- Must have at least \$1000 prize money, which must be across at least five (5) sections, including Youth & Amateur.
- Closed entries should be encouraged, use of entry forms compulsory. Use of numbers for competitors optional.
- Registration papers to be available for inspection.
- All international Judges must be Appaloosa and/or AQHA and/or NSBA and/or American Paint Judge ticketed judges in their own country.
- High Point Awards of the Show are to be calculated as per the “High Point Awards of the Show” section of this rule book
- In the event of a tie for any High Point Award refer to the “High Point Awards of the Show” section of this rule book
- ‘AAA’ class points count towards ROM’s, High Point State Awards and Annual High Point Awards.
- OPTIONAL: Yearling and 2yrs & Over Led Versatilities –
  - Minimum of three (3) events – Hunter In Hand, Led Trail and Lungeline Must compete in a minimum of two (2) of the three (3) events at Regional, State and National level to be eligible for High Point Awards.
- OR
  - May also run five (5) events – Hunter In Hand, led Trail, Lungeline, Led Hack and Suitability for Dressage. Must Compete in a minimum of four (4) of the five (5) events at Regional, State and National level to be eligible for High Point Awards.
  - Halter cannot be included in any Versatility Event.

## **5.8 Pre Or Post State/National Show**

Any Show run in conjunction with any State or National show will be granted ‘AA’ class points. Approval will only be given to run one (1) of this class of show at any State or National Show.

Application must be received by the Association at least 30 days prior to the scheduled closing date for entries. The organising body should bear in mind, when planning the program that it should be set down in the best possible way in which the show can provide both competitors and spectators with the highest standard of events.

Must have at least six (6) halter classes:

- One for stallion 3 years and over
- One for colts 2 years and under
- **Champion and Reserve Champion Stallion/Colt**
- One for mares 3 years and over
- One for fillies 2 years and under
- **Champion and Reserve Champion Mare/Filly**
- One for gelding 3 years and over
- One for gelding 2 years and under
- **Champion and Reserve Champion Gelding**
- **Supreme Champion Appaloosa**

Must have at least three (3) Amateur Halter Classes

- One for Stallion/Colt
- One for Mare/Filly
- One for Gelding

- **Champion and Reserve Champion Amateur Exhibit**

- (a) All other events on the program may be open to all **Recognised** breeds – Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure, and Trail.

If two (2) classes are held, they are to be Junior and Senior horse classes or if three (3) classes are held they are to be 2 year old, Junior and Senior horse classes. (Any show held between August 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> in any year, 2 year old ridden events are NOT PERMITTED)

**Note:** 3 year old classes may also be included.

- Any two (2) of the following – Dressage, Hacking, Hunter in Hand, Reining or Western Riding, Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail.
- Amateur - at least one (1) Amateur division in each class – optional to split into Junior and Senior horse events – Showmanship, Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail
- Youth – at least one (1) Youth division in each class – optional to split into Junior & Senior Youth events – Showmanship, Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail
- The following events are optional for Amateur and Youth: Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Horsemanship, Dressage, Hack, Reining, Western Riding, Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail.
- Any other recognised even as noted in the “Recognised Events” section of this rule book.
- Must have an international or an HSAA or AQHA approved judge and must run under AAA Ltd together with either HSAA or AQHA Rules.
- All international judges must be Appaloosa and/or AQHA or NSBA or American Paint Judges ticketed in their own country
- Closed entries should be encouraged, use of entry forms compulsory. Use of numbers for competitors optional.
- Registration papers to be available for inspection.
- High Point Awards of the Show are to be calculated as per the “High Point Awards of the Show” section of this rule book
- In the event of a tie for any High Point Award refer to the “High Point Awards of the Show” section of this rule book
- ‘AA’ class points count towards ROM’s, High Point State Awards and Annual High Point Awards.
- OPTIONAL: Yearling, 2yrs & Over Led Versatilities –
  - Minimum of three (3) events – Hunter In Hand, Led Trail and Lungeline Must compete in a minimum of two (2) of the three (3) events at Regional, State and National level to be eligible for High Point Awards.
- OR
  - May also run five (5) events – Hunter In Hand, led Trail, Lungeline, Led Hack and Suitability for Dressage. Must Compete in a minimum of four (4) of the five (5) events at Regional, State and National level to be eligible for High Point Awards.
  - Halter cannot be included in any Versatility Event

## 5.9 ‘AA’ Class Shows

Applications for ‘AA’ Class Shows must be received by the Association from a AAA Ltd Affiliate Club, PHAA Affiliate, AQHA Affiliate or Agricultural Society at least 30 days prior to the scheduled closing date for entries. The organising body should bear in mind, when planning the program that it should be set down in the best possible way in which the show can provide both competitors and spectators with the highest standard of events. **Double ‘AA’ class points are awarded for this show**

Must have at least six (6) halter classes:

- One for stallion 3 years and over
- One for colts 2 years and under
- **Champion and Reserve Champion Stallion/Colt**

- One for mares 3 years and over
- One for fillies 2 years and under
- **Champion and Reserve Champion Mare/Filly**
- One for gelding 3 years and over
- One for gelding 2 years and under
- **Champion and Reserve Champion Gelding**
- **Supreme Champion Appaloosa (Optional)**

Must have at least three (3) Appaloosa Amateur Halter Classes:

- One for Colt/Stallion
- One for Fill/Mare
- One for Gelding
- **Champion & Reserve Champion Amateur Exhibit**

All other events open to all **recognised** breeds: including Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure, and Trail.

Must have a minimum of two (2) age divisions in these events.

If two (2) classes are held, they are to Junior and Senior horse classes or if three (3) classes are held they are to be 2 year old, Junior and Senior horse classes. (Any show held between August 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> in any year, 2 year old ridden events are NOT PERMITTED)

**Note:** 3 year old classes may also be included.

- Any one (1) of the following – Reining, Western Riding.
- Amateur - at least one (1) Amateur division in each class – optional to split into Junior and Senior horse events – Showmanship, Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail
- Youth – at least one (1) Youth division in each class – optional to split into Junior & Senior Youth events – Showmanship, Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail
- The following events are optional for Amateur and Youth: Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Horsemanship, Dressage, Hack, Reining or Western Riding.
- Any other recognised event as noted in the “Recognised Events” section of this rule book
- Must have an international or an HSAA or AQHA approved judge and must run under AAA Ltd together with either HSAA or AQHA Rules.
- All international judges must be Appaloosa and/or AQHA or NSBA or American Paint Judges ticketed in their own country
- High Point Awards of the Show are to be calculated as per the “High Point Awards of the Show” section of this rule book
- In the event of a tie for any High Point Award refer to the “High Point Awards of the Show” section of this rule book
- ‘A’ class points count towards ROM’s, High Point State Awards and Annual High Point Awards.
- **OPTIONAL: Yearling & 2yrs & Over Led Versatilities –**
  - Minimum of three (3) events – Hunter In Hand, Led Trail and Lungeline Must compete in a minimum of two (2) of the three (3) events at Regional, State and National level to be eligible for High Point Awards.
- OR
  - May also run five (5) events – Hunter In Hand, led Trail, Lungeline, Led Hack and Suitability for Dressage. Must Compete in a minimum of four (4) of the five (5) events at Regional, State and National level to be eligible for High Point Awards.
  - Halter cannot be included in any Versatility Events.

Show program **MUST** be sent to the AAA Ltd Office with point recording sheets.



**Note:** "AA" class points count towards ROM's and End of Year High Point Awards

### **5.10 'A' Class Shows**

All Annual horse shows, any AQHA or PHAA approved shows with no AAA Ltd approval, show program must be sent to AAA Ltd office with point recording sheets.

Any event not listed in these rules above, show program **MUST** be sent to the AAA Ltd Office with point recording sheets. The Registrar to have the discretion to determine whether the event fits within the Mission of the AAA Ltd.

### **5.11 Recognised Associations**

Single 'A' class points will be allocated for recognised events held at shows run by the following Associations or their Affiliates:

- Agricultural Societies
- Australian Barrel Horse Association
- Australian Bushman's Campdraft & Rodeo Association
- Australian Endurance Riders Association
- Australian Hunter Horse Association
- Australian Polo Federation
- Australian Professional Rodeo Association
- Australian Team Roping Association
- Equestrian Australia
- Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI)
- National Barrel Horse Association
- National Campdraft Council of Australia
- National Cutting Horse Association
- National Rodeo Association
- National Reined Cow Horse Association
- Polocrosse Association of Australia
- Pony Club Australia
- Reining Australia
- Show Horse Council of Australia
- Sporting Horse Australia
- Team Penning Australia
- Australian Trail Horse Riders Association

**Note:** Other National Associations may be added to the list upon application to the Board of Directors. Show Program **MUST** be sent to the AAA Ltd Office with Point Recording Sheets.

**Note:** 'A' class points count towards ROM's and End of Year High Point Awards.

### **5.12 Beginner Shows & Single Discipline Shows**

Regional Appaloosa Clubs will be permitted to run two (2) Beginner Only or Single Discipline shows (i.e. Halter Only, Dressage Only, Hack Only, etc) per season.

Application is to be made using the appropriate form and submitted with a copy of the Show Program and approval fee.

'A' Class points will be awarded when Approval is obtained from the AAA Ltd and is judged by an accredited/approved judge with a recognised performance body.

### **5.13 Multi Judge & Multi Judge Consecutive Shows**

(a) Definition

- i. A Multi Judge Show is defined as one (1) club using two (2) judges, judging independent of each other, at the one show. Each of the judges' placings will result in separate results being submitted to the AAA, therefore two (2) sets of points will be awarded. Two (2) show approval fees are to be paid.
  - (1) A Multi Judge Consecutive Show is defined as two (2) clubs, either Regional Appaloosa Clubs or AQHA/PHAA Affiliates, applying for approval to run the same program over a maximum of two (2) days at the same time. All classes are run once only, with both judges judging independent of each other. Two (2) show approval fees are to be paid.
- (b) All Regional Appaloosa Clubs will be permitted to run two (2) of these types of shows per show season only.
- (c) All AQHA/PHAA Affiliates will be permitted to run one (1) of these types of shows per season only.
- (d) All AAA/AQHA/PHAA Affiliates can apply for 2 x "AA" Class Approvals providing the "AA" requirements are met.
- (e) Each Judges placings will result in separate results being submitted by each club to the AAA Ltd.
- (f) Both Clubs must award the same prizemoney on the same classes, ribbons and trophies must be of similar standard and value. It is recommended that 2 sets of High Points be presented and they are of similar standard value.
- (g) All rules and regulations for "AA" Class Approval must be adhered to as per type of show being held.