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Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd (AAA Ltd) RULE BOOK

DIVISION 1 - GENERAL

1.1 *Mission Statement*

The mission of the Australian Appaloosa Association is

- To record and preserve pedigrees of the Australian Appaloosa while maintaining the integrity of the breed;
- Provide services for the benefit of its members which encourage Appaloosa ownership and participation;
- Foster growth and membership in the AAA Ltd through promotion, recognition, advertisement and publicity of the Appaloosa;
- Charter a regional and national network of clubs or associations and provide support and assistance to them in their efforts to promote the Appaloosa breed.

1.2 *Values of the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd*

The values of the AAA Ltd are:

The Australian Appaloosa Association

- Is an ethical organisation
- Treats its stakeholder equitably and respectfully (members, staff, creditors, debtors, clients etc)
- Values the diversity of its stakeholders
- Is innovative and creative
- Is accountable
- Provides exceptional service
- Is dedicated to the promotion and development of the Appaloosa Breed in Australia

1.3 *Desirable Characteristics*

The Appaloosa should be balanced, smooth and symmetrical. The head, neck, forequarters, barrel and hindquarters should be in proportion to blend smoothly together for overall balance and grace.

Head: Short and wide with a narrow muzzle, thin walled nostrils combined with wide jowls. Sound lips and teeth, which mesh firmly together. Ears are medium size, alert and should be widely set apart on a wide forehead. Eyes are set wide apart adding distinctiveness to head appearance and reflecting intelligence. The jowls well defined. The head should join the neck at an angle of 45 degrees.

Neck: Good length of rein with clean cut throat latch. The neck blends into sloping shoulders and must be in proportion to the head and body.

Shoulder: Well developed, muscular and symmetrical and to be at a 45 degree angle. The slope of the shoulder should blend into the withers.

Withers: Withers should be of prominent height, well defined and set back from the shoulder.

Chest: Chest is deep with definite muscle giving the inverted V section a strong definition. Forearm is well muscled, long, wide and tapering to a flat knee.

Forelegs: Viewed in front, a perpendicular line from the point of the shoulder should fall upon the centre of the knee, cannon, pastern and foot; from the side, a perpendicular line from the centre of the elbow joint should fall upon the centre of the knee and pastern joints and back of foot. Pasterns should be on a 45 degree angle.

Barrel: Barrel is short and the loin is strong and well coupled. Underline is long and tapers to the flank and the girth should be deep with well sprung ribs.

Rear Legs: Viewed from behind, a perpendicular line from the hindquarter should fall upon the centre of the hock, cannon, pastern and foot; from the side, a perpendicular line from the hip joint, should fall upon the centre of the foot and divide the gaskin in the middle and a perpendicular line from the point of the quarter should run parallel with the line of the cannon.

Weight & Height: Weight usually ranges from 430 to 566 kilograms (950 to 1250 pounds). Height from 14 to over 16 hands, the minimum height for a mature Appaloosa (4 years & older) is 14 hands measured unshod at the wither. There is no maximum height however, height and weight should be proportional.

Temperament: The outstanding temperament of the Appaloosa is easy going, quiet and intelligent. The Appaloosa is extremely versatile and may be capable of all sports such as jumping, English, western, games through to endurance and pleasure riding.

Colour: The colour patterns and markings are extremely varied and found in many combinations with great variation. It should be noted that some Appaloosas are born solid or marginal colour with (or without) the characteristics. Appaloosas can be born with no colour and no characteristics even when both parents are Appaloosas.

1.4 General Notice Procedure

- (a) Any notice required by these rules may be given by personal delivery or by registered or certified mail to the person who is to receive the notice or by appropriate electronic means, or the person's counsel.
- (b) If mailed, notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the Australia Post mail addressed to the person at the person's most recent address as it appears in the records of the AAA Ltd or to the counsel at the counsel's address, with postage prepaid, unless otherwise provided in these rules or in documents prepared by the AAA Ltd.
- (c) Where sent by facsimile or via email, within standard business hours otherwise on the next business day after it is sent.

1.5 Definitions

The following are definitions of terms used throughout the Official Handbook, and should be referred to, as indicated, for a full understanding of the rules and regulations.

ACTION - Movement of the feet and legs- should be straight and true.

ACTIVE MEMBER - whose membership has been paid with the Association, for the current year.

AGE - The age of horses is computed from the first of August; e.g. a horse shall be considered to be one year old on the first of August following the actual date of foaling. The age of an individual for horse show purposes shall be based on the individual's age on August 1, e.g., the individual's age on August 1 shall be maintained throughout the entire year.

AIDS - used to control a horse with the legs, hands, weight or voice.

AMATEUR – a person is considered an Amateur Exhibitor by the AAA for the purposes of this rule book please see Division 10 below.

APPALOOSA STRIPED HOOVES — An Appaloosa may display bold and clearly defined vertically light and dark striped hooves on legs that do not have white leg markings.

Vertical stripes in a horse's hooves may result from an injury to the coronet, or as a result of a white marking on the leg. Also, light coloured horses tend to have very thin stripes in the hooves. Since all breeds of horses may have stripes in their hooves as a result of one or more of the above reasons, all striped hooves do not necessarily distinguish between an Appaloosa and a non-Appaloosa. The Registrar must make the determination in this regard.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION - A written application for registration giving all required information on the horse. There are also application forms for transfer of ownership, advancement to adult registration, etc.

APPOINTMENTS - Equipment and clothing used in showing.

APPROVAL - refers to horse show approval, and all through the rule book wherever used, it shall mean conditional approval until all conditions for full approval are met and granted.

APPROVED BREED ASSOCIATIONS - Breed associations recognised by the AAA Ltd.

ARTIFICIAL COLOURING - any colour or changes of colour that do not result from natural Appaloosa processes.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION - Insemination by other than natural means. The mare is not covered by the stallion, and the semen is deposited in the uterus by mechanical means.

BASE COLOUR - is the dominant colour of a horse. It is determined from the body, neck and head area. These are as follows:-

- **BAY** - colour ranging from tan through red, to reddish brown, mane and tail black, usually black on lower legs.
- **BLACK** - colour true black without any light areas, mane and tail black.
- **BLUE ROAN** - More or less uniform mixture of white and black hairs; usually with a few red hairs, and may have varnish marks.
- **BUCKSKIN** - A form of dun with body colour yellowish or gold; mane and tail black; usually black on lower legs, often has a dorsal stripe.
- **CHESTNUT** - Body colour varies from light washy yellow to dark liver in colour. Never has black mane, tail or legs, but may have black hairs in mane and tail. May also have flaxen mane and tail but mane and tail are usually the same colour as body.
- **DARK BAY OR BROWN** - Body colour brown or black with light areas at muzzle, eyes, flanks and inside upper legs, mane and tail black.
- **DUN** - Body colour yellowish to gold, mane and tail may be brown, red/yellow or mixed; often has dorsal stripe, zebra stripes on legs and transverse stripe on withers.
- **GRULLA** - Body colour smoky or mouse-coloured, (not a mixture of black and white hairs, but each hair mouse-coloured); mane and tail black, usually black on lower legs.
- **PALOMINO** - Body colour a golden yellow, mane and tail white.
- **RED ROAN** - More or less uniform mixture of white and red hairs, and may have varnish marks.
- **WHITE** - a true white horse is born white and remains white throughout its life. A white has snow white hair, pink skin and normally brown eyes.

BIGHT OF THE REINS - that part of the reins passing between thumb and fingers and out of the top of the hand.

BIOPSY (Skin) - A small portion of skin usually removed with a 1 mm biopsy punch or a scalpel. Histopathic examination of a skin biopsy can be made in order to determine whether or not cryogenic alteration has occurred.

BISHOPING - the practice of artificially altering the teeth of older horses in an attempt to make them sell as young horses.

BLOOD SAMPLE - a blood sample that is drawn.

BONE - the measurement of the circumference around the cannon bone about halfway between the knee and fetlock joints. Eight inches of bone is average for the thoroughbred. "Flat bone" indicates that the cannon and the back tendon are parallel, with the tendon clean-cut and standing well away from the cannon bone. The word "flat" refers to the appearance of the cannon, which is wide and flat when viewed from the side although narrow from the front, and does not mean that the bone itself is flat.

BOOTS (Horse) - A protective covering for the legs or feet, generally used when exercising. Some types of boots are used for balance and perfection in gait.

BREEDER - Owner of the dam at time of service, except when a mare is under lease and written notification of such lease signed by the leaser is on file with the AAA Ltd at time of registration. In this case the registration shall show the lessee as the breeder.

BREEDING - Attempt to regulate progeny through intensive selection of the parents.

BREEDING CERTIFICATE - written verification signed by the stallion owner listing the stallion used for breeding, the mare bred, and the dates the breeding or breeding took place, or the period the mare was exposed to the stallion, in the case of pasture breeding.

CAVESSON - a noseband used with regulation English bridles.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION - Document attesting to an animal's age, pedigree, breeder, owner and description.

CHAMPING - A term that describes the horse playing with the bit.

CHARACTERISTICS - Appaloosa horse can have four identifiable characteristics-

- Coat Pattern
- Mottled Skin
- White Sclera
- Striped Hooves

CHESTNUT - is a horny growth on the inside of the horse's legs, above the knees and below the hocks. It is also a description of a colour variation of a horse.

CLEAN - a term indicating that there are no blemishes on or unsoundness of the legs.

CLICKING - hitting the forefoot with the toe of the hind foot on the same side, also known as forging.

COAT PATTERNS - can be extremely varied and found in many sizes and combinations. The following are only examples of the variations;

- Blanket with spots
- Blanket
- Roan (Must have Appaloosa characteristics to receive regular registration papers)
- Leopard (white with base coloured spots over the entire body)

COLT - A young stallion two years and under.

CONDITION - State of health.

CONFORMATION - the parts collectively put together in the proper proportions and dimensions with their correct relationships well formed to one another making the whole structure of the horse symmetrical and sound.

CRYOGENICS (Freeze branding) - A permanent, painless, unalterable means of identification which destroys the pigment producing cell that gives hair its colour so as to leave a mark of white hair.

CRYPTORCHID - a horse in which one or both testicles has failed to normally descend into the scrotum.

DAM - the female parent of the horse.

DISUNITED OR CROSS FIRING - when a horse is on the right front lead and left hind lead at the same time or vice versa.

DNA ANALYSIS - A means of identifying a horse through DNA (Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid) testing, also used for parent verification. As from 1st August 2012, all scientific testing to determine parentage and/or the presence of genetic disorders must be carried out through the AAA Ltd Office.

EQUESTRIAN - One who rides horses

EXHIBITOR - a person showing a horse.

FALL - a horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and flank or quarters on the same side have touched the ground or an obstacle on the ground. A rider is considered to have fallen when he/she is separated from his/her horse, which has not fallen, in such a way that he/she must remount or vault into the saddle.

FARRIER - a blacksmith or horse shoer.

FILLY - a young female horse 2 years of age and under.

FOAL - a young horse of either sex, under 1 year old.

FOALED - Date of birth of foal.

FORGING - striking the forefoot with the toe of the hind foot on the same side, also known as clicking.

GELDED - a surgical operation called castration which changes a male horse from breeding animal to non-breeding animal.

GET - Progeny or offspring.

GLASS (Blue) EYE - an eye that has a front blue iris resulted in the lack of brown pigment.

HAND - a 100 mm (4 inch) unit of measurement used to measure the height of horses.

HANDLER - Person who exhibits a horse in the show ring.

HERDA –Hereditary equine regional dermal asthenia aka hyperelastosis cutis, is an inherited autosomal recessive connective tissue disorder. It develops from a homozygous recessive mutation that weakens collagen fibres that allow the skin of the animal to stay connected to the rest of the animal.

HYPP- Equine Hyperkalemic Periodic Paralysis Disease (HYPP) is a muscular disease caused by an inherited genetic mutation. HYPP has been traced back to one horse named Impressive and has the alternative name, Impressive Syndrome, named after this horse.

HARDSHIP - the provision that makes it possible to accept into the registry outstanding Appaloosas which do not meet the pedigree requirements. Sometimes horses which would meet the pedigree requirements are sold and resold, and the eventual owner finds the animal to be outstanding but cannot verify the pedigree. The Hardship Clause makes registration of such an animal possible. .

HOBBLER - Straps which encircle the pasterns or fetlock joints on the front legs of the horse and are connected with a short strap or chain, to prevent it from roaming too far when turned out to graze. Another type of hobble is used on hind legs (often around the hocks) of a mare in breeding, to prevent her from kicking the stallion.

HONDO - A ring of rope, rawhide or metal on a lasso through which the loop slides.

IN-HAND - Refers to horses shown in halter classes.

INSPECTION - Visual examination of a horse, by an inspector, to determine, whether or not, the horse meets the registration requirements of the AAA Ltd and to identify the horse from the appropriate registration application or registration certificate.

INSPECTOR — a person designated by the AAA Ltd Board of Directors to visually inspect a horse/s to determine whether or not the horse meets the registration requirements of the Association.

JUNIOR EXHIBITOR (Youth) - Any rider 18 years old or younger as at August 1 in any year.

LEG MARKINGS - White markings on the legs of the horse which are used in describing and identifying a horse as follows:-

- **Heel** - A marking found across the entire heel or simply on one side.
- **Sock** – A white marking that extends from the foot to above the fetlock
- **Coronet** - A white marking that extends from the foot to the first inch above the hoof, extending all the way around the foot to be inclusive of the heel.
- **Pastern** - A white marking that extends from the top of the hoof to the bottom of the fetlock joint.
- **Fetlock** - A white marking that extends from the top of the hoof to the top of the fetlock joint
- **Half Stocking** - A white marking that extends to the midway point of the cannon bone.
- **Stocking** - Any white marking extending from the hoof, to the bottom of the knee, or hock, or above the knee or hock.

MARKINGS — Descriptions of markings are as follows;

- **Snip** - A snip is any marking, usually vertical between the two nostrils.
- **Star** - A star is any marking on the forehead.
- **Strip** - A strip is a narrow marking extending vertically in the area between the forehead and the nostrils.
- **Blaze** - A blaze is a broader vertical marking extending the length of the face.
- **Star and Strip** - A marking on the forehead with a strip to the nasal peak; the strip does not have to be an extension of the star.
- **Star, Strip and Snip** - A marking on the forehead with a narrow extension to the nasal peak and opening up again between the nostrils.
- **Bald** - A bald is a very broad blaze; it can extend outside near the eyes and it can extend down to the upper lip and around the nostrils.
- **WHORL** - a circular set or ring of hair.

MARE - a female horse 3 years or older.

MISPLACED WHITE –White markings in areas other than the lower leg, face, and white that is not a typical Appaloosa pattern or markings. Most misplaced white occurs in the neck, rib or stomach area, and is in an irregular pattern resembling paint or pinto markings.

MONORCHID - a horse in which one of the testicles has failed to normally descend into the scrotum.

MOTTLED SKIN (Parti-Coloured Skin) - The Appaloosa horse may have this characteristic and therefore mottled skin is a very basic and decisive indication of an Appaloosa. Mottled skin is different from pink (flesh coloured or non-pigmented) skin in that it will normally contain small, round, dark spots, (pigmented skin) within its area. It is therefore a speckled pattern and non-pigmented skin.

If a horse has mottled skin, it is apt to be found in the anus region. It is normally seen spreading from the centre of the anus to include the surrounding area. Mottled skin is often found on the udder or sheath. Many breeds of horse will have a few small specks of flesh coloured (non-pigmented) skin in this region which again should not be confused with mottled skin. Many Appaloosas will have varying amounts of mottled skin on their muzzle and around their eyes; it can extend over both nostrils and around the upper and lower lip regions. All horses have a line (on the lips) caused by the contrast of pigmented skin and non-pigmented skin. Again, all horses have this, and therefore, a person should not separate the lips for signs of mottled skin.

MOUTHING - determining the approximate age of a horse by examining the teeth.

NEAR-SIDE - the left-hand side of the horse.

NON-MEMBER - a person who has not applied for membership with the AAA Ltd, or a person whose membership dues are not currently paid to the AAA Ltd.

OFF-SIDE - the right side of the horse.

OPEN CLASS - one in which any horse of a specified breed is eligible to compete.

OVER-REACH - hitting of the forefoot with the hind foot.

PAINT BREEDING is defined as any horse registered with the Paint Horse Association of

Australia or any other Australian or International Paint Horse Association or any horse while not registered with any Paint association exhibits white markings exceeding those allowable under rule 3.13 (v)

PINTO BREEDING is defined as any horse registered with any Australian State or National Pinto Horse Association or any International Pinto Horse Association or any horse while not registered with any Pinto Association exhibits white markings exceeding those allowable under rule 3.13 (v).

PARROT MOUTH - When the lower front teeth do not touch the upper front teeth because of the lower jaw being abnormally short, thus causing the lower front teeth to be behind the upper front teeth. The reverse condition is known as under-shot jaw.

PEDIGREE - record of the ancestry of an animal.

PHOTOGRAPHS - All photographs required in these rules must be in colour, of satisfactory quality and size, can be 35 mm or digital, not instant or computerised.

POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM - A system of exact identification of a horse using multi-methods such as photographs, micro-chipping, tattooing, brands, identifying scars, face, leg and coat markings. Not to be confused with the Association Identification System.

PRODUCE - Off-spring.

PULLED HAIR-

- (a) Hair can be pulled or cut to be used in polarization stress analysis in order to determine whether or not cryogenic alteration has occurred.
- (b) Pulled hair follicles will be one method used to determine DNA test results.

REATA - Spanish for lariat.

ROARER - a wind-broken animal that makes a loud noise when drawing air into the lungs.

ROMAL - an extension leather-braided or rawhide-braided material attached to the reins. The rider must hold the Romal with the free hand at least 400 millimetres (16 inches) from the rein hand.

ROPE - A length of rope 9 mm (3/8 inch) or larger in diameter and 6 metres (20 feet long) or longer. All ropes (lariats) must have a Hondo. A Reata shall meet these same standards except shall be 25 mm (1/4 inch) or larger in diameter and shall be made of either leather or rawhide.

SENIOR HORSE -any horse 6 years old or over.

SERVICEABLY SOUND - said of a horse that has nothing wrong that will materially impair its value for the intended use.

SIRE - the male parent.

SOUNDNESS - the sound horse is free of defects such as, but not limited to, impaired vision, parrot mouth, defective hearing, ringbone, sidebone, spavin, thoroughpins, curbs, unsoundness in wind and bowed tendons.

SPAYED MARE - Female having had her ovaries removed by surgery.

STALLION - an entire male horse that is 3 years old or over.

TACK - Equipment used in riding and driving horses, such as saddles, bridles, etc.

VARNISH MARKS - the term used to describe dark areas that are most often seen on roan patterns of roan Appaloosas. They are most frequently found on the face, legs stifle, above the eye, point of hip and behind the elbow of the horse.

WEANLING - for showing purposes is a foal that has been weaned and is a minimum of 18 weeks of age and are not to be shown before 1st January of the show year.

WHITE SCLERA — a horse is said to have white sclera when there is white area encircling the dark or pigmented iris of the eye. It should be clearly visible. White sclera can be used as a characteristic of an appaloosa provided it is not in combination with a bald face. Other breeds tend to show white around the eye if the eyeball is rolled back or if the horse is made to roll its eye sideways or up and down, this is not white sclera encircling the eye.

YEARLING -Young horse between 1 and 2 years of age.

DIVISION 2 - MEMBERSHIP

2.1 *Membership Requirements*

Membership in the AAA Ltd is a privilege, not a right.

Application for which shall be made on forms and by the fees and procedures prescribed from time to time by the AAA Ltd. Membership or application therefore, may be terminated in the interest of the Association, its programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationships of its members, as determined by the Board of Directors. Termination or application rejection proceedings under this paragraph shall be conducted under the AAA Ltd disciplinary procedures for notice, hearing and temporary suspension. The effect of termination or rejection may be denial of the privileges of the AAA Ltd as set forth in disciplinary procedures.

Any member who is found to be registering fictitious members, whether it be for taxation reasons or any other reason will be liable for suspension or expulsion by the Board of Directors.

Active members nominate and elect Directors, are eligible to serve on committees and receive the annual audit and notice of the annual meeting of members.

Membership is not transferable.

Membership is for the period 1st August to 31 July each year. New members joining after 1st July each year will be considered as members until 31 July of the following year.

If there is joint ownership of a horse, all owners must be financial for the horse to be considered to be eligible for all showing and breeding rights. Being a member of a regional club does not make a person a member of the AAA Ltd Membership in Regional Clubs varies from one club to another. NB Amateurs cannot have joint membership - ie a stud, corporation or entity cannot be an Amateur. An Amateur must be a real person to qualify for Amateur Membership.

2.2 *Types of Membership*

Life Membership -Members who have paid a fee as determined by the Board of Directors of the Australian Appaloosa Association to enable consideration as Life Membership

Honorary Life Membership - See AAA Ltd Articles of Association for more details.

Junior Membership - Persons 18 years and under. Should a youth turn 19 during the year an adult membership fee is not due until August in the year following.

Full Member - Individual persons who are owners of Appaloosas or who are interested in the promotion of Appaloosas in Australia.

Constituent Members - being members who are companies, firms, executors, institutions, trustees, societies or studs who are interested in the promotion of the Appaloosa in Australia on the basis that this category of membership is entitled to one (1) nominee, details of whom must be provided to the Office upon application. The nominee is to be responsible for all bookwork, signatures and voting on behalf of such constituent membership and shall be the only person eligible to vote, show and/or sign on behalf of this membership provided that such nominee may be altered by notice from such constituent membership and provided that such new nominee is approved by the Executive of the Board of Directors. Also on the basis that all persons or companies, firms, executors, institutions, trustees, societies or studs that are noted on the application form for constituent membership shall be liable for the actions of the nominee from time to time.

Couple Members - being those members, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who are married or de-facto and must be living at the same address, other than honorary life members, life members, full members or constituent members, both persons noted as part of the couple membership will have the same showing and voting rights as a full member.

Halter Handler Members – being for show support personnel assisting Halter competitors at State and National Level only.

Social Members – RESTRICTED - Individual person(s) who are interested in the promotion of Appaloosas in Australia. This membership has NO Voting, Breeding or Showing Rights.

Amateur Members a person is considered an Amateur Exhibitor by the AAA –

The Amateur Association is for those members of the AAA, who are no longer eligible to exhibit in youth classes, who are not professionals in the horse industry and who ride their own horses for the pleasure of competing against other members who are also not professional.

- a. When he or she is no longer eligible to show in AAA Youth classes; and
- b. Provided that he or she has not personally received remuneration or any other form of compensation at any time in the previous three (3) calendar years for:
 - i. Showing, training or assisting in training of any horse; or
 - ii Instructing any other person in riding, driving or showing a horse in competition
- c. Prize money is not to be considered remuneration. Payment of entry fees, expenses etc by any person other than the person's spouse, parents, defacto partner, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s) or sister(s), niece(s) or nephew(s) shall be considered remuneration.
- d. Any horse exhibited by the Amateur in Open and/or Amateur classes must be owned by the contestant or by the contestant's spouse, parents, defacto partner, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s) or sister(s), niece(s) or nephew(s).
- e. Separate legal entities, such as family corporations, trusts or partnerships, are also authorise owners of the Amateur contestant's horse so long as all legal and equitable owners and beneficiaries of the legal entity are individuals specifically authorised by this rule.
- f. Such ownership must be evidence by the records of the AAA Ltd and the certificate of registration of such horse must show as the owner by proper endorsement of the Association. See Division 10 for full information on Amateur membership.
- g. Horses owned in partnership or jointly with any person other than spouse, defacto partner, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s) or sister(s), niece(s) or nephew(s) do not fulfil the ownership requirements for Amateur classes.

2.3 *Application for Membership*

To become a member a person/s must complete an application for membership and submit it together with the first year's membership fees to the Association office for approval by the Board. On 1st August of the following year the fees must be paid in order to remain an active member.

Membership is for the period, 1st August to 31st July, each year. New members joining after 1st July each year, their membership fee will also cover the following year.

2.4 *Member Award of Appreciation*

This award is presented by the AAA Ltd to a member in recognition of outstanding and meritorious service in the promotion of the Appaloosa breed.

2.5 *National Appaloosa Journal*

As the National Appaloosa Journal is the official publication of the AAA Ltd and contains notices to members of rule changes and notices for election of Directors etc., it is compulsory that at least one member in a household where more than one membership is held at the same address subscribes to the magazine.

2.6 *Hall Of Fame*

The AAA Ltd. Hall of Fame is an honour bestowed upon an AAA Ltd. horse or AAA Ltd. member, past or present that has made a major contribution to the promotion and standard of excellence to the Appaloosa breed.

Nominations can be made by any financial member of the AAA Ltd. To be considered for acceptance in the AAA Ltd. Hall of Fame, AAA Ltd. registered horses or people must be recognised as exhibiting a very high level of achievement, be of a high calibre and meet the criteria as set by the Hall of Fame sub- committee.

Nominations for the Hall of Fame must be made on the Hall of Fame nomination form available through the AAA Ltd office or Association's website along with as much supporting documentation as possible.

The Board of Directors has the right to nominate any person or registered horse they feel is worthy of being considered for inclusion into the AAA Ltd. Hall of Fame.

Any member can only put forward 1 nomination per year for consideration.

Only on a majority vote by the Board will any horse or person be inducted into the AAA Ltd. Hall of Fame. All nominations to be in by the 1st of August.

2.7 *Roll Of Honour*

The Roll of Honour is an award the Board of Directors of the AAA Ltd. may award to both AAA Ltd. registered horses or members that have shown a level of excellence in a single particular field. The Roll of Honour is to recognise an achievement which is of such a standard that the Appaloosa industry as a whole can be proud of and acknowledge the roll towards the improvement and promotion of our breed.

DIVISION 3 - HORSE REGISTRATION

3.1 *General*

Application must be made on forms supplied by the Association or downloaded as appropriate and all details contained therein shall be completed and signed by the owner/s and/or the breeder.

Registration of a horse with the AAA Ltd is based and predicated upon the agreement, acceptance and consent of the applicant that the final decision on all registrations and classification matters and the final interpretation of all rules contained from time to time in these rules shall be made by the Board of Directors of the AAA Ltd or an authorised committee thereof and that decisions and interpretations of the Board of Directors or authorised committee shall be binding on all parties.

Registration eligibility for all horses is based on information supplied and forwarded to the Registration Department of the AAA Ltd on official application forms and from required photographs. The burden of proving eligibility for registration of any horse with the AAA Ltd rests entirely with the applicant.

In any case regarding doubt as to the true parentage or identification of an animal, DNA tests may be required, and taking into consideration the results of such tests and such other information as may be available, the Directors may authorise such corrections in the records as may be determined to be necessary or appropriate. No member has the right to alter registration certificates.

This Association, by issuing a Certificate of registration and/or by approving a transfer, can give no warranty as to the actual ownership of a horse and that any purchaser of a horse must rely upon his or her own enquiries in that regard.

Registration papers remain the property of the AAA Ltd and must be returned to the office of the Association within sixty (60) days after disposal of a horse is a transfer is not completed. Registration papers are to be returned to the office upon the death of the horse.

3.2 *Application*

The Application for registration should be fully completed (ink or typed) and signed in writing (ink) under the eligibility clause. Registration applications must include the breeding certificate, required fees, three (3) recent photographs taken from a distance of approximately 4.5 m (15'), two (2) nearside and one (1) offside of the animal, and photos must be in colour.

As from 1st August, 2008 ALL applications for registration of horses within the Australian Appaloosa Association registry must be DNA tested for parent verification (the exception being coloured geldings of unknown parentage that meet the requirements of the registration rules).

Additional photographs may also be submitted which could aid in the evaluation of the horse's coat markings and/or characteristics. Photographs become the property of the AAA Ltd and may not be returned. Close up photographs are not allowed.

3.3 *Artificial Characteristics and/or Coat Pattern*

No horse registered with the AAA Ltd or any horse for which an application for registration is pending before the AAA Ltd shall bear artificial characteristics and/or artificial coat pattern. Any horse bearing such artificial appearances, shall be denied if pending, or if registered, shall have its registration cancelled. The owner of the horse shall be absolutely responsible for the authenticity of the horse's external appearances, the owner of a horse with artificial characteristics and/or coat pattern may be suspended, expelled or denied the rights and privileges of the AAA Ltd pursuant to the disciplinary rules of the AAA Ltd

It shall be the obligation of the owner to return a registration certificate for correction whenever the subject horse no longer has some Appaloosa characteristics so as to be recognisable as an Appaloosa. The registration of any horse shall be subject to suspension, revocation or correction in accordance with the protest, inspection and appeal procedures set out in these rules.

3.4 Inspections

As a prerequisite to registration or change in registration classification the Board may require an inspection and/or examination of the subject horse in accordance with the rules and prior to the inspection, the owner shall pay actual and necessary expenses for the inspection.

Upon request, the owner shall transport the horse to a convenient location to permit the inspection and/or examination. The registration application or requested change in classification shall be rejected if the owner of the subject horse refuses to permit the inspection and/or examination.

3.5 Non Eligibility for Registration

A horse is not eligible for registration with the AAA Ltd. that has Draft, Pony, Standard bred, and White Horse, Pinto or Paint breeding as defined under these rules. If it is considered by the Registrar that a horse has Paint or Pinto breeding because of its markings, it shall be the responsibility of the owner to prove otherwise. A horse bred from a grey or non-appaloosa roan, parent as defined under these rules is not eligible for registration. Any horse that is N/H or H/H for HYPP or Hr/Hr for HERDA is not eligible. Any horse found to be OLWS positive is not eligible. An Appaloosa must stand not less than 14 hands unshod measured at the wither by the time it reaches 4 years of age. There is no discrimination against registering an animal with blue (glass) eyes.

Horses produced by a cloning process are ineligible to be registered in the Stud Book with the AAA Ltd.

Deregistration

The AAA Ltd may cancel the entry in the Progeny Record and/or the registration in the Stud Book of any horse for any period if:

- a) The horse registered or recorded by the AAA Ltd in error at the time application was made for registration or recording; or
- b) If, after registration or recording, the horse develops unacceptable characteristics; or
- c) If the registered owner has been expelled or has had disciplinary action taken against them pursuant to the Constitution of the Association; or
- d) The registration certificate of any animal having white markings beyond the prescribed lines shall be subject to cancellation where the registration application fails to indicate or misrepresents the animal's actual markings; or
- e) For any reason whatsoever without assigning a reason therefore:

The power to deregister any horse which the Board has pursuant to this rule shall include the power to deregister of any horse shall not affect the registration or recording of any foal of which such animal is the sire or dam if the registration or recording of the progeny was accepted during the period or registration of such animal. Deregistration of any horse shall not constitute a disqualification from re-registration.

3.6 Genetic Disorders

As from 1st August 2012, all scientific testing to determine parentage and/or the presence of genetic disorders must be carried out through the AAA Ltd Office.

3.6.1 HYPERALAEMIC PERIODIC PARALYSIS DISEASE (HYPP)

- (i) All foals bred from horses known to carry the HYPP gene must be tested.
- (ii) Foals born after 1st August 2010 that test positive to HYPP N/H or H/H will not be registered with the AAA Ltd
- (iii) Any existing horses registered with the AAA Ltd that have tested or do test HYPP N/H or H/H, must state this fact in ALL advertising pertaining to the horse.
- (iv) Geldings of Unknown Breeding must be tested for HYPP. Any horse that returns an N/H or H/H result will not be eligible for Registration with the AAA Ltd.

3.6.2 HEREDITARY EQUINE REGIONAL DERMAL ASTHENIA (HERDA)

- i. As of 1st October 2017, All AAA Ltd Stallions and Mares whose pedigree traces to Poco Bueno, or whose pedigree contains unknown breeding, are to provide evidence of their HERDA status by means of genetic testing from facilities deemed appropriate by the AAA Ltd. In a case where the parents of such Stallion or Mare have already been tested N/N for HERDA, it is the Stallion or Mare owners responsibility to provide the AAA evidence of such results.
- ii. As of 1st October 2017, All outcross Stallions or Mares to be used in AAA breeding programs must provide evidence of their HERDA status by means of genetic testing results from facilities deemed appropriate by the AAA Ltd. In a case where the parent of such Stallion or Mare have already been tested N/N for HERDA, it is the Stallion or Mare Owners responsibility to provide the AAA evidence of such results.
- iii. The AAA recognises the HERDA is a recessive genetic disorder and will only recognise the mating of a carrier N/Hr to a non-carrier N/N. The responsibility of the mating lies solely with the Stallion and mare owners. It is not the AAA's responsibility to police this however should breeders be irresponsible in breeding any foal born HERDA Hr/Hr (afflicted) will not be eligible for registration.
- iv. Any horse registered with the AAA Ltd that is tested HERDA N/Hr will have this marked on its registration papers and MUST state this fact in ALL advertising pertaining to the horse.

3.6.3 OVERO LETHAL WHITE SYNDROME (OLWS)

- (i) Any horse that tests positive for OLWS will not be eligible for registration and will not be able to be used in an Appaloosa breeding program.

3.7 DNA Testing

Where DNA testing is required under these rules, the applicant must submit a request in writing and enclose the requisite fee prior to any test kit being delivered.

Any registration will not be completed until results are received to confirm parentage as well as the completed member/s declaration confirming the authenticity of the collected DNA sample.

As from 1st August 2008 ALL horses (except geldings of unknown breeding) seeking registration in the AAA registry must be DNA tested for verification. Any Colt intending to be upgraded to a breeding Stallion must meet all requirements as set out in Rule 3.6 – 2.

At the discretion of the Registrar, when all avenues have been exhausted to locate and obtain a Certificate of Service, Parentage can be confirmed by DNA Typing against both parents and must be accompanied by a Dental Examination Report from a registered veterinarian confirming the age of the horse.”

As from 1st August 2012, all scientific testing to determine parentage and/or the presence of genetic disorders must be carried out through the AAA Ltd Office.

3.8 Errors or Misrepresentation

The AAA Ltd will not be liable for any errors or misrepresentation, on the application for registration or subsequently issued Certificate of registration and in case of such error or misrepresentation, the AAA Ltd reserves the right to suspend, revoke, or correct the issued Certificate of registration and the entry of the named horse in accordance with the protest, inspection and appeal procedures noted in these rules.

3.9 Registration Requirements

For a horse to be eligible to be registered in one of the AAA Ltd Registries, one of the following breeding requirements must apply:

An “**Adult**” AAA Ltd registered horse can be mated with one of the Approved Breeding Registries.

An “Adult” AAA Ltd registered horse can be mated with an “Adult”, “BS”, “AB”, “B”, “ID” “BR” or “BT” AAA Ltd registered horse.

A “B”, “ID”, “AB”, “BS” “BR” or “BT” AAA Ltd registered horse must be mated with an “Adult” AAA Ltd registered horse.

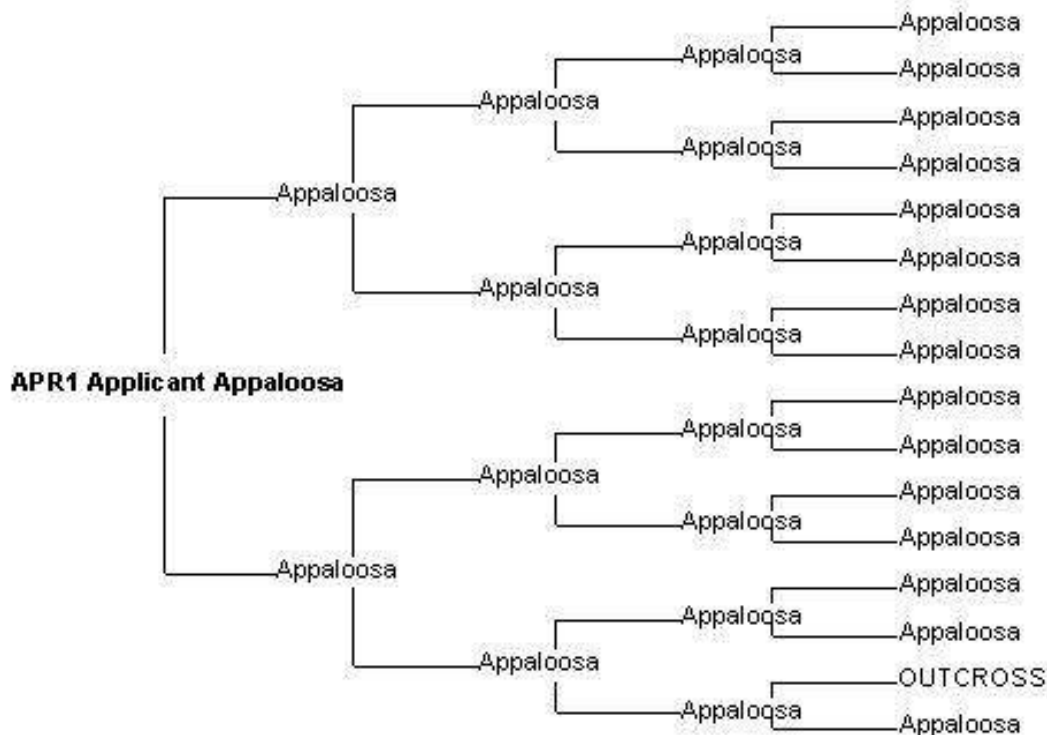
3.10 Appaloosa Pedigree Recognition (APR)

For an Appaloosa to be eligible for recording as Appaloosa Pedigree Recognition it must comply with the following rules:-

- (i) Any Appaloosa applying for APR registration must first be registered with the AAA Ltd
- (ii) Application can be made at the time of initial registration or at any time after registration and either an APR1 or APR2 will be placed on the registration papers
- (iii) The applicant must submit the application form completed in full, the applicant horse’s AAA Ltd registration papers for notation, a copy of the relevant pedigree (as per below) and any relevant fee
- (iv) Any application for APR1 and APR2 registration must include a 5 generation pedigree including the registration number of all horses in the four preceding generations

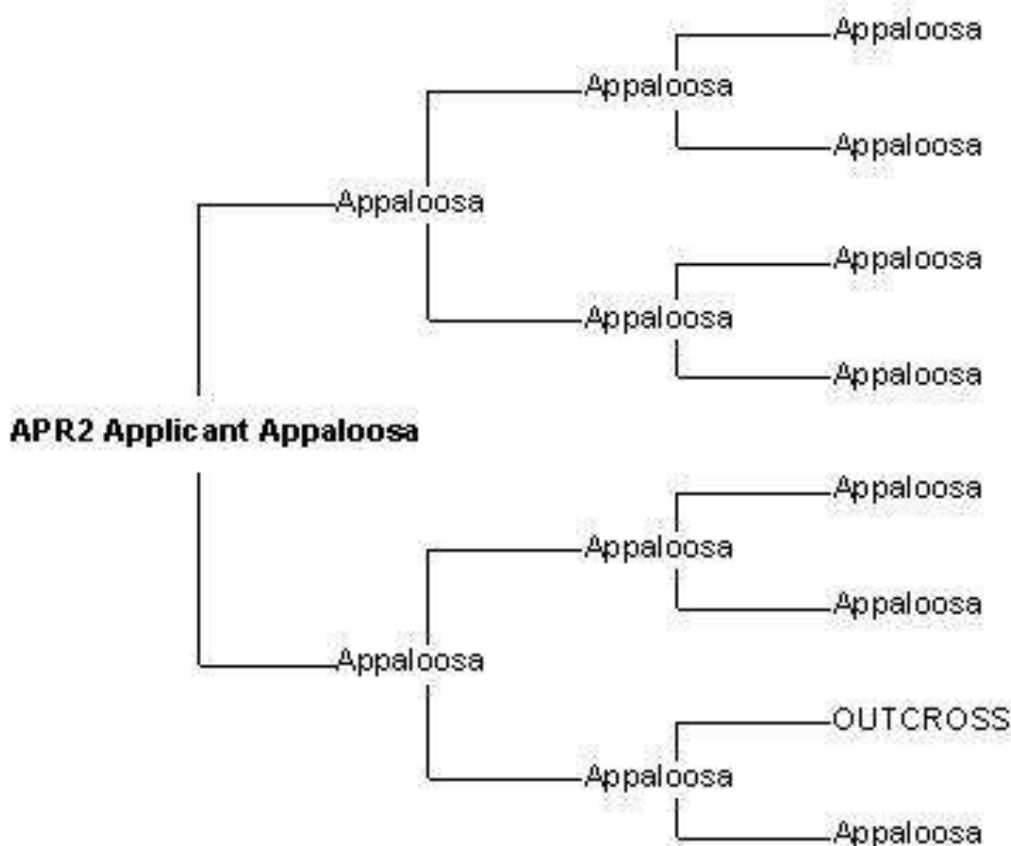
To be eligible the applicant Appaloosa must have no more than one (1) outcross non-appaloosa in the pedigree as per example below.

As from 5 May, 2014 the category of APR3 no longer exists, horses that have already been classified prior to this date as APR3 will remain within the APR category.



Any application for APR2 Registration must include a 4 generation pedigree including the registration number of all horse in the three preceding generations.

To be eligible, the applicant Appaloosa must have no more than one (1) outcross non-appaloosa in the pedigree as per example below



3.11 Registration Categories

From 1st August 2008 resulting progeny from the above may be registered in the following categories:

ADULTS for fillies, mares and stallions - These horses from a distance of 4.5 metres (15') must show Appaloosa coat markings so as to be easily recognised as an Appaloosa and must have either parti-coloured skin or white sclera. These horses will be allotted a number.

COLTS - These horses from a distance of 4.5 metres (15') must show Appaloosa coat markings so as to be easily recognised as an Appaloosa and must have either parti-coloured skin or white sclera. These colts will be allotted a PC number.

Note: All colts become eligible for adult registration at two years of age, from 1 August in the season in which they turn two. These colts must be adult registered before they can be used for breeding. Failure to comply will result in a penalty being applied by the Board of Directors

GELDINGS - These horses from a distance of 4.5 meters (15') must show Appaloosa Coat Markings so as to be easily recognised as an Appaloosa and must have either parti-coloured skin or white sclera. These horses will be allotted a GC number. These horses will be registered in the ADULT registry. **Note:** Geldings of unknown breeding that meet the above requirements may be registered and are required to have genetic tests conducted for genetic disorders as appropriate. Any unknown gelding that returns a result of N/H or H/H for HYPP or Hr/Hr for HERDA will not be eligible for registration with the AAA Ltd.

BR - for colts, stallions, fillies, mares and geldings. These horses do not show Appaloosa coat markings visible from 4.5 metres but must meet the breed requirements of registered Appaloosa to registered Appaloosa, or registered Appaloosa to approved breeding registries. All horses must have proof of breeding (service certificate). These horses must be bred back to an adult coloured registered Appaloosa. These horses will be allotted a BR number. **Note:** horses in the BR registry can be inspected and upgraded to adult registry if eligible

The following registration categories are no longer used in the current registration process since 1st August 2008

- **B** - for fillies, mares, colts, stallions, geldings. These horses must have parti-coloured skin, white sclera. These horses will be allotted a B number. These horses will be inspected.
- **AB** - for colts, stallions, fillies, mares, geldings. These horses do not have enough characteristics to be eligible for any of the above mentioned registries. They must meet the breeding requirements set out in these rules. All horses in this category must have proof of breeding and will be allotted an AB number. These horses cannot be shown.
- **BT** - for colts, stallions, fillies, mares, geldings. These horses must meet the breeding requirements of Registered Appaloosa to Registered Appaloosa, or Registered Appaloosa to any Approved Breeding Registries. All horses must have proof of breeding (Service certificate) and **MUST** be DNA tested for parent verification. These horses must be bred back to an Adult Coloured registered Appaloosa. These horses will be allotted a BT number.

3.12 *Hardship Clause*

Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Association reserves the right to accept an Appaloosa horse and to record transfer of an appaloosa horse into the studbook of the Association. When the breeding of the horse is proven to the satisfaction of the Association and on payment of a hardship fee which shall be determined by the Association.

3.13 *Approved Breeding Registries*

The recording of progeny in the AAA Ltd Registry requires proof of parentage (see exception re geldings) The following Breed Registries, subject to the qualifications herein, are the only approved registries;

- **AAA Ltd.**
- **A.J.C. Registered or Australian Stud Book Thoroughbreds**
- **Australian Stock Horse Society**
- **Arabian Horse Society of Australia**
- **Australian Quarter Horse Association**
- **Australian Warmblood Horse Association – Stud Book Only**

As at 1st August 2014 all outcrosses used in any Appaloosa breeding will be required to seek approval and be recorded as an approved outcross **BEFORE** being used for breeding. After 1st August 2015 no progeny from any unapproved outcross will be registered.

Once approved an outcross will be recorded with the AAA as an acceptable outcross. All approved outcross Stallions will be listed on the AAA website.

All outcrosses which have been recorded in any Appaloosa breeding prior to 1st August 2014 will be deemed to be approved in respect of this provision and all such stallions can request in writing to be included on the approved outcross list. This deeming provision can be revoked and the approval removed if the horse is shown not to comply with rules 3.5 or 3.14.

Any outcross not recorded in any Appaloosa breeding prior to 1st August 2014 and seeking approval will be required to comply with rule 3.14 to obtain approval and submit test results for HYPP, HERDA, and OLWS where required. An applicant may also be required to test for the grey gene. When submitting an outcross for approval the **onus is on the breeder** to provide copies of all paperwork necessary to prove compliance with the AAA rules. Failure to supply all necessary documentation will result in refusal of the application.

Any required fee must also accompany the application. (see schedule of fees)

Approval of an outcross does not guarantee registration of any resulting progeny. Such progeny is still required to comply with 3.14

When using a Stock Horse outcross, members should ensure the horse has known, acceptable and proven breeding. Horses of unknown breeding are not acceptable. In addition the outcross or its direct sire or dam must not be known to contravene section 3.5 or any other provision of this section.

Arab horses of UNKNOWN breeding (part bred) or Arab ponies are disallowed. The onus is on the owner of a part bred Arab to be able to prove by means of copies of registration certificates that their horse is eligible to be used in the AAA Ltd breeding program by establishing acceptable proven breeding in one of the approved registries. In addition the outcross or its direct sire or dam must not be known to contravene section 3.5 or any other provision of this section.

Any resulting progeny from a registered Quarter Horse outcross who has its self or it is direct sire or dam, any notation on registration papers stating "This horse has white markings designated under AQHA Rules and Regulations as undesirable and uncharacteristic of the breed" or tests positive to the OLWS gene will not be eligible for registration with the AAA Ltd. In addition the outcross or its direct sire or dam must not be known to contravene section 3.5 or any other provision of this section.

When using an Australian Stud Book Thoroughbred or AJC Registered Thoroughbred outcross the breeder shall ensure the outcross or its direct sire or dam used must not be known to contravene section 3.5 or any other provision of this section.

Further to the requirements above ANY outcross horse who itself, or its direct sire or dam, displays any characteristic or description outlined below shall NOT be eligible for use as an acceptable outcross for breeding Appaloosas:-

- a) A face marking within a line from the centre of the base of each ear to the nearest corner of the sides of the mouth and then turning at a right angle just below the jaw and running to a point beneath the jaw to meet with the similar line from the opposite side of the face. (see diagram below)
- b) A leg marking not contained below the centre of the knees or point of the hocks. (see diagram below)
- c) In addition, there is an allowable single area of white marking with light skin underlying that is no greater than 1" in diameter, which can be either joined to or free standing from the above described areas of white markings.
- d) Any horse described on its registration papers as Sabino, Overo, Frame, Splash, Tobiano, Tovero or any other term commonly considered to describe paint or pinto characteristics.
- e) Any horse described as Roan or having a substantial area of Roan or Ticking which cannot be attributed to any Appaloosa Genetics is not eligible for use in an appaloosa breeding program. Any horse that has a Roan parent, but is not Roan themselves, must be tested for the Roan Gene and return a negative result to be eligible for use in an appaloosa breeding program. Horses returning a positive result are not eligible for use.
- f) Any horse described as Grey is not eligible for use in an appaloosa breeding program. Any horse that has a Grey parent, but is not Grey themselves, must be tested for the Grey Gene and return a negative result to be eligible for use in an appaloosa breeding program. Horses returning a positive result are not eligible for use.

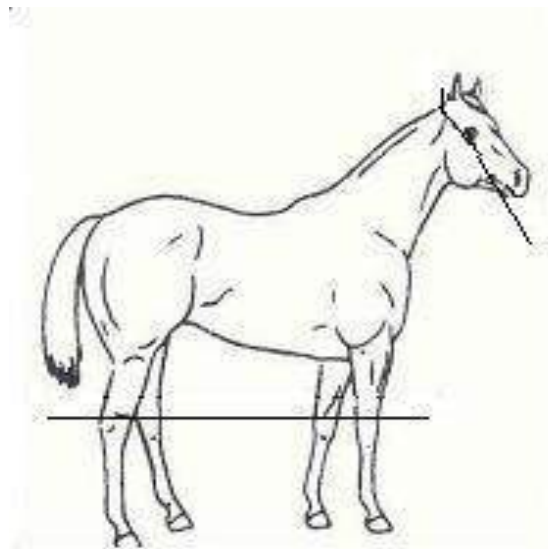
When using any outcross the **onus is on the breeder** to provide copies of all paperwork necessary to prove compliance with these rules. For outcross registries that do not have photographs on registration papers nor record all levels of excessive white, photographs will be required. **Note-** It is recommended when using any outcross that the breeder request any DNA test results available, such as HERDA, HYPP, OLWS or Grey gene.

A horse may be deregistered if it is found to be bred from a non-appaloosa parent who has or has any genetic lineage that contravenes these rules and the breeder shall be subject to penalty under these rules. **Note:** The power to deregister a horse shall include the power to deregister any progeny of that horse.

If an application for registration of resulting progeny from an outcross mating shows indications of excessive undesirable white markings greater than those specified in rules above, then such will be considered undesirable and excessive and registration will be refused. If the breeder can reasonably show that such excessive white has most likely resulted from the existing Appaloosa component of the breeding then the Board may permit registration of the progeny.

If the outcross used is shown to be a horse excluded under these rules the resulting progeny will **NOT** be registered.

A certificate of Service Must Be Lodged with AAA Ltd Office with Appropriate Fee by 31st May in that breeding year.



1. Outcross Recording

- a. As from 1st August 2014 any outcross horse who meets the requirements in Rule 3.13 must be recorded with and approved by the AAA Ltd prior to use in an Appaloosa Breeding Program.
- b. If an outcross horse has been used in an Appaloosa Breeding Program prior to 1st August 2014 and produced registered progeny, the appropriate application form must be completed and submitted to the AAA Ltd.
- c. If an outcross horse has not been used in an Appaloosa Breeding Program prior to 1st August 2014 and has no registered progeny with the AAA Ltd, the appropriate application form and required documentation showing compliance with these rules must be submitted with the appropriate fee.
- d. All approved outcross Stallions used in an Appaloosa breeding program must obtain and use a AAA Ltd Certificate of Service book (see schedule of fees) when breeding AAA Ltd registered mares.

3.14 Artificial Insemination

Artificial insemination may be used whether by way of chilled or frozen semen and the resulting foals are eligible for registration with the AAA Ltd if all registration requirements as per Division 3 Rules and the following conditions are met:-

- (a) A properly completed and signed stallion breeding certificate is filed with the AAA Ltd indicating the mare has been bred by artificial Insemination.
- (b) A properly completed duplicate copy of the stallion breeding certificate must accompany the application for registration of the resulting foal.
- (c) The maximum number of straws to be used after the death of a stallion shall be 500.
- (d) If, for medical reasons, a horse must be gelded (application must be made to the Association and must be supported by veterinary certificate) then frozen semen may be kept and the maximum number of straws to be used after the gelding shall be 500.
- (e) If the Stallion is gelded for non-medical reasons, no further frozen semen shall be used beyond the season of his gelding unless he meets the following criteria:
 - i. Must have already been upgraded to a breeding stallion.
 - ii. Must be a minimum age of 4yo.
 - iii. Must have stood at stud and/or produced progeny over a minimum of two (2) breeding seasons, as evidenced by Breeding Certificates and/or Registrations/

The maximum number of straws to be used after gelding shall be 500.

Prior to gelding, notification of intended castration must be received at the AAA Ltd Office, with appropriate fee, to verify that the Stallion to be gelded meets the above criteria, and once verified, approval will be granted to the Owner of the Stallion to proceed.

When the horse has been gelded, notification of actual castration must be submitted along with the Stallions Registration Certificate, new photo and appropriate fee.

3.15 Imported Semen

Imported semen is that which the horse is not residing within Australia at the time the semen is used or planned to be used. Imported semen from Stallions which do not reside in Australia can be used for Artificial Insemination provided that:

Appaloosa Stallions:

Imported semen from an Appaloosa Stallion can be used only if he is recorded by the AAA Ltd as an International Non-Resident Appaloosa Sire.

To be considered for acceptance as an International Non-Resident Sire the party seeking approval must be a AAA Ltd member and it is their responsibility to supply all necessary documentation listed below as well as any further documentation deemed necessary by the Registrar or Board to ensure his resulting progeny will comply with **all** AAA Ltd registration requirements. Documentation shall include:

- a. An original or certified copy of the horse's registration papers from either the Appaloosa Horse Club of America, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand or Britain or any other country deemed appropriate by the Board.
- b. A properly completed AAA Ltd application form along with the relevant fee.
- c. Documentation confirming compliance with rule 3.15 (as required for outcross horses)
- d. All horses must be HYPP, HERDA & DNA verified and recorded and where considered necessary OLWS tested and those that test positive to HYPP N/H, H/H or HERDA Hr/Hr or OLWS will **not** be recorded with the AAA Ltd.
- e. Horses must be DNA tested for the grey gene. A requirement for the testing for the roan gene will be at the Registrar's discretion (NB and is dependent on whether test for the roan gene is considered definitive). Only horses that test negative will be eligible to apply to be recorded as an International Non-Resident Sire by the AAA Ltd.
- f. If the Appaloosa Stallion is to be recorded in an owner's name other than the International registered owners name a transfer or lease signed by the registered owner of the Non Resident Appaloosa Stallion (as noted on the horse's International registration papers) will be required.

If approved the stallion will be issued a service certificate book and recorded as a Non Resident Appaloosa Stallion approved for breeding by frozen semen **ONLY** and has no other rights. If the Stallion is later imported the stallion will be required to submit a full registration Application and the stallion will be required to comply with ALL Australian registration requirements. Being recorded as a Non Resident Stallion for Imported semen does not guarantee registration.

The recorded International Non Resident Stallion owner/lessee/agent shall prepare properly completed breeding certificates with the original to be filed with the AAA Ltd and the duplicate shall be issued to the mare owner as per standard AAA Ltd breeding rules. Such breeding certificates will show the mare as being bred artificially by frozen semen.

Outcross Breed Stallions:

Imported Semen from outcross Stallions can be used for artificial insemination provided the stallion is registered with one of the approved registries and they must be approved and recorded as an outcross stallion under the AAA Ltd rules having met all the requirements to have progeny eligible for registration.

If approved the stallion will be issued with a service certificate book and the Stallion owner/lessee/agent shall prepare properly completed breeding certificates with the original to be filed with the AAA Ltd and the duplicate shall be issued to the mare owner as per standard AAA Ltd breeding rules. Such breeding certificates will show the mare as being bred artificially by frozen semen.

3.16 Embryo Transfers

SELECTION OF MARE:

- (a) Any AAA Ltd registered mare and mares of approved Breed registries is acceptable as a donor mare, provided the mare is at least 2 years old at the time the Embryo transfer is performed.
- (b) The donor mare must be registered donor mare with the AAA Ltd or an approved breed registry.
- (c) The donor mare must be DNA tested before registration of resultant foal and the result to be recorded on the registration certificate.

THE STALLION:

- (a) Any stallion shall be AAA Ltd registered or of an approved breed for use in the embryo transfer program.
- (b) The stallion must be DNA tested before registration of resulting foal and results recorded with the AAA Ltd

THE FOAL:

- (a) Foal to be DNA tested for parent verification.
- (b) Only four genetic offspring per year shall be eligible for registration unless twin foals result from fertilisation of one ovum and twin foals are carried by one recipient mare following a single implementation.

3.17 Imported Horses

An imported horse is a horse not born in Australia.

For an imported horse to be considered for entry into the Australian Appaloosa Association Registry, a horse must first be registered with one of the following: Appaloosa Horse Club of America, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand or Britain or any other body as recognised by the AAA Ltd Board of Directors and must meet all the AAA Ltd. registration requirements.

All imported horses must first be registered in the Australian Registry before their progeny can be accepted for registration.

A transfer or lease signed by the owner of the said horse must accompany the application. The application must be made within three (3) months of importation.

An original or certified copy of the horse's registration papers must accompany the application.

Documentation confirming compliance with rule 3.15 as required for outcross horses will also be required.

Horses imported (or those used for semen importation) after 1st August 2011, must be HYPP, HERDA & DNA verified and recorded and where considered necessary OLWS tested and those that test positive to HYPP N/H, H/H or HERDA Hr/Hr or OLWS will not be registered with the AAA Ltd.

As at 1 August 2011 any imported horse (or those used for semen importation) must be DNA tested for the grey gene. Testing for the Roan Gene will be at the Registrar's discretion. Only horses that test negative for the grey gene will be eligible for registration with the AAA Ltd. Horses considered to have roan characteristics/breeding outside of what is deemed 'Appaloosa Roan' will not be eligible for registration with the AAA Ltd.

These same criteria apply to imported semen from any of the above registries.

3.18 Branding/Whorls/Microchipping

It is compulsory to note WHORLS on the diagram on the back of the AAA Ltd registration application form.

A whorl is a circular set or ring of hair and as such is regarded as an identifying feature similar to human finger prints. Whorls can be found on any part of the body but especially on the face and neck area.

Branding is no longer compulsory but if owners wish to use a brand the following is a guide to the correct method of branding:-

New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania -

Near shoulder - breeders or owners identifying brand.

Off shoulder - distinguishing numerals consisting of the reference number of the last figure of the season of foaling

Eg **1** for the first foal of the 2012 season branded
 12 According to the owner's practice.
e.g. **2** for the second foal etc.
 12

Queensland -

Near shoulder breeders or owners identifying brand with the distinguishing numerals consisting of the reference number OVER the last figure of the season of foaling placed below the registered brand.

e.g. **1** for the first foal of the 2012 season branded
 12 According to the owner's practice.
e.g. **2** for the second foal etc.
 12

Foals dropped between 1 January, 2012 and 31 July 2012 would carry the season number 11, as they would be regarded for racing purposes as having been foaled in the 2011 season.

Microchipping is not compulsory, but if owners wish to use microchipping as a form of identification, this is acceptable by the AAA Ltd.

Fire or freeze branding are both acceptable by the AAA Ltd

3.19 Age of a Horse

The age of a horse shall be computed on the basis of a calendar year starting on 1 August of the year foaled. An animal is a weanling during the calendar year in which foaled, and a yearling throughout the first calendar year following its foaling date, regardless of the time of year foaled.

3.20 Proof of Age

Every exhibitor, owner or trainer, upon request by a representative of the AAA Ltd, show manager, or stewards at an event, shall permit such examination to be made by a representative of the AAA Ltd and/or a licensed veterinarian. Refusal to comply with such request shall constitute grounds of immediate disqualification of the animal from the AAA Ltd event in progress or any other AAA Ltd approved event, and shall constitute grounds for suspension of AAA Ltd membership.

Should such examination show the animal's age does not correspond to the foaling date shown on its Registration Certificate; such examination shall constitute prima facie evidence that the animal's age as shown on its registration certificate is erroneous.

The animal automatically shall be suspended from participating in the AAA Ltd event in progress and any future AAA Ltd approved events pending a hearing before the Board of Directors.

The exhibitor, owner, or trainer, upon request by a representative of the AAA Ltd show manager or stewards at an event, shall deliver the animal's registration certificate to the requesting party. The representative of the AAA Ltd, show manager, or stewards at an event receiving the registration certificate immediately shall forward the certificate and affidavits from the person or persons making such examination and findings, to the Board of Directors of the AAA Ltd

At a time and place designated by the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting, a hearing will be held, at which time the animal's recorded owner, and/or breeder shall provide evidence to substantiate the foaling date shown on the registration certificate. In the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary,

the Board of Directors may cancel the animal's registration, and take appropriate action against the person or persons involved.

Instead of a certificate cancellation, if the pedigree is substantiated, but the age discrepancy remains unresolved, the Board of Directors may direct that an appropriate notation be made on the certificate to allow the horse to be used for breeding purposes, but prohibiting its participation in approved events.

3.21 *Change From Stallion To Gelding Or Mare To Spayed Mare.*

When an animal is altered (gelded or spayed), the certificate of registration must be returned to the AAA Ltd accompanied by a notarised letter from the Veterinarian who performed the surgery or the owner as to the date and type of surgery performed and the registered name and number of the horse involved, or the registered name and number of the sire and dam and the age of the foal, if not registered, together with the prescribed fee plus 3 photos. **Note:** High resolution good quality photos are required

3.22 *Change of Owners Name*

If an owner's name is changed by any reason whatsoever, it is not necessary for the certificate of registration to show the change. However, it is very important that the office be advised of the new name and address as well as the former name and address. If an owner wishes to have the new name appear on the certificate of registration then such certificate should be returned to the AAA Ltd Office with details of the change to be made together with one new photo of the horse so that a new certificate can be issued.

3.23 *Description Change*

If the colour of a horse has changed so that the current description no longer applies to the certificate of registration, the registration certificate, new photographs and appropriate fee may be sent to the AAA Ltd office for updating.

3.24 *Deceased Horses*

When a registered Appaloosa dies, it is incumbent on the current owner to notify the AAA Ltd of the date of death and to return the certificate of registration to the Office. The records and certificate will be marked deceased and the certificate will be returned to the owner. A deceased horse cannot be registered with the Association.

3.25 *Duplicate Certificates*

A duplicate certificate is a new registration certificate which is issued when the original has been lost or destroyed. It is issued when sufficient proof of loss and proper identification of the horse has been submitted to the Association office.

The AAA Ltd may issue a duplicate registration certificate if the current recorded owner files the proper affidavit or statutory declaration - duly notarised, completed in all respects and stating circumstances under which the original registration certificate was lost or destroyed - and pay the required fee. Such affidavit or statutory declaration is to be accompanied by current photographs of the animal which show both sides, front and rear views.

If the certificate was lost by a trainer or racing official at the track, affidavits or statutory declarations from such other persons should accompany the recorded owner's request for a duplicate certificate.

If the application for the duplicate certificate contains a discrepancy of such nature as to bring into question the identity of the animal, the Registrar may require inspection of the animal.

If the present actual owner is not indicated in the Association's files to be the recorded owner, he/she additionally shall provide the AAA Ltd with an affidavit from the last recorded owner in order to obtain the duplicate registration certificate. Such affidavit shall set forth the circumstances of the transfer and the identity of the person to whom he delivered the registration certificate.

In order to issue a duplicate certificate when the recorded owner cannot be located to complete an affidavit (after all reasonable efforts by the actual owner and then by the AAA Ltd office), the following items are required:-

- a. Properly completed and signed transfer reports or acceptable bills of sale reflecting each ownership change beginning with the recorded owner,
- b. Notarised affidavit signed by each party who had the original certificate in his or her possession after the recorded owner.
- c. A signed statement from the actual current owner giving details of his or her attempts to contact the recorded owner,
- d. Four current, full-view photographs of the horse (both sides, front and rear views).
- e. Fee for duplicate certificate.
- f. Transfer fee (if required).

A duplicate certificate cannot be issued if the original certificate of registration is being held by a second party for payment of mortgages, loans, liens or judgments and proper documentation of said indebtedness is on file with the AAA Ltd

3.26 *Inspection Procedure*

The Registrar shall designate an Inspector to conduct a visual inspection of every horse which has been protested or for which an inspection has otherwise been required. After identifying the subject horse, the Inspector shall note on the back of the photographs the name and registration number of the horse, if any. The Inspector shall also complete a written report detailing the results of the inspection and the names and addresses of any witnesses present. The Inspector shall forward the inspection report and photographs to the Registrar as soon as practicable.

The Registrar may, at his/her sole discretion require a physical examination of the subject horse by a veterinarian to determine the horse's age, sex status, height or other physical attributes and/or to obtain blood, urine or hair samples and biopsies. The veterinarian shall submit a written report of any such examination to the Registrar as soon as practicable. Any costs to be borne by the horse's owner.

The Registrar shall review the inspection report, photographs, veterinarian's report, if any, and any other information on file or submitted by the owner and shall give the owner a written "Notice of Decision" no later than 10 days after reaching said decision. If the decision of the Registrar is adverse to the owner, the Notice of Decision shall be accompanied by an "Appeal Notice Form" and a description of the appeal procedures available to the owner. If the Registrar determines that the reports and photographs are inconclusive, a second inspection may be required by the Registrar at his/her sole discretion.

3.27 *Lease Agreements*

Lease agreements must be organised between the two parties and are not the responsibility of the AAA Ltd

A copy of the official lease agreement and registration certificate must be forwarded to the Association's Office within 30 days of signing of lease and be accompanied by the prescribed fee (See Schedule of Fees). All leases are for a minimum of 12 months.

The Association will NOT recognise the Lessee's signature on a transfer of ownership of the leased horse. The owner (Leaser) will not be held responsible for the actions of the Lessee.

3.28 *Mare Owners*

It is incumbent on the mare owner to ensure that the stallion owner has all the necessary and correct information regarding the mare on the service certificate. A photocopy of the certificate of registration should be given to the stallion owner at the time of service. **Note:** When breeding to a non-Appaloosa stallion, arrangements must be made with the Stallion owner that the stallion may have to be DNA tested, if necessary. A service certificate must be lodged with the AAA Office by 31st May in that breeding year, together with a photocopy of the stallion's registration certificate when applying for registration of the resulting foal.

3.29 *New Certificates*

If a new certificate is desired for any reason (i.e. if certificate has become worn or illegible), a written request for a new certificate, the old certificate, three recent photographs and the appropriate fee are to be forwarded to the Association office.

Note: High resolution good quality photos are required,

3.30 Naming a Horse

Each animal for which registration is applied must be given an acceptable name that does not conflict with the name of any other animal registered with the AAA Ltd either living or dead.

Names are not eligible for use:

- (a) if they consist of more than 25 characters - prefixes, spaces and punctuation marks count as characters,
- (b) end in the words "filly" or "colt",
- (c) are names of famous horses,
- (d) are similar in spelling or punctuation to names already in use,
- (e) Are names of famous or notorious people unless their notarised consent is filed with the AAA Ltd Office
- (f) are suggestive or which have vulgar or obscene meaning,
- (g) are similar in pronunciation to any of the above,
- (h) numbers at the beginning of a horse's name is disallowed

3.31 Name Change

Once an Appaloosa is registered, the name of a horse cannot be changed unless required by the Board of Directors.

3.32 Pedigree

A financial member of the Association may apply for a 4 generation pedigree by making application in writing to the Association office accompanied by the appropriate fee.

3.33 Prefix

A prefix is defined as a name or a combination of letters (providing there are no fewer than two (2) letters), that is used to identify a member's horse.

If a word or combination of letters is used as an identifying word in a horse's name, in naming more than one (1) horse, it is deemed to be a prefix and must be registered as such, irrespective of owner(s) or breeder(s).

Only the registered owner of a prefix has the right to use that prefix in the naming of a horse.

Written permission is to be obtained should other than the registered owner of the prefix wish to use that prefix.

Once a prefix has been registered by a member, that prefix shall not be re-allocated to any other member, unless the registering member has given written notice of cancellation to the Association.

To retain the right to use the prefix, the member must remain a financial member of the AAA Ltd. An initial fee is imposed on registering of a prefix (See schedule of fees).

Numbers are disallowed as prefixes.

The name registered may be used as a stud prefix but is essentially a prefix to the name of a horse, however, it is not compulsory that it is used as a horse name prefix.

Members wishing to use a prefix already allocated, must receive written authorisation from the registered owner and forward same to the Association Office.

The Registrar has the right refuse any application for a prefix which is likely to be:

- a) Confused with other Registered Horses.
- b) Confused with other Registered Prefixes.
- c) Deemed to be misleading to their sex.
- d) Deemed to be a common word.

A Member may register more than 1 prefix.

3.34 Stallion Owners

All AAA Ltd registered stallion intended for breeding must be DNA tested.

Service certificate books can be obtained by owners/lessee of a registered stallion from AAA Ltd Office (See Schedule of Fees).

For all mares bred to stallions used in the AAA Ltd breeding programme, a certificate of service, in triplicate, must be issued by the owner or lessee, showing the mare's breed name and number, colour and markings, owner and address, stallions name and number, and where located, dates of service and authorised signatures.

Stallion classification - a penalty of up to \$1000 maximum fine (as determined by the Board of Directors), will be levied against any member for breeding with a stallion prior to official classification as a stallion.

All owners/lessee of registered stallions must forward to the AAA Ltd the service certificate original for all mares bred to the stallion during the year. Until such certificates are filed with the AAA Ltd, the resulting foals cannot be registered.

A Statutory Declaration giving permission to an authorised agent to sign service certificates on behalf of the Owner/Lessee must be lodged with the Association's office by 31st May in that breeding year.

If a mare is exposed to two or more stallions in less than 45 days, a DNA test will be required before the resulting foal can be registered, with the owners paying the cost of the DNA test. The charge for DNA testing will be the actual and necessary cost of performing each test.

In any case of doubt regarding the true parentage or identification of any animal, DNA tests may be required, and taking into consideration the results of such tests and/or such other information as may be available, the Board may authorise such corrections in the records as may be determined to be necessary or appropriate. In all proceedings concerned with or affecting registrations and records the burden of resolving any doubt as to the true parentage or identification of an animal shall be upon the applicant or owner.

The duplicate service certificate must accompany the resulting foal's application for registration, where it will be checked with the original. Only owners of a registered, classified stallion are eligible to use service certificates.

ONE SERVICE BOOK PER STALLION ONLY. (Two or more stallions cannot use same Service Book).
NO PERSON SHALL MAKE ANY ALTERATION OF INFORMATION ON A SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

A service certificate on which information has been changed will not be acceptable for the purpose of registering a horse with the Association.

No service certificate will be accepted for stallions unless they are classified and registered with the AAA Ltd and the owner or lessee is a financial member.

The stallion owner or lessee must send to the AAA Ltd office, service certificates for all mares exposed to the stallion whether tested in foal or not. Late certificates after July incur an extra fee - (See Schedule of Fees).

The stallion owner or lessee must state full date and year mares are bred. Paddock bred is not sufficient. When paddock bred must state date when mare is placed in paddock and date she is taken out.

If certificates and fees are not in AAA Ltd office by 31st May each year and owners do not comply with AAA Ltd rules, their name may be listed in the National Appaloosa Journal and subject to suspension by AAA Ltd

3.35 Upgrade to Stallion

All colts Australian bred and imported must be veterinary inspected before upgrading to stallion. The basis of veterinary inspection is designed to determine the eligibility of a stallion as a registered sire for breeding.

Colts are eligible for inspection from 1st August in the season in which they turn 2 years old.

Colts will be eligible for acceptance into the registry upon production of a certificate supplied by the Association and signed by a qualified veterinarian stating that the horse is:

- Not a cryptorchid.
- Not a monorchid
- That both testicles are descended and evenly sized.
- Not parrot mouthed.
- Shows no visible signs of hereditary unsoundness,
- At least fourteen hands high unshod measured at the wither
- All colts/stallions must be DNA tested
- The appropriate veterinary certificate is to be accompanied by a coloured photograph of the horse signed by the veterinarian on the day of inspection verifying the identity of the horse.
- Any horse that is N/H or H/H for HYPP or Hr/Hr for HERDA is not eligible
- Once a stallion has been gelded, no further frozen semen shall be used beyond the season of his gelding.

The signed certificate and photograph should then be forwarded to the Association office together with; the required fee; a further four (4) recent photographs (2 nearside, 2 offside) of the horse and the certificate of colt recording. A registration certificate will be issued when all is in order.

Note: High resolution good quality photos are required

3.36 Transfers

It is important that all transfers be recorded with the AAA Ltd. If the horse is a stallion and a transfer is not recorded, then the AAA Ltd will not be able to accept any service certificates or stallion reports from a person who is not recorded as the owner of the horse. Any subsequent foal owners will not be able to register their foals as sired by that stallion.

A horse shall be deemed to have been sold when a contract of sale has been signed by both parties and the horse in question is domiciled under the control of the purchaser or his/her agent.

When any registered horse is disposed of without papers, the owner shall notify the AAA Ltd and surrender the Registration Certificate to the Association for such notification. Horses sold without papers whose owners fail to notify the Association may be eligible for registration and transfer to the new owner at the discretion of the AAA Ltd.

Full payment of the purchase price or full transfer of the registration papers need not have been completed, provided that proof of intended payment and transfer has been supplied to the Association office.

To record such transfer, the responsible party shall supply the Association office with the following items.

- The Registration Certificate of the horse;
- A written report of the transfer (on a transfer form furnished by the Association) - completed and signed by the last recorded owner as the seller;
- The required fee - see Schedule of Fees.
- A new photo is required – one (1) nearside photo must be taken from 15 feet or 4.5 metres from the horse. This will ensure that the horse's description is kept up to date.

Note: High resolution good quality photos are required

The Association requires the signatures of all owners as disclosed on the Association's records, unless the Association has notarised documents authorising the acceptance of only one signature.

Also this will mean if a firm does business under the firm's name or a ranch name any authorisation will have to be notarised and submitted.

On a transfer form, the Association shall only recognise the signatures of all of the joint owners of an animal if such owners are named on the horse's current registration certificate. The Association will not recognise one signature only.

If the registered owner is a minor, a parent/guardian must also sign the transfer form.

In cases of divorce a certified copy of divorce decree and property settlement is required. The settlement must list all horses by registered name and number, as well as the name of the person appointed by the court to receive possession of the horse/s. The divorce decree and property settlement may serve as a transfer of ownership application and the transfer will be completed to the person awarded the horses, or as an authorisation for the receiver to sign any and all papers regarding the horses.

If a horse is sold at a Sheriff's sale a certified copy of the Sheriff's bill of sale is required. This certified copy will serve as the transfer of ownership application and the horse will then be transferred to the new owner.

If a dispute arises between seller and buyer, leaser and lessee, the said dispute is just that, between the seller and buyer. The AAA Ltd, its staff or Board of Directors does not take any responsibility for any such disputes. No person shall make any alteration of a completed transfer form, nor in any manner deface, change or amend the provisions within it. When the owner of any registered animal disposes of that animal without papers, the owner shall notify the Association of the fact and surrender the appropriate registration certificate to the Association for proper notation. If requested, the cancelled certificate will be returned to the recorded owner.

3.37 *Foal Recording*

As from 1st August 2017, All mare owners are requested to record all foals within 90 days of birth, for a fee of \$10.00 per foal for AAA Ltd Financial Members. The recording fee will be deductible from the full registration fee when submitted by the mare owner.

Non-members can foal record for \$20.00 per foal. This fee is NOT deductible from the full registration fee.

This application DOES NOT give showing rights or inclusion into the AAA Ltd Studbook.

DIVISION 4 - REGISTRATION DISPUTES

4.1 Protest Procedure

Any owner or lessee of a registered Appaloosa, or any current member of the AAA Ltd or any AAA Inspector, may protest the registration classification or status of any horse registered with the AAA Ltd by filing an official protest form together with a cheque or money order in the amount of \$500.00 made payable to the AAA Ltd. The protest fee shall be refunded only if it is ultimately determined that the subject horse has been improperly registered.

Each Director may request an inspection of any horse which appears to be improperly registered. No protest fee shall be required in connection with any protest by a Director.

All protests shall be reviewed by a committee of the AAA Ltd as determined by the Board of Directors.

The owner or lessee of the subject horse shall be given a written "Notice of Protest" within ten (10) days after receipt by the AAA Ltd of a properly completed protest form. The notice of protest shall state the reason for the protest and shall set a date for inspection and/or examination of the horse no later than 30 days or earlier than 15 days after the date the Notice of Protest is given. An alternative date may be selected if agreed upon in writing by the committee and the owner.

The owner shall submit at least three current coloured photographs of the horse and such other information as requested by the committee.

The owner or lessee shall promptly inform the committee in writing of the location of the horse and, upon request, shall transport the horse to a more convenient location to permit the inspection and/or examination at the set date. The registration of the horse shall automatically be suspended and the horse shall be ineligible to participate in any AAA Ltd approved event.

No person who files a protest or who otherwise participates directly or indirectly in filing a protest shall serve in any capacity in the determination of the validity or invalidity of the protest including any appeal thereof.

4.2 Protest Appeal Procedures

In the event that the Committee has determined that the registration of a horse shall be revoked or corrected as a result of a protest, the owner of the subject horse shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Committee to the Board of Directors of the AAA Ltd. No such appeal shall be heard unless an Appeal Notice Form signed by the owner or his authorised agent together with a \$500.00 appeal fee shall be received by the AAA Ltd within 20 days from the date the Notice of Decision was given to the owner. The registration status of the subject horse shall automatically be suspended if the owner fails to appeal within such 20 day period and, upon written request, the owner shall within 29 days return the Certificate of registration of the subject horse to the Board of Directors for correction or other appropriate action. If the owner's appeal is upheld the fee will be refunded.

The Board of Directors shall conduct a formal hearing as soon as practicable after receipt of an Appeal Notice Form. Written notice of the date, time and location of the hearing shall be given to the owner not less than 15 days prior to the hearing. In selecting the location for the hearing, consideration shall be given to the residence of the owner and the location of the subject horse. If requested by the registrar, the owner shall transport the horse to the location of the hearing for purposes of an inspection by the Board or its representatives.

The owner may submit a written statement to the AAA Ltd Board of Directors prior to the hearing and shall have the right in person or by counsel, to appear and present evidence at the hearing and to hear and refute evidence offered against the subject horse.

A written "Notice of the AAA Ltd Decision" shall be given to the owner not later than 15 days after the meeting. The determination of the Board of Directors will be final and binding on all parties. Following any final determination, the owner will, within any 15 days on any request, return the Certificate of registration of the subject horse to the Registrar for correction and other appropriate action.

4.3 Re-Registration and Correction of Certificate

Re-registration certificates are those on which there is a change in the sire or dam, a different foaling year or a different sex (male to female or vice versa). A re-registration certificate requires a new application completed correctly and properly signed; a notarised statement from the owner of the dam at the time of foaling which gives details as to why the horse was incorrectly registered, and a registration fee which is determined by the age of the horse at the time of application for re-registration. The AAA Ltd must be provided with the original certificate before a re-registration certificate can be issued.

A corrected certificate is one which is issued to indicate a change in colour, markings, foaling month, changing name of breeder or the removal of scars or brands which previously had been indicated on the certificate, or correction of minor errors on the original application for registration. The AAA Ltd office must be provided with the original certificate before a corrected certificate can be issued. See Schedule of Fees.

No fee is payable for corrections submitted Within 30 days from the time the registration certificate is first mailed from the AAA Ltd office, the owner may return the certificate to the Association for correction of inaccuracies, accompanied by the necessary documentation for the change for no additional charge. The postmark date will be considered in respect of the 30 days. Such corrections shall not include change of name from one which has been submitted by the owner.

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 or pay the required the appropriate day insurance levy 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, 'AA' & Approved 'A' Class shows – Halter and Showmanship classes, must be shown in western attire.

At Shows of 'B' 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:

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

Note: Members are to submit their own point sheets for all 'B' 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.

- Two for stallions 3 years and over
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Stallion**
- Two for colts two years and under
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Colt**
- Two for mares 3 years and over
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Mare**
- Two for fillies two years and under
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Filly**
- Two for gelding 3 years and over
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Senior Gelding**
- Two for gelding two years and under
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior 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 Gran Champion Gelding
- **Supreme Champion Amateur Exhibit**

Must include mandatory events as follows:

Led Versatilities:

- Yearling - Hunter In Hand, Led Trail and Lungeline
- 2yo Led – Hunter In Hand, Led Trail and Lungeline
- 3yrs & Over Led – Hunter In Hand, Led Trail and Lungeline

****NOTE – Horses competing in 2yo Led and 3yrs & 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, ed 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 'AA' Class Shows

Applications for an "AA" 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. **Double "AA" Class points are awarded for these shows. Regional Appaloosa Clubs will automatically be given approval "AA" points on approval of show program.**

The following shows will receive "AA" 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 "AA" Class Show must have at least six 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 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 1st and December 31st 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 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.
- Must have at least \$500 prize money, which must be across at least five (5) sections, including Youth & Amateur. ****For the 2017/18 Show Season ONLY, the minimum \$500 prizemoney will be waived****
- 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
- ‘AA’ class points count towards ROM’s, High Point State Awards and Annual High Point Awards.
- OPTIONAL: Yearling, 2yo Led and 3yrs & 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.

(a) Must have at least six 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**

(b) All other events on the program may be open to all 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 1st and December 31st 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
 - ‘A’ class points count towards ROM’s, High Point State Awards and Annual High Point Awards.
 - OPTIONAL: Yearling, 2yo Led and 3yrs & 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 ‘A’ Class Shows

Applications for ‘A’ 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. **Single ‘A’ class points are awarded for this show**

Must have at least six 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 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 1st and December 31st 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 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
 - 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, 2yo Led and 3yrs & 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.
- (a) Recognised classes, for AAA Ltd Registered horses only, held at Agricultural Shows will be allocated ‘A’ Class points if the class is run under the specific rules of the AAA Ltd and is judged by an approved/recognised Judge from an approved performance body.
- (b) Minimum Class Requirements:-
- i. Halter – Filly/Mare, Colt/Stallion, Gelding and Champion & Reserve Champion Appaloosa Halter.
 - ii. Performance – Minimum of 2 Ridden Classes, i.e. Ridden Appaloosa Western and Ridden Appaloosa English.

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

5.10 Recognised Associations

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

- 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 Equestrian 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.

5.11 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.

'B' Class ROM Only points will be awarded if these shows are not approved with the AAA Ltd or are judged by an unaccredited/unapproved judge.

5.12 'B' 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. **Note:** "B" class points count ROM's Only.

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

5.13 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.
 - ii. 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 Regional Appaloosa Clubs will receive "AA" Class points for each judge approved.
 - (e) All AQHA/PHAA Affiliates can apply for 2 x "A" Class or 1 x "A" Class and 1 x "AA" Class providing the "A" & "AA" requirements are met.
 - (f) Each Judges placings will result in separate results being submitted by each club to the AAA Ltd.
 - (g) 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.
 - (h) All rules and regulations for "A" & "AA" Class Approval must be adhered to as per type of show being held.

5.14 Approval

Approval does not carry over from year to year, but must be obtained for each individual show or contest. No show will be granted AAA Ltd approval on the same dates as the National Championship Show or within the same state on the same dates as a State Show.

The application for approval must be accompanied by a complete list of all classes in the entire show whether or not all of the classes are limited to AAA Ltd registered horses. (This may be in the form of an updated schedule from the previous year). Appaloosa halter classes must be for horses registered with the AAA Ltd only. To gain AAA Ltd approval a show must be open to all Appaloosa owners who are in good standing with the AAA Ltd. All show fees to be the same for all breeds.

If approval is sought by an AAA Ltd Affiliate Club, then any show application must include all relevant insurance checklists and compliance requirements.

No approved Appaloosa Show or contest shall require that an exhibitor must enter or pay entry fees for a horse in a halter class in order for that horse to be eligible to compete in a performance class. Nor may the management require a horse to be entered in a performance class in order that it may show at halter. Such entries shall be optional to the exhibitor.

If the "Application for Approval" is satisfactory, the AAA Ltd office will issue a statement of official approval of the proposed show or contest. If such application is unsatisfactory, the AAA Ltd office will so inform the organisation or individual making the application giving the reasons for not approving the show or contest.

Lack of approval of any certain class in a proposed show or contest, however, need not invalidate the recognition of the remainder of the show or contest.

All applications will be reviewed by the Association which has the right to refuse any application which it considers is not in the best interests of the AAA Ltd.

No show will be given approval if the venue where the show is being held is within 150 kms normal road distance of an already approved event on the same day.

AAA Ltd Affiliate Clubs shall receive preference over non-affiliate clubs should two clubs apply for approval within 100 kms normal road distance. Where the two clubs are both non-affiliate clubs, approval shall be given on a first in basis.

5.15 Schedules And Prizes

Schedules and entry forms should be printed in order to ensure uniformity.

If money prizes are offered, the fixed amount of each prize shall be stated in the schedule. Special prizes do not have to appear on the schedule but it is recommended because it enhances the attractiveness of the show or contest. The show committee is not required to award any existing prizes not awarded.

The schedule should contain a list of officers of the show or contest and the names of the Appaloosa officials. The exact location of the show must be specified and the date or dates to be held, also the closing date of entries and the exact date and time judging will commence.

5.16 Show Results Recorded Automatically

The results of the National, State, "AA". "A" must be completed in their entirety on official forms furnished by the Association and forwarded to the Association office. All such points shall be recorded automatically and irrespective of payment of any points recording fee. All forms necessary to report the results of these shows will be supplied to the show management when that show is officially approved.

All forms necessary to report the results of all other shows approved will be supplied to the show management when that show is officially approved and must be completed in their entirety. Results from these shows is not recorded automatically for members but used for tabulation and cross checking purposes only.

Failure to mail the completed result forms to the Association in such time that they will be postmarked no later than thirty (30) days after the closing day of the said show may result in future approval being denied.

A \$100.00 a month penalty will be imposed on all results after 30 days, or at the discretion of the Board.

5.17 Show Result Sheets

Show point sheets must be lodged with the AAA Ltd office within 30 days of the show. After this time result point sheets will be invalid. (Exception see below)

EXCEPTION Year End High Point Awards are tabulated to 31 July each year and any point sheets related to this period must be received at the AAA Ltd Office by August 14 of each year.

Points will not be accepted unless the points recording sheets are correctly completed, legible and signed

Registration pending will not be accepted.

For Shows run under rules 5.10, 5.11 and 5.12, a copy of show program must accompany show result sheets.

Correctly completed cards must show:

- Show Date
- Name and Address of Show
- Status of Show
- Registered name and number of horse
- Correct description of class
- Placing awarded
- Number in class
- Owner's name, membership number and address
- Signature the owner or his agent.
- Signed by the Judge or Show Secretary

The Judge or Secretary to delete the excess lines on the Result Card before signing. Exhibitors are to request this. If this is not done your points may not be accepted.

Youth Events: Show points for youth events must be clearly marked "Youth Events" on a separate sheet.

Amateur events must be clearly marked "Amateur" on a separate sheet.

Where "spot checks" are done on show results, and entries shown to be incorrect by the exhibitor, all points won by the horse in question at the show, will be cancelled and disciplinary action may be taken against the member.

Points will not be accepted for shows or events held outside Australia.

Show point scores will not be given to anyone other than the owner or properly authorised person and all such requests must be received by the Association in writing.

5.18 Point Recording Fees

As from 1st August 2017, a nomination fee of \$20.00 per horse/amateur/youth is payable to be eligible for any End of Year High Point Awards as determined by the Board of Directors on an annual basis.

5.19 Points

The points table below will be used to calculate High Point End of Year Awards, ROM's etc.

POINTS TABLE

No. horses
exhibited in
class

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
1	1/2										
2 – 5	1	1/2									
6 – 10	2	1	1/2								
11 – 15	3	2	1	1/2							
16 – 20	4	3	2	1	1/2						
21 – 30	5	4	3	2	1	1/2					
31 – 40	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2				
41 – 50	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2			
51 – 60	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2		
61 – 70	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2	
over 70	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2

5.20 Team Event Points

Team events are defined as being two (2) or more Horse/Rider Combinations making up a competition team, i.e. Team Roping, Team Penning, Polocrosse, etc

Points will be allocated as per the points table, Rule 5.21, for each AAA Ltd Registered horse in each team. In competitions where a horse may compete in more than one (1) team, only the highest placing will receive points.

5.21 Points For Champion At National & State Level

At National and State Championship Shows where all classes are championship classes, points will be awarded as for normal classes except all National Show points will be quadrupled and all State Championship Show points will be tripled.

When the winners compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion at National Shows the points earned will be 3 for Grand Champion and 2 for Reserve Grand Champion.

At State Shows the points will be 2 and 1 respectively.

Supreme Champion awarded at the National Show will earn 4 points if 3 or more in the class.

Supreme Champion awarded at a State Show will earn 3 points if 3 or more in the class.

5.22 State Show Points

State Show points are included in State Hi-Point awards, but points will only be awarded for the State in which the owner of the horse, Amateur or youth reside. Effective 1st August 2006.

5.23 High Point Awards Of The Show.

The following system will be used to determine High Point of the Show Awards

- 6 or more entries in a class, points to be awarded 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
- 5 entries in a class, points to be awarded 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
- 4 entries in a class, points to be awarded 4, 3, 2, 1
- 3 entries in a class, points to be awarded 3, 2, 1
- 2 entries in a class, points to be awarded 2, 1
- 1 entry in a class, points to be awarded 1.

In cases where there is a tie for the High Point refer to the "High Point Awards of the Show" in this rule book.

Amateurs competing at all AAA Ltd approved shows can ride 2 horses in the same Amateur age group. Nominations for each horse must be made to the show secretary prior to the commencement of the show. Only the highest placing horse in Amateur classes will be given points towards the High Point Awards of the Show or Club End of Year High Point Awards. If due to death, injury or sale of either nominated horses, no points for the replacement horse will be recorded until written notification of the new horse is received at the show office or club secretary.

Youth may compete on 2 or more horses at all AAA Ltd approved shows, however the youth may only nominate a maximum of 2 horses, who's points will be counted towards their High Point of the Show Awards. Nominations must be made to the show secretary prior to the commencement of the show.

5.24 Supreme, Champion & Reserve

Supreme Champion Appaloosa/Supreme Halter Horse of the Show (All Champions compete for this Award) 3 points if 3 or more in the halter section of the show and 1 point if less than 3 horses in the halter section of the show.

Champion Appaloosa Exhibit: (All First Place Getters of each Class) 2 points if 3 or more in class.

Champion - chosen from first place winners of that gender and age.

Reserve - chosen from 2nd place winner to the champion and 1st place winners in other classes for that gender.

Where there is a reserve awarded, champion receives 2 points. Where a reserve is not awarded, champion receives 1 point.

At the discretion of the show management champion and reserve champion colt and filly classes may be provided with such classes to include two year old, yearlings and under.

The above Champion & Reserve points shall be applied to Hack & Led Hack Champion/Reserve or Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion.

5.25 Ribbon Colours

Ribbon colours may be:

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| First: Blue | Champion: Red, White, Blue |
| Second: Red | Reserve Champion: Red, White, Red |
| Third: Yellow | Grand Champion: Purple |
| Fourth: Green | |
| Fifth: Brown | |
| Sixth: Pink | |

These ribbon colours are recommended but not mandatory.

5.26 National & State Show Tie Breakers

The tie-breaker system to be used at National Shows & State Shows shall be determined by the most number of first placings in the eligible events, then the further placings progressively, then by the horse that has placed in the most number of eligible events.

5.27 Indian Costume Heritage Class

It is to be judged on authenticity of trappings and equipment, attire of rider, markings and colourful qualities of the horse - the overall picture and presentation to be considered.

General Information

Since the Appaloosa is rich in history, this class is designed to vividly portray some of this history. The rider shall be attired in the consistent and authentic period Indian Costume appropriate to the era in Appaloosa history so depicted.

The Indian Costume Heritage Class may be written as an open class or may be divided in the following two classes provided it is stipulated in the schedule.

Men's Indian Costume Heritage Class and Women's Indian Costume Heritage Class.

In a Men's Indian Costume Heritage Class (Warriors only) each entry may be given 30 seconds free time to show entry to the fullest advantage. The 30 seconds free time (work at will) in Men's Indian Costume Heritage Class only will be allowed at the Judge's and/or Show Committee's discretion if time is available and it is so stated in the schedule. In the "Work at Will" section of the Men's Indian Costume Heritage Class only, the entry may work at any gait or speed he desires.

Class Conditions and Rules

There shall be only one rider and one horse allowed per entry. Contestants will not be permitted to use a Travois in the Indian Costume Heritage Class for safety reasons.

The class shall be worked at a walk and trot ONLY on the rail, both directions of the ring. The Judge will then go through the line judging authenticity of the entries.

Any rider not having his/her mount under SUFFICIENT CONTROL shall be dismissed from the ring and shall be disqualified from that class.

Personal Appointments

Men and boys shall dress as Indian Chief or Braves ONLY.

Women and girls shall dress as Indian Women or Princesses ONLY.

Tack Appointments

The horses are to be shown in authentic period trappings and equipment with a bridle, hackamore, mouth rope or other suitable head stall which will enable rider to have full control of his/her horse. Reference to "Hackamore" in this class shall mean that the horse will be ridden only with rawhide braided leather or braided or rope bosal. No wire curbs, regardless if it is padded or taped or no chin strap narrower than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch will be permitted. CHAIN CURBS ARE PERMISSIBLE, but must meet the approval of the judge and must be at least one-half (1/2) inch in width, lying flat against the jaw of the horse.

Prohibited Appointments

They are Travois, Hackamore Bits, and Mechanical Hackamores. Use of prohibited appointments is cause for disqualification of the entry from the class.

DIVISION 6 - HALTER RULES

6.1 *General*

All horses to be eligible to compete in approved halter events must have been issued with the correct registration certificate. Horses are to be shown at Halter in Western attire under the following guidelines:

Personal Attire

Western: Includes long sleeve shirt, sleeves down, western hat, western type boots, Western pants. All attire must be in good condition.

Tack (compulsory) -

Neat halter, silver optional, no bits of any type allowed, chains may be used over the nose or under the chin not through the mouth. Lip chain may be used on colts (over 1 year of age) and stallions. Refer to HSAA Rule Book for attire

Enhancements -

Artificial trappings being only ribbons, flowers and bands are allowed in mane, tail and forelock. False tails are allowed to enhance the features of the horse. Blackened hooves are optional for halter and performance classes.

GLITTER IS NOT ALLOWED. No whips or bats of any type.

Note: Any additions or enhancements are not to have the effect of changing the colour or coat pattern of the horse.

6.2 *Judging*

Horses shall enter the ring and be lined up at the discretion of the judge. Entries shall be judged individually standing, and at a walk and trot on the line. Horses should stand, squarely and naturally, and are not to be stretched. Handled and shown by one person only; unruly or ill-mannered horses may be excused from the ring. Emphasis shall be placed upon suitability, conformation, action substance, quality and manners.

Transmissible weakness and/or unsoundness shall be counted strongly against animals. A good sound horse is free from unsoundness such as impaired vision, parrot mouth, ring bone, side bone, spavin, thoroughpins, curb or bowed tendons. Unsoundness impairs or affects the horse's use. Unsoundness judging consideration shall also include the cryptorchid or monorchid conditions.

After the Show Manager announces to the judge "This is your Class", no horse may then enter the ring and be judged.

Halter Classes to be judged: 60% - Conformation, 20% - Suitability, 20% - Soundness

A halter class is defined as a class where the horse is judged based upon its conformation. The purpose of the class is to preserve Appaloosa type by selecting well-mannered individuals in the order of their resemblance to the breed ideal and that are the most positive combination of balance, structural correctness and movement with appropriate breed and sex character and muscling.

The Appaloosa should be balanced, smooth and symmetrical. Full details are listed in the General Division.

6.3 Halter Classes

Halter classes may consist of the following:

Colt/Stallion Classes:

- Colts (the current year) 18 weeks or older
- Yearlings
- Two years old
- **Champion and Reserve Champion Colt.**
- Three years old
- Four years and over
- **Champion and Reserve Champion Stallion.**

Filly/Mare Classes:

- Fillies (the current year) 18 weeks or older
- Yearlings
- Two year olds
- **Champion and Reserve Champion Filly.**
- Three year olds
- Four years and over
- **Champion and Reserve Champion Mare.**

Note: Spayed mares are ineligible in mare Halter Classes.

Gelding Classes:

- Gelding (the current year) 18 weeks or older
- Yearlings
- Two year olds
- **Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Gelding.**
- Three year olds
- Four years and over
- **Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Gelding.**

Amateur Halter Classes:

- Stallion 3yrs and over
- Colt 2yrs & under
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Stallion/Colt**
- Mare 3yrs & over
- Filly 2yrs & under
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Mare/Filly**
- Gelding 3yrs & over
- Gelding 2yrs & under
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Gelding**
- **Supreme Champion Amateur Exhibit**

Youth Halter Classes: ROM Only Events

- Mare 3yrs & over
- Filly 2yrs & under
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Mare/Filly**
- Gelding 3yrs & over
- Gelding 2yrs & under
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Gelding**
- **Supreme Champion Youth Exhibit**

Note: Champions are chosen from first place winners in classes indicated above.

Reserve Champions are chosen from second place winner in the Champion's class and first place winners in other classes.

6.4 Group Halter Classes

The following are additional classes that are recommended if interest or entries justify them, but no points will be awarded. Horses shown in group class must be eligible to show in their individual halter class at that show.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The dam or sire may only be entered by the owner or by someone with the written permission of the owner.

Produce of Dam: (More than one entry accepted). Two produce, (either sex can show). Dam must be registered with the AAA Ltd but need not be shown nor need produce be owned by owner of the Dam. Deceased Dams are eligible.

Get of Sire: (More than one entry accepted). Three get, (either sex can be shown). Sire must be registered with the AAA Ltd but need not be shown nor need get be owned by owner of the Sire. Progeny of deceased sires are eligible.

Mare and Foal: Mare and Foal of current year to be shown. Mare and foal do not have to be owned by the same owner. Must be Adult registered or B, BR or BT registered mare and foal.

Sire and Get: Sire with two get to be shown. Sire and get do not have to be owned by the same owner. Must be Adult or B, BR or BT registered stallion and get.

Exhibitors Group: Group of three head (3), any age or sex, all owned by the exhibitor and recorded in the Association office to that one ownership.

6.5 Judge Scoring Systems

1. Three Judge System
 - All Judges to place 1st to 10th
 - All horses not placed by a Judge will receive a '0'
 - Only two scores will be used. Furthest score to be thrown out – '0' is to be recognised as the furthest score in the first instance.
 - All placings will be converted to points, e.g. 1st 10 pts, 2nd 9 pts, etc. Highest point scoring horse wins.
2. Two Judge System
 - Both Judges are to place 1st to 10th
 - All horses not placed by a Judge will receive a '0'
 - Both scores are to be used.
 - All placings will be converted to points, e.g. 1st 10 pts, 2nd 9 pts, etc. Highest point scoring horse wins.
3. One Judge System
 - Judges to place 1st to 10th only. **Judges Decision is Final.**

6.6 Most Colourful at Halter

- a. **Eligibility:** This class is open to Coloured Registered Appaloosas only. Any Appaloosas that are registered as B, BR or BT are ineligible to compete.
- b. **Personal Attire (Western):** Includes long sleeve shirt, sleeves down, western hat, western type boots, and western pants. All must be in good condition.
- c. **Tack (Compulsory):** Neat Halter, silver optional, no bits of any type allowed, chains may be used over the nose or under the chin, not through the mouth. Lip chains may be used on colts (over 1yr of age) and stallions only.
- d. **Class Conduct:**
 - i. Horses to be judged 60% on Colour, 40% on Conformation, Action, Substance, Quality and Manners.
 - ii. Entries shall enter the ring and be lined up at the Judge's discretion. Entries shall be judged individually standing and also at the walk and trot.

Points for this class will be awarded as ROM only points.

DIVISION 7 - AWARDS

7.1 Non Point Scoring Classes

The following classes are non-point scoring:

Improver/Learner	Australian Stock Horse
Sire and Get	Cow Hide Drag
Get of Sire	Jack Benny Classes
Produce of Dam	Relay Race
Green Horse and/or Green Rider	Rescue Race
Exhibitors Group	Lady & Gent Rider Classes
Open/Adult Showmanship	Lady & Gent Hack
Matched Pairs	Freestyle Dressage
Costume Class	Tiny Tots and Leadline Classes
Maiden Events (Except Campdrafting, Hacking & Show Hunter)	Novice Events (Except Cutting, Campdrafting, Dressage, Eventing, Hacking & Show Hunter)
Goat Tying	Walk/Trot Walk/Jog Classes (open)
Rookie, Limited Non-Pro Reining (Amateur ROA Only)	Versatility Events (Except Yearling, 2yo & 3yrs & Over Led Versatilities)
Broken Coloured	

7.2 AAA Ltd End of Year High Point Awards

High point rules as determine from year to year by board and rules will be placed on the website.

7.3 Recognised Events

Recognised Events for High Point Awards and/or ROMs, etc.

Note. 2yo horses MAY NOT show in ridden classes between August 1 and December 31 of their 2 year old year.

Hunter Under Saddle	Bridle Path Hack
Dressage	English Pleasure
Hunter Hack	Working Hunter
Working Cow Horse	Eventing
Show Jumping	Calf Roping
Team Penning	Team Roping
Reining	Trail
Western Riding	Youth Rider/Equitation Classes
Youth Showmanship	Amateur Showmanship
Halter (AAA Ltd Registered Appaloosa only)	Open All Breeds Halter Futurities/Jackpots
Most Colourful at Halter (AAA Ltd Registered Appaloosa only)	Station Cutting
Working Stock Horse class	Campdraft
Racing	Stump, Stake & Rope Race
Single Harness driving	Camas Prairie Stump
Barrel Race	Steer Daubing
Keyhole	Cutting
Western Horsemanship	Western Pleasure
Steer Roping	Australian Pleasure
Non Pro Cutting (Amateur only)	Suitability for Dressage
Steer Wrestling	Led Trail
Youth Western Riding & Reining Control	Jackpots
Amateur Rider Western & Hunt Seat Equitation	Novice Amateur
Hacking	Youth Walk/Jog-Trot
Rookie/Ltd Non Pro Reining (ROA only)	Amateur Masters/Select (Amateur only)
Show Hunter	Lunge line

Hunter in Hand
Straight Barrels
Flag Race
Ranch Riding
Beginner (Refer to Beginner Rules below)
Ranch Sorting

Led Hack
Bending
Snafflebit/Hackamore Cutting
Ranch Trail
Youth Halter (ROA Only)
Novice Youth (ROA Only)

Appaloosa ONLY mixed sex, same age halter classes – Where a program offers both Open Appaloosa Sex Halter classes, i.e. Open Appaloosa Mare/Filly, as well as aged Appaloosa Halter classes, i.e. Appaloosa Filly 2 years and under, Appaloosa Mare 3 years and over, the Open Appaloosa Sex Halter classes will receive ROM points only. Exception: State Appaloosa and National Appaloosa Championship shows.

Where a program only offers Open Appaloosa Sex Halter classes, i.e. Open Appaloosa Mare/Filly and no aged Appaloosa Halter classes, normal points will be awarded.

1. Beginner Events

From August 2016, the AAA Ltd recognises Beginner Classes.

- a. Eligibility – You MUST BE a Financial Member of the AAA Ltd and you MUST SHOW a AAA Ltd Registered Horse.
- b. Recording of Points – You are responsible for lodging your own show results. Show results must be submitted within 21 days of the show with a copy of the show program. NO PROGRAM NO POINTS.
- c. Awards – At the end of each show year, a high point award will be awarded to the Open Beginner and Youth Beginner who have gained the most points in Beginner Events for the year.
- d. Ineligibility:
 - i. Competing in Beginner Events for 3 years.
 - ii. Winning 2 Beginner End of Year High Point Awards at either Club Level or AAA Ltd.
 - iii. Winning any other End of Year High Point Award at either Club Level or AAA Ltd.
 - iv. Winning a AA, State or National Championship Class.
 - v. Competing in any Feature Event at any Show.

7.4 Awards

A variety of awards are presented by the AAA Ltd for Horses, Youth and Amateur Riders.

RECOGNITION AWARD Ten (10) in any recognised event.

REGISTER OF MERIT CERTIFICATE/REGISTER OF ACHIEVEMENT

The purpose of this Award is to establish a record for outstanding performance. There is a ROM /ROA for Halter, Showmanship and Performance.

Qualifications:

For any one event listed in Rule 7.3 of the AAA Ltd Rule Book.

- 20 points in any one event.

ROM for General Performance Certificate (Horses only)

Qualifications for ROM at General Performance:

- Total 20 Performance points.
- In a minimum of 3 events under saddle
- With a minimum of 5 points in any one event

REGISTER OF MERIT/REGISTER OF ACHIEVEMENT (Cutting, Reining, Dressage, Hacking, Show Hunter, Showjumping, Campdrafting, Eventing and approved Rodeo events).

Qualifications for ROM are:

- Minimum of 20 points.

MEDALLION AWARDS

After a Horse, Youth or Amateur has qualified for an ROM/ROA in an event, it can then qualify for a Medallion Award.

Bronze Award:

60 points in any one recognised event

Silver Award:

100 points in any one recognised event

Gold Award:

150 points in any one recognised event

Sapphire Award:

200 points in any one recognised event

Diamond Award:

300 points in any one recognised event

Platinum Award:

400 points in any one recognised event.

AAA LTD CHAMPION CERTIFICATE

The title of AAA Ltd Champion is reserved by the AAA Ltd for its own express use. It may be awarded only by the Association and is to be awarded to individual horses which meet the requirements outlined in the following paragraphs.

The title "AAA Ltd" Champion may be awarded to any individual stallion, mare or gelding registered in the AAA Ltd registry after it has won a total of two hundred (200) or more points in competition in official shows, contests, and races recognised by the AAA Ltd provided it has met with the qualifications below.

Register of Merit at Halter, plus 3 Performance Registers of Merit (this does not include General Performance).

When the title of AAA Ltd Champion is awarded, a proper certificate shall be prepared and sent to the owner of the said horse. Also a proper notation shall be made in an applicable stud book and in other records of the Association.

The registration certificate of any horse shall be revoked permanently by the Association if the owner thereof fraudulently advertises, claims or holds forth that this certain horse is entitled to any AAA Ltd award prior to the title being officially awarded by the Association.

AAA LTD LED PERFORMANCE CHAMPION CERTIFICATE

The title of AAA Ltd Led Performance Champion is reserved by the AAA Ltd for its own express use. It may be awarded only by the Association and is to be awarded to individual horses which meet the requirements outlined in the following paragraphs.

The title "AAA Ltd" Led Performance Champion may be awarded to any individual stallion, mare or gelding registered in the AAA Ltd registry after it has won a total of two hundred (200) or more points in competition in official shows, contests, and races recognised by the AAA Ltd provided it has met with the qualifications below.

Register of Merit at Halter, plus 3 Led Performance Registers of Merit (this does not include General Performance).

When the title of AAA Ltd Led Performance Champion is awarded, a proper certificate shall be prepared and sent to the owner of the said horse. Also a proper notation shall be made in an applicable stud book and in other records of the Association.

The registration certificate of any horse shall be revoked permanently by the Association if the owner thereof fraudulently advertises, claims or holds forth that this certain horse is entitled to any AAA Ltd award prior to the title being officially awarded by the Association.

SUPERIOR ALL ROUND HORSE

That recognition be given to horses who continue past the Champion to be Superior All Round Horse.

The title AAA Ltd Superior All Round Horse will be awarded to any stallion, mare or gelding which has been issued with showing rights registration certificate by the AAA Ltd, providing said horse meets the following requirements:

- Must have Superior Rating in Halter, having earned 150 or more points.
- Must have Superior Rating in one Performance Class, having earned at least 150 points in one of the recognised Performance events.
- Must have at least 4 ROM's in Performance. (This does not include a ROM in General Performance).

SUPERIOR ALL ROUND PERFORMANCE HORSE

The title AAA Ltd Superior All Round Performance Horse will be awarded to any stallion, mare or gelding which has been issued with showing rights registration certificate by the AAA Ltd, providing said horse meets the following requirements:

- Must have Superior Rating in two Performance Class, having earned at least 150 points in two recognised Performance events.
- Must have at least 4 additional ROM's in Performance.(This does not include a ROM in General Performance).

SUPERIOR ALL ROUND LED PERFORMANCE HORSE

The title AAA Ltd Superior All Round Led Performance Horse will be awarded to any stallion, mare or gelding which has been issued with showing rights registration certificate by the AAA Ltd, providing said horse meets the following requirements:

- Must have Superior Rating in Halter, having earned 150 or more points.
- Must have Superior Rating in one Led Performance Class, having earned at least 150 points in one of the recognised Led Performance events.
- Must have at least 4 ROM's in Led Performance. (This does not include a ROM in General Performance).

AAA Ltd AMATEUR/YOUTH VERSATILITY AWARD

The title of Amateur/Youth Versatility Award may be awarded to an individual Amateur or Youth Member after they have won a total of two hundred (200) or more points in competition in official shows recognised by the AAA Ltd., provided they have met with the qualifications below:

Register of Achievement in Showmanship, plus 3 Performance ROA's.

When the Versatility Award has been awarded, a proper certificate will be prepared and sent to the Amateur or Youth. A proper notation will be made in applicable records of the Association.

AAA Ltd AMATEUR/YOUTH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

That recognition is given to Amateur or Youth who continue past the Versatility Award.

The title of Amateur/Youth Award of Excellence will be awarded to any Amateur or Youth who have met the following requirements:

- Must have earned a total of 150 points or more in Showmanship.
- Must have earned a total of 150 points or more in a recognised Performance Event.

- Must have at least 4 ROA's in Performance events.

7.5 Production Awards

The purpose of these awards is to establish a record of outstanding production for Sires and Dams. Awards shall be issued for Halter and Performance.

Production Awards, that by application made to the Association Office by the Stallion or Mare owner, who is a current financial member of the AAA Ltd, and by paying the prescribed fee of \$150.00, or as may be set by the Board from time to time. All Awards will be issued in the form of a certificate.

1. Recognition Awards

- Halter – When five (5) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR ten (10) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Recognition Award in Halter.
- Performance - When five (5) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR ten (10) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Recognition Award in any recognised performance event.

2. Register of Merit

- Halter – When four (4) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR eight (8) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Register Of Merit in Halter.
- Performance - When four (4) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR eight (8) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Register of Merit in any recognised performance event.

3. Bronze Award

- Halter – When three (3) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR six (6) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Bronze Award at Halter.
- Performance - When three (3) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR six (6) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Bronze Award in any recognised performance event.

4. Silver Award

- Halter – When two (2) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR five (5) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Silver Award at Halter.
- Performance - When two (2) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR five (5) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Silver Award in any recognised performance event.

5. Gold Award

- Halter – When two (2) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR four (4) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Gold Award at Halter.
- Performance - When two (2) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR four (4) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Gold Award in any recognised performance event.

6. Sapphire Award

- Halter – When two (2) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR three (3) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Sapphire Award at Halter.
- Performance - When two (2) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR three (3) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Sapphire Award in any recognised performance event.

7. Diamond Award

- Halter – When two (2) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR three (3) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Diamond Award at Halter.
- Performance - When two (2) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR three (3) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Diamond Award in any recognised performance event.

8. Platinum Award

- Halter – When two (2) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR three (3) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Diamond Award at Halter.

- b. Performance - When two (2) individual progeny produced from one (1) Mare; OR three (3) individual progeny produced from one (1) Stallion, gain a Diamond Award in any recognised performance event.

9. All Round Mare

Awarded to a mare that has progeny who:

- a) Have won a combined total of 400 or more points in recognised events.
- b) By a minimum of four (4) individual progeny.
- c) A minimum of two (2) individual progeny must have achieved a Bronze Award in either Halter or Performance.

10. All Round Stallion

Awarded to a Stallion that has progeny who:

- a) Have won a combined total of 400 or more points in recognised events.
- b) By a minimum of Seven (7) individual progeny.
- c) A minimum of three (3) individual progeny must have achieved a Bronze Award in either Halter or Performance.

While the information for these awards will be recorded, actual certificates/awards will only be issued to the owner of the recipient horse and if the owner, as evidenced by the AAA Ltd Records, is a current financial member of the Association at the time of achievement.

Should the owner of a horse, as evidenced by AAA Ltd Records, born prior to 1st August 2000 wish to have Mares/Stallions researched for eligibility of the above awards, a \$50.00 research fee will apply.

DIVISION 8 - DISCIPLINARY RULES

8.1 *Disciplinary Committee & Appeals.*

The Disciplinary Committee of the Association shall consist of three members of the Board of Directors, appointed by the Board. The senior member of the Disciplinary Committee shall act as Chairperson.

8.2 *Disciplinary Action.*

- a. Any member may be disciplined, suspended or expelled and any member may be denied any or all of the privileges and rights of the Association by the Disciplinary Committee for cause after a hearing.
- b. Should a constituent membership need to be disciplined, all those individuals or groups listed on the application form will be deemed liable for disciplinary action. This not only includes the nominee but all of those whose names appear on the application form as well as the constituent membership itself.
- c. Written notice of the date, time and location of the hearing, together with a description of the violations charged shall be given to the member not less than 15 days prior to the hearing. All disciplinary hearings will be held at the place as specified by the Disciplinary Committee. Expenses incurred by the member will be at the cost of the member/members.
- d. The Association has adopted the following regulation for the mutual benefit of the members and with the intention of reducing the Association's litigation expenses; as such expenses ultimately would be borne by members participating in the Association activities.
- e. Every member, by joining the Association, by purchasing registered Appaloosas, filing registration applications or other documents with the Association or participating in the Association's approved events, does hereby agree:
- f. If unsuccessful in an attempt to overturn Association decisions, actions, rules or regulations, to reimburse the Association for its reasonable legal fees, court costs and other expenses in defence of such suit; and
- g. That he/she will not commence any action, whether in law or equity, against the Association in any courts other than those courts located in the Sydney Metropolitan area.
- h. The member may submit a written statement to the Board of the AAA Ltd prior to the hearing and shall have the right, in person or by counsel, to appear to present evidence at the hearing and to hear and refute evidence offered against him/her.

8.3 *Causes for Suspension*

Causes for suspension, expulsion or denial of the privileges and rights of the Association at the discretion of the Board of Directors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Violation of any pertinent Bylaw, rule or regulation of the Association.
- (b) Misrepresentation in a membership or registration application.
- (c) Failure to comply with the restriction or express conditions imposed as a result of a disciplinary action of the Association.
- (d) Conduct detrimental to the Association, its programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationships of its members.
- (e) Acting, inciting or permitting another to act in a manner contrary to the rules of the Association, or in a manner considered improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interest of the Association.

- (f) Any act committed or remark made in connection with an approved event considered offensive and/or made with intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the judging or officiating.
- (g) Approaching a judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the Show Committee or Show Steward or inspecting a judge's card without the judge's permission.
- (h) Any act against any animal considered to be cruel and/or inhumane treatment.
- (i) Any act that can be consider to jeopardise the health, welfare and safety of other persons or animal.

8.4 Member Obligations

When any member shall be in default in payment of dues for a period of 30 days from the date fixed by the Board of Directors for the payment of such dues, the member shall thereupon be deemed an inactive member and shall not be entitled to the privileges and rights of an active member. Such inactive member shall be reinstated as an active member with full privileges and right immediately upon payment of the full amount due.

Bank cheques, money orders, or cash are required from customers who have previously issued a non negotiable cheque to the Association. A service charge will be made on all returned cheques. (See schedule of fees).

The Executive may temporarily suspend any member and may temporarily deny the privileges and rights of the Association to any member for:

- (a) Failure to pay any obligation (other than dues) owing to the Association
- (b) Giving worthless cheques in payment of entry fees, stall fees, office charges, stock charges, purchases or any other fee or charge connected with the exhibition of horses at approved or authorized Association function or event or
- (c) Failure to file required annual stallion service certificates with the Association,
- (d) Failure to file required DNA test, or
- (e) Failure to return to the Association upon written request any certificate of registration for revocation, correction or other appropriate action; provided that written notice of the intention to suspend or withhold privileges and rights was given to the member no less than 15 days prior to effective date of such action. Any suspension or denial of rights and privileges under this rule shall terminate upon payment of the full amount due or upon filing of the requisite breeding report or returning the requested Certificate of registration.
- (f) Any person suspended or otherwise disciplined by the National Cutting Horse Association, Australian Quarter Horse Association, Australian Paint Horse Association, Horse Show Association of Australia, any approved Breed Association, or the Australian Jockey Club and TRB is liable to be disciplined by the AAA Ltd upon notice to the AAA Ltd of such disciplinary action. All membership suspensions by these Associations could constitute membership suspension under the AAA Ltd rules and regulations, once the suspension is reported to the Association by mail; in the case of foreign approved breed associations, proof of due process hearing and written notice of decision must be supplied to the Association Office. The Association may from time to time recognize foreign associations which have as their purpose the promotion of the Appaloosa. The following associations are so recognized; Appaloosa Horse Club Inc., Appaloosa Horse Club of Canada, Appaloosa Horse Club of New Zealand, and British Appaloosa Society.

8.5 Violations

No person shall refuse any reasonable request by the Association or authorized agent thereof for assistance in locating, identifying, inspecting, examining or obtaining information concerning a horse which the person owned, was the owner of or had control of the sire or dam and which has been registered or identified with the Association or for which a registration application has been filed, or which is alleged to be an ancestor of a registered horse, or identified horse, or horse to be registered.

- (a) No person shall misrepresent the name, age, parentage or registration status of a horse.

- (b) No person shall represent by advertisement, claim or otherwise that a horse registered with the Association has earned or is entitled to any official Association designation or honour prior to the actual issuance of such designation or honour by the Association or after the Association has cancelled said designation or honour.
- (c) No person shall alter an official Association Certificate of registration, or issue, sell, exchange, give or offer any false or fraudulent Certificate of registration representing it to be a genuine Certificate of registration issued by the Association.
- (d) No person shall advertise a horse or enter a horse in any Association approved event by a name other than the name under which the horse is registered or identified with the Association.
- (e) No person shall furnish information to the Association for the purpose of any official action which is not true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the informant.
- (f) No person shall conspire with one or more persons to violate any pertinent bylaw, rule or regulation of the Association, or knowingly co-operate with or contribute to any such violation.
- (g) No person shall commit any act which is prejudicial to the best interest of the Association, including but not limited to acting or inciting or permitting another to act in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interest of the Association.

Violation of any provision of these rules may be grounds for disciplinary action.

8.6 *Determination Adverse To Members - Appeal*

If the determination of the Disciplinary Committee is adverse to the member, the member shall have the right of appeal against such determination to the Board of Directors of the AAA Ltd. No such appeal shall be heard unless a written petition signed by the member together with a \$500 appeal fee (if the appeal is upheld the fee will be refunded) shall be received by the Association within 20 days after the date the determination of the Disciplinary Committee was given to the member. If the member fails to appeal within the Twenty (20) day period. The determination and action of the Disciplinary Committee is deemed to be a decision of the Board of Directors and shall be final and binding.

The petition shall set forth the reasons for the appeal and the address to which notices from the Association may be mailed.

Appeals from the findings of the Disciplinary Committee shall be heard at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors following receipt of the written petition for a hearing. The member may submit a written statement to the Board prior to the hearing and shall have the right in person or by counsel, to appear and present evidence at the hearing and to hear and refute evidence offered against him. The AAA Ltd Executive may, by giving written notice of such action, temporarily suspend the subject person pending the hearing and final action by the Board. During the period of such temporary suspension, the subject person shall be denied all privileges and rights of the Association.

The determination of the Board shall be final and binding on all parties.

8.7 Publication of Suspended Persons

The name and address of any person suspended, expelled or denied the privileges and rights of the AAA Ltd by the Board after the hearing may be published in the National Appaloosa Journal. Such person shall be subject to the following additional restrictions during the disciplinary period.

The person shall be ineligible to participate in any Association approved event and to hold approved judge's credentials or any other Association accreditation.

The person and the person's spouse shall be prohibited from registering horses with the Association and from transferring registered Appaloosas into their respective names.

Any horse sired by a stallion or out of a mare owned by the person or the person's spouse shall be ineligible for registration with the Association if the breeding date of the horse is shown to be on or after the date of disciplinary action.

Horses registered in the name of the person or the person's spouse shall be ineligible to participate in any Association approved event or race.

The Association shall not accept the signature of the person's spouse on registration applications, breeding certificates, evidencing breeding on or after the date of disciplinary action, except that such signatures shall be honoured on transfers and bills of sale for the purpose of allowing the person or the person's spouse to transfer horses recorded in their respective names at the time of the disciplinary action to unrelated third parties.

The validity of written leases filed with the Association prior to the time of disciplinary action covering horses owned by the person or the person's spouse shall not be affected by the disciplinary action and the signature of the lessee shall be accepted during the term of such lease but not for renewal thereof.

Persons suspended, expelled or denied the privileges and rights of the Association shall not be allowed on the grounds of any National Show or any show or contest approved by the Association.

8.8 Prohibited Drugs

No person shall cause to be administered internally or externally to a horse, either before or during an approved event, any medication, drug or mechanical device, or artificial appliance which is of such character as could affect its performance. Show management shall immediately disqualify the horse and report the matter to the AAA Ltd Any action taken or substance administered internally or externally, whether drugs or otherwise, which may interfere with the testing procedure or mask or screen the presence of such drug, is forbidden.

No horse can be shown in any AAA Ltd approved or sponsored event if the horse has been administered in any manner any forbidden substance, regardless of the amount administered. A forbidden substance is any drug, medication, stimulant, depressant, tranquilliser, local anaesthetic, or other substance foreign to the natural system of a horse or any metabolite or derivative thereof which could affect the performance of a horse. Stimulants and depressants are defined as medication which stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous system.

No horse can be shown in any AAA Ltd approved or sponsored event if the horse has been administered in any manner any drug, medication or any substance foreign to the natural system of a horse or any metabolite or derivative thereof which could interfere with the detection of a forbidden substance or mask or screen the presence of a forbidden substance.

No horse can be shown in any AAA Ltd approved or sponsored event if the horse has had any mechanical device or artificial appliance inserted or implanted in its body or has undergone any surgical or other procedure, (except castration or spaying procedures) which could alter the horse's natural conformation or appearance or which could affect the performance of a horse, this rule applies to mechanical devices, artificial appliances, surgical procedures, which could affect a horse's natural conformation or which could affect the performance of a horse, even though placed, inserted, implanted, or performed by a licensed veterinarian performing such procedure for the purpose of protecting the health of a horse, unless and until report from the licensed veterinarian has been received by the AAA Ltd. Such report shall include the name

and AAA Ltd registration number of the horse, the date such procedure performed, a description of the procedure performed by the veterinarian detailing the reasons why such procedure was performed by him or her, in what way the horse's performance and/or its natural conformation or appearance was affected by the procedure and an affirmative statement by the veterinarian that the procedure was performed by him or her for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the horse. If at any time the purpose for the performance of any such procedure is shown to have been for a reason or reasons other than the sole purpose of protecting the health of the horse, all responsible persons as defined herein shall be subject to disciplinary action by the AAA Ltd

Every responsible person, as defined herein shall, upon request of any AAA Ltd representative, permit examination of a horse by a veterinarian licensed by any state, appointed by the AAA Ltd for the purpose of determining whether or not violations of this rule, or any of its parts, has occurred. All horses in competition in an AAA Ltd approved or sponsored event are subject to examination by such veterinarian appointed for that purpose by the AAA Ltd. Said appointed veterinarian, with the approval of the AAA Ltd may appoint a technician to perform certain duties under this rule. Said Veterinarian may examine any or all horses in a class or all classes in an event or any horse entered in any class, whether in competition or not, if on the show grounds, or any horse withdrawn by an exhibitor within 24 hours prior to a class for which it has been entered, unless otherwise directed by the AAA Ltd

Whether a horse is in competition or not, refusal to submit the horse for examinations or to co-operate with said veterinarian or his or her agents constitutes a violation of this rule and subjects all responsible parties to disciplinary action under this rule.

All responsible parties, as defined herein, shall co-operate fully with said veterinarian and his or her agents and shall promptly comply with all requests made by them. Such co-operation shall include the following:

- (1)** Taking said veterinarian or his or her agents immediately to the location selected by the said veterinarian or agent for testing the horse and presenting it for testing.
- (2)** Assisting said veterinarian or his or her agent in procuring the sample promptly, including but not limited to removing equipment from the horse, leaving it quietly in the stall, and avoiding any distractions to it. Schooling, lengthy cooling off, bandaging, and other delays of this type are presumed to be non co-operation.
- (3)** Polite attitude and actions toward said veterinarian and his or her agent.
- (4)** The owner, trainer, or other responsible persons must witness the blood or urine sample collection and sign the forms required by the veterinarian. Failure to do so waives any subsequent objections to the testing process or results.

If the chemical analysis of blood, urine, saliva, or other samples taken from a horse indicates the presence of a forbidden substance, or any metabolite or derivative thereof, this will be prima facie evidence that the forbidden substance has been administered to the horse.

- (a)** If the chemical analysis of the sample taken from a horse indicates the presence of a forbidden substance, all responsible parties, as defined herein, shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with this rule, and in addition, shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the disciplinary rules of the AAA Ltd
- (b)** When a positive report is received from the chemist identifying a forbidden substance or metabolite or derivative thereof, a hearing will be held in accordance with this rule and the disciplinary rules of the AAA Ltd. No responsible party will be disciplined by suspension or otherwise, and no horse will be disqualified or barred from any future participation in any AAA Ltd approved or sponsored event until after the conclusion of said hearing and a written ruling by the disciplinary committee has been made.
- (c)** The owner of a horse registered with the AAA Ltd consents and agrees as a condition to receiving points, awards or compensation of any and all types of AAA Ltd approved or sponsored events to allow the escrowing of any points, awards, compensation, recognition or monies won or earned by said horse from and after the date of the reporting of a positive drug test involving said horse at any AAA Ltd approved or sponsored event, until the exhaustion of all hearing procedures and/or subsequent litigation involving the alleged rule violation. All parties responsible for the condition of a horse under this rule (responsible

parties) found to have a forbidden substance in its system, may be required to forfeit all prizes, money, trophies, ribbon and/or any other awards and “points” won in said event by any horse.

- (d) Any horse found to have a forbidden substance in its system may be suspended from future participation at any AAA Ltd approved or sponsored event for such time as determined appropriate by the disciplinary committee. The disciplinary committee may require the owner of said horse to deliver the horse’s registration certificate to the AAA Ltd to be held by the AAA Ltd office. During the period of such horse’s suspension from participation, ownership of any suspended horse may be transferred to another party, but the transfer of ownership will not affect the suspension of the horse in any way.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:

Responsible party is defined as the owner, or any person who has the responsibility for the care, training, custody, exhibition or performance of a horse.

8.9 *Inhumane and Cruel Treatment/ Animal Welfare*

No person may treat a horse in an inhumane manner.

1. Cruelty to horses other than Appaloosas is included in this prohibition, as it indicates a general course of dealing with horses that is unacceptable for AAA membership qualification.
2. For violation of this rule, an AAA member may be disciplined, suspended, fined and/or expelled from the Association
3. This prohibition against cruelty includes, but is not limited to, AAA member and/or owners of Appaloosas, their agents, representatives and employees, the actions for which a member or owner are also responsible.
4. A conviction of an individual under State or Federal Law for an offence of cruelty to, or inhumane treatment of a horse, or judicial confiscation of a horse whether or not an Appaloosa is involved, shall constitute a presumption of violation of this rule.
5. The AAA Ltd may accept suspension rulings pertaining to cruel or inhumane treatment of horses from other recognised equine related associations and State racing commissions. The effect of which is to automatically suspend the individual from AAA Ltd membership privileges, or deny such privileges, for a length of time equal to the suspension for which reciprocity is given.
6. No person on any showgrounds, including but not limited to barns, stalls, practice areas or show arena may treat a horse in an inhumane manner which includes but not limited to:

Inhumane treatment includes but not limited to:

- Placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress.
- Tying a horse in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress including but not limited to, in a stall, trailer or when longing or riding.
- Letting blood from a horse.
- Using of inhumane training techniques, equipment or methods including but not limited to poling or striking horse's legs with objects (i.e. jump poles, trail logs, etc.).
- Attaching any item or appliance that restricts movement or circulation of the tail.
- Intentional inhumane treatment that causes a horse to bleed.
- Use of inhumane equipment including, but not limited to saw tooth bits, hock hobbles, tack collars or mechanical hackamores.
- Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug which could affect the horse's performance or alter its natural conformation or appearance is prohibited, except for those procedures performed for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the horse. (See Drugs and Medications and devices and appliances for complete rules.)
- Exhibit a horse that appears to be sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired.
- Exhibit a horse that has an open, raw or bleeding sore.
- Withholding food and/or water for prolonged periods of time such that it causes undue discomfort or distress to the horse.

The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive and inhumane.

This prohibition includes all horses, not just Appaloosa horses; as such conduct indicates a general treatment of horses that is unacceptable for AAA Ltd members. If an individual is convicted or found to have participated knowingly under State or Federal law or rules of other equine breed associations in cruel or inhumane treatment of a horse, such conviction or finding shall create a presumption of violation of this rule.

Upon discovery by a show official of inhumane treatment, show management shall immediately report the matter to the AAA Ltd.

Pending final hearing by a disciplinary committee, the Board may, by giving written notice of their action to the owner of record at his/her current address as evidenced by the AAA Ltd records, temporarily suspend a horse and/or any responsible party as defined in 'Responsible Party' from further participation in AAA Ltd approved or sponsored events or shows.

The Board may secure the opinion of a licensed veterinarian or other appropriate professional to aid in the determination of this rule.

8.10 *Unsportsmanlike / Offensive Conduct*

Any act or remark made in connection with the show or contest considered offensive and/or made with intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the judging; approaching the Judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the Show Manager, Show Committee or Ring Steward; and/or inspecting a Judges card without the Judge's permission is considered a violation of the rules of the AAA Ltd A Judge (or Judges) shall present in writing any grievance that he or she may have against contestants or shows to the Secretary or appointed representative of the sponsoring Association at the time of the grievance, and forward a copy to the AAA Ltd, and his or her case will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee.

Any unsportsmanlike conduct by an owner and/or exhibitor shall jeopardize their right to further exhibit in the show. At any time, the Judge and/or Show Committee may issue a first warning to any exhibitor and/or owner for unsportsmanlike conduct. Upon failure to comply with the warning, the judge or show management will disqualify the exhibitor from further classes for the remainder of the show.

DIVISION 9 - REGIONAL/AFFILIATED CLUBS

9.1 Aims and Objectives

All Clubs/Associations wishing to affiliate with the AAA Ltd must comply with the following:

Demonstrate a commitment to the Mission and Values of the Australian Appaloosa Association by:-

- Assisting the Australian Appaloosa Association in preserving the pedigrees of the Australian Appaloosa and maintaining the integrity of the breed
- Assisting the AAA Ltd in promoting interest in the Appaloosa Breed
- Assisting with promoting the breed throughout Australia
- Assisting the Australian Appaloosa Association to encourage participation, membership and support for the Association and the Appaloosa

9.2 Regulations

All Regional / Affiliate Clubs must comply with the following regulations:

- Pay the annual affiliation fee on or before 31 August each year.
- Any payment outstanding more than 30 days from the due date will incur a \$50.00 per month penalty.
- Submit by 31 August each year the Clubs most recent Annual balance sheet (this must be audited) and a report on the clubs activities over the preceding 12 months to the AAA Ltd
- No shows or activities will be approved until all the above requirements are met.
- All affiliated clubs must run one show and or other activity i.e. Clinics, trail rides, training day, expo, exhibition, pony club/gymkhana, jumping event, organise and implement Appaloosa classes at a local agricultural show each year.
- To forward any historical data, show records as requested and general information to the AAA Ltd which would help the Appaloosa promotion in Australia.
- Should a Regional Club agree by a majority of members, that it no longer exists. After all debts and liabilities have been paid then any funds or property remaining will be transferred to the AAA Ltd to distribute as appropriate. Under no circumstances are funds to be transferred to another club or association that is not a Regional Club as determined under these rules.
- Allow any AAA Ltd Director to attend any meeting of the Club and to be allowed to speak on any matter pertaining to the AAA Ltd
- Send minutes of the Clubs Annual General Meeting to the AAA Ltd office within 30 days of said meeting and on request copies of other meeting minutes.
- Must be incorporated in their own right in their own State and abide by their rules of incorporation.
- Show results for shows conducted by the Club must be forwarded to the Secretary of the AAA Ltd within 30 days or a penalty fee of \$100 per month (or as determined by the Board) will apply.
- Must comply with all directives from the AAA Ltd regarding insurance and complete all compliance checks and forward as directed.
- In lieu of an Insurance component (previously due in February) it is required that all Regional Appaloosa Affiliate Club, collect \$10 per horse per show and forward that to the AAA Ltd Office with a full list of show entries and show results within 30 days of the event.

9.3 Committee Requirements

As the club is a REGIONAL/AFFILIATED CLUB of the AAA Ltd, the President and either the Treasurer or Secretary must be financial members of the AAA Ltd (i.e. a minimum of 2 persons)

DIVISION 10 – AUSTRALIAN APPALOOSA AMATEUR ASSOCIATION (AAAA)

10.1 Aims and Objectives

- Assisting the AAA Ltd in preserving the pedigrees of the Australian Appaloosa and maintaining the integrity of the breed.
- Assisting the AAA Ltd in promoting interest in the Appaloosa Breed.
- Assisting with promoting the breed throughout Australia
- Encourage development and interest among members and non-members for Amateur membership
- To work closely with the AAA Ltd Amateur Director and Board of Directors to ensure effective communication

10.2 Regulations

The Australian Appaloosa Amateur Association (AAAA) must comply with the following:

1. They must hold an Annual General Meeting in conjunction with the National Appaloosa Championship Show
2. All members of the AAA must be current financial members of the AAA Ltd
3. At the AAAA Annual General meeting they must elect a President and Secretary/Treasurer and a minimum of 2 other committee members
4. They must allow any AAA Ltd Director to attend any meeting and be allowed to speak on any matter pertaining to the AAA Ltd
5. They must hold a bank account with a Director as a co-signatory in the name of the AAAA. This account must be kept at the same branch as the AAA Ltd Head Office accounts.
6. They must send minutes of the AGM and other meeting to the AAA Ltd office.
7. They must assist the Board of Directors with the regular and ongoing evaluation of Amateur rules to ensure fair and equitable Amateur competition
8. To raise funds for the benefit all Amateur members of the AAA Ltd

10.3 Amateur Definition

The Amateur Association is for those members of the AAA, who are no longer eligible to exhibit in youth classes, who are not professionals in the horse industry and who ride their own horses for the pleasure of competing against other members who are also not professional.

A person is considered an Amateur Exhibitor by the AAA:

- a. When he or she is no longer eligible to show in AAA Youth classes; and
- b. Provided that he or she has not personally received remuneration or any other form of compensation at any time in the previous three (3) calendar years for:
 - i. Showing, training or assisting in training of any horse; or
 - ii. Instructing any other person in riding, driving or showing a horse in competition
- c. Prize money is not to be considered remuneration. Payment of entry fees, expenses etc by any person other than the person's spouse, parents, defacto partner, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s) or sister(s), niece(s) or nephew(s) shall be considered remuneration.
- d. Any horse exhibited by the Amateur in Open and/or Amateur classes must be owned by the contestant or by the contestant's spouse, parents, defacto partner, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s) or sister(s), niece(s) or nephew(s).

- e. Separate legal entities, such as family corporations, trusts or partnerships, are also authorised owners of the Amateur contestant's horse so long as all legal and equitable owners and beneficiaries of the legal entity are individuals specifically authorised by this rule.
- f. Such ownership must be evidenced by the records of the AAA Ltd and the certificate of registration of such horse must show as the owner by proper endorsement of the Association.
- g. Horses owned in partnership or jointly with any person other than spouse, defacto partner, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s) or sister(s), niece(s) or nephew(s) do not fulfil the ownership requirements for Amateur classes.
- h. An Amateur may ride the same horse in a different Amateur event as that of another Amateur, where the appropriate rules are adhered to.
- i. No horse may be shown by more than one (1) contestant in any one (1) class.
- j. Amateurs may exhibit two (2) horses individually judges classes. However, with regard to high point awards at approved shows the Amateur may nominate a maximum of two (2) horses that will count toward the High Point Amateur of that show. Nominations must be in the secretary's hand prior to closing date of entries.
- k. Only the highest placing horse in the Amateur class will be given points towards high point awards at any approved show and end of year awards when an individual places twice in the one event
- l. Every person competing in an Amateur class must possess a current Amateur membership card appropriately endorsed by the AAA Ltd and current AAA Ltd membership. Show management must inspect this card or a certified copy of this card at any show entered.
- m. All applications for Amateur status must be completed on official forms supplied by the AAA Ltd. Renewal is due 1st August each year (see schedule of fees). There will be an annual charge for Amateur status. All Amateur Applications must be received a clear 14 days prior to the intended show date.
- n. The person applying for Amateur membership must be a current financial member of the AAA and hold an individual membership in their own name, either a full, Life or Hon. Life membership.
- o. All applications for Amateur Exhibitor status and all requests for renewal thereof shall be presented to the AAA Ltd for approval. AAA membership cards appropriately endorsed with Amateur Exhibitor status will be issued by the Association on an annual basis only after said approval.
- p. All financial members that hold Amateur Exhibitor status will be reviewed annually at the time of application for renewal to ensure that Amateur status requirements are being met. Said application is to be on a form supplied by the AAA Ltd and returned to the Association with the applicant's fee.
- q. Amateur Exhibitor status may be revoked after a hearing before a committee designated by the AAA Ltd, with right of appeal to the AAA Ltd Board of Directors of an adverse decision.
- r. Upon request by the Association, Amateur Exhibitor status will be immediately suspended pending a hearing before the appropriate committee for a revocation decision.
- s. Additionally, when an individual, for any reason, becomes ineligible for Amateur Exhibitor status, he or she shall promptly return the Amateur membership card to the Association for amendment, whether or not a an Association request is made. The individual may be subject to possible suspension and/or fine under the AAA Ltd's disciplinary procedure for 'refusal to surrender card upon AAA Ltd request'; or 'retention of a card after an individual becomes ineligible for Amateur Exhibitor status' or ' participation in an Amateur while ineligible for Amateur status'.
- t. A person wishing to relinquish professional status to return to AAA Amateur Exhibitor status is required to inform the AAA Ltd in writing of the date they ceased to hold professional status. All applications will be reviewed for approval from the AAA Ltd Board of Directors. If approved, three (3) years from lodgement date, the member will be eligible to apply for Amateur Exhibitor status. At the time of

lodgement the applicant must be a financial member of the AAA Ltd and remain a member for the three year period.

- u. **Leasing** - Amateurs will be allowed to ride leased horses. The lessee of the horse is for AAA Ltd purposes, deemed to be the owner of the said horse for the period of the lease.

A lease must be submitted to the AAA Ltd office with all required paperwork and payment no later than 14 days prior to any show event. A lease is not approved until formal confirmation is received from the AAA Ltd office.

For Amateur point earnings to be awarded, however, there will be a minimum period of lease of twelve (12) months. Amateur points will not be awarded to Amateurs competing in open events.

10.4 Amateur Masters

For endorsement of Amateur Masters 50 years and over on any Amateur card, the Amateur must upon turning 50 years supply proof of age and any prescribed fee to the AAA Ltd Office and the Amateur's card will be endorsed as eligible for Amateur Masters 50 & over classes.

- a. Before any Amateur Masters 50 & over competes in any Amateur Masters 50 & over events, they must hold the appropriate endorsement on their AAA membership card.
- b. Any Amateur with a Masters notation endorsed by the AAA Ltd is eligible for competition in any Select Amateur event at an AQHA show. In this instance all AQHA Select rules apply.
- c. Recognised Amateur Masters 50 & Over events: Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Hunter under Saddle, Western Horsemanship, hunt Seat Equitation and Trail.

10.5 Novice Amateur

- a) Classes:
Only six (6) classes in total will be offered being: Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail and Showmanship.
- b) Eligibility:
You must hold a financial Full Membership and an Amateur Membership with the AAA
 - ii) If you have achieved a ROM with the AAA, or a respective breed organisation, in any of the above classes, then you are NOT eligible as a Novice in that class but would be eligible for the class that you haven't achieved a ROM in;
 - iii) If an Amateur is eligible for Novice classes, they will be informed after application, for the AAA Office by letter or email which Novice classes they are eligible to compete in.
 - iv) Any person competing in the Novice classes MUST have a Novice Ticket with their relevant breed organisation, and the rules for gaining that Novice Ticket through their relevant breed organisation must be similar to the AAA;
 - v) If there is a Novice Amateur class on the program, plus the Amateur classes are offered in the same discipline, then the choice must be made;
 - 1. An Amateur cannot compete in the Novice class and the Amateur class at the same show.
 - vi) Novice Amateur can compete in the Amateur class on the program if no Novice classes offered.
- c) Programs
It is compulsory to run Novice Amateur classes at AAA National, State and AA Approved Shows. It is not compulsory for any Affiliate to run Novice classes at either A or B class programs.
- d) Points
All points gained in Novice Amateur classes will go towards AAA Amateur ROM's.

A AAA Ltd End of Year High Point Award will be awarded for Novice Amateur

It is up to the Affiliate if their wish to run Novice Amateur High Point Awards at shows.
- e) Youth to Amateur
From the day you are eligible to apply for an Amateur Membership you may also apply for a Novice Amateur Ticket.

If a Youth has achieved twenty (20) AAA Ltd points in Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail or Showmanship or a Youth from a respective breed organisation has achieved twenty (20) or more points in any of the above classes, they will not be eligible for Novice Amateur events.

- f) Amateur to Professional and back again. If you have gained Novice Amateur points and you relinquish your Amateur Permit, and then reapply for Amateur status in the future, you will not be eligible for Novice Amateur events.

10.6 Amateur Halter Competition

- a. In Amateur Halter competition, when an Amateur exhibitor has qualified two (2) or more horses for champion and reserve champion, only another Amateur may assist that exhibitor as long as the Amateur who originally qualified the horses leads one (1) of the horses in that class.
- b. If Amateur halter classes are held, it is recommended that show management offer these minimal classes:
 - i. Mare/Filly
 - ii. Colt/Stallion
 - iii. Gelding
 - iv. Champion Amateur Halter Horse
- c. At the show committee' discretion, increased Amateur halter ages may be added into the program at any show.

Note: Amateur Halter events do not count towards High Point Amateur Performance Awards at shows. These events are AAA Ltd end of Year High Point and ROM point scoring only.

10.7 Amateur Events

Show management may, at its discretion, offer only the following points earning events for each listed Amateur Division:

Amateur	Novice Amateur	Amateur Masters
Dressage	Hunter under Saddle	Hunter under Saddle
Hack	Hunt Seat Equitation	Hunt Seat Equitation
Hunter Hack	Showmanship	Showmanship
Hunter in Hand	Western Pleasure	Western Pleasure
Hunt Seat Equitation	Western Horsemanship	Western Horsemanship
Halter	Trail	Trail
Showmanship		
Western Pleasure		
Western Horsemanship		
Trail		
Western Riding		
Reining		

Show management must hold a minimum of events for each division:

- a. Amateur – Four (4) events: showmanship, Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail.
- b. Novice Amateur – (National, State & AA Approved) four events: Showmanship, Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail.
- c. Amateur Masters – Four events: Showmanship, Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail
- d. Amateur Halter events are mandatory at all shows.

10.8 Amateur Horse Substitution

If an Amateur Performance Horse has been vetted out, the Amateur will be permitted to use a replacement horse so long as the replacement horse has previously been entered in the Show. The replacement horse must be Owned/Leased by the Amateur or their Immediate Family as per AAA Ltd Rules.

No substitution will be permitted for events with a conformation aspect i.e. Amateur Halter or Hunter In Hand

Note: An Amateur Junior horse can only be replaced by another Junior Horse & an Amateur Senior Horse can only be replaced by another Senior Horse. In Amateur Masters and Novice Amateur horse age restrictions do not apply.

10.9 Amateur High Point Performance Awards of the Show

All points earned by an Amateur in recognised performance events will count towards the high Point Performance awards of the show.

Events in conformation components i.e. Amateur Halter and Amateur Hunter in Hand, do not count towards end of show High Point Amateur performance awards. These events will count towards AAA Ltd End of Year High Point Awards and ROM's only.

Recognised Events

Recognised Amateur events for end of show High Point Amateur performance awards include:

Amateur	Novice Amateur	Amateur Masters
Dressage	Hunter under Saddle	Hunter under Saddle
Hack	Hunt Seat Equitation	Hunt Seat Equitation
Hunter Hack	Showmanship	Showmanship
Hunter in Hand	Western Pleasure	Western Pleasure
Hunt Seat Equitation	Western Horsemanship	Western Horsemanship
Halter	Trail	Trail
Showmanship		
Western Pleasure		
Western Horsemanship		
Trail		
Western Riding		
Reining		

Note: These Amateur High Point Performance Award rules are for all shows i.e. Regional, State and National level.

10.10 Amateur High Point Performance Awards of the Show

Amateur points are recorded for halter and performance in accordance with AAA Ltd rules. Points are recorded from Amateur events only.

- a. AAA Ltd End of Year State High Point Awards
 - i. Amateur Halter Horse
 - ii. Amateur Performance Horse
 - iii. Amateur Masters
- b. AAA Ltd End of Year National High Point Awards
 - i. Amateur Halter Horse
 - ii. Amateur Junior Performance Horse 5 yrs & under
 - iii. Amateur Senior Performance Horse 6 yrs & over
 - iv. Novice Amateur
 - v. Amateur Masters
- c. AAA Ltd Awards
 - i. Amateur Recognition –10 points in any one recognised event

- ii. Register of Achievement (ROA) – 20 points in any one recognised event
- iii. Bronze Award – 60 points in any one recognised event
- iv. Silver Award – 100 points in any one recognised event
- v. Gold Award – 150 points in any one recognised event
- vi. Sapphire Award – 200 points in any one recognised event
- vii. Diamond Award – 300 points in any one recognised event
- viii. Platinum Award – 400 points in any one recognised event

10.11 Amateur Versatility Award

Received on scoring a total of 200 or more points in competition in official shows recognised by the AAA Ltd, provided they have met with the qualifications below:

- a. Register of Merit in Showmanship
- b. 3 Performance ROA's

10.12 Amateur Award of Excellence

The title of Amateur Award of Excellence will be awarded to any Amateur who has met the following requirements:

- a. Has received their Amateur Versatility Award
- b. Must have earned a total of 150 points or more in Showmanship
- c. Must have earned a total of 150 points or more in a recognised performance event
- d. Must have at least 4 ROA's in performance events

DIVISION 11 - AUSTRALIAN APPALOOSA YOUTH ASSOCIATION (AAYA)

11.1 Aims and Objectives

- Assisting the AAA Ltd in preserving the pedigrees of the Australian Appaloosa and maintaining the integrity of the breed.
- Assisting the AAA Ltd in promoting interest in the Appaloosa Breed.
- Assisting with promoting the breed throughout Australia
- Encourage development and interest among members and non-members for youth membership
- To work closely with the AAA Ltd Youth Director and Board of Directors to ensure effective communication
- Provide support for competing Youth members

11.2 Regulations

The Australian Appaloosa Youth Association (AAYA) must comply with the following:

1. They must hold an Annual General Meeting in conjunction with the National Appaloosa Championship Show
2. All members of the AAA must be current financial members of the AAA Ltd
3. At the AAYA Annual General meeting members must elect a Secretary/Treasurer and a minimum of 2 other committee members. Due to the membership of this Association being made up of youth members, the Director of the AAA Ltd responsible for the Youth Portfolio will be deemed to be President of the AAYA.
4. They must allow any AAA Ltd Director to attend any meeting and be allowed to speak on any matter pertaining to the AAA Ltd
5. They must hold a bank account co-signed by a Director of the AAA Ltd in the name of AAYA. This account is to be held at the same branch as the AAA Ltd head office accounts.
6. They must send minutes of the AGM and other meeting to the AAA Ltd office.
7. They must assist the Board of Directors with the regular and ongoing evaluation of youth rules to ensure fair and equitable youth competition
8. To raise funds for the benefit all youth members of the AAA Ltd

11.3 Youth Rules

- (a) All Youth wishing to compete at Shows run by the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd or any Affiliate must have written permission and signature on an entry form, signed by a parent/guardian, and must be lodged with the Show Secretary prior to Showing.
- (b) Youth are not permitted to handle/ride/exhibit colts/stallions at any Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd approved Show. The only exception to this rule is NCHA/RA affiliated events. This rule will be strictly enforced by Show Management.
- (c) The maximum age limit for Youth competitors shall be 18 years of age. For horse Show purposes the age of an individual on the 1st August shall be maintained throughout the entire year.
- (d) The minimum age for Youth events shall be 3 years of age (as of 1st August). Proof of age must be produced upon request from Show Management. Minimum age of Youth competing in Youth Showmanship or Youth In Hand events is five (5) years. Minimum age of Youth competing in Open events is seven (7) year.
- (e) When classes are offered for different age groups, a youth may only enter their particular age division.
- (f) It is mandatory for all Youth to wear Safety Helmets, of Approved Australian Standard, and appropriate riding boots to be worn at all times by Youth, with the exception of Western Events.
- (g) Youth competing at all Australian Appaloosa Association Limited approved shows and for Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd End of Year High Point Awards may compete with 2 horses.
Youth must comply with following:-
 - i. Nominations for each horse must be with the Australian Appaloosa Association Limited office prior to the start of each Show season for AAA End of year High Point recording to take place.
 - ii. Nominations for each horse must be made to each Show Secretary prior to the start of each show for point recording to take place at that show.
 - iii. Only the highest placing horse of the 2 nominated and shown by the youth in Youth classes will be given points towards High Point Awards of the Show, Club End of Year High Points or Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd End of Year High Point Awards.
 - iv. If due to death, injury or sale of either nominated horses no AAA End of year points for the replacement horse will be recorded until written notification of the new horse is received at the Show Office, by the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd Office or Club Secretary.
- (h) Annual National High Point Youth: All points earned by the Youth in Youth classes at Approved Shows, will be calculated by the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd Point Scorer. Points will be calculated as per AAA Ltd Rule Book.
- (i) A judge may not ask another youth to change horses with another Youth competitor.
- (j) No youth member may be tied buckled or fastened in any manner or by any means during competition. Youth must have a saddle with suitable stirrup length.
- (k) When a youth exhibitor and/or his/her father, mother, sister, brother, grandparents, step parents or legal guardian or any other representative/s acting on behalf of the exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, the AAA can suspend the rights of such exhibitor and/or the exhibitor's father, mother, sister, brother, grandparents, step parents or legal guardian or any other representative/s acting on behalf of the exhibitor, to participate in future approved shows for such a period as is judged appropriate.
- (l) Youth competing in 13yrs & under Walk/Jog-Trot classes can compete with one or two hands on the reins irrespective of the age of the horse. No Youth entering Walk/Jog-Trot event may enter any other ridden event on the Program.
 - a) The minimum age of a horse being used for Youth Walk/Jog-Trot Events is 4yo.**
 - b) Spurs are optional in this age group.**
 - i) Western classes; spurs must be of western style with a blunt end, ball or small blunt rowel

- with shank pointing only to the rear and no longer than 3.5 cm
 - ii) English classes; spurs must be English style spurs blunt or ball ended with shank pointing only to the rear and no longer than 3.5 cm
 - c) **The Trail gate is optional in this age group, only at the discretion of the judge**
- (m) Youth Leadline 10yrs & under – Western or English attire is optional and the same style must be worn by handler and rider. The handler must be an adult over 18 years of age. The English halter or Western halter used by the handler is fitted under the bridle. **The minimum age of a horse being used for Youth Leadline is 4yo.** Youth who have a Leadline Membership cannot compete in any other ridden or led event, including Showmanship. If a Youth wishes to compete in Youth Showmanship, they must have taken out a Youth Membership.

11.4 Youth Halter

- (a) In Youth Halter Competition, when a Youth exhibitor has qualified two (2) or more horses for Champion & Reserve Champion, only another Youth may assist that exhibitor as long as the Youth who originally qualified the horses leads one (1) of the horses in that class.
- (b) If Youth halter classes are held, it is recommended that show management offer these minimal classes to gain approval:
 - i. Filly/Mare
 - ii. Gelding
 - iii. Champion and Reserve Youth Halter Horse
- (c) At the Show Committee's Discretion, Youth Halter Classes may be added into the program at any show.

NOTE: Youth Halter Events **do not** count towards High Point Youth Performance Awards at any shows.

Youth Halter will receive ROA Only Points.

NO YOUTH COLT/STALLION CLASSES CAN BE HELD

11.5 Novice Youth Classes

Only six (6) classes in total will be offered, being – Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail and Showmanship.

- (a) Eligibility
 - i. You must hold a financial Youth Membership with the AAA Ltd.
 - ii. If you have achieved a ROM with the AAA Ltd or a respective breed organisation, in any of the above classes, then you are NOT eligible as a Novice in that class but would be eligible for the class that you haven't achieved a ROM in,
 - iii. If a Youth is eligible for Novice classes, they will be informed after application, from the AAA Ltd Office by letter or email, which Novice classes they are eligible to compete in.
 - iv. Any Youth competing in the Novice classes MUST have a Novice Ticket with the AAA Ltd.
 - v. If there is a Novice Youth Class on the program, plus the youth classes are offered in the same discipline, then the choice must be made. **A Youth cannot compete in the Novice class and the Youth class at the same show.**
 - vi. Novice Youth can compete in the Youth Class on the Program if no Novice classes are offered.

THIS RULE IS TO ALLOW AAA LTD YOUTH THAT QUALIFY FOR NOVICE TO COMPETE AT AQHA APPROVED SHOWS.

Novice Youth Points are ROA ONLY.

11.6 Age Requirements

- a) Age group limits in Youth events may be set by show management. In no case shall any contestant be more than 18 years of age nor the maximum age be less than 18 years of age. For horse show purposes the age of an individual on 1st August of that year shall be maintained throughout the entire

year. (Example - a youth who has a birthday in July and is 18 years of age on 1st August, may show throughout the entire year as an eighteen (18) year old until 1st August the following year.)

- b) It is recommended that where there are large classes, they be divided into age groups so as to provide more equal competition.
 1. If there is to be one (1) class, undivided, the age group is to be 18 years and under.
 2. If there are to be two (2) classes, the age divisions must be:
 - i. 13yrs and under
 - ii. 14 to 18 years
 3. If there are to be three (3) classes, the age divisions must be:
 - i. 13yrs and under Walk/Jog
 - ii. 13yrs & under
 - iii. 14 to 18 years
 4. If there are to be four (4) classes, the age divisions must be:
 - i. Leadline 10yrs & under
 - ii. 13yrs & under Walk/Jog
 - iii. 13yrs & under
 - iv. 14 to 18 yrs
- c) Check in show rule requirements before setting program
- d) Age groups may be combined at a show, at the direction of the judge and the show management with the unanimous consent of all exhibitors involved in the class.
- e) Minimum age of a contestant in any Working Cowhorse class will be fourteen (14) years of age. Written permission must be tendered from parent or guardian.

11.7 Youth Points Life Time and End of Year AAA Ltd Awards

- a) To be eligible to be awarded Youth points the youth must:
 - i) Be a financial Youth member of the Association;
 - ii) Comply with the requirements as to youth age;
 - iii) Ride a registered Appaloosa belonging to a financial member;
 - iv) Forward to the office the Official Show Result form within the prescribed period.
(this does not apply for State and National Shows)
- b) Youth shall be awarded points in the same manner as for Open Events except that the points will be awarded to the Youth competitor and the horse as Youth Points.
- c) All of the accepted Youth events shall be eligible for points including Youth Showmanship.
- d) Youth competing at all Australian Appaloosa Association Limited approved shows and for Australian Appaloosa Association Limited End of Year High Point Awards may compete with 2 horses.
- e) Youth must comply with following;
 - Nominations for each horse must be made with the Australian Appaloosa Association office prior to the start of each show season for the AAA Ltd End of Year Hi Point recording to take place.
 - Only the highest placing horse of the two nominated and shown by the Youth in youth classes will be given points towards AAA L TD End of Year Hi Point Awards and Youth Life Time Awards.
 - If due to death, injury or sale of either nominated horses no points for the replacement horse will be recorded until written notification of the new horse is received at the Show Office, by the Australian Appaloosa Association or club show secretary.
- f) Ownership of the horse need not be in the name of the Youth claiming points.
- g) Youth points will not be awarded to youth competing in Open events

11.8 Eligible Events for Youth Points

Youth Barrel Race
Youth Breakaway Roping
Youth Campdraft
Youth Cutting
Youth Dressage
Youth English Riding classes
Youth Eventing
General Performance (Bridle Path Hack, English Equitation and Western Equitation held at non approved AAA shows)
Youth Hacking
Youth Hunt Seat Equitation
Youth Hunter Hack
Youth Hunter Under Saddle
Youth Pony Club Dressage
Youth Pony Club English
Youth Pony Club Eventing
Youth Pony Club Mounted Games
(Postman's Chase, Old Sock, Hi-Lo, Stepping Stone, Tack Shop, Sword, Balloon, Hurdle, 3 Mug Race 5 Flag Race)
Youth Pony Club Jumping
Youth Reining
Youth Showjumping
Youth Showmanship at Halter
Youth Sporting (Flag, Bend, Ben Bar Aft, 3 Mug Race, Running T, Sporting Figure 8, Diamond Flag, Key Hole, Bonfield Bounce)
Youth Trail
Youth Western Horsemanship
Youth Western Pleasure
Youth Western Riding
Youth Working Cowhorse
Youth Working Hunter

11.9 AAYA End of Year National High Point & State Awards

Youth 13yrs & under Walk & Jog
Youth 13yrs & under
Youth 14 to 18yrs

11.10 Youth AAA Ltd Awards

- Youth recognition – 10 points in any one recognized event
- Register of Achievement - ROA 20 Points in anyone event
- Bronze Award - 60 points in anyone recognised event
- Silver Award - 100 points in anyone recognised event
- Gold Award – 150 points in anyone recognised event
- Sapphire Award – 200 points in anyone recognised event
- Diamond Award – 300 points in anyone recognised event
- Platinum Award – 400 points in anyone recognised event.

11.11 Youth Versatility Award

Received on scoring a total of 200 or more points in competition in official shows recognised by the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd provided they have met with the qualifications below.

- a) Register of Achievement in Showmanship
- b) 3 performance ROA's

11.12 Youth Award of Excellence

The title of youth Award of Excellence will be awarded to any Youth who has met the following requirements.

- a) Has received the youth versatility award

- b) Must have earned a total of 150 or more points in Showmanship
- c) Must have earned 150 points or more in a recognised performance event
- d) Must have at least four (4) ROA's in Performance events.

11.13 Pony Club Achievement Awards

To be eligible for any or all of the awards listed below, the horse must be registered or recorded with the Australian Appaloosa Association and the owner be a current financial member and be ridden by a financial Youth member. Twenty (20) points must be gained. The horse must be entered and exhibited under the horses registered name as it appears on the Associations register. A point's sheet must be correctly filled in and returned within thirty (30) days to the Australian Appaloosa Association. These Point Results Booklets are available at the office.

- a) *Pony Club Register of Achievement*- 20 points must be earned in recognised Pony Club competition. These events include: Pony Club Rider/Mount, Pony Club Horse, Handy Mount, Junior/ Senior Handler, Bareback, Pairs and Teams. These events must comply with Pony Club Rules and Regulations regarding equipment, dress, etc...
- b) *Pony Club Eventing Register of Achievement*- 20 points must be earned in Pony Club graded or age division One Day Events, individuals and teams, run under Pony Club State Rules and Regulations.
- c) *Pony Club Dressage Register of Achievement*- 20 points must be earned in Pony Club graded or age division Dressage run under Pony Club State Rules and Regulations. .
- d) *Pony Club Jumping Register of Achievement* - 20 points must be earned in Pony Club recognised Show Jumping events run under Pony Club State Rules and Regulations, including Table A graded or age group events. Rider over Obstacles, Jumping Equitation and Combined Training.
- e) *Pony Club Mounted Games Register of Achievement* - 20 points must be earned in Pony Club Mounted Games events run under State Rules and Regulations (Postman's Chase, Old Sock, Hi-Lo, Stepping Stone, Tack Shop, Sword, Balloon, Hurdle, 3 Mug Race, 5 Flag Race).
- f) *Pony Club Sporting Register of Achievement* - 20 points must be earned in Pony Club Sporting events run under State Rules and Regulations (Flag, Bend, Barrel, Ben Bar Aft, Bonfield Bounce, 3 Mug Race, Running T, Sporting Figure 8, Diamond Flag, Key Hole).

Any class in question in any section of the above can be checked at AAA L TD office

11.14 Pony Club Medallion Awards

- Register of achievement Awards- 20 points in anyone section of rule 11.11
- Bronze Award- 50 points in anyone recognised section in rule 11.11
- Silver Award- 100 points in anyone recognised section in rule 11.11
- Gold Award- 150 points in anyone recognised section in rule 11.11
- Sapphire Award- 200 points in any recognised section in rule 11.11
- Diamond Award- 300 points in any recognised section in rule 11.11
- Platinum Award- 400 Points in any recognised section in rule 11.11

11.15 Youth Pony Club Versatility Award

Received on scoring a total of 100 or more points in Pony Club Competition provided they have met with the qualifications below.

- a) an ROA in 3 of the recognised Pony Club sections
- b) 50 points in anyone of the recognised Pony Club sections

11.16 Youth Pony Club Award of Excellence

The title of Youth Pony Club Award of Excellence will be awarded to any Youth who has met the following requirements.

- a) Has received the Youth pony Club Versatility Award
- b) Must have earned 50 points or more in a recognised Pony club section
- c) Must have at least 4 ROAs in recognised pony club section

DIVISION 12 – Breeders Advisory Group

12.1 Aims and Objectives

The Breeders Advisory Group will demonstrate a commitment to the Mission and Values of the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd by:

- Assisting the AAA Ltd in preserving the pedigrees of the Australian Appaloosa and maintaining the integrity of the breed.
- Assisting the AAA Ltd in promoting interest in the Appaloosa Breed.
- Assisting with promoting the breed throughout Australia
- Assisting the AAA Ltd to encourage participation, membership and support for the Association and the Appaloosa
- To work closely with the AAA Ltd Board of Directors to ensure effective communication.

12.2 The Breeders Advisory Group Terms of Reference

- (a) To co-operate with and aid the function of the AAA Ltd and provide feedback and recommendations to the Board of Directors in matters pertaining to breeding
- (b) To gain favourable publicity for the Appaloosa in any media
- (c) To investigate and develop a better sales market both domestically and internationally
- (d) To investigate and promote the breeding directions and use of the Appaloosa across a broad range of disciplines
- (e) To obtain favourable recognition of our breed outside our breed

12.3 Regulations

- (a) The Breeders Advisory Group is a committee of breeders, as appointed by the Board, (Breeder is defined as any member who regularly files a mare or stallion return or has been listed in the studbook as a breeder) who are members of the AAA Ltd. Upon commencement of these rules, the committee of three (3) will be selected by the AAA Ltd Board for a period of two (2) years. The advisory committee are accountable to the appointed Director(s).
- (b) The Breeders Advisory Group members must be financial members of the AAA Ltd
- (c) A member of the Breeders Advisory Group Committee may be invited to attend AAA Ltd Board meetings when matters pertaining to breeding are listed on the agenda. All expenses to be borne by Breeders Advisory Group.
- (d) The Breeders Advisory Group Committee will provide a report to the Director(s) responsible for the Breeders Advisory Group portfolio on a regular basis and will ensure that said Director(s) is apprised of all matters pertaining to the direction of the group and all projects, matters, issues and other information relevant to the workings of the Breeders Advisory Group.

DIVISION 13 - PERFORMANCE RULES

13.1 *Performance Halter*

1. Halter Classes

Halter classes may consist of the following:

All Age Performance Colt/Stallion
All Age Performance Filly/Mare
All Age Performance Gelding
Champion & Reserve Performance Halter Horse

OR

Performance Colt 3yrs & Under
Performance Stallion 4yrs & Over
Champion & Reserve Performance Colt/Stallion
Performance Filly 3yrs & Under
Performance Mare 4yrs & Over
Champion & Reserve Performance Filly/Mare
Performance Gelding 3yrs & Under
Performance Gelding 4yrs & Over
Champion & Reserve Performance Gelding
Supreme Performance Horse (Optional)

2. Equipment and Attire

Equipment, attire and class procedure shall be the same as for Halter.

3. Eligibility Requirements

Horses must be a minimum age of 2 year old.

To be eligible for this class a horse must have a Recognition Award in a recognised Ridden Event.

4. General Rules

No Amateur or Youth Classes to be held.

A horse is not eligible for both its normal halter class and the performance halter class at the same show.

13.2 *Ranch Riding*

- i. The purpose of the Ranch Riding horse is to reflect the versatility, attitude and movement of a working horse. The horse should simulate a working ranch horse riding outside the confines of an arena. The class is judged on the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while performing the required and optional manoeuvres. Light contact will be rewarded and the horse will not be shown on a full drape of reins.
- ii. The overall manners and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations.
- iii. For horses three (3) years of age and older and offered as Junior, Senior or All Age class. An all age class for Amateur and Youth can be offered.
- iv. No horse can cross enter, a western pleasure and ranch riding class at the same show regardless of division (youth, amateur, or open)

1. Class Requirements

- a) Each horse will work individually; performing both required and optional manoeuvres, and will be scored on the basis of 0 to 100, with 70 denoting an average performance;
- b) The required manoeuvres will include the walk, jog, and lope both directions and the extended jog and extended lope at least one direction; as well as stops, and back;
- c) Three (3) optional manoeuvres may include a side pass, turns of 360 or more, change of lead (simple or flying), walk, jog or lope over a pole(s), or some reasonable combination of manoeuvres that would be reasonable for a ranch horse to perform;
- d) The manoeuvres may be arranged in various combinations with final approval by the judge;
- e) The overall cadence and performance of the gaits should be as those described below, with an emphasis on forward movement, free-flowing, and ground covering for all gaits. Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness.
- f) No Time Limit
- g) The use of natural logs is encouraged
- h) Posting at the extended jog is acceptable.
- i) Touching or holding the saddle horn is acceptable

2. Western Gaits

The horse should be ridden at a speed which is a natural way of going. The head should be carried at an angle which is natural and suitable to the horses' conformation at all gaits.

- a) Walk - The walk is a natural, flat-footed, four-beat gait. The horse must move straight and true at the walk. The walk must be alert, with a stride of reasonable length in keeping with the size of the horse.
 - i. Poor walk – uneven pace and no cadence. Has no flow and may appear intimidated or appear to march;
 - ii. Average walk – has a four-beat gait, level top-line and is relaxed;
 - iii. Good walk – has a flowing four-beat gait, level top-line, relaxed and is bright and attentive.
- b) Jog - The jog is a smooth, ground-covering two-beat diagonal gait. The horse works from one pair of diagonals to the other pair. The jog should be square, balanced and with straight, forward movement of the feet. Horses walking with their back feet and trotting in the front are not considered performing the required gait.
 - i. Unacceptable jog – cannot perform a two-beat gait and has no flow or balance in the motion;
 - ii. Poor jog – hesitates in motion. Does not keep an even and balanced motion or a level top-line and may appear to shuffle;
 - iii. Slightly below average jog - average motion but has negative characteristics such as: walking with hind legs, dragging the rear toes or taking an uneven length in stride with the front and rear legs;
 - iv. Correct or average jog – has a two-beat gait, a level top-line and a relaxed appearance;
 - v. Good jog - has an average motion with positive characteristics such as balance and self-carriage while taking the same length of strides with the front and rear legs;
 - vi. Very good jog – is comfortable to ride while having a consistent two-beat gait. The horse guides well, appears relaxed and has a level top-line;
 - vii. Excellent jog – effortless and very efficient motion. Swings the legs yet touches the ground softly. Confident, yet soft with its motion while being balanced and under control. Moves flat with the knee and hock and have some cushion in the pastern. Has a bright and alert expression and exhibits more lift and self-carriage than the "very good jog".
- c) Extended Jog - When asked to extend the jog, it moves out with the same smooth way of going as in the jog.
 - i. Poor extended jog – never lengthen the stride and may appear rough to ride.
 - ii. Average extended jog – moves up in its pace and appears smooth to ride.
 - iii. Good extended jog – has an obvious lengthening of stride with a slight increase in pace while exerting less effort and appears smooth to ride.
- d) Lope - The lope is an easy, rhythmical, forward moving three-beat gait. Horses moving to the left should lope on the left lead. Horses moving to the right should lope on the right lead. The horse should lope with a natural stride and appear relaxed and smooth
 - i. Unacceptable lope – does not have a three-beat gait. Has no flow, rhythm or balance. Uncomfortable ride. Horses travelling at a four-beat gait are not considered to be performing at a proper lope.
 - ii. Poor lope – appears to have a three-beat lope but has not lift or self-carriage. The horse shuffles, has no flow and bobs his head, giving the appearance of exerting a great deal of effort to perform the gait. Also could be an uncomfortable to ride.

- iii. Slightly below average lope – has an average motion but exhibits negative characteristics like head bobbing, not completing the stride with the front leg and leaving the outside hock well behind the horse’s buttocks.
 - iv. Average lope – has a true three-beat gait with a level top-line and very little head and neck motion. He is relatively straight (not over-canted); guides well and has a relaxed appearance.
 - v. Good lope – has an average motion but exhibits positive characteristics in his performance like self-carriage, a steady top-line, relaxed appearance and is responsive to the rider’s aids.
 - vi. Very good lope – has more lift and flow than the average horse. Has a strong but smooth drive from behind. He may bend his knee slightly yet still has a level top-line while exhibiting self-carriage with a relaxed appearance. Appears comfortable to ride.
 - vii. Excellent lope – has a round back with an effortless strong, deep stride with the rear legs and a flat swing with the front legs. He keeps a level top-line, a relaxed yet alert and confident appearance and correct but soft in appearance. A special horse with a great lift and self-carriage.
- e) Back-up
- i. Poor back-up – is resistant and heavy in front. May gape mouth and throw his head or back crooked. Average back-up backs straight and quietly with light contact and without hesitation.
 - ii. Average back-up – backs straight and quietly with light contact and without hesitation.
 - iii. Good back-up – displays balanced and smooth flowing movements. Backs straight with self-carriage without gaping the mouth, with light contact and without hesitation.

3. Patterns

A Judge may use one of the suggestion patterns available from a recognised association or a different pattern as long as all required manoeuvres and the three (3) (or more) optional manoeuvres are included.

Should a Judge use one of their own patterns, it is recommended to not have the stop following an extended lope.

4. Ranch Riding Attire

Well shaped hat, western boots, jeans, a shirt with long sleeves and a collar. Chaps and chinks are optional.

5. Ranch Riding Equipment

- a) No hoof polish
- b) No braided or banded manes or tail extensions.
- c) Trimming inside ears is discouraged.
- d) Trimming bridle path is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair.
- e) Equipment with silver will not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged
- f) It is suggested that competitors use a breast collar and a rear cinch

6. Penalties

A contestant will be penalised each time the following occur:

- a) One (1) point penalties
 - i. Too slow per gait
 - ii. Over bridled
 - iii. Out of frame
 - iv. Break of gait at walk or jog for 2 strides or less
- b) Three (3) point penalties
 - i. Break of gait at walk or jog for more than 2 strides
 - ii. Break of gait at lope
 - iii. Wrong lead or out of lead
 - iv. Draped reins
 - v. Out of lead or cross cantering more than two strides when changing leads
 - vi. Trotting more than three strides when making a simple lead change
 - vii. Severe disturbance of any obstacle
- c) Five point penalties
 - i. Blatant disobedience (kick, bite, buck, rear etc) for each refusal
 - ii. Placed below horses performing all manoeuvres
 - iii. Eliminates manoeuvres
 - iv. Incomplete manoeuvres
- d) Zero (0)
 - i. Illegal equipment including hoof black, braided or banded manes or tail extensions

- ii. Wilful abuse
 - iii. Major disobedience or schooling
- e) No specific penalties will be incurred for nicks/hits on logs but deduction made in manoeuvre score.
- f) No specific penalties will be incurred for over/under spins but deduction may be made in manoeuvre score

NOTE: These events are optional.

13.3 Ranch Trail

1. This class will be judged on the performance of the horse over the obstacles, with emphasis on manners, response to the exhibitor, and on how the partnership of the horse/ rider works together. Credit will be given to the horse that negotiates the obstacles with style, expression, and some degree of speed, providing carefulness is not sacrificed. Credit will be given to horses showing the capability of picking their own way through the course when obstacles warrant it and exhibiting trust in the rider when negotiating the more difficult obstacles.
2. Attire and tack should be clean and presentable. Working tack encouraged, horses are not required to be clipped or manes banded. No tail extensions allowed.
 - a. Exhibitors should outfit horse with a breast collar and back cinch for safety.
3. Horse shall be penalized for any unnecessary delay while approaching the obstacles. The horse/rider team should negotiate each obstacle with calmness and patience, moving safely through each obstacle. Horses should show awareness, be attentive and not spook, shy or spin. The horse should not stumble, tick or clip obstacles.
4. A minimum of six (6) obstacles (maximum of twelve (12) obstacles) will be used. The course shall be returned to its original design after each horse has worked.
 - a. Obstacles should be representative of challenges found on the trail or simulate what may be experienced by a horse/ rider on a ranch.
 - b. The course must be posted at least one hour before scheduled time of class.
5. Each obstacle should receive an obstacle score and is subject to penalty that should be subtracted. Each obstacle should be scored on the following basis, ranging from plus 1 ½ to minus 1 ½- 1 ½ extremely poor, -1 very poor, - ½ poor, 0 correct, + ½ good, +1 very good, + 1 ½ excellent. Obstacle scores are to be determined and assessed independently of penalty points. Penalties should be assessed as follows:
 - a. Disqualification (from entire class)
 - i. Use of two (2) hands (except Junior horses shown with a snaffle bit or hackamore)
 - ii. Incorrect use of Romal reins.
 - iii. Performing the obstacles other than in specified order.
 - iv. No attempt to perform an obstacle
 - v. Equipment failure that delays completion of pattern
 - vi. Touching the horse on the neck to lower the head
 - vii. Fall to the ground by horse or rider
 - viii. Riding outside designated boundary marker of the course
 - ix. Failure to enter, exit or work obstacle from correct side or direction
 - x. Failure to perform correct line of travel within or between obstacles
 - xi. Third refusal, balk or attempt to evade an obstacle by shying or backing away more than 2 strides
 - b. ½ - point penalty
 - i. Each tick of log, pole, cone or obstacle
 - c. 1-point penalty
 - i. Each hit of or stepping on a log, pole, cone or obstacle
 - ii. Break of gait at walk or jog for two strides or less
 - iii. Both front or hind feet in a single-strided slot or space
 - iv. Skipping over or failing to step into required space
 - v. Split pole in lope-over
 - d. 3-point penalty
 - i. Break of gait at walk or jog for more than 2 strides
 - ii. Out of lead or break of gait at lope (except when correcting an incorrect lead)
 - iii. Knocking down an elevated pole, cone, barrel or plant obstacle or severely disturbing an obstacle.

- iv. Stepping outside the confines of, falling or jumping of an obstacle (back through, bridge, side pass, box, water box) with one foot.
- e. 5-point penalty
 - i. Dropping slicker or object required to be carried on course
 - ii. First refusal, balk or attempt to evade an obstacle by shying or backing more than 2 strides away
 - iii. Loss of control or letting go of gate
 - iv. Stepping outside the confines of, falling or jumping off an obstacle (back through, bridge, side pass, box, water box) with more than one foot
 - v. Blatant disobedience (kicking out, biting, rearing, striking)
 - vi. Failure to ever demonstrate the correct lead or gait if desired
 - vii. Failure to complete obstacle
 - viii. Second refusal, balk or attempt to evade an obstacle by shying away or backing more than 2 strides away.
 - ix. Use of either hand or instill fear of praise
- 6. Only one hand may be used on reins, except for junior horses shown with a snaffle bit hackamore/bosal. Hands must not be changed, except that it is permissible to change hands to work with an obstacle. While the horse is in motion there shall be no changing of hands on the reins. Hands to be around reins. One finger between reins permitted when using split reins only. While horse is in motion, exhibitor's hands shall be clear of horse and saddle.
- 7. There are not mandatory obstacles. The course is to be set up at the discretion of the show management and/or judges. Obstacles should be constructed of safe material, and test the horse and rider's skills. Suggested obstacles include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Side pass (over obstacle is optional). May be elevated to 12" (30.48 cm) maximum
 - b. Ride over at least four logs or poles. These can be in a straight line, curved, zigzag, raised or combination. The space between poles/ logs is not required to be measured as obstacles on a trail are random. Care shall be taken to design the course with safety in mind when determining the gait at which the obstacles will be maneuvered.
 - c. Ride over wooden bridge. Minimum width shall be 36" (91.44 cm) wide and at least 6 feet (1.83 m) long. Bridges should be sturdy, safe and negotiated at a walk only.
 - d. Opening, passing through and closing gate. A gate that will not endanger horse or exhibitor must be used. If the gate has a metal, plastic or wooden support bar under the opening, contestants must work the gate moving forward through it.
 - e. Water hazard (ditch or small pond). No metal or slick bottom boxes shall be used.
 - f. Carry object from one part of arena to another. Only objects that might reasonably be carried on a trail may be used.
 - g. Backing obstacle.
 - h. Pick up a slicker while mounted, put it on and take it off.
 - i. Dismount and ground tie.
 - j. Load into a trailer.
 - k. Drag an obstacle. Rider may hold rope or dally once, no tying hard and fast. At no time should the rider or horse get tangled in the rope. Horses should stand quietly during the preparation and then pull or drag in control.
 - l. Live animals may be used on the trail course.
 - m. Rope a steer head. The object is not to judge the ability of the exhibitor to rope but the patience and willingness of the horse in allowing the rider to complete the task at hand.

13.4 Riders With Disabilities

To provide Show Management with the option to include equestrians with disabilities competition, Australian Appaloosa Association (AAA) has adopted these rules and provided an achievement points and awards system for participants. In doing so, AAA does not assume responsibility for safety of participants. The Judge can set their own patterns for RWD classes but must keep in mind the limitations of the RWD riders. Eg: No picking up objects; no dismounting.

1. In the case of adult participants, each participant assumes all risk of personal injury or property damage and releases and discharges AAA, AAA Affiliates and Show Management, their respective officers, directors, representatives, and employees, from any and all liability, whenever or however arising, as to personal injury or property damage occurring as a result of participation in these classes, except for the negligent act or omission, if any, of said indemnities. If the participant is a minor, the parent or guardian, by allowing participation, assumes all risk of personal injury or property damage occurring as a result of

the participation and does hereby release and discharge AAA and Show Management, their respective officers, directors, representatives, and employees from any and all liability, whenever or however arising, from such participation, except for the negligent act or omission, if any, of an indemnity. Further, as parent or legal guardian, they agree to indemnify and hold harmless AAA and Show Management from such liability to the minor.

- a) Each participant, authorises the use of any picture, still or video which may be taken in conjunction with the exhibitor's participation in these equestrians with disabilities classes for AAA's official uses.
- b) Only horses registered with the AAA or registered with a relevant breed society are eligible to participate in RWD classes. Only geldings or mares can be shown.
- c) Each exhibitor must have a financial individual membership with the AAA or relevant breed society.
- d) An exhibitor cannot show more than one (1) horse in the same class and a horse cannot be shown by more than one (1) exhibitor in the same class.
- e) RWD riders cannot compete in any other class in the program as well as RWD classes at the same show; they must make a choice either RWD classes for that show or Open/Amateur classes for that show;
- f) For participation in these classes, a rider must produce a Doctors Certificate, upon joining the AAA for the first time, which states the disability.
- g) Eligible Conditions Include: Amputation, Anthrogyriposis, Aspergers Syndrome, Autism, Batten's Disease, Cerebrovascular Accident, Cerebella Ataxia, Cerebral Palsy, Coffin Lowry Syndrome, Cystic Fibrosis, Down Syndrome, Dwarfism, Fragile X Syndrome, Friedrick's Ataxia, Guillan Barre Syndrome, Hearing Impairment, Hunter's Syndrome, Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, Intellectual Disability, Microcephaly, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Post Polio Syndrome, Prader Willie Syndrome, Rhett Syndrome, Spina Bifida, Spinal Cord Injury, Touretts Syndrome, Traumatic Brain Injury, Trisomy Abnormalities, Vision Impairment, Other diagnoses will be considered upon request.
- h) The following disorders are not eligible: ADHD, Anxiety Disorders, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Depression, Dyslexia, Eating Disorders, Fibromyalgia, Learning Disabilities, Psychological Diagnosis.
- i) The rider or their family does not have to own the horse.
- j) A competitor with a hearing impairment can have an assistant who communicates via sign language or cue cards to the competitor so they can conform to the judge's directives. This assistant will be outside the ring and their position known to the judge and ring steward;
- k) Judges are not permitted to alter the mandatory workout in any manner. Markers must be used, may be numbered. People must not be used as markers no matter if they are safety stand-by spotters.

2. Tack and Equipment

- a) Equipment is to conform to the needs of the competitor and be suitable for the horse.

3. Walk/Trot Hunter Under saddle (on the Flat)

English equipment and attire will follow rules as set forth in the AQHA Rules & Regulations with the exceptions of authorized adaptations. Riders must wear a properly fitted and fastened with harness, ASTM approved protective helmet. No equipment is allowed that would in any way affix the rider to the horse or saddle with the exception of light rubber bands. Safety stirrups (Peacock, S-shaped irons or Devonshire) are required if rider is unable to wear boots with heels. Peacock irons are recommended in all cases.

- a) The following points have equal consideration in judging the class; Rider's balance Rider's seat Use of aids Ability to follow directions Ring etiquette and safety Sportsmanlike conduct Results as shown by the performance of the horse are not to be considered more important than the manner used in obtaining them.
- b) Class Procedure - Riders will compete on the rail at a walk, trot both ways of the ring, line up and complete an individual workout. Riders will remain in the ring throughout the individual workouts.

4. Walk/Jog Western Pleasure

- a) Western equipment and attire with exceptions of authorised adaptations.
- b) Riders must wear a properly fitted and fastened with harness, Australian Standard protective helmet. A Western hat can be affixed over the helmet. No equipment is allowed that would in any

way affix the rider to the horse or saddle with the exception of light rubber bands. Safety stirrups (covered or other approved safety stirrups) are required if rider is unable to wear boots with a heel.

- c) The following points have equal consideration in judging the class: Rider's balance, Rider's seat

Use of aids Ability to follow directions Ring etiquette and safety Sportsmanlike conduct Results as shown by the performance of the horse are not to be considered more important than the manner used in obtaining them.

- d) Class procedure – All exhibitors will compete on the rail at a walk and jog both ways of the ring, line up and complete an individual workout. Riders will remain in the ring throughout the individual workouts.

5. Walk/Jog Trail Classes

- a) Equipment and attire - Class must be ridden in western attire.
- b) The following points have equal consideration in judging the class: Rider's balance Rider's seat
Use of aids Ability to follow directions Ring etiquette and safety Sportsmanlike conduct Results as shown by the performance of the horse are not to be considered more important than the manner used in obtaining them.
- c) Class procedure and scoring - This class will be judged on the performance of the horse and while manoeuvring five (5) obstacles for walk, trot/jog trail and six (6) obstacles for walk, trot/jog, trail. Riders are to work individually. There will be no rail work.
- d) Course - Safety of riders is to be the first consideration in setting up the course. The course should be attractive with readily recognized obstacles. Sufficient space is to be allowed between obstacles.

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