



Man From Snowy River Striplings Challenge

OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

Sunday 2nd April 2017 | 7am-10.30am

Main Arena, Corryong Recreation Reserve

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WELCOME

When it comes to the test of good, all-round horsemanship, The Man from Snowy River Challenge is second to none. Highlighting the special relationship between horse and rider, it is a quest to find today's young Man From Snowy River.

Going into our second year of the Striplings Challenge, the Man From Snowy River Challenge Committee and the Upper Murray Pony Club have together built a Challenge that offers these young riders, a unique opportunity to compete in a variety of disciplines front and centre in the Main Arena on Sunday morning.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The committee of the Man From Snowy River Striplings Challenge recognises the importance of conducting a safe competition that reflects integrity, sportsmanlike behaviour and sound animal protocols.

The code is intended to compliment and support existing Striplings Challenge rules.

Competitors or their associates using electronic technology to defame either the Man From Snowy River Striplings Challenge, the Upper Murray Pony Club, Judges, Officials, Volunteers or fellow members will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee which may affect their participation in future events.

COMPETITORS

Competitors and parents/guardians shall:

- Enter this competition in a fair and friendly manner with respect for fellow competitors and Festival organisers.
- Accept the program and requirements as set out by the Committee.
- Abide by the rules and accept the Judges' and Vets' decisions as final.
- Abide by the rules and conditions set out in this Rule Book.
- Failure to abide to the above may affect future participation.

LIVESTOCK

- The staging of this competition and the conduct of those involved are subject to the relevant animal welfare requirements of this state.
- Any animal deemed as unfit by the veterinarians will not be permitted to continue in the competition; all veterinary decisions made will be accepted as final.
- Mistreatment or unnecessary roughness to any animal on the Challenge grounds will not be tolerated and will be referred to adjudication by the Challenge Committee.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

It is the intention of the Man from Snowy River Challenge Committee and the Upper Murray Pony Club to run a professional and challenging competition appropriate to the high standard of horsemanship immortalised in the telling of the story "The Man from Snowy River." The following Rules and Conditions should be read by all competitors and their parents/guardians prior to submitting their entry forms and adhered to throughout the competition.

1. Competitors must be experienced and competent riders with appropriately trained horses capable of undertaking the various tasks set out in the competition.
2. Stripling competitors must be between the ages of 10 and 14 on the first day of competition (Sunday 2nd April 2017). **Proof of age is required** (copy of birth certificate).
3. The 2017 Man from Snowy River Striplings Challenge is limited to 25 competitors. Five places will be held for the previous years Top Five. All other entries received will be accepted based on first in, best dressed.
4. Each Competitor is allowed one and same horse for the entire competition unless the Committee allows a substitute horse on the vets advice prior to the commencement of the Stripling Challenge.
5. In the event of lameness/injury the horse will be subject to a fitness check by the Vet before being allowed to continue.
6. The Judges' decision on whether a competitor and/or his/her horse are sufficiently fit and skilled to compete in the competition is final and no discussion will be entered into.
7. Entries will be accepted by post, fax, email and hand delivery. Entries open Sunday 1st January 2017 and close on Tuesday 31st January 2017. Entries are first in best dressed. Riders will be notified of their acceptance. Any rider put on a waiting list will also be notified accordingly. Payment is not required until riders have been confirmed. Completed entry forms will be accepted from Sunday 1st January 2017.
8. All competitors must have current Ambulance Cover and a photocopy of their policy must be submitted with their entry form before their entry can be accepted.
9. All competitors must register at the Challenge Office at the Recreation Reserve between 6pm to 7pm on Saturday 1st April 2017. Registration is essential and will include last minute instructions for competitors.
10. Gear Check for competitors and horses will take place promptly at 7.00am on Sunday 2nd April in the Bareback Obstacle Course Arena.
11. All competitors who enter do so on the condition that they will compete and ride in the manner and spirit recognised as fitting to the theme and image of the Australian horseman.
12. All competitors enter at their own risk with no responsibility accepted by the Committee for riders, livestock or property.
13. All decisions made by the Judges, Vets or Committee are final and discussion will not be entered into.
14. Any competitor, parent/guardian or representative found interfering with, impeding or damaging stock, gear or event equipment or interfering with or impeding the judging, scoring or other competitors at any time will subject that competitor to disqualification by the Committee.
15. The Committee reserves the right to change the event at any time for safety or any other reason.
16. Parents/guardians are responsible for their Stripling Competitor until they enter the Main Arena to compete.
17. Cancellations: refunds (less 15% administration fees) will only be given at the discretion of the Challenge Committee. Cancellations must be accompanied by a Vet or Doctor's certificate.
18. No stallions permitted.
19. Competitors must wear their wristband to compete.
20. All riders must wear an Equestrian Australia approved helmet at all times whilst mounted. Approved helmets include: AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards), ARB HS 2012, ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards), PAS 015 and VGI.
21. All riders are advised to wear a safety vest at all times whilst mounted.
22. Competitors are to wear their competition bibs at all times when competing or when walking/riding the course.
23. All Competitors must be able to jump 45cm confidently.
24. All Competitors must use and carry a leather stockwhip as directed during the competition.

STRIPLING OVERVIEW

The 2017 Man From Snowy River Striplings Challenge commences with a compulsory Gear Check for all competitors on Sunday morning (2nd April 2017) at 7.00am. Having succeeded, competitors compete in a timed course containing a number of elements from the Open Man From Snowy River Challenge. Stripling competitors will demonstrate their level of control and skill whilst undertaking a number of obstacles designed to test and prepare them for the Open Man From Snowy River Challenge.

CHALLENGE RULES

1. The Striplings Challenge will run from 7.00am to 10.30am Sunday 2nd April 2017.
2. Stripling competitors will contest one timed event.
3. Having entered, all competitors must attempt to complete the program as determined by the Challenge Committee and the Upper Murray Pony Club as set out in the Stripling Challenge Rule Book.
4. Points will be awarded based on a competitor's performance in the event on (a) completion of the event within the set time (b) at the end of the set time, how well the competitor has completed the course, or (c) when the competitor signals his/her withdrawal from the event, whichever is applicable.
5. Scores will be announced progressively throughout the competition.
6. Presentation of awards will take place on Sunday 2nd April at 10.30am. **All riders are required to be at the marshalling area on the Stock Route 15 minutes prior to presentations and should be mounted. If not present for the presentations without discussion with the Event Manager, this may affect future inclusion in the event.**
7. Prizes will be awarded from 1st to 5th place.
8. In the event of a tie the committee will split the prize money and competitors' will toss for sashes.
9. The Judges decision is final and no discussion will be entered into.
10. Any changes to your entry details must be in writing to the Challenge Coordinator (email or hand written accepted).

Please note: In addition to their own personal gear and their horse's gear, competitors require a leather stockwhip and must supply their own electric fence for horse control, water and feed buckets (for camping) and an Equestrian Australia approved helmet. For approved numbers, please see point 20 in Conditions of Entry. All riders must wear an Equestrian Australia approved helmet whenever mounted.

REQUIREMENTS

- Riders are to complete a timed obstacle course containing a number of elements from the Open Man From Snowy River Bush Festival.
- Prior to competing, competitors will be informed what is required of them at each obstacle by the judges. There will be a walk around of the course on Sunday 2nd April immediately after Gear Check (at 7.00am) prior to the commencement of the Striplings Challenge. Competitors will require a parent/guardian to hold their horse (off the arena) whilst the course walk is in progress.
- Competitors are required to carry a full length, working leather stockwhip throughout the course.
- In the event of a tie for first place, the competitor with a time closest to the optimal time will be considered.
- All competitors **MUST** ride within their limitations with the emphasis on safety at all times.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Competitors will be scored on the obstacles negotiated in the set time.

- Two attempts at each obstacle are permitted - if a second attempt is made, it will attract a lower score.
- After two refused attempts at any obstacle, a zero score will result for that obstacle and the rider must move onto the next obstacle.
- Horse and rider will be scored on the quality of negotiation of obstacles with each obstacle to be executed within the prescribed boundary and scored by the judges.

TOTAL POINTS..... 100 points

PLEASE NOTE:

Course obstacles and map will be provided to all Stripling riders in their Welcome Pack upon acceptance of their entry. It is recommended that all accepted competitors practice the course before the competition. An optimum time will be set the morning of the competition. The optimum time will not be released to competitors until after the completion of the event.

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