

THE MAN FROM
SNOWY RIVER
BUSH FESTIVAL

Corryong Australia

MFSR Challenge 2026



EVENT RULE BOOK

*R.M.
Williams*

PREVIOUS CHALLENGE WINNERS

OPEN

- 2025 David Mitchell, Tooma NSW
- 2024 Morgan Webb, Cootamundra NSW
- 2023 Travis Bandy, Tooma NSW
- 2022 Morgan Webb, Cootamundra NSW
- 2021 Morgan Webb, Cootamundra NSW
- 2019 Kieran Davidson, Young NSW
- 2018 John Mitchell, Tooma NSW
- 2017 John Mitchell, Tooma NSW
- 2016 John Mitchell, Tooma NSW
- 2015 Bronson Macklinshaw, Armidale NSW
- 2014 Scott Bandy, Tooma NSW
- 2013 Scott Bandy, Tooma NSW
- 2012 David Mitchell, Tooma NSW
- 2011 Scott Bandy, Tumut NSW
- 2010 David Mitchell, Tooma NSW
- 2009 Morgan Webb, Tumut NSW
- 2007 Ryan Pendergast, Narrandera NSW
- 2006 Sam Baylis, Roweena NSW
- 2005 Geoff Willis, Wagga Wagga NSW
- 2004 Jason Leitch, Taroom QLD
- 2003 Jason Leitch, Taroom QLD
- 2002 Geoff Willis, Wagga Wagga NSW
- 2001 Ben Hall, Goondiwindi QLD
- 2000 Scott Bandy, Tumut NSW
- 1999 Ron Connley, Omeo VIC & Barry Paton, Tooma NSW
- 1998 Ron Connley, Omeo VIC
- 1996 Scott Bandy, Tumut NSW
- 1995 Bill Willoughby, Booleroo Centre SA

WOMEN

- 2025 Emma Webb, Cootamundra NSW
- 2024 Christy Davidson, Young NSW
- 2023 Larissa Guaran, Wagga Wagga
- 2022 Emma O'Shea, Cootamundra NSW
- 2021 Emma O'Shea, Cootamundra NSW
- 2019 Emma O'Shea, Tumut NSW
- 2018 Emma O'Shea, Tumut NSW
- 2017 Emma O'Shea, Tumut NSW
- 2016 Emma O'Shea, Almaden QLD
- 2015 Emma O'Shea, Almaden QLD
- 2014 Emma O'Shea, Almaden QLD
- 2013 Christy Connor, Taralga NSW
- 2012 Kirby Nankervis, Colac Colac VIC
- 2011 Malory Nankervis, Colac Colac VIC

- 2010 Christy Connor, Taralga NSW
- 2009 Christy Connor, Taralga NSW
- 2007 Christy Connor, Taralga NSW
- 2006 Sarah Connley, Omeo VIC
- 2005 Sarah Connley, Omeo VIC & Megan Nankervis (Jnr)
- 2004 Jess Newton, Gippsland VIC
- 2003 Julie Willoughby, Wirrabara SA
- 2002 Linda Adams, Scone NSW
- 2001 Jocelyn Paton, Talbingo NSW
- 2000 Linda Adams, Scone NSW
- 1999 Jocelyn Paton, Talbingo NSW
- 1998 Jocelyn Paton, Talbingo NSW
- 1996 Jocelyn Paton, Talbingo NSW
- 1995 Tarina Connley, Benambra VIC

JUNIOR

- 2025 Luke Turnbull, Tom Groggin Station
- 2024 Mackenzie Dunn, Bungendore NSW
- 2023 Scarlet Chaston, Gregory NSW
- 2022 Bill Phegan, Albury, NSW
- 2021 Jessie Fox, Albion Park, NSW
- 2019 Travis Bandy, Tooma NSW
- 2018 Travis Bandy, Tooma NSW
- 2017 Johnny Ward, Holbrook NSW
- 2016 Kelsie Lupson, Beechworth VIC
- 2015 Johnny Ward, Holbrook NSW
- 2014 Nick Roe, Rosewood NSW
- 2013 William Harrison, Burrumbuttock NSW
- 2012 William Harrison, Burrumbuttock NSW
- 2011 Lane Pendergast, Book Book NSW & William Harrison, Burrumbuttock NSW
- 2010 Ben Donehue, Singleton NSW
- 2009 Daryl Baines, Dalgety NSW
- 2007 John Mitchell, Tooma NSW
- 2006 Morgan Webb, Tumut NSW
- 2005 Rhys Angland, Wantabadgery NSW
- 2004 Tyler Pendergast, Tumut NSW
- 2003 David Mitchell, Tooma NSW
- 2002 David Mitchell, Tooma NSW
- 2001 Ryan Pendergast, Tumut NSW
- 2000 Jim Laverty, Lucyvale VIC
- 1999 Mark Paterson, Tumut NSW
- 1998 Jim Laverty, Lucyvale VIC

MFSR CHALLENGE 2026

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 Man from Snowy River.

Going into our 31st year, The Man from Snowy River Challenge Committee has built a Challenge which offers horsemen and women the opportunity to demonstrate excellence, not only in their horsemanship, but sportsmanship and mate ship throughout the four days of competition.

Year after year the strength and depth of competition increases as does the passion and drive of our Challenge Committee and their amazing band of hard-working helpers. Without the hundreds of MFSR volunteer hours donated by these generous, dedicated enthusiasts of our sport we would not be able to offer this event to you. Please make a point during your time at this Festival, to show your appreciation to the Sponsors, Event Managers, Judges, Stewards and MFSR volunteers who have helped build this event into what it has become today.

As the first Stockmans Challenge event and the blueprint on which other challenges have been designed, we are proud and excited to see this event develop into a sport. The standard of both the Challenge competitions and horsemanship has improved beyond expectations over the years. As event organisers we look forward to continuing this trend into the future.

*"He sent the flint stones flying, but the pony kept his feet,
He cleared the fallen timbers in his stride,
And the man from Snowy River never shifted in his seat -
It was grand to see that mountain horseman ride."*

"The Man From Snowy River" AB Patterson



CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board of Management and the Challenge Committee of The Man From Snowy River Challenge recognises the importance of conducting a competition that reflects integrity, sportsmanlike behaviour and sound animal welfare protocols.

Riders and/or their associates using any medium including electronic technology to defame either The Man From Snowy River Challenge, its Judges, Officials or Volunteers, will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

This Code is intended to complement and support existing Challenge rules.

COMPETITORS SHALL:

1. Enter this competition in a fair and friendly manner with respect for fellow competitors and Festival organisers
2. Accept the program, rules and requirements as set out by the Committee within the MFSR Challenge Rulebook
3. Agree to abide by the rules and conditions set out in this rule book and accept the Judges' and the Vets' decisions as final.
4. In the event of a dispute the following process must be followed.
 - First discuss with the relevant Event Manager.
 - **Judge MUST NOT BE approached by competitor or associate with competitor**
5. **Failure to abide by 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 the State of Victoria.

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 during the festival will not be tolerated and will be referred for adjudication by the Challenge and/or disciplinary committee.

It is to be noted that all rough stock used in this competition is provided by an accredited stock provider. All horses and other livestock are always handled and transported by experienced stockmen/women. Veterinary advice and support are provided by local vet's pre-event and during the competition. A vet is always on site.

MFSR CHALLENGE OVERVIEW

The Man From Snowy River Challenge commences on Thursday from 11am, with registration and compulsory vet and gear check at the Challenge office adjacent to the campdraft arena. Riders compete in six preliminary events and the top 10 Open finalists, 5 Ladies finalists, 5 Junior finalists and 5 Striplings finalists will vie for their respective titles on Sunday. The same horse, stockwhip, saddle and headgear must be used throughout the competition.

R.M. Williams Australian Stockman's Award for Vet and Gear Check: THURSDAY

This event ensures the spirit and high standard of competition is maintained and that competitors' horses are sufficiently fit, trained and presented. It is compulsory for all Challenge competitors to meet the criteria for this event before continuing in the competition.

The Six Preliminary Events:

1. Packhorse
2. Stockhandling
3. Jimmy Scammell Horseshoeing
4. Bareback
5. Cattlemen's Crack
6. Stockmen's Cut Out

OPEN FINAL - SUNDAY

Wild Horse Catch: 10 Finalists attempt to halter a horse in an arena within 2 minutes and demonstrate young horse handling skills and horsemanship.

Kosciusko Stocksaddle Buckjump: Using the same stock saddle and gear used throughout the competition, finalists attempt to retain their seat on a bucking horse for 8 seconds.

LADIES FINAL - SUNDAY

Top Five Lady riders go forward to compete in two final events, the Wild Horse Catch and Mob Work.

JUNIOR FINAL - SUNDAY

5 Junior finalists attempt to highlight their skills and ability negotiating either a set working pattern or obstacle course.

STRIPLINGS FINAL - SUNDAY

5 striplings finalists attempt to highlight their skills and ability negotiating a set working pattern.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Man from Snowy River Challenge Committee aims to run a professional and challenging competition appropriate to the high standard of horsemanship immortalised in the telling of the 'The Man from Snowy River' poem. The following Rules and Conditions should be read by all competitors prior to submitting their entry forms and adhered to throughout the competition.

1. Competitors must be experienced, proven and accomplished riders with appropriately trained and fit horses capable of undertaking the rugged and trying conditions of competitive riding.
2. Senior competitors must be 18 years of age and over. Junior competitors must be aged 14 years of age and under 18 years and Striplings 10 years of age and under 14 years on the first day of competition. Junior and Stripling competitors must have parental or legal guardian consent to participate in the Challenge. Proof of Junior Age is required at time of entry (copy of birth certificate must be uploaded with striplings and Juniors entry)
3. Entries are limited for The Man From Snowy River Challenge. If entries exceed the limit, the Challenge Committee will have the final decision on the competitor list. There will be a percentage breakdown on open, ladies and Juniors.
4. Each Competitor is allowed one and the same horse for the entire competition unless the Committee allows a substitute horse on the Vets' advice prior to the commencement of the Challenge.
5. In the event of lameness/injury the horse will be subject to a fitness check by the Vet on duty before being permitted to continue. This includes the Cattlemen's crack event.
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 online. All fully completed applications received in this time will be considered. Riders will be notified of their acceptance in writing. Any riders put on a waiting list will also be notified. Payment is not required until riders have been confirmed.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

8. All competitors must provide evidence of their current Ambulance Cover. A photocopy of their policy must be submitted with their entry. Entries will not be accepted until this evidence is provided.
9. All competitors who enter agree to 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 horsemen.
10. All competitors who enter do so with the intent of riding in the final events if they progress forward into the Top Ten Open, Top Five Ladies, Top Five Juniors, or Top Five Striplings.
11. All competitors enter at their own risk with no responsibility accepted by the Committee for loss or injury to riders, livestock, or property.
12. **Competitor MUST not approach a judge all inquiries must go through event manager.**
13. **All decisions made by the Judges, Vets or Committee are final and discussion will not be entered into. If competitor continues to argue they will receive their first and final warning and may lose all points for that section.**
14. Any person 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 be subject to disqualification by the Committee.
15. The Committee reserves the right to alter any event at any time to ensure the safety of competitors, their horses, and the public.
16. All Challenge event venues are closed to competitors 6 weeks prior to Festival week. Contravention of this condition will result in the forfeit by that competitor of their right to compete.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

17. Scratchings: refunds (less 15% administration fee) will only be given at the discretion of the Challenge Committee. Cancellations must be accompanied by a Vet's or Doctor's certificate.
18. Stallions will be allowed to be unrestrained in panel yards through daylight hours only. Only one horse is allowed per enclosure. Stallions must be double tied at night. Panels must be a minimum of 1500mm in height and constructed using an equivalent of 4 bars of 25mm box or pipe equivalent as a minimum. Panels must be anchored securely to a solid object (e.g., truck, post). Trees must be protected from damage of any kind i.e., horses chewing bark / ringbarking
19. Competitors must wear their MFSRBF Challenge competitor wristband throughout the event.
20. All Juniors must always wear an Equestrian Australia approved helmet whilst mounted. Current approved safety standards include British PAS 2015 & 2022, American SNELL E2001 & E2016, CE Mark products referencing EN1384:2023, American ASTM F1163:23, American ASTM F1163:2015, CE mark products referencing VG1 & EN1384:2017 and AS/NZS 3838 (2006).
21. All other riders are advised to always wear Equestrian Australia approved helmets whilst mounted. Current approved safety standards are outlined in point 20.
22. If an Open/Lady rider chooses not to wear an approved safety helmet throughout the event or chooses to ride without a bridle in the Bareback Obstacle they do so at their own risk and at no responsibility to the Challenge Committee and Festival Board.
23. Competitors are to always wear their competition number when competing or when walking/riding a course.
24. All Competitors and their horses must be able to jump 1m confidently.
25. All Competitors must use a leather stockwhip throughout the competition measuring at least 4 foot 6 inches.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

26. The Committee reserves the right to remove any rider and/or their support member/s from the Festival grounds at any stage during the event that display anti-social behavior and/or are under the influence of illicit substance or alcohol.
27. By entering the event competitors agree to accept and abide by the MFSRBF Challenge Code of Conduct and Conditions of Entry. They further agree to accept the ruling of judges and/or officials as final.

BEHAVIOUR

28. You must ensure that You and Your invitees act in an orderly manner when attending the Event or in Campsites. We may refuse entry or evict you or any of your invitees if they are behaving in a disorderly, offensive, threatening or inappropriate manner towards any person.
29. Any person behaving in a drunken, disorderly manner that causes disruption or danger to any other person or property within the Festival Grounds, Golf Course, or Competitor Camping areas are subject to removal from the Grounds.
30. The organisers may refuse you entry into, or remove you from the festival if you:
 - refuse to allow the Officials or their representatives to inspect bags, containers and vehicles at the festival
 - fail to follow instructions from a Festival Official
 - disrupt the festival in any way or campers attending the Festival.
 - interfere with the enjoyment, comfort or safety of other persons at the festival.
 - have acquired a stolen or counterfeit ticket.
 - are an under-age drinker
 - do not obey the terms and conditions as noted in this document.
 - or if the organisers suspect you of any of the above.
31. Directions of MFSRBF Officials: You must follow the reasonable directions of MFSRBF Officials and comply with the law at all times during the event.

CHALLENGE RULES

1. The Challenge events will be run over four days (including Vet and Gear check on Thursday).
2. Scores awarded in the Vet and Gear check will NOT form part of the aggregate tally used to determine the winners of either the Man From Snowy River or the Lady or Junior Man From Snowy River titles.
3. All competitors will contest six preliminary events: Stock Handling, Cattlemen's crack, Packsaddle, Bareback Obstacle, Stockmen's Cut Out and Horseshoeing
4. The Top Ten Open riders compete in two final events: Wild Horse Catch and Stocksaddle Buckjump.

The Top Five Lady riders compete in two final events: The Wild Horse Catch and Mob Work..

The Top Five Junior and Striplings riders compete in one final event:
5. Each of the events will be judged individually. An aggregate point tally from each event contested including finals (except the Vet and Gear check) will determine the winners.
6. On acceptance of entry, riders agree to compete in all preliminary events.
7. All competitors must attempt to complete the program as determined by the Challenge Committee and set out in the Challenge Rule Book.
8. Thursday all courses can be walked through by competitors. Course maps and other relevant information will be provided at registration on Thursday and displayed on the noticeboard at the Challenge Office from Thursday evening. Thursday evening brief will allow competitors to ask questions of the Event Managers.
9. Finalists will be announced on Saturday evening at the Rodeo Arena. Please note the Finalist rules and conditions.

CHALLENGE RULES

10. Presentation of preliminary awards will take place on Sunday. All competitors are required for this presentation and should be mounted, turned out in proper attire and gear to gain entry to the arena. Absence at the presentations, without prior consultation with the Challenge Coordinator, will result in loss of prizes, prize money and may affect your chance to compete next year.
11. Prizes will be awarded for the top scorer in each individual event in the Open, Ladies and Junior Challenges, overall Highest Scoring Veteran Rider (50yrs old and over), the Highest Scoring Stock Horse in the Open, Lady and Junior categories, the Highest Scoring Novice Rider in both the Open and Ladies Challenge (neither horse nor rider is to have finaled at The Man From Snowy River) and the Best Sportsman's Award.
12. Scores awarded for Wild Horse Catch, Stocksaddle Buckjump, Ladies Finals events and Junior Final will not be included in the calculation for these other awards.
13. In the Final presentation, the Open Challenge prizes will be awarded for 1st to 10th, Lady Challenge prizes will be awarded 1st to 5th. Junior and Striplings Challenge prizes will be awarded 1st to 5th.
14. In the event of a tie in the final score, the Committee will split the prize money, and the competitors will toss for the sash.
15. Any changes to your entry details must be in writing to the Challenge Coordinator (email or handwritten accepted).

1. VET AND GEAR CHECK

Event Manager: Kayla Mackay

Competition Arena: Campdraft Arena Thursday - 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Briefing: The Judge/s have the right to call on any competitor to inspect their attire and gear. If found to be unsafe or illegal, the competitor is compelled to remove or change the offending article before competing.

Bring ALL items of gear to check (if in doubt bring it!)

If competitors fail to comply with the essential requirements of this event, they will not qualify to compete in the Challenge events.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Competitor MUST walk horse to marshalling area
2. Competitors must present in clothing appropriate to an Australian Stockman/ woman with all gear required for each event (except shoeing tools & freestyle). Neat, clean presentation of the horse and rider is expected demonstrating due respect to the Judges, Event Managers and the Event.
3. Equestrian Australia approved helmet. Approved helmet numbers include British PAS 2015 & 2022, American SNELL E2001 & E2016, CE Mark products referencing EN1384:2023, American ASTM F1163:23, American ASTM F1163:2015, CE mark products referencing VG1 & EN1384:2017 and AS/NZS 3838 (2006).
4. A full-length oilskin coat and leather stockwhip (measuring at least 4 foot 6 inches) must be carried on the horse throughout all events. Exceptions to this are:
 - The Wild Horse Catch – Stockwhip and oilskin coat are not required
 - The Stock Saddle Buckjump – Stockwhip and oilskin coat are not required
 - Bareback – Saddle and oilskin coat are not required

JUDGING CRITERIA: HORSE GEAR -

You will be marked through vet and gear check and will receive a Pass or fail for this section.

1. Present to the Judges with all gear correctly fitted to the horse
2. All gear must be in a clean and safe. If deemed by the judges not to comply, gear must be fixed/replaced and re-presented to the Judges within 30 minutes.

1. VET AND GEAR CHECK

3. **The following gear is essential:**

- Saddles must be well fitted and well maintained.
- Saddle pads/cloths must be clean and well fitted
- A correctly fitted bridle and bit with appropriate safe reins are required

4. **The following gear is optional:**

- A correctly fitted running martingale is permitted for the cross country only.
- Breastplate, surcingle and crupper
- The use of horse leg protection
- Spurs
- Back girth

5. **The following gear is NOT permitted:**

- Twisted mouthpiece bits are NOT permitted
- Tie downs are NOT permitted
- Saddles with horns are NOT permitted.

JUDGING CRITERIA: FITNESS CHECK & SOUNDNESS

6. Please present the horse to the Vet saddled.
7. The Vet will assess the horses standing heart rate
8. Vets will assess soundness (i.e. not lame, girth galled, saddle sore etc). The horse must be able to lead at a trot to the satisfaction of the Vet.
9. If a horse is vetted out, the competitor may present a spare horse before the completion of gear check. The vet will fill in official paper work.

The same horse must be used throughout the competition. A MFSRBF identification mark will be put on each competitor's horse and a photo taken by an official for profile photos.

Judging Criteria - You will be marked through vet and gear check and will receive a Pass or Fail for this section.

Top 10 finalists may be subject to gear check prior to competing in the Finals

Competitors must present at the Rodeo Arena on Sunday for presentations in proper attire and gear to gain entry to the arena for official presentations.

Scores awarded in the Vet and Gear Check will NOT form part of the aggregate tally used to determine the winners of either the Man From Snowy River or the Lady or Junior Man From Snowy River titles

1. VET AND GEAR CHECK

R.M. WILLIAMS AUSTRALIAN STOCKMAN'S HERITAGE AWARD

This is a stand-alone event.

This event will be judged in conjunction with Vet and Gear Check.

No challenge points are accrued from this event; however, we encourage competitors to adopt the high standard of presentation exemplified by the legendary R.M. Williams.

The horse and rider must be presented in the Australian Stock Horse style.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Please note that this is assessed on appropriateness to an Australian Stockman/ woman in the theme of "The Man From Snowy River".

- A full-length oilskin coat and leather stockwhip must be carried on the horse
- Horse will be fully saddled for this event

GENERAL PRESENTATION

Presentation of horse as follows:

1. The horse, at the very least, should be clean.
2. The horse should be neatly presented.
3. Protective leg gear permitted.

Presentation of tack as follows:

4. Tack does not have to be new or extremely expensive. Older tack, well cared for, usually looks and fits better.
5. Ensure that the tack is correctly fitted and does not rub or disturb the horse.
6. Make sure the tack used is suitable for the event.

1. VET AND GEAR CHECK

R.M. WILLIAMS AUSTRALIAN STOCKMAN'S HERITAGE AWARD CONT.

Presentation of the Rider as follows:

7. Collared shirt with long sleeves
8. Neat Stockman's cut trousers (like moleskins) or jeans
9. Appropriate Australian style felt hat
10. Appropriate smooth soled riding boots
11. The handler or rider who conveys a neat, workman like impression will score higher in the Judge's initial mental assessment than that of a less tidy or flamboyant combination.
12. Jewellery is out of place and can be dangerous. If you must wear earrings, the tiniest of plain, discreet studs only are suitable.
13. The rider should have neat and tidy hair.

2. PACKHORSE - BROUGHT TO YOU BY FOUR PEAKS PASTORAL

Event Manager: Caren Maxwell

Competition Arena: Pack Horse Arena

Briefing:

- Open, Ladies and Juniors will have a different course and pack to complete.
- Packsaddles will be supplied by the Challenge Committee.
- Equipment to be packed will be stipulated and supplied by the Challenge Committee.
- Stewards and Judges will oversee each competitor during packing and unpacking.
- Please note that if you run out of time on course you are required to stop at that point and exit the course you will only be scored up to that point.
- **The use of shared pack horse can be done, however only a Lady & Junior can share with an Open and vice versa a horse CANNOT run on the same course twice.**

SECTION ONE (50 POINTS):

- Open, Ladies and Junior Competitors to pack horse
- Competitor to supply their own horse
- Horse does not need to be competition horse (same horse can be used for packing and shoeing sections).

SECTION TWO - COURSE (50 POINTS):

- Competitors to complete one circuit of the course including obstacles (map provided at briefing)
- 1 attempt allowed at each obstacle – after 1 attempt they **MUST** move on to next obstacle (attempt is at the discretion of the judge on course)
- Event will have set time (disclosed at briefing)

2. PACKHORSE - BROUGHT TO YOU BY FOUR PEAKS PASTORAL

AFTER COMPLETING COURSE

- Competitors to return to unpacking area, judge will check pack and remove pack surcingle first.
- Then competitor to remove top pack and bags once given all clear from the judge.
- The judge will then check the saddle etc and clear the competitor to complete the unsaddle
- Judge will inspect the pack bags.

Section One Packing:	50 points
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Section Two Course:	50 points
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Total 100 points	
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Rules subject to change by judges or event manager as deemed necessary

3. STOCKHANDLING - BROUGHT TO YOU BY CYDECTIN PLATINUM

Competition Arena: Campdraft yards and arena

Event Managers: John Mitchell

Briefing: Competitors will be given a short briefing at competitors briefing Thursday night, a course map will be included in the Competitor Pack distributed between 11.00am and 3.00pm Thursday at registration.

First Round all competitors will be ready and waiting to run through in group order.

SECTION ONE

Competitor has max 25 points in the cut out.

If competitor loose beast twice in the camp, they will receive no points for that section, the competitor will require to wait in the designate spot until the back yard helpers will cut out the beast to the front gates and competitor will go with the beast to complete their course work with the beast.

SECTION TWO

Competitor has a max 75 points on course work, max of 2 attempts at each peg, ride to whip.

- 1st peg max 25 points.
- 2nd peg max 25 points.
- 3rd peg max 25 points.

Max 100 points total

SECOND ROUND – OPEN COMPETITORS ONLY

- Cut Out max 26 points.
- Course Work out 70 points
- 3 pegs max 4 points

NCCA Campdraft rules apply 40 seconds on course.

Judged by campdraft rules.

Cut out rule – loss of beast twice will result in zero score and cracked off.

Please note gate has been removed from course and made into top peg to not break status of horses for out side competition.

Rules subject to change by judges or event manager as deemed necessary

4. JIMMY SCAMMELL HORSESHOEING - BROUGHT TO YOU BY JC MILTON

Competition Arena: Horseshoeing Pavilion

Event Manager: Trevor Brown

Briefing: Thursday afternoon at the competitor briefing, Competitors will be briefed on judging criteria.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Shoes, nails, shaping hammer and anvils will be supplied by the Challenge Committee.
2. Competitors to supply all other shoeing gear.
3. Competitors are required to provide their own horse for shoeing. Competitors must ensure that the horse is sound to be shod. No stand-by horses will be available.
4. Only one-horse handler is permitted entry into the horse shoeing arena with any one competitor.
5. Coaching and/or handing tools by a handler or spectator during the event is strictly prohibited.
6. Competitors and their horse must not leave the horseshoeing pavilion until horse is scored

Requirements Open Competitors

- Competitors are to demonstrate their ability to prepare and apply a shoe to one front foot and one rear foot within a time limit of 20 mins
- Competitor to supply their own horse. Shoeing horse does not need to be competition horse (horse can be used for packing and shoeing).
- No tool limit – Competitors to supply their own tools
- Committee will supply an anvil, shaping hammer, shoes and nails
- Horse' foot must have at least 4 weeks growth

Requirements – Ladies

- Competitors are to demonstrate their ability to prepare and shoe one front foot, within a time limit of 15 mins
- Competitor to supply their own horse. Shoeing horse does not need to be competition horse (horse can be used for packing and shoeing).
- No tool limit - Competitors to supply their own tools
- Committee will supply an anvil, shaping hammer, shoes and nails
- Horse' foot must have at least 4 weeks growth

4. JIMMY SCAMMELL HORSESHOEING - BROUGHT TO YOU BY JC MILTON

Requirements - Juniors

- Competitors are to demonstrate their ability to prepare one front foot and select & shape a shoe to fit their horse (shoe not required to be fitted) within a time limit of 15 minutes.
- Competitor to supply their own horse. Shoeing horse does not need to be competition horse (horse can be used for packing and shoeing)
- No tool limit - Competitors to supply their own tools
- Committee will supply an anvil, shaping hammer, shoes and nails
- Horse' foot must have at least 4 weeks growth
- Junior competitors can only be given guidance by officials (if necessary).

JUDGING CRITERIA -

- Competitors will be judged to the point they have reached at the end of the set time.
- In the event of a tie, a countback on handling of horse, preparation of hoof, application and fit of shoe/preparation of shoe, then quality of work, in that order, will determine the winner.

Open and Ladies Scoring

Pre-Shoeing hoof condition	10
Preparation of hoof	20
Application and fit of shoe	30
Quality of Work	40
Total Points	100

Junior Scoring

Pre-Shoeing hoof condition	10
Preparation of hoof	20
Preparation of Shoe	30
Quality of Work	40
Total Points	100

Rules subject to change by judges or event manager as deemed necessary

5. BAREBACK OBSTACLE - BROUGHT TO YOU BY PRYDES EASI FEED

Competition Arena: Bareback Arena

Events Manager: Kirby Nankervis and Malory Nankervis

Briefing: Competitors must walk the course on Thursday TBA course map will be in the competitor pack collected at registration between 11am and 3pm Thursday.

Prior to competing, competitors will be informed what is required of them at each obstacle and in the freestyle by the judges.

REQUIREMENTS

Competitors are to complete an obstacle course within a set time and a compulsory 30 second freestyle component.

1. Competitors are required to carry a stock whip in hand throughout the course.
2. 30 seconds of freestyle designed to demonstrate horsemanship, control and skill is to be undertaken following completion of the obstacle course. Simple props will be allowed dogs included.
3. Props are to be on and off the arena in the 30 seconds of freestyle time. Any form of livestock is NOT to be used as a prop excluding dogs. **Please take note: Any freestyle that is deemed dangerous will be stopped by the judges resulting in a zero score.**
4. PROPS MUST BE ON HAND READY TO GO - NO WAITING WILL BE TOLERATED. NO BLIND FOLDING OF THE HORSE OR EXCESSIVE HAIR PULLING ON HORSE.
5. Each competitor will be timed, and a whistle will mark the end of the set time for both the obstacle course and again for the freestyle component. Once final time has been called on the obstacle course the competitor must move to designated freestyle area and be ready to start on the judges' signal. No time penalties and no score allocated for any obstacles completed after time.
6. In the event of a tie for first place, the fastest time will determine the winner.
7. Both start and finish lines must be crossed - the latter only if the course has been completed within the set time.

5. BAREBACK OBSTACLE - BROUGHT TO YOU BY PRYDES EASI FEED

8. Junior Competitors **MUST** complete the set course using a bridle but can use their own choice of bridle or halter in their 30 second freestyle.
9. ALL Competitors **MUST** always ride within their limitations with the emphasis being on safety. If the Judge/s deems the rider to be unsafe or at risk of harming horse, rider, or volunteers, they will be asked to stop and leave the arena.

JUDGING CRITERIA

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

1. **Only ONE attempt is allowed at each obstacle.**
2. 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 course judge.
3. If at any time rider drops their stock whip, they must retrieve it before continuing with no deductions. If a rider **DOES NOT** retrieve their stock whip no further points will be awarded from where the whip was dropped.
4. In the event of equal top points, the winner will be decided on a count back on time. The fastest time wins.
5. Riders demonstrating poor control will be marked down.
6. Course time will be set (the time will be disclosed at briefing).
7. If a competitor falls off their horse, they will not score from this point onwards and must leave the course.
8. If a rider gets lost and does not negotiate the obstacle course as set out in number order, they will not be scored thereafter

5. BAREBACK OBSTACLE - BROUGHT TO YOU BY PRYDES EASI FEED

10 x Compulsory Obstacles each worth 5 points **Max 50 points**

- Max of 5pts for precise/quality execution of obstacle
- All obstacles are compulsory and must be attempted
- 2 Bonus Obstacles (Optional), worth 10 points each

Max 20 points

Course Maximum Points 70

Competitors & Horses also Judged on:

- Balance, control & standard of horsemanship of rider and training of horse **Max 15 Points**
- Freestyle (30 seconds) **Max 15 Points**

Total Maximum Points 100

Rules subject to change by judges or event manager as deemed necessary

6. STOCKMEN'S CUT OUT -BROUGHT TO YOU BY WHITEHEAD EARTH MOVING

Event Manager: Kayla MacKay

Competition Arena: Rodeo Arena

Briefing: The event will consist of two sections:

1. Dry Work
2. Cut Out

REQUIREMENTS

- Whip to be carried for duration of the run

THE DRY WORK SECTION WILL CONSIST OF A PATTERN

- Each maneuver of the pattern will be scored out of 12
- Eye Appeal and Overall Appearance will be scored out of 8
- Right Circle 12
- Left Circle 12
- Stop 12
- Right Spin 12
- Stop 12
- Left Spin 12
- Stop and Back up 12
- Eye Appeal 8
- Overall Appearance 8
- **Total 100**

The Cutout section consists of three sections:

1. **Boxing:** at the start of the run, a competitor will receive a single cow into the arena. Competitors will then proceed to demonstrate their ability to hold their cow on the prescribed end of the arena for a sufficient time to demonstrate the ability of their horse to contain the cow at that end.
2. **Fence Turns:** at the completion of the boxing, competitors will run their cow down either long side of the fence. The competitor must turn the cow one way in each direction (one turn to the left and one to the right).
3. **Circles:** Upon completing the two fence turns, the competitor will take their cow to an open part of the arena, (the closer to the center the better) and circle the cow both directions (one circle to the left and one to the right, in either order).

6. STOCKMEN'S CUT OUT -BROUGHT TO YOU BY WHITEHEAD EARTH MOVING

The three sections of the Cut out must be completed in order.

Each section is scored individually, along with an overall horsemanship score awarded.

JUDGING CRITERIA - TOTAL 100 POINTS

Section One: Boxing	20
Section Two: Fence turns (Score out of 15 for each turn = 30)	30
Section Three: Circles (Score out of 15 for each circle = 30)	30
Overall Horsemanship	20
Total Maximum Points	100

Whistles:

One whistle blown during a run, signals to the competitor that the judges have deemed that a run has become unsafe. Scoring will stop at that point.

Or:

One whistle can also signal to the competitor that the judges have seen enough.

Two whistles Two whistles blown during a run, signals to the competitor that the judges have deemed the cow drawn as unreasonably difficult or unworkable and have awarded a new cow. The competitor must stop working the current cow and wait for it to be removed from the arena and a new cow be let into the arena. Competitors can stand still or walk in a small circle. They must not train on their horse during this time- no backing up, flexing, etc.

All competitors are reminded that the welfare of the stock is a priority and due care and respect must be demonstrated throughout your run.

Rules subject to change by judges or event manager as deemed necessary.

7. CATTLEMEN'S CRACK - BROUGHT TO YOU BY 4CYTE

Event Manager: Jake Faithfull

Competition Arena: Reserve Paddock

Briefing: The course will consist of various whipcrack targets and jumps/obstacles.

1. A map of the course will be included the Competitors Pack.
2. Competitors must walk the course on foot at their own leisure on the Thursday or Friday.
3. Helmets are strongly advised to be worn but are not compulsory for 18 years and over.
4. Competitors must ride in competition saddle.
5. In the event of a fall, competitors must exit the course. They will be scored to that point.
6. If a competitor drops whip, they may dismount and retrieve it, then continue the course.
7. If there is any equipment failure you must stop and safely exit the course.
8. Competitors will be disqualified if they fail to negotiate the course.
9. Scoring jumps will be numbered and have flags.
10. Whipcrack targets must be dislodged from the holder with a stockmen's crack to score points.
11. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the quickest time.
12. If the competitor exceeds the optimum time limit, then they will be scored to that point on the course and they will need to exit the course safely.
13. **ONLY 1 ATTEMPT AT A TARGET IS ALLOWED**

JUDGING CRITERIA - TOTAL 100 POINTS

Section One: Obstacle Course 7 x jumps x 5 points = 35 points

Section Two: Whipcrack 11 x targets x 5 points = 55 points

Bonus Target 10 points

Total Maximum Points 100

Rules subject to change by judges or event manager as deemed necessary



1. All open competitors must be present at the designated announcement area on Saturday night. The finalists will be rung to notify their intention to ride in the finals before the announcement.
2. Any Open rider who chooses not to participate in either the Wild Horse Catch or the Buckjump will be required to forfeit their Top Ten status. In the event of a rider withdrawing from the Top Ten the rider qualifying as number eleven will be notified of their elevation into the Top Ten.
3. Any Lady rider who chooses not to participate in the Wild Horse Catch will be required to forfeit her Top Five status. In the event of a Lady rider withdrawing from the Top Five, the rider qualifying as number six will be notified of her elevation into the Top Five.
4. Any Junior rider who chooses not to participate in the Junior Final will be required to forfeit their Top Five status. In the event of a junior rider withdrawing from the Top Five, the rider qualifying as number Six will be notified of their elevation into the Top Five.
5. **Any rider who chooses not to participate in the final events will forfeit all prize money and will affect future inclusion in the event at the Committee's discretion.**

Draws for the Challenge Finals will be held on the morning of Sunday starting at 9.30am at the Challenge Office. Bucking horses will be numbered prior to the draw.

THE CHALLENGE FINALS WILL START FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATIONS ON SUNDAY.

FINALS RULES

Ladies Final (TOP 5) - Ladies Wild Horse Catch brought to you by All Things Country

- Top Five Lady riders go forward to compete in two final events, the Wild Horse Catch and Mob Work.
- Please refer to the rules and judging criteria for Wild Horse Catch. The Ladies final will follow the same rules and criteria.
- Mob work Rules (two handed cutting styled event) will be available at Rider Registration on Thursday between 11am and 3pm.
- The Lady Champion will be the competitor with the highest aggregate score over the 3 days of competition.

Junior Final (TOP 5) - Jack Riley Junior Final brought to you by Shanahan's Transport

- The Top Five Junior Finalists attempt to highlight their skills and ability negotiating a set working pattern/obstacle course. Pattern will be available at Rider Registration on Thursday between 11am and 3pm.
- The Junior Champion will be the competitor with the highest aggregate score over the 3 days of competition

8. WILD HORSE CATCH - BROUGHT TO YOU BY YENDA PRODUCERS

Competition Arena: Rodeo Arena

Event Managers: Jayden Pierce

Briefing: The 10 highest scoring open riders and the 5 highest scoring lady riders qualify to compete in this event.

There will be a position draw for each rider at 9.30am on Sunday. All finalists must bring their halter to the draw for inspection by the Event Manager and Judges.

Competitors can wear one glove if they so wish. Oilskin coats and whips are not required.

Competitors are not permitted any helpers.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Competitors must assemble at the Rodeo yards.
2. Only halters with a blocker on shank can be used.
3. Judges will inspect halters prior to the event and any halter found to be unsafe will be replaced with a stand-by halter provided by judges.
4. A Competitor will enter the Arena and await the release of the horse.
5. A horse will be turned loose in the arena from the bucking chutes.
6. The competitor's time will begin when the horse clears the chute.
7. A total of three minutes is allowed to catch and handle the wild horse. A whistle is blown after one minute, two minutes and three minutes.
8. Competitors must catch and correctly fit their halter to the horse within two minutes. Should a competitor not catch and have their halter correctly fitted at the two-minute mark, they will receive no points for the event.
9. Once a competitor catches and correctly fits the halter on the wild horse, they have the remaining time to demonstrate young horse handling skills and horsemanship to the judges. Judging ends at three minutes or when the competitor signals to the Judge that he/she has finished.

8. WILD HORSE CATCH - BROUGHT TO YOU BY YENDA PRODUCERS

Disqualification - Competitors will be automatically disqualified if:

10. There is any deliberate dragging or mishandling of the horse.
11. Competitor loses riding horse.
12. Competitor attaches any part of the lead rope to themselves or competition horse or any part thereof.
13. Riding horse places leg over any part of halter/lead rope.
14. **Rider will be disqualified at any point by the judges if they are riding dangerously, putting themselves or horse at risk of injury, they will be called off by the announcer and required to stop immediately and exit arena.**

JUDGING CRITERIA - TOTAL 100 POINTS

Section One: Horsemanship and Rider	25 per judge x 2 = 50
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Section Two: Horse Catch	25 per judge x 2 = 50
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Total Maximum Points 100

Rules subject to change by judges or event manager as deemed necessary

9. KOSCIUSZKO STOCKSADDLE BUCKJUMP - BROUGHT TO BY HORSEY PEOPLE

Competition Arena: Rodeo Arena

Event Manager: Jayden Pierce

Briefing: Bucking horses will be drawn at 9.30am on Sunday morning at the Challenge office. The Event Manager and judges will conduct the draw.

Competitors are to be at the marshalling area at 1.45pm on Sunday. Three calls only will be given and in the event a competitor is not present; the Event Manager can disqualify that competitor.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Width of Halter nose band must **not be wider than 4 inches**
2. Competitors must use the same stock saddle they have used for all the previous events.
3. Either Crupper or Back girth to be used. The back girth must **not be wider than 2.5 inches**.
4. Width of front girth must be at least 4 inches.
5. Nothing may be carried on the saddle forward of the kneepad.
6. Competitors must try to retain their seat for 8 seconds.
7. Any grab down will result in automatic disqualification.
8. Spurs must comply with rodeo specifications (i.e. blunt loose running spurs, no dummy spurs or side rowels).
9. Competitors (or the contractor supplying the bucking horses) have the right to confer with the judges to ensure that the horse is saddled and flanked correctly.
10. Competitors are permitted one helper only at the chutes.
11. Competitors must leave the chutes with both hands clear of the horse.
12. In the event of a tie Competitors have the option of a ride off or toss a coin to determine the winner.

9. KOSCIUSZKO STOCKSADDLE BUCKJUMP - BROUGHT TO BY HORSEY PEOPLE

Penalties

Any deliberate time wasting, over tightening of the girth or other attempt to stop the horse from bucking will result in a maximum penalty of 40 points. This includes excessive mane pulling, too short a bucking rein and incorrectly fitted head collar.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Ride	25 points per Judge x 2 Judges = 50
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Stock	25 points per Judge x 2 Judges = 50
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Total Points = 100

Competitors will only be scored if they are still in their seat when the 8 second siren blows.

DISQUALIFICATIONS in addition to THE above rules.

Automatic disqualification will occur if the horse is cut by the spurs.

Automatic disqualification if competitor fails to answer the third call of the Chute Manager.

Rules subject to change by judges or event manager as deemed necessary

LADIES MOB WORK - BROUGHT TO BY ALL THINGS COUNTRY

Competition Arena: Rodeo Arena

Event Manager: Phil Webb

Briefing: The 5 highest scoring lady riders qualify to compete in this event.

There will be a position draw for each rider at 9.30am on Sunday.

Oilskin coats and whips are required.

The goal is to show that the horse can quietly, confidently, and efficiently separate and control a single cow from a herd while staying focused on the rider.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Competitors must assemble at the Rodeo Arena.
2. Two Hands to be used
3. A total of two minutes is allowed.
4. A clean, settled cut must be shown before working.
5. Competitors are to work two beasts.
6. A whistle is blown after one minute and two minutes

Penalties

- Losing the cow
- Hot quit (quitting while cow is still working)
- Reining or obvious schooling
- Re-cutting same beast unintentionally
- Horse "shouldering" or pushing the cow
- Cow rejoining the herd
- Excessive force or rough handling

JUDGING CRITERIA - TOTAL 100 POINTS

Cut Out	25 points
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Control	25 points
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Difficulty	25 points
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Eye Appeal	25 points
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Total Maximum Points = 100

STRIPLINGS CHALLENGE - BROUGHT TO
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Welcome to The Man From Snowy River Striplings Challenge. Our Challenge Committee and Board of Management are dedicated to the encouragement and training of the future “Men and Women” From Snowy River champions. We have built a Challenge which offers young riders a unique opportunity to compete in a variety of events designed to highlight the heritage of the Australian Bush. These events encourage young riders to strive to learn the skills of their forebears and continue the legend of The Man From Snowy River.

Striplings Overview

All conditions of entry including code of conduct and competitor registration and camping guidelines in this rule book apply to Striplings and their associates unless otherwise stated in the following rules and regulations for the Striplings event.

1. Stripling competitors must be aged 10 years and under 14 years on the first day of competition. Proof of age is required (copy of birth certificate must be uploaded when entry is put in).
2. The Man from Snowy River Striplings Challenge is limited to 25 competitors. Five places will be held for the previous year's Top Five. All other entries received will be reviewed with the challenge committee selecting the final 25 competitors based on competition experience.
3. Entries will be accepted online. Only fully completed entries will be accepted. 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.
4. Parents/guardians are responsible for their Stripling Competitor until they enter each separate competition area.
5. No stallions permitted, competition horses must be aged 3 years or older
6. All riders must always wear an Equestrian Australia approved helmet whilst mounted. Approved helmets include British PAS 2015 & 2022, American SNELL E2001 & E2016, CE Mark products referencing EN1384:2023, American ASTM F1163:23, American ASTM F1163:2015, CE mark products referencing VG1 & EN1384:2017 and AS/NZS 3838 (2006).
7. All Competitors must be able to confidently jump up to and including 70cm.
8. Competitors must follow the instructions of the judge and stewards at all times.

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STRIPLINGS CHALLENGE RULES

1. **The Striplings Challenge will run from 7.30am to 5.30pm Friday, Saturday & final Sunday.**
2. All competitors must register at the Campdraft shed and present at Campdraft Arena Thursday from 11am. 1.00pm - 4.00pm for vet and gear check.
3. Following registration, there will be a riders' briefing. All competitors must attend the riders' briefing, as it will include last minute instructions and will allow the opportunity for any questions to be answered.
4. Stripling competitors will compete in five individual events, being Cattleman's Jump, Bareback Obstacle, dry work pattern, Whipcrack & Packhorse.
5. Having entered, all competitors must attempt to complete the program as determined by the Challenge Committee as set out in this Rule Book.
6. The Top Five Finalists will be announced Saturday.
7. The Final will take place on Sunday Morning in Main Arena Finals will be a wet work pattern.
8. Presentation of competitors and awards will be advised at debrief. **All riders are required to be at the marshalling area on the Stock Route, 15 minutes prior to presentations and must be mounted and wearing their competition bib.**
9. Prizes will be awarded to the Top Five Finalists from 1st to 5th place.
10. **If a competitor comes off their horse for any reason during the event, they must stop and exit the course and will only be scored to that point.**
11. Bareback Obstacle course freestyle section must have props approved one week prior to competition to the Event manager Brooke Arnold; brookesharane@gmail.com

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Thursday 1pm - 4pm

VET AND GEAR CHECK

Vet and Gear Check for competitors and horses will take place promptly from 1-4pm Thursday at the Campdraft.

Competitors are required to carry a full length, working leather stockwhip throughout each event and must have a full-length oilskin coat attached to the back of their saddle throughout each event.

STRIPLINGS CATTLEMEN'S JUMP

Competition Arena: Cross country course

Briefing: A briefing and course walk will take place. **Competitors will be mounted for the course walk BUT are not permitted to attempt any jump or obstacle during this time. Any competitor observed doing so, will be eliminated from this event.**

- The jump course will include 11 jumps/obstacles. Of these jumps, 10 will be worth 8 points each with a bonus jump worth 20.
- The jumps will be no more than 70cm in height and may include water, ditches, logs, tyres, and hay bales. They will be marked with numbers 1-11 including cones.
- To ensure the safety of competitors and horses, an optimum time will be set.
- Mounted stewards will be on course to assist as directed by the Event Manager.
- A map of the course will be included in the Competitors' Pack distributed at registration.

Rules

1. Competitors and horses **MUST** be capable of jumping up to 70cm and travelling through ditches and water confidently and safely.
2. **ONE** attempt at each jump. If the horse stops and steps backwards or to the side, this is classed as a refusal. You will be asked to move on, and no points will be awarded for that jump.
3. All competitors must always wear an Equestrian Australia approved helmet whilst mounted.
4. Should a horse and/or competitor fall whilst competing, they will not be permitted to continue. They will retain all Cattleman's Jump points accrued prior to the fall.

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- Competitors must carry a full-length oilskin coat and a stockwhip and ride in the saddle they will use throughout the entire competition.
- Competitors may ride around or not attempt a jump. They will not score any points for that jump.
- Any jumps taken out of order will not be scored.
- An optimum time will be disclosed at debrief.
- Competitors finishing more than 20 seconds under the optimum time will incur a 5-point penalty.
- For safety reasons, any dangerous or excessively fast riding will not be allowed during this event.
- No competitor is to attempt the cross-country course after completion of the event during the Festival weekend.

Jumps 10 x 8	= 80 points
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Bonus Jump	= 20points
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Total Points = 100

STRIPLINGS BAREBACK OBSTACLE

Competition Arena: Campdraft Arena

Briefing: A briefing and course walk will take place prior to each group commencing.

Rules

- All competitors must always wear an Equestrian Australia approved helmet whilst mounted. The course will comprise of 10 obstacles and must be completed within a set time.
- There will be 60 seconds of freestyle work at the completion of the obstacle course.
- 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 course judge.
- Two attempts will be allowed at each obstacle. A maximum of 6 points can be scored on the first attempt and a maximum of 3 points can be scored on the second attempt. If the second attempt is unsuccessful, the competitor will be asked to move on, and zero points will be scored for that obstacle.

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5. Competitors MUST always ride within their limitations with the emphasis on safety.
6. Competitors MUST NOT remove their horse's bridle during the freestyle phase of this event.
7. Competitors must carry a stock whip in hand throughout the course.
8. Competitors will be timed, and a bell will mark the end of the set time for both the obstacle and the freestyle.
9. Once time has been called on the obstacle course, the competitor must finish at that point and leave the course. Points will only be scored for obstacles completed prior to time being called.
10. If time is signalled, the competitor will not be permitted to continue and will only score points for completed obstacles.
11. Both the start and the finishing lines must be crossed – the latter only if the course has been completed within the set time.
12. If there is more than one competitor with the highest point score, the fastest time will determine the winner of this event.
13. Competitors must always follow the instructions of the judge and stewards.
14. The judge's decision is final.

Obstacles	10 x 6 points = 60
Freestyle	20 points = 20
Horsemanship	20 points = 20
Total Points = 100	

STRIPLINGS PACKHORSE

Competition Arena: Packhorse Arena

Briefing: A briefing and course walk will take place prior to each group commencing. The course walk through will **ONLY** allow stripling competitors to walk the course. Packhorses and packsaddles will be supplied by the Challenge Committee. Packhorses will be already saddled and packed ready for course.

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Rules

1. All competitors must always wear an Equestrian Australia approved helmet during this event.
2. One attempt will be allowed at each of the 5 obstacles. If the first attempt is unsuccessful, the competitor will be asked to move on, and zero points will be scored for that obstacle.
3. Competitors ARE NOT required to carry a stockwhip during this event.
4. Competitors must complete all the tasks within a set time. Once time has been called, the competitor must finish at that point. Points will only be scored for tasks and obstacles completed prior to time being called.
5. If there is more than one competitor with the highest point score, the fastest time will determine the winner of this event.
6. Competitors must always follow the instructions of the judge and stewards.
7. **The judge's decision is final.**
8. Competitors will be required to
 - COMPLETE THE SET PACKSADDLE TASK UNMOUNTED WITHIN A TIME LIMIT
 - COMPLETE THE SET OBSTACLE COURSE MOUNTED WHILST LEADING PACK HORSE (SUPPLIED BY COMMITTEE)

Packing	30 points
Course	50 points
Horsemanship	20 points

Total Points = 100

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STRIPLINGS WHIP CRACK

Competition Arena: Campdraft Arena

Briefing: A briefing and course walk will take place prior to each group commencing.

Rules

All competitors must wear an Equestrian Australia approved helmet at all times whilst mounted.

- The course will comprise 3 HIGH, 3 LOW & 4 MEDIUM TARGETS
 - The course will suit left or right-handed riders.
 - The targets will be either horizontal or vertical.
1. Competitors must not stop at a target & must be moving forward at all times.
 2. Competitors must cleanly cut all targets in order to gain maximum points.
 3. Targets must be cut in a forward motion with a stockman's crack.
 4. Only one attempt at each target is permitted.
 5. If time is signalled, the competitor will not be permitted to continue and will only score points for targets cut prior to time be called.
 6. If there is more than one competitor with the highest point score, the fastest time will win.
 7. Competitors must follow the instructions of the judge and stewards at all times.
 8. A time limit will be announced during the walk through of each group.
 9. The judge's decision is final.

Low Targets	3 @ 24 Points
Medium targets	4 @ 32 Points
High Targets	3 @ 24 Points
Horsemanship	20 points

Total Points = 100

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STRIPLINGS DRY WORK

Competition Arena: Campdraft Arena

Briefing: A briefing and course walk will take place prior to each group commencing.

RULES

1. All competitors must wear an Equestrian Australia approved helmet at all times whilst mounted.
2. Competitors must complete all the tasks within a set time. Once time has been called, the competitor must finish at that point.
3. Competitors must carry a stock whip in hand throughout the course.
4. The judge's decision is final.

Course	80 Points
Horsemanship	20 points
Total Points achievable	100 points

The judge will score each competitor on their horsemanship & upon their negotiation to the set pattern.

Rules subject to change by judges or event manager as deemed necessary

COMPETITOR CAMPING & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

COMPETITORS CAMPING:

1. The competitor/horse camp site is accessed via Strzelecki Way
2. Competitors must camp in the camping area provided for competitors and their immediate family only.
3. All Competitors must supply their own electric fence/panels for horse control, water and feed buckets.
4. Space is limited in this camping area. Please keep horse yards/enclosures to a modest size. This area must accommodate the Challenge, Striplings, Campdrafters, Rodeo and The Trainers Challenge competitors.
5. Watering points are available throughout the Challenge Camping Area. Do not restrict access to these.
6. Portable Toilets and Showers will be available in the Challenge camping area from Wednesday to Sunday.
7. Dogs are permitted in the competitor campground. They must be on a lead and well behaved. Dogs may be run off-leash on the stock route and the Cross-Country course when it is not in use.

PLEASE OBEY ALL SIGNAGE IN THE FESTIVAL PRECINCT.

COMPETITORS REGISTRATION

1. 11am to 3pm Thursday at the Campdraft shed.
2. Back numbers and competitor packs will be available for collection at this registration.
3. Winnings will be paid by direct deposit into nominated bank account as advised on your entry form. (No cheques will be issued)
4. **All competitors must nominate a jump steward for the Cattlemen's Crack, We require a name and number when you do your entry nomination. This steward must attend a briefing with the Event manager at 12 noon at the Cattlemen's crack course.**

COMPETITOR WRISTBAND

1. Please ensure that wristbands are worn at all times during the festival.
2. Adjust wristband carefully as replacement wristbands incur a cost and must be purchased from the Festival Office.
3. Competitor wristbands do not give admission to the Re-enactment
4. No entry is permitted to the competitor camping area by any individual without a valid MFSR wristband
5. Maximum 2 vehicles per competitor camp

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FESTIVAL GATE ENTRY – CHALLENGE SPECIAL OFFER

- All competitors receive a festival wristband included in the competitor entry fee
- Children aged 13 years and under receive free entry to the festival

A maximum of 2 x adult wristband to any competitor's assistant or partner attending the festival. Please specify the number of tickets required on the entry form.

You can also purchase other wristbands from the festival website; www.bushfestival.com.au.

FESTIVAL ENTRY PRICES

To purchase you must ring through to the MFSR office 02 6076 1992 you can only receive this under a competitor's name.

Challenge Special - General Adult Ticket **\$120.00**

(Discounted from the gate price of \$230)

Does not provide access to the Re-enactment

Challenge Special - General Youth Ticket **\$80.00**

(13-17 years. Discounted from the gate price of \$90)

Does not provide access to the Re-enactment.

VEHICLE PASSES

1. Due to the number of competitors and the size of the camping location, competitors are only permitted a maximum of 2 vehicles in their camp site. Competitors will receive their vehicle pass/es in their acceptance pack. Please attach camping stickers to the TOP LEFT passenger side of your windscreen.
2. The Stock Route will be closed to general traffic throughout the festival.

RIDING OF HORSES

For safety and insurance reasons, only registered competitors and registered volunteers may ride horses during the event including the in the competitors camping area. No exceptions.

MAPS

All relevant maps will be found in competitor packs distributed at Registration on Thursday between 11am and 3pm.

WARM-UP AREA

1. A designated warm up area is located near the Stock Handling/ Campdraft arena.
2. Competitors may warm up on the Rodeo Arena when it is not otherwise in use
3. Horses are prohibited on the Golf Course
4. The Cross Country is closed outside competition timeframes.

COMPETITOR CAMPING & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

5. PLEASE DO NOT GO THROUGH THE CATTLE YARDS TO GET TO BAREBACK & RODEO ARENA YOU MUST USE THE GATE OUT ONTO THE STOCK ROUTE

SUNDAY PRESENTATIONS

ALL competitors are required to participate in the presentation ceremony. Failure to comply with this may affect your entry in future years and may result in the loss of any prizes and prize money.

Please marshall outside the main arena on Sunday morning, you MUST be correctly attired (see Vet and Gear event conditions). You will be placed in numerical order and enter the arena for the Presentations. All Event winners and other awards will be made at this time. The National Anthem will be performed, then the finalists will leave the Arena in preparation for the final events.

PLEASE NOTE: if you win an individual section you are required to wait out the side of the arena entry for sponsors photo this is REQUIRED



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Wild Horse Catch	Jayden Pierce
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Without their dedication and support this very unique event could not take place. We would also like to pay special tribute to the riders for coming to Corryong and participating in our Challenge.

We appreciate the preparation and performance time you all put into our event and look forward to you competing with us again.

R.M. Williams



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