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THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER CHALLENGE

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PREVIOUS CHALLENGE WINNERS

OPEN

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

JUNIOR

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

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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 Man from Snowy River.

Going into our twenty second year of competition, The Man from Snowy River Challenge Committee has built a Challenge that offers both horsemen and women a unique opportunity to compete over three days in a variety of disciplines.

Year after year the strength and depth of competition increases and 2018 is no different. With over \$80,000 in prize money and awards to be won, including 2 trophy saddles, buckles and horse gear, the competition will be hard fought and intense.

The entertainment for the weekend as usual is focused on family fun in the Main Arena.

We look forward to seeing you arrive in Corryong for the start of another fabulous Challenge on Thursday 5th April 2018 and wish all competitors the best of luck.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

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

This code is intended to compliment and support existing Challenge rules.

COMPETITORS 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 by the Committee
- Abide by the rules and accept the Judges' and the Vets' decision
- 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 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 handled and transported by experienced stock men at all times. Veterinary advice and support is provided by local vets in preparation and during the competition. A vet is on site at all times.

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

It is the intention of the Man from Snowy River Challenge Committee 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 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 (Open or Ladies) must be 18 years of age and over. Junior competitors must be between the ages of 15 and under 18. Junior competitors must be 17 or younger on the first day of competition. Junior competitors must have parental or legal guardian consent to participate in the Challenge. Proof of Junior Age is required (copy of birth certificate).
3. The 2018 Challenge will be limited to 62 Senior (Open & Ladies) and 10 Junior competitors. If entry forms received exceed the limit, the Challenge Committee reserves the right to seed competitors on past performances and eliminate entries. Consideration will be given to first time competitors.
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 before being allowed to continue. This includes the Cross Country 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 by post, email and hand delivery. Entries open Monday 1st January 2018 and close on Wednesday 31st January 2018. All completed applications received in this time will be considered. Riders will be notified of their acceptance. Any rider put on a waiting list will also be notified. Payment is not required until riders have been confirmed. Completed entry forms will be accepted from Monday 1st January 2018.
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 12.00pm and 3.00pm on Thursday 5th April 2018. Registration is essential and will include last minute instructions for competitors.
10. Vet and Gear Check for competitors and horses will take place between 3.30pm and 6.00pm in the Campdraft 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.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY CONT.

12. All Open, Lady or Junior competitors who enter do so with the intention of riding in the final events. If they progress forward into the Top Ten Open, Top Three Ladies or Top Three Juniors.
13. Any rider who chooses not to participate in the final events will forfeit all prizes and prize money and this will affect future inclusion in the event at the Committee's discretion.
14. Finals prize money will not be paid to any rider who fails to compete in the Final events (Brumby Catch, Buckjump, Ladies Brumby Catch or Junior Final). The only exception to this will be at the Committee's discretion.
15. All competitors enter at their own risk with no responsibility accepted by the Committee for riders, livestock or property.
16. All decisions made by the Judges, Vets or Committee are final and discussion will not be entered into.
17. 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.
18. The Committee reserves the right to change any event at any time for safety or any other reason.
19. All Challenge event venues are closed to competitors from Monday 12th March 2018. Any potential competitor seen at the Challenge event venues may, at the discretion of the Challenge Committee, forfeit their right to compete.
20. Cancellations: 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.
21. 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 (eg truck, post or tree).
22. Competitors must wear their wristband to compete.
23. All Juniors must wear an Equestrian Australia approved helmet at all times whilst mounted. Current approved safety standards include: AS/NZS 3838, ARB HS 2012, ASTM F1163, PAS 015, SNELL E2001 and VGI.
24. All other riders are advised to wear Equestrian Australia approved helmets at all times whilst mounted. Current approved safety standards include: AS/NZS 3838, ARB HS 2012, ASTM F1163, PAS 015, SNELL E2001 and VGI.
25. 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 of the Committee and Festival Board.
26. Competitors are to wear their competition bibs at all times when competing or when walking/riding a course.
27. All Competitors must be able to jump 1m confidently.
28. All Competitors must use a leather stockwhip throughout the competition.

CHALLENGE OVERVIEW

The 2018 Man From Snowy River Challenge commences with a compulsory Vet and Gear Check for all competitors on the Thursday afternoon. Having succeeded, Senior competitors (18 and over) compete in six preliminary events and Junior competitors (those 15-17y.o.) compete in six. The same horse, stockwhip, saddle (except for the bareback) and headgear must be used throughout the competition.

On **Thursday 5th April**, all competitors are to complete the Vet and Gear Check in the Campdraft Arena.

On **Friday 6th April**, all competitors will compete in Clancy's Whip Crack and the Mountain Horseman's Cross Country events. Some groups will compete in Harrison's Packhorse, Banjo's Bareback and the Jimmy Scammell Shoeing events.

On **Saturday 7th April**, all competitors will compete in the Snowy River Stockhandling. Competitors who didn't compete in Banjo's Bareback, Harrison's Packhorse and Jimmy Scammell Shoeing will do so on Saturday.

On **Sunday 8th April**, the Top Ten riders from the Open Competition will compete in two final events - Paterson's Brumby Catch and the Kosciusko Stocksaddle Buckjump. The Top Three Lady riders from the Ladies Competition will compete in one final event - Ladies Silver Brumby Catch and the Top Three riders from the Junior Competition will compete in one final event - the Jack Riley Junior Final.

CORRYONG VET AND GEAR CHECK RM WILLIAMS AUSTRALIAN STOCKMAN'S HERITAGE AWARD

All competitors must present themselves and their horse for a check of horse fitness and condition, the safety of their horse gear and the appropriateness of both their gear and that of their horse to the theme of The Man from Snowy River and the image of Australian Stockman.

No Skills test will be conducted.

Please refer to Conditions of Entry, clause 1.

THE SIX PRELIMINARY EVENTS:

1. HARRISON'S PACKHORSE:

It is compulsory to pack the competition horse. Competitors saddle and pack a horse, ensuring the bags are evenly packed and balanced, lead the packhorse through a set course, finishing with the pack still evenly balanced and unpack and unsaddle the packhorse.

2. SNOWY RIVER STOCKHANDLING:

Three head of cattle are drafted and moved through a set course in a quiet and controlled manner in a set time of 7 minutes.

3. JIMMY SCAMMELL HORSESHOEING:

Open Competitors attempt to competently and neatly shoe one hind and one fore hoof in a set time of 30 minutes. Junior Competitors are to demonstrate the ability to prepare a shoe to one fore and one hind hoof, within a time limit of 30 minutes. Only one horse handler is permitted entry into the horse shoeing shed with any one competitor.

4. BANJO'S BAREBACK:

Riding bareback and using their own choice of headgear, competitors complete in a set time a course designed to demonstrate maximum skill, control and maneuverability of their horse and then perform a compulsory freestyle lasting 60 seconds.

5. CLANCY'S WHIP CRACK:

Competitors are to conduct a compulsory mounted 30 seconds of freestyle whipcracking with their horse standing still. Then using best hand, competitors must attempt to cut targets on a set course in a set time.

6. MOUNTAIN HORSEMAN'S CROSS COUNTRY:

Riding in the same stock saddle used throughout the competition, competitors complete a cross country course of approximately 2km and 10-15 jumps or obstacles.

CHALLENGE FINALS

OPEN FINAL

Paterson's Brumby Catch: 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

Ladies Silver Brumby Catch: Finalists attempt to halter a horse in an arena within 2 minutes and demonstrate young horse handling skills and horsemanship.

JUNIOR FINAL

Jack Riley Junior Final: The Top Three Junior competitors attempt to highlight their skills and ability negotiating a set working pattern or obstacle course.

OPEN AND LADIES FINALISTS:

Horses for final events will be drawn during the morning of **Sunday 8th April starting at 9.30am at the Challenge Office.**

If any Finalist (or his/her representative) does not present for the draw the Event Manager will draw on their behalf.

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. Junior competitors will contest six preliminary events (Stock Handling, Whip Crack, Packsaddle, Bareback Obstacle, Cross Country and Horseshoeing) with the Top Three riders going on to compete in one final event for the title of the Junior Man From Snowy River.
4. Senior competitors will contest six preliminary events (Horseshoeing, Stock Handling, Whip Crack, Packsaddle, Bareback Obstacle and Cross Country) with the Top Ten riders going forward to compete in two final events (Brumby Catch and Stocksaddle Buckjump). Top Three Lady riders also go forward to compete in one final event, the Brumby Catch.
5. Each of the events will be judged individually with an aggregate points tally from each event contested (except the Vet and Gear check) determining the winners of the Junior, Ladies and Open Man From Snowy River titles.
6. On acceptance of entry, riders agree to compete in all preliminary events.
7. Having entered an event, all competitors must attempt to complete the program as determined by the Challenge Committee and set out in the Challenge Rule Book.
8. There will be a 15-20 minute walk-round the Bareback Obstacle course on Friday 6th April in the morning and after the last competitor in the afternoon. Maps of most courses and other relevant information will be provided at competitors' registration on Thursday 5th April and displayed on the notice board at the Challenge Office from the evening of Thursday 5th April.
9. Points will be awarded on a competitor's performance in each event on (a) completion of the event within the set time (b) at the end of the set time, whether the competitor has completed the event or not, or (c) when the competitor signals his/her withdrawal from the event, whichever is applicable.
10. Scores awarded in each event will be posted as soon as possible.
11. Finalists will be announced as soon as possible on Saturday evening 7th April at the Recreation Reserve. Please note the Finalist rules and conditions.
12. Presentation of awards will take place on Sunday 8th April at 11am. All competitors are required for this and should be mounted. Absence at the presentations, without prior consultation with the Events Coordinator, will result in loss of prizes and prize money and may affect your chance to compete next year. Please marshal from 10.30am on the road outside the Main Arena.

13. 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 Rookie Rider (Senior Competitors' first year of competing in the MFSR Challenge), 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 or rider is to have finished at any of the full challenges including KOTR, BOTB, Lower Lakes Stockman's Challenge or MFSR) and the Best Sportsman's Award.
14. Note: scores awarded for Brumby Catch, Stocksaddle Buckjump, the Ladies Brumby Catch and the Junior Final will not be included in the calculation for these other awards.
15. In the Final presentation, the Open Challenge prizes will be awarded for 1st to 10th, Lady Challenge prizes will be awarded 1st to 3rd and Junior Challenge prizes will be awarded 1st to 3rd.
16. In the event of a tie the Committee will split the prize money and the competitors will toss for the sash.
17. Any genuine dispute must be lodged as per the steps outlined in the MFSR Challenge Code of Conduct and Score Dispute Resolution Policy to the Score Dispute Tribunal and no later than 1 hour after all Challenge scores have been posted on the Saturday night.
18. Any changes to your entry details must be in writing to the Events Coordinator (email or hand written accepted).

ALSO NOTE: All Competitors are required to pack their competition horse and provide their own shoeing horse. In addition to their own personal gear and their horse's gear, competitors require a leather stock whip, shoeing equipment (except anvil, nails and shoes), and halter for the Brumby Catch (Open and Lady Competitors only). All Competitors must supply their own electric fence/panels for horse control, water and feed buckets and an Equestrian Australia standard helmet for the Cross Country event. All riders are advised to wear Equestrian Australia Standard helmets whenever mounted. All Juniors must wear Equestrian Australia Standard helmets whenever mounted. For approved safety standards, please see point 23 & 24 under "Conditions of Entry."

CHALLENGE EVENTS

CORRYONG VET AND GEAR CHECK RM WILLIAMS AUSTRALIAN STOCKMAN'S HERITAGE AWARD

THURSDAY 5TH APRIL 2018 3.30PM-6PM

To ensure that the spirit and standard of the competition is maintained and that competitors' horses are sufficiently fit and well trained, it is compulsory for all Challenge competitors to meet the following criteria:

REQUIREMENTS

- Present in dress appropriate to an Australian Stockman in the theme of The Man from Snowy River with all gear required for each event (except the shoeing materials).
- Present horse fully saddled for Gear Check.
- Then present unsaddled horse to Vet for Vet Check and standing heart rate measurement.
- In the event of a tie, a countback on safety gear, dress code, horse gear, then health and soundness of horse, in that order, will determine the winner.

JUDGING CRITERIA (TOTAL 100 POINTS: 40 VET, 60 GEAR)

Vet Check – Competitors' horses will be judged on soundness and fitness. The Vet will assess the horses' fitness and check the heart rate. This will be taken into consideration when the horses' recovery times are assessed on completion of the Cross Country competition. Standing heart rate means that any exercising or interfering with heart rate will disqualify the horse. All horses must be tethered at least 30min prior to Vet Check.

Gear Check – Competitors will be judged on gear safety and on the appropriateness of their equipment for mountain bush riding. Riders' gear, horses' gear, gear condition and appropriate accessories must be maintained throughout all events.

SAFETY GEAR INSPECTION (20 POINTS)

- All gear must fit within the recognised criteria of Australian Stock Horse gear.
- All gear must be deemed by judges to be safe and suited to rugged bush riding.
- Judges are entitled to disqualify or direct competitors to replace any equipment found to be unsuitable or unsafe.
- All competitors must carry a full length working leather stockwhip.

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DRESS CODE (20 POINTS)

- Collared shirt with sleeves.
- Safety approved helmet to Equestrian Australia standards stamped clearly on them. Approved safety standards include AS/NZS 3838, ARB HS 2012, ASTM F1163, PAS 015, SNELL E2001 and VGI.
- Approved smooth soled riding boots.
- Appropriate stockman's style hat.
- A full length oilskin and leather stockwhip must be carried on the horse throughout all events.

The exception to this is:

1. the Brumby Catch - the stockwhip is not required.
2. the Stock Saddle Buckjump - the oilskin is not required.

Note: Nothing is to be tied forward of the kneepads or across the pommel of the competitors saddle in the Stock Saddle Buckjump.

HORSE GEAR (20 POINTS)

- All gear must be in good, safe order. If not, it must be replaced and re-presented or competitors will not be allowed to continue with the competition.
- Breastplate, surcingle and crupper are recommended but optional.
- A correctly fitted running martingale (rings) is permissible for the Cross Country event only.
- Tie downs are not permitted in any part of the competition.
- All gear presented in this event will be noted and photographed to record the gear which then must be used in all events.
- Refer to each specific event requirements.
- The same horse must be used throughout the competition; an identification mark will be put on each competitor's horse by an official.

HEALTH AND SOUNDNESS OF HORSE (20 POINTS FROM EACH JUDGE)

- Horses are to be fit and sound (i.e. not lame, girth galled, saddle sore, etc) otherwise the competitor will not be allowed to continue with the competition.
- A Vet will check the horses' standing heart rate. If the horse has been presented after exercise the rider will be asked to wait until the Vet considers an accurate standing heart rate can be measured.

The Challenge Committee would like to thank Chris Miller from the Corryong Veterinary Clinic and Dave Hall from the Walwa Veterinary Clinic and their associates for their voluntary contribution to this unique event.

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CHALLENGE EVENTS

1. HARRISON'S PACKHORSE

FRIDAY 6TH APRIL 7.00AM &

SATURDAY 7TH APRIL 2018 7.00AM

It is compulsory for the Competitors to pack their own riding horse

- Packsaddles will be supplied by the Challenge Committee.
- Equipment to be packed will be stipulated and supplied by the Challenge Committee.
- Stewards will oversee each competitor during packing and unpacking.

REQUIREMENTS

Section One (30 points)

Competitors to bring their horse into the area with suitable headgear. Competitors to pack horse, ensuring the bags and pack are evenly balanced. Competitors will be judged on saddling, packing of pack bags and packing the horse.

Section Two (50 points)

Competitors to ride over designated course of 5 obstacles, with the packhorse. There may be options - eg putting the packhorse through first.

Section Three (20 points)

Competitors to return with the pack balanced and saddle fitting correctly then proceed to unpack and unsaddle.

JUDGING CRITERIA – TOTAL 100 POINTS

- 100 points will be awarded by the Judges for packing, leading and unpacking.
- Competitors will be scored to the point they have reached at the end of the set time. The set time will be provided to all competitors prior to competing in the packhorse event.
- Should a competitor lose control of their packhorse, no points will be accumulated after this. Points up until this time will count.
- In the event of a tie, a countback on packing, course, unpacking and time, in that order, will determine the winner.

Section 1:	<i>Saddling, packing bags and packing horse</i>	30
Section 2:	<i>Negotiating course</i>	10 x 5 = 50
Section 3:	<i>Equipment return, balance, position of saddle and unpacking</i>	15
	<i>Bonus Time Points</i>	5
		Total Points = 100

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2. SNOWY RIVER STOCKHANDLING

SATURDAY 7TH APRIL 2018 7.00AM

SECTION 1 - Yard Work (3 minutes - 25 points)

6 cattle will be held in the back yard. Each group of 3 cattle will be marked similarly. Competitors are required to cut three head of cattle out on foot and proceed to bring them to the front yard. Once they have cut their cattle out, the competitor is to re-mount and cut one beast out, and proceed to work that beast at the front of the yard.

The Competitor is then required to draft out the two remaining cattle into the front yard and quietly settle the mob in readiness for section 2.

The Competitor is required to open and close the front yard gate to indicate that they have started section 2.

- Points will be deducted if cattle are treated in a manner not indicative of good stockmanship. Cattle should be handled in a calm manner.
- Competitors have 3 minutes to draft and settle cattle, however if ready before the 3 minute mark, a competitor may signal to the judge that he/she is ready to commence section 2 - course work.
- Cattle will be replaced if unreasonably stirred up by previous competitor (this will only be done at the judge's discretion; no discussion will be entered into).

A signal will be given for the end of the 3 minute time allowance for Section 1.

Points will be awarded for the quality of the work shown, good stock sense and competent horse skills.

SECTION 2 - Course Work (4 minutes - 75 points)

At the signal the competitor will move cattle onto the arena demonstrating control of the mob around the designated course.

A 4 minute time allowance starts once the competitor has closed the front yard gate. If the competitor is unable to close the gate, this will incur penalty points.

3 obstacles are to be negotiated in order as directed - moving cattle from one point to another through or around each obstacle.

OBSTACLES:

- **4 points** will be given for **1** head put through/around an obstacle
- **7 points** will be given for **2** head put through/around an obstacle
- **10 points** will be given for **3** head put through/around an obstacle
- **10 bonus points** will be given for **3** head put through/around the bonus obstacle
- Competitors are required to follow cattle through/around each obstacle in order to receive their cattle points and to signal their move onto the next obstacle.
- Failure of competitors to pass through/around each obstacle (with or without cattle) will result in zero cattle points being awarded for that obstacle and any obstacle thereafter.
- Any cattle not put through/around an obstacle can be picked up for the remaining obstacles.

CHALLENGE EVENTS

- Competitors are required to follow cattle through the last obstacle and shut the gate to complete the course.
- Competitors will be judged up to the last fully completed obstacle they have reached after the set time - an obstacle is not considered fully complete unless both cattle and rider have passed through it.
- Penalties will not be given for cattle passing back through/around an already completed obstacle; scores for that obstacle will remain as is.
- Competitors are encouraged to use their stock whips appropriately and will be rewarded for good stock sense and competent horse skills and for the quality of work displayed on the course in moving and controlling cattle.
- In the event of a tie for first place, the fastest course time will be considered.
- All points will be lost from the outside course if it is deemed by the Judge and/or Event Manager that there has been assistance from outside the arena.
- A dog is permitted to be used in the event.

A whistle will signal the end of the 4 minute time allowance for Section 2.

JUDGING CRITERIA - TOTAL 100 POINTS

Section 1: 25 points for yard work

- Draft 3 head from the mob & settle	25
	25

Section 2: 75 points for course work

- Negotiation of cattle through 3 obstacles	10 x 3 = 30
- Bonus obstacle	1 x 10
- Control of stock & quality of horse work on course	25
- Dog control, quality of work on course	10
	75

Total Points = 100

Penalties: If the competitor is unable to close the front gate -5

3. JIMMY SCAMMELL HORSESHOEING

FRIDAY 6TH APRIL 8.00AM &

SATURDAY 7TH APRIL 2018 1.00PM

- Shoes, nails and anvils will be supplied by the Challenge Committee.
- Competitors to supply all other shoeing gear.
- Competitors are required to provide their own horse for shoeing. Competitors must ensure that the horses feet are suitable for shoeing. No stand-by horses will be available.
- All feet will be inspected prior to shoeing.
- During the competition, half of the colour group will commence 5 minutes later to help with the judging of the event.
- Only one horse handler is permitted entry into the horse shoeing shed with any one competitor.

Shoeing horse must have at least three weeks growth.

REQUIREMENTS - SENIORS

- Competitors are to demonstrate the ability to prepare and apply a shoe to one fore and one hind hoof, within a time limit of 30 minutes.

REQUIREMENTS - JUNIOR

- Competitors are to demonstrate the ability to prepare a shoe to one fore and one hind hoof, within a time limit of 30 minutes.

JUDGING CRITERIA - TOTAL 100 POINTS (50 POINTS FROM EACH OF TWO JUDGES)

- 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 Scoring:

- Handling of horse	10
- Preparation of hoof	20
- Application and fit of shoe	30
- Quality of work	40

Total Points = 100

Junior Scoring:

- Handling of horse	10
- Preparation of hoof	20
- Preparation of shoe	30
- Quality of work	40

Total Points = 100

4. BANJO'S BAREBACK OBSTACLE

FRIDAY 6TH APRIL 8.00AM &

SATURDAY 7TH APRIL 2018 11.00AM

REQUIREMENTS

- Competitors are to complete an obstacle course and a compulsory 60 seconds of freestyle work.
- Prior to competing, competitors will be informed what is required of them at each obstacle and in the freestyle by the judges. There will be a walk round the course on Friday 6th April in the morning and late afternoon (after the last competitor of the day) in as many groups as required.
- Competitors are required to carry a stockwhip throughout the course. Riders may demonstrate quality horsemanship by using either no headgear, neck rope, halter or a bridle in this event. Note: Riders will be marked down for poor use of selected headgear as part of "balance, control and standard of horsemanship of rider and training of horse" score.
- 60 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. Any competitors considering this option must contact the Events Coordinator as soon as possible with their prop idea - Festival weekend is too late. This will then be considered by the Event Manager and Judges, and approval will need to be sought prior to competing in event.
- PROPS MUST BE ON HAND READY TO GO - NO WAITING WILL BE TOLERATED.
- Props are to be on and off the arena in the 60 seconds of freestyle time. Any form of livestock is NOT to be used as a prop. Please take note: Any freestyle that is deemed dangerous will be stopped by the judges resulting in a zero score. Each competitor will be timed and a bell will mark the end of the set time for both the obstacle and the freestyle. Once time has been called on the obstacle course the competitor must finish at that point and leave the course - there are no time penalties and no score allocated for any obstacles completed after time.
- Junior competitors are permitted to conduct their 60 second freestyle using their own choice of headgear, however they must compete within their limitations with an emphasis on good horsemanship, safety and commonsense.
- In the event of a tie for first place, the fastest time will determine the winner.
- Both start and finish lines must be crossed - the latter only if the course has been completed within the set time.
- Junior Competitors MUST complete the set course using a bridle, but can use their own choice of headgear in their 60 second freestyle.
- 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 and on their freestyle.

- Two attempts at each obstacle are allowed - 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 contestant must move on to 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 course judge.

10 Obstacles each worth a max of 5 points **Max 50**

- Max of 5pts for precise/quality execution of obstacle at 1st attempt
- Max of 2pts for precise/quality execution of obstacle at 2nd attempt
- No 3rd attempt allowed - move onto next obstacle

1 Bonus Obstacle **10**

Competitors & Horses also Judged on:

- Balance, control & standard of horsemanship of rider & training of horse **Max 15**
- Freestyle (60 seconds) **Max 15**
- Headgear **Max 5**

5 points for neck rope

3 points for halter

0 points for bridle

Time Bonus **Max 5**

1 point per 15 seconds under given time

1 point = 1 - 15 seconds under time

2 points = 16 - 30 second under time

3 points = 31 - 45 seconds under time

4 points = 46 - 60 seconds under time

5 points = 61 - 75 seconds under time

Riders demonstrating poor control will be marked down.

Course time will be set and riders advised at time of walking the course.

Total Maximum Points = 100

CHALLENGE EVENTS

5. CLANCY'S WHIP CRACK

FRIDAY 6TH APRIL 2017 7.00PM

REQUIREMENTS

Mounted Freestyle

- Competitors are to conduct a 30 second mounted freestyle routine with their horse standing still before completing the course.
- More than one whip may be used.

Mounted Course

- The course is to be completed within a set time.
- The course will suit left or right handed riders.
- Competitors must cleanly cut all targets, which will be either horizontal or vertical.
- A second whip may be carried in case of breakage.

JUDGING CRITERIA – TOTAL 100 POINTS

- Each target must be cleanly cut to gain maximum points.
- Targets must be cut in a forward motion with a stockman's crack.
- Points will be deducted beyond the time limit.
- If there is more than one equal highest score, then the fastest time over the course will be the decider.
- Steward's and judge's decision is final.

Section One: Compulsory freestyle

20

Section Two: Mounted course

80

Total Maximum Points = 100

6. MOUNTAIN HORSEMAN'S CROSS COUNTRY

FRIDAY 6TH APRIL 2018 2.30PM

- A map of the course will be distributed in the Competitor's Pack handed out on Thursday 5th April at registration.
- The Event Manager or Stewards are entitled to direct competitors to replace any equipment found unsuitable or unsafe.
- Equestrian Australia standard safety helmets are to be worn by all competitors. For approved safety standards, please see point 23 & 24 under "Conditions of Entry."

REQUIREMENTS

- Competitors must walk the Cross Country course at their own leisure (without a horse) on Thursday 5th April (all day) or Friday 6th April (until 12noon).
- A compulsory riders' briefing will take place at 2.00pm on Friday afternoon prior to the commencement of the Cross Country.
- Competitors must carry a full-length oilskin and stockwhip and ride in the saddle they have used throughout the competition.
- Competitors are to tackle a course of approximately 1500-2000 meters, comprising approximately 12-15 obstacles which may include water, ditches, creeks, banks, fences, logs, hay bales or gates.
- All obstacles to be taken between the flags (red on right, white on left).
- Penalties will be incurred by finishing over the optimum time.
- Competitors may ride around or not attempt a jump and will not incur any penalty points for doing so.
- If unsuccessful on their first attempt, competitors are permitted to attempt a jump/obstacle a second time without penalty to discipline their horse.
- Should a competitor fall during the event, they are not permitted to continue and will receive no points for the Cross Country event.
- An optimum time based on approx. 425 mt/min will be set for the course. Learn to travel at 425mt/min. Time penalties will be incurred by finishing over the optimum time. In the event of a tie for first place, the time closest to optimum time will be the winner. The committee reserves the right to alter the optimum time up to the day of the event depending on the conditions. The actual distance of the course and the optimum time will not be disclosed.
- Competitors finishing more than 20 seconds under the Optimum Time will also attract penalties.
- Competitors are not permitted to wear a watch or use any timing device during the event.
- Competitors are to present their horses unsaddled to the Vet for a heart rate check 10 minutes after completion of the course. The Vet's decision is final.
- No rider is permitted to attempt the Cross Country course after the completion of the event during the Festival weekend.
- Any jumps taken out of order will not be scored.

CHALLENGE EVENTS

> 6. MOUNTAIN HORSEMAN'S CROSS COUNTRY CONT.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

COURSE 70 POINTS, BONUS JUMPS 20 POINTS, VET 10 POINTS = 100 POINTS,

JUMPS

14 jumps @ 5 points each = 70

BONUS JUMPS

Riders will be awarded 10 points per jump if successful

No penalties will be awarded if unsuccessful

2 x bonus jumps worth 10 points each = 20

VET

Heart Rate and Recovery Time = 10

TIME PENALTIES

Each second over optimum time = 0.4 penalty points per second

More than 20 seconds under time = 0.4 penalty points per second

Total Maximum Points = 100

DISQUALIFICATIONS - COMPETITORS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED IF:

- They are unable to replace gear deemed unsafe by the Judges
- If a rider falls at a jump or throughout the course

Equestrian Australia Approved Helmet must be worn by all competitors.

1. All competitors progressing through to the Finals must come up to the designated announcement area on Saturday night when called and notify their intention to ride in the finals immediately after the announcement.
2. Any Open rider who chooses not to participate in either the Brumby 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 Brumby Catch will be required to forfeit her Top Three status. In the event of a Lady rider withdrawing from the Top Three, the rider qualifying as number four will be notified of her elevation into the Top Three.
4. Any Junior rider who chooses not to participate in the Junior Final will be required to forfeit their Top Three status. In the event of a Junior rider withdrawing from the Top Three, the rider qualifying as number four will be notified of their elevation into the Top Three.
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 (Brumby Catch, Buckjump and Ladies Brumby Catch) will be held on the morning of Sunday 8th April 2018 starting at 9.30am at the Challenge Office. Bucking horses will be numbered prior to the draw.

The Challenge Finals will start at 12noon following the presentations on Sunday 8th April 2018.

1. JUNIOR FINAL (TOP 3) - JACK RILEY JUNIOR FINAL

Sunday 8th April 2018 12noon

The Top Three 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 5th April between 12pm and 3pm.

The winner of the Junior Final will be the competitor with the highest score.

The Junior Champion will be the competitor with the highest aggregate score over the 3 days of competition.

2. LADIES FINAL (TOP 3) - LADIES SILVER BRUMBY CATCH

Sunday 8th April 2018 12.30pm

Top Three Lady riders go forward to compete in one final event, the Brumby Catch. Finalists attempt to halter a horse in an arena within 2 minutes.

Please refer to the rules and judging criteria for Paterson's Brumby Catch. The Ladies final will follow the same rules and criteria.

The Lady Champion will be the competitor with the highest aggregate score over the 3 days of competition

FINALS RULES

3. OPEN FINALS (TOP 10)

PATERSON'S BRUMBY CATCH

Sunday 8th April 2018 1.00pm

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.

REQUIREMENTS

- Contestants must assemble at the cutting yards.
- A halter only can be used to catch the horse (no gear with a Honda either end).
- 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.
- A horse will be turned loose in the arena from the bucking chutes.
- The competitor's time will begin when the horse clears the chute.
- 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.
- Once a competitor catches and correctly fits the halter on their horse, they have the remaining time to demonstrate young horse handling skills and horsemanship to the judges.
- A maximum of three minutes is allowed and a whistle is blown after one minute, two minutes and three minutes.
- Time ends at three minutes or at two minutes if a competitor has not caught and correctly fitted their halter to the horse or when the competitor signals to the Judge that he/she has finished.
- If hooter is blown, the competitor is to stop immediately.
- Competitors can wear one glove if they so wish. Pickup chaps are optional. Oilskin coats and whips are not required.
- Competitors are not permitted any helpers.
- In the event of a tie, the fastest catch will be the winner.
- Judges can intervene if, in their belief, a horse is in danger of hurting itself or the competitors' horse.

JUDGING CRITERIA – TOTAL 100 POINTS

A maximum of 4 attempts are permitted. This is made up of 2 hand catch attempts and 2 throw attempts.

PENALTIES - WILL OCCUR FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Halter pulled off horses head: 10 point penalty
- Dropped halter: 5 point penalty every time
- Dropped halter shank: 5 point penalty every time
- If riding horse falls: 5 point penalty

DISQUALIFICATION - COMPETITORS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED IF:

- There is any deliberate dragging or mishandling of the horse
- Falling off or losing riding horse
- Attach any part of the shank rope to the rider or competition horse or any part thereof.
- Riding horse places leg over halter shank.

Section One: Approach, Horse Work and Positioning (30 from each judge) 60

Section Two: Catch (20 from each judge) 40

Total Maximum Points = 100

KOSCIUSKO STOCKSADDLE BUCKJUMP

Sunday 8th April 2018 2.00pm

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

REQUIREMENTS

- Competitors are to be at the marshalling area at 1.45pm on Sunday 2nd April. Three calls only will be given and in the event a competitor is not present; the Event Manager can disqualify that competitor.
- Competitors must use the same stock saddle they have used for all the previous events.
- Crupper must be used and back girth is not permitted.
- Width of front girth must be at least 4 inches.
- Nothing may be carried on the saddle forward of the kneepad.
- Competitors must try to retain their seat for 8 seconds.
- Any grab down will result in automatic disqualification.
- Spurs must comply with rodeo specifications (i.e. blunt loose running spurs, no dummy spurs or side rowels).
- 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.
- Competitors are permitted one helper only at the chutes.
- Competitors must leave the chutes with both hands clear of the horse.
- In the event of a tie competitors have the option of a ride off or toss a coin to determine the winner.

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 – TOTAL 100 POINTS

Ride 50 (25 points from each Judge)

Stock 50 (25 points from each Judge)

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.

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