



Australian Stock Horse
SOCIETY

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Branch & Management Council Tutorials

Session 3

Rules & Regulations

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Playing by the Rules

As Licenced Affiliates of the ASHS, all Branches and Management Councils operate under a Licence Agreement with the Society. Branches and Management Councils are individually incorporated and operate according to the aims and objectives of the Society, as well as the overall direction and control of the Society.

Constitution of the Australian Stock Horse Society Limited

As with all incorporated organisations the Society operates under a set of Rules, namely the Constitution of the Australian Stock Horse Society Limited. The Constitution covers all aspects of the Society and includes a section on Branches and Management Councils.

The Society's Disciplinary Policy is also included.

The Society's Constitution can be found on the ASHS Website under the Society Tab: https://www.ashs.com.au/media/2445/ashs_constitution_2020-updated.pdf

Branch & Management Council Constitutions

All Branches and Management Councils run under a Constitution. These Constitutions were adopted by each Branch and Management Council. Each Branch and MC should have a copy of their Constitution on file. Currently both the MC and Branch Constitutions are being reviewed and we hope to start rolling the new MC Constitutions out by the end of the year.

Trade Licence Agreement

As a Branch or Management Council of the ASHS, it is part of your duties and responsibilities to ensure that you use the name and logos of the Society as per the terms of the License Agreement. Trade Licence Agreements are a legal document and Branches and MCs should have retained a copy of their Executed agreement for their records. The current Agreement is under review and a revised version is being developed.

Certificate of Currency

All Branches and Management Councils that are compliant with their ASHS affiliation requirements can request a Certificate of Currency. These are provided to the Society by Affinity Insurance on an annual basis.

TERMS OF USE & PRIVACY STATEMENT

The ASHS takes data security seriously and has high levels of protection in place to ensure Member details are protected.

The Australian Stock Horse Society is required to comply with the Privacy Act 1988 and the National Privacy Principles in collecting, using, disclosing and disposing of Members' personal information.

To view Terms of Use & Privacy Statement please visit: <https://www.ashs.com.au/media/1588/terms-of-use.pdf>

CORE VALUE STATEMENT

The Australian Stock Horse Society exists to:

- **promote the development and acceptance of the Australian Stock Horse as an equine breed of excellence and importance;**
- **provide service to all facets of the Australian Stock Horse industry;**
- **guarantee that the welfare of the Australian Stock Horse is protected at all times; and**
- **ensure that all individual members of the Society, and those who serve as Directors, Breeders, Competitors, Coaches, Judges, Stewards and Volunteers act with honesty and integrity in all of their dealings with the Society, other members, clients and the public at large.**

CODE OF CONDUCT

The ASHS Code of Conduct policies cover:

- ASHS Breeders & Horse Owners
- Branch Facilitators
- Competitors
- Directors
- Judges
- Stewards
- Volunteers

These can be found at: <https://www.ashs.com.au/the-society/information/code-of-conduct/>

EVENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The ASHS EVENTS RULES & REGULATIONS are a great resource for Branches, Management Councils & Members.

The publication covers:

- Event Management – First Aid, Conditions of entry for Horses & Riders Handlers, Stallion Control
- Tack & Attire
- Classification of Paces & Movements
- Definitions, Judging Procedures & Competition Status explained – Led, Hack Working, Time Trial, Show Hunter & Working Hunter
- General Information & Competition Status - Futurity, Maturity & ASH Challenge
- Youth Events – General Rules, Age Groups, Categories of Competition, Notes for Competitors & Judging Procedures
- Dressage, ASHLA & ASH Stockman's Turnout Classes – Rules, Judging Procedure, Presentation & ASHLA Membership Structure
- Novelty Events & Recreation Rides – Includes Sporting events
- Campdraft, ASHS – Team Yarding & Station Cutting – Rules, Judging, Horse & Rider Status & NCCA Code of Cattle Care
- ASHS National Championships & National Youth Show – Entry Conditions, Selection of Judges, Judging Procedures
- ASHS Annual Awards – Prince of Wales, Star of the Year & International Performance Horse

ASHS EVENTS RULES & REGULATIONS can be viewed by visiting: <https://www.ashs.com.au/media/2354/events handbookwebversionmar2021v5-compressed-2.pdf>

THE SOCIETY HAS RECENTLY RELEASED A NEW FIRST AID POLICY & MATRIX AND A CONCUSSION POLICY

To view the Society's First Aid Policy & Event Matrix please visit: <https://www.ashs.com.au/media/2525/first-aid-policy-v1-august-2021.pdf>

To view the Society's Concussion Policy please visit: <https://www.ashs.com.au/media/2524/concussion-policy-v1-august-2021.pdf>

HORSE WELFARE

It is important that event organisers consider the general well-being of horses at ASH events or activities.

All Branches & Management Councils are required to appoint a person or persons as a Horse Welfare Officer to officiate at their ASH event or activity.

To view or download the Horse Welfare policy visit: <https://www.ashs.com.au/sportsevents/information/horse-welfare-policy/>

CHILD PROTECTION

The ASHS is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all young Members to enjoy ASHS activities. Please ensure your Branch or MC takes the time to read the Society's Child Protection Policy and be aware of the requirements around Working with Children Checks (WWCC). All Branches & MCs are required to appoint a Child Welfare Officer.

To view or download the Child Protection Policy visit: <https://www.ashs.com.au/sportsevents/information/child-protection-policy/>

MEMBERSHIP RULES & REGULATIONS

There are a number of different membership statuses to cater for the individual requirements of Members.

The Society's Membership Rules and Regulations cover:

- Definitions of Membership Status – Full, Participant, Youth, Youth Participant, Life, Honorary Life, Subscriber
- Privileges for Financial Members depending on Status – competition and voting rights, receives ASH Journal etc.
- Not all levels of membership are eligible to have horses registered under their membership

It is important to remember that even though memberships can be in the name of a family, partnership, stud, company or property name, **each Membership only represents one individual**. The NOMINEE of each membership is classified as the Member.

To view or download the Membership Rules & Regulations visit: <https://www.ashs.com.au/media/2447/part-2-membership-251119-removed-red.pdf>

REGISTRATION RULES & REGULATIONS

Under the HORSES tab on the ASHS Website there are a comprehensive set of rules in relation to:

- Registration of Horses
- Inspection of Horses
- Identification of Horses
- Transfer & Leases
- Shows & Sales
- Drugs Policy
- Definition & Disclaimer

To view or download please visit: <https://www.ashs.com.au/horses/information/rules-and-regulations/>

ASHS BRANCH FACILITATORS

All ASHS Branches are required to have an accredited ASHS Branch Facilitator. The role of a Branch Facilitator is to oversee and assist at Branch events and activities to ensure that a safe, fair and controlled environment is in place for all participants and Committee. The Branch Facilitators course is an online course that participants have 6 months to complete. There are assessment criteria that Members need to meet that includes being over 18 years of age, having a current WWCC or equivalent and the required level of experience.

For further information including the Branch Facilitator Application form visit: <https://www.ashs.com.au/branches/find-a-branch/ashs-branch-facilitators/>

SOME HELPFUL TIPS

- It is important to remember that for a horse to be competition eligible at ASH Events it must be owned by a current Financial Member of the ASHS
- Under no circumstances can Branches or Management Councils accept ASHS Membership Application forms. These need to be submitted directly to Head Office by the Member. Head Office can process these in a matter of several minutes if necessary
- Horse Transfers cannot be completed until Head Office is in receipt of a signed and completed Transfer Application and the horse's original Certificate of Registration