



# National Buckskin Society Inc.

## SHOW REGULATIONS: - Updated July 2016

These Regulations are made by the authority of the Statement of Purpose of the National Buckskin Society Inc.

In these Regulations the male gender shall include the female gender and vice versa.

Reference to the Committee, the Society, or the NBS Inc. shall be reference to the NATIONAL BUCKSKIN SOCIETY INCORPORATED and the duly elected committee of management.

Shows organised or arranged by the NBS Inc. shall endeavour to ensure members may participate in as many classes as possible, however it shall be at the absolute discretion of the judge or ring steward, in the event of clashing classes, to either hold the class for a SHORT time or to continue with the judging.

These Regulations must be followed by exhibitors, judges, stewards and members & volunteers.

Exhibitors shall at all times, abide by these regulations and all other rules and regulations as set by the Committee of the NBS and as added to or altered by the Committee of the NBS from time to time.

Exhibitor: the exhibitor is the registered owner/lessee of the horse, not necessarily the handler or rider. Horses MUST be shown in the registered/lessee name not the handler/rider name.

Any person found to be in breach of these regulations shall be subject to such penalty as defined by the committee of the Society.

### A. JUDGES:

1. A Judge shall judge all classes disregarding colour and size of exhibits, but taking into account Breed characteristic.
2. A Judge may order from the ring any horse that is unruly, or one whose actions may endanger any persons or other horses.
3. A Judge shall not adjudicate in any class in which a member of his immediate family, or any of his or their horses is competing. If a Judge feels that he will be compromised as to this situation he is to inform his ring steward immediately, who will then inform the ring master of the problem.
4. A Judge shall not, during the period of a show at which he is judging, be a house guest of a person who is exhibiting/competing at the show, without the express request or consent of the NBS committee.
5. A Judge may not judge any exhibit that: [within a period of six [6] calendar months prior to the date of judging]
  - a. He or his family have sold.
  - b. He or his family has ridden, trained or agisted or prepared in any way whatsoever.
  - c. He or his family has given instruction or coaching to the owner/rider/handler of the exhibit.
6. A Judge may not judge any animal he or his family has leased out.
7. A Judge may not discuss the sale, lease or purchase of any horse with owner/rider/handler during a show at which he is officiating
8. A Judge is not eligible to judge an NBS organised show within a 3year period of their last judging appointment for the NBS.

### B. ELIGIBILITY TO SHOW:

1. Only Buckskin horses registered with the NBS or in the register of other State bodies that are affiliated with the NBS, are eligible to compete. Proof of registration may be requested and MUST be available at any NBS run or NBS sponsored event.
2. All exhibitors must be current financial members of the NBS or other state Associations that are affiliated with the NBS. Exhibitors must be able to produce proof of current membership and should carry their membership card with them at all times. Cards may be requested and must be available on demand. This applies at any NBS run or NBS sponsored event.
3. Handlers/riders are not required to be members of the NBS but must pay the insurance levy.
4. Horses classified on the day of a Show are eligible to compete [except for the Foal Futurity]. Horses that are unbranded or not micro-chipped on the day of classification may compete but must be branded/micro-chipped prior to

competing again.

5. The committee reserves the right to alter, delete or add to the program and to reject any entry at its discretion if the circumstances arise.

6. A Novice is not to have won a first place at an NBS A or B class show in Buckskin classes. This applies to Led, Ridden and Rider classes as appropriate. Novice exhibits must be ridden in a snaffle bit.

Foal class at the Titles are "categorised" as a Special Class the winning exhibit does not lose its Novice Status or First Time shown status.

Any other shows that an exhibit wins at will lose its Novice status or First time status

7. A Broodmare is a mare that has a foal at foot or which is in foal in the current breeding season. Broodmare without a foal at foot must be a minimum of 3 months in foal and must be in possession of a pregnancy certificate issued by registered vet. and dated appropriately. [Certificate to be available on demand]

A female cannot compete in both its Female class and a Broodmare class ie Filly 3yrs must compete in the Filly class or the Broodmare class, not both.

8. Horses competing in Dual Registered classes must supply a photocopy of the relevant registration at the time of entry. Where horses are entered on the day proof of dual registration must be carried and may be requested. Only one dual registered class is allowed per horse unless otherwise stated. Part bred horses are not eligible to compete with purebreds as per Breed Societies regulations. Part bred entrants are to be shown in Led or Ridden any other breed classes except where part bred classes are provided.

9. Third Generation Buckskin Exhibits must be a minimum of 3 buckskin generations in Section A, which are NBS registered or registered with another affiliated state provided proof of registration is supplied. All 3 horses' names and registration numbers must be listed on the entry form.

Foundation registration does not constitute a Buckskin generation.

10. No exhibitor may show an exhibit bred by, brought from, leased from, agisted with or trained by the judge or his family in the ring in which the judge is officiating.

11. No exhibit may enter, be led or ridden in a class that it may be ineligible to compete in.

12. Show Hunter/Working Hunter Classes are per EA rules & regulations

13. Breed Classes: where breed classes are held appropriate Breed rules and regulations apply for showing.

14. Foals at foot are not required to be branded.

15. 10.2hh & under classes are for height only. The pony entered may of any type.

16. The same combination of Horse and rider cannot compete in both Leading rein and First Ridden Pony classes.

### **C. CONDUCT OF EXHIBITORS:**

1. Approved hard hats must be worn at all times whilst mounted. Junior rider/handlers are required to wear approved hard hats in led classes as well as ridden classes.

2. Junior is deemed to be 12years and under.

3. Members and competitors shall not enter the judging ring unless actually participating in a class being immediately judged.

4. Competitors must not leave the ring once a class has commenced without permission from the judge unless instructed to do so by the ring official/steward.

5. There is to be no change of handler/rider once a class has commenced without permission from the judge.

6. The judge's decision is final.

7. An exhibitor may lodge a protest against a competitor/judge and such protest must be submitted in writing to an NBS committee member within 1 hour of the disputed action. This protest to be accompanied by a \$20.00 fee, which will be forfeited if the protest is not upheld. Any person who has a protest lodged against them has right of reply.

8. Competitors shall not harass Show officials, judges or stewards. Should a competitor wish to obtain comments from a Judge, an approach is to be made to the ring steward who may arrange a suitable time for consultation.

9. Competitors shall at all times, whilst on a showground or at any NBS function, behave in a manner that will not bring discredit to the NBS Inc.

10. Competitors shall on the day of the show, have their performance cards signed by either the judge, steward, show secretary or any member of the executive committee of the NBS Inc. Where signatures are not available a statutory declaration is permissible. Royals and NBS shows do not require signatures.

11. Suitability of Attire: Riders/drivers and constants must be suitably attired. A rider/driver or contestant not suitably attired shall be precluded from competition.

All riders/drivers must wear approved safety helmets and all competitors must wear appropriate footwear.

12. All Exhibitors, Handlers and Riders must be DRUG (illegal) and ALCOHOL FREE

### **D. WELFARE OF EXHIBITS:**

1. ALL EXHIBITS MUST COMPETE DRUG FREE. Random swabbing may take place in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the NBS Inc. which are in accordance with the EA standards. The NBS Inc. is affiliated with the EA and will show no tolerance to any type of use of banned substances.

Exhibits must not be subjected to unnecessary, unreasonable or unjustifiable pain, suffering or injury as deemed by the Show subcommittee of the NBS.

2. All foals are to be haltered in the ring and must not be bitted.
3. Foals under the age of 3 weeks and their dams are not permitted to be shown.
4. All colts 2 years and over must be bitted in the ring, except where Breed permits.
5. All exhibits are to be shown in a correctly fitting bridle or halter as breed characteristics permit and are to be under full control at all times.
6. The Show Sub-committee reserves the right to disqualify any exhibit that, in its opinion, appears to be in poor condition or visually lame at the time of exhibition.
7. Saddle horses must be 3yrs and over to compete in ridden competition.

#### **E. WELFARE OF EXHIBITORS:**

1. All stallions and colts that are 14hh and under **MUST** be led or ridden by a person 14yrs and over. All stallions and colts that are over 14hh **MUST** be led or ridden by a person 16yrs and over.
2. The wearing of hard hats, although previously mentioned, is compulsory for riders of all ages when riding at all times whilst mounted at any NBS Inc. event. Approved helmets are current Aus/NZ, European or American standards.
3. Riders at Society conducted events must be three (3) years or over on the first day of the Show.
4. In Junior events (12years and under) dressage whips are not permitted. Hacking canes and crops are acceptable.
5. Lengths of whips used in Ridden classes should not exceed 75 centimetres including the tail, excluding whips used in dressage classes. In hand classes whip length is not to exceed 110 centimetres including the handle and tail.
6. A fall of exhibit or rider in any ridden class will result in disqualification from that class. The rider must not remount in the ring.
7. Riders and Handlers will at all times while competing conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner so as not to bring themselves or the Society into disrepute.

#### **F. COMBINED JUDGING:**

1. For Commended Novice, Foal Futurity, Best Dual Registered, Grand Supreme Led & Ridden exhibits, judging is combined and the judges do not confer.
2. A Steward will accompany each judge and a point score system will be used awarding each exhibit a place in order of preference on a point score card.
3. At the completion of the judging, the stewards will collect the scorecard from their judge and hand it to a ring official/s.
4. Ring official/s will conduct a count of score awarded and will notify all judges of the outcome. Where first place is tied or where only 2 judges are officiating and count back is not possible, judges can then be asked to come to a unanimous decision.

#### **G. INSURANCE:**

Exhibitors entering exhibits do so entirely at their own risk; it is a condition of entry that no liability of any kind attaches itself to the National Buckskin Society, the Show Sub Committee or members in any respect whatsoever.

NB: Where other than specified, all rules and regulations are governed by EA, PCAV, HRCV and Breed Societies.