

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## OMEQ & DISTRICT SHOW – GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITS

1. Entries must be made with the relevant Entry Secretary, Event Steward or Online by dates shown in the schedule.
2. All exhibits must be the bona fide property of the Exhibitor at any time of entry.
3. No exhibit of any description will be allowed to compete in more than one class of the Society's Prize List, except for special prizes, or where otherwise specified in Prize List.
4. All exhibits must be delivered at the show grounds in accordance with times listed for each event.
5. All horses in the show grounds must be in hand or tied up where directed in the stalls or areas provided.
6. Exhibitors must, when making entries, comply strictly with directions on entry forms.
7. The Society invites the exhibition of exhibits other than those enumerated in the Prize List.
8. No exhibit shall be removed from the show grounds until 4.00pm on the day of the show except livestock which may be removed after the award of relevant prizes.
9. Exhibits not picked up on Show day can be claimed Sunday 9-10am at the Pavilion.
10. Judges will commence their duties on Friday 17th from 5.00pm for Pavilion Exhibits. The Judges have the power to withhold any prize if they deem the exhibit is not worthy, or give a lesser prize, or they may award special prizes in the form of a certificate for the exhibits which they deem worthy and not included in the foregoing prize list.
11. No Judge shall be an exhibitor in the department where he/she is officiating.
12. No person who is an Exhibitor interested in an exhibit (except those actually in charge of stock) will be allowed to remain in the judging ring, either before or during adjudication of exhibits under the penalty of disqualification.
13. Should any exhibit having gained a prize be disqualified, the next on the list shall not necessarily obtain the same prize. The Committee, with or without the advice of the Judge, shall decide the matter. Donations to the prize fund, whether general or special, when not awarded shall revert to the Society. Prize money not collected on the day will revert to the society.
14. Protests, with \$50.00 deposit, which shall be forfeited if the protest be deemed frivolous, must be lodged with the Secretary before 4pm on the day of the show.
15. Proved willful misrepresentation of exhibits will not merely cause a prize to be forfeited but render the exhibitor liable to be disqualified from exhibiting at future shows of the society. The onus of proof of bona fides of exhibits and compliance with conditions, to rest upon the exhibitor, who, if deemed necessary, may be required to make a statutory declaration in respect of same.
16. Owners entering livestock do so entirely at their own risk and it is a condition of entry, in any event, that no liability of any kind attaches to the Society, the Committee, Officers and Members in any respect whatsoever.
17. The Society will not be responsible for any accident that may be caused through or by any exhibit & it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the society blameless & indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from such accident.
18. The Society will not in any circumstances, hold itself responsible for any loss or mis-delivery of any exhibits at the Society's exhibition or any damage thereto.
19. The Society does not hold itself responsible for any errors that may occur in the schedule and entries are accepted on these conditions.

## VAS GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

20. Each exhibit entered must be the bona fide work of the exhibitor.
21. An exhibit having won at a Show will compete at a Group Final. The winning exhibit will then compete in the State Final.
22. An exhibitor may represent only one local show at Group level and one Group at State level.
23. An exhibit having won at State Final, is no longer eligible to compete in the competition.
24. If for any reason a winner is unable to compete at Group or State Final level then the second placegetter is eligible to compete.
25. A person will not be permitted to win at more than one Show within the State in any one Show year. Persons not adhering to this rule will be required to forfeit/refund prize money.
26. All work to have been completed in the last twelve (12) months prior to its entry at a local show/field day.
27. An exhibit may only win one Group Final in a show season (Spring to Autumn), should the same article be entered again and found to have already won a Group Final in the same show season the exhibitor must forfeit/refund any and all prizes and will be disqualified from exhibiting for 12 months.
28. Late entries not accepted.

### **VAS COOKING REGULATIONS**

29. The entrant must follow the recipe and specifications provided for the section.
30. Each entry must be the bona fide work of the exhibitor
31. Professionals are not eligible, which is defined as someone that works professionally or derives the greater percentage of their income in that craft, art form or technique.
32. Each VAS class follows the three levels of competition: Show level, Group Level & State level.
33. An exhibitor having won at their local Show will bake another item for the 2024 Group Final then the winner of the Group Final will bake another cake or muffins for the State Final at the 2024 Royal Melbourne Show for Open categories and at the Annual VAS Ltd Convention for the junior categories.
34. An exhibitor having won at Show level is not eligible to enter any other Show until after the Group Final judging.
35. An exhibitor is only eligible to represent one Group in the State Final.
36. If for any reason a winner is unable to compete at Group or State Final Level, then the second placegetter is eligible to compete.
37. Junior category entrants must be under 18 years on the day of their Local Show

### **PHOTOGRAPHY - RULES, REGULATIONS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

38. All pictures must either be mounted or ready for hanging.
39. Photos must be taken from within the East Gippsland Shire.
40. Photos must have the owners name marked on the entry in such a position that it will not be visible when displayed.
41. Any name or signature on the front of the entry must be concealed.
42. Though all reasonable care will be taken, judges, stewards and ODAPS will not be responsible for any damage due to pins, tape etc. used in mounting the pictures for exhibition.

### **VAS - PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

43. Junior exhibitors must be under 18 years of age on show day.
44. Unframed. No larger than 20cm x 30cm (8 x 12 inches).
45. Must be mounted (mount no larger than 3cm).
46. All regulations on this page to be taken in conjunction with the general Craft & Photography regulations printed in this schedule.

## **ART - RULES, REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS**

47. Drawings and paintings must either be mounted or ready for hanging.
48. Art must have the owners name marked on the entry in such a position that it will not be visible when displayed.
49. Though all reasonable care will be taken, judges, stewards and ODAPS will not be responsible for any damage due to pins, etc. used in mounting the pictures for exhibition.
50. Any name or signature on the front of the entry must be concealed.

## **DOG HIGH JUMP COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

51. The competition is open to all dogs of all shapes and sizes.
52. The dog is permitted to jump on to or over the jump.
53. A winner at Omeo & District Show qualifies for the State Final Judging in Ballarat Show.
54. A winning dog can represent only Omeo & District Show at Ballarat.
55. All dogs not competing must be on a lead with a handler in the marshalling area behind the competition area.
56. Only one dog may be loose in the competition area at any one time.
57. There must be a handler at the top of the jump to act as a catcher if necessary, and a handler as a catcher at the bottom.
58. The dog's owner must supply one extra handler.
59. A ladder will be provided for the handler.
60. Each dog is allowed three attempts at each height. Equal heights? Winner is the dog that took the least number of attempts.
61. A dog may compete on a loose lead. Not on a loose lead? Must release at a minimum of three metres from the jump
62. Any mishandling or misuse of a dog will incur immediate disqualification.
63. A dog deemed by Stewards as unsafe to competitors or public will be withdrawn.

## **HORSE SECTION - RULES & REGULATIONS**

64. Every rider must complete a Waiver before entering any class.
65. Every person entering the arena must also complete a Waiver before entering the arena. Waivers can be found on Showday-Online when entering or at the Secretaries Office.
66. Exhibitors declare that exhibits in the Horse Sections are the property of the Exhibitor and are entered subject to the Rules, Regulations and Conditions of the Society.
67. The Breeding year dates from the 1st of August each year.
68. Proof of ownership of stallions 3 years old and upwards must be produced at time of entry.
69. Where height is stipulated, all Ponies, Galloways or Horses must be measured by the Official Measurer who will be in attendance from 8am on day of show. The height certificate must be produced to the stewards when entering the ring for judging (1/2 inch shall be allowed for shoes).
70. Stallions are only eligible to compete in their own classes except jumping events.
71. In all cases in rings where age of riders is mentioned, it is compulsory that an age certificate or proof of age may be requested and upon demand to be shown to stewards. If a certificate cannot be produced, the competitor shall be automatically disqualified and barred from that event.
72. Any exhibitors who supply the wrong information on entry forms will render themselves liable to disqualification.
73. Exhibitors must present tickets to stewards upon entering the ring for judging.
74. Led stallion events, stallions must have bridle bit within mouth at all times of exhibiting.
75. Local District Classes, Rider and Horse must have resided within the post codes between 3893 – 3900 for the 6 months prior to the show.

76. Junior riders, from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 12 years, competitors may, if the organizers so stipulate, compete in all age categories for which they are eligible.
77. Novice event entrants must not have won 1st place at an agricultural show in order to compete in that event.
78. Any horse winning a Champion is ineligible to compete in the same class in other Rings. Novice and Intermediate winners are not eligible to compete for Champion or Reserve Champion.
79. The Good Hands Challenge Trophy and the Off The Track Ridden and Led Series Open and Hunter is a VAS Competition. Particular Rules & Regulations concerning these Sections can be provided upon request or please go to [www.vicagshows.com.au](http://www.vicagshows.com.au)
80. Horse competitors are required to sign waivers (to be completed when booking online). Competitors and all those near horses are warned that horses are prone to be unpredictable. Care should be taken when riding near other horses or when on the ground near other horses. Please look after yourself and others. Please report any dangerous incident to the Secretary's Office.
81. The submission of an entry form shall be taken as a guarantee that any animal to be brought onto the grounds is free from disease as far as is known to the owner. In case of infectious disease being spread through or by an exhibitor the exhibitor shall be held responsible for any loss or damage caused.
82. If a rider falls off, he/she will not be allowed to remount until checked by medical personnel.
83. HELMETS- All competitors must wear approved Safety Helmets whilst mounted.

## **HORSE STEWARDS**

84. All Stewards please note that Stewards should be in place half an hour prior to judging to get exhibits ready for the judge and meet exhibitors. Then at least 10 minutes prior to judging, one Steward should call at Secretary's Office and collect books, ribbons and prize cards and meet the Judge. All Stewards are to pay attention to broadcast announcements and are requested to keep announcer up to speed with current events within the ring.