

# **RULES FOR ENTRY TO THE SHOWGROUND for the ANNUAL HAWKESBURY SHOW EVENT**

## **GENERAL:**

- The Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association (“the Association”) welcomes all persons to the Hawkesbury Showground and wishes everyone an enjoyable, entertaining and educational experience. The Showground is very different to other venues. It is a venue for a variety of exhibitors and promoters to show a wide range of products and services and to carry on all kinds of functions and entertainment including exhibitions, sporting, animal, social, theatrical and musical events.
- The Association has a Work Health and Safety Policy in place and takes great effort and care to ensure that all persons on the Showground have a safe and enjoyable time.
- There are large animals, vehicles, crowds, temporary structures and from time to time, building activity, in all kinds of environment and weather conditions. You may participate in events that may have some risk and experience exciting rides.
- As you proceed around the Showground, take care to observe and follow all signage and obey any instruction given by member of the Association’s Committee, Police and / or Security officers on the Showground or its immediate surrounds during the currency of the event.
- Take special care at all times to protect yourself and others against any loss or injury.
- Persons gaining unauthorised access to the Showground and/or any of the Showground’s specific areas may be liable to prosecution.
- Persons enter the Showground at their own risk and must take proper care of all things they bring onto the Showground, The Association is not liable for any loss or damage to personal property.
- Persons entering the Showground agree to be responsible for their own actions and indemnify the Association against any loss or liability, cost, expense or damages arising from or in relation to their acts or omissions.
- The Association reserves the right to inspect and/or search bags brought into or out of the Showground and search all persons, their clothing and other items of such persons.
- Persons causing a disturbance or refusing to comply with requests from the Association or its representatives will be ejected from the Showground.
- The Association may eject a person from the Showground for unauthorised sales or hawking of goods and services.
- The Association may refuse admission to or eject persons from the Showground at its sole discretion.
- Persons entering the Showground must adhere to the Work Health & Safety Legislation.
- Smoking is prohibited indoors and at all catering or public seating areas of the Showground, and where indicated by ‘No Smoking’ signage.
- Additional entry conditions and requirements may apply to any internal ticketed events;

- Any ticket purchased to enable entry into the Showground or any particular area or event at the Showground cannot be exchanged or returned after purchase.
- A person entering the Showground maybe photographed, filmed, taped and/or subjected to monitoring by close circuit television and it is deemed that a person by entering the Showground consents to the Association or third parties appointed by the Association photographing, filming or taping. The Association or third parties appointed by the Association can broadcast, publish, licence and use any photographs, film, recordings or images without compensation. The Association, third parties and anyone acquiring from them a right to use the material are not liable to the subject for its use in any way. The Association strictly complies with the Workplace Surveillance Act 2005.
- Entry to the Showground does not guarantee automatic entry to all events and activities on the Showground during the period of entry.
- Parking is restricted to designated areas and vehicles must not block emergency egress doors or emergency vehicle access roads and are to give way to emergency vehicles.
- All accidents or emergencies are to be immediately reported to the Secretary's Office or authorised personnel.

### **GATE ADMISSION:**

#### **Payment of admission price:**

- All persons entering the Showground, including competitors, must pay the advertised entry admission price at the Gate at the time of entry. Payment can be made by either cash or EFTPOS. For those persons to whom Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association offers a concessional admission price, this will only apply if appropriate concession document is provide at the time of purchase of an admission ticket.  
*Exceptions:* Financial members (see below), pre – purchased ticket holders, pre – purchased competitors ticket holders and complimentary ticket holders.

#### **Members:**

- Paid up Member & Member's Guests, Junior Members enter free on showing of a life member's ticket, a member's tickets, a member's guest ticket or a junior ticket (all of which are not transferable).  
**NB** The gatekeeper(s) may require proof of a ticket holder's identity to confirm ownership and, in default of such identity being offered, may impound the ticket.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY:**

It is not the Association's intention for photographers to be restricted from taking photos around the Showground, providing that:-

- the photographer is not causing annoyance or inconvenience to other show patrons;
- that the subject of the photo is not one detailed in the *Summary Offences Act 1988 (NSW)* ;
- the Association strictly complies with the Workplace Surveillance Act 2005.
- the subjects have given their consent (if under 18 years of age then their parent's consent);
- the photos are not to be sold for commercial gain.

## **CAR PARKING:**

- The Association provides free off- street vehicle parking for the use of all persons attending the Show. Traffic controllers and parking supervisors are operating during the course of the event and all users must obey directions given by these officers when using the facility. Whilst all care is taken in the provision of this facility, the users should take all care and responsibility and the Association accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury that may arise from it's use.

## **FUND RAISING / RAFFLES/ COLLECTION BOXES:**

- Unless authorised by the Association any fund raising activity including the sale of raffle tickets and / or the use of collection boxes will be prohibited on the Showground during the Show.

## **LIQUOR:**

Persons seeking entry to the Showground are advised that:

- Intoxicated persons will not be permitted to enter;
- Intoxicated persons will be removed from the Showground;
- Alcoholic beverages must not be taken into or from the Showground and are subject to immediate confiscation;
- Checking procedures will apply to prevent persons possessing liquor from entering;
- It is an offence to sell to or supply alcohol within the Showground;

## **ITEMS / ANIMALS PROHIBITED TO BE BROUGHT ONTO THE SHOWGROUND:**

- **DURING THE PERIOD TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE SHOW, DURING THE COURSE OF THE SHOW, and**
- **ONE WEEK AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE SHOW.**

The following items and animals are prohibited from being brought onto the Showground :

- Glass or breakable containers;
- Alcohol;
- Illicit drugs;
- Flares or Fireworks;
- Firearms of any kind;
- Laser Pointers;
- Knives or other dangerous weapons including potential missiles;
- Skateboards, scooters or roller blades;
- Flags over 1m x 1m in size;
- Animals;
- Other items as determined by HDAA management that may cause injury, offence or public nuisance.

Any person found in possession of the above will be refused entry to the Showground.

## **Exemptions -**

- A person in control of a registered "Assistance Animal". This refers to a guide dog, a dog trained to assist a person in activities where hearing is required and any other animal trained to assist a person to alleviate the effect of a disability.
- An animal being exhibited for show purposes or engaged in pre-arranged organised entertainment.
- A dog controlled by Police, Defence or Corrective Service personal.

**"Restricted Dog Breeds"** as listed by the NSW Government will NOT BE PERMITTED on the Showground under any circumstances. Should any dog in this category be found on the Showground, the Hawkesbury City Council Animal Compliance Officer will be notified and requested to remove the animal from the Showground and take the appropriate action.