



Member, Competitor & Visitor Obligations

We have a strong and united committee at West Gippsland Quarter Horse Association that look forward to serving our members, to maintain a friendly and respectful time at WGQHA. The committee have agreed to these bylaws.

Affiliate

WGQHA is Affiliated with the Australian Quarter Horse Association, National Cutting Horse Association and Extreme Cowboy Association, as such all affiliated rules apply. It is the Member and Competitor's responsibility to understand the respective rules.

Australian Quarter Horse Association www.aqha.com.au

National Cutting Horse Association www.ncha.com.au

Extreme Cowboy Association USA www.extremecowboyassociation.com

WGQHA Committee

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General

WGQHA holds animal welfare with the upmost importance, all affiliate, state regulation and local conditions, must be adhered to. Should the temperature forecast or actual be above 35 degrees, all shows will be cancelled.

Arena attire must be as per respective affiliate requirements, however in general long sleeve collared button shirts, long pants, western style brimmed hat or safety helmet (no caps), appropriate riding boots and no hoodies.

Helmets can be worn by any competitor and must be worn as required by any Affiliate rules. The helmet must have a current Australian Standards AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards or equivalent.

Stallions must be handled and ridden as per the Affiliate rules.

General continued...

All mounted riders competing must be a member of WGQHA or have paid a day membership and signed a waiver.

The use of offensive language whilst on the grounds will be cause for ejection from the event with no refund of entries fees, at the Committee decision.

Any abuse to officials or other competitors or horses and/or cattle will be cause for elimination from further participation in the event without refund of entry fees, at the judges and one event official's decision.

Dogs **MUST** be on a leash or tethered at all time. Dogs **MUST NOT** be in areas of horse activity at any time.

Competitors at any event run by WGQHA have a responsibility to ensure the welfare of their horses and at all times to treat their horses humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.

No smoking in arenas at any time, no smoking at the gates to arenas, no smoking in the canteen arena. Please ensure you dispose of your butts appropriately.

No alcohol to be consumed by mounted competitors. Spectators must not consume alcohol, in arenas, warm-up areas and marshalling areas. Responsible use of alcohol is promoted and any unwanted behaviour you will be asked to leave immediately.

Personal tack and equipment are the responsibility of the owner, WGQHA is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damage to any personal items or equipment.

Facebook

WGQHA run four separate Facebook pages, WGQHA Cutting Group, WGQHA Extreme Cowboys, WGQHA Performance and WGQHA Team Penning Group. The Facebooks pages are for general Show, Committee, Sponsor, Photos and Clinic information. They are managed by the Committee and members may also post relevant information, with approval of the admins.

Sponsors are permitted to post comments and links, however individual items may not be accepted. General "For Sale" posts, for horses, used tack etc, are not allowed.

Any derogatory, defamatory or bad taste posts or comments will be deleted, and the Facebook member will be removed from the site, the committee may also take further action.

Club Grounds

Members must take care when parking and using the grounds, rubbish must be removed or placed in the bins provided without exception. All Manure and leftover feed/hay must be taken home. All parking and camping sites must be left in a clean and tidy state. Overnight use of the grounds may occur a fee, this is a condition of entry.

Parking

Parking at the Cannibal Creek Reserve can be tight with a number of different events occurring at one time, all visitors must park in a manner that respects other users, allows for the easy arrival and departure of others, use only minimal space, pack up overnight yards during the day and respect your fellow users.

Complaints or Grievances

As per the Model Rules, any parties must first attempt to resolve the issue, remember to remain calm and try to recognise the issue from the other person's view. Should the parties not be able to resolve the issue, they may choose to involve the Club's Committee, first verbally whilst at the ground, and later in writing should they not feel that the issue has been dealt with.

Physical, verbal or bullying will not be tolerated at any time. This may result in the person/persons being asked to leave, suspension or even expulsion from the Club.

The Committee reserves the right to alter the rules or give clarification due to unforeseeable circumstances.

Should you wish to enquire or question these rules you must do so in writing to the WGQHA Committee, signed by the applicant and emailed or posted as per Committee contact details.

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Club Grounds: Cannibal Creek Reserve, Garfield North Road, Garfield North

Website: www.wgqha.org.au



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