

2026 COOMA SHOW HORSE EVENTS GENERAL INFORMATION

Friday 13th March 2026 and Saturday 14th March 2026

STEWARDS:

Show Horse & Breed Rings: Jenny Kennedy 0458 269 392
Show Jumping Ring: Sue West 0411 121 761

ENTRIES

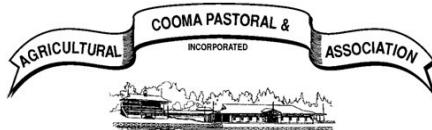
- Will be via Global Entries for both Show Horse & Breed Rings and Show Jumping Events and will open mid February 2026. Links will be published on the Cooma Show website.

HORSE SECTION REGULATIONS

- All competition at this show is governed by the Cooma Pastoral & Agricultural Association Inc (Cooma Show) regulations and by the Agricultural Societies Council of NSW Rules for Discipline in horse sections at shows, which can be viewed at www.agshownsw.org.au.
- Should it become necessary for the ASC Disciplinary Committee to open an inquiry into any aspect of competition in the Cooma Show horse section, this society will support any penalty imposed by that committee as result of the inquiry and will support penalties resulting from enquiries arising from horse sections at other NSW shows.

INDEMNITY and WAIVER FORMS

- The stewards will take all care in managing the section, but competitors taking part in this horse section do so at their own risk. Each adult competitor must, before competing, complete and sign a form indemnifying the Cooma Pastoral & Agricultural Association Inc and waiving any claims against the association for any injury sustained in competition or for loss or damage to the competitor's property or damage caused by the competitor or his/her animal(s) at the show.
- A similar form must also be completed and signed by a parent or guardian for each competitor who is under 18 years of age.
- As well, each horse with which the competitor is involved in competition at the Cooma Show must be listed on each waiver form, along with the Property Identification Code (PIC) of the property from where the horse came to the show.



SPECIAL BY-LAWS FOR HORSE SECTION

● REFUSAL OF ENTRY, ALTERATION OF SCHEDULE

The committee reserves the right to refuse an entry without assigning any reason for doing so and to alter the schedule to meet emerging circumstances.

● JUDGE'S DECISION / DISCRETION

The judge is empowered to withhold any or all prizes in any class where the exhibits are, in his/her opinion, unworthy of the prize and at all times the judge's decision will be final. A judge has the discretion to ask that a led or performance exhibit and handler or rider be ordered to leave the ring if he/she considers the animal is unruly and/or likely to cause an accident.

● DISTRICT CLASSES

Exhibitors and their horses entering these classes must have been permanent residents of the Snowy Monaro Regional Council for at least six (6) months prior to the date of the 2026 Cooma Show. No exceptions to this by-law.

● NOVICE HACK, GALLOWAY, PONY and RIDERS:

A novice is an entrant that has not won first place at a similar or higher-level show. This applies to horse and rider classes.

● SHOW HUNTERS:

Horses in these classes cannot compete in ridden hack, galloway or pony classes. Stallions are not eligible, and exhibits must be three (3) years or older.

● RIDDEN OPEN HACKS, GALLOWAYS, PONIES:

Exhibits in these classes cannot compete in show hunter classes.

● STALLIONS:

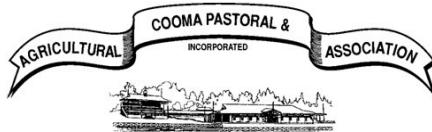
Stallions are to be secured in a metal yard and not left tied to a vehicle. They also must display a green disc at all times whilst on the showground, and the vehicle in which they travel must also have the disc. If they are housed in a yard or stable then the large green disc must be visible at all times. They must be handled by a person over the age of 16 years unless special permission has been obtained from Equestrian Australia and approved by the local governing body (Cooma Pastoral and Agricultural Association). They may not compete in open classes except for showjumping.

● PONIES WITH ADULT RIDERS:

Ponies may be ridden by adults unless otherwise stated in the schedule.

● HORSE MEASURING:

No official measuring will take place at the show, but, if a question about height arises, proof of height may be required. In the absence of proof, a decision will be at the absolute discretion of the Ring Master or Chief Steward.



● **LATENESS TO THE RING:**

Competitors must be ready when called. Once judging has commenced, a competing horse shall not be led or ridden into or out of the judging ring without the permission of the judge and/or the chief steward.

● **BREED REGISTRATION:**

Registration documents for horses in breed classes along with exhibitor membership where appropriate must be produced when required by a steward.

● **ATTIRE:**

Competitors must be appropriately attired for the competition in which they are competing. Full pony club uniform is acceptable in all classes in all rings. Hunter attire/equipment is to be worn in hunter classes.

● **FOOTWEAR:**

All competitors must wear appropriate footwear when leading or riding a horse. When riding, the footwear must enable removal of the foot from the stirrup.

● **HELMETS:**

Helmet regulations are as follows:

- Current Australian standard AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) provided they are SAI Global marked.
- New Australian standard ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked
- Current American standards ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked, or SNELL E2001.
- Current British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided they are BSI Kitemarked.
- Interim European Standard VG1 (01.040: 2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark.

● **CRUELTY:**

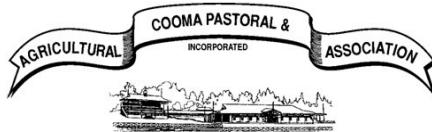
Persons who are considered by the chief steward to be abusive or cruel to a horse will be expelled from the ground. No horse will be permitted to compete if, in the opinion of the chief steward, it is in poor health or condition.

● **DRUGS:**

Drug testing may be carried out at this show. It is forbidden to administer any stimulant or depressant to a horse or to cause one to be administered in any way whatsoever, either before the start of a competition, or on the previous day, under the maximum penalty of disqualification for life of the owner, rider, horse and groom.

● **APPROACHING JUDGES:**

No exhibitor or associate will initiate conversation with a judge on judging day, before during or after judging, except through the chief steward.



- **COACHING:**

Any person detected coaching a competitor while that competitor is being judged may be removed from the showground.

- **PROPER CONDUCT:**

Any exhibitor or associate who behaves offensively on the showground will be expelled from the ground, may be banned from the show in future and may be banned by other societies.

- **PROTESTS:**

A protest or complaint against any exhibit or exhibitor may be lodged verbally with the chief steward no later than ten (10) minutes after the judging of the exhibit or exhibitor. The chief steward must be provided with the exact nature of the complaint and act, if necessary, to maintain competitive fairness.

The chief steward may choose to refer the matter to the protests committee, which shall comprise the President of the association or a Vice-President and two other members of the general committee. A protest or complaint or an appeal against the decision of the chief steward may be lodged in writing with the secretary no later than 10pm on the day of judging.

Such protest, complaint or appeal shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$50 which shall be forfeited if the protest, complaint or appeal proves to be frivolous or vexatious. A matter lodged this way shall be dealt with by the protests committee within 24 hours of lodgement and the decision of the protest committee shall be final.

NB: No protest or complaint will be considered if it refers simply to a judge's decision.