

CATTLEMEN'S OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

Get Together
Friday 10 – Sunday 12 January 2020
Merrijig, Victoria



WELCOME

Welcome to G2G Merrijig for all our new and returning competitors.

The Cattlemen's Obstacle Challenge is a new event, and the committee has worked hard to make it inclusive for all riders. This is an event designed for those who wish to compete in an event similar to the obstacle phase found in the Cup, Ladies and Junior events, without being required to complete the other phases (cattle, whip crack and race).

The inaugural Cattlemen's Obstacle Challenge will have only one section and is open to riders 14 and over on the day of competition. There will be a number of elements to test the combination of horse and rider. There will be a maximum of 20 competitors received in order of complete and paid up entry. A waitlist will be generated for those who miss out in case of scratchings.

Please note, all riders over the age of 18 competing must be a financial member (Associate or higher) of the MCAV. The relevant forms can be found at www.mcav.com.au

The Committee wishes everyone the best of luck throughout the weekend. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable time.

The Event

Competitors must negotiate a course with different obstacles designed to test both rider and horse. Competitors may have to complete sections of the course bareback.

The course will not be released to competitors prior to the competition, but may or may not include small jumps, whip cracking, water and dragging of objects.

Points will be awarded based on accuracy, negotiation of course and time. There will be a maximum time applied.

The event will be programmed for Friday evening, 10 January, following the Cattle Kids event.

Event entry is \$20. All entrants 18 and over must be a financial member of the MCAV.

GEAR CHECK

Friday 10 January 2020 | 3pm - TBC

Event Manager: MCAV Horse Committee | Vet: to be confirmed

Gear check

Judges are entitled to disqualify any competitor or direct them to replace any gear deemed to be unsafe or unsuitable.

- Horse to be presented to the gear check judge fully saddled including bridle and breastplate.
- Rider to wear helmet, stock whip, oilskin, etc. Safety vest is optional.
- All gear must be in good, safe working order and must reflect the spirit of the Mountain Cattlemen.
- All riders must fasten a full-length oilskin to their saddle for the duration of the event (excluding any bareback components).
- All riders must have fastened to their gear a leather stockwhip for the duration of the event unless required to be used eg in the whipcrack.

- All competitors must have a least 2 points of contact to hold the saddle secure (girth and surcingles in addition to the breastplate. Back girth will not be accepted). Saddle with multiple girth points are acceptable.
- Standing martingales and/or tiedowns **must not be used** at any time.
- The MCAV reserves the right to vet check any horse entered into the competition pre or post event.
- Helmets must comply with current Equestrian Australia standards and must not have been in an accident. Helmets must fit the rider correctly. Approved numbers:
 - ✓ 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 standard ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked.
 - ✓ Current American standard 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.

Dress code

- Approved smooth soled riding boots must be worn.
- Collared shirt with long sleeves and appropriate riding trousers.
- All riders must wear an Equestrian Australia Approved helmet at all times whilst mounted.

Detailed event details

Event Manager: Jack McCormack

Requirements

- Competitors are required to complete a set obstacle course designed to test both rider and horse, within a maximum time.
- Time commences when you indicate to the judge that you are ready to start.
- There will be no time penalties awarded.
- Should two competitors receive the same score based on obstacles alone, the rider with the fastest course time will be announced the winner.
- All riders must attempt each obstacle. If unsuccessful in the first try, riders have 2 attempts to correctly complete that obstacle.
- Riders must complete the course by themselves with no outside input.
- All riders will be walked through the course commencing the course.
- Should a rider not complete the course within the maximum time, the score will be taken from points accrued to that point.



Other

1. All competitors must hold a current Ambulance Membership cover.
2. All competitors must indicate they have read and accept the Acceptance of Risk on the online Entry Form. Guardian or parent must download risk form, sign and return for riders under 18 before an entry is complete.
3. All competitors are to treat Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria Committee Members, Horse Event Coordinators, Judges, Stewards, Volunteers or any single person associated with the coordination of the event with respect at all times.

COMPETITION RULES

Any Competitor or Member using electronic technology to defame the Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria, the Annual Get Together, Cattlemen's Cup, Volunteers, Staff, Stewards, Judges or other Competitors will be disqualified from the Mountain Cattlemen's Cup Challenge and this will affect future inclusion in the event.

The Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria endeavour to hold a fair and enjoyable event for all competitors; however it is understood that changes may be made to the event at the last minute to ensure the riders and competing horses' safety. All competitors acknowledge when they enter the event that they will accept any and all changes and decisions made by the Central Council Committee or MCAV Staff, Volunteers, Vets, Stewards or Judges.

All competitors will abide by the following Competition Rules:

1. The Committee reserves the right to make changes to the program in the event of extreme heat by altering ride times, durations and/ or cancelling event sections. No refund will be given.
2. Riders must accept any decision made on the appropriateness/fitness of a horse to compete by the Event Veterinary Practitioner.
3. Each competitor is permitted one and the same horse for the duration of the event.
4. Riders must be experienced riders with an appropriately trained horse.
5. Riders must conduct themselves in a fair and friendly manner towards all Staff, Volunteers, Judges, Vets, Stewards and other Competitors at all times.
6. Riders must accept any and all changes made to the event as necessary as set out by the MCAV organisers. Riders must accept any decision made in regards to scores and rules/regulations by the Judge and/or Stewards of the MCAV.
7. Should a rider's horse become ill or injured, competitors must seek the necessary veterinary assistance as soon as reasonably possible. Payment of the necessary veterinary services is the rider's/horse owner's responsibility.
8. Any animal deemed unfit or at risk by the MCAV event organisers, Committee or the MCAV Veterinary Practitioner will not be permitted to continue in the competition. All decisions are final and no competitor is permitted to enter into any discussion once a decision has been made.
9. Mistreatment or cruelty to any animal in the competitor or another's care will result in the person/s responsible being asked to leave the event immediately and not invited to attend the event again. Other penalties may include: disqualification, loss of points and/ or any prize money awarded.
10. All competitors must register at the Riders Registration which takes place on Friday 10th January 2020 at the Event Secretary's Office.
11. All riders enter at their own risk with no responsibility accepted by the Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria for riders, livestock or property.
12. Any and all decisions made by the Judges, Vets, Central Council Committee or Horse Event Organisers are final and any discussion will not be entered into.

13. Any rider or support person (family member, friend or associate) found interfering with judging, scores, event equipment, livestock or other competitors will be asked to leave the event immediately and will forfeit any prize/s or points awarded.
14. Any genuine dispute must be lodged with the Horse Event Organisers within 30 minutes after the event.
15. Consumption of alcohol/drugs and smoking is not permitted whilst competing or during the presentation of awards.
16. Refunds /scratchings - Scratching will incur a 20% administration fee. Any scratching after Friday 3rd January 2020 will not receive a refund unless accompanied by a vet or doctor's certificate or at the Central Council's discretion. No refund available after Thursday 9 January 2020.
17. Criteria for acceptance. All entries must be done online. All adult riders must be an associate member of the MCAV. If you are having trouble contact the MCAV office for assistance on 0407 520 39 or email secretary@mcaav.com.au.
18. Entries capped at 20 and allocated on a first in best dressed basis.
19. Competitors - the Cattlemen's Obstacle Challenge is open only to those who are not entering either/all of the following: Cattle Kids, Junior, Ladies or Open MCAV Cup events.
20. All competitors in the Cattlemen's Obstacle Challenge must be 14 years or older on the day of competition.
21. Each Rider entering the Obstacle Challenge may only do so once, on one horse.
22. No horse entering the Obstacle Challenge will be under three years of age.

For more information on any of the above, please visit our website first at www.mcaav.com.au, or contact us by email at secretary@mcaav.com.au.

You can also ring our office manager, Rhyl McCormack, on 0407 520 309, or Events Co-Ordinator Judy Dixon on 0418 324 146.

