

STOCKMANS CHALLENGE

OFFICIAL RULE BOOK



WELCOME

The Stockman's Challenge is a newish 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, drywork and Final).

The Stockman's 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.

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.

GEAR CHECK

No formal gear check will be undertaken, but it is expected all riders will adhere to the following requirements:

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 a helmet. 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). Alternatively, riders may wear an oilskin.
- 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.

Further details:

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 may be granted additional 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 prior to commencing.
- Should a rider not complete the course within the maximum time, the score will be taken from points accrued to that point.



Jess Smith, 2015 Obstacle Course

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 the same horse for the duration of the event.
4. Competitors may enter more than once, but any additional entries will be scratched if competitor numbers exceed 20.
5. Riders must be experienced riders with an appropriately trained horse.
6. Riders must conduct themselves in a fair and friendly manner towards all Staff, Volunteers, Judges, Vets, Stewards and other Competitors at all times.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. All competitors must register at the Riders Registration which takes place on Friday Sep 30 2022 at the Event Secretary's Office.
12. All riders enter at their own risk with no responsibility accepted by the Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria for riders, livestock or property.
13. Any and all decisions made by the Judges, Vets or Horse Event Organisers are final and any discussion will not be entered into.
14. 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.
15. Any genuine dispute must be lodged with the Horse Event Organisers within 30 minutes after the event.
16. Consumption of alcohol/drugs and smoking is not permitted whilst competing or during the presentation of awards.
17. Refunds /scratchings - Scratching will incur a 20% administration fee. Any scratching after the date set out on the entry form will not receive a refund unless accompanied by a vet or doctor's certificate or at the Central Council's discretion.
18. Criteria for acceptance. All entries must be done online. If you are having trouble contact the MCAV office for assistance on 0407 520 39 or email secretary@mcaav.com.au.
19. Entries capped at 20 and allocated on a first in best dressed basis. 5 emergency riders will be accepted onto a wait list.
20. Competitors – Priority is given to competitors competing only in the Stockman's Challenge, but if the competition is not full by Friday riders competing in either/all of the following may enter: Junior, Ladies or Open MCAV Cup events. If this is the case, riders must nominate a different horse.

21. All competitors in the Cattlemen's Obstacle Challenge must be 14 years or older on the day of competition.
22. No horse may be ridden in both the Stockman's Challenge and the Open/Ladies/Junior Challenge.
23. No horse entering the Stockmans Challenge will be under three years of age.

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

You can also ring our office manager, Rhyll McCormack, on 0407 520 309.

