

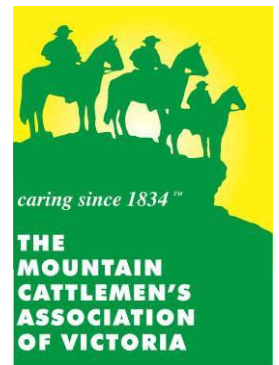
# 2019 MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA ANNUAL GETTOGETHER

## *Great Australian Packhorse Race Information Terms and Conditions of Entry*

**ENTRIES OPEN:** Wednesday 31 October, 2018

**ENTRIES CLOSE:** Friday 11 January 2019

**ENTRY FEE:** \$20 Open & Ladies | \$15 Juniors



### **Categories**

Frank Ryan Open Packhorse Race – men or women aged 18 years and over

Ladies Packhorse Race – women aged 18 years and over

Neville Wright Junior Packhorse Race – 10-17 years

Age at Friday 11 January 2019.

**PRIZE MONEY:** Open 1<sup>st</sup> - \$400 | 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$200 | 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100

Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> - \$300 | 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$200 | 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100

Juniors 1<sup>st</sup> - \$200 | 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$100 | 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$70

**DATE/TIME:** Heats and finals Sunday 10.00am – more detail will be posted closer to the event.

### **Competitors to Provide**

- Packsaddle & pack bags
- Riding & packing horse
- 2 x blankets
- Billy
- Horse rug to fit competing horse
- 12 x cans full soft drink (375ml).

### **MCAV to provide**

- Bags of sand
- Various other items which may be packed under normal packhorse trip circumstances

### **Terms and Conditions of Entry**

- The Mountain Cattlemen's Great Australian Packhorse Race is subject to change by the Event Organisers. Safety of horse, rider and viewing public will be key considerations.
- Entries will be online via [www.mcav.com.au](http://www.mcav.com.au)
- All refunds subject to 20% admin fee. Refunds post entries close date only with a doctor or vet certificate. No refund on the day of competition.
- Heats will only take place if required.
- Mistreatment of a horse will result in disqualification.
- Pack saddles require a breast plate, britchen, girth and crupper (NO CLIPS).

### **Competition**

- Competitors are to start on foot.
- All items to be packed are to be laid out neatly as per the Judges' instructions. No gear is to be pre-packed prior to commencement of the event.
- Upon commencement of competition (crack of a whip), the competitor is to lead their saddled riding horse a short distance to pick up a billy then mount the horse.
- Competitor is to ride with billy in hand to their tethered packhorse (at any pace), dismount and either tether their riding horse or hand to a horse handler and pack their pack bags.
- The competitor must pack their own gear (2 x blankets, billy, horse rug and 12 x cans of drink) in addition to anything that the MCAV provides.

- The horse handler is not permitted to assist the competitor in any other way aside from holding their riding horse.
- Once packed, the competitor is to re-mount and proceed with their packhorse through a set course at a trot to the finish. Riders stopping to adjust the pack will be penalised.
- Judges will note the order of finishing.
- On passing the finish line, the horse handler will take the packhorse and await the Judges' inspection. The pack must not be touched without the Judges' approval.
- Judges will be awarding points based on authenticity of pack, competitor's ability to pack and travel their horse for a period of 8 hours through mountainous bush riding and variable weather. Packs with straps not done up and not through keepers will be penalised. No clips are allowed on horse gear/pack saddle. Damaged packs or gear, packs not square or waterproof will be penalised.
- Any packhorse exceeding a trot between loading and the finish line must be checked immediately. Penalties for cantering will apply.
- Presentations will be made on Sunday after the MCAV Cattlemen's Cup Challenge presentations have taken Place.
- The Judges' decision is final and no further discussion will be entered into.
- Ladies and juniors may have assistance from their horse handler lifting bags onto their pack saddle.
- Any competitor still packing their pack after the first competitor has returned to the start finish line will be disqualified.

### Scoring

Competitors are awarded points based on the following:

#### TRIP DEPARTURE & ARRIVAL

1<sup>st</sup> away – 50

2<sup>nd</sup> away – 45

3<sup>rd</sup> away – 40

4<sup>th</sup> away – 30

5<sup>th</sup> away – 20

1<sup>st</sup> home – 50

2<sup>nd</sup> home – 45

3<sup>rd</sup> home – 40

4<sup>th</sup> home – 30

5<sup>th</sup> home – 20

**Total Max Trip = 100**

#### AUTHENTICITY OF PACK

Heritage design with fixed tree (e.g. pre 50s design) – 50

Military Pack/Swivel tree) – 25

Modern/American design – 10

**Total Max Pack = 50**

#### Number of Girths

Double rig - 50

Single rig - 25

**Total Max Girth = 50**

#### PACKING

Packing of mystery items - 20

Neatness/squareness – 30

Waterproof – 30

Pack suitable for 8 hours mountain riding - 20

Total Max Packing = 100

**Total Max Points = 300**

## **Penalties**

- Straps not in keepers – 5 points per strap
- Main surcingle around load displaced/come off – 25 points
- Surcingle twisted on the top – 10 points
- Surcingle twisted on the bottom – 20 points
- Ill-fitting packsaddle & unable to re-present another pack – 30 points
- Breastplate/britching/crupper twisted – 5 points per item
- Broken items – 5 points per item
- Packhorse cantering (after 3 strides) – 25 points per occasion
- Rider stopping to adjust their pack at any time throughout the course – 50 points
- Pack touched before the judge can inspect upon return from the course – 25 points
- Damaged packs/gear (depending on severity of damage) – 15 points

## **Competitors Profile/Details**

Please provide as much information as possible on your entry form about you and your horse – what experience you've had, memorable trips and some fun facts. The commentators love to be able to provide some detail and it makes it more interesting for the spectators.

## **For more information**

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