



New England Quarter Horse Association

VENUE: Armidale Exhibition Centre

Dates: 20-22 March 2026

Entries via Nominate
OPEN 3rd February 2026
CLOSE 5th March 2026

Entries:

Youth: \$15.00

Ridden & Led classes: \$35.00

Plus Cattle per run: \$80.00

Ground levy: \$20.00

Plus 5.5% Nominate fee

***Total Prizemoney: \$4000**

Ranch Boxing \$1100

Ranch Trail \$1600

Ranch on the Rail \$1300

**Prizemoney to 1st \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20,
or share if tied results**

I competitors agree to abide by the RHAA rules.
It is the responsibility of the competitor to hold
the required RHAA rider permit & provide a
copy if requested by the organising committee.
2025-2026 Membership card will display rider
permit.

Only RHAA financial members will be eligible for
EOY Hi Points.

www.rhaa.com.au/rules

Enquiries: admin@neqha.com.au

Friday 20th March 2025

8:00am

RANCH CUTTING

1. Intermediate Horse
2. Intermediate Rider
3. Intermediate Youth
4. Green Horse
5. Junior Horse
6. Senior Horse
7. Amateur
8. Select Amateur
9. Youth
10. Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit
11. All Age

RANCH BOXING \$100 per class prize money
Sponsored by NEQHA

12. Intermediate Horse
13. Intermediate Rider
14. Intermediate Youth
15. Green Horse
16. Junior Horse
17. Senior Horse
18. Amateur
19. Select Amateur
20. Youth
21. Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit
22. All Age

RANCH PROSPECT LUNGE LINE

23. Yearling
24. 2 Year Old
25. 3 Year Old

RANCH PROSPECT TRAIL \$100/class prize money

26. Yearling
27. 2 Year Old
28. 3 Year Old

RANCH PROSPECT CONFORMATION

29. Yearling
30. 2 Year Old
31. 3 Year Old

Saturday 21st March 2026

7:30am

RANCH TRAIL \$100 per class prize money
Sponsored by Lawrence's Garage & Brake Service

32. Intermediate Horse
33. Intermediate Rider
34. Intermediate Youth
35. Green Horse
36. Green Rider
37. Green Youth
38. Junior Horse
39. Senior Horse
40. Amateur
41. Select Amateur
42. Youth
43. Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit
44. All Age



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RANCH PLEASURE

- 45. Intermediate Horse
- 46. Intermediate Rider
- 47. Intermediate Youth
- 48. Green Horse
- 49. Green Rider
- 50. Green Youth
- 51. Junior Horse
- 52. Senior Horse
- 53. Amateur
- 54. Select Amateur
- 55. Youth
- 56. Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit
- 57. All Age

Sunday 22nd March 2026

7:30am

RANCH ON THE RAIL \$100 per class prize money

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- 58. Intermediate Horse
- 59. Intermediate Rider
- 60. Intermediate Youth
- 61. Green Horse
- 62. Green Rider
- 63. Green Youth
- 64. Junior Horse
- 65. Senior Horse
- 66. Amateur
- 67. Select Amateur
- 68. Youth
- 69. Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit
- 70. All Age

RANCH REINING

- 71. Intermediate Horse
- 72. Intermediate Rider
- 73. Intermediate Youth
- 74. Green Horse
- 75. Junior Horse
- 76. Senior Horse
- 77. Amateur
- 78. Select Amateur
- 79. Youth
- 80. Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit
- 81. All Age

RANCH CONFORMATION

- 82. Intermediate Horse
- 83. Intermediate Rider
- 84. Intermediate Youth
- 85. Green Horse
- 86. Green Rider
- 87. Green Youth
- 88. Junior Horse
- 89. Senior Horse
- 90. Amateur
- 91. Select Amateur
- 92. Youth
- 93. Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit
- 94. All Age

CROSS ENTERING DIVISIONS:

GREEN RIDER - Walk/trot only. Horse/Rider combination **ineligible** to cross enter any other ridden division. Green Rider permit must be held to obtain points in this division.

GREEN HORSE (to be ridden in snaffle bit & hackamore only) Horse with minimal show experience. Professional or nonprofessional riders

INTERMEDIATE RIDER - Rider **ineligible** to cross enter GREEN RIDER classes. RHAA Intermediate Rider permit must be held to obtain points in this division.

INTERMEDIATE HORSE - Horses with 'some' previous show experience. Professional or nonprofessional riders.

AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE SNAFFLE BIT – Those entered in this division, if eligible, can cross enter, Amateur, Select Amateur, Masters, Intermediate Rider, Intermediate Youth and Youth, Green Horse & Intermediate Horse. **Ineligible** to cross enter Green Rider, Junior Horse, Senior Horse & All Age divisions.

OPEN CLASSES: Junior & Senior Horse, Amateur, Select, Masters and All Age;

*must be ridden in the correct head gear in a western saddle per RHAA rules

*Junior horse: Horses five-years-old (5) and younger

*Senior Horse: Horses six-years (6) and older



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Guidelines, Gear, Attire

- No horse under 3 years of age may be exhibited under saddle.
- No hoof polish/black.
- No braided or banded manes/tails or tail extensions, except in any class where roping is involved, the horse's mane may be braided for a distance of 33 – 45cm in front of the saddle pad. No ribbons or other kinds of ornamentation will be allowed.
- Trimming inside ears is discouraged. Trimming bridle path is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair.
- Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit.
- Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged.
- Holding the saddle horn or front of saddle with either hand will not be penalised in any class.
- Posting or standing in stirrups at extended trot is acceptable.
- When exhibiting in a snaffle bit or hackamore, an exhibitor may switch between two hands and one hand on the reins at any time.
- No drag permitted in Level 1 (Green) or Level 2 (Intermediate), Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit, Green Rider or Youth classes.
- Tie Breaker - specific manoeuvres and/or obstacles will be selected by Judge prior to start of the class and so noted on score sheets, these manoeuvres will be ranked as 1st tie breaker, second, third etc.
- Scoring: Each exhibitor is scored between 0-100 points and automatically begins the run with a score of 70 points. Exceptions; Conformation & Ranch & On The Rail

Unregistered horses wishing to enter Prospect classes, Amateur, Select, Masters, Junior, Senior Horse or All Age Classes; an aged vet certificate must be provided prior to entry via email;

AMATEUR/SELECT/MASTERS

RHAA Amateur Rider permit must be held to obtain points in Amateur, Select & Masters rider divisions. Person must be a financial member of the association and hold either an individual Full, Life or Honorary Life membership in their own name;

The amateur must agree as follows;
Have not, in the previous three (3) years received remuneration or compensation for: Showing or training any horse or instructed any other person in riding, driving or exhibiting;

*Payment by another person for stable and or yard fees, bedding or camping fees will not be considered remuneration if the Amateur reimburses the payee;

*Prize money or judging fees will not be considered as remuneration;

*Amateurs may accept Sponsorship in the form of goods only. Exception would be Amateurs fundraising for a sanctioned RHAA event.

An Amateur can only exhibit a horse owned by themselves or their immediate family in any class.

Separate legal entities, such as family corporations, trusts or partnerships, are also authorised owners of the Amateur exhibitor's horse so long as all legal and equitable owners and beneficiaries of the legal entity are individuals specifically authorised by this rule;

Immediate family – Spouse, de facto partner, parents, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s), sister(s);

Horses owned in partnership or jointly with any person other than the persons immediate family, do not fulfil the ownership requirements for Amateur;

Ownership of horses exhibited by the Amateur must be evidenced

LEVEL – GREEN:

Green Rider – A class for inexperienced riders, open riders are NOT eligible for this class. Riders will be required to show their horses at the walk and trot only, no loping permitted. The purpose of this class is to encourage those new to riding and/or new to showing. No Ranch Cattle events or Ranch Reining for Green Rider.

- Any age horse may be ridden two handed in a *Snaffle Bit or hackamore*. (No curb/shank bits)
- Any 'safe' saddle, with the exclusion of bareback pads. Includes; English, Western, stock, fender or half breed saddles.
- Ownership of horse not required – a borrowed horse may be used (owner of the horse must be a financial member)



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Green Horse. Open to all riders – professional and nonprofessional – wanting to bring inexperienced horses (3 Yr and over) into the show arena. Horses will be required to show at the walk, trot & lope.

Green Youth – A class for inexperienced Youth riders. Open to Youth up to 18 years as at 1st August. Riders will be required to show their horses at the walk & trot only. Must have written permission from their parent/guardian to compete. Parent/guardian must sign the entry form. All Youth competing or taking part in an RHAA sanctioned event must be in the care of a responsible adult who is in attendance for the duration of that event, whilst the Youth attends that event. The purpose of this class is to encourage Youth who are new to riding and/or new to showing in Ranch events

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

- Horse may be ridden one or two handed in any legal headgear (see RHAA rules 'Gear')
- Rider must not swap from one to two hands or visa versa during the class
- Any safe saddle, with the exception of bareback pads. Includes; English, Western, stock, fender or half breed saddles permitted
- Ownership of horse not required – a borrowed horse may be used (owner of the horse must be a financial member)

Intermediate Rider – A class for nonprofessional adult riders with some previous show experience, professional riders are NOT eligible for this class. Riders will be required to show their horses at the walk, trot & lope. Riders can ride in a snaffle, hackamore or a curb bit with split reins or a romal. Rider must not swap from one to two hands or visa versa during the class if riding in a curb bit. Those entered in this class **are ineligible for GREEN rider classes.**

Intermediate Horse – Open to all riders – professional and nonprofessional. Horses with previous show experience may be shown in this class. Horses will be required to show at the walk, trot & lope.

Intermediate Youth – A class for Youth riders with some previous show experience. Open to Youth riders, 7 to 18 years as at 1st August. If one (1) class is held to be: 7 to 18 years old if two (2) classes held: 7 to 13 years and 14 to 18 years. Riders will be required to show their horses at the walk, trot & lope.

Youth competitors are to wear an approved safety helmet whilst mounted. Youth must not ride or handle a stallion at any time

LEADLINE: A lead at least 1.8 m long must be attached to a halter that is under the bridle so that while the rider is mounted, the horse is controlled by the adult. The chain on the halter cannot be under the chin or over the nose, it

must come straight off the halter ring. No two (2) or three (3) year old horses can be used in this class. No rider entering this class can enter any other ridden class on the program.

ATTIRE:

WESTERN ATTIRE MANDATORY; (All divisions)

- long sleeve collared shirt - half or full button or zipper, Collar = band, stand-up, tuxedo etc
- b) western hat (the hat must be on the rider's head when the exhibitor enters the arena) or ASS approved safety helmet. Safety standard numbers for these helmets are AS-NZS 3838, ARBHS 2012 and ASTM F1163.
- western pants/jeans
- western boots.

Optional Attire – Necktie, scarf, Spurs, chinks and chaps in ridden classes.