Reining Australia National Show 2026 — Show Conditions

1. Nominations and Late Entries

Nominations must be received online through **Nominate by 12 midnight Sunday, 19 October 2026**.

Nominations received after the closing date will incur a **$45 late fee per event**.

Late entries into individual classes will be accepted **only for horses that were nominated by the closing date**. Late class entries must be submitted online through Nominate no later than **4.00 pm on the day prior to the commencement of the class** and will incur a **$15 late entry fee in addition to the applicable nomination fee**.

Late entries will be placed at the **top of the draw**.

2. Online Nominations, Stabling and Camping

All nominations, entries, stabling and camping bookings must be completed online through **QSEC website at** https://www.qsec.com.au/Get-Involved/Book-Stables-and-Camping

3. Refunds and Scratching

Entry fees are non-refundable.

Exceptions may be considered where a **veterinary or medical certificate** is provided to Show Management **prior to the commencement of the Show on Bump in on Tuesday morning**. Requests for refunds will not be considered without the required certificate.

There will be **no substitution or transfer of entries between horses or riders**.

4. Class Draws

Competitors are responsible for checking the draw posted each day. Changes may be made to the draw after the printed program has been produced.

5. Show Program

The official **Reining Australia National Show Program** will be available online to all competitors.

6. RA Affiliate Championships

To compete in the RA Affiliate Championships, riders must be a **current financial member of Reining Australia and a member of an RA Affiliate**.

Riders must nominate the Affiliate they represent when completing their nomination.

7. Non-Sanctioned Classes

All riders competing in non-sanctioned classes must hold a current **Reining Australia Youth, Full or Green Rider membership**, as applicable.

8. Membership, Good Standing and Horse Licensing

Owners and riders must be current financial members of Reining Australia and be in good standing.

All horses competing at the Show must hold a current **Reining Australia competition licence**.

Any transfer of horse ownership must be completed prior to the horse competing.

9. Program Amendments

Show Management reserves the right to extend, amend or alter the program once final entry numbers are known.

10. Rules and Acceptance of Conditions
All classes will be conducted in accordance with the current **Reining Australia Rules and Regulations**.

By submitting an entry, the owner, rider and/or agent acknowledge and agree to be bound by these Show Conditions and the applicable Reining Australia Rules and Regulations.

The Show Conditions acceptance box must be ticked when entering.

AGED EVENTS

11. Payouts
Payouts will be made in accordance with the current Reining Australia payout schedules, except for **Aged Events, RA Open and RA Michelle Halliwell Non Pro**, which will be paid in accordance with the specific payout conditions set out below.

12. Age of Horse
For the purposes of Reining Australia Aged Events, a horse's age is calculated from **1 August each year**, regardless of the horse's actual date of birth.

This applies to horses born in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.

13. 2026 Gold Buckle Futurity Horses
All **2026 Gold Buckle Futurity horses** are classified as five-year-olds and must be shown **one-handed in a bridle**, in accordance with the applicable rules.

14. Aged Event Nomination Requirements — Futurity and Derby
All horses competing in Futurity classes must be nominated to the **Gold Buckle Futurity Program**, or pay the applicable Gold Buckle Futurity Program Nomination fee in addition to the class entry fee if the horse has not previously been GB nominated.

The late fee for the **2026 Gold Buckle Futurity Nomination is $880 — no exceptions**.

All horse/rider combinations must enter the level for which they are eligible and may also enter **one level above**, where applicable.

There are **three levels in Open and three corresponding levels in Non Pro**.

Entering an eligible **Non Pro level and the corresponding Open level** will satisfy the requirement to enter one level and one level above. For example Open Level 2 and Non Pro Level 3.

Likewise for riders entering one level in Open ***and or*** Non Pro and one level above. For example Open Level 2 & Open Level 3.

Competitors may only enter levels for which they are eligible under the Reining Australia Rules.

Where the number of entries is fewer than the number of advertised payout positions, any undistributed prize money will be redistributed proportionally across the remaining eligible placings.

15. Customised Payouts

Class 7a — RA Open ($3000)

Class 7b — RA Michelle Halliwell Non Pro ($3000)

Place	Payout
1st	$1,020
2nd	$650
3rd	$500
4th	$350
5th	$280
6th	$200
TOTAL	**$3,000**

Class 8 — RA Open Snaffle Bit 3-Year-Old Futurity ($500)

Place	Payout
1st	$250
2nd	$150
3rd	$100
TOTAL	**$500**

Class 18a — GB Open Futurity L4 (25,000)

Place	Payout
1st	$10,000
2nd	$5,000
3rd	$3,500
4th	$2,500
5th	$2,000
6th	$2,000
TOTAL	**$25,000**

Class 18b — GB Open Futurity L3 ($8,500)

Place	Payout
1st	$3,500
2nd	$1,750
3rd	$1,200
4th	$850
5th	$650
6th	$550
TOTAL	**$8,500**

Class 18d — GB Non Pro Futurity L4 ($11,000)

Place	Payout
1st	$5,000
2nd	$2,250
3rd	$1,500
4th	$1,000
5th	$750
6th	$500
TOTAL	**$11,000**

Class 18e — GB Non Pro Futurity L3 ($2,500)

Place	Payout
1st	$1,100
2nd	$500
3rd	$350
4th	$250
5th	$175
6th	$125
TOTAL	**$2,500**

GENERAL CLASS CONDITIONS

16. Youth Classes

The following classes will have **free entry**:

- RA Beginner Youth
- RA Youth 13 Years & Under
- RA Youth 14–18 Years
- RA Lead Line
- RA Short Stirrup

17. Equipment Checks and Welfare

In all RA-approved classes with **$500 or less added money**, where classes are conducted concurrently, the threshold applies to the highest added money offered. The classes being Intermediate Open, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Open and Open Snaffle Bit 3 year old Futurity.

The Chair Judge may conduct random equipment checks.

It is recommended that at least three horses in each class be selected for equipment checks. Horses will be selected by the Chair Judge following completion of their pattern.

The Chair Judge may stop any horse at any time where there is concern regarding **abuse, welfare or unsafe conditions**.

18. Jackpot Classes

Reining Australia will retain **50% of entries** in all Jackpot classes, except where the class is specifically identified as having **full added money**.

This applies to:

- Open Futurity L2
- Non Pro Futurity L2
- Open Derby L2
- Non Pro Derby L2

19. Concurrent Classes

Where a horse is entered in two events conducted concurrently, the horse will make **one run**, with the score counting for both events.

Only **one Judges Fee** will apply, being the higher of the two applicable fees.

Only **one Video/Media Fee** will apply.

20. Photography, Videography and Media

All exhibitors acknowledge and agree that photography and videography may be undertaken throughout the Show under the direction of Show Management.

Reining Australia may use photographs, video footage and other media captured during the Show for promotional, marketing and archival purposes.

The official photographer is:

OAKFIELD BLOOM EQUINE PHOTOGRAPHY — Rhiannon Dyke

The official videographer/live broadcaster is:

AUSTRALIAN EQUINE NETWORK PTY LTD — Dion Lane

A **$25 Video/Media Fee per run** will apply.

The Green Rider class will incur a **$50 Video/Media Fee** for the two-plus runs.

No professional photographer, videographer or person using a DSLR or similar professional camera equipment may photograph or record any part of the Show without the prior knowledge and permission of Show Management.

21. Green Rider and Para Reining
Green Rider
The RA Green Rider competition will consist of **two Go Rounds**, with riders accumulating scores across both rounds.

The **Top 10 riders**, based on their combined scores from the two Go Rounds, will qualify for the **Green Rider Final Shootout**.

The Final Shootout will determine the **Overall RA Green Rider Champion**.

Champion Buckles will be awarded to the overall winners of each Green Rider division — **Level 1 and Level 2**.

The **Overall Green Rider Shootout Champion** will receive a **customised Stitch'em On Show Bridle** and will be crowned the **2026 Reining Australia Overall Green Rider Champion**.

All riders must meet the eligibility requirements of the Reining Australia Green Rider Program and must have competed at least once at Affiliate level to be eligible to compete at the National Show.

Only **one Green Rider level** may be entered.

Para Reining
Para Reining classes will use **graded patterns**.
Competitors must refer to the current Reining Australia Para Reining Policy.
Para Reiners must submit their grading application to Reining Australia prior to the Show.
Riders must hold at least the required RA membership through the Green Rider Program.
Para Reiners must also submit the **Para Reiner Judges Brief**, available via JotForm through the Reining Australia website.

OPEN PEN, WARM-UP AND ARENA CONDITIONS

22. Open Pen
Open Pen rules will be strictly enforced.

A maximum of **16 horses** will be permitted in the arena at any one time.

- Left circles — entry end of the arena
- Right circles — top end of the arena
- Circles and turnarounds — first 30 minutes of each hour
- Rundowns and stops — final 30 minutes of each hour

Horses must not be rested in the centre of the arena.

The tractor always has right of way during Open Pen. **All riders must stop and stand their horses against the wall while the tractor is operating.**

23. Paid Warm-Ups
All paid warm-ups must be booked and paid for through **RA Nominate** at the time of entry.

The cost is **$50 per 10 minutes**.

There is no restriction on the number of paid warm-ups an individual horse may undertake during the Show, subject to availability.

24. Reining Australia Eligibility Caps
Reining Australia eligibility and earnings caps will apply throughout the Show.

It is the responsibility of the owner and/or rider to ensure that they are aware of the official earnings of the horse and/or rider as recorded by Reining Australia.

SPECIAL AWARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS

25. Reining Paints / PHAA Award
Reining Paints and the Paint Horse Association Australia (PHAA) will award a special buckle to the highest-scoring Paint Horse of the Show.

Competitors whose horses are registered with PHAA must provide the horse's PHAA registration details where requested on the nomination form.

26. AQHA Points
AQHA points may be available from the Show.

Riders wishing to have their results recorded for AQHA points must provide the required AQHA details on the nomination form.

FREESTYLE

27. Freestyle
Riders must hold current Reining Australia membership and the horse must hold a current Reining Australia competition licence.

Freestyle classes will be conducted in accordance with the Reining Australia Rule Book.

Competitors must supply their own music. Music must be provided to the Announcer no later than **12 noon Friday, 30 October 2026**, allowing sufficient time for preparation prior to the class on Saturday morning.

SCRATCHING AND COMPETITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

28. Notification of Scratching
Competitors must notify the Show Secretary of any scratching **prior to the commencement of the relevant class**.

Failure to notify Show Management may result in a **$25 fine**, at the discretion of Show Management.

CAMPING AND STABLING

29. Stabling and Camping
All stabling and camping must be booked, allocated and paid for through **QSEC/Nominate**, in accordance with the applicable booking arrangements.

30. Additional Horses
Members are encouraged not to bring additional horses onto the grounds that are not competing.

Horses not competing are **not permitted in the Main Arena from Wednesday to Saturday inclusive**.

Competitors should indicate on the nomination form if an additional or companion horse will be present but is not competing. The fee is **$150 facility fee**

31. Non-Competitors Riding on the Grounds
Any person wishing to ride on the grounds who is not competing at the Show must hold current **Reining Australia membership**.

32. Exhibitor Numbers
All horses must display the correct exhibitor number while competing.

Failure to display the correct number, or displaying an incorrect exhibitor number, may result in a **$25 fine**, at the discretion of Show Management.

SAFETY, ATTIRE AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

33. Youth Safety and Stallions
All Youth riders aged **13 years and under** must wear an approved safety helmet at all times while mounted, in accordance with the Reining Australia Safety Helmet Policy.

Youth aged **18 years and under** must not ride or handle a stallion, in accordance with the applicable Reining Australia policy.

34. Show Attire
Competitors must comply with the attire requirements contained in the Reining Australia Rule Book.

When entering the arena to compete, riders must wear:

- A western hat or approved safety helmet
- A long-sleeved western shirt with sleeves buttoned down
- Western boots

Horses must be presented with a **western saddle and western bridle**.

Failure to comply with the required attire upon entering the arena may result in a **no score**.

35. Presentations
All competitors and handlers attending presentations must be dressed in appropriate western attire, including a western hat.

Competitors are encouraged to attend presentations **mounted where practical and safe to do so**.

36. Dogs
Dogs must be kept at competitors' campsites.

Dogs are **not permitted in the Grandstand, Marshalling or Canteen areas**.

All dog droppings must be immediately cleaned up.

All dogs must be **on a lead at all times**.

QSEC may issue on-the-spot fines for breaches of its animal and site requirements.

37. Bikes and Scooters
Bicycles, scooters and similar recreational vehicles are **not permitted in or around the stables**. Riders and exhibitors are encouraged to bring and use an appropriate **anti-theft locking device** to secure bicycles, scooters or similar vehicles when unattended. RA accepts no responsibility for any loss, theft or damage to bicycles, scooters or similar vehicles.

Approved helmets must be worn when riding bicycles, scooters or other applicable vehicles where required by venue rules.

38. Veterinary Services

The local equine veterinary service is:

Moreton Bay Vets

Phone: **07 5422 9410**

39. Accidents, Injuries, Concerns and Complaints
Any accident, injury, safety concern or complaint should be reported as soon as possible to:

Rider Representative: Stephanie Dunnachie - **0447 163 564**

Show Manager: Steve Withers – **0409 158 966**

Show Secretary: Chris Wales — **0407 856 786**

Assist Show Secretary Liz Galliott - **0407 773 374**

40. Drug Testing
Drug testing will be conducted throughout the Show in accordance with Reining Australia requirements and policies.

41. Nominate Fees
All nominations and entries will incur a **5.5% Nominate processing fee**, which will be added at checkout.

Competitors requiring assistance with the Nominate booking process may contact:

Laura — Nominate

Phone: **07 3118 9555**

Email: laura@nominate.com.au

42. Exception to Class Eligibility

As an exception for the **2026 National Show**, the **2026 Class Eligibility requirements for horses and riders will apply to the 2026 National Show at QSEC.**

This exception is specific to the 2026 National Show and recognises the change in venue and timing of the event.

All earnings at the national show will be for the 2026 season.

Reining Australia wishes all competitors a safe journey to the Show.

We look forward to welcoming competitors, families, supporters and spectators to the **2026 Reining Australia National Show** and wish everyone a successful and enjoyable event.