# RING EVENT RULES AND DEFINITIONS

The Committee of Warialda Pastoral and Agricultural Association Inc. provides the following definitions regarding horse exhibits at it's annual show.
The definitions below are as per the SHOW HORSE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIA INC. COMPETITION RULES book. Competitors should be aware of the entire rulings in the Show Horse Councils Rule Book. An electronic copy of the Rules Book may be accessed at the Secretary's office.

These extracts are deemed to be the main definitions applicable to this Show.

3.13 A hack must be at least three (3) years of age to compete in ridden classes at Official Shows.

3.15 A MAIDEN HACK is one that has not been placed in any Individual ridden hack class at any Official Show.

3.16 A NOVICE HACK is one that has not been placed 1st in any Individual open ridden hack classes at any Official Show. This Novice definition also applies to Show Hunter and Working Show Hunter horses in the relevant competition.

3.18 An INTERMEDIATE HACK is one that has not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Individual ridden hack class at any Royal Show, and including the R.N.A. Bathurst, Toowoomba, Launceston and Geelong Royals. The Intermediate definition also applies to Show Hunter and Working Show Hunter horses in the relevant competition.

3.22 The Champion will be selected from the 1st place winners from each of the eligible classes. Under no circumstances shall a judge award equal Champions.

3.23 The Reserve Champion will be selected from the remaining 1st place winners and the 2nd placegetter/s from the class/s which supplied the Champion.

3.24 Supreme Champion will be according to the Show's schedule.

3.25 A Judge officiating at an Official Show is under no obligation to award 1st, 2nd or 3rd place (any placing) if he/she considers such placings are not up to standard.

4.1 (a) it is the Competitor's/Exhibitor's responsibility to ensure eligibility for a class.

(b) Where any ineligibility to compete may occur, the Competitor/Exhibitor (not the Judge) should withdraw from the class/event.

4.4 A Competitor/Exhibitor or a member of their family shall not approach a Judge with regard to a decision, unless they first obtain permission from The Ringmaster (*Chief Ring Steward at Warialda Show)* who may arrange an appointment with the Judge, at an appropriate place and time. The Judge or Official may refuse the request. A representative of the organising body shall remain present during any such discussion/meeting.

4.5 Once judging has commenced, a competing horse shall not be led or ridden in or out of the ring without the permission of the Judge and/or Ringmaster (*Chief Ring Steward)*

4.7 A Competitor/Exhibitor/member shall at all times behave in a proper and respectful manner to Judges, Show Officials and their fellow competitors and not engage in conduct that may bring the sport into disrepute.

4.8 Any act of cruelty, excessive discipline or mistreatment of a horse at a SHC Event will result in disqualification from the event and is reportable for Disciplinary action.