

Clydesdale and Heavy Horse
Field Days Association Inc.



‘Gatton’ Heavy Horse Field Days

Information, Rules & Event Guide

2 & 3 May 2026

Gatton Showgrounds **PIC No: QAGT1412**

List of Events

We would like to sincerely thank the various breed associations for sponsorship and support offered and organised: the CCHSA Qld Branch and members, The PHBAA and members, the IDHA, the AGHS and the AFHS. Further support from businesses, studs and individuals is greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in the program when printed.

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Led Classes – Saturday

Championships are as listed. Reserve champions are considered from the remaining eligible champion contenders, plus the second placegetter from the class which supplied the champion.

The Heavy Breeds:

Event 1 Led Clydesdales

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| Class 1 | Gelding under 3 years old |
| Class 2 | Gelding 3 years & over |
| Class 3 | Champion & Reserve Champion Gelding
(Winners from class 1 & 2) |
| Class 4 | Colt foal under 1 year |
| Class 5 | Colt 1 & under 3 years |
| Class 6 | Champion & Reserve Junior Colt
(Winners from classes 4 & 5) |
| Class 7 | Stallion 3 years & over |
| Class 8 | Champion & Reserve Champion Stallion
(Winners from class 7) |
| Class 9 | Filly foal under 1 year |
| Class 10 | Filly 1 & under 3 years-if sufficient entries this may be divided |
| Class 11 | Champion & Reserve Junior Filly
(Winners from classes 9 & 10) |
| Class 12 | Dry Mare 3 years & over |
| Class 13 | Brood Mare 3 years & over (in foal or foal at foot)
(If sufficient entries, the mare classes may be divided by age.) |
| Class 14 | Champion & Reserve Champion Mare
(Winners from classes 12 & 13) |

Class 15 Supreme Champion Clydesdale
(From winners from classes 6, 8, 11 & 14)

Only horses registered in the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society (Aust.) Stud Book may be entered. Pending registrations are allowed only for purebred foals under 12 months. Substitution is not permitted. The Supreme Champion will be chosen from the Champion Colt, Champion Stallion, Champion Filly and Champion Mare. The age of all horses is calculated from the 1st August.

Event 2 Led Percherons

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| Class 1 | Appendix Registered Percheron having 50% or more Percheron blood (any age, any sex) |
| Class 2 | Gelding under 3 years old |
| Class 3 | Gelding 3 years & over |
| Class 4 | Champion & Reserve Champion Gelding (from classes 2 & 3) |
| Class 5 | Colt 2 years & under (<i>If sufficient entries, this class may be divided</i>) |
| Class 6 | Stallion 3 years & over |
| Class 7 | Champion & Reserve Champion Colt/Stallion
(Winners from classes 5 & 6) |
| Class 8 | Filly 2 years & under (<i>If sufficient entries, this class may be divided</i>) |
| Class 9 | Mare 3 years & over |
| Class 10 | Champion & Reserve Champion Filly/Mare
(Winners from classes 8 & 9) |
| Class 11 | Supreme Champion Percheron
(From winners of classes 7 & 10) |
| Class 13 | Best Presented Percheron & Handler – <i>this will be assessed throughout the led classes, and the Perpetual Trophy will be presented at the end – it is not a separate individual class. It is free to enter, but no prizemoney is awarded, only ribbons</i> |

Only those horses registered with Percheron Horse Breeders Assn of Australia Inc. and the Percheron Association Australia are eligible to enter. Pending registrations are allowed only for foals under 12 months. Substitution of horse is not permitted. The age of all horses is calculated from the 1st August.

Event 3 Led Draught Horses

Class 1	Gelding under 3 years old
Class 2	Gelding 3 years & over
Class 3	Champion & Reserve Champion Gelding (Winners from classes 1 & 2)
Class 4	Colt 2 years & under
Class 5	Stallion 3 years & over
Class 6	Champion & Reserve Champion Colt/Stallion (Winners from classes 4 & 5)
Class 7	Filly 2 years & under
Class 8	Mare 3 years & over
Class 9	Champion & Reserve Champion Filly/Mare (Winners from classes 7 & 8)
Class 10	Supreme Champion Draught Horse (From winners of classes 6 & 9)

Horses entered in any other pure breed led events may not compete (i.e. Events 1, 2, 4 or 5). Any Heavy Horse or Part Bred Heavy Horse **having 50% or more** pure Clydesdale, Percheron or Shire is eligible to be entered in the led draught classes. Horses can be registered with the Australian Draught Horse Society Stud Book or any other Breed Registry (subject to our approval) or can be unregistered. All horses entered in these led draught classes **must display typical heavy horse** characteristics as stated in this rule book. Substitution is not permitted.

Those entered in the Led Crossbred Clydesdale classes – event 6 - are not eligible for event 3 Led Draught Horses, and vice versa. We may require a photo of the horse if it is potentially a bit light-looking- in order to assess suitability for the draught classes. The age of all horses is calculated from the 1st August.

To be eligible for a Special Award for Best Registered Australian Draught Horse, the Australian Draught Horse registration number must be supplied with entries.

Event 4 Led Shires

Class 1	Gelding under 3 years old
Class 2	Gelding 3 years & over
Class 3	Champion & Reserve Champion Gelding (Winners from classes 1 & 2)
Class 4	Colt 2 years & under <i>(If sufficient entries, this class may be split)</i>
Class 5	Stallion 3 years & over

Class 6	Champion & Reserve Champion Colt/Stallion (Winners from classes 4 & 5)
Class 7	Filly 2 years & under (<i>If sufficient entries, this class may be split</i>)
Class 8	Mare 3 years & over
Class 9	Champion & Reserve Champion Filly/Mare (Winners from classes 7 & 8)
Class 10	Supreme Champion Shire (From winners of classes 6 & 9)

Only those horses registered in a recognized SHS UK Shire Horse Stud Book or Shire Horse Society Australia are eligible to enter. This includes all registries with the exception of mares in the non-breeding registry. Pending registrations are allowed only for foals under 12 months. Substitution is not permitted. The age of all horses is calculated from the 1st August.

The “Invitation Breeds”: (see Event 11 for Supreme Champion Event)

Event 5 Led Gypsy Cob & Partbred Gypsy Cobs

Class 1	Best Presented Gypsy Cob or Partbred GC, and Handler. <i>To be judged on the presentation of horse & handler - no workout.</i>
Class 2	Gypsy Cob Colt under 3 years
Class 3	Gypsy Cob Stallion 3 years & over
Class 4	Champion & Reserve Champion Gypsy Cob Stallion or Colt (Winners from classed 2 & 3)
Class 5	Gypsy Cob Filly under 3 years
Class 6	Gypsy Cob Mare 3 years & over
Class 7	Champion & Reserve Champion Gypsy Cob Mare or Filly (Winners from classes 5 & 6)
Class 8	Gypsy Cob Gelding any age
Class 9	Supreme Champion Gypsy Cob (From winners of champion classes 4, 7 & 8, i.e. the winning gelding is also eligible to contest the supreme)
Class 10	Partbred Gypsy Cob Colt or Stallion any age
Class 11	Partbred Gypsy Cob Filly under 3 years

Class 12	Partbred Gypsy Cob Mare 3 years & over
Class 13	Partbred Gypsy Cob Gelding under 3 years
Class 14	Partbred Gypsy Cob Gelding 3 years & over
Class 15	Champion & Reserve Champion Partbred Gypsy Cob (From winners of classes 10-14)

Note please, these are an invitation group, not a 'heavy horse' group for competition entry and categorisation purposes.

Horses, including partbreds, are to be registered with the APSB or AGHS or the relevant Drum Horse society. Ridden, Harness, Long Reins and Led Obstacle classes will be offered where specified in certain events. These events are only open to horses that have competed in the led classes.

Event 6 Led Drum Horses

Class 1	Best Presented Drum Horse and Handler. <i>To be judged on the presentation of horse & handler - no workout.</i>
Class 2	Drum Horse Stallion or Colt, Any age
Class 3	Drum Horse Mare or Filly, Any age
Class 4	Drum Horse Gelding, Any age
Class 5	Champion & Reserve Champion Drum Horse (From winners of classes 1- 4)

Event 7	Led Crossbred Clydesdales – Minimum 50% Clydesdale
Class 1	Best Presented Crossbred Clydesdale. <i>To be judged on the presentation of horse & handler - no workout.</i>
Class 2	Youngstock 2 years & under - any sex: colt, filly or gelding.
Class 3	Gelding 3 years & over
Class 4	Stallion 3 years & over
Class 5	Mare 3 years & over
Class 6	Champion & Reserve Champion Crossbred Clydesdale (From winners of classes 2 to 5)

Note: Horses entered in led or ridden Crossbred Clydesdale classes **must** either be registered with the Clydesdale Cross Sport Horse Assn. (CCSHA) or be recorded with the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society Aust. Inc.(CCHSA), and because these are 'heavy horse' field days, must be a minimum of 50% Clydesdale as well as registered.

Event 11 Supreme Champion of the Invitation Breeds

This will be assessed by the judges of those relevant classes, from the Supreme Gypsy Cob, Champion Partbred Gypsy Cob, Champion Drum Horse, Champion Clydesdale Cross, and the Champion Friesian. \$150 prizemoney plus any products offered

Event 12 Led Obstacle Course (*horse of any age and sex*)

All Heavy Breeds/Types, Drum, and Registered Crossbred Clydesdales & Appendix Percherons & Shire Sporthorses are eligible.

Gypsy Cob and Partbred Gypsy Cob please see Event 40 on Sunday

This event is open to any horses which have competed in other events during the weekend. The horse must be in a halter and lead and an entire male horse over 12 months must have a bit in his mouth. A show cane or similar may be used to help guide your horse, but the cane must not exceed 1.2m in length. Using the cane to hit the horse will result in immediate disqualification. Points will be lost if the horse refuses any part of the course or if any part of the course is knocked or eaten. This is a timed event around an obstacle course and penalties per fault apply. **A clear round without penalties will beat a faster timed round with penalties.** This is a horsemanship class not a speed event, but a total time limit on the course may be set. A maximum 2 entries per competitor will be accepted, and no horse may compete more than once in this event. Foals are eligible.

Event 13 Pumpkin Snatch Slide Obstacle Course

Note for this and all other 2-person classes, the named competitor must be the horse driver except for the Event 14 & 25 being the 2 person mouldboard ploughing where the nominated competitor must operate the plough.

Each entry shall consist of two competitors and a single heavy horse harnessed in blinkers, long reins, collar and hames, back band and trace chains. The slide and swingle bar will be supplied by the Field Days Committee. One competitor shall hold the horse's reins at all times. The other competitor will be on the slide and will pick up the pumpkins. The pumpkins are to be picked up and placed on the slide as the slide is driven alongside the pumpkins - the competitor and pumpkins must remain on slide at all times. At the end of the pickup the horse and slide have to turn back to the designated line and the competitor on the slide is to place the pumpkins back on the ground on the designated spots. **Any break into a trot will be penalised;** a break

into canter or gallop will be disqualified. The fastest time through the course without penalty wins. A clear round without penalties will beat a timed round with penalties. Faults are incurred for errors on the course. Whipping or swearing shall incur disqualification. **This event will be contested on the track in front of the grand stand. Open to any working horse- all heavy and invitation breeds.**

Event 14 Two-Person Single Horse Ploughing

Note: the named competitor must be the person operating the plough.

Ploughing class details are at the end of this booklet.

Event 15 Ridden Concours d'Elegance

Open to all Heavy Horses, Gypsy Cobs, Drum horses, Appendix Percherons and Crossbred Clydesdales.

Concours d'Elegance is a 'Competition of Elegance'. This is a ridden costume class (not a fancy dress) where competitors' outfits are inspired by a period in history when one might display their wealth or position with fine clothes and horses.

Costumes need not be 'historically accurate' but should create an impression of an era in time (e.g. Edwardian, Victorian, Medieval etc.)

In keeping with the tradition of ridden Concours events, the rider's skirt should cover the rider's legs and saddle and flow back over the horse's rump. Helmets are optional only in this class, and a rider who chooses to wear one will not be disadvantaged but it should be in keeping with the look and theme to suit the outfit.

The event will be judged on the circle at a walk, trot and canter – with no individual workouts. The judge will be looking for the total package – horse, rider and outfit that shows style and elegance. The horse should display manners and education while the rider should display confidence in their ability to handle their mount. Side saddles are permitted.

Ribbons and placings up to 4th will be awarded.

Event 16 Two-wheeled Farm Vehicles - Carts and Drays - Turnout

Vehicles must be farm carts or drays. (water carts eligible) Workouts are to be done as directed by the Judge. Turnouts shall be judged on the presentation of the turnout, (including the competitor/s), as a whole to perform the farm work for which it was developed. Vehicle may be old, new or of home design, but must be in sound working order and of heavy horse type. Vehicles entering Event 19 (Single Horse Business/Trade Turnouts) are not eligible for this event.

Event 17 Four-wheeled Business or Trade Turnout – Single Horse

The vehicle must be an authentic heavy horse vehicle. Turnout scoring details are at the end of this booklet.

Event 18 Two-wheeled Business, Trade, or Show Turnout - Single Horse

Vehicles in Ev. 16, 19 & 23 are ineligible for this event. The vehicle shall be an authentic heavy horse spring-cart or delivery type of vehicle. Turnout scoring details are at the end of this booklet

Event 19 Two-wheeled Show Cart or Meadowbrook Turnout

Vehicle is to be of heavy horse type with conventional looking wooden spoked, or steel wheels. This class excludes produce delivery type vehicles i.e. spring carts, drays and farm carts. Must have sound practical harness. This event may be combined with Event 23 if there are fewer than 2 entries in each class.

Event 20 Slide Obstacle Course – Pair of Heavy Horses

Slide Obstacle class details are at the end of this booklet.

Event 21 Work Day Challenge

Note: the named competitor must be the person driving the horse.

Each entry shall consist of two competitors (1 driver & 1 passenger) and a single heavy horse or Gypsy Cob harnessed in blinkers, long reins, collar and hames, back band and trace chains. The slide and swingle bar will be supplied by the Field Days Committee. The driver must stay on the slide at all times. The passenger will dismount at each stop and will do the required activity. At the end of the run the horse and slide are to turn back to the designated line, both people to be on the slide. General Obstacle course rules also apply, regarding trotting and cantering.

Event 22 Long Reining – Pair of Heavy Horses

Long reining class details are at the end of this booklet.

Event 23 Two-wheeled Breaking-in Cart/Gig Turnout

‘Break’ is to be of heavy horse type with conventional-looking wheels. This class excludes produce delivery type vehicles i.e. spring carts, drays and farm carts, or show carts. Must have sound practical harness. A ‘shaft horse’ is permitted. This event may be combined with Event 19 if there are fewer than 2 entries in each class.

Event 24 Ridden Obstacle Course

Class 1 All Heavy Breeds + Drum Horses

Class 2 Gypsy Cob and Partbred Gypsy Cobs

Class 3 Crossbred Clydesdales, Shire Sporthorses and Appx Percherons

Fault points will be accumulated if the horse refuses any part of the course or if any part of the course is knocked. This is a timed event around an obstacle course and penalties per fault apply. This is a horsemanship class not a speed event, but a **clear round without penalties will beat a faster timed round with penalties**. Obstacles may include a ramp or bridge, an arch, a tarp, a makeshift clothesline, and/or a gate to open and close. A horse may be entered in only one of the three classes. No horse may be entered or compete more than once.

Event 25 2 Person Mouldboard Ploughing – Pair of Horses

Note: the named competitor must be the person operating the plough.

Ploughing details are at the end of this booklet

Event 26 2 Person Hay Stacking

Note: the named competitor must be the person driving the horse.

Only mares and geldings may be used. Any capable horse is eligible including GCs. The horse is to be harnessed in blinkers, long reins, collar and hames, backband and trace chains. The slide and swingle bar will be supplied by the Field Days Committee. There must be a driver and a handler. Course must be negotiated at a walk or trot; penalties apply if the horse breaks into a canter or gallop. Time starts/stops when collar passes through cones marked start/stop. Team must be stopped as bales are being placed on slide or mat. There will be a 30 second penalty for not stopping. Four (4) bales must be picked up on first pallet then proceed to far side of ring. When returning, one bale must be placed on each of the mats. A two-minute penalty will apply for a broken bale and a 30 second penalty will apply for not placing bales on the mat. Both driver and handler must ride on the slide - not walk or run alongside, except when loading or unloading

Event 27 Single Heavy Horse Wheeled Vehicle Obstacle Course

This is a test of horse/s and driver's skill in manoeuvring through obstacles as efficiently as possible within a time. Fewest faults win. In the event of a tie in faults, the faster time beats the slower time. Accurate backing, fanning, a 3-point turn, and driving over or along a ramp, plank, or bridge may be involved. Any single heavy horse vehicle may be used

Event 28 Agricultural Implement Turnout

This class is to be judged at the plough arena.

Class 1 Ground Tilling Implement - Saturday afternoon

Class 2 Above Ground, wheeled Implement – Sunday after Grand Parade

(If sufficient entries are received these may be divided into separate single and multiple horse classes)

These are farm implement **turnout** classes where the horse/s, harness, implement and general appearance are assessed for soundness and suitability to the task.

Potential implements may include discs, cultivators, poison carts, fertiliser spreaders, mowers, graders, rakes etc.

You will be expected to demonstrate the implement working in the plough arena for Class 1 and also with Class 2 being in the main arena.

Open to any type of horse competing on the grounds- heavy or invitation breeds.

Event 29 Ridden Bounce Pony (in the indoor arena or nearby)

Class 1 All Heavy Breeds + Drum Horses

Class 2 Gypsy Cob & Partbred Gypsy Cobs

Class 3 Crossbred Clydesdales, Appendix Percherons & Shire Sporthorse

This event is based on the PCAQ Bounce Pony rules but will be adapted to heavy horses. Six small cavalettis will be placed in a straight line and will all be the same height. Competitor may have a flying start from the 6 metre line after correctly entering the start area. A left or right hand turn around the peg is allowed. Penalties and or eliminations will be explained prior to the event commencing. A horse may be entered in only one of the classes. No horse may be entered more than once e.g. with a different rider. Jump heights and spacings will be reduced for the Partbred GCs.

Event 30 Ridden Barrell Race (in the indoor arena)

Note- spurs of any kind may NOT be worn

Class 1 All Heavy Breeds + Drum Horses

Class 2 Gypsy Cob & Partbred Gypsy Cobs

Class 3 Crossbred Clydesdales, Appendix Percherons, Shire Sporthorse
as per previously mentioned rules.

Three barrels are placed in the usual cloverleaf pattern. The competitor commences from behind the starting line and their time starts and finishes as their horse's nose

crosses the start/finish line. Riders may either go to the right or to the left- hand barrel first making two left hand turns and one right (left, right, right) or two right hand turns and one left (right, left, left). The winner is the person with the fastest time. Disqualification can occur if the competitor does not complete the course properly. A penalty of five seconds will be added to a competitor's time if they knock down a barrel. All riders must wear a helmet and horses must be saddled. Depending on the number of entries and time-permitting, the Judge may allow a trial run first, or a best of two runs. A horse may be entered in only one of the three classes. No horse may be entered more than once e.g. with a different rider.

Sunday

Event 31 4 Wheeled Farm Vehicle Turnout – Pairs or Multiples

See event 16 for 'Farm' details – but waggons/waggonettes must be used. Vehicles from class 17 are ineligible.

Event 32 Log Snigging obstacle course – Single Heavy Horse

Class 1 Open

Class 2 Beginner

Class 3 Junior Handler 17 years & under

Log snigging class details are at the end of this booklet. Beginners and Juniors will have a wider log snigging course.

Event 33 Slide Obstacle Course – Single Heavy Horse

Class 1 Open

Class 2 Beginner

Class 3 Junior Handler 17 years & under

Slide Obstacle Course class details are at the end of this booklet

Event 34 Two or Four-wheeled Business, Trade, or Show Turnout – for Pairs/Multiples

The vehicle shall be an authentic heavy horse vehicle. Turnout scoring details are at the end of this booklet. Vehicles from events 31 are ineligible.

Event 35 Log Snigging Obstacle Course– Pair of Heavy Horses

Log snigging class details are at the end of this booklet.

Event 36 Pairs/Multiple Heavy Horse Wheeled Vehicle Obstacle Course

See description for Ev.27.

Event 37 Pony & Light Horse Turnouts

Competitors are to present their pony or horse in sound harness with a sound vehicle. Standard Turnout Scoring details are at the end of this booklet.

Class 1	Pony in Harness n.e 10.2hh
Class 2	Pony in Harness 10.2hh & n.e. 14.2hh
Class 3	Light Horse in Harness
Class 4	Champion Pony or Light Horse in Harness (Winners from Classes 1, 2 & 3)
Class 5	Pony & Light Horse Turnout
Class 6	Pair of Ponies or Light Horses in Harness
Class 7	Turnout for Pair of Ponies or Light Horses
Class 8	Champion Pony/Light Horse Turnout (Winners from Classes 5, 6 & 7)
Class 9	Beginner/Novice Driver – driving a light horse or pony
Class 10	Lady whip – driving a light horse or pony
Class 11	Gentleman whip – driving a light horse or pony

Event 38 Pairs/Multiple Heavy Horses in Harness

Competitors are to present their horses in sound harness with a sound vehicle, either two or four-wheeled, and work as directed by the Judge. **Only** the horses and the workout are judged - this is not a turnout class.

Event 39 Long Rein Obstacle Course – Single Horse

Class 1	Open Heavy Horse + Drum Horses
Class 2	Heavy Horse + Drum Horse with a Beginner Driver aged 18 years & over
Class 3	Junior Handler 17 years & under
Class 4	Gypsy Cob/Crossbred Clydesdale/Appendix Percheron

Long rein class details are at the end of this booklet. Whips are not allowed.

Event 40 Led Obstacle Course (*horse of any age and sex*)

Gypsy Cob and Partbred Gypsy Cob **(Sunday)** Refer Event 12 for description/rules

Event 41 Two or Four-wheeled Modern Vehicle Turnout

Any two or four-wheeled vehicle with steel-spoked/hubbed wheels and rubber or pneumatic tyres is eligible to enter. Single and multiple horses together.

Event 42 Mouldboard Ploughing – Pair of Horses

Event 43 Supreme Champion Heavy Horse/s Turnout of the Show

Only the winning entries from Turnout classes in the nominated heavy events (16,17,18,19,23,31,34 & 41) are eligible. \$150 prizemoney plus any products.

Event 44 Fancy Dress (*any* horse or pony type –heavy or light, is eligible)

This event is open to **ANY** horses which have competed in other led or working events during the Field Days, including Gypsy Cobs, Drums, light horses and ponies. Horses may be led, ridden or driven in a vehicle.

Riders **must** wear a helmet. No part of the body costume is to hang below the knees or hocks of the horse. Winkers/bridle/saddlery or harness is to be in sound condition. A competitor may be asked to leave the ring if the harness/saddlery being used is deemed to be too flimsy. Please consider the safety of yourselves and others in the ring when inventing your “costume”. A steward may look over the costume before permitting competitors to enter the ring.

Event 45 Driven Horse Concours d’Elegance

This is Judged during the Sunday Grand Parade

Concours d’Elegance is a term of French origin that means a “competition of elegance” and refers to an event where prestigious vehicles are displayed and judged. It dates back to 17th-century France, where aristocrats paraded horse-drawn carriages in the parks of Paris during summer weekends and holidays. As with the ridden concours, there will be no individual workout. Entrants will be assessed during the Grand Parade on Sunday. Any light or heavy horse or pony type in a wheeled vehicle is eligible. Only one winner/place will be awarded – there is no entry fee for this class.

Event 46 Single Heavy Horse in Harness

Competitors are to present their horses in sound harness with a sound vehicle, either two or four-wheeled, and work as directed by the Judge. **Only** the horses and the workout are judged - this is not a turnout class.

Event 47 Heavy Horse Under Saddle (held on Sunday)

Class 1	Junior –(Rider aged 17 years & under) – on any of the heavy breeds
Class 2	Open – (Rider aged 18 to 49 years) All Heavy Breeds (Clydesdale, Shire, Percheron or Draught) + Drum Horses
Class 3	Master Class – Rider aged 50 & over -All Heavy Breeds (Clydesdale, Shire, Percheron, or Draught) + Drum Horses
Class 4	Junior – (Rider 17 years & under) - on any of the Invitation Breeds
Class 5	Rider aged 18 years & over -Gypsy Cob, and Partbred Gypsy Cobs
Class 6	Rider aged 18 years & over – on Crossbred Clydesdales, Appendix Percherons, Shire Sport- Horse (to be reg'd with CCSHA or reg'd with CHSA, or registered with the PHBAA Assn)

These classes will be judged similarly to hack classes with riders performing a ridden workout at various paces as directed by the Judge. **Despite the wording, they are not 'rider' classes, but are ridden horse classes.**

One rider may enter several, but may not ride more than one horse in any class. Substitution of rider may be permitted at the committee's discretion with 1 hour notice.

SPECIAL: Champion & Reserve Champion Ridden Horse of the Field Days will be assessed from among the first placegetters in the above six classes. Reserve champion will include the second placegetter from the class which supplied the champion.

Event 48 Single Horse Mouldboard Plough

Note: Competitors will be allowed to practise on Saturday morning in the ploughing area, and outside of scheduled ploughing class times.

Class 1	Open
Class 2	Beginner

Ploughing class details are at the end of this booklet.

Event 49 Heavy Horse Driver Classes - Any Heavy Horse and a wheeled vehicle. *(Light horses/ponies have Event 37, classes 9-11 instead)*

Class 1 Junior Driver 17 years & under (no entry fee required, but no prizemoney)

Class 2 Lady Driver

Class 3 Gentleman Driver

Competitors are to present their horses in sound harness with a sound vehicle and work as directed by the Judge. **The driver is judged, not the horse.**

Event 50 Heavy Horse Show Jumping

Class 1 All Heavy Breeds - Clydesdale, Shire, Percheron, Draught + Drums

Class 2 Gypsy Cob and Partbred Gypsy Cobs,

Class 3 Crossbred Clydesdales, Appendix Percherons, Shire Sporthorse and (to be reg'd with CCSHA or reg'd with CCHSA, or registered with the PHBAA Assn)

Points will be lost if the horse refuses any part of the course or if any part of the course is knocked. This is a timed event around a show jumping course. No horse is to be entered more than once. Riders are to be nominated at time of entry and to have completed insurance/waiver forms. Time permitting, a trial run first may be allowed by the Judge, or a best of 2 runs scored.

Event 51 Carseldine Clydesdales Scoop Obstacle Class

The competitor is to drive a single horse pulling the drag scoop, and scoop up tennis balls placed around the course, while remaining within the designated area and avoiding any witches' hats. This is at a walk, but will be timed between the entry and exit gates. The scoop will be provided.

Event 52 Duneske Clydesdales Precision Harrowing

The competitor is to drive a single horse 3 laps of the ploughing area, up and back, (6 'trips') such that the outer tine of the harrows runs in the same path on the return as the other side's outer tine made on the previous pass. Judged on straightness, thoroughness of maintaining the groove, and horse handling ability.

Event 53 Junior Handler Led Class

Open to all Gatton Junior Handlers aged 17 or under. If sufficient entries are received this will be split into a younger and an older age group. Any horse competing over the

weekend is may be used, providing the handler is competent with it. An adult **MUST** accompany any juniors aged 14 or under.

Australian Cart Classic

– this is not a numbered event, because entries are paid to the ACC australiancartclassic@gmail.com, and full details are on a separate attachment. It will be straight after Sunday's Grand Parade, and is judged on the circle, with no individual workouts.

CCHSA Next Gen Challenge (A Led class plus a bit more)

-This is not a numbered event because entries are paid to the CCHSA Next Gen committee, but full details are on a separate attachment. Competitors to be aged 14-35, using only a purebred registered Clydesdale mare or gelding aged 2 or over.

General Rules:

Please Note: Due to the change of Rules and Regulations on spraying of horses and movement please be aware that the committee will subsidise the spraying of interstate horses at 50% of the spraying costs. Spraying only on Sunday afternoon. Please book with the committee.

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Timetable

We intend and endeavour to run as closely as possible to the published timetable, but it is subject to change depending on actual entry numbers received in the various classes.

Photos

All competitors accept that by entering our field days, the committee has the right to use any photos or videos taken of their horses, handlers or exhibitors in future publicity, promotion, social media, newsletters and/or flyers.

Liability

All competitors are to sign a disclaimer/indemnity form prior to competing.

Each competitor acknowledges and agrees as a condition of participating that neither the Clydesdale and Heavy Horse Field Days Association Inc., members of the Clydesdale and Heavy Horse Field Days Association Inc., competitors, participants, officials, volunteers, medical personnel and persons, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct the Clydesdale and Heavy Horse Field Days, **shall not** be under any liability for death or any bodily injury, loss or damage which may be sustained or incurred by them, as a result of their participation in or being present at the event, except in regard to any rights that may have arisen under the Trade Practices Act 1974. Competitors acknowledge that equestrian activities are dangerous and that accidents causing death, bodily injury, disability and property damage, can, and do happen. Competitors accept this responsibility on behalf of their horse handlers, employees and servants.

Rules of Entry & Safety

The appointed stewards and nominated officials shall have the right to bar or remove any horse or competitor from any class or event where a breach of safety is perceived and/or order the removal from the showgrounds of any entry or competitor, and/or any horse considered by the Judge or Ringmaster to be labouring excessively under a load, and/or incapable of work or a potential danger. They must be removed upon request.

It is the SOLE RESPONSIBILITY of competitors to present their horses in time for their classes.

Competitors will ensure that:

Horses that compete must be in well-presented, clean show condition. Other breeds or types will only be accepted by invitation and approval of the CHHFD Assn Inc.

Unless otherwise specified in class/event description, all horses competing at the C&HHFD (other than those registered as purebred with the accepted heavy horse breed societies) are required to conform to the true description of a “draught horse” namely, they must be of heavy type and a horse in height, at least 15hh. Gypsy

Cob/Drum horses/Partbred GCs, by invitation, have been provided with their own led section and some combined ridden and long rein events.

New classes have been added for Crossbred horses registered with the CCSHA (Clydesdale Cross Sport Horse Assn) those recorded with the CCHSA (Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society Aust.) and Shire Sporthorses. Those horses may not compete in general heavy horse obstacle courses unless otherwise specified. Any horses that might be dual registered, may compete **only** as one type for the duration of the weekend, and may not change their type or designation.

Please note that as these are 'heavy horse field days', horses that do not look heavy enough to the committee or stewards on the day, may be not accepted. Minimum 50% Clydesdale is required. Please submit a photo with your entries if you are uncertain of eligibility.

- * All Juniors 14 years and under must be accompanied by an adult or under adult supervision where required (e.g. during classes). 15 to 17 years, an adult is preferred, but the competence of the handler will be taken into consideration
- * A member of each competitive team must be present at the competitors' meeting whenever the Committee nominates the time.
- * Competitors wearing wrist bands must enter the main ring via Gate 1.
- * Only accredited persons are allowed in the competition rings i.e. anybody with a wristband who has signed a disclaimer. Competitors not competing in events or taking photos will be removed from the ring.
- * No alcohol or smoking is allowed in the competition rings.
- * All slide and log snigging events are to be at a WALK unless otherwise specified.
- * No horse is to be left unattended on the grounds unless it is stabled. No horses are to be tied to trucks/floats/rails etc. and left unattended. They can be briefly tied while harnessing up but must be under the supervision of the exhibitor's team at all times.
- * No other animals or livestock other than horses are permitted in the ring except with the approval of the Ringmaster.
- * Only horses competing or officially demonstrating may be on the grounds. No 'companion' or other unused horses may be brought in.
- * Judges' and Stewards' decisions are final.
- * Officials have the power to disqualify or remove competitors if instructions are not obeyed.
- * All instructions from the stewards and nominated officials are to be obeyed at all times.

- * All harness, vehicles and equipment used at the Field Days must be in sound and safe condition.
- * All horses at the Field Days are to be kept under proper control at all times. Whilst being driven in harness or long reins, all horses must wear blinkers.
- * **All entire male horses, over 12 months of age must be suitably restrained and have a bit in their mouth whilst in the ring or out of stables or yards, must be in the charge of a competent handler/rider/driver, and they must wear green stallion discs attached to their headgear. This is an EA stipulation and part of our insurance requirements. Discs are available for purchase from the secretary's office.**
- * All vehicles used in competitions at the CHHFDs are to be of the type traditionally used by heavy horses, except where the event guide states otherwise. Buggies or cross-country eventing vehicles are only permitted where classes allow that type of vehicle.
- * All signs must be obeyed.
- * No horses are to be ridden in events except where the event guidelines stipulate a horse can be ridden. **SAA approved Helmets** must be worn by all riders.
- * Single horses may be entered a maximum of twice in certain obstacle events, but with different drivers. Competitors using single horses may enter twice, but only with different horses - in certain obstacle events.
- * Such shared horses should move to the end of the line after their first run through a course, and not compete consecutively.
- * Foals are not to be tethered to any horse in harness while in the competition or marshalling area-unless it is specifically appropriate to the turnout eg. A breaking-in gig.
- * Covered footwear must be worn at all times in marshalling and competition areas and all competitors must be appropriately dressed for the event entered. This IS a show: handlers/grooms/helpers should be neatly attired whilst in the arena – please no shorts, singlets or track-suit pants.
- * Any shouting, whipping or swearing will incur disqualification.
- * Proof of registration must be produced if the CHHFD Assoc. requests.
- * No dogs are allowed in the competitors' camping area.
- * Any competitor removed from competition may also forfeit any prize or appearance money due.
- * No horses are allowed in the ring areas after 7.00 a.m. prior to the program starting on each day.

- * Horse drawn vehicles and slides may complete one warm-up lap of the track prior to entering their nominated ring for their class.
- * Competitors are not to bring companion horses.
- * Campers at their campsite must have the required wrist bands. Due to limited space available, the camping area is strictly for competitors who are camping overnight at the event unless the committee have granted permission.
- * All implements must be stored at the competitors' campsites and are not to be driven through the public areas except to attend their respective classes or the grand parades.

All **entries** in the Ground-driven/Working and Ridden classes **must have the driver/rider nominated on the entry form.**

With 2-person classes, the named person must be the driver

Substitution on the day, of led, driven or ridden HORSES will *not* be allowed.

Substitution of the DRIVER/RIDER if circumstances deem, is subject to the CHHFDA committee's discretion and approval- with at least 1 hour's advance notice.

Age of Horses

Regardless of their actual birth date, the age of all horses will be calculated from the 1st August.

Standard of Dress

Anyone entering the main arena is expected to wear clothing in keeping with the standard of their turnout. This is, after all, a show: a hat, collared, sleeved shirts, trousers, coat and tie for men is the least expected! Handlers/grooms/helpers should also be neatly attired whilst in the arena

No shorts, singlets, tanktops or tracksuits are to be worn in the arena.

Entries & Events

Entry Forms, Entry Fees and Closing Date

Each competitor shall complete the Application for Entry along with stable and camping forms and submit them together with the prescribed fee on or before the **nominated date**. Any entries not filled in correctly or sent without correct fees or forms will be returned to the competitor to be rectified. The C&HHFD Assn Inc Committee may or may not consider to accept any application to enter. If an application to enter is not accepted all monies paid will be returned to the person named on the Application for Entry.

ALL LATE ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED

Championship events do not have an entry fee and competitors must win the various nominated events to be eligible to enter the championship event. All other events and classes will attract the same nominated entry fee.

Refunds

Refunds on nominations will be made to competitors who withdraw on or before 2 weeks prior to the event start date but a 10% administration fee will be deducted. Withdrawal after this date will result in NO REFUND being issued except for stable bond paid. In exceptional circumstances written refund request will be considered on an individual basis by the committee.

Prizes, Ribbons, Trophies, Appearance Money, Prize Money

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place, except where in the Judge's opinion the entry does not meet the expected standard. In this instance, a lesser place or no ribbon may be awarded at the Judge's discretion.

Champions and Reserve Champions of all events will receive ribbons. Reserve Champions are chosen from among the remaining champion contenders, plus the second placegetter in the class the champion was from. Trophies will be awarded only if donated or sponsored as listed in the Official Program.

Ribbons & prizemoney are awarded as follows:

Place	Prizemoney	Ribbon
1 st	\$40	Blue
2 nd	\$30	Red
3 rd	\$20	White
4 th	nil	Yellow
Champion		Purple
Reserve		Green
Supreme	\$150	Red/white/blue

Grand Parade - Supported and Sponsored by the Lockyer Valley Regional Council

The Grand Parade is a parade for the spectators who have paid their money at the gate. It is the spectators' money which enables us to put the show on and pay your prizemoney. So please let's make a PARADE TO REMEMBER. **All competitors and horses** are encouraged to participate in the Parade.

There will be appearance money paid per horse and per wheeled vehicle per day, **participating in the grand parade** - whether led, ridden or driven.

The Parade will be in single-file, with led horses walking on the arena grass, maintaining a safe distance between each other.

Vehicles and slides will be on the track, in 2 lanes, so that passing may be possible where appropriate. Ridden horses may be on the track, or following behind their respective led-in breed.

Competitors are asked to follow instructions from the Ring Stewards on the direction of the Parade. Stewards will be available to assist if necessary.

Saturday's parade will be led by the Light Horse troop, followed by the ALL BREEDS SUPREME CHAMPION, followed by others of its breed, then the other breeds following. Those competitors entered in the ridden events immediately before or after the grand parade may ride their horses in the Grand Parade. Entering and leaving the ring will be under the direction of the stewards.

Sunday's parade will be led by the Supreme Champion Turnout, with the Light Horse Troop at the tail

The parade is the "Show and Tell" of the day, so please help us make it a spectacle the public remembers! We would like the supreme of each breed to remain after each parade for a brief display of the breeds, and we plan to organise a working display as well.

Beginner Events

Open only to those competitors who have **NOT** won a 1st place ribbon in a beginner single log snig, single plough, single slide driving competition at the C&HHFDs. If 3 or fewer competitors in past class then this does not apply. Beginner events will be run at the same time as the open classes but will be highlighted and prizes awarded separately. **After 3 years of competition you are no longer classed as a beginner.**

Junior Competitors

Log Snig – Event 32

Slide – Event 33

Long reining – Event 39

Ridden – Event 47

Driver – Event 49

Led – Event 53

\$8 entry per class, and standard prizemoney will be awarded. Ribbons will be awarded up to 4th place. Perpetual Trophy awarded to overall Junior Handler winner. If numbers permit, classes may be broken up into two age groups of 5 – 12 years and 13 – 17 years. In junior events, a competitor must be 17 years and under on the first

day of competition. Proof of age may be required. Whilst competing in an event or class a junior 14 and under

must be supervised by a competent adult horse person. An older junior may compete alone if sufficiently competent. Juniors may compete in any event they are eligible for. Juniors will lose points in an event if they are assisted or directed by any adult.

Competitors shall negotiate obstacle courses as directed by the Judge. The horse must be driven at a walk, trotting will incur penalties, except in a wheeled vehicle, and cantering will result in disqualification. The Field Days Association shall supply the log and slide. Competitors are not obliged to enter all events of the Junior Horse Handler event but the overall winner will be selected from those competitors who have competed in the most of all eligible events. Some of these classes may be run in conjunction with the 'adult' classes, and scores separated later.

High Point Awards (5): Single Heavy, Pairs Heavy, Ridden Heavy, Ridden non-heavy

Points will accumulate to each single and pair and its individual handler over certain working and harness events over both days. The same goes for heavy ridden events, and the Crossbred Clydesdale/Drum/Gypsy/Appendix Percheron ridden events, and the Juniors. **The top High Point heavy horse winner for each category over the weekend, will receive a prize.**

Single Heavy – Events 14,17,18,19,23,27,28,32,33,39,46,48,49,51

Pairs Heavy – Events 20,22,25,31,34,35,36,38,42

Ridden Heavy – Events 24,29,30,47,50

Ridden Non-Heavy – Events 24,29,30,47,50,

Timing of Events

The Association will attempt to start each event or class at the nominated time in the program but will not accept responsibility for any delays. No event or class will commence before its nominated time. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that they are ready to compete and in the ring at the published time. If a representative of a competitor doesn't let the steward of any event, they have entered into, know they are running late by the designated starting time, they will be disqualified. Events may finish earlier than listed, depending on numbers – **it is the competitors' responsibility to be aware of the timing of the ring events.**

The timetable is subject to change due to entry numbers, and competitors will be notified of any changes, after the closing date of entries.

There are many classes, and some competitors will need to regulate what they do or do not enter in, so they do not disrupt the other competitors due to delays.

Entries for Pair or Multiple horse events

The choice on how to nominate and enter in the pair or multiple events is up to the individual competitor as follows: competitors may enter the individual horse names, or as a “Pair” or “Team”. When entered as a pair or team each combination must be nominated on the entry form. The same pair or team must be used for all nominated events they have entered. Individually entered horses must participate as nominated or scratch from the event, however the same horse may enter the same event and participate a maximum of twice, therefore 3 nominated horses could theoretically enter as 3 different nominated pairs - but any individual driver may only compete a maximum of twice in any such obstacle or working event.

All persons competing in the Clydesdale and Heavy Horse Field Days do so on the condition that they are bound by the rules and conditions contained in this event guide.

By signing the entry forms you authorise the CHHFDA Inc committee to use any photos or videos of your horse/s handler or exhibitor/s for any publicity purposes the committee may deem useful including social media, flyers, newsletters and results etc.

Grievances/Appeals

Competition related grievances should be forwarded to the relevant ring steward. Other grievances should be directed to the Secretary or Ringmaster. Please allow at least 24 hours for the executive committee to reach a resolution on the grievance. In cases where the ring steward, Secretary or Ringmaster are unable to resolve the problem, the person with the grievance may lodge an appeal form and fee of \$50 with the Appeals Committee to review the case. Appeal forms are available from the Secretary’s Office. All appeal forms must be lodged within two hours of completion of the event or class of the alleged incident. The payment of \$50 must accompany the appeal. Notification from the committee will be provided ASAP after the lodging of the appeal form.

The Judge’s decision is final. However, the judge may review his/her decision based on new information forwarded by the Appeals Committee.

Horse Accommodation & Fees

All overnight horses must be in yards or stables for safety reasons. Stable and yard allocations will be available upon arrival at the showgrounds from the Secretary's or Horse Superintendent's Office. Local horses may go home each afternoon. There is a limited number of new stables; preferences for these stables will be given to those competing on both days – bigger stables for the bigger horses - and they will be allocated in the order entries are received.

The cost is per stable per day and is as nominated on the form. This fee we must pay to the Showgrounds and subsidises the supply of sawdust and manure disposal as well as stable use and maintenance and water use. The field days make no profit from collecting this.

Camping Site Fee is per night. We charge and must pay the showgrounds this amount. As with the stable cost, we make no profit nor add any surcharge.

Stable & Campsite Bond: \$50 per Competitor.

(i.e. Whether you bring 1 horse or 4 horses you pay a total of \$50 stable bond per competitor) This bond will be refunded in cash from the Secretary's office on your departure after the Horse Superintendent has inspected your stables. If you leave without informing the Horse Superintendent and having your stables checked, bond will be forfeited.

Horse Stall Maintenance

As the horses are on public display you must remove stable waste on a regular basis and the area must be kept clean at all times. All soiled bedding from horse accommodation must be placed in the designated area for the collection by the contractor. **Upon leaving, all competitors must get their stables checked and locked by the Horse Superintendent, in order to be eligible to have their stable bond refunded.**

All stables are to be left clean with all sawdust & any feed removed completely. Any stables deemed not suitably cleaned by the Lockyer Indoor Equestrian representative will be charged **\$40 per stable** and this fee will be deducted from any monies due for prize or appearance monies. In the event of no monies being owed an invoice will be issued and failure to pay the invoice will result in any entry being refused the following year.

Competitor Passes

Competitors will be allocated wristbands and this wristband must be worn at all times to enter the arena and while camping on the grounds. No one, including passengers, will be allowed into the arena without the appropriate wristband.

Competitor Camp Sites

Fees for Camp Sites are set by the Council and we have no control over this cost of \$25.00 per night. Competitors who are camping will be required to wear wristbands at all times during the duration of the weekend. Any individual not wearing a wristband will be required to pay the camping fee and an admission fee.

Ridden Classes

Classes have been separated into various horse size or weight categories, and rider ages, depending on past interest, and overall fairness. Further categorisation or recategorisation may happen if significant entry numbers and support warrants it.

The horse must be saddled in safe and sound gear. The rider must be in suitable clothing, boots and helmet. Riders are to be nominated at time of entry and to have completed insurance/waiver forms.

Ridden Obstacle Course Event 24

Heavy Horse under Saddle Event 47

Heavy Horse Show Jumping Event 50

Barrell Race Event 30 **To be held in the Indoor Equestrian Centre**

Bounce Pony Event 29 **To be held in the Exercising Sand Arena below stables or the Indoor Equestrian Centre**

Harness Classes

Classes will be judged under the current **Australian Carriage Driving Society** Rules. Rules taken from the ACDS Show Driving Handbook revised edition 2012.

Turnout Scale of points: -

Horse/s & workout	50
Vehicle	30
Harness	10
General Appearance	10
TOTAL	100

Agricultural Classes

Mouldboard Ploughing

Singles - Event 48

Beginner - Event 48 Class 2

Pairs - Event 25

A single horse/pairs and mouldboard plough shall be used. Competitors are to use their own plough - the CHHFDA does **not** provide a plough. The length, number and location of furrows to be ploughed, shall be determined by the Judge. Competitors shall strike out, turn left at end, plough back to starting point, then all subsequent turns are to the right, or as the Judge determines. At their discretion, the Judge may nominate the depth to be ploughed. A complete team of competitor and horse may compete only once but different combinations may compete as separate entries. Competitors are to plough allotted plots; plots are to be allocated by either the Judge or steward of the event. Competitors will not be allowed to choose their own plot.

Scale of points: -

Strikeout	25
Neatness	40
Horsemanship	25
Uniformity – Finished	10
TOTAL	100

2 Person Mouldboard Ploughing

Singles – Event 14

Pairs – Event 25

A complete team of competitors and horse may compete only once but different combinations may compete as separate entries. Once started one handles the plough and one drives the horse. No helping of each other allowed or points will be deducted.

Slide, Obstacle, Log & Long-Reining Classes

Any break into a trot will result in a penalty; a break into canter or gallop will incur disqualification. The fastest time through the course without any penalties or faults, wins.

A clear round with no or fewer penalties will beat a quicker timed round with more penalties. ie fewest faults determines the winner. Faults are incurred for errors on the course. Whipping or swearing shall incur disqualification. **No whips may be carried or used in any ground-driven events.**

Slide Obstacle Course

Singles – Event 33

Beginner – Event 33 Class 2

Junior – Event 33 Class 3

Pairs – Event 20

Horses must be harnessed in winkers, long reins, collar and hames, backband and trace chains only (spider harness will not be accepted). Competitors must supply their own swingle bar. Penalties will be incurred if the horse/s, harness or slide, touch any part of the course. The horse must be driven while the driver is riding on the slide.

Log Snigging Course

**Singles – Event 32 Beginner – Event 32 Class 2 Junior – Event 32 Class 3
Pairs – Event 35**

Horses must be harnessed in winkers, long reins, collar and hames, backband and trace chains. The Field Days Association will provide a swingle bar, connecting chain, and log or logs. Points will be lost if the horse, harness or load touch any part of the course. Beginners and Juniors **will** have a wider course.

Long Rein Driving Obstacle Course

Singles – Event 39

Pairs – Event 22

The horse/s must be harnessed in winkers, long reins, collar and hames, backband and trace chains (optional) . Points will be lost if the horse or harness touch any part of the course. The course must be driven from the ground. Fewest faults within a given time is the priority.

Compete As Time Allows

Some classes or events allow competitors to compete and move off to another event, e.g. the Log snig and slide and long reins classes or driven obstacle courses. However, because a certain event timeslot may be listed as perhaps 1pm to 2pm, it does not mean the course will still be open at 1:55, if everyone else has finished before 1:30 and the judge and stewards have ruled that the event is over after waiting a feasible time for one remaining competitor. The onus is on the competitors to be aware of what is happening and communicate and compete as efficiently as possible, or to withdraw.

Other Classes or Events

The committee may consider other classes or events, if deemed appropriate to the nature of the weekend, and sufficient interest could be shown in having them.

Support via sponsorship offered will also aid consideration.

Please email suggestions and offers to gattonheavyhorse@gmail.com

Thank you!

The 2025-26 CHHFDA Committee

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