VICTORIAN RIDING PONY PAGEANT IN THE PARK 2026



FEATURING

Supreme In-Hand Junior Riding Pony
Supreme In-Hand Senior Riding Pony
Supreme In-Hand RPSBS Show Hack or Show Hunter Hack
Supreme Ridden Riding Pony
Supreme Ridden RPSBS Show Hack or Show Hunter Hack

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2026 AT 8am

TATURA PARK, VICTORIA

Held in conjunction with the 49th Victorian All Welsh Show

Judge: Rosemary Metherall

Entries via: www.vaws.com.au

Entries Close on Tuesday 24th of November 2026

Classes are $22 to enter + $22 Facility fee per exhibitor (If entered in another breed ring proof of payment must be supplied) **NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY**.

All owners/exhibitors/handlers/riders must be current financial members of the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd.

Ring Starts at 8am

JUDGE: Rosemary Metherall

Riding Pony Youngstock must compete as n.e.13.3hh at 1 year old, n.e.14.0hh at 2 years old, n.e.14.1hh at 3 years old. All Youngstock who measure over these heights must be shown in the RPSBS Show Hack/Hunter Hack (Over height) Youngstock classes.

In-Hand classes Senior & Junior

1 In hand senior show pony stallion 14.2hh & Under
2 In-hand senior show pony ne 12.2hh
3 In-hand senior show pony over 12.2 and ne 13hh
4 In-hand senior show pony over 13 and ne 13.2hh
5 In-hand senior show pony over 13.2hh and ne 14hh
6 In-hand senior show pony over 14hh and ne 14.2hh
Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Show Pony In-Hand

7 In-hand senior show hunter stallion 14.2hh & Under
8 In-hand senior show hunter pony ne 12.2hh
9 In-hand senior show hunter pony over 12.2hh and ne 13hh
10 In-hand senior show hunter pony over 13hh and ne 13.2hh
11 In-hand senior show hunter pony over 13.2hh and ne 14hh
12 In-hand senior show hunter pony over 14hh and ne 14.2hh
Champion and Reserve Senior Show Hunter Pony In-hand

Supreme In-Hand Senior Riding Pony

13 In-hand yearling show pony colt ne 13.3hh
14 In-hand show pony colt 2 yr old ne 14.hh,
15 In-hand show pony colt 3yr old ne 14.1hh
Champion and Reserve Champion Show Pony Colt In-hand

16 In-hand yearling show pony gelding ne 13.3hh
17 In-hand show pony gelding -2 yr old ne 14.hh,
18 In-hand show pony gelding 3yr old ne 14.1hh
Champion and Reserve Champion Show Pony Junior Gelding in-hand

19 In-hand yearling show pony filly ne13.3hh
20 In hand show pony filly 2 yrs old ne 14.hh
21 In hand show pony filly 3 yr old ne 14.1hh
Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Show Pony In-Hand

22 In-hand junior yearling show hunter colt, gelding or filly ne 13hh
23 In-hand junior show hunter colt, gelding or filly, 2 yr old ne 13.3hh,
24 In-hand junior show hunter colt, gelding or filly, 3 yr old ne 14.1hh
Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Show Hunter Pony in-hand

Supreme In-Hand Junior Riding Pony

In Hand over heights

Height specifications for registered Over-height Ponies.
Yearlings to be over 13.3hh, 2 years old to be over 14.0hh, 3 years old to be over 14.1hh, 4 years to be over 14.2hh

25 In Hand Yearling RPSBS Show Hack
26 In Hand 2/3yo RPSBS Show Hack
27 In Hand Yearling RPSBS Show Hunter
28 In Hand 2/3yo RPSBS Show Hunter
Champion and Reserve Junior Led RPSB over 14.2hh

29 In Hand Senior RPSBS Show Hack over 14.2hh
30 In Hand Senior RPSBS Show Hunter over 14.2hh

Champion and Reserve In Hand Senior RPSB Hack/Hunter over 14.2hh

Supreme In-Hand RPSBS Show Hack or Show Hunter Hack

Home/Amateur Produced Show/Hunter Pony In-Hand

31 In-Hand Home/ Amateur Produced Show Pony ne 13.2hh
32 In-Hand Home/Amateur Produced Show Pony over 13.2hh and ne 14.2hh
33 In-Hand Home/Amateur Produced Show Hunter Pony ne 13.2hh
34 In-Hand Home/Amateur Produced Show Hunter Pony over 13.2hh and ne 14.2h
35 In-Hand Home/Amateur Produced RPSBS Show Hack Over 14.2h
36 In-Hand Home/Amateur Produced RPBS Show Hunter Over 14.2h
Champion & Reserve In-Hand Home/Amateur Show/Hack/Hunter Pony or O/H

Ridden Classes

37 Lead rein pony 12 and under, rider 3 yrs and under 8yrs
38 First Ridden 12.2hh and under. Rider 5yrs and under 12 yrs.
Champion and Reserve Champion Mini Exhibit

N.B. Newcomers must not have commenced under saddle BEFORE 1/1/26. Ponies are not required to be registered for the newcomer scheme nor do they require a newcomer card to be eligible to compete as a Newcomer.

2026 Newcomer Ridden Classes U 14.2hh

39 Newcomer show pony/show hunter ne 12.2hh
40 Newcomer show pony/show hunter over 12.2hh and ne 13.2hh
41 Newcomer show pony/show hunter over 13.2hh and ne 14.2hh
Champion and Reserve Champion Ridden Newcomer Show Pony/Show Hunter

2026 Newcomer Ridden RPSBS Show Hack/Hunter Classes Over 14.2hh

42 Newcomer RPSBS Show Hack/Hunter over 14.2h ne 15h
43 Newcomer RPSBS Show Hack/Hunter over 15h
Champion & Reserve Ridden Newcomer RPSBS Show Hack/Hunter over 14.2h

Ridden Show Ponies

44 Ridden Show Pony Stallion 14.2hh & Under
45 Ridden show pony ne 12.2hh
46 Ridden show pony over 12.2hh and ne 13hh
47 Ridden show pony over 13hh and ne 13.2hh
48 Ridden show pony over 13.2hh and ne 14hh
49 Ridden show pony over 14hh and ne 14.2hh
Champion and Reserve champion ridden show pony

Child's Show Ponies ridden

50 Show pony ne 12.2hh, ridden by a child 12 yrs and under on day of show
51 Show pony over 12.2hh and ne 13.2hh, rider 14 yrs and under on day of show
52 Show pony over 13.2hh and ne 14.2hh, rider 16 yrs and under on the day of show
Champion and Reserve champion ridden child's show pony

Ridden Show Hunter Ponies

53 Ridden Show Hunter Stallion 14.2hh & Under
54 Ridden Show Hunter pony ne 12.2hh
55 Ridden show hunter pony over 12.2hh and ne 13hh
56 Ridden show hunter pony over 13hh and ne 13.2hh
57 Ridden show hunter pony over 13.2hh and ne 14hh
58 Ridden Show Hunter pony over 14hh and ne 14.2hh
Champion and reserve champion show hunter pony ridden

Child's Show Hunter Ponies ridden

59 Show hunter pony ne 12.2hh, ridden by a child 12 yrs and under on day of show
60 Show hunter pony over 12.2hh and ne 13.2hh, rider 14 yrs and under on day of show
61 Show hunter pony over 13.2hh and ne 14.2hh, rider 16 yrs and under on the day of show

Champion and Reserve champion child's show hunter pony

Supreme Ridden Riding Pony

Over height ridden classes

Height specification, 4 years over 14.2hh

62 Ridden RPSBS show hack/hunter over 14.2-15hh
63 Ridden RPSBS show hack/hunter hack over 15hh

Champion and Reserve Champion Ridden Overheight RPSBS

HOME/AMATEUR PRODUCED SHOW/HUNTER PONY CLASSES RIDDEN

64 Ridden Home/Amateur Produced Show Pony ne 14.2h
65 Ridden Home/Amateur Produced Show Hunter Pony ne 14.2h
66 Ridden Home/Amateur Produced Show Hack/Hunter Pony Over 14.2h

Champion & Reserve Ridden Home/Amateur Show/Hack/Hunter Pony or O/H

Supreme Ridden RPSBS Show Hack or Show Hunter Hack

SHOWING RULES & REGULATIONS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Reviewed August 2025

Where there is a conflict, these Rules will supersede those in the 2020 Judges Handbook
For the purpose of this document, the term Pony shall be taken to include Overheights where applicable.

General

1. All RPSBS registered ponies or horses must be shown in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd.
2. These Showing Rules and Regulations can only be enforced in classes run under RPSBS Ltd Rules and Regulations
3. Exhibitors will abide by the Showing Rules & Regulations of the RPSBS Ltd and those set out in this document. If there is any inconsistency in the showing rules then the RPSBS Showing Rules apply.
4. For the purpose of these rules ''exhibitor, persons or family'' shall include the following: husband, wife, partner, parent, step-parent, child, in-laws of the same relation stated above, grandparent, brother, sister, business partners, employers and employees.
5. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to ensure eligibility for a class, and if ineligible, the exhibitor must withdraw. These rules apply to all classes restricted to RPSBS registered exhibits.
6. No exhibitor may show a RPSBS Ltd registered exhibit bred by or leased from the judge or his immediate family in RPSBS Ltd events.
7. A Show Season is State specific; please refer to your State Secretary or website.
8. Entries will be received by the Show Secretary and are subject to the Rules and Regulations of the RPSBS Ltd. www.rpsbs.com.au
9. All exhibitors will be bound by and must observe the decisions of the ground jury.
10. The Show Ground Jury reserves the right to adjudicate upon entry or upon any dispute or doubt and to make any determination upon any matter and this decision shall be final and not subject to appeal of any kind. Disputes/protests must be lodged in writing to the Show Secretary within 30 minutes of the completion of the class, together with deposit of $55.00 (GST inc) refundable if the protest is upheld.
11. The Society shall have the power without assigning any reason to:
- Reject or cancel any entry at any time
- Cancel any event or class
- Remove any exhibit from the show grounds
- Transfer an exhibit or exhibitor from any class to another class
- Add to or alter the program as necessary
- Combine classes if there are insufficient entries

12. If an event is cancelled refund of entries may be considered.
13. The Society will not be responsible for the loss of, or for any damage or injury occasioned to any exhibit, or the property of any exhibitor from any cause whatsoever.
14. The Exhibitor enters entirely at his/her own risk. Insurance rules apply.
15. In case any exhibit whilst on the Society's showground causes or is the cause of injury or damage to any other exhibit or exhibitor, to the person or property of any member of the Society or general public, the owner of such exhibit shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Society, its officers, officials and members, from and against all damages, costs, claims, expenses or liabilities incurred in connection with such exhibitors. The exhibitor will be liable to the Society and its employees, officers and officials for any damage or loss occasioned to any of them by the exhibitor or his agent.
16. All animals are to be exhibited in accordance with the description as noted on their registration record with RPSBS Ltd including but not limited to colour, markings, brands and gender.
17. In any one State Show Season a Riding Pony 4 years and over (not exceeding 14.2hh) may only be exhibited as either a Show Pony or Show Hunter Pony in RPSBS events.

18. In any one State Show Season an Overheight Riding Pony 4 years and over (exceeding 14.2hh) may only be exhibited as either a RPSBS Show Hack or RPSBS Show Hunter Hack in RPSBS events. Overheight Youngstock may change once per show season.
19. Youngstock 3 years & under may change once only per 'State Show Season' from Show Pony to Show Hunter or Show Hunter to Show Pony.
20. Show Ponies and Show Hunter Ponies can only compete against each other in Supreme,

Newcomer, Lead Rein, First Ridden Class or Children's Ridden Classes.
21. Overheight Riding Ponies are not eligible to compete in Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Champion and Supreme Champion Classes.
22. Stallions and Colts 1 year and over as of 1st August must be bitted when shown with the lead attached to the bit. Handlers and riders of stallions or colts must be 18 years of age or over. Foals/Weanlings must only be shown in a halter or head collar. No Foal/Weanling under the age of twelve months as of the 1st August can be shown in a bit.
23. Registration Requirements: Pending memberships, registrations and transfers do not constitute eligibility for an exhibit to be shown in RPSBS classes with the exception of those referred to in Rule 45.
24. Random swabbing may take place.
25. After a fall from their mount a rider is disqualified from that class and must not remount their pony in the ring.
26. RPSBS Ltd Heat Policy applies; check details on website.
27. There is to be no change of handler/rider once a class has commenced without the permission of the judge.
28. The Judge's decision is considered final. A Judge's decision represents an individual preference and is not subject to protest unless there is a rule violation.
29. No person shall in any way consult or influence or attempt to influence the Judge or endeavour to Influence the Judge's freedom of choice or judgment.
30. The Society may alter the Judge for any particular event or class at any time it deems fit.
31. No person may show under a Judge who boards, rides, trains or agists any pony/horse, under the said person's ownership, shared ownership or lease, within a period of 6 months prior to the show. Conversely no Judge may adjudicate said person for the same reasons within a 6-month period. A person or Judge shall not necessarily receive remuneration or reward for these services (Stud fees excluded).
32. No persons are permitted to approach a Judge during his/her appointment at a show. While there should be no fraternization during the Show, the Judge should ensure that a Ring Steward or Show Official is present if a conversation is unavoidable.
33. A Judge must not be an exhibitor in any Section in which they are officiating.
34. Approved ASSA helmets must be worn at all times whilst riding. Any injury sustained by a person riding and not wearing an approved ASSA helmet will not be covered by any liability claim or by insurance.

Membership and Registration Requirements:
35. All owners/exhibitors/handlers/riders must be current financial members of the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd.
36. All exhibits must be shown in the name of the registered owner/lessee (bona fide owner). This means that an exhibit must be in the name of the last recorded owner/lessee exactly as it appears in the records of the RPSBS Ltd. When entered in multiple names one of the listed exhibitors for each pony entered in Riding Pony classes must be a current financial member of RPSBS Ltd and must be the owner/lessee of the pony entered. The named exhibitor may be a family member of the registered owner.

37. No RPSBS Ltd award will be awarded to any pony unless shown under the registered Riding Pony name and in the name of the owner/lessee as recorded with the Society and such owner/lessee must be a financial member of the Society.
38. Where a pony is owned or leased by two or more people then all are required to remain financial members of the RPSBS Ltd. The Derived membership shall be deemed unfinancial should any one of the parties involved be unfinancial.
39. Proof of RPSBS Ltd registration of exhibits and RPSBS Ltd membership must be available at the show.
40. A pony's age is taken from August 1st annually.
41. Ponies under the age of 3 years cannot be exhibited in ridden classes.
42. Ponies four years and over must be adult registered with the exception of those conceived by AI or ET which, if not yet registered, must have the registration application and hair sample for DNA received by the RPSBS Ltd with full payment.
43. Youngstock ponies are 3 years and under.
44. All ponies under four years must either be adult registered or foal recorded with the exception of those conceived by AI or ET which, if not yet registered, must have the registration application and hair sample for DNA received by the RPSBS Ltd with full payment.
45. Foals/Weanlings -eligibility to show. Foals which are not weaned and are shown on their dams may be shown prior to registration being finalised providing they are eligible for registration with RPSBS Ltd. Foals which are weaned must be registered RPSBS Ltd with the exception of those conceived by AI or ET which, if not yet registered, must have the registration application and hair sample for DNA received by the RPSBS Ltd with full payment. Only colt foals which are eligible on breeding for registration as Section A may be shown in classes restricted to colts. Foals/Weanlings must only be shown in a halter or head collar. No Foal/Weanling under the age of twelve months as of the 1st August can be shown in a bit.
46. Stallions and Colts two years and over must be entire, with two visible descended testicles, except where a stallion has had one testicle, which was descended into the scrotum, surgically removed and has an appropriate veterinary certificate which has been submitted to the Registrar and recorded prior to the Show. In order to be eligible to be shown a Veterinary Certificate confirming the presence of two descended testicles must be lodged with the Society for Stallions and Colts two years and over, as at 1st August. A copy of another breed Society stallion registration with that requirement will be accepted in lieu of a Veterinary Certificate as will a veterinary certificate confirming surgical removal as described above.
47. Exhibits in gelding classes must be gelded and registered as a gelding with the RPSBS Ltd.
48. Exhibits which are Foal Recorded are ineligible to be shown in classes for geldings or colts/stallions four years and over.
49. Registration Requirements: Pending memberships, registrations and transfers do not constitute eligibility for an exhibit to be shown in RPSBS classes with the exception of those referred to in Rules 42 and 45.
50. Branding/Microchipping: All ponies must be visibly branded and/or microchipped when shown, excluding foals shown whilst on their dam. Height of Ponies:
51. No exhibit, which exceeds 14.2hh in height, is eligible to be shown in RPSBS Show Pony or Show Hunter Pony classes. No Youngstock exhibit is eligible to be shown in Riding Pony classes if it's height exceeds: 13.3hh at 1 year; 14.0hh at 2 years; 14.1hh at 3 years with 1/2inch to be added for shows in the period from 1 February to 31 July.
52. All ponies over 3 years of age must have a current height certificate. Youngstock or ponies 3 years of age and under without a current height certificate may be subject to a day measurement. Life certificates are accepted.
53. Senior Overheight Riding Pony show classes are for horses that have exceeded 14.2hh at 4 years of age and are either registered Section A Riding Ponies or Riding Ponies who have a Section A parent. Youngstock Overheight show classes are for ponies that exceed the height limitation for their age,

as per Rule 51, and are either registered Section A Riding Ponies or Riding Ponies who have a Section A parent.
54. Overheight Riding Ponies must NOT be shown in any Show Pony or Show Hunter Pony classes including any Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Championship or Supreme. Presentation and Dress:
55. All ponies must have manes plaited and tail either pulled, plaited, clipped or razored.
56. All ponies must be shown in good coat and condition.
57. All handlers and riders must be present themselves in correct attire relevant to the class being judged.
58. Spurs: The wearing of spurs in Lead Rein and First Ridden classes are not permissible. Spurs are permitted in all other ridden classes. (For permissible spurs refer to Equestrian Australia Show Horse Rules)
59. Hats: Refer to Rule 34
60. Whips: Riders are not permitted to carry a whip in Lead Rein classes. Whips carried in other classes are not to exceed 75cms in length. Hunting Crops are permissible in Show Hunter and Working Hunter classes.
61. Tack: A narrow strap may be attached to the front of the saddle for children in Lead Rein and First Ridden classes. Under no circumstances may tack be changed during the judging of a class unless it is for safety purposes. (N.B. Whips and spurs are not considered tack).
62. Bridles: Lead Rein, First Ridden exhibits shall be shown in a suitable snaffle bridle with a cavesson noseband. Newcomer exhibits shall be shown in a suitable snaffle bridle with a conventional noseband. Any suitable snaffle or double bridle is optional in all other Show Pony or Show Hunter Pony classes. In Working Hunter classes any suitable bridle may be used and running martingales are permitted.
63. Leg Protection: Only protective leg boots of a plain colour may be used in the jumping phase of the Working Hunter pony classes. No other forms of leg or hoof protection are permissible in any other classes.

Lead Rein Show Ponies/Show Hunter Ponies:
64. Ponies are not to exceed 12.0hh.
65. Age of rider is to be 3 years and under 8 years old on the day of the show.
66. Ponies to be ridden in a suitable simple snaffle bitted bridle with cavesson noseband. Wilkie bits are acceptable. (For permissible snaffle bits refer to Equestrian Australia Show Horse Rules). A lead rein for the handler is to be affixed to the noseband of the bridle.
67. No spurs or whips for the rider; the handler may carry a cane.
68. A narrow strap may be attached to the front of the saddle.
69. This class should not be judged as Smartest on Parade but for the suitability of the pony for the purpose intended.
70. Lead Rein Show Ponies and Lead Rein Show Hunter Ponies can be shown together as Lead Rein Pony or, if numbers warrant, can be split into Lead Rein Show Pony and Lead Rein Show Hunter Pony Classes. First Ridden Show Ponies/Show Hunter Ponies:
71. Ponies not to exceed 12.2hh
72. Age of rider to be 5 years and under 12 years old on the day of the show.
73. Ponies to be ridden in a suitable simple snaffle bitted bridle. Wilkie bits are acceptable. (For other permissible snaffle bits refer to Equestrian Australia Show Horse Rules)
74. Ponies must enter and leave the ring at either a walk or trot.
75. No cantering is allowed except in the individual workout.
76. This class is to be judged for the suitability of the pony for the purpose intended. As in all Riding Pony classes type, conformation, evenness of paces and straightness of action are important.
77. A narrow strap may be attached to the front of the saddle.
78. No spurs allowed.
79. The rider may carry a whip or cane, length not exceeding 75cm.

80. First Ridden Show Ponies and First Ridden Show Hunter Ponies can be shown together as First Ridden Pony or, if numbers warrant, can be split into First Ridden Show Pony and First Ridden Show Hunter Pony Classes. Newcomer Rules and Regulations:
81. A Riding Pony shall be eligible to be shown as a Newcomer if it has not been exhibited under saddle at any show or competition of any sort, prior to the said pony's newcomer year. A pony that has competed only in lead rein or miniature turnout is eligible for newcomer events. Any pony that has competed in ridden breed classes, or any ridden class at an affiliated or unaffiliated event is considered ineligible for newcomer events.
82. This competition will be managed separately by each State Committee. Competitors must abide by the Rules & Regulations applicable to the State in which they are competing.
86. Animals entered in Riding Pony Newcomer classes are to be ridden in a suitable, simple snaffle bridle. Wilkie bits are acceptable. For other permissible snaffle bits refer Equestrian Australian Show Horse Rules.
87. Stallions may compete in RPSBS Ltd Newcomer competition.
88. Classes will be as follows;
Classes will be at the organizing committee's discretion. A suggested full programme would be as follows:
Newcomer Riding Pony ne 12.2hh
Newcomer Riding Pony over 12.2hh & ne 13.2hh
Newcomer Riding Pony over 13.2hh & ne 14.2hh
Champion and Reserve Champion Newcomer Pony.
Note: where numbers permit classes and Championship may be divided into separate Show Pony and Show Hunter Pony sections.
Newcomer RPSBS Show Hack or RPSBS Show Hunter Hack over 14.2hh & ne 15hh
Newcomer RPSBS Show Hack or RPSBS Show Hunter Hack over 15hh
Champion and Reserve Champion Newcomer RPSBS Show Hack/Show Hunter Hack
Note: where numbers permit classes and Championship may be divided into separate Show Pony and Show Hunter Pony sections.
Note: States may elect to amalgamate classes if numbers do not warrant the height class separations as listed.
91. A pony that has only competed in Lead Rein and has not competed off the lead is eligible to be considered a Newcomer.
92. A Riding Pony Newcomer is eligible to compete in open Riding Pony ridden classes in their Newcomer Year.
94. The Newcomer Season is State specific and shall be deemed to be: NSW, Victoria, Tasmania, SA – 1st January until 31st December, Qld & WA – 1st July until 30th June

Children's Ridden Show Ponies/Show Hunter Ponies:
95. When judging these classes, the suitability of the pony for the purpose intended is to be taken into account.
96. For ponies not exceeding 12.2hh, rider is to be 12 years old and under on the day of the show.
97. For ponies over 12.2hh and not exceeding 13.2hh, rider is to be 14 years old and under on the day of the show.
98. For ponies over 13.2hh and not exceeding 14.2hh, rider to be 17 years old and under on the day of the show.
99. Children's Ridden Show Ponies and Children's Ridden Show Hunter Ponies can be shown together as Children's Ridden Pony or, if numbers warrant, can be split into Children's Ridden Show Pony and Children's Ridden Show Hunter Pony Classes.
100. The minimum age for a child to ride independently shall be 5 years.
101. A Junior Child Rider shall be defined to be a child under 12 years of age. A Senior Child Rider shall be defined to be a child 12 and under 18 years of age.