



# TEAM PENNING CHAMPIONSHIPS @ Currabubula 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Terms & Conditions of Entry

The **Terms & Conditions of Entry** incorporate; this document, TPA Team Penning Rules, Model Constitution, COVID-19 Safety Plan/s, and, AQHA Rules and policies.

For persons not currently members of NWTP & QHA, you may participate in the Team Penning Championships by

1. Providing your current AQHA member number with your nomination, **OR**,
2. Pay an event membership to NWTP & QHA of \$20 per rider, **OR**,
3. Become a member of NWTP & QHA.

## Championship Nomination Fees

Open Division - \$540/team (\$180/rider)  
Youth (13 & u18) - \$450/team (\$150/rider)  
Junior (u13) - \$270/team (\$90/rider)

**Nominations open: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 - Nominations close: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (or when full)**

Full payment (including any applicable membership fees) must accompany nomination or nomination will not be considered

Payment can be made via EFT  
082-842 40 802 4583 (use surname as reference please)

Or online via the website  
[www.peelvalleyteampenning.com/online-payments.html](http://www.peelvalleyteampenning.com/online-payments.html)

All nominations for the Championships must be made via the website  
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# Competition Format

1. TPA "Team Penning" rules have been adopted
2. There will be two "go rounds"
3. 1<sup>st</sup> go round is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September - 2<sup>nd</sup> go round is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September
4. Each team will be provided with 4 runs in each go round\*
5. Run numbers in the 2<sup>nd</sup> go round will match the 1<sup>st</sup> go round
6. A Clean Slate Final will be run after the conclusion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> go round on Sunday
7. The same horse & rider combination to be ridden in all runs+
8. Any infraction of the Terms and Conditions by any team member will result in elimination from the competition for their entire team. No refunds will be provided

*+If a horse is deemed injured/unwell in line with AQHA rules, a substitute may be permitted upon applying to the committee*

*\*Junior/Youth riders may ride in the Open division, however are required to pay Open fees*

*\*Each rider can have a maximum of 4 runs in each "go round" regardless of division*

*This will generally mean riders can participate in only 1 team, unless they are entering 1 run with one team, and other runs with different teams (as an example - teams of 4 or more riders, alternating the 3 riders for each run)*

**Scoring:** Go round runs will match up, providing firstly a total head score, and secondly a time score (fastest time is highest scoring after most head score)

Example.		
Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
Run 27 Sat: 3 head, 58.06	Run 12 Sat: 2 head, 38.06	Run 86 Sat: 3 head, 1.12.12
Run 27 Sun: 3 head, 44.12	Run 12 Sun: 3 head, 1.02.44	Run 86 Sun: 3 head, 1.06.52
<b>6 head, 102.18 sec</b>	<b>5 head, 100.50 sec</b>	<b>6 head, 138.64 sec</b>
<b>Ranked 1</b>	<b>Ranked 3</b>	<b>Ranked 2</b>

Clean Slate Final will be

- The top 20 Open runs
- The top 10 Youth runs
- The top 10 Junior runs

Fresh cattle are anticipated for the clean slate finals, with thanks to **Currabubula Pony Club**

The order for the finals will be: Junior, then Youth, then Open  
Runs for the final will be drawn from a hat in the public presence

Placings to 5<sup>th</sup> place will be determined from the Clean Slate Final alone, with the highest head score then fastest time

Mounted Presentation to follow arena pack up and tally of scores

**All team members must be at the Presentation to collect prizes &/or prizemoney**





## Participation & Attendance

NWTP & QHA is a registered COVID-19 Safe organisation

QR Check In is mandatory

All Public Health Orders in force at the time of the event must be adhered to

A maximum of 40 teams will be accepted into the Team Penning Championships

A nomination will be deemed accepted once a confirmation has been sent to the Team

Nominations will not be considered without full Team Payment

Unpowered Camping is available \$10/vehicle/night (includes hot showers)

Stables \$13.50/stable/night

Panel or tape yards are permitted to contain horses, however due to limited space at the Reserve a limit of only 16sqm/horse is permitted. NB. Horses are not permitted to stay overnight at the Reserve unless you are also remaining at the Reserve overnight.

Please kindly advise if you are bringing a Colt or Stallion to this event

Camping & Stables need to be booked in advance by each team member via

[www.peelvalleyteampenning.com](http://www.peelvalleyteampenning.com)

Earliest arrival to the Currabubula Recreation Reserve is 2pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September

All persons must vacate the Reserve by 7pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September

A FREE BBQ will be provided by NWTP & QHA on Friday evening (17<sup>th</sup> Sept), from 6.30pm

Inappropriate behaviour of any kind, including excessive consumption of alcohol, excessive noise or disturbance, will not be tolerated during the currency of this event

All requests of the Committee must be adhered

At any time, the Committee reserve the right to refuse nomination, alter or change the program and/or make decisions in the best interests of the Association





As an Affiliate of AQHA, all competitors are required to adhere to all [AQHA Rules & policies](#)  
The most relevant rules for the “Team Penning Championships” have been included

### AQHA Rules extracts from Section One: General

#### 1.1 Professional Code of Ethics

We, the members of the Australian Quarter Horse Association, in carrying out our role of providing service to the Australian Quarter Horse industry, recognise the need to do so in a professional manner, and to deal with the public and our colleagues with the highest degree of integrity. We will endeavour to fulfil our obligations to:

- a) Adhere to the professional standards of the Association and to work to further its goals and objectives;
- b) Ensure that the welfare of the Australian Quarter Horse is paramount and that every Australian Quarter Horse is always treated humanely and with dignity, respect, and compassion;
- c) Conduct all business affairs with integrity, sincerity, and accuracy in an open and forthright manner;
- d) Act with integrity in financial dealings with clients, other professionals, and the public;
- e) Handle our business and operations in a manner that promotes the image of the Australian Quarter Horse industry; and
- f) Instil confidence among clients and the public in the Australian Quarter Horse industry, avoiding any action conducive to discrediting it or membership in the Association.

#### 1.2 Prohibited Conduct, but not limited to

- a) Any form of conduct that inhibits competition at Association approved events;
- b) Padding classes, by entering a horse(s) to fill a class to increase show points;
- c) Discouraging a potential competitor from entering a class;
- d) Any competitor inside the arena, assisting another competitor, may be disqualified; Exception: EWD, Youth Lead Line and Youth Walk & Jog/trot classes. Rule 1.3 d) does not apply to a co-contestant in a team, such as Team Roping or Cutting;
- e) Attempting to reduce competition, or assisting in reducing competition by a member;
- f) Attempting to reduce competition by a non-member of the Association;
- g) Failure to pay when due, any obligation owing to the AQHA or an AQHA Affiliate;
- h) Engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct including, but not limited to, inappropriate language;
- i) Carrying or consuming alcohol in the marshalling areas, working arenas or show pen/contest areas;
- j) Directing abusive or threatening conduct or language toward Association representatives;
- k) Conspiring with another person or persons to intentionally violate Association rules, or to assist in any violation of Association rules;

**1.3.1** Any member will be disciplined, suspended, fined, and/or expelled from the Association, and a non-member will be fined and/or denied Association privileges for any violation of Rule 1.3.

#### 1.4 Members must:

- give prompt and truthful information concerning any matter of which the person has knowledge
- treat all Association representatives with courtesy, cooperation, and respect, and
- give information to the Association that is true and correct to the best belief and knowledge of the informant.





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## 2. Animal Welfare

This Animal Welfare Policy applies to any sanctioned event held by the Association, its Affiliates and any organisation that has been given program approval.

### 2.1 Humane Treatment

The Association will not tolerate inhumane treatment of a horse, or any other animal used in competition.

- a) No member or non-member will treat any horse or animal in a cruel or inhumane manner;
- b) Inhumane treatment includes but is not limited to all relevant animal welfare legislation and rules of the National Authorities controlling the applicable sport;
- c) In any equestrian sporting event, the welfare of the horse is always the primary consideration;
- d) No horse should be ridden or trained in such a way that it is subject to extended periods of mental or physical distress;
- e) Association members must comply with all relevant animal welfare legislation and rules. This applies to all horses exhibited at events sanctioned by the AQHA, AQHA Affiliates and at any event that has been given Association program approval;
- f) The Association encourages all members to follow best animal welfare practice in all their dealings with horses.

**2.1.1** Any member will be disciplined, suspended, fined, and/or expelled from the Association and any non-member will be fined and/or denied Association privileges for any violations of Rule 2.

### 2.2 Responsibility

An individual is responsible for the horse's condition if:

- they designate themselves on the entry form as the exhibitor, or authorises another to designate him/her as the exhibitor on the entry form.
- they sign the entry form on behalf of themselves or another or causes an agent or representative to sign it.
- they physically participate in the class by riding or showing the horse.
- they are the actual trainer, having presented or caused to be presented the horse at the grounds for exhibition.
- both the exhibitor, designated on the entry form, and the person having actual possession of the horse, while physically participating in the event, are conclusively deemed to be authorised by the owner to execute all documents necessary, or convenient, to allow the horse's participation in an event approved by the Association, including documents pertaining to drug testing.
- an individual is prevented from performing their duties, including absolute responsibility for the condition of the horse/s, or is absent from the show, they must immediately notify the show secretary, at the same time appoint a substitute, and such substitute must place their name on the entry form.
- the exhibitor represents the owner regarding their horse(s) entered in an approved show.





## 2.3 Prohibited conduct

No person on the grounds, including but not limited to barns, stall, practice areas or show arena, can treat a horse in a manner that includes, but is not limited to:

- continuous and/or relentless pressure from the bit, legs, or spurs.
- placing an object, other than a legal bit, in a horse's mouth to cause undue discomfort or distress.
- placing a legal bit in a horse's mouth in an abnormal manner.
- leaving a bit in a horse's mouth for extended periods of time to cause undue discomfort or distress, broken skin and/or bleeding.
- tying a horse's head up (above the withers), back, or around in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress. the horse must be able to hold its head comfortably in a "normal" position.
- tying a horse in a stall without access to food or water for an extended period.
- use of excessive training techniques such as striking a horse's legs.
- excessive spurring or whipping.
- excessive spinning (defined as more than eight (8) consecutive turns in either direction).
- continuing to work or exhibit a horse which appears to be sullen, lethargic, emaciated, dehydrated, depressed, drawn or overly tired.
- schooling using rails higher than 1.2 metres.
- breaking the skin and causing bleeding from the spur, bit, or any other equipment.
- riding or training in such a way that the horse is subject to periods of mental or physical distress.
- exhibiting a horse that has an open wound and/or shows traces of blood, and
- using prohibited equipment on the horse at Association approved events.

## 2.4 Prohibited Equipment

The use of prohibited equipment includes but is not limited to:

- saw tooth bits
- hock hobbles
- tack collars
- curb straps with tack/rivets or tack hackamores
- war bridles or like devices
- riding in a curb bit without a curb strap
- wire or solid metal curb straps, with or without padding
- wire cavesson
- wire or cable tie downs
- bumper bits
- metal bosals with or without padding
- metal lunging hackamores
- chambons, headstalls made of metal, with or without padding
- running martingales used without rein stops
- excessively tight nosebands
- draw reins attached between or around the front legs
- side reins (direct from bit to girth or surcingles)
- any item or appliance that restricts movement or circulation of the horse's tail
- any appliance or equipment, which results in any bleeding, and
- any other treatment or conduct deemed by a show official to be inhumane or abusive.





## 2.5 Nutraceuticals or Herbal Therapies

The onus is on the Owner/Trainer/Handler/Exhibitor, who decides to administer these types of products to a horse, to ensure that they are free of any prohibited substance.

## 2.6 Surgical Procedures

A horse cannot compete if it has had any surgical procedure which could affect the horse's performance. Exception: for those surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the horse. If requested, a Veterinary Certificate detailing the surgery will be required.

## 2.7 Artificial appliances

Are not permitted for use in approved classes. The following are not prohibited:

- conventional pads
- therapeutic shoes
- pacemakers or prosthetic eyes, if the owner obtains written permission from the Association and the resulting authorisation is noted on the horse's registration certificate.

## 2.8 Prohibited Drugs and Foreign Substances

A horse that has had any prohibited foreign substance or drugs administered internally or externally cannot compete. Exception: Acceptable foreign substances listed in Rule 2.9 and drugs as administered under Rule 2.8 b).

- a) A patch of any type, medicinal or otherwise cannot be on a horse when that horse is being exhibited;
- b) A horse that is injured or taken ill once it has arrived at the official show venue, or whilst on the ground during the event, may compete after that horse has been treated by a Veterinarian at that show. The attending Veterinarian must sign a certificate which states:
  - what the horse is suffering from
  - what treatment, including any substances that have been administered internally or externally, and that the horse is sound enough to compete at that show

The certificate must be given to the Show Secretary/Show Manager prior to the horse competing;

- c) A horse cannot be injected at a show unless the Veterinarian, that attended the horse at the show, has otherwise instructed. A Vet Certificate showing the treatment required must be obtained.

## 2.9 Acceptable Foreign Substances

The following substances are acceptable:

- Antiprotozoals
- Anti-ulcer medication
- Insect repellent
- Anthelmintics
- Rehydration fluids
- B vitamins (orally)
- Regumate/Altrenogest (mares only)
- Topical ointments not containing Corticosteroids, irritant, or painkillers
- Preventative joint restorative therapies and general "over the counter" feed store supplements





## 2.11 Penalties and Restrictions

Any person, member, or non-member, found in violation of these rules, will be disciplined, suspended, fined, denied Association privileges, disqualified, expelled from the grounds, and/or expelled from the Association.

**2.11.2** A conviction of an individual, under State or Federal Law, will constitute a presumed violation of these rules for:

- an offence of cruelty to, or
- judicial confiscation of a horse

### AQHA Rules extracts from Section 3: Show and Performance

#### 40. AQHA Disclaimer of Responsibility for safety and wellbeing of Event participants

The AQHA does not assume or accept duty or responsibility for safety at any sanctioned event regarding participants or any other third parties, or for the horses or other property thereof. As an express condition of privilege to participate at an AQHA approved show or sanctioned event, each horse owner, exhibitor, trainer and participant assumes the risks of participation and releases and discharges the AQHA, its officers, directors, representatives and employees, from any and all liability, whenever or however arising, as to personal injury, property damage occurring as a result of participation in a class/event conducted by the AQHA or AQHA Affiliate.

##### 40.1 Show Committee is responsible for the

- condition of event premises
- conduct and competence of show staff and other representatives
- implementation of show activities and classes, and
- all other aspects of the event.

##### 40.2 Incidents at Shows

- a) Will be investigated by the Show Manager;
- b) The Show Manager, informed of the incident, will speak to the alleged offender and inform him/her, that a report will be filed with the Association re this alleged incident;
- c) If the Show Manager cites an alleged incident, they must act as per this rule;
- d) If an exhibitor, owner, and/or his/her representative acting on behalf of the exhibitor, is found to have engaged in:
  - a) unsportsmanlike conduct
  - b) inhumane treatment of a horse, or
  - c) a breach of any rule in this Rule Book, then they will be reported to the Association;
- e) Any incident reported to the Association, will be sent to the Investigative Committee to determine whether the alleged incident is founded and if further action is required;
- f) The Association can give a warning, show fine and/or suspend the showing rights of the exhibitor, owner and/or his/her representative acting on behalf of the exhibitor/owner, to participate in future approved shows for such period as the Association deems appropriate;
- g) A decision on the level of offence, being mild, moderate or severe, will be determined by the Investigative Committee. If a fine or penalty is to be imposed, it will be determined by the table listed below;







- k) If an adverse decision is reached by the Investigative Committee, then the person in question has the right to appeal to the Board of Directors.

#### 40.2.1 Show Fines and Penalties

- a) Probation No privileges are denied, but any abuse during the probation period will be considered at the next highest level;
- b) Suspend Show Privileges All rights and privileges associated with Association sanctioned events and the Association Award System and Annual High Point Awards are denied during the period of suspension and presence on grounds of Association sanctioned events is prohibited;
- c) Fines The quantum of any fine will be set out in writing to the party involved and 60 days will be given to pay the fine. *See page 43 of the AQHA rulebook for fines*

### AQHA Rules extracts from Section Five: Class, Equipment and Attire

#### 80.1 Reruns

will not be allowed in instances of equipment failure. When exhibitor equipment failure causes a delay or a run to be discontinued, the Judge will disqualify the entry.

#### 80.2 Equipment and Accoutrement that is unsafe or unfair

The Judge will have the authority to require the removal or alteration of any piece of equipment or accoutrement which is unsafe, or in his/her opinion would tend to give a horse/rider an unfair advantage or which he/she believes to be inhumane.

#### 81.2 The fall, of a horse or rider being judged

will be cause for disqualification in all classes except for team penning

- a horse is considered having fallen when it is on its side and all four feet are extended in the same direction
- a rider is considered to have fallen when he or she is not astride.

#### 83.4 Western Attire is mandatory

- long sleeve shirt, collar
- western hat (the hat must be on the rider's head when the exhibitor enters the arena), or helmet\*
- western pants/jeans
- western boots

\*Note: helmets are mandatory for all person under the age of 18

83.4.1 Optional Attire - Spurs, chinks, and chaps in ridden classes. NB: Western Spurs are not to be used forward of the cinch

The full Rule Book and policies of the AQHA can be found at [www.aqha.com.au](http://www.aqha.com.au)





## Team Penning Rules (Team Penning Australia)

30 head of cattle marked with coloured collars (or numbers) in sets of 3. (ie 3 red, 3 blue etc) are at the “mob” end of the arena. Teams (3 riders) attempt to cut out the assigned cattle from the mob and gather them in the “pen” at the opposite end of the arena within a 2-minute time limit.

1. The judge calls the assigned collar colour (or number) as the NOSE of the first horse crosses the start/foul line
2. A run commences timing when the NOSE of the first of the three (3) horses crosses the start/foul line
3. Within a two (2) minute time limit, a team (3 riders) will attempt to cut from the mob and pen three (3) head of cattle with the assigned collar colour (or number). A warning bell is issued with thirty (30) seconds remaining on the run
4. A team may only call for time ONCE
5. To call for time, one (1) rider ONLY must come to a STOP and STAND in the gateway of the pen – with a minimum of the horse’s nose to a maximum of a vertical line at the horse’s chest in the pen gate, and raise his/her hand when all or some of the assigned cattle are penned. The remaining two (2) riders must be on the pen side of the start/foul line, and ALL non-penned cattle must be on the mob side of the start/foul line
6. A team may call for time with only one (1) or two (2) of the assigned cattle penned - however, teams penning three (3) head of cattle will place higher than those penning two (2) head, and two (2) head will place higher than teams penning one (1) head – regardless of the time
7. Time cannot be called until assigned cattle are in the pen and all other cattle are on the mob side of the start/foul line. If time is called before all “spare” (including assigned cattle not being penned) are on the pen side of the start/foul line a “no-time” will be recorded
8. No time will be awarded if incorrect assigned cattle are in the pen when time is called





9. Any more than five (5) head of cattle at any one time on the pen side of the start/foul line will incur a “no-time” being recorded for that run. A line person will be in place to monitor the start/foul line for too many across the line
10. NO person or horse is permitted to enter the pen at any time. All removal of cattle from the pen is to be done from outside the pen. This is a WHS ruling
11. A team must stop working cattle immediately when called a “no-time” by the judge or at the 2 minute bell.
12. Any team exhibiting unnecessary rough handling or rushing into or at the mob at excessive speed, may result in disqualification at the judges decision
13. Once the three (3) riders have entered the arena and the run has commenced – where a horse is deemed out of control by the judges decision – any rider that dismounts, horse falls, rider is thrown or falls - will result in that run being terminated without a time be recorded
14. No whips may be brought into the arena. No hitting of cattle with any object is allowed. Hazing cattle with hats, reins or rope will be cause for termination of that run. Slapping of hand or rein to own leg is permitted. JUNIORS only are permitted to carry a small crop.
15. At the judges discretion, a team may be awarded a re-run if one (1) or more head of cattle is deemed unsuitable (healthwise) or escapes the arena
16. Competitors will only be called three (3) times to be present for their run. If that team does not present at the “in-gate marshall area” by the third (3rd) call, that run may be made void at the judges decision
17. Cattle may not be shouldered or pushed by either horse or rider during the run. Abuse of cattle or horses will be the cause for immediate disqualification of the run without refund of entry fee
18. When the 3 whole beasts, of your given colour, are across the centre foul line, your team are committed to those cattle. The Judge will say “Committed”. If one or more of those beasts (whole beast) go over the centre foul line it cannot be reclaimed. That lost beast then becomes part of the existing mob, known as a “lost beast”.





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