

## VRHA State Championship Derby Show Conditions 2026

Entries Open 27 February 2026  
Show Manager Shane Watts  
Show Representative Lyndon Hale  
Show Secretary Pamela Watson

Entries Close: Thursday 2nd April 2026

Stable/Camping via Equine Show Secretary Management

- 1 Entry to be paid in full. Entries outstanding will not be entered into the draw.
- 2 NRHA 2026 Handbook for Rules and Regulations apply. NRHA current membership and horse licensing / NRHA Ownership to be correct and current at time of showing & to be supplied to the NRHA Show Secretary
- 3 NRHA Oceania Restricted Eligibility applies. It is up to the competitor to be aware of their eligibility, incorrect eligibility will be subject to forfeiture of any placing and earnings
- 4 VRHA Non Sanctioned Classes: Riders must be a member of the VRHA or Event Membership
- 5 Showing with incorrect eligibility incur penalties as per the 2026 NRHA Handbook. Riders responsibility to ensure Rider and Horse have correct eligibility at time of showing
- 6 All riders are required to be VRHA members for Insurance purposes, NRHA members who are a member of any other NRHA Oceania Affiliate \$25 Event Fee applies
- 7 Show Management have authority to enforce all rules pertaining to the show and all decision will be final.
- 8 Show Management may excuse any horse, exhibitor and or it's associates from the show for unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- 9 Show Management reserves the right to alter and amend the program and prize money at their discretion and without notice
- 10 VRHA retainage is 50% in Added and Jackpot classes. Payouts in accordance with the NRHA handbook payback schedule A All classes place to 5th

### 11 SCRATCHINGS & REFUNDS

Show office is the only point of contact for notifying a scratching

Prior Show: Where an entry is in process by show office and prior the class draw being posted, Vet / Doctor Certificate not required, show office & Judges Fees retained, balance of class entry refunded

Prior Show: Where entry has been processed by show office and the class draw has been made by the Show Office, this deems the entry fee to be included in the final payout schedule, Vet or Doctor Certificate to accompany scratching.  
Office Fee, Class entry & Judge fee is retained.

At show: No refund granted.

- 12 Late entry' is referred as 'Late' when a horse is nominated after the closing date of show entries  
Late entry' accepted after the closing date and will incur a \$100 late fee in addition to all other class fees. Show management reserves the right to accept or decline a late entry  
Additional Entry' will be accepted at the show where the horse has previously been nominated into the draws, Additional entries will be accepted up to 4pm the day prior the class is to be run
- 13 Working order will be drawn and run as per the class draw. Additional Entries made at the show will go out first in the draw
- 14 All Youth 13 & Under must wear a safety helmet while riding at any time on the grounds and in the show arena
- 15 Exhibitors will be subject to the use of photographers and videographers
- 16 Video and Photographic images may be used at the discretion of the VRHA
- 17 Freestyle class is not subject to horse licensing requirements. Freestyle Song / Music title length to be provided to the Show Management. Freestyle will be run in accordance with the NRHA 2026 handbook
- 18 Open Pen / Length of time riding / Welfare of horses / Tractor etiquette Refer Arena Warm Up Configuration diagram / policy at NRHA & NRHA Oceania website.
- 19 Any violation outside of the warm up configuration will be regarded as unsportsmanlike conduct
- 20 Lunging of horses in warmup or indoor arena is strictly prohibited at all times
- 21 Show Arena Schooling Policy as per NRHA Policy
- 22 No Dogs are allowed in the Warmup areas or show arena

### 23 AGED EVENTS

Open Derby & Non Pro Derby - NRHA Cat 2 Event 5,6,7 & 8 year old horses.

To be ridden one (1) handed in a legal bridle. Horse age is calculated at 1 January 2026

4 Year old Open & Non Pro Futurity. NRHA Cat 2 Aged Event.

To be ridden one (1) handed in a legal bridle or 2 Handed in Snafflebit / Hackamore. Horse age is calculated at 1 January 2026

3 Year Old Open & Non Pro Development. Non Sanctioned. requires proof of birth date. Horse age is calculated at 1 January 2026

May be shown one (1) handed in a legal bridle or two (2) handed in snafflebit or Hackamore.

Derby and Futurity classes have no requirements to enter a level above.

### 24 Paid Times

2026 NRHA Handbook applies including Paid Times. Paid times will be called as listed. Riders not at the gate for the time slot will be deemed scratched and will not receive a refund.

Only one (1) rider is permitted in the pen during a paid time.

By way of making an entry and payment of entries you are assuming responsibility for and binding owner, rider and or agent to the terms and conditions as set out

Any accident, injury, concern, complaint is to be reported to the Show management

***VRHA welcome all competitors and have a great show!***