

Cloncurry Stockman's Challenge and Campdraft Assoc. Rules and Regulations 2022

Regulations:

1. The Cloncurry Stockman's Challenge is for horses that have not turned five (5) years old by the commencement of the event. Original registration papers of internationally recognized breed societies or certified copies of those papers will only be accepted. Registration papers must match the horse. Registered horses presented with incorrect, or no paperwork will be mouthed to verify age but will not be able to compete or promote their result under their registered name and the horse's birthday will be considered the 1st of August.
2. Unregistered horses will be presented to the vets for mouth testing for proof of age. To be eligible the horse must not show any wear of the inside margins of the corner teeth on either side. The outside borders, defined as the area on the surface of the corner teeth outside the lines drawn on diagram one may show some wear. This line approximately bisects the tooth. In the event of abnormal or broken teeth, the conditions of other teeth will be used to determine eligibility. No exception will be allowed. Vet's decision on unregistered horses is final.
3. The event is open to all breeds
4. All sexes are eligible
5. In all phases, a simple snaffle bit is to be used. This is a free rolling ring snaffle or full cheek snaffle with a smooth mouth piece and single join. (No egg butts, twisted wire etc) All bits to be made available to stewards and judges for inspection before and or during the event. No tiedowns, nosebands or other artificial devices to be used.
6. Competitors to wear the following in all phases:
 - Hat – Australian style felt to be worn in all phases of dry pattern and presentation. Protectiveskull caps will be allowed during all phases.
 - Shirt – Long sleeved.
 - Trousers – Jeans or moleskins. No jodhpurs.
 - *Tie – Must be worn at all times during competition and presentations*
 - No Sponsors vests.
7. Equipment to be used during the competition includes
 - Bridle – Single headstall bridle.
 - Bit – See regulation 5.
 - Reins – personal choice.
 - Saddle —Australian type stock saddle with kneepads and no horn. Competitors will not be penalised for using a back girth.
8. Horses must be ridden by the same competitor in both preliminary and final phases. In case of genuine injury or illness occurring after the commencement of the event, the committee reserves the right to allow a replacement rider. Should a change occur, that change is FINAL.
9. Horses can be vetted out at any point during the competition.
10. This event is to be ridden two (2) handed.
11. All competitors will be scored in all phases.
12. Disqualification will apply if a horse falls with four feet off the ground, bucks or becomesunmanageable.
13. Any protests or appeals against the decision of the committee regarding the age of horses, Registration papers or identity of any horse shall be lodged with the committee at least twelve (12) hours prior to the commencement of the event. The committee reserves the sole right to adjudicate over any such protests.
14. The challenge committee for the duration of the event will hold all registration papers.

General Rules

The event will be judged over two separate phases. Each phase will be scored according to the marks indicated on each working pattern, and will be judged by two separate judges in each phase. The scores will be averaged by the stewards to give the competitor his score in each phase. The cattle work will be scored with a maximum of 100 points, i.e. a possible 25 points in the cutting out section, and 75 points in the arena work. The 75 points will be split as follows: 1st circle, 25 2nd 25, attempt at gate, 25.

Points for the Cloncurry Stockman's Challenge are progressive. There are 100 points for each dry work phase and 100 points for the cattle work phases.

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The top scoring horses out of a possible 200 points of the preliminary phase will go into the final which will be another dry and wet pattern. The final phase will be 100 points for the cattle work. The final will also be progressive scoring from the previous phases. The number of horses in the final will be determined by the following formula: for the 1st 50 horses nominated there will be 10 finalists. For 51 to 60 horses nominated, there will be 11 finalists, for 61 to 70 horses, 12 finalists and so on.

There will be no clean slate final.

The dry work phase will be run on a safe sand area at the Cloncurry Equestrian Centre. The wet work will be run in the Campdraft arena. The arena will be dragged at regular intervals if deemed necessary. Phase one will begin Wednesday, the cattle work phase will be held Thursday. A position draw for the preliminary phases will be posted on the announcer's box notice board on Tuesday night. The position draw for the final will be held on Friday night.

Dry Work: Horses will work within the markers. Whip to be carried for the duration of the dry work.

Wet Work: Horses will enter the camp quietly and select a beast. The competitor is expected to work his/her beast until it is clear of the mob and show the cutting out ability of the horse to the judges. The competitor then calls for the gate when he/she is satisfied with his/her work and takes his/her beast in to the arena. Time limit in the arena will be forty (40) seconds.

Cattle will be selected by the committee for handling and tractability. Cattle will be inspected on Thursday morning and the committee will decide of the maximum and minimum number of cattle to be in the camp. Each person in the Preliminary round and Final round of the Cattle Work will receive one
(1) fresh head of cattle – one in, one out.

The course will resemble a regular campdraft pattern but the first and second pegs will be imaginary. The gate will remain in place and be approachable from the left and right hand side according to the chosen pattern. The competitor will attempt to work his beast in a figure of eight pattern, showing horsemanship and control. It can be left or right pattern according to the competitor. When the figure of eight pattern is completed the competitor must work his beast at his discretions across through the gate. The competitor must take the gate from behind and place the beast cleanly through with one attempt only. He/she is then expected to wrap it up, maintaining control of the beast until receiving the judge's whip to signal the completion of the round. Halt and quietly leave the arena.

NOTE: Ride to the Judge's whip at all times.