

**All persons competing in the 2012 National Clydesdale and Heavy Horse Festival (NCHHF) do so on the condition that they are bound by the rules and conditions contained in this event guide.**

### **Liability**

All competitors are to sign an indemnity form prior to competing.

All competitors acknowledge and agree as a condition of participating that neither the National Clydesdale and Heavy Horse Festival, members, competitors, participants, officials, volunteers, medical personnel, and persons, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society Victorian Branch, shall be under and liability for my death or bodily injury, loss or damage which may be sustained or incurred by me, as a result of my participation in or present at the event, except in regard to any rights I may have arising 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 not in good condition and clean, or competitor from any class or event where a breach of safety is perceived. Order the removal from the show grounds of any entry or competitor. Any horse considered by the judge or ringmaster to be labouring excessively under a load, incapable of work or a potential danger shall be removed upon request.

**Competitors will ensure that:**

No other animal or livestock other than horses are permitted in the ring.

All sled and log events are to be at a walk unless otherwise specified.

**ONLY HEAVY HORSES CAN COMPETE.**

Single horses can enter twice in any one event with different competitors.

That proof of registration can be produced if the CCHS Victorian Branch. requests.

All instructions from stewards and nominated officials are obeyed at all times.

Officials have the power to disqualify or remove competitors if instructions are not obeyed.

Any competitor removed from competition may also have prize or appearance money withheld.

All harness vehicles and equipment used at the NCHHF are in sound and safe condition.

All horses at the NCHHF are kept under proper control at all times. Whilst been driven in harness or long reins, must wear blinkers.

Covered footwear must be worn at all times in marshalling and competition areas and all competitors must be appropriately dressed for the event entered.

Any shouting, whipping or swearing will incur disqualification.

No alcohol is to be consumed in the competition or marshalling areas.

All vehicles used in competitions at the NCHHF are to be of the type traditionally used by heavy horses, except where event guide states otherwise. Sulkies, buggies or cross country eventing vehicles are not permitted.

Judges and stewards decision is final.

Only accredited persons are allowed in the competition rings.

No horses are allowed in the ring areas prior to the program starting on each day.