



## AWHA Ltd 2020 National Championship Tour Horse and Handler/Rider Requirements

The AWHA Ltd National Assessment Tour is not a fashion contest. Whilst both the Association and the Assessors appreciate the effort owners go to for the tour, our prime concern is the comfort and safety of the horses and the handlers/riders. January through March can be quite hot, so the wearing of jackets and competitive riding attire is non-essential.

**Handler/Rider attire:** horse handlers are to be neatly dressed with fully enclosed footwear. [Association shirts](#) are acceptable to wear and encouraged. Runners may be worn for led assessments. Competitors partaking in ridden assessments must wear neat riding attire and an ASA approved safety helmet. This will be worn at all times when riding, including during warm-up. No helmet - no assessment, irrespective of whether at a Venue or Stud Stop.

\* All handlers and riders of exhibits (excluding colts and stallions) must be a minimum of fourteen years of age.

**Horse presentation:** horses must be presented in a clean and tidy manner with mane pulled or trimmed - plaits are not essential. False tails ARE NOT permitted. Boots and bandages ARE NOT permitted in either the led or ridden assessments. Horses hooves may be oiled but no hoof black is to be applied - this also applies to ALL mares and colts being classified on tour.

Foals on mares do not require to be led in hand during the assessment. The led element of the assessment will have the mare in hand and the foal running free next to the mare. The free movement element will see both the mare and foal run free (if facilities are safe to permit to do so).

Ridden horses of all ages shall be shown in a snaffle bridle only - double bridles ARE NOT permitted. The AWHA Ltd aligns to the EA policies and bylaws. Bits outlined in the EA policy for simple snaffles apply. Use of side saddles and martingales is prohibited. Spurs must comply with EA guidelines. Please see page 2 of this document for the materiale test (riding pattern).

Entire male horses 3 years of age and over must adhere to Equestrian Australia's stallion safe practice guidelines. No colt or stallion may be presented by anyone under 17 years of age. All entire males 2 years of age and over must be led with a bridle and bit.

All other horses may be presented in a halter for led assessments if desired. Please ensure your halter and lead are in a safe and sound condition.



## **AWHA Ltd 2020 National Championship Materiale Test**

Go large in rising trot on left rein.

At A, 20m circle in rising trot.

Go large and on the next two long sides, show some lengthened strides.

Change rein across diagonal.

At C, 20m circle in rising trot.

Go large and on the next two long sides, show some lengthened strides.

At C, 20m circle right, transition to canter on the circle.

Go large and on the next two long sides, show some lengthened strides.

Change rein across diagonal, changing lead through trot.

At A, 20m circle left in canter.

Go large and on the next two long sides, show some lengthened strides.

Transition through trot to walk.

Halt, immobility 4 seconds.

Proceed at free walk on a long rein.

Change direction across diagonal.

Pick up the reins, show some medium walk, proceed in rising trot.

At A, a 3-loop serpentine in sitting trot.

At C, 20m circle allowing the horse to chew the reins out of your hands and stretch down.

Pick up the reins, walk, halt.