
WOODCHOP SECTION SCHEDULE



Entries Close
2 February 2019

22 - 24 February 2019
Exhibition Park in Canberra

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WOODCHOP SECTION OFFICIALS 2019

Patron: ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr MLA

President:	Michael Kennedy
CEO:	Athol Chalmers
Section Head:	Andrew Wiseman
Operations Managers:	Robert Buckmaster
Handicapper:	Lindsay Parnell

Steward:	
Announcers:	
Video Judge:	Lindsay Parnell & family
Log judge & drawer:	
Judges:	

9:30AM to 7:00PM Saturday 23 Feb 2019

(Axemen required to set up 15 minutes before starting time of events)

Timber will be Brown Barrel (Eucalyptus Fastigata) supplied by South Coast Axemens Association for all events.

Conditions of Entry

- 1) The **Carnival** is timed to run 9:30am – 7:00pm on Saturday 23 February 2019.
- 2) Entries are to be lodged with the Secretary of the South Coast Axemens Association by 2 February 2019.
- 3) An axeman who enters but who subsequently cannot attend may authorise another axeman to cut his logs, but the Society should be advised of any such arrangement as soon as possible after it is made. The axeman withdrawing should make his own arrangements to collect his entry money from the axeman taking his logs.
- 4) Refunds may be made when entry money has been paid, if applied for in writing prior to the closing date.
- 5) Competitors shall be eligible for a refund of entry fees if withdrawing after the close of entries and on production of a medical certificate confirming the competitor's inability to compete.
- 6) Competitors are entitled to receive two gate passes for each day of the woodchop. Passes and program of heat times will be sent out to competitors prior to the Show.
- 7) Member's entrance fee concession: Financial members may claim a 20% reduction on entry fees where total of entry fees is \$20.00 or more. Membership also entitles competitors to 1 Membership badge and 1 Guest badge and passes for children under 16 years for all days of the Show.
- 8) Parking is available for competitors and arrangements will be available for equipment drop-off and collection near the woodchop arena. Vehicles must be located in the car park other than for loading and unloading.
- 9) Competitors should be on the ground not later than 45 minutes before the specified starting time of their events in the schedule. Starts will not be delayed if the competitors are not present.
- 10) The Carnival will be conducted under the By-Laws of the RNCAS and the rules of the Australian Axemen's Association. Competitors must agree to accept all rulings of the Section Committee, and Officials.
- 11) Judging and timing will be assisted by video camera. Judges decision will be final.
- 12) White trousers or shorts and shoes must be worn by all competitors. Any singlets provided by the Society must be worn. No advertising matter of any description will be permitted on competitor's clothing or equipment unless requested at time of entry and authorised by the Section Head.
- 13) Competitors are to provide their own singlets. Singlets will not be provided at the 2019 Royal Canberra Show.
- 14) Axemen compete at their own risk.

- 15) When aggregates are conducted points will be awarded on all individual and 2 Man event finals-6 for win, 4 for 2nd, 2 for 3rd. Dead heat and two man event placegetters will share aggregate points. Aggregate points will be awarded separately for all Championship events. In the event of a dead heat on final points, heat performances will be taken into account by the same point score system.
- 16) A novice competitor is a competitor who has not won an open class.
- 17) A veteran is a competitor 60 years of age or older on the day of the veterans event.
- 18) For any events carrying total prize money of \$500 or more and which attract a number of entries which may otherwise result in an outright final, the Section Head may require that the event be cut twice and for the prizes associated with the event to be split as determined by the Section Head. The Section Head shall inform all competitors prior to the start of the event.
- 19) Where division events are scheduled, competitors shall be eligible to compete in one underhand division only for the duration of the carnival unless the Handicapper deems that their performance during the carnival merits their promotion to a higher division. They shall similarly only be eligible to compete in one standing block division although this need not necessarily be the same division on their underhand division. Competitors may nominate for a specific division however the Handicapper may vary that nomination. The Handicappers decision will be final.
- 20) Axes used in restricted Hard Hitting events shall not exceed 180mm in blade width or 3kg in weight. Axes used in unrestricted Hard Hitting events must of traditional shape but may be of any size and weight. Hard hitting events, if scheduled, shall nominate either restricted or unrestricted format.
- 21) Entries are capped at the first:
 - a) 64 entries received per event for events scheduled on Saturday or Sunday.
 - b) 32 entries per event for any events scheduled on Friday (if any).
 - c) 12 entries received for tree felling events (if any).
- 22) All prizes will be paid by the Secretary during the Show. Instructions on prize cards must be observed. Prizemoney unclaimed by the 28 February 2019 will be forfeited.
- 23) All persons causing annoyance by loud comments on the decision of the judges, or other insulting behaviour will, after having been cautioned by a member of the Committee, be expelled from the ground and liable to disqualification. To avoid the judge's and the video camera's view of placings being obscured by movement in the arena, and to permit a clear view of events for spectators, competitors are requested to:
 - a) Remain at their logs until all competitors have completed cutting (if competing).
 - b) Move out of arena immediately (if not competing), at the commencement of events and not to return until the Ring Steward has given an all clear after log inspection.
 - c) To use the special seating allocated for competitors and their families during the Show, and not to sit around the inside edge of the arena. Axe boxes and other equipment should also be removed from the arena between each event.
 - d) Remain outside the arena, unless setting up for an event.
- 24) Axe-trying should be restricted to the area designated for this purpose. Uncut logs should not be removed from the storage area without the Log Steward's permission.
- 25) Other than for footholes and clampholes, competitors should not strike their logs in any way with their axes prior to the commencement of the woodchopping events.
- 26) Competitors and spectators must not enter the official tent or the special guest's enclosure unless on official business (e.g. entry queries, collection of prizemoney). Where the latter applies, they should leave these areas as soon as their business is completed.
- 27) Competitors are invited to join officials and sponsors in the guest's enclosure for refreshments at the conclusion of each day's program.
- 28) Whilst exercising reasonable care, the Society shall not be responsible for loss or damage to competitor's property.
- 29) All protests must be delivered to the Section Head no later than 10 minutes after an event on Show days, after which no protests will be entertained. Each protest must be accompanied by a fee of \$20.00 which will be forfeited at the discretion of the Committee if they consider the protest frivolous. Protests will be dealt with by the Section Committee as soon as practicable after the receipt thereof. Every protest must assign a definite reason for it being made. The Committee shall have the power to confer with Judges, Handicapper and other stewards if practicable in determining protests.

Standing Block Events	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Entry Fee
1. 300mm Standing Block Championship	\$700	\$350	\$150	\$75	\$25
2. 300mm Standing Block Handicap	Stihl Chainsaw	\$300	\$150	\$75	\$22
3. 250mm Standing Block Handicap	\$500	\$300	\$150	\$75	\$20
4. 250mm Novice Standing Block Handicap	\$250	\$150	\$75		\$20
UNDERHAND EVENTS					
5. 300mm Underhand Handicap	Stihl Leaf Blower + \$250	\$300	\$150	\$75	\$22
6. 275mm Underhand Handicap	\$500	\$300	\$150	\$75	\$20
7. 275mm Novice Underhand Handicap	\$250	\$150	\$75		\$20
8. 275mm Ladies Underhand Handicap	\$250	\$150	\$75		\$20
9. 275mm Under 17 Years Underhand Handicap. Trophy prize for all places.	\$100	\$50	\$25		\$10
SAWING EVENTS					
10. 450mm Doubled Handed Cross Cut Sawing Handicap	\$500	\$250	\$100	\$50	\$20
11. 375mm Single Handed Crosscut Sawing Championship	\$300	\$150	\$100		\$15
12. 375mm "Jack & Jill" Double Handed Crosscut Sawing Handicap	\$300	\$150	\$100		\$15
TEAMS EVENTS					
13. 4-Man Combination, 300mm Underhand, 300mm Standing Block, 450mm Double Handed Crosscut Saw	\$450	\$225	\$150		\$20
HARD HITTING EVENTS					
Entries limited to highest handicapped 8 competitors in each event. Unrestricted hard hitting – conventional axes of any size/weight may be used.					
14. 300mm Underhand Unrestricted Hard Hitting	\$300	\$150	\$75		\$20

DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY

Dogs are not permitted on the grounds.

Registered medical or companion dogs are excepted – proof must be provided

CAR PARKING POLICY

Unauthorised vehicles are not permitted to park on the grounds.

RNCAS EXHIBITION BY-LAWS

1. The Show will be open to the public at 8.30am each day.
 2. All exhibits to be on the ground not later than when specified in the schedule.
 3. All exhibits must be the bona fide property of exhibitors - No two or more exhibitors shall exhibit co-jointly unless they are actual partners.
 4. All Entries:
 - a. Must be made in writing on forms supplied by the Society and be accompanied by entry fees and
 - b. must be lodged with the Secretary prior to the closing date for entries as specified in the schedule.
 - c. Entries received after the closing date as specified in the schedule, or received unaccompanied by the specified entry fees will not be accepted.
 - d. Telephone entries are not acceptable.
- ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE UNLESS SPECIFIED IN CONDITIONS OF ENTRY
5. Age for Junior Classes shall be deemed to be as at the first day of the Show, 23 February 2019.
 6. The Society shall not be responsible for the loss or for any damage or injury occasioned to any exhibit or the property of any exhibitor from any cause whatsoever.
 7. The Board of the Society or the Chief Executive Officer shall have the power without assigning any reason to:
 - (i) Reject or cancel any entry any time.
 - (ii) Prohibit the participation by any person or exhibit in any event or class for which it is entered.
 - (iii) Cancel any event or class.
 - (iv) Alter the time at which any class or event is to take place.
 - (v) Alter the conditions of any event.
 - (vi) Remove any exhibit from the Showgrounds.
 - (vii) Alter the date or time for the closing of entries for any section or class or for any particular entry.
 - (viii) Transfer an exhibit or exhibitor from any class to any other class.
 8. Proved wilful misrepresentation of exhibits will not merely forfeit the prize, but render the exhibitor liable to be disqualified from exhibiting at future Shows of the Society. The onus of proof as to the bonafides will rest upon the exhibitor.
 9. The exhibitors enter entirely at their own risk. In case any exhibit whilst on the Society Showgrounds shall cause or be the cause of injury or damage to any other exhibit or exhibitor or to the personal property of any member of the Society or the general public, the owner of such exhibit shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Society, its officers, officials and members from and against all damages, costs, claims, expenses or liabilities incurred in connection with such exhibits. The exhibitor shall be liable to the Society and its employees, officers and officials for any damage or loss occasioned to any of them by the exhibit or the exhibitor or his agent.
 10. The exhibitor shall at all times comply with the directions or requests of the Board of the Society or of its Chief Executive Officer. This shall without limiting the generality of the foregoing apply to the entry, the animal, the exhibitor, the conditions of the event, the conduct of the exhibitor, the conducting of the event, the decisions of the Judge and the awarding of the prize.
 11. The Board of the Society or the Chief Executive Officer reserve the right to adjudicate on any entry or upon any question in dispute or doubt & to make any determination upon any matter whether covered by the conditions of entry or not and the decision so made shall be final & binding & the Society shall thereby have sole & absolute control of all matters affecting the conduct of the Show and the exhibits & exhibitors. There shall be no right of appeal to any court of law or other body from any decision made by the Board of the Society or the CEO.
 12. If, in the opinion of the Judges, an exhibit is improperly classed, it may be removed by the stewards and placed in its proper class. If the exhibitor objects to such removal, the exhibit may be disqualified.
 13. **OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR**
 Offensive behaviour will not be tolerated from any person at the Royal Canberra Show. The RNCAS will be the sole judge of what constitutes offensive behaviour, but it may include:
 - a. Making loud comments,
 - b. The use of foul language,
 - c. Intimidation or bullying of exhibits, exhibitors, officials, volunteers or spectators.
- The Society may, in its sole discretion and in the light of all information made available to it, apply penalties which may include, but are not limited to:
- a. expulsion from the grounds,
 - b. disqualification and forfeiture of any prizes won,
 - c. the levying of a monetary fine
 - d. disqualification from future Royal Canberra Shows.
- Special Note:**
 **** The exhibitor irrevocably consents to the RNCAS publishing or reproducing in any manner whatsoever any particulars or information in relation to their exhibits; the publication or reproduction may be in a printed form or visual image through electronic means and/or on the internet (i.e. results and/or photographs)****
14. The use of loud speakers and radio broadcast appliances of every description shall be permitted only with the written authority of the CEO.
 15. Removal of exhibits. No exhibit other than livestock may be removed from the Showground until 8.30pm on the third day of the Show, except with the written authority of the Chief Executive Officer.
 16. No advertising matter of any description will be permitted on competitive exhibits.
 17. Correct and full postal address to be placed on entry forms.
 18. Financial members may claim 20% reduction on total entry fees where total of entry fees are \$20 or more, or as outlined in the Conditions of Entry.
 19. Any protest must be made to the Chief Steward or delegate. Protest must be lodged by 4.30pm on the day of occurrence. Each protest must be in writing and accompanied by a fee of \$20 which will be forfeited, at the discretion of the Committee, if the protest is considered to be frivolous. The reason for any protest must be clearly stated. All protests will be considered by the Chief Steward and such other Committee Members and Stewards as the Chief Steward considered to be appropriate.
 20. All monetary prizes will be paid by the Society during the Show. Instructions on prize cards must be observed. Prize money unclaimed by 28 February 2019 will be forfeited.
 21. Restrictions or limitations on the number of entries in any Section may be made by the Chief Executive Officer of the Society.
 22. Where an exhibitor fails to secure properly any animal and or exhibit, and bodily injury or property damage occurs this may constitute a serious breach of insurance policy conditions and may prejudice claims settlement.
 23. If due to unforeseen circumstances sponsorship is not forthcoming for classes in which the prize-money is sponsored, prize-money will not be paid by the RNCAS.
 24. **CANCELLATION OF THE SHOW FOR ANY REASON**
 It is agreed between the parties that, if in the sole discretion of the Board or the Chief Executive Officer or some other authorised officer that the Show is to be partially or fully cancelled for any reason whatsoever, the exhibitor shall not pursue the Society for the recoveries of lost income or damages. This complete bar to an action applies to all headings of Law, whether it be Common Law in Contract or Tort or pursuant to any State, Territorial, or Commonwealth Statute Law. It is acknowledged by the exhibitor that the Society has no duty to have a Show in any particular year and that this Clause operates as a complete defence for the Society to any such action.



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