

2022 QLD STANDARDNBRED TRACK TO HACK SERIES

Information for Competitors at Qualifying Shows – OPEN

STEPPING OUT OF THE GIG AND INTO THE SHOW RING...

The 2022 QLD Standardbred Track to Hack Series is designed to help promote the Standardbred as a successful and athletic horse that can excel in a variety of performance and show disciplines and create opportunities for an alternative lifestyle outside of racing.

This will be the sixth series of its kind to run in Queensland in 2022 and focuses on the transition made from Harness Racing into Show Horse for Standardbreds – to highlight the versatility and temperament of this wonderful breed.

WHO CAN ENTER?

- This series is open to any Standardbred registered with Harness Racing Australia or New Zealand and was originally bred for the purpose of Harness Racing.
- All Entrants must present with a Registered Harness Racing Australia, New Zealand or US Freeze brand (on the neck).
- All horses shown in this series must use its' registered racing name. If the horse was un-named, then they will need to be shown as such. To verify final entrants' eligibility all entries must include a printout from Harness Racing Australia website and will be checked and verified by the SAQ Committee.
- To be eligible to compete in the Qld Standardbred Track to Hack Series, all horses are required to be 3 years and over.
- Horse and owner/exhibitor must reside in Queensland for the Qld Series and have done so for a minimum of 3 months.

QUALIFYING CLASSES FOR THE FINAL

Separate Qld Standardbred Track to Hack Qualifying Classes for Queensland entrants will be run at 10 nominated Agricultural Shows throughout the 2022 show season.

Judging will be done combining both a led and a ridden workout and workouts will be at the discretion of the judge, however, **they must include canter and every horse/rider combination is to complete the same workout.** The judge will then decide the Champion and Reserve Champion only for the led and ridden classes as a combined score – there will be *no other placings.*

All Champion and Reserve Champion winners automatically qualify for the QLD Final at the end of the series. All Champion and Reserve Champion winners cannot compete in any further 2022 QLD Standardbred Track to Hack qualifying classes.

Entry fees for the 2022 QLD Standardbred Track to Hack Qualifying shows are to be paid on the day of the show and will be determined by the nominated Agricultural Show Society (usually the same entry fee cost for regular Standardbred Classes held at that show).

PRIZES ON OFFER FOR QUALIFYING

- **Champion** – Champion Sash
- **Reserve Champion** – Reserve Champion Sash

2022 QLD STANDARDNBRED TRACK TO HACK QUALIFYING SHOWS: (all shows TBC)

- Warwick Agricultural Show – 20 March 2022
- Stanthorpe Agricultural Show – 24 April 2022
- Marburg Agricultural Show – 7 May 2022
- Kilcoy Agricultural Show – 7 May 2022
- Ipswich Agricultural Show – 15 May 2022
- Caboolture Agricultural Show – 5 June 2022
- Lowood Agricultural Show – 11 June 2022
- Kalbar Agricultural Show – 18 June 2022
- Redcliffe Agricultural Show – 26 June 2022
- Laidley Agricultural Show – 3 July 2022

THE GRAND FINAL

The Grand Final will be held at the 2022 SAQ State Hacking & Harness Championships on Saturday, 17th September 2022.

Combinations must have won Champion or Reserve Champion in one of the 10 Qld Standardbred Track to Hack qualifying rounds conducted during the 2022 show season.

All Combinations that have qualified for the 2022 final must forward their 2022 QLD Standardbred Track to Hack Open Finals Nomination Form (Download from www.saq.com.au) and Receipt of payment of Nomination Fee of \$50 by close of nominations 15th July, 2022.

Substitution of riders is prohibited. If a competitor has qualified two or more horses in the series, they are permitted to compete with those combinations as qualified.

THE GRAND FINAL COMPONENTS

Section 1 – Introduction/Best Presented – Open

All horses will be led onto the arena at the walk in the order of qualification and will be introduced to the audience. They will then line up in front of the judges and be judged for Best Presented Combination. The Best Presented Combination will be announced at the end of the program.

Section 2 – Led Workout - Open

After the judging of Best Presented is completed, Judges will then inspect the conformation of each horse standing in the line-up. Individual Handlers/horses will then be asked to complete a Set Led workout – at the judge's discretion, (workout will be the same for every handler/horse).

Section 3 & 4 – Walk/Trot Final (Open horses have 30 minutes to get ready for their Ridden workout)

Section 5 – Ridden Workout - Open

All horses will come into the arena and line up in front of the judges. The judges will ask all horses to work on a circle, then line up to perform an individual judges choice workout (no longer than 2 minutes). All horses will be required to do the same set workout, which **will include Walk, Trot & Canter on both reins.**

Riders/Horses will be judged and awarded points which will be combined with the Led Section Points to determine the Top 5 place getters.

Section 6 – FINALE/PRESENTATION

All horses will enter the arena at the walk in the order of qualification and will be asked to walk around the perimeter of the arena and then line up in front of the judges in the centre of the arena facing the audience.

The judges will then individually rank the horses and a points system will be used to find the overall Top 5 and Best Presented Combination.

2022 QLD STANDARDBRED TRACK TO HACK SERIES FINAL AWARDS / PRIZES

AWARD	PRIZE
Best Presented Combination	Sash
Overall Winner of the 2021 Qld Standardbred Track to Hack Series	\$500, Sash, Embroidered Rug, Garland and Trophy
Runner Up	\$200, Sash and Trophy
Second Runner Up	\$150 and Sash
4 th Place	\$100 and Sash
5 th Place	\$50 and Sash
All finalists that participate on the day	Participation Sash

INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS AT QUALIFYING SHOWS – WALK/TROT

The Walk/Trot element of this competition is designed to highlight a true beginner level horse and demonstrate that with adequate education, Off-the-track Standardbreds have enormous potential in the show ring. **Please note: this element of the competition will be judged on the ridden component only.**

Walk/Trot Track to Hack Horse/Exhibitor combinations must be classified as either a **Maiden Hack** or **Beginner Hack** at the close of nominations in the year they compete; for example, 1st January 2022 – 15th July 2022.

- Maiden Hack has **had no previous wins or places in classes with more than 3 riders.** Maiden horses must be shown in a snaffle bit only. No chains, pelhams or double bridles will be accepted.
- Beginner Hack is a horse that has **had no more than 3 previous wins or a Champion in classes with more than 3 riders.** Beginner horses must be shown in a snaffle bit only. No chains, pelhams or double bridles will be accepted.

To contest the 2022 Track to Hack – Walk/Trot class you **must** enter any 2022 Qld Agricultural Shows that holds Standardbred Classes. (enter the regular ridden classes **NOT** the Open Track to Hack Qualifying classes) & pay the standard nomination fee at the Ag Show to enter the regular ridden classes.

Eligible Standardbred Ridden Classes (No Canter expected):

Maiden/Beginner Walk/Trot

Maiden/Beginner Hack

Maiden/Beginner Best Educated

Please be aware if you contest the specified Open Track to Hack classes at a Qualifying Show you may qualify for the OPEN series and not be eligible for the Walk/Trot level.

QUALIFYING FOR THE WALK TROT FINAL

To qualify for the 2022 QLD Standardbred Track to Hack Walk/Trot Final, win a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in a ridden Maiden or Beginners Ridden Standardbred class of any 2022 Qld Agricultural Shows that holds Standardbred Classes (enter the regular Standardbred ridden classes **NOT** the Open Track to Hack Qualifying classes).

You must then complete the 2022 Qld Standardbred Track to Hack Walk/Trot Finals Nomination form (download from www.saq.com.au) within 14 days of your placing, and send to events-show@saq.com.au along with receipt of your \$25 Finals Nomination fee. (Payment details can be found on the nomination form).

CAN I COMPETE IN AG SHOWS AFTER I HAVE QUALIFIED FOR Track to Hack – Walk/Trot?

Horses are not restricted to the amount of shows they can compete in after they have nominated/qualified for the 2022 Track to Hack – Walk/Trot class.

THE 2022 QLD STANDARDNBRED WALK/TROT GRAND FINAL

The Grand Final will be held at the 2022 SAQ State Hacking & Harness Championships on Saturday, 17th September 2022.

All Walk/Trot qualifying horses will enter the ring one after the other. The horse and rider combination will be introduced. The

exhibits will walk the perimeter of the arena before lining up to be judged for Best Presented (Smartest on Parade). Horses will then be asked to perform an individual workout.

Each horse will perform an individual judges choice workout, workout (no longer than 1 minute). All horses will be required to do the same set workout, which will include Halt, Walk & Trot on both reins. Horses will be penalised for attempting more advanced movements, for example, canter, side pass, etc.

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AWARD	PRIZE
Best Presented Combination	Sash
Overall Winner of the 2022 Qld Standardbred Track to Hack Series	\$250, Sash, Embroidered Rug, Garland and Trophy
Runner Up	\$100, Sash and Trophy
Second Runner Up	\$75 and Sash
4 th Place	\$50 and Sash
5 th Place	\$25 and Sash
All finalists that participate on the day	Participation Sash

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on the 2022 Qld Standardbred Track to Hack Series, please contact:

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