

## 2018 MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA ANNUAL GET TOGETHER

### *Cattlemen's Cup Entry Information & Terms and Conditions of Entry*

#### **Mountain Cattlemen's Cup Challenge**

The Mountain Cattlemen's Cup Senior and Junior events are subject to change and the Central Committee reserves the right to change or alter any of the preliminary or final events at their sole discretion. Any changes (if made) are done so with the riders and horses safety as the first priority.

The Mountain Cattlemen's Cup is run based on the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Horses at Bush Race Meetings, Revision 1 by the Bureau Animal Welfare, DPI and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986.

It is expected that all accepted entrants into the Mountain Cattlemen's Cup will abide by the rules set out in the above-mentioned regulations. Any rider found to be mistreating their riding horse or any other horse or animal in their or another persons care will be asked to leave the event immediately and will not be invited to attend the event again.

There are two acceptance rounds in the 2018 Mountain Cattlemen's Cup Challenge:

**Round One** opens on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October and closes on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Round Two** opens on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November and closes on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

The Mountain Cattlemen's Cup Challenge accepts up to 42 riders. During round one, this can be made up of 20 Open Riders, 12 Lady Riders and 10 Junior Riders. During round two, if all places have not been filled, the vacant spaces will be filled regardless of a riders category.

Priority is given to Mountain Cattlemen lease holders and their helpers, then past winners (not first in, best dressed.)

#### **Categories**

After the success of the introduction of the Ladies Challenge in 2017, we again look forward to hosting three different categories;

##### ***Open***

Open to any male or female aged 18 years or older. Competes in three preliminary events. The Top 10 highest scoring riders go forward into the Top 10 Open Final.

##### ***Ladies***

Open to any female aged 18 years or older. Competes in three preliminary events. The Top 8 highest scoring riders go forward into the Top 8 Ladies Final.

##### ***Juniors***

Open to any male or female aged between 14-17. Competes in three preliminary events. The Top 8 highest scoring riders go forward into the Top 8 Junior Final.

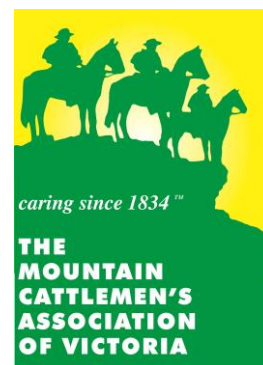
#### **Mountain Cattlemen's Cup Events**

##### ***Preliminary Events***

All competitors will complete the below 3 preliminary events. The Top 10 highest scoring Open riders and Top 8 highest scoring Lady and Junior riders will move forward to compete in their final event.

*Cattlemen's Mounted Whipcrack* – senior riders must attempt to crack whip targets at a canter, junior riders must attempt to crack targets at a trot. Points based on accuracy, time and horsemanship.

*Cattle Handling* – using appropriate stockmanship, competitors must negotiate cattle through an obstacle course in a set time. Points based on horsemanship, time and obstacles successfully completed.



Obstacle Course – competitors must negotiate a course with different obstacles designed to test both rider and horse. Competitors may have to complete sections of the course bareback. Points based on accuracy, negotiation of course and time.

### **Final Event**

Mountain Cattlemen's Cup Bush Skills Race – practicing horsemanship and bush skills, riders will complete a high speed race over variable terrain, obstacles and hazards. The course will not exceed 2.2km. The course design will accommodate all levels of ability and experience of horses. Scores are awarded on the place a rider achieves.

All 3 preliminary events can be won individually. Prizes and sashes are awarded to 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Trophies will be awarded for first place in the Open, Ladies and Junior Mountain Cattlemen's Cup only.

Please note that if your horse isn't the fastest, this does not matter. We are looking for consistency across all categories of the event, particularly a great bond between horse and rider.

### **Returning your entry form**

Please return your Cattlemen's Cup Entry Form to:

MCAV Cup Entries  
PO Box 45, Corryong VIC 3707 or  
[raceg2g@mcaav.com.au](mailto:raceg2g@mcaav.com.au)

Please direct any entry enquiries to Julieann Martin on 0408 709 743.

### **2018 Mountain Cattlemen's Cup Entry Fee Structure**

Round One (13 <sup>th</sup> October – 9 <sup>th</sup> November) – Open or Ladies Challenge	\$50.00
Round Two (10 <sup>th</sup> November – 1 <sup>st</sup> December) – Open or Ladies Challenge	\$70.00
Round One (13 <sup>th</sup> October – 9 <sup>th</sup> November) – Junior Challenge	\$30.00
Round Two (10 <sup>th</sup> November – 1 <sup>st</sup> December) – Junior Challenge	\$50.00
Bib deposit (refundable and compulsory for all competitors)	\$20.00

### **Wristbands**

Riders and their companions can now purchase their Get Together wristbands on the Challenge Entry Form. Please note that this is limited to a maximum of two (2) discounted wristbands. Please mark how many you would like and provide the total amount due. Wristbands are provided to riders at the discounted rate of \$90.00 rather than the gate price of \$140.00.

### **Rider Registration**

All riders **must** register at the Event Secretary's Tent on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018 between 1pm-4pm. All riders will receive their Registration Pack including preliminary and final event maps in addition to any final rules/changes or event notices. Any rider who has not presented themselves at the rider registration will not be permitted to compete.

### **Vet and Gear Check**

Vet and Gear Check will take place between 4pm-6pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018. All competitors must present their horse saddled. Any competitor that has not completed the Vet and Gear check will not be permitted to compete. Please ensure that you refer to the rulebook for changes to this event.

### **Riders Briefing**

A Riders Briefing will be held at 7pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Please check with the Event Organiser for the location when you register. All riders should attend to receive any last minute notices from the Event Coordinators, Vet, Judges or Stewards. Should a rider elect not to attend the Riders Briefing, they will not be provided with any special consideration.

## **Riders Profile/Details**

Please provide as much information as possible on your entry form for commentating purposes. This enhances the event for spectators and is a great way for the public to learn about your riding career and achievements.

### **Important points to remember**

- If you need to pull out for whatever reason leading up to the event, please contact me as soon as practically possible.
- All riders (both Senior and Junior) must wear a helmet at all times whilst mounted. Please refer to helmet regulations in the rulebook.
- Top 8 Junior riders must wear an approved safety vest for the Junior Final Event. Please ensure you bring this to the Vet and Gear Check.
- It is recommended that any Senior rider who makes either the Open or Ladies Final wear a safety vest at all times during the race.
- Dogs are permitted at the event providing they are kept under control and on a leash at all times.
- Although not a prerequisite of the events insurance, it is recommended that every rider protect themselves with personal accident insurance.
- Any person intending on entering the Open, Ladies or Junior Mountain Cattlemen's Cup must read the Terms and Conditions on the next page and sign the Acceptance of Risk on the entry form.

The MCAV are very excited to be holding the Annual Get Together at our new venue in the Omeo Valley in 2018, and working with all riders to continually improve the horse events. We have endeavoured this year to continue to formalise the competition and to ensure it is run in a smooth and professional manner. We would appreciate any and all feedback you may have in regard to the event.

If you require any further assistance or other information, please don't hesitate to contact me via the below listed details.

Kind regards,

***Julieann Martin***

Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria

Event Organiser

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## *Terms and Conditions*

“Bush Race Meeting means a meeting on a day or on consecutive days at which a mountain race or a flat race is conducted which is not bound by the rules and regulations governing the Australian Racing Board, Racing Victoria Ltd and Harness Racing Victoria” (Code of Practice for the Welfare of Horses at Bush Race Meetings, Revision 1, Bureau Animal Welfare, DPI).

### **Horses**

1. A rider must not misrepresent the identity of any horse in their or another persons care.
2. All horses participating in the event must be 4 years old and/or older.
3. A Veterinary Practitioner will conduct a pre-event inspection of all competitor horses prior to the commencement of the event to determine fitness to complete the event.
4. Any horse deemed lame or unfit by the Veterinary Practitioner will not be permitted to take part in the event. The rider may present a reserve horse to the Veterinary Practitioner before the completion of the Vet and Gear Check and still be eligible to ride.
5. Horses used in the event must be free of any drug or substance that influences performance.
6. Horses with any infectious disease must not enter the venue at any time. If the owner becomes aware that their horse has contracted an infectious disease, they are to inform the Event Organisers immediately.

### **Riders**

1. Any rider under the influence of drugs or alcohol must not take part in the event.
2. A rider must not ride dangerously, compromise the welfare of a horse or another competitor.
3. Any rider injured whilst competing must have a medical examination and be declared able by a Medical Practitioner before riding in any further events during the weekend.
4. All riders must treat the animals they interact with humanely and obtain prompt veterinary assistance if a horse or any other animal they are in charge of becomes ill or injured.

### **Gear**

1. All gear will be inspected at the compulsory Vet and Gear Check prior to commencement of the event and must be in good repair, properly fitted and must not cause discomfort or injury to the horse.
2. All horses must be shod with correctly fitting shoes. Shoes must not be worn, have nails protruding or clenches risen. Toe grabs must not be used.
3. All bandages must be stitched. Velcro fastened boots must be taped for the Race.
4. Spurs must not be used in the Mountain Cattlemen’s Cup Bush Skills Race. Spurs are permitted when completing the 3 preliminary events (cattle handling, obstacle course and whipcrack).
5. Riders must carry, but are **not** permitted to use their stockwhip in the Mountain Cattlemen’s Cup Bush Skills Cross Country Race.
6. Riders must carry their stockwhip at all times during the 3 preliminary events (cattle handling, obstacle course and whipcrack) and are permitted to use them when required with good horsemanship as a guideline.
7. Riders must secure an oilskin to their saddle for the duration of the event.
8. All Open and Junior riders must wear an EA Approved helmet at all times whilst mounted (AS/NZ 3838 2006 onwards, ARB HS 2012, ASTM F1163 2004a or 04a onwards, SNELL E2001, PAS 015 1998 or 2011, VGI 01.040:2014-12).
9. All competitors must have 2 points of contact to hold the saddle secure (surcingle – back girth not accepted).
10. All competitors must fit a breastplate to their horse.
11. Riding crops are not permitted at any time.
12. Standing martingales and/or tiedowns **must not be used at any time**.
13. All competitors to wear flat soled, riding boots, a long-sleeved shirt and riding trousers.

### **Other**

1. All competitors must hold current Ambulance Membership cover and must provide a copy of this membership with their Entry Form.
2. All competitors must sign the Acceptance of Risk on the Entry Form. This must be signed by a parent or guardian if the competitor is under the age of 18.
3. All competitors are to treat Mountain Cattlemen’s Association of Victoria Committee Members, Horse Event Coordinators, Judges, Stewards, Volunteers or any single person associated with the coordination of the event with respect at all times.