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Dear Members,

2018 National Show: We are almost into countdown, there is definite excitement in the air, as Members are busily planning which Horses to take to the Nationals and making sure all their Registrations are up to date; with this in mind, here are a few reminders:-

Entries close Wednesday 14 March, 2018; entries received after this date will be considered late entries and we cannot guarantee that these will be included in the Show Programme. All Entries must be paid for by that date, but Members do not have to pay for Stables or Accommodation, until **Friday 23 March, 2018;** giving them more time and to spread their payments.

However, please do not leave it that late to advise us of your requirements with regards Stables, Campsites or Cabins; these should be booked asap, especially if you want particular Stables or Campsites. Please contact Margaret or Colin Lawson via email, highlandmiststud@optusnet.com.au to confirm your requirements, as we have lots of bookings already.

Just to confirm the dates for the National Show are: **Bump-in after 4pm Monday 26 March, 2018;** you may arrive from 3pm but you will be directed to the Northern Car Park where you can exercise your horses if you wish; there are also toilet facilities up there. Show dates are Wednesday 28 March, 2018 to Sunday 1 April, 2018 inclusive, with **Bump-out by 8am Monday 2 April, 2018.**

National Show Schedule / Entry Forms / Important notes: We are attaching the 2018 National Show Schedule and Conditions of Entry and the Entry Forms are being posted on the MHAA® website. Members are reminded to complete the Stable / Camping / Cabin Form and transfer their information to the Work-Order, being particular to stipulate which days they require Stables and Gear Stables for. This year we have also asked Members to note on the Stable Form if they are staying for the Show following ours. It is YOUR responsibility and to your own advantage to note on your paperwork, if you are NOT bumping out by 8am on Monday 2 April, 2018, as you will be charged by the venue for stable cleaning if you have not advised us prior to the commencement of our Show.

Several Members have contacted us wanting to know their stable allocation prior to our Show, unfortunately we are not in a position to do this, as these are not finalized until we do a final bump in; however if anything changes, Members will be contacted. Having said that, on arrival at the venue for bump in, as in other years, Members will be advised of their stable allocation, which, barring any unforeseen instances, will be their stables for the entire Show.

If any Member has any queries with regards this, or is unable to download any of the Forms, please contact Barb Voysey to have a copy or copies emailed to you.

Following Member feedback, we have also included some changes to the Show Schedule and we hope Members will support those changes and / or additions that they have requested.

Entry / Stables / Cabins / Campsites / Fees: We have not increased any Fees for the National Show, other than some slight increases from the venue, which we have no alternative but to pass on; we have however, decreased a couple of Class Entry Fees.

By popular demand, we will run the **TuffRock Classic Performance Challenge again.** This is a combination of Trail / Hunter / Lungeline and also show jumping for the Senior Horses. TuffRock are sponsoring this event and each winner will also get a TuffRock product; in addition to which, as this is a "Classic" Class, 50% of the entry fees will be paid back to the Members who place first, second and third. There will be a specific workout for these Classes, which will be posted as with all other Performance Patterns. If you have any queries with regards to this Class, please don't hesitate to ask.

Fancy Dress Classes: Members are advised that we now have provision under our Insurance to allow a child under 6 years to sit on a Horse during the Fancy Dress Class. In the past some Members have wanted to include a child on a Horse, but we have not been in a position to permit this; however this is now possible. If anyone has any queries, please contact Barb.

Stables & Gear Stables: One area that Members will be able to make a saving at the National Show is Stables. As we have been able to negotiate that Members can either bring their own bedding for their Stables, or buy it at the venue and there is NO stipulation as to the number of bales you have in your Stables; this will be up to each individual Member. Members can use Bedding Straw or Wood Shavings and the only exception is that Members are NOT permitted to use PROTEQ as bedding in the Stables. Members can book the Stable/s for whatever days they want them for \$25 per day. 15/16kg Bales of Shavings are available at a very reasonable price from the venue of \$12 per bale and I am told by some Members that they pay \$16 and over for the same bales from other fodder stores. Also if you find at the National Show that you need another bale or two, you can just buy whatever extra bales you need. There is also no restriction as to the number of Horses per stable; this will be up to Member discretion; however this will be monitored daily. Gear stables can also be booked for whatever day/days they are required at \$16 per day.

National Show Programme: If you wish to advertise in the National Show Programme, you need to book your advert asap and have your advert (print ready) to Barb Voysey by Monday 5 March, 2018. Please check the National Show Programme Workorder on the website for prices and more details.

Payments for Show Entries, Stables, Cabins, Campsites: Reminding Members that they can now make all these payments via EFT. All paperwork MUST be prepared and posted to the office in the normal manner (we always recommend Express Post) with a copy of the EFT Payment Form, which is also on the website under forms and on the National Show page under forms.

Sponsorship: We are seeking sponsorship for National Show Trophies and or product prizes for Member lucky draws or Judge choice prizes. If you, or you know of any of your friends, or your local feed store or any business that would be willing to sponsor either cash sponsorship towards Trophies, or product sponsorship, please contact Barb asap. We are very appreciative of sponsorship of any description. Those who sponsor Trophies will have their, or their business name engraved on Trophies. A Trophy Sponsorship Form is on the MHAA® website or you may wish to donate sponsorship towards Member prizes or garlands. No amount or prize is too small we are grateful for any sponsorship at all.

Photographer: We are very pleased to advise Members that Kerry Frame has agreed to be our Photographer for the National Show and is giving Members the opportunity to take advantage of pre-show packages, which work out a cheaper alternative than buying pictures after the Show. The pre-show photography packages must be confirmed and paid for prior to the Show, i.e. Friday 23 March, 2018.

Please note this is an arrangement between Members and the Photographer and not a compulsory Photography fee and is entirely the Members decision if they wish to take advantage of it.

If anyone is interested in getting more information on the pre-show Photography packages, please contact Barb Voysey.

Measuring at the National Show: All Members MUST be measured on Tuesday 27 March, 2018. Members who are not staying on site, but who are only coming to the Show on certain days and who are unable to be at the venue on Tuesday, will need to contact Barb to make an appointment to be measured at another appointed time. **Reminder: ALL Horses MUST be measured before being shown.**

Bullying: National Committee will take a zero tolerance to any instances of bullying, aggressive behavior, intimidation and general unacceptable behavior **by ANYONE toward ANYONE.** Members are reminded of rules that are in place in the Constitution and General Rules & Regulations, which cover this sort of behavior and if you feel that you, or have seen anyone who has exhibited any signs of bullying or unacceptable behavior, you should advise a National Committee Member immediately. Please remember if this type of behavior is not reported, it will continue and in the interests of a safe and happy environment for everyone at our 2018 National Show, or any Show or event, this type of behavior is unacceptable and **will NOT be tolerated.** It is important to note that National Committee will respect your privacy if you have any fear of reprisal. However, if we are not advised, we cannot do anything about it.

We want everyone to enjoy their 2018 National Show experience and to this end we all need to work together in every way we possibly can.

We apologise that this information is late being sent to Members and if you have any enquiries at all, please do not hesitate to contact Barb Voysey, National Show Co-ordinator, either by email: tygerbar@internode.on.net or mobile 0418 821 100 (after 6.30pm or weekends).

Looking forward to seeing Members at the 2018 National Show.

**National Committee of Management
Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc**

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