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... MHAA® Strong and getting stronger ... leading the way as the FIRST and ONLY exclusive Miniature / Small Horse Registry, proudly in our 34th year servicing the needs of Members around Australia and beyond ! ...

Dear Members,

National Committee wish to advise Members that the following changes have been made to the Show Rules with regards to the age groups for showing Horses:-

SHOW RULES

ELIGIBILITY FOR SHOWING: RULE II:

J. AGES:

For showing purposes the following age groups are suggested:

JUNIORS:

Weanling

Yearling

Two year old (actual age)

Three year old (actual age)

SENIORS:

4 - 6 years old (actual age)

7 - 9 years old (actual age)

VETERANS:

10 years (actual age) and over

Therefore Performance Classes should be:

Yearlings: Trot Poles only

Junior Hunter: 2 - 3 years (actual age)

No Show Jumping etc until 4 years actual age

The updated Show Rules will be posted on the website in their entirety.

Reminders: It is timely to remind Members of the following:-

Members are reminded that if they are buying a Horse and they want to check if it is MHAA® registered to ask the seller to show you a copy of BOTH sides of the Registration Certificate; this way it can be checked if the Horse is registered with MHAA® and whose name the Horse is registered in.

Members are also reminded if they send their Mare to be served by a Stallion and are told that the Stallion is registered MHAA®, ask to see BOTH sides of the Stallion's MHAA® Registration Certificate and make sure the Stallion owner provides you with a Service Certificate to record the mating.

If Members are considering sending their Horse/s for training and the person offering to do the Training says they are an MHAA® Member, or if Members are considering having someone else Show their Horse/s at MHAA® Shows; to ensure the person is an MHAA® Member, ask to see their current Membership Card.

We have had several instances lately where Members have contacted us with regards to the Purchase or Sale of a Horse and while we always try to assist Members wherever and whenever we can, we are unable to adjudicate between any arrangement made between a buyer and a seller and in most cases the old adage "buyer or seller beware" comes into play !

Stallion Breeding Reports:

As Members are aware, **Stallion Breeding Reports (Stallion Returns)** are due to be submitted by 1 August, however they can be submitted at any time and we recommend that Members lodge them as soon as they have finished serving Mares. For Members convenience attached to this E-News is a Stallion Breeding Report.

Acknowledgement of receipt of your Stallion Return will be sent, however, if you do not receive an acknowledgement within 21 days of submitting your Return, email admin@mhaa.com.au to make sure it has been received.

Regarding your **Stallion Breeding Reports (Stallion Returns)**, always remember to include all outside Mares, as well as every Mare served, even if they are not registered MHAA® and **remember to keep a copy for your records.**

Also remember that if your Mare has been served by another Member's Stallion, or you purchased a Mare in Foal, make sure that you get a Service Certificate from the Stallion owner to cover the mating.

If you purchased a Stallion halfway through the breeding year, you should submit a return from the date the Stallion arrived on your property and the previous owner should submit a return for the first part of the breeding year, until it left their property.

Livestock & Business Centre Postal Address:

As previously advised our Registry Office, **LBC** has a new postal address which is **PO Box 431, Shellharbour City, NSW, 2529.** We are in the process of updating all the Forms on our website, however if you have a Form that has the old address, you can still use that form, just ensure that you post paperwork to the new Shellharbour City postal address.

If anyone has any issues getting Forms from the website, please email admin@mhaa.com.au and we can email forms to you.

Photographs for Registrations or Upgrades: Due to the number of Members who have had difficulties getting photos printed for Registrations and Upgrades, Members can now email photos; for clarification or more information, email admin@mhaa.com.au

Thankyou to the following Members who have nominated for positions on State Committees:-

NSW Promotional Group:

State Representative: Jane Thompson

Committee: Margaret Lawson & Cassandra Sciberras

SA Promotional Group:

State Representative: Helen Klingberg

Committee: Barb Voysey

If you have any queries about Shows in your State, you should contact your State Delegate or a Committee Member, but all queries with regards to Membership, Registrations and/or paperwork, should be emailed to admin@mhaa.com.au

Membership Renewals will be due at the end of next month; Renewal Forms will be emailed to Members within the next two weeks.

If anyone has any queries or requires clarification with regards to anything in the E-News, or in fact anything at all, please email admin@mhaa.com.au

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