

SYDNEY ROYAL  
WOODCHOPPING  
& SAWING  
COMPETITION

# SCHEDULE

17 - 30 March 2016  
Sydney Showground  
Sydney Olympic Park  
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*Sydney Royal*  
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Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

## Welcome from the President



Thank you for your interest in entering a Sydney Royal competition at the 2016 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Agricultural competitions are at the heart of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) charter – to encourage and reward excellence, and support a viable and prosperous future for our agricultural communities. And it's been that way since 1823. Today, the Sydney Royal competitions held at the Show attract close to 30,000 entries each year from passionate, skilled producers and craftspeople across the country.

Because the competitions set benchmarks in excellence, and encourage development and innovation in Australian agriculture, they continue to be an important part of our agriculture industry. For instance, winning a prestigious Sydney Royal ribbon can bring commercial benefits to exhibitors, enabling our rural communities to remain strong and vibrant. And major award winners at the Show have the benefit of using Sydney Royal artwork to promote their success in marketing campaigns.

Every year, the RAS works to evolve the Sydney Royal competitions. Our commitment to adapting to consumer and industry trends ensures our competitions remain relevant, encourage excellence and are world-class.

The integrity of our Sydney Royal competitions rests in the hands of accomplished, knowledgeable and most importantly independent judges. I'm always impressed by their professionalism, energy and high ethical standards.

The spirit of friendly competition comes alive at the Show each year when Australia's agricultural community come together to celebrate at the Sydney Showground. If you are not already a Member of the RAS, please consider joining, as membership provides the perfect opportunity to get the most out of your Show experience.

On behalf of the RAS, I encourage you to enter a 2016 Sydney Royal competition and wish you the best of luck. I'm very much looking forward to seeing the plethora of skills and talents on display at the Show.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert M. Ryan'.

Robert Ryan OAM  
President, Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

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## FEE SCHEDULE

( F E E S I N C L . G S T )

**Example 1:** A Non-Member Competitor submits an Application for Entry for one or more Events outside the RAS Online Entry Facility. Competitor enters Event 2A (\$29), Event 11 (\$29) and Event 18 (\$39) + \$10 Offline Processing Fee. **Total Fee = \$107**

**Example 2:** An RAS Member Competitor submits an Application for Entry for one or more Events outside the RAS Online Entry Facility. Competitor enters Event 2A (\$20.50), Event 11 (\$20.50) and Event 18 (\$29.50) + \$10 Offline Processing Fee. **Total Fee = \$80.50**

\*An additional **offline processing fee of \$10 (incl. GST)** applies per Competitor where one or more applications for entry are submitted outside the RAS' online entry facility, including but not limited to those submitted by post or by hand.

Faxed applications for entry will not be accepted.

### UNDERHAND EVENTS

CLASSES	Event	Date	RAS Members	Non Members
300mm Open Underhand Handicap	No. 1	Friday 18 March	\$20.50 Per Class +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
First Division - 350mm Underhand Handicap	No. 2A	Saturday 19 March	\$20.50 Per Class +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Second Division - 300mm Underhand Handicap	No. 2B	Saturday 19 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Third Division - 300mm Underhand Handicap	No. 2C	Saturday 19 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Fourth Division - 275mm Underhand Handicap	No. 2D	Saturday 19 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
275mm Open Underhand Handicap	No. 3	Monday 28 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
The <b>Les Slee Memorial</b> 300mm Underhand Open Handicap	No. 4	Monday 21 March	\$29.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$39 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
The <b>Manny McCarthy Memorial</b> 375mm World Championship Underhand	No. 5	Saturday 26 March	\$56 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$77 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Second Division - 300mm Underhand Handicap	No 5A	Friday 25 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Third Division - 300mm Underhand Handicap	No. 5B	Friday 25 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications
Fourth Division - 275mm Underhand Handicap	No. 5C	Saturday 26 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
325mm Sydney Royal Easter Show Championship Underhand	No. 6	Tuesday 22 March	\$29.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications	\$39 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications
Second Division - 275mm Sydney Royal Easter Show Underhand Handicap	No. 6A	Tuesday 22 March	\$29.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$39 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
300mm Underhand Handicap	No. 7	Sunday 20 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
325mm Underhand Handicap	No. 8	Wednesday 23 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
300mm Underhand Elimination Championship	No. 9	Thursday 24 March	\$29.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$39 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*



<b>STANDING BLOCK EVENTS</b>				
<b>CLASSES</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>RAS Members</b>	<b>Non Members</b>
325mm Sydney Royal Easter Show Championship Standing Block	No. 10	Monday 21 March	\$29.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$39 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
275mm Sydney Royal Easter Show Standing Block	No. 10A	Monday 21 March	\$29.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$39 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
300mm Standing Block Handicap	No. 11	Friday 18 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
First Division - 325mm Standing Block Handicap	No. 12A	Sunday 20 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Second Division - 300mm Standing Block Handicap	No. 12B	Sunday 20 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Third Division - 275mm Standing Block Handicap	No. 12C	Saturday 19 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Fourth Division - 250mm Standing Block Handicap	No. 12D	Saturday 19 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
First Division - 350mm Standing Block Handicap	No. 13A	Tuesday 22 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Second Division - 300mm Standing Block Handicap	No. 13B	Wednesday 23 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
375mm World Championship Standing Block	No. 14	Monday 28 March	\$56 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$77 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Second Division - 300mm Standing Block Handicap	No 14A	Sunday 27 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Third Division - 250mm Standing Block Handicap	No 14B	Monday 28 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Fourth Division - 250mm Standing Block Handicap	No 14C	Monday 28 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
250mm Standing Block Handicap	No. 15	Friday 25 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
275mm Standing Block Open Handicap	No. 16	Saturday 26 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
300mm Standing Block Championship Elimination Contest	No. 17	Wednesday 23 March	\$29.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$39 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
300mm Standing Block Handicap	No. 17A	Thursday 24 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*

<b>HARD-HITTING CONTESTS</b>				
<b>CLASSES</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>RAS Members</b>	<b>Non Members</b>
A Grade - 300mm Underhand Championship Hard-hitting Contest	No. 101	Sunday 27 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry Plus Offline processing fee \$10 per Competitor*
300mm Underhand Handicap	No. 101A	Sunday 27 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
<b>TREE FELLING EVENTS</b>				
300mm Handicap Tree Felling Contest	No 18	Friday 18 March (Heats) Saturday 19 March (Heat & Final)	\$29.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$39 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
325mm World Championship Tree Felling Contest	No. 19	Thursday 24 March (Heats) Friday 25 March (Final)	\$56 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$77 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Second Division - 275mm Tree Felling Handicap Contest	No. 19A	Saturday 26 March	\$29.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$39 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
275mm Handicap Tree Felling Contest	No. 20	Sunday 27 March (Heats) Monday 28 March (Heat & Final)	\$29.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$39 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
First Division - 300mm Handicap Tree Felling Contest	No. 21A	Sunday 20 March	\$29.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$39 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Second Division - 275mm Handicap Tree Felling Contest	No. 21B	Monday 21 March	\$29.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$39 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
<b>SAWING EVENTS</b>				
375mm World Championship Sawing Contest (Single handed)	No. 26	Saturday 19 March	\$56 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$77 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
375mm Handicap Sawing Contest (Single handed)	No. 27	Tuesday 22 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
600mm World Championship Sawing Contest (Double handed)	No. 28	Sunday 20 March	\$56 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$77 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
500mm Handicap Sawing Contest (Double handed)	No. 29	Wednesday 23 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
<b>TEAMS EVENTS</b>				
The Team of Two 275mm Underhand and Standing Block Combination Handicap	No. 30	Thursday 24 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Father and Son, 275mm Underhand and Standing Block Combination Relay Handicap	No. 31A	Saturday 26 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Dad and Lad, 275mm Underhand and Standing Block Combination Relay Handicap	No. 31B	Saturday 26 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
300mm Standing Block, Underhand and Tree Felling Team of Three Combination Contest	No. 32	Tuesday 22 March (Heats) Wednesday 23 March (Heat & Final)	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
375mm Jack and Jill Championship Sawing Contest (Double Handed)	No. 33A	Monday 21 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*

<b>TEAMS EVENTS (Continued)</b>				
<b>CLASSES</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>RAS Members</b>	<b>Non Members</b>
375mm Jack and Jill Sawing Handicap (Double Handed)	No. 33B	Tuesday 22 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
First Division - 600mm Standing Block Team of Two Butchers Block	No. 34A	Monday 28 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Second Division - 500mm Standing Block Team of Two Butchers Block	No. 34B	Friday 25 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
<b>JUNIOR EVENTS</b>				
250mm Junior (under 18 years of age) Underhand Championship	No. 35	Friday 25 March	\$15.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$21 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
250mm Junior (under 18 years of age) Standing Block Championship	No. 36	Saturday 26 March	\$15.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$21 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Junior (under 18 years of age), 250mm Underhand Handicap	No. 37	Sunday 27 March	\$15.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$21 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
Junior Development Program	No. 38	Saturday 19 March & Sunday 20 March	FREE	FREE
275mm Junior Men (under 21 years of age), Underhand Handicap	No. 39	Thursday 24 March	\$15.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$21 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
<b>VETERANS EVENTS</b>				
500mm Veterans Sawing Handicap (Double Handed)	No. 40	Friday 25 March	\$15.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$21 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
275mm Veterans Underhand Handicap	No. 41	Friday 25 March	\$15.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$21 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
250mm Veterans Standing Block Handicap	No. 42	Thursday 24 March	\$15.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$21 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
<b>LADIES EVENTS</b>				
275mm Ladies Underhand Championship	No. 43	Sunday 20 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
300mm Ladies Single Handed Sawing Championship	No. 44	Saturday 19 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
375mm Ladies Double Handed Sawing Championship	No. 45	Friday 18 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*
275mm Ladies Underhand Handicap	No. 46	Tuesday 22 March	\$20.50 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*	\$29 Per Class Entry +\$10 processing fee per Competitor for offline applications*

## ENTRY FEES AND RAS MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT

As a Member of the RAS you can take advantage of reduced rates for Entry Fees in the Sydney Royal Woodchopping & Sawing Competition, as well as all the other benefits you receive as a Member. In order for Exhibitors to claim the RAS Member discount on Entry Fees for this Competition, Membership subscriptions must be paid and accepted by the RAS before entering this Competition and the Membership Name must be: (i) where the Exhibitor is a single Person, the Exhibitor Name; (ii) where the Exhibitor is more than one Person or a partnership, one of the Persons forming that partnership; or (iii) where the Exhibitor is a firm or company, the Authorised Contact Person/Representative of that firm or company. Members who are not financial at the time of submitting their Entry Fees will not be eligible for the entry discount.

**Join now and the RAS will waive the joining fee!\*** Visit [www.rasnw.com.au/members](http://www.rasnw.com.au/members) to join or renew your Membership online. Please use Promotional Code **WOODCHOP16** when applying online for your membership in order to deduct the joining fee.

Visit [www.rasnw.com.au/members](http://www.rasnw.com.au/members) for more information on Membership or call 02 9704 1144. \* Save \$95 on the Adult joining fee. Entry Fee reductions are dependent upon Class(es) being entered. All Fees are inclusive of GST.

## WOODCHOPPING AND SAWING

### CLOSING DAY OF ENTRY

Applications for Entry close with the Woodchop Coordinator on  
**WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2015**

#### Online Applications For Entry

To enter online, simply visit  
[www.sydneymarroyal.com.au/woodchop](http://www.sydneymarroyal.com.au/woodchop)

#### Offline Applications For Entry

As an alternative, Applications for Entry are available for download and printing at our website at

[www.sydneymarroyal.com.au/woodchop](http://www.sydneymarroyal.com.au/woodchop)

An additional **Offline Processing Fee of \$10 (incl. GST)** applies per Competitor where one or more Applications For Entry are submitted outside the RAS' online entry facility, including but not limited to those submitted by post or by hand. Faxed Applications for Entry will not be accepted for Woodchopping and Sawing Competitions.

Post completed Applications for Entry, with payment of fees to:

WOODCHOP COORDINATOR

Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

Locked Bag 4317, Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127

Telephone: (02) 9704 1019

**Late Applications for Entry will not be accepted.**

### ENTRY FEES

*Refer to pages 4 to 7 of the Schedule.  
All Fees are inclusive of GST.*

### PRIZES AND GST

The Australian Taxation Office has deemed that GST is payable on prizes if an Competitor is registered for GST and enters a Competition as part of a business enterprise.

The information an Competitor provides on the Application for Entry determines whether GST is applicable.

*Any prize stated in this Schedule does not include GST.*

#### **GST will not apply:**

- if an Competitor enters a Competition as a hobby or private recreational pursuit; or
- if an Competitor enters a Competition as part of a business enterprise, the Competitor has an ABN, but the Competitor is NOT REGISTERED for GST.
- if an Competitor enters a Competition as part of a business enterprise, the Competitor is not entitled to an ABN as the business or enterprise is not operating in Australia.

#### **GST will apply:**

- if an Competitor enters a Competition as part of a business enterprise, the Competitor has an ABN, and the Competitor is REGISTERED for GST.

Where GST applies, the RAS will pay the prize money quoted in this Schedule plus 10% GST. The RAS will issue a recipient created tax invoice.

**WARNING:** *The Competitor must complete the **Competitor's Declaration** on the Application for Entry. Failure to do so will result in the RAS deducting 46.5% of the successful Competitor's prize money as Pay As You Go Tax (PAYG). The RAS recommends that the Competitor seeks professional advice before completing the Competitor Declaration.*

### SUPPORTER PRIZES

Prizes are provided by third parties and the RAS advises that any such Prize may be subject to change or amendment occurring at any time, thereby making the original information published incorrect.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. The type of timber used for logs shall be at the discretion of the Committee and may be changed without notice.
2. The type of timber used for logs in heats may not necessarily be the same type used in finals.
3. Timber shall be as selected by the Committee.
4. The Committee at all times will endeavour wherever practicable to have the timber for each event from the same tree.
5. The diameter of the logs shall be between a tolerance of plus or minus 5mm.
6. The circumference of the logs shall be between a tolerance of plus or minus 15mm.
7. The quality or out of roundness of the logs shall be within the annular area of the plus or minus diameter tolerances.
8. The length of the logs shall be 625mm with tolerance of plus or minus 25mm.
9. All measurements of logs shall be with steel tapes graduated in 1 millimetre and all measurements shall be corrected to 1 millimetre.
10. All handicaps will be calculated to the nearest second.
11. Timing of all Events will be to the nearest one-tenth of a second.
12. The axes used shall be a standard and conventional type with 1 cutting edge, which shall be continuous, or as approved by the Committee.
13. The Committee shall retain the right to alter or modify the division of prize money as it may deem fit.  
All prize money will be paid by direct deposit or cheque and posted to successful Competitors as soon as possible following the completion of the Show.
14. As early as possible after the Woodchopping and Sawing program has been printed and before the commencement of the Show a copy of the sectional Catalogue will be sent to each Competitor.
15. For the purposes of the Woodchopping & Sawing Competition, Competitor means Exhibitor, Attendant and Applicant.

### ADMISSION TICKETS FOR COMPETITORS

Each Competitor who has nominated and paid an entry fee in less than four (4) Events will be issued with a day admission ticket to the Showground (**Not transferable**).

Each Competitor who has nominated and paid an **Entry Fee** in four (4) or more Events will be issued with a Competitor's admission pass to the Showground (**Not transferable**).

**EACH COMPETITOR WHO HAS NOMINATED AND PAID AN ENTRY FEE IN EIGHT (8) OR MORE EVENTS WILL BE ISSUED WITH 2 COMPETITORS ADMISSION PASSES. (NOT TRANSFERABLE).**

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Competitors must adhere to the Conditions of Entry to Sydney Showground located at [www.sydneymarroyal.com.au](http://www.sydneymarroyal.com.au), the RAS General Regulations and the Special Regulations for Woodchopping and Sawing Contests in this Schedule (the "Regulations"), as they are bound by these terms.

A condition of entering into Competitions is strict adherence to the Regulations. Accordingly, Applications for Entry in the name of deceased Person(s) are not eligible for entry.

The Application for Entry and the Regulations shall constitute the whole agreement upon which Entries are submitted and the Competitor agrees that all representations and statements not appearing on the Application for Entry or in the Regulations are excluded.

A refund of Entry Fees shall not be made unless a notification of withdrawal is received by the RAS before the Closing Day of Entry.

The RAS has the power to evict any Competitor from the Showground in the event of a breach of the Conditions of Entry to Sydney Showground, RAS General Regulations and/or the 2016 Sydney Royal Woodchopping & Sawing Competition Schedule.



## WORKING WITH CHILDREN

Competitors must comply with the following legislation:

Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012

Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013

Child Protection (Working with Children) Amendment (Miscellaneous) Regulation 2013

The Competitor agrees to produce on demand evidence of working with children checks for themselves, their employees or volunteers who are involved in a child-related role or have direct unsupervised contact with children.

## DISCLAIMER

The information contained in this publication is gathered for the purpose of providing information to our Competitors and Show patrons. The information is a compilation of information provided by third parties and the RAS does not warrant its accuracy and advises that any such information may be subject to change or amendment occurring at any time and thereby making the information incorrect. Subject to the RAS' legal obligations and responsibilities. If you require confirmation of any information please telephone the RAS coordinator responsible for the particular information or the RAS switchboard on (02) 9704 1111.

## WORKPLACE SURVEILLANCE ACT

RAS operates surveillance cameras from Sydney Showground Security and these are located in and around facilities requiring security monitoring for the safety or security of individuals or property. RAS also has access to Sydney Olympic Park security cameras. Please note that security camera monitoring is continuous and ongoing. RAS strictly complies with the Workplace Surveillance Act 2005.

## SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR WOODCHOPPING AND SAWING CONTESTS

The RAS' General Regulations apply to all Sections of the Show. These Special Woodchopping and Sawing Regulations apply to this Section only. Unless expressly stated in the General Regulations, if there is any inconsistency between the General Regulations and these Special Woodchopping and Sawing Regulations, the Special Woodchopping and Sawing Regulations prevail. Copies of all Regulations are available from the Administration office at the Showground or at [www.sydneymarroyal.com.au](http://www.sydneymarroyal.com.au).

## INTERPRETATION

In these Regulations and the appendix, unless there is something in the subject or the context inconsistent therewith:

**Arena/Ring** - means that area of the Charles Moses Stadium set aside for Woodchopping or Sawing Contests.

**Axe** - means an implement used by an axeperson to cut a log and of a type approved by the Committee.

**Axeperson** - means the Competitor in a Woodchopping Contest.

**Blow** - means the intentional striking of a log by an axeperson with the Axe.

**Chop** - means cut, cutting, blow or Event.

**The Committee or The Woodchopping Committee** - means the Woodchopping Section Committee of the RAS as shall be appointed from time to time by the Council of the RAS.

**Competitor(s)** - means the Person(s) competing in the Event(s). (And includes where applicable, an applicant for entry into an Event)

**Consolation Prize Money** - means that portion of the total prize money delivered by a sponsor or supporter to or supplied by the RAS which shall be distributed to the unplaced finalists as the RAS may deem fit.

**Cut** - means when the cutting edge of an Axe or the teeth of a saw penetrates the log, as the result of a blow by an axeperson or sawing by a sawyer.

**Cutting** - means to cut a log with repeated blows of an axe.

**Donor** - means that Person who has donated a Trophy to the RAS.

**Double Handed Sawing** - means the sawing of a log with one Sawyer on each end of the saw.

**Event** - means a Woodchopping or Sawing Contest or Exhibition.

**Judge** - means a Person appointed by the RAS to decide the winner and the place-getters in an Event. In addition to those appointed, the following Persons shall automatically become Judges:

The Steward-in-Chief

The Assistant Steward-in-Chief

The Ring Supervisor

The Starter

The Handicapper

**Judging by Video Camera** - means the electronic equipment used by the RAS and operated by an Official of the RAS under the supervision of the Steward-in-Chief or his deputy, and used to record the times, the winner and placegetters in Woodchopping and Sawing Events conducted by the RAS.

**Locker** - Each Competitor will be allocated one (1) locker only for their use.

**Log** - means the timber provided by the Committee for the Event.

**Main Ring** - means that area of the Showground which has been set aside for the conduct of Events under the control of the Ringmaster.

**Officials of the RAS** - means those Persons engaged by the RAS to assist the Steward-in-Chief.

**Perpetual Trophy** - means a trophy in which the winner does not acquire ownership, right or title.

**Person** - the word Person may include a firm, partnership, company, corporation or any other group or groups as defined by the RAS.

**Place-getters** - means those Persons who filled 2nd, 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> and, if approved by the Committee, any subsequent place in the Event.

**Prize Money** - means that portion of the total prize money delivered by a sponsor or supporter to or supplied by the RAS which shall be distributed to the winner and place-getters in a manner as decided by the RAS.

**RAS** - means the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW.

**Rules** - means the Regulations for the time being in force governing the conduct of Woodchopping and Sawing Contest, as may be varied from time to time by the RAS.

**Saw** - means an implement used by a Sawyer to cut a log and shall be of a type approved by the Committee, and also to cut with a saw.

**Sawing** - means to cut a log with a saw.

**Sawyer** - means a Competitor in a Sawing Contest.

**Scarf** - means a V-shaped notch cut by a Competitor during a contest into a log at approximately 90 degrees to the axis of the log and to a depth of approximately half the log diameter.

**Show** - means the 2016 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

**Singular** - means the plural and the plural means the singular.

**Sponsor** - means that Person who has contracted to deliver to the RAS the total prize money for the particular Events for which the contract was made, within a reasonable time after the completion of the Event or in such other manner or time as the RAS may decide.

**The Steward-in-Chief** - means the Person appointed by the RAS to manage and control on its behalf the conduct of Woodchopping and Sawing Contests, during the Show in the area set aside by the RAS for the purpose.

**Stewards** - means those Persons appointed by the RAS to supervise the Competition area, check start Events and ensure the Competition be kept to the timetable.

**Superintendent** - means that Person appointed by the RAS to superintend the operations of the workmen and the arena services. The Superintendent shall also fill the role of Manager Arena Services (and vice versa).

**Supporter** - means the Person who has agreed to support a Class or Competition by supplying or contributing to Prize Money or a Trophy.

**Timber Contractor** - means a Person who supplies and supervises the supply of timber to the RAS for the Woodchopping and Sawing Contests pursuant to the Regulations.

**Tolerances or timber tolerances** - means the extent of the deviation from the norm as approved by the RAS.

**Total Prize Money** - means Prize Money plus Consolation Prize Money.

**Trophy** - means something which has been presented to the RAS or which the RAS has acquired by purchase or otherwise, as a Competition prize.

**Winner** - means the Competitor(s) who won the Event.

**Workmen** - means employees of or employed by the RAS.

#### ENTRIES

- (a) No Person shall be eligible to compete unless they are approved by the RAS Woodchopping Committee,  
(b) A Competitor must be a member of a Woodchopping Association recognised by the RAS.
- An Entry will not be accepted unless accompanied by the prescribed Entry Fee. Should a Competitor nominate for a restricted Event and not be selected for such Event, the Entry Fee shall be refunded.

#### PERFORMANCES

- A Competitor shall furnish their last 6 performances in all Events nominated for. Any Competitor not doing so may have their nomination rejected.
- In those Events which have an age restriction the Competitor shall furnish with their Application for Entry a birth certificate or other evidence of age acceptable to the Committee.

#### GRADING AND HANDICAPPING

- For Events which are conducted in divisions the grading of Competitors shall be at the discretion of the Committee. Handicaps will be arranged on the basis of form, inherent ability and performances and such other information as may be deemed necessary and shall be determined by the Handicappers.

#### SCRATCHING

- If a Competitor shall scratch from or shall fail to compete in an Event they shall not be entitled to any refund in respect of their Entry Fee with the exception of a Competitor who scratches from any Event within a period of one month from the Closing Day of Entry: such Competitor may apply for a refund of Entry Fees.
- All scratchings must be notified to the Handicapper or Ring Supervisor not later than one hour before the Event is scheduled to commence.

#### NON-APPEAR PENALTY

- (a) A Competitor who fails to comply with Regulation 7 shall be liable to a Penalty of \$40 for each Heat and \$100 for a Final or Championship.  
(b) A Competitor who gains a place in a final but fails to compete in such Event shall be liable to a Penalty of \$50.  
(c) A Competitor who gains a place in a final of an Event and does not appear at the presentation of sashes shall be liable to a penalty of \$200.  
(d) Non-payment of a Penalty by a Competitor will result in automatic disqualification from any other Events in which that Competitor is entered.

#### INFORMATION RE EVENTS

- Competitors will, as far as practicable, be notified by means of the public address system at least 10 minutes before each Event is to start.

#### CONDUCT

- Any Competitor conducting themselves in an unruly manner, contributing to or inciting discontent or attempting to deceive the Committee or an Official of the RAS, or infringing any of the Regulations or conditions may be disqualified and/or dealt with as the Committee may deem fit.

#### DRESS

- Each Competitor and their deputy shall wear long white trousers, white boots or shoes and the competition singlet provided by the RAS.

Wearing apparel must at all times be kept in a clean and tidy condition throughout the period of the Show.

No advertising matter of any kind shall be displayed or be visible on the wearing apparel of any Competitor, without prior approval of the Committee, except that the insignia or coat-of-arms for Countries, States or Association Show Societies, Clubs or other bodies may be worn on the singlet or shirt front subject to the prior approval of the Committee.

A member's private sponsors logo is also allowed to be worn on jackets, singlets and t-shirts but must be no larger than 100mm x 100mm (pocket size) and be worn on the left front side of jackets or singlets or left arm of jacket.

Unless specifically approved by a member of the Committee, a Competitor who is to be, or is being, photographed during or in connection with the presentation of an Award must not hold or wear or stand adjacent to any product that is the product of a sponsor or supporter of that Competitor.

**Each Competitor who gains a place in an Event and is called for the presentation of sashes for that Event MUST present themselves in long white trousers and competition singlet for the presentation. Any Competitor not complying with this rule may be fined 10% of their prize money for the Event.**

#### SETTING UP LOGS

- Each Competitor is solely responsible for the setting of their log or logs correctly, firmly and safely in the fixture provided by the Committee for the conduct of the Event (except in tree felling Competition). The Competitor may delegate the setting up, but not responsibility to another Person who shall not be a Committee member, or Official of the RAS.

The Ring Supervisor may require a Competitor to reset his log if the setting in the opinion of the Ring Supervisor would be dangerous, or for any other good and sufficient reason.

The Competitor shall be allowed a reasonable time to reset their log.

Each Competitor in a Tree Felling Event must set up their log at least 40 minutes prior to the scheduled event time. For all other Events, the Competitor or their deputy must be at their log at least 5 minutes prior to the notified starting time.

- The Competitors in Underhand and Standing Block Events shall ensure that their logs are set up to enable all the Competitors to finish the contest facing the Judge(s).

#### LOGS

- The logs will be as described in Additional Information.

The Draw - Logs will be numbered and will be allocated by a lot drawn by Officials of the RAS.

- Marbles or a random number computer program will be used for each draw.
- Draw results will be entered onto a label.
- On completion, the labels will be passed to a Woodchop Steward to organise and supervise staff to affix a label onto each block.

- Every Competitor shall cut or saw the block drawn for them and only that block. A Competitor who changes or attempts to change the block allotted to them may be disqualified or otherwise dealt with as the Committee may deem fit.

## PRACTICE

16. Logs which are not required for any Event due to scratching, non-appearance or any other reason, may be used by the Competitors as practice blocks. Competitors shall apply to the Manager Arena Services for permission to remove any log from the arena to the practice area.

No log may be removed from the arena before the completion of the Event for which it was intended. No Competitor shall practice or test their axe or saw in the arena.

## UNAUTHORISED PERSONS IN ARENA

17. The only Persons authorised to be in the arena during the setting up of blocks are Competitors who are entered to compete in the Event and Axemen appointed as deputies to set up the Event, Stewards and other Officials of the RAS, or invites Guests of the RAS. **Each Competitor will be permitted one person ONLY to act as deputy in the setting up of logs.**

All other Persons shall remain outside the arena.

18. No Person other than a Competitor, wedger or Official of the RAS shall enter or be within the ring during the conduct of any Event. Assistants in sawing Events shall be dressed in similar fashion to the Competitor, or as approved by the Committee.
19. No Person other than a Judge, Steward or Official of the RAS shall be permitted to enter the ring immediately after the completion of an Event prior to the Official of the RAS inspection of logs being completed.
20. No Person other than a Judge, Steward or Official of the RAS or other Persons authorised by the Committee to so do shall approach a Competitor or inspect their equipment or log prior to the official inspection of logs being completed.
21. No Competitor or wedger shall, after the completion of an Event, be permitted to approach a fellow Competitor or inspect their equipment or log prior to the official inspection of logs being completed.
22. No Person shall render physical assistance to a Competitor during the conduct of an Event. Verbal assistance shall be permitted from outside the ring only.

*Exception:* Assistance rendered to an injured Competitor shall be the only exception to Regulations 19, 20, 21 and 22 and then only at the discretion of the Steward-in-Chief.

## STARTING

23. A Competitor shall be disqualified if they start before the starting number marked on their log has been called by the Starter. Start means when the axe hits the log or the saw commences to cut. The Ring Judge (or his deputy) shall immediately throw a red flag at the feet of the offending Competitor to indicate such disqualification. The Ring Judge's decision in this matter shall be final and no appeal will be accepted.

## COMPETITION

24. Chopping and sawing contests will be conducted or sawed in heats, semi-finals and finals or as determined by the Committee according to the number of Competitors. The Committee reserves the right to conduct qualifying heats in all Events and to determine which place-getters in such heats may compete in the final.
25. Competitors in heats must continue to chop or saw until 3 blocks have been severed. Any Competitor failing to observe this Regulation may be dealt with in such manner as the Committee deems fit, unless the Judge(s) are satisfied that such Competitor is suffering from exhaustion or has broken or damaged their axe or saw or is excused for other sufficient reasons.
26. At the completion of each contest the Competitors must remain at their logs until the official inspection of their logs has been completed.
27. (a) The Judge has a discretion to require a Competitor to cease competing in an Event after 2 minutes or at any time if in all the circumstances, it is appropriate to do so.

- (b) Despite 27 (a), a Competitor who has not completely severed a block within 3 minutes of commencement may be directed to cease chopping or sawing.

## SLABBING

28. Axes and saws must completely sever logs into 2 parts. It is the responsibility of the Competitor to take whatever precautions they think are necessary to prevent slabbing. In the event of slabbing, the Competitor who cuts a slab from his block will be disqualified and shall forfeit their right to all prize money. However, the Competitor will not be disqualified for slabbing provided he severs the slabbed piece without assistance from any other Person before the next Competitor is finished and before the all clear is given. A slab is defined as the portion of a log which is dislodged as a result of a run to a saw cut, foothold or doghold and must exceed 10mm, in its greatest dimension at the saw cut, foothold or doghold end. In the case of an unsevered splinter the same ruling will be applied as in the case of a slab, that is if the splinter is less than 10mm in thickness in its greatest dimension it will not result in disqualification. This ruling will not apply where the log is held together by a splinter, irrespective of how thin the splinter may be.

Should a Competitor take precautions to obviate slabbing, and such precautions are deemed adequate by the Steward-in-Chief or his deputy or take such precautions as are laid down by the Woodchop Committee and a slab occurs during the Event, they shall not be disqualified, provided however that the Judge or Judges are satisfied that the slab was not produced intentionally. Should the Judges rule that the Competitor caused a slab with intent, he shall be disqualified. Anti-slabbing precautions may be defined as:

- (a) nailing the end of the log in a prescribed manner;  
 (b) banding with wire, strapping or tape; or  
 (c) any other manner as defined by the Committee.

29. Pushing or pulling the log with axe, foot or hand will render the Competitor liable to disqualification. Pushing the log with the foot includes the application of undue pressure to the loose end of the log after the last blow has been delivered by raising the foot and kicking downwards, forwards or backwards.
30. A Competitor shall not be allowed to make any mark with an axe or saw on their log before his starting time is called, provided that in an underhand Event the Competitor may make a foothold, or in the case of a standing block a doghold. Violation of this Regulation shall render the Competitor liable to disqualification and/or suspension.
31. A Competitor shall not trim their log or hit it with the head of the axe, or cut it in any way except as provided in Regulation 30.
32. In all Woodchopping and Sawing Events logs will be trimmed to size prior to the scheduled time for the particular Event. After the draw has been made, freshening will not be permitted.
33. Logs will be washed only with water. No other preparation shall be used.

## HARD HITTING CONTESTS

34. Hard hitting may be either Standing Block or underhand contest as decided by the Committee. The log must be severed by the Competitor within the 2 minute time limit. The check starter shall not be permitted to inspect the log before the full time allowance for each chop has expired, unless the Competitor has indicated they have completed their chop and is willing to have the log inspected. Once a Competitor has signified their agreement to the log inspection he shall not recommence cutting. The Committee has the right to reduce the time limit on softer wood types.
35. A Competitor removing chips with his hands shall constitute an additional blow on each occasion. Should a chip be lying in the scarf in such a way that in the Competitor's opinion it would constitute a risk of injury to himself or some other Person if he struck another blow he may seek permission from the Judge to remove it with the axe head only after clearly indicating to the Judge his intent not to use the cutting edge of the axe.

The Judge's decision in this regard shall be final. The removal of a chip in such manner shall not constitute a blow. The deliberate prising, wrenching or removing a chip with the cutting edge of the axe may at the discretion of the Judge constitute a blow on each occasion.

In a Standing Block hard hitting Event a Competitor shall be disqualified if in the opinion of the Judges the block has been deliberately split by the Competitor.

36. In the Event of a tie in heats and/or the final, placings will be decided by the fastest times.

#### SAWING CONTESTS

37. In all sawing Competitions saw cuts shall be started as close as possible to the front end of the log and shall be not more than 50mm in from the edge of the top side. Oil may be used on the saw immediately prior to the commencement of the contests. In sawing contests the saw must saw through the log from one side only.
38. In single handed sawing Events the free end of the saw must be free of handle or any weighing device.
39. In sawing contests the wedger shall stand behind the log and if any wedger in any way touches or guides a saw or touches or guides that portion of the log which is being cut off, the Competitor or team concerned shall be automatically disqualified.

*Definition:* Behind the log in this Regulation shall be interpreted to mean the opposite end of the log to the saw cut.

40. In sawing contests if any wedger causes the judging machine to become inoperative or to record an inaccurate result, the Competitor or the team concerned will be liable to disqualification.

#### TREE FELLING CONTESTS

41. In tree felling Events trimming of the sapwood or deeper is prohibited unless for special reasons and then only after permission is first obtained from a Ring Steward. Fragments of bark may be removed. The cutting of practice footholds in trees erected for Competition is prohibited.
42. In tree felling Events Competitors must put 3 boards into the tree above each other in the following manner, the 1st to be about 1 metre from the ground and the toe of the board inserted into a new board hold cut by the Competitor, the 2nd in a similar manner about 2 metres from the ground, and the 3rd in a similar manner about 3 metres from the ground. From the 3rd board the Competitor shall cut the front scarf then descend, remove each board to the ground and proceed to ascend by putting the boards in the other side as stated and from the 3rd board continue cutting. Logs must not be cut off from one side. The Competitor may descend to comply with Regulation 27. All boards must be positioned without any hanging or supporting device. The Competitor shall not have any attachment from their person to the tree or any device which will assist them to remain on his boards, except that a non-skid surface on the upper surface board and/or the soles of the Competitors shoes may be used subject to the approval of the Committee.
43. In two board tree felling Events, Competitors must put two boards into the tree in the following manner: The first to be about one metre from the ground and the toe of the board inserted into a new board hole cut by the Competitor, the second in similar manner about two metres from the ground. From the second board the Competitor shall cut the opening scarf, when this scarf is completed he shall then descend, remove each board to the ground and proceed to ascend by putting the boards in the other side as stated and from the 2nd board continue cutting until the log has been severed. Logs must not be cut off from one side. The Competitor may descend to comply with Regulation 27. All boards must be positioned without any hanging or supporting device. The Competitor shall not have any attachment from their person to the tree or any device which will assist him to remain on his boards, except that a non-skid surface on the upper surface board and/or the soles of the Competitor's shoes may be used subject to the approval of the Committee.

Regulations 40 and 43 shall also apply.

44. In tree felling Events any Competitor who cuts through an existing board hole or patch covering board hole shall be disqualified.

#### UNDERHAND CONTESTS

45. A scarf must be cut clear at all footholds. Any Competitor cutting into a foothold shall be disqualified.
46. In all underhand Events the Competitor shall commence and complete their chop whilst standing on the log. Should a Competitor slip, fall, jump or become dislodged from their position on the log before the log is severed he must remount and renew their position on the log before continuing to chop. Except a Competitor may get off their log at any time during his chop to cut a slab which may be chopped as it lies.

#### STANDING BLOCK CONTESTS

47. A scarf must be cut clear of all dogholds. Any Competitor cutting into a doghold shall be disqualified.

#### BUTCHER'S BLOCK CONTESTS

48. A Butcher's Block contest shall be defined as a Standing Block contest cut by a team of two Competitors who shall cut the log in sequence or simultaneously in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. The log diameter shall be determined by the Committee.
49. In the 400mm to 500mm diameter butchers block contest one member of each team shall commence the chop by opening a scarf and cutting into the log to approximately halfway through. During this time the other member of the team shall be confined to the neutral area as defined by the Committee. The 1st cutter, upon completion of his cut, will retire to their neutral area and visually indicate to their partner, in a manner prescribed by the Committee, to complete the cut by opening a scarf on the opposite side of the log. The second team cutter shall have the option of cutting into either scarf without Penalty if they should deem it advantageous to his team. While a team member is cutting, the other member shall remain within his area as defined by the Committee. A Competitor shall not be allowed to go back to his cut and touch it in any manner whatsoever after their partner has commenced cutting. Penalty, disqualification.
50. In the 600mm and 750mm butchers block Events the 2 team members may cut the log simultaneously from both sides or the same side. Circumferential cutting of the log is prohibited. The intentional splitting of top or bottom scarf wood is prohibited.

#### COMBINATION CONTESTS

51. (a) Competitors in the 2 Man Combination Event will commence with the Underhand cutter, on completion of this block the 2nd cutter will commence the Standing Block. The Rules governing the conduct of Underhand Events will apply to the underhand portion of the contests and the Regulation governing the conduct of the Standing Block Events will apply to the Standing Block portion of this contest.

#### TEAMS RELAY CONTESTS

52. The 1st member of each team shall commence cutting the underhand log. The next team cutter who shall cut the standing block, will be standing in readiness at his block, but will not commence cutting until the Captain of the team gives him the signal to commence chopping.
- The Captain shall not give the signal to commence cutting until the previous cutter has severed his log.
- The Captain will commence his cut immediately after the 2nd last team member has severed his log.
- The team whose Captain finishes his block first shall be the winner of the Event. Subject always to there being no infringement of any of the Regulations which would have caused any member of the team to be disqualified.
- The Captain shall be the last cutter and shall cut the standing block. He will be the only Competitor who shall be permitted to

move from Competitor to Competitor. Other team members shall remain at their logs until the result of the Event has been announced.

#### INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS TEAMS RELAY CONTESTS

53. The Interstate and Overseas Teams Relay (underhand and Standing Block) shall consist of teams of 6 Competitors including a Captain as approved by the Committee. The procedure of cutting shall be similar to Regulation 51.
54. Teams medley relay Events shall consist of 4 teams of 7 members as selected by the Committee. Competitors shall cut in the following order: Butchers Block, Underhand, Double Handed Sawing, Standing Block and Tree Felling or as determined by the Committee.

#### INTERNATIONAL RELAYS

55. The Men's Relay will be run over three (3) Tests and shall consist of and cut in the following order: Underhand, Standing Block, Single Handed Sawing, Doubled Handed Sawing, Underhand and Standing Block. Each team shall consist of seven (7) members including a captain.
56. The Women's International Relay will be run over three (3) tests and shall consist of and cut in the following order: Underhand, Double Handed Sawing, Single Handed Sawing, Double Handed Sawing and Underhand. Each team shall consist of seven (7) members including a captain.

#### UNDER 21'S INTERSTATE RELAY

57. The Under 21's Interstate Relay will be run over three (3) Tests and shall consist of and cut in the following order: Underhand, Standing Block, Single Handed Sawing, Doubled Handed Sawing, Underhand and Standing Block. Each team shall consist of seven (7) members including a captain.

#### NSW AREA ASSOCIATION TEAMS RELAY

58. The Inter-Association Relay will be run over one (1) Test and consist of and cut in the following order: Butchers Block, Underhand, Double Handed Sawing, Standing Block and Tree Felling. Each team shall consist of seven (7) members including a captain.

#### PROTESTS

59. Should a Competitor wish to lodge a protest on the result of any heat, semi-final or final of any Event they shall personally lodge such protest on the prescribed form with the Steward-in-Chief or his deputy immediately following the official announcement of the placings and, if possible before the other Competitors leave the arena. The Committee shall deal with the protest without undue delay and make its decision known immediately. Each protest shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50.

#### DISQUALIFICATION FLAG

60. Disqualification may (but need not) be signified by the placement of a red flag on the log (or, in the case of a tree, at the foot of the tree) after the Competitor has finished chopping or sawing.

#### JUDGING BY VIDEO CAMERA

61. Except as stated in Regulation 61 the placings in each Event shall be those recorded by the video camera when in use and results so recorded in each Event shall be final and conclusive provided that no circumstance has arisen during the running of the Event, mechanical or otherwise which would cause the video camera to record an inaccurate result.

The video camera operator shall immediately inform the Steward-in-Chief or his deputy of any malfunction of the video camera. A Judge or the Ring Superintendent or his deputy will report to the Steward-in-Chief or his deputy after each Event whether any interference or circumstances have arisen in the arena to influence the normal or accurate working of the video camera.

Unless specifically permitted by the Committee, a Competitor must not enter any area used for the purpose of judging or electronically recording any Competition. A Competitor who

breaches this rule may be penalised in such manner as the Committee sees fit, which may include relegation to last place in an event in respect of which this rule has been breached

#### LOG INSPECTION

62. At the conclusion of each Event the Ring Superintendent and the Ring Judges shall thoroughly inspect the logs to ensure that there have been no breaches of the Regulations. They will then signal the Starter whether or not everything is in order. However, should the log inspection reveal a breach of the Regulations which would alter the placings as recorded by the judging video camera or the Judges, full information will be given immediately to the Steward-in-Chief or his deputy by the Ring Superintendent or a Ring Judge.

#### JUDGES

63. The placings of each Event will also be judged visually by the Judges appointed by the Committee. The appointed Judges shall record the placings in all Events and shall submit same to the Steward-in-Chief or his deputy immediately after each Event, individually and without conferring. The Steward-in-Chief or his deputy upon the receipt of the reports from the Ring Superintendent or his deputy or the Starter, and the placings of the Judges shall make a decision on the information supplied. Subject to Regulations 60-63 such decision shall be final and conclusive. The Steward-in-Chief or his deputy shall inform the Starter of such decision without delay. The Starter will then announce the placings.

#### AXES AND SAWS

64. Competitors must exercise every care and keep axes and saws covered on the cutting edge. Axes and saws must not be carried among the general public unless so covered.

All axes must be safe and properly pinned with a minimum of a 3mm pin. Failure to do so will result in a \$200 fine and confiscation of the axe and its protective cover. If the competitor does not surrender the axe, the competitor may be disqualified from the competition, or otherwise penalised as the Committee in its discretion sees fit.

65. The axes used by Competitors in Hard Hitting Events shall be of a type approved by the Committee and shall not exceed 3kg in weight and the cutting edge shall not exceed 180mm in width. In all other Woodchopping Events there will be no restriction on weight or width of axe used by Competitors except that it shall be of a type approved by the Committee. All saws used by Competitors shall be a type approved by the Committee.

#### THE COMMITTEE

66. The Committee may, in its absolute discretion disqualify, eliminate, fine or otherwise deal with any Competitor in any Woodchopping or Sawing Event in such circumstances or on such grounds as it may think fit and without assigning any reason therefore.
67. The Committee may, prior to or after the Closing Day of Entry, limit the number of Competitors in any Event.
68. The Committee reserves the right to cancel any Event without assigning a reason and in which case a refund of the Entry Fee may be made.

#### ADVICE

69. No Official of the RAS is authorised to assist a Competitor by giving advice.
70. It is the responsibility of the Competitor to be fully conversant with these Regulations.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

71. Competitors agree to compete at their own risk. Competitors understand and acknowledge that by participating in these contests they will be engaging in activities that involve the risk of serious personal injury, permanent disability, dismemberment and even death. Competitors accept all risk resulting from their participation or attendance. Competitors release and hold harmless the RAS and all persons or



corporations associated directly or indirectly with the contest and indemnify them against all claims, demands and proceedings arising out of participation. There are further indemnities contained in the General Regulations which govern this competition

72. MEDIA EXPOSURE. Competitors permit the RAS, its sponsors and any other interested party to use their image, appearance, name, voice and likeness obtained by the RAS from their involvement in the contests in any media. The competitor waives any right to inspect or approve any finished product. The Competitor confirms they have the right to grant this release and by doing so will not infringe the rights of any other party.
73. FULLY FIT AND EXPERIENCED Competitors understand the physical requirements of participating in these contests and confirm they are both experienced to participate in an event of this standard and are also physically fit to participate in the chosen contest and have not been advised otherwise by a medical practitioner.
74. Competitors are solely responsible for the security of their own possessions. The RAS accepts no responsibility in respect of lost, mislaid or stolen property. Competitors are encouraged to lock valuable items in their lockers.

#### ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

75. All Woodchop Competitors are subject to General Regulation 126. RAS reserves the right to instruct a registered medical practitioner to conduct random drug testing in respect to Prohibited Substances on any Competitor and by entering into the Competition the Competitor agrees to consent to such a test if requested by the RAS. RAS is not obliged to enter into any discussions or correspondence in respect to any test taken nor the results if it so deems. Any positive test will result in a breach of General Regulation 128 and the Competitor will be directed to leave the Showground.

#### DISPUTES COMMITTEE

76. A Disputes Committee will be established prior to the commencement of the Woodchopping and Sawing Contests by the Chairman of the Woodchop Committee. The Disputes Committee is to consist of a Woodchop Committee Member, the Ringmaster (if approved by the Chairman of the Woodchop Committee) and two financial members of the NSWAA present for the duration of the Show program. The Woodchop Committee Member will display the names and contact details for each of the Dispute Committee Members on the Competitors Notice Boards within the precincts of the Woodchop facility.

##### Role of the Committee:

To informally conciliate issues/complaints raised by Competitors, relating to the Woodchop Competition, without delay and during the Competition. Issues that are unable to be conciliated will be reported directly to the Chairman of the Woodchop Committee for further attention.

*SHOULD IT BE FOUND NECESSARY TO RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF COMPETITORS, THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SELECT ELIGIBLE COMPETITORS BY HANDICAP AS SET BY THE COMMITTEE.*

These Events are registered with the Federation of NSW Axemen's Association and will be conducted under the RAS Special Regulations for Woodchopping and Sawing contests.

# WOODCHOPPING & SAWING 2016

*Woodchopping is to be conducted for 11 days from:  
Friday 18 March to Monday 28 March 2016.*

## SPECIAL PRIZES

**(S001) - CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS** - For the Most Successful Competitor in the following Single Handed Championship Events.

**Events 5, 6, 9, 10, 14, 17, 19, 26 & 101**

Prize \$500 plus Trophy (Racing Axe).

The points shall be allocated as follows: 1st 4 points, 2nd 3 points, 3rd 2 points, 4th 1 point.

Should two or more Competitors gain an equal number of points, additional points shall be awarded for heats and semi-finals, on the basis of 2 points for 1st and 1 point for 2nd.

**(S002) - MOST SUCCESSFUL COMPETITOR IN SINGLE HANDED HANDICAP EVENTS.**

Prize \$500 plus Trophy (Racing Axe).

The points shall be allocated as follows: 1st 4 points, 2nd 3 points, 3rd 2 points, 4th 1 point.

Should two or more Competitors gain an equal number of points, additional points shall be awarded for heats and semi-finals, on the basis of 2 points for 1st and 1 point for 2nd.

Points will be allocated in the following Events:

**1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21 & 27**

**(S003) - The Annual Encouragement Trophy**, awarded to the Junior Competitor demonstrating skill, talent and potential during competition at the 2016 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

*Prize (Axe) supported by Robt W Talbott The Appraiser/Valuer.*

**(S004) - MOST SUCCESSFUL COMPETITOR IN THE LADIES EVENTS**

Points will be allocated as follows: 1st 5 points, 2nd 4 points, 3rd 3 points, 4th 2 points, all finishers 1 point.

## UNDERHAND EVENTS

**EVENT NO. 1** - 300mm Open Underhand Handicap. Total prize money \$2900.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$75, Unplaced Semi Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 2A** - First Division - 350mm Underhand Handicap.

Restricted to 32 best Axemen on handicap based on starting handicap. Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 2B** - Second Division - 300mm Underhand Handicap.

Restricted to 32 best Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 2A. Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 2C** - Third Division - 300mm Underhand Handicap.

Restricted to 32 best Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 2B.

Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 2D** - Fourth Division - 275mm Underhand Handicap.

Restricted to Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 2C.

Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 3** - 275mm Open Underhand Handicap. Total prize money \$2900.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$75, Semi Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 4** - The **Les Slee Memorial** 300mm Underhand Open Handicap. Total prize money \$2900.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$75, Unplaced Semi Finalists \$25.

*Event Prize money for Event No. 4, supported by The Slee & Dixon Families.*

**EVENT NO. 5** - The **Manny McCarthy Memorial** 375mm World Championship Underhand. Restricted to 32 best Axemen on handicap based on starting handicap. Total Prize money \$12600

Prizes 1st \$6500 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$2500 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$1500, 4th \$800, 5th \$350, 6th \$350, 7th \$300, 8th \$300.

*RAS of NSW Award of Excellence Medallion for 375mm World Championship Underhand Woodchopping.*

**EVENT NO. 5A** - Second Division - 300mm Underhand Handicap.

Restricted to 32 best Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 5. Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 5B** - Third Division - 300mm Underhand Handicap.

Restricted to 32 best Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 5A. Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 5C** - Fourth Division - 275mm Underhand Handicap.

Restricted to Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 5B. Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 6** - 325mm Sydney Royal Easter Show Championship Underhand. Restricted to 32 best Axemen on handicap based on starting handicap. Total prize money \$4100.

Prizes 1st \$2000 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$1000 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$500, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$100.

**EVENT NO. 6A** - Second Division - 275mm Sydney Royal Easter Show Underhand Handicap. Restricted to Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 6. Total prize money \$2700.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$150, Unplaced Finalists \$75, Unplaced Semi Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 7** - 300mm Underhand Handicap. Total prize money \$2900.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$75, Unplaced Semi Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 8** - 325mm Underhand Handicap. Total prize money \$2900.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$75, Unplaced Semi Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 9** - 300mm Underhand Elimination Championship - Contest. Restricted to 16 best Axemen on handicap based on starting handicap. Total prize money \$2800.

## STANDING BLOCK EVENTS

**EVENT NO. 10** - 325mm Sydney Royal Easter Show Championship Standing Block. Restricted to 32 best Axemen on handicap based on starting handicap. Total prize money \$4100.

Prizes 1st \$2000 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$1000 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$500, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$100.

**EVENT NO. 10A** - 275mm Sydney Royal Easter Show Standing Block Handicap. Restricted to Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 10. Total prize money \$2700.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$150, Unplaced Finalists \$75, Unplaced Semi Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 11** - 300mm Standing Block Handicap. Total prize money \$2900.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$75, Unplaced Semi Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 12A** - First Division - 325mm Standing Block Handicap. Restricted to 32 best Axemen on handicap based on starting handicap. Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 12B** - Second Division - 300mm Standing Block Handicap. Restricted to 32 best Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 12A. Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 12C** - Third Division - 275mm Standing Block Handicap. Restricted to 32 best Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 12A & 12B. Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 12D** - Fourth Division - 250mm Standing Block Handicap. Restricted to Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 12A, 12B & 12C. Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 13A** - First Division - 350mm Standing Block Handicap. Restricted to 32 best Axemen on handicap based on starting handicap. Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 13B** - Second Division - 300mm Standing Block Handicap. Restricted to Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 13A. Total prize money \$2700.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$75, Unplaced Semi Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 14** - 375mm World Championship Standing Block. Restricted to 32 best Axemen on handicap based on starting handicap. Total Prize money \$12600

Prizes 1st \$6500 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$2500 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$1500, 4th \$800, 5th \$350, 6th \$350, 7th \$300, 8th \$300.

*RAS of NSW Award of Excellence Medallion for 375mm World Championship Standing Block Woodchopping.*

**EVENT NO. 14A** - Second Division - 300mm Restricted Standing Block handicap. Restricted to 32 best Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 14. Total Prize Money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 14B** - Third Division - 250mm Standing Block Handicap. Restricted to 32 best Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 14A. Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 14C** - Fourth Division - 250mm Standing Block Handicap. Restricted to Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 14B. Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 15** - 250mm Standing Block Handicap. Total prize money \$2900.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$75, Unplaced Semi Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 16** - 275mm Standing Block Open Handicap. Total prize money \$2900.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$75, Unplaced Semi Finalists \$25.

*Prize (Annual Trophy) for the first prize-winner in Event No. 16, supported by Kennedy's Aluminium P/L.*

**EVENT NO. 17** -300mm Standing Block Championship Elimination Contest. Restricted to 16 best Axemen on handicap based on starting handicap. Total prize money \$2800.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, 5th - 8th \$100 each, 9th - 16th \$50 each.

**EVENT NO. 17A** -300mm Standing Block Handicap- Restricted event. Restricted to Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 17. Total prize money \$2700.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$150, Unplaced Finalists \$75, Unplaced Semi Finalists \$25.

## HARD-HITTING EVENTS

**EVENT NO. 101** - A Grade - 300mm Underhand Championship Hard-hitting Contest. Restricted to 16 best Axemen on handicap. Total prize money \$4100.

Prizes 1st \$2000, 2nd \$1000, 3rd \$500, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$100.

**EVENT NO. 101A** - 300mm Underhand Handicap - Restricted Contest. Restricted to Axemen NOT eligible to compete in Event No 101. Total prize money \$2700.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$150, Unplaced Finalists \$75, Unplaced Semi Finalists \$25.

## TREE FELLING EVENTS

**EVENT NO. 18** - 300mm Handicap Tree Felling Contest. Total prize money \$2400.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$100.

**EVENT NO. 19** - 325mm World Championship Tree Felling Contest (limited to experienced axemen). Total prize money \$12600.

Prizes 1st \$6500 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$2500 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$1500, 4th \$800, 5th \$350, 6th \$350, 7th \$300, 8th \$300.

*RAS of NSW Award of Excellence Medallion for 325mm World Championship Tree Felling.*

**EVENT NO. 19A** - Second Division - 275mm Tree Felling Handicap Contest. Total prize money \$2400.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200. Unplaced Finalists \$100.

**EVENT NO. 20** - 275mm Handicap Tree Felling Contest (Limited to experienced axemen). The Committee reserves the right to decide who shall compete. Restricted to 32 best Axemen on handicap based on starting handicap. Total prize money \$2400.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$100.

**EVENT NO. 21A** - First Division - 300mm Handicap Tree Felling Contest (limited to experienced axemen). Seedings for this division will be at the discretion of the Committee. Total prize money \$2400.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$100.

**EVENT NO. 21B** - Second Division - 275mm Handicap Tree Felling Contest (limited to experienced axemen). Seedings for this division will be at the discretion of the Committee. Total prize money \$2400.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$100.

## RELAY EVENTS

**EVENT NO. 22** - The **Jim Marshall Memorial** NSW Inter-Association Relay. Timber for this Event shall be selected by the Committee. Total prize money \$2800.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$800, 3rd \$600, 4th \$400.

*Contribution to Event Prize money for Event No. 22, supported by The Marshall Family.*

**EVENT NO. 23** - The Interstate Teams Relay. NSW, QLD, VIC & TAS. Total prize money \$5000.

Prizes 1st \$2400, 2nd \$1200, 3rd \$700, 4th \$700.

**EVENT NO. 24A** - The Mens International Relay. Total prize money \$10000. To be conducted over 3 races. Event subject to sufficient entries received.

**EVENT NO. 24B** - The Ladies International Relay. Total prize money \$5000. To be conducted over 3 races. Event subject to sufficient entries received.

**EVENT NO. 25** - The Under 21yrs State Teams Relay (NSW vs. QLD vs. VIC vs. TAS). Total Prize money \$2600. To be conducted over 3 races. Event subject to sufficient entries received.

## SAWING EVENTS

**EVENT NO. 26** - 375mm World Championship Sawing Contest (Single handed). Restricted to 32 best Axemen on handicap based on starting handicap. Total prize money \$12600.

Prizes 1st \$6500 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$2500 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$1500, 4th \$800, 5th \$350, 6th \$350, 7th \$300, 8th \$300.

*RAS of NSW Award of Excellence Medallion for 375mm World Championship Single Handed Sawing.*

**EVENT NO. 27** - 375mm Handicap Sawing Contest (Single handed). Total prize money \$2200.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$50.

**EVENT NO. 28** - 600mm World Championship Sawing Contest (Double handed). Restricted to 32 best Axemen on handicap based on starting handicap. Total prize money \$12600.

Prizes 1st \$6500 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$2500 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$1500, 4th \$800, 5th \$350, 6th \$350, 7th \$300, 8th \$300.

*RAS of NSW Award of Excellence Medallion for 600mm World Championship Double Handed Sawing.*

**EVENT NO. 29** - 500mm Handicap Sawing Contest (Double handed). This Event is open to females. Total prize money \$2400.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$100.

## TEAM EVENTS

*Handicapping of teams will be determined by the Handicapper.*

**EVENT NO. 30** - The Team of Two 275mm Underhand and Standing Block Combination Handicap.

One Competitor to complete the underhand cut before the second competitor commences the standing block.

Total prize money \$4100.

Prizes 1st \$2000, 2nd \$1000, 3rd \$500, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$100.

**EVENT NO. 31A** - Father and Son, 275mm Underhand and Standing Block Combination Relay Handicap. Competitors must enter individually for this Event. Total prize money \$1400.

Prizes 1st \$750, 2nd \$350, 3rd \$200, 4th \$100.

**EVENT NO. 31B** - Dad and Lad, 275mm Underhand and Standing Block Combination Relay Handicap. Competitors must enter individually for this Event. Total prize money \$1000. Prizes 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100 Lad must be under 18 years of age.

**EVENT NO. 32** - 300mm Standing Block, Underhand and Tree Felling Team of Three Combination Contest. Total prize money \$4100.

Prizes 1st \$2000, 2nd \$1000, 3rd \$500, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$100.

**EVENT NO. 33A** - 375mm Jack and Jill Championship Sawing Contest (Double Handed). Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$500 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 33B** - 375mm Jack and Jill Sawing Handicap (Double Handed). Total prize money \$1050.

Prizes 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100, 5th \$50.

**EVENT NO. 34A** - First Division - 600mm Standing Block Team of Two Butchers Block. Restricted to the top 8 pairs on handicap based on starting handicap. Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 34B** - Second Division - 500mm Standing Block Team of Two Butchers Block. Restricted to the top 8 pairs on handicap who are NOT eligible to compete in Event 34A. Total prize money \$2100.

Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

## JUNIOR EVENTS

**Competitors in Events 35, 36 & 37** are restricted to Competitors who have not attained the age of 18 years on the first day of the Show. The birth certificate or other evidence of age acceptable to the Committee for each Competitor must be provided at the time of making entry. The Committee also reserves the right to again review a birth certificate. The Committee reserves the right to select a limited number of Competitors from the nominations received.

**Competitors in Event 39** are restricted to Competitors who have not attained the age of 21 years on the first day of the Show. The birth certificate or other evidence of age acceptable to the Committee for each Competitor must be provided at the time of making entry. The Committee also reserves the right to again review a birth certificate. Seedings for this Event will be at the discretion of the Committee.

**EVENT NO. 35** - 250mm Junior (under 18 years of age) Underhand Championship. Total prize money \$1000. Prizes 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100.

*Contribution to Event Prize money for Event No. 35, supported by Robt W Talbott - The Appraiser/Valuer.*

*RAS of NSW Award of Excellence Medallion for Junior 250mm Underhand Championship.*

**EVENT NO. 36** - 250mm Junior (under 18 years of age) Standing Block Championship. Total prize money \$1000. Prizes 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100.

*Contribution to Event Prize money for Event No. 36, supported by Robt W Talbott - The Appraiser/Valuer.*

*RAS of NSW Award of Excellence Medallion for Junior 250mm Standing Block Championship.*

**EVENT NO. 37** - Junior (under 18 years of age), 250mm Underhand Handicap. This event is open to females. Total prize money \$1000. Prizes 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100.

**EVENT NO. 38** - Junior Development Program. **This Event restricted to Junior Boys and Girls, 12 to 16 years of age who have been nominated by the New South Wales Axemen's Association.**

*Prize (Annual Trophy) for the winner of Event No 38, supported by Tuatahi Racing Axes & Saws.*

*Prize Axe Covers for Competitors of Event No 38, supported by Tuatahi Racing Axes & Saws.*

**EVENT NO. 39** - 275mm Junior Men (under 21 years of age) Underhand Handicap. Seedings for this Event will be at the discretion of the Committee. Total prize money \$1000. Prizes 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100.

## VETERANS EVENTS

**EVENT NO. 40** - 500mm Veterans Handicap Sawing Contest (Double Handed). Restricted to Axemen 60 years of age and over on the first day of the Show. Total prize money \$2100. Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 41** - 275mm Veterans Underhand Handicap. Restricted to Axemen 60 years of age and over on the first day of the Show. Total prize money \$2100. Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 42** - 250mm Veterans Standing Block Handicap. Restricted to Axemen 60 years of age and over on the first day of the Show. Total prize money \$2100. Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

## LADIES EVENTS

**All Ladies Events are open to females 12 years and over.**

**EVENT NO. 43** - 275mm Ladies Underhand Championship. Total prize money \$1125. Prizes 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 44** - 300mm Ladies Single Handed Sawing Championship. Total prize money \$1125. Prizes 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 45** - 375mm Ladies Double Handed Sawing Championship. Total prize money \$1125. Prizes 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100, Unplaced Finalists \$25.

**EVENT NO. 46** - 275mm Ladies Underhand Handicap. Total prize money \$1125. Prizes 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100, Unplaced Finalists \$25.



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## **SERVICE CENTRE**

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For enquiries regarding general competition information such as judging details, timetables, Competitor confirmation packs, please visit [www.sydneymayroyal.com.au](http://www.sydneymayroyal.com.au) or contact the coordinator responsible for your section.

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