



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

# *Schedule*

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## Sydney Royal Woodchopping & Sawing Competition

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Sydney Showground  
Sydney Olympic Park  
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Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

## Welcome from the President



The Sydney Royal Easter Show is a showcase of the best-of-the-best that Australia has to offer, and we are delighted that you will be part of that showcase.

Whether you're participating through livestock, domestic animals, perishable cooking, arts and crafts, horticulture or woodchopping, amongst many, many more Sydney Royal sections, you are what make the Sydney Royal Easter Show so special to hundreds of thousands of Showgoers every year.

Agricultural competitions are truly at the heart of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS). Since our very first Show in 1823, we've been dedicated to encouraging and rewarding excellence, and supporting a bright and prosperous future for our agricultural communities.

Today, the Sydney Royal competitions attract nearly 30,000 entries each year from passionate and skilled producers, competitors, craftspeople and sportspeople from all over the country.

The spirit of friendly but avid competition comes alive at the Show each year. It's a wonderful opportunity to bring state and industry pride to the forefront, and to feel a remarkable sense of belonging as you represent your region or specialty interest with passion and dedication.

The integrity of our Sydney Royal competitions is upheld to the highest of standards by our accomplished, knowledgeable and independent judges, stewards, officials and Councillors. Their professionalism, energy and high ethical standards is what makes our Show so special. My sincere thanks go to them for their commitment to voluntarily serve both the RAS and their respective industries.

If you're not already a Member, I highly recommend joining the RAS. Membership is a fantastic way to get even more out of your Show experience and to become part of our vibrant community.

On behalf of the RAS, I wish you the very best of luck. I eagerly look forward to seeing the incredible animal breeds, products, skills and talents on display at the Show, and I hope that you have a fantastic Sydney Royal experience.

This year, I will be entertaining our major winners in the President's suite each afternoon of the Show, and I look forward to hearing about their success firsthand!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John C. Bennett'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

John C. Bennett, OAM  
President, Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

## COMMITTEE

R G Reid (Chair)

G D Andrews

J Murphy

S G Dadd

A Lucas

## HONORARY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

A A Howie (Hon. Councillor)

K J Mathie (Hon. Councillor)

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## CHANGES COMING IN 2025

The Sydney Royal Woodchop Committee is dedicated to maintaining the reputation of our Competition and providing the largest and best quality woodchop competition in the world. To maintain our global standing we have curated an 11-day program to ensure the Sydney Royal is the premier Woodchopping event where the best of the best in the sport come together.

To ensure we maintain the calibre expected from a global event, the Committee have made several changes to the Competition which include a continued focus on promoting the development of our Junior Competitors knowing that they are future of the sport.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF ENTRY

To be eligible to compete at the Sydney Royal Woodchopping and Sawing Competition, a Competitor must be registered with an association recognised by the Australian Axemen's Association (AAA) and be a financial member at the time of entry. In addition, Competitors must have participated in at least one AAA-recognised event (excluding the Sydney Royal Competition) during 2024. All Competitors are required to be current financial members both at the time of entry and from the commencement of the 2025 Competition.

Handicaps for each discipline are calculated using performance history provided by each Competitor at the time of entry, along with past achievements and results from associations in Australia and internationally. This includes final handicap results from the 2024 Sydney Royal Woodchopping and Sawing Competition. Competitors are advised they must provide as much accurate detail as possible within the performance section of their registration to assist in the handicap calculation process.

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### EVENT ENTRY PROCESS

Competitors will nominate entries in events as usual via your MyRAS account. Competitors will be notified of acceptance which will be based on the most competent in that discipline, considering handicaps, ability, competency, and safety, while adhering to the maximum numbers allowed for each event.

Once the review process is finalised, Competitors will be notified by email and directed to login into their MyRAS account to view their final list of qualified events. Competitors who are not accepted into an event will receive a refund of their Entry Fee for that event, with no further action required. Refunds will only apply to affected events and will be deposited into the bank account nominated at the time of entry. Please note that refunds cannot be issued to credit cards. If you wish to withdraw from any other events, this must be done in accordance with the relevant Regulations.

The Committee will make the final decision on Competitor acceptances. This decision is final and not open to appeal.

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### WOMEN'S EVENTS

We are delighted to announce the return of the below Women's World Titles to the program for the 2025 Competition.

During our planning stage a review was made to the Women's only program, which has resulted in some changes being made to these events. Please see the below list of events for the 2025 Sydney Royal Competition.

<b>Event 43</b>	275mm Women's Underhand Handicap
<b>Event 44</b>	300mm Women's Sawing (Single Handed) Handicap
<b>Event 45</b>	375mm Women's Sawing (Double Handed) Championship
<b>Event 46</b>	300mm Women's Underhand Handicap
<b>Event 47</b>	325mm Women's World Championship Sawing (Single Handed)
<b>Event 48</b>	275mm Women's World Championship Underhand

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### JUNIOR EVENTS

#### LOG SIZE FOR JUNIOR EVENTS

Following industry advice and to ensure the safety of Competitors, the Committee has made the decision to increase the log size for all Junior events (including Junior Development) to a minimum of 275mm going forward.

#### JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

The Junior Development Program (Event 38) has long been an important event in our schedule, offering our future champions the chance to compete at a world class event and gain experience in the sport where they have shown great courage to get up and give their all in a stadium in front of scores of people.

Changes have been made to the registration process and moving forward this event will be by invitation only and limited to 16 Junior (Boys & Girls, 12-16yrs) Competitors, who will be nominated by their respective state associations.

Anyone who would like to take part should send their expressions of interest to their state association for consideration. Please note, limited spots available for each state with preference being given to Novice Competitors.

## FEE SCHEDULE

(FEES INCL. GST)

### ENTRY FEES AND RAS MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT

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 details must be provided on your Application for Entry prior to submitting to the RAS. No adjustments will be provided after the Application for Entry has been submitted. 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.**

Visit [www.rasnsw.com.au/members](http://www.rasnsw.com.au/members) for more information on Membership or call 02 9704 1144.

**Entry Fee reductions are dependent upon Class(es) being entered. Non-member Entry Fees apply for Exhibitors where they are not financial members of the RAS. Applicants acknowledge that a valid RAS membership number must be provided at the time of submitting their application in order to receive the applicable discount.**

CLASSES	EVENT	DATE	RAS MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
<b>UNDERHAND EVENTS</b>				
300mm Underhand Handicap	No. 1	Friday 11 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
350mm Underhand Handicap First Division	No. 2A	Wednesday 16 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
325mm Underhand Handicap Second Division	No. 2B	Friday 18 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
300mm Underhand Handicap Third Division	No. 2C	Friday 18 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
275mm Underhand Handicap Fourth Division	No. 2D	Wednesday 16 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
275mm Underhand Handicap	No. 3	Sunday 13 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
300mm Underhand Handicap	No. 4	Monday 14 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
<b>The Manny McCarthy Memorial 375mm World Championship Underhand</b>	<b>No. 5</b>	<b>Saturday 19 April</b>	<b>\$71.25 Per Class Entry</b>	<b>\$95 Per Class Entry</b>
300mm Underhand Handicap Second Division	No. 5A	Saturday 19 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
<b>Sydney Royal Easter Show 325mm Underhand Championship</b>	No. 6	Tuesday 15 April	\$41.25 Per Class Entry	\$55 Per Class Entry
<b>Sydney Royal Easter Show 275mm Underhand Handicap Second Division</b>	No. 6A	Tuesday 15 April	\$41.25 Per Class Entry	\$55 Per Class Entry
325mm Underhand Handicap	No. 8	Saturday 12 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
300mm Underhand Elimination Championship	No. 9	Thursday 17 April	\$41.25 Per Class Entry	\$55 Per Class Entry
300mm Underhand Handicap Second Division	No. 9A	Thursday 17 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
300mm Underhand Harding Hitting Championship	No. 101	Sunday 20 April	\$41.25 Per Class Entry	\$55 Per Class Entry
300mm Underhand Handicap Second Division	No. 101A	Sunday 20 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry

**FEE SCHEDULE (cont.)**

(FEES INCL. GST)

CLASSES	EVENT	DATE	RAS MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
<b>STANDING BLOCK EVENTS</b>				
<b>Sydney Royal Easter Show</b> 325mm Standing Block Championship	No. 10	Monday 14 April	\$41.25 Per Class Entry	\$55 Per Class Entry
<b>Sydney Royal Easter Show</b> 275mm Standing Block Second Division	No. 10A	Monday 14 April	\$41.25 Per Class Entry	\$55 Per Class Entry
300mm Standing Block Handicap	No. 11	Friday 11 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
325mm Standing Block Handicap First Division	No. 12A	Saturday 12 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
300mm Standing Block Handicap Second Division	No. 12B	Sunday 12 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
275mm Standing Block Handicap Third Division	No. 12C	Sunday 13 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
250mm Standing Block Handicap Fourth Division	No. 12D	Saturday 13 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
350mm Standing Block Handicap First Division	No. 13A	Saturday 19 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
300mm Standing Block Handicap Second Division	No. 13B	Thursday 17 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
<b>World Championship</b> <b>375mm Standing Block</b>	<b>No. 14</b>	<b>Monday 21 April</b>	<b>\$71.25 Per Class Entry</b>	<b>\$95 Per Class Entry</b>
300mm Standing Block Handicap Second Division	No. 14A	Monday 21 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
250mm Standing Block Handicap	No. 15	Friday 18 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
275mm Standing Block Handicap	No. 16	Tuesday 15 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
300mm Standing Block Elimination Championship	No. 17	Wednesday 16 April	\$41.25 Per Class Entry	\$55 Per Class Entry
300mm Standing Block Handicap Second Division	No. 17A	Wednesday 16 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry

**EVENT ACCEPTANCES**

Payment and/or submission of an entry does not constitute acceptance of the entry by the RAS.

Where entries are not accepted into one or more Events in the Competition, the Entry Fees for those Events will be refunded by the RAS to the Exhibitor using the nominated bank account details in their myRAS account on the online Competition entry system.

For full details, please see the Conditions of Entry and Special Regulations for Woodchopping & Sawing Contests.



## FEE SCHEDULE (cont.)

(FEES INCL. GST)

CLASSES	EVENT	DATE	RAS MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
<b>TREE FELLING EVENTS</b>				
300mm Tree Felling Handicap	No. 18	Friday 11 April (Heats) Saturday 12 April (Heats & Final)	\$41.25 Per Class Entry	\$55 Per Class Entry
<b>World Championship 325mm Tree Felling</b>	<b>No. 19</b>	<b>Thursday 17 April (Heats) Friday 18 April (Final)</b>	<b>\$71.25 Per Class Entry</b>	<b>\$95 Per Class Entry</b>
275mm Tree Felling Handicap Second Division	No. 19A	Friday 18 April (Heats) Saturday 19 April (Heats & Final)	\$41.25 Per Class Entry	\$55 Per Class Entry
275mm Tree Felling Handicap	No. 20	Tuesday 15 April (Heats) Wednesday 16 April March (Heats & Final)	\$41.25 Per Class Entry	\$55 Per Class Entry
300mm Tree Felling Handicap First Division	No. 21A	Sunday 13 April (Heats) Monday 14 April (Heats & Final)	\$41.25 Per Class Entry	\$55 Per Class Entry
275mm Tree Felling Handicap Second Division	No. 21B	Monday 14 April (Final)	\$41.25 Per Class Entry	\$55 Per Class Entry
<b>RELAY EVENTS</b>				
NSW Inter-Association Relay	No. 22	Friday 18 April	N/A	N/A
Interstate Teams Relay NSW, QLD, VIC & TAS	No. 23	Saturday 12 April	N/A	N/A
Under 21years State Relay NSW, QLD, VIC & TAS	No. 25	Saturday 19 April (Race 1) Sunday 20 April (Race 2) Monday 21 April (Race 3)	N/A	N/A
<b>SAWING EVENTS</b>				
<b>World Championship 375mm Sawing (Single Handed)</b>	<b>No. 26</b>	<b>Saturday 12 April</b>	<b>\$71.25 Per Class Entry</b>	<b>\$95 Per Class Entry</b>
375mm Handicap Sawing (Single handed)	No. 27	Sunday 20 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
<b>World Championship 600mm Sawing (Double Handed)</b>	<b>No. 28</b>	<b>Sunday 13 April</b>	<b>\$71.25 Per Class Entry</b>	<b>\$95 Per Class Entry</b>
500mm Handicap Sawing (Double Handed)	No. 29	Thursday 17 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
<b>TEAM EVENTS</b>				
<b>Parent and Child</b> 275mm Underhand and Standing Block Relay Handicap	No. 31A	Monday 21 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
<b>Team of Three Combination</b> 300mm Standing Block, Underhand and Tree Felling	No. 32	Saturday 19 April & Sunday 20 April (Heats) Monday 21 April (Final)	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
<b>Jack and Jill</b> 375mm Sawing (Double Handed) Championship	No. 33A	Wednesday 16 April	\$41.25 Per Class Entry	\$55 Per Class Entry
<b>Jack and Jill</b> 375mm Sawing (Double Handed) Handicap Second Division	No. 33B	Tuesday 15 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
<b>Team of Two</b> 600mm Standing Butchers Block First Division	No. 34A	Monday 21 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry

**FEE SCHEDULE (cont.)**

(FEES INCL. GST)

CLASSES	EVENT	DATE	RAS MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
<b>JUNIOR EVENTS</b>				
275mm Junior Underhand Championship (Under 18)	No. 35	Friday 18 April	\$26.25 Per Class Entry	\$35 Per Class Entry
275mm Junior Standing Block Championship (Under 18)	No. 36	Saturday 19 April	\$26.25 Per Class Entry	\$35 Per Class Entry
275mm Junior Underhand Handicap (Under 18)	No. 37	Sunday 20 April	\$26.25 Per Class Entry	\$35 Per Class Entry
Junior Development Program 275mm Underhand (12-16 Years)	No. 38	Saturday 19 April (Heats) Sunday 20 April (Finals)	By nomination only	By nomination only
275mm Junior Underhand Handicap (Under 21)	No. 39	Monday 21 April	\$26.25 Per Class Entry	\$35 Per Class Entry
<b>VETERANS EVENTS (60 and over)</b>				
<b>The Hayden Timbers</b> 500mm Veterans Sawing Handicap (Double Handed)	No. 40	Thursday 17 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
275mm Veterans Underhand Handicap	No. 41	Friday 18 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
250mm Veterans Standing Block Handicap	No. 42	Saturday 19 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
<b>WOMEN'S EVENTS</b>				
275mm Women's Underhand Handicap	No. 43	Friday 11 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
300mm Women's Sawing Handicap (Single Handed)	No. 44	Sunday 13 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
375mm Women's Sawing Championship (Double Handed)	No. 45	Saturday 12 April	\$41.25 Per Class Entry	\$55 Per Class Entry
300mm Women's Underhand Handicap	No. 46	Sunday 13 April	\$30 Per Class Entry	\$40 Per Class Entry
<b>Women's World Championship</b> <b>325mm Sawing (Single Handed)</b>	<b>No. 47</b>	<b>Monday 14 April</b>	<b>\$71.25 Per Class</b> <b>Entry</b>	<b>\$95 Per Class Entry</b>
<b>Women's World Championship</b> <b>275mm Underhand</b>	<b>No. 48</b>	<b>Tuesday 15 April</b>	<b>\$71.25 Per Class</b> <b>Entry</b>	<b>\$95 Per Class Entry</b>

# WOODCHOPPING AND SAWING

## CLOSING DAY OF ENTRY

Applications for Entry close

**Wednesday 27 November 2024**

Enter online at [www.rasnsw.com.au/woodchop](http://www.rasnsw.com.au/woodchop)

## ENTRY FEES

Refer to pages 7 to 10 of the Schedule.

All Fees are inclusive of GST.

## INCORRECT AND INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY

A Correction Fee of up to \$50 may be charged by the RAS, at its discretion, for each Application for Entry which is incorrect or incomplete. If an Application for Entry is not rectified in accordance with RAS' requirements, the entry may not be accepted by the RAS.

## PRIZES AND GST

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

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

### GST will apply:

- if an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as part of a business enterprise, the Exhibitor has an ABN, and the Exhibitor 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 Exhibitor must complete the **Tax Details** on the Application for Entry. Failure to do so will result in the RAS deducting 47% of the successful Exhibitor's prize money as Pay As You Go Tax (PAYG). The RAS recommends that the Exhibitor seeks professional advice before completing the Tax Details.*

## PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY

Prize money won during the Sydney Royal Easter Show will be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the account details provided at the time of Entry. If the bank details are incomplete or incorrect the RAS will attempt to contact prize winners to confirm payment details.

The RAS seeks to finalise all prize money payments by the end of June. Queries regarding unpaid prize money can be addressed to the Service Centre by email at [competitions@rasnsw.com.au](mailto:competitions@rasnsw.com.au).

Any prize money left unclaimed for a period in excess of six months, is deemed forfeited by the Exhibitor.

## 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.

## PERPETUAL TROPHIES

Perpetual Trophies remain the property of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW. Ownership of the Trophy does not pass to the winning Exhibitor. A medallion will be presented to the annual winner whose name will be engraved on the Trophy.

## 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 available on our website with a printed copy provided to each Competitor on arrival at the Show.
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

A condition of entering into the Competition is strict adherence to the following 'Regulations':

- Conditions of Entry to Sydney Showground located at [www.rasnsw.com.au](http://www.rasnsw.com.au);
- RAS General Regulations; and
- Special Regulations for Woodchopping and Sawing Contests in this Schedule.

These documents constitute the whole agreement upon which Entries are submitted unless otherwise authorised by the RAS.

Applications for Entry in the name of deceased Person(s) are not eligible.

The General Regulations apply to all sections of the Show. If there is any inconsistency between the General Regulations, and these Special Regulations for Woodchopping and Sawing Contests, the Special Regulations for Woodchopping and Sawing Contests prevail.

Copies of all Regulations are available from the administration office at the Showground. RAS General Regulations are available at [www.rasnsw.com.au](http://www.rasnsw.com.au)

## WITHDRAWALS

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.

To withdraw an Exhibit in part or in full, Exhibitors must log into their **online Competition entry system** account and select the Classes they wish to withdraw for each Exhibit and complete the withdrawal process.

## EVENT ACCEPTANCES

Applications for Entry are submitted when the required Entry Fee payment has been made by the Closing Date for entries. Payment and/or submission of an entry does not constitute acceptance of the entry by the RAS.

Where entries are not accepted into one or more Events in the Competition, the Entry Fees for those Events will be refunded by the RAS to the Exhibitor using the nominated bank account details in their myRAS account on the online Competition entry system.

No Entry will be accepted if the Application for Entry, whether or not duly completed, is received after the Closing Date.

An Application for Entry will NOT be accepted for Competitors without completed performance history for each entry type.

# SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR WOODCHOPPING AND SAWING CONTESTS

Special Regulations updates and changes since 2024 are highlighted yellow for Competitor reference.

These Special Regulations are derived from the Competition Rules of the Australian Axemen's Association (AAA) (updated July 2023) and apply to the Sydney Royal Woodchopping & Sawing Competition.

These Special Regulations include additional Special Regulations adopted by the RAS for the purposes of the Competition.

Note: words that are capitalised are defined under Definitions or in the body of the Special Regulations.

## KNOWLEDGE AND BINDING EFFECT OF SPECIAL REGULATIONS

1. It is the responsibility of all Competitors to be thoroughly conversant with these Special Regulations. Ignorance of any Special Regulation is not an excuse.
2. At a Competition, these Special Regulations are binding on all Persons present, including Persons who are not a Competitor.

## RISK WARNING

3. The sport of Woodchopping and Sawing is very strenuous. Axes and saws are also very sharp and could inflict serious personal injury (including death). As such, participation in a Competition may pose a risk to the health and wellbeing of a Competitor. By entering a Competition, each Competitor is representing to the Committee and to the RAS that they are fully fit, sufficiently experienced and capable of safely participating and has not been advised otherwise by a medical practitioner.

## INDEMNITY

4. By entering a Competition, each Competitor agrees that they are present at and competes in the Competition entirely at their own risk. Each and every Competitor at a Competition releases, indemnifies and holds harmless the Committee, each Official and the RAS, in respect of all claims, costs, demands, liabilities and proceedings arising out of or in any way related to the Competition or anything arising therefrom or connected therewith, including as a result of negligence.
5. The indemnity by a Competitor in Special Regulation 4 extends to and applies for the benefit of the Committee, each Official and the RAS in respect of any claim, costs, demands, liabilities and proceedings by or on behalf of a Person (whether or not that Person is a Competitor) who suffers loss, damage or injury arising out of or in any way related to any act or omission (whether or not intentional or accidental) by the Competitor.

## ENTRIES

6. A Person is not eligible to enter a Competition unless that Person is, at the date of entry:
  - (a) a paid up member of a Local Association, or
  - (b) in the case of a Person normally residing outside of Australia, is a paid up member of an association representing participants in the sport of Woodchopping and Sawing that is recognised as such by the AAA and the RAS.
 (See also Special Regulation 81)
7. No Person may enter or compete in a Competition unless approved by the Committee, which approval may be withheld (or, if given, may be at any time withdrawn) by the Committee in its discretion and without providing any reason.

8. An Entry Form will not be accepted unless accompanied by the prescribed Entry Fee.
9. If a Competitor seeks to enter an Event for which the Competitor is not eligible, the Entry Fee will be refunded.
10. Whether before or after the closing date for entries:
  - (a) the number of Competitors in any Event may be limited,
  - (b) the order in which Events are conducted may be varied as the Committee may in its absolute discretion determine.
11. If an Event has an age restriction, the Entry Form must be accompanied by a copy of the Person's birth certificate, or such other proof of age as may be acceptable to the Committee.
12. An entry will not be accepted by or in respect of a Person who, as at the first day of Show in which the Person seeks to compete, will not have attained the age of 12 years.
13. If in the opinion of the Committee:
  - (a) there are insufficient entries for an Event listed in the Catalogue,
  - (b) the level of skill or ability of any Competitor in that Event is inadequate,
 the Committee may in its sole discretion and at any time (including during the course of the Competition) decide not to conduct the Event (in which case Entry Fees paid in respect of that Event will be refunded).

## PERFORMANCES INFORMATION

14. As required by the Committee, a Competitor must submit with their Entry Form particulars of their last 6 performances in each relevant discipline, failing which the entry will be rejected.
15. If required by the Committee, a Competitor whose entry for a Competition has been accepted must also submit particulars of all performances since the date on which the Entry Form was submitted.
16. A Competitor who fails to comply with Special Regulation 15 may be Disqualified from competing at the Competition in question.

## HANDICAPPING

17. Competitors in Events conducted in heats or divisions shall be handicapped at the discretion of the Committee or the Handicapper.
18. Handicaps will be determined on the basis of form, inherent ability and performances and such other information as may be deemed by the Committee, or Handicapper, to be relevant.
19. The decision of the Committee, or the Handicapper, in respect of a Competitor's handicap is final and may not be challenged, the subject of a Protest or called into question by any Person.
20. The handicap of a Competitor may be adjusted at any time during the course of a Competition in such manner as the Committee or the Handicapper considers appropriate.
21. Handicaps are to be calculated to the nearest second.
22. The minimum handicap for a Competitor is 3 seconds.
23. It is the sole responsibility of the Competitor to be aware of their handicap.

## NOTIFICATION OF EVENTS ON THE DAY

24. The Committee reserves the right to alter the published Start Times for Events and to the extent reasonably practicable in the circumstances, any such alteration on the day of the Event will be notified via a public address system.

25. Despite Special Regulation 24, it is the sole responsibility of the Competitor to be aware of the time Events are due to commence.
26. The Committee may in its absolute discretion and without assigning any reason postpone or cancel any Event and any Competition. In the event of any such cancellation or postponement, the Committee may, in its absolute discretion, refund all or part of the Entry Fees paid by Competitors or may apply those fees towards the cost of entry to a subsequent Competition.

**SCRATCHING**

27. Scratchings must be notified to the Handicapper, no later than the commencement of the days events.
28. Unless the Committee decides otherwise, a Competitor who scratches from, or fails to compete in, or complete, an Event is not entitled to any refund of Entry Fee.
29. Unless the Committee decides otherwise, a Competitor who scratches from a heat after the handicaps applicable to that heat have been made public cannot compete in another heat for the same Event.

**NON-APPEARANCE OF COMPETITOR**

30. A Competitor who has not scratched but who fails to appear for an Event at the time the Event is due to commence forfeits the Entry Fee paid in respect of that Event and at the discretion of the Committee, may be liable to the following additional penalties:
  - (a) for a heat, \$100
  - (b) for a final or semi-final, \$150
  - (c) for a Championship, \$250.
31. A Competitor who is requested, or required, to attend a presentation of Awards, or any other form of presentation, but does not promptly attend, is liable to a penalty of \$300.
32. The penalties provided for in Special Regulations 30 and 31 are payable forthwith. Until such penalty has been paid, the Competitor is automatically Disqualified from competing in any further Events at the Competition and any other subsequent Competition.
33. Any penalty suffered by a Competitor that is not paid may be deducted from any prize money that the Competitor may have won.
34. Special Regulations 30 and 31 do not apply when the Competitor's non-appearance is due to injury, illness or other good and sufficient reason that the Committee, in its sole discretion, may accept.

**DRESS**

35. Unless determined otherwise by the Committee, all Persons competing (or, in the case of a Deputy or a Wedger, assisting) in an Event must be dressed as follows:
  - (a) long white trousers;
  - (b) a singlet which must be white or such other colour and design as the Committee provides or in its discretion considers appropriate, having regard to the Event in question.
  - (c) unless specifically approved by the Committee, a hat or cap may not be worn.
36. Unless determined otherwise by the Committee:
  - (a) all Competitors in Underhand Events must wear chain mesh socks whilst competing, and
  - (b) all Competitors in Standing Block Events must wear chain mesh shin guards whilst competing.
37. All Competitors, Deputies and Wedgers must at all times keep their Dress in a clean and tidy condition. A Competitor,

Deputy or Wedger whose Dress is not clean and tidy may be directed to change their Dress.

38. A Competitor who fails (or whose Deputy or Wedger fail) to promptly comply with Special Regulations 35 to 37 will be Disqualified from any Event in question by the Committee.
39. All Officials at a Competition whose responsibilities require them to enter the Arena must be dressed as required by the Committee.
40. Each Competitor who gains a place in an Event and is by these Special Regulations required at the presentation of Awards must be dressed as required by Special Regulations 35 to 37. A Competitor who is not so dressed may be penalised 25% of any prize money won by the Competitor in the Event in question (and, in addition, may be penalised such further or other penalty that may be imposed by the Committee pursuant to these Special Regulations).
41. At a presentation of Awards, a Competitor must not hold, wear or display, or stand adjacent to any thing relating to any sponsorship or other support the Competitor may have received, except as expressly permitted by these Special Regulations. A hat or cap displaying a private sponsor's logo may only be worn after completion of the Award presentation.

**SPONSOR LOGO**

42. No Competitor's private sponsor's logo may be worn on Competition singlets.
43. Subject to Special Regulation 44, a Competitor's private sponsor's logo may be worn in the vertical position on a leg of a Competitor's trousers, but only in the calf or thigh region, or on the seat of the trousers. In no case may such a logo be larger than 100mm by 250mm. (unless specifically previously approved in writing by the Committee).
44. The Committee may require a private sponsor's logo to be removed when, in the opinion of the Committee, the logo is offensive, in bad taste, or is in conflict with a commercial arrangement to which the RAS is a party. A Competitor who fails or refuses to comply with any such requirement is automatically Disqualified from competing in the Competition until such requirement is complied with.
45. The Committee may require a Competitor, at a presentation of Awards, to wear on their Dress an insignia, logo or wording relating to any sponsorship.
- 45A. A Person must not:
  - (a) distribute, publish, wear or display,
  - (b) cause to be distributed, published, worn or displayed,
  - (c) be concerned in the distribution, publication, wearing or display of,
  - (d) suffer or permit the distribution, publication, wearing or display of,any material or thing that, in the opinion of the Committee, is in conflict with any arrangement of sponsorship or support entered into between the RAS, or the Committee, and a third party.
- 45B. Unless the Committee decides otherwise, a Competitor who in the opinion of the Committee has breached Special Regulation 45A automatically:
  - (a) forfeits all Awards that the Competitor has won at the Competition,
  - (b) is ineligible to compete in any further Events at the Competition, and
  - (c) is not entitled to any refund of Entry Fees paid in respect of the Competition; and
  - (d) is ineligible to enter the Competition to be held in the ensuing year.

45C. Where Special Regulation 45B(a) applies, the Competitor in question is deemed to have come last in all the Events in which the Competitor competed and the Committee may, in its discretion, adjust all placings and Awards in such Events in such manner as the Committee sees fit.

#### SETTING UP OF LOGS

46. Competitors have sole responsibility for the correct, safe and secure setting up of logs. A Competitor may delegate the task, but not the responsibility, of setting up to a Deputy.
47. In respect of a Tree Felling Event:
- the Competitor is solely responsible for safely and securely affixing the log to the tree;
  - the Committee is solely responsible for ensuring that the tree is safely secured in the device holding the tree upright.
48. If any Official considers that a log has not been correctly, safely and securely set up, that Official may require the Competitor to forthwith re-set the log (for which a reasonable time will be allowed). A Competitor who does not promptly comply with this Special Regulation may be Disqualified by the Official from the Event in question.
49. Competitors (or a Deputy who is assisting the Competitor with setting up the log) must be at their log in sufficient time to complete setting up before the time at which the Event is scheduled to start.
50. Competitors in Underhand and Standing Block Events must set up their logs so that they finish the contest facing the Judge (unless directed otherwise by the Official in Charge).
51. In the case of a Tree Felling Event, Competitors must set up their logs at least 45 minutes before the scheduled Start Time (or such other time as the Committee in its discretion may direct).
52. In the case of all other Events (except Tree Felling) and to the extent practicable, the log must be completely set up no less than 5 minutes before the scheduled Start Time.

#### THE DRAW

53. All logs will be numbered. Except in the case of Championship Events, logs will be allocated by lot drawn by an Official. In the case of Championship Events, logs will be allocated and drawn by an Official in the presence of a Competitor for the Event in question or if no such Competitor is immediately available, a Competitor in another Event.
54. The draw will be conducted in such a manner that the result is random. The result of the draw may then be transcribed onto a card or label and affixed to the appropriate log. Alternatively, the result of the draw may be written on the log.
55. A Competitor may only chop, or saw, the log drawn for that Competitor. A Competitor who before the log has been delivered into the Arena cuts or in any manner interferes with the log wrapping or changes, or attempts to change, the log allocated to that Competitor, without the prior approval of the Official in Charge, is immediately Disqualified from all Events in the Competition (including Events already conducted at that Competition, in respect of which the Competitor also forfeits any Award won).
56. In relay Events, where logs are the same size, Competitors may choose which logs they cut in a particular manner.

#### LOGS

57. All logs intended for use in a Competition are and unless sold pursuant to the following Special Regulation, remain the property of the Committee.

58. Subject to Special Regulation 65, if a log is for any reason not required for an Event or for the Competition, it may be purchased by a Competitor for practice or testing.
59. Any logs not sold to a Competitor pursuant to Special Regulation 65 may be sold or disposed of by the Committee in such manner and to such Persons as the Committee deems fit.
60. Logs may be of any variety of timber approved by the Committee and the variety, or any particular log, may (subject to Special Regulation 61) be changed by the Committee without notice.
61. Different varieties of timber may be used for individual Events, save that for each particular Event, all the logs must be from the same tree.
62. Logs used in a Competition must comply with the following provisions:
- logs must be measured by diameter and not by girth or circumference;
  - a diameter that is as uniform as practical within a tolerance of plus or minus 2mm (save for Championship Events, where the tolerance is reduced to plus or minus 1mm);
  - a minimum length of 610mm for logs intended for chopping;
  - in the case of logs intended for sawing, logs of any length may be used, as determined by the Committee, provided that 50mm (or such greater amount as the Committee in its discretion may decide) is allowed per cut.
63. All measurements are to be undertaken with a metal tape measure graduated in metric measurements, with all measures being correct within 1mm. Approved diameter measurements are 250mm, 275mm, 300mm, 325mm, 350mm, 375mm, 400mm, 450mm, 500mm, 600mm and 750mm.
64. Any dispute or difference relating to the logs must be notified to the Official in Charge prior to the commencement of the Event Fin question. The Official in Charge will make a decision in respect of the dispute or difference, which decision is final and binding and not subject to appeal or Protest by any Person.

#### PRACTICE

65. A Competitor:
- must not practice or test an axe or saw in the Arena;
  - may only practice or test an axe or saw on a log that the Competitor has first purchased, as provided by Special Regulation 58 above.
66. A log may not be removed from the Arena before the Event in respect of which the log was intended.

#### PERSONS ALLOWED IN ARENA

67. During the setting up of logs for an Event, the only Persons permitted into the Arena are:
- the Competitor in the Event in question;
  - only one other Person who is acting as the Deputy for a Competitor,
  - Officials,
  - guests of Officials.
68. Principal responsibility for ensuring compliance with Special Regulation 67 rests on the Competitor. A Competitor who fails to assist an Official in the enforcement of Special Regulation 67 may be scratched from the Event in question by the Official in Charge.

69. During the conduct of an Event, the only Persons permitted into the Arena are:
- the Competitor;
  - in the case of a sawing Event, the Wedger for a Competitor competing in that Event;
  - in the case of a Tree Felling Event, the board puller for a Competitor;
  - in the case of a Junior Event, a coach or parent or guardian as provided in Special Regulation 93;
  - Officials;
  - Any Person authorised by the Woodchop Committee.
70. In sawing Events, the Wedger must not enter the Arena before the Competitor for whom they are acting as Wedger has been called for the Event. A Wedger must comply with the dress Special Regulations that apply to a Competitor (see Special Regulations 35 and 37 above).
71. At the end of an Event, no Person other than an Official may enter the Arena until the "all clear" is given.
72. At the end of an Event, no Person (including a Competitor) other than an Official shall approach a Competitor or inspect the Equipment or the log prior to the "all clear" being given.
73. A Junior or Novice Competitor is only allowed in the Arena for setting up and cutting a log for their Event, unless special permission to be in the Arena on another occasion has been provided by an Official.
74. Except as provided in Special Regulations 67 to 73 above, no Person may enter, traverse or remain in the Arena, unless that Person is undertaking a specific task at the direction of the Official in Charge.

#### AXES AND SAWS

75. Unless immediately required for use in an Event, axes and saws must at all times be covered on the cutting edge in such a manner that injury to any Person cannot occur.
76. All axes must be:
- securely pinned with at least one 3mm pin that protrudes continuously through the axe head and axe handle and thus secures the handle to the axe and
  - upon demand by an Official, immediately produced for inspection by any Official.
77. Any non-compliance with Special Regulation 76 will result in:
- the immediate Disqualification of the Competitor concerned for that day of Competition (including in respect of Events in which the Competitor may already have competed on that day);
  - forfeiture of any Award already won by the Competitor at the Competition;
  - the imposition of such fine, being no more than \$500, as the Committee considers appropriate in the circumstances, which fine is payable forthwith; and
  - the Competitor being ineligible from competing at any Competition until such time as the Competitor has satisfied the Committee and the NSWAA that all axes brought, or that may be brought, into an Arena by the Competitor have been satisfactorily pinned.
78. Except in the case of hard hitting (refer Special Regulation 101), axes:
- must be of a type approved by the Committee,
  - must be of conventional type with one continuous cutting edge,
  - otherwise may be of any weight or blade width.

#### STARTING

79. A Competitor not present at their designated place in the Arena at the Start Time is automatically Disqualified from that Event.
80. A Competitor who starts cutting before the Start Time will be Disqualified. The decision of the Judge on this question is final and no appeal or Protest is available. If an Event is recorded using Technology, the Judge and the Official in Charge, or their deputy, may have regard to what is shown on the recording in coming to a decision.
- The commencement of which a Championship event / Relay is to commence on is to be the count of 3.

#### COMPETITION

81. Notwithstanding compliance with Special Regulation 6, a Person is not eligible to compete unless as at the date of the Competition:
- if normally resident in Australia, the Competitor is a registered and duly paid up member of a Local Association, or
  - in the case of a Competitor normally resident outside of Australia, the Competitor produces, on demand, documentary evidence that they are a paid up member of an association representing participants in the sport of Woodchopping and Sawing that is recognised as such by the AAA and the RAS.
82. Woodchopping and Sawing contests will be conducted in heats, semi-finals and finals, or as otherwise determined by the Committee having regard to the number of Competitors.
83. Competitors in heats must continue chopping (or sawing) until at least 3 other Competitors have severed their logs. A Competitor who fails to adhere to this Special Regulation may be subject to Disqualification or such other penalty as the Committee decides, unless the Judge is satisfied that the Competitor is suffering from exhaustion, or has a damaged axe or saw, or should be excused for other sufficient reason.
84. Before the Start Time, neither a Competitor nor their Deputy, nor any other Person, is permitted to make any mark with an axe or saw on the log, provided that in an Underhand Event the Competitor (or their Deputy) may make a foothold and in a Standing Block Event, a doghold. Breach of this Special Regulation will result in Disqualification.
85. Pushing or pulling the log with an axe, or pushing the log with a foot or hand including the application of undue pressure to the loose (ie unfixed) end after the last blow has been delivered by raising the foot and kicking downwards, forwards or backwards, will result in Disqualification.
86. Except when setting up and securing a log, a Competitor must not cut or trim the log, or hit it with any part of the axe.
87. Axes and saws must completely sever logs into at least 2 parts.
88. During the conduct of an Event, no Person may render physical assistance of any kind to a Competitor, except in the case of injury to or illness of the Competitor (having first obtained permission from the Official in Charge or the Judge), or in an emergency.
89. At the completion of chopping or sawing, Competitors must remain at their logs until the "all clear" is given.
90. Other than in the case of Tree Felling:
- the Judge has a discretion to direct a Competitor in any Event to cease competing after 2 minutes from the Backmarker's Start Time, or at any time if in the opinion of the Judge the Competitor appears to be unwell or in undue distress;



(b) despite (a), a Competitor who has not completely severed their log within 3 minutes from the Backmarker's Start Time may be directed by the Judge to cease chopping or sawing.

A direction by the Judge pursuant to (a) or (b) above may not be the subject of a Protest or appeal of any kind.

91. Special Regulation 90 applies in the case of Tree Felling and Butcher's Block, except that the times are altered to 8 minutes and 12 minutes respectively.

### JUNIOR LEVEL COMPETITORS

92. In addition to complying with Rule 35 in relation to Dress, a Person may compete at Junior level only if the Person wears chain mesh socks and chain mesh shin guards. A Person who does not comply with this Rule is automatically ineligible for the Event in question and will not be allowed to compete in that Event. Further, if a Person competes in an Event in breach of this Rule, the Person is not eligible for any Award in respect of the Event and will be deemed to have finished last.

93. (a) During the conduct of a Junior Event, either the coach or a parent or guardian (in each case being a paid up member of a Local Association) of that Junior Competitor may, at their option be present in the Arena, but must at all times during the Event: Any such Person must:

- (i) remain in such place within the Arena as the Judge or the Official in Charge nominates.
- (ii) conduct himself in an orderly and appropriate manner.

(b) A Person who does not comply with paragraph (a) must, if so directed by the Judge or Official in Charge, forthwith leave the Arena, failing which the Competitor may be directed to cease chopping (or sawing, as appropriate) and/or may be Disqualified. Where a Person concerned has left the Arena, the Judge may, at their discretion, permit a substitute to enter the Arena.

94. A Junior Competitor who is competing may only use an axe not exceeding a weight that has been determined by the Local Association of which the Junior Competitor is a member. However, if it appears to the Judge or the Official in Charge that the axe is too large or heavy for the Competitor, the Competitor may be directed by the Judge or Official in Charge to use a different axe that is more suited to the Competitor.

95. Special Regulation 72 applies.

### SLABBING

96. It is the responsibility of the Competitor to take precautions to prevent slabbing. A Competitor who cuts a Slab from their log is liable to Disqualification. However, the Competitor will not be Disqualified if they sever the slabbed piece of timber without assistance from any other Person and before the "all clear" is given. This Special Regulation also applies in the case of an unsevered splinter, if the splinter does not exceed 12mm in thickness in its greatest dimension at the saw cut, foothold or doghold end: however, this exception does not apply if the log is held together by that splinter, irrespective of how thin the splinter may be.

97. Permitted anti-slabbing precautions are:

- Nailing the end of the log,
- Banding the end of the log with wire, strapping or tape,
- Any other method prescribed by the Committee.

### HARD HITTING

Title Events

98. All World and Australian championship hard hitting Events must be Restricted Events.

99. The Committee may decide, in respect of a State Title, that a hard hitting Event will be either a Restricted Event or an Unrestricted Event. The decision must be advertised in the Schedule.

Unrestricted Event

100. Hard hitting may be either a Standing Block, or Underhand, as the Committee decides. The Competitor must completely sever (ie no remaining splinters) the log within 2 minutes of the Start Time. An Official must not inspect the log before the expiration of 2 minutes, unless the Competitor has indicated that they have finished chopping. The Competitor may not thereafter resume chopping.

101. Despite Special Regulation 96, all Slabs must be completely severed, irrespective of the precautions taken to prevent slabbing. 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 the Competitor or a third party if another blow was struck, the Competitor must remove the chip using the back of the axe only. A Competitor who uses any part of their body to remove a chip will incur Disqualification.

102. Axes of any size, weight or shape may be used.

103. A Competitor may rest the axe on the block between blows to assist balance, but in doing so must not touch the Scarf with the cutting edge of the axe: to do so will be counted as a blow.

Restricted Event

104. Special Regulation 100 applies. However, the Committee may alter the 2 minute time period to suit wood types.

105. The axe must be of a type approved by the Committee and must not exceed 3kg in overall weight and the cutting edge must not exceed 180mm in width.

106. A Competitor must not twist or wrench the axe, or remove or break a chip by movement of the axe head, after the Competitor has completed the blow and the blade of the axe has finished its penetration into the wood. Each breach of this Special Regulation shall add an extra hit to the score.

107. Pushing a chip with the nose of the axe constitutes a blow and is counted as a hit.

108. A Competitor will incur Disqualification if the Competitor:

- (a) touches by hand any part of the Scarf;
- (b) in the opinion of the Judge, has deliberately split the log.

109. 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 the Competitor or a third party if another blow was struck, the Competitor must remove the chip using the back of the axe only. A Competitor who uses any part of his body to remove a chip will incur Disqualification.

Applicable to both Restricted and Unrestricted hard hitting

110. A chip must be lifted or dislodged from each side of the block.

111. In the event of a tie in the number of hits, placings will be determined by the fastest times.

112. In hard hitting using a Standing Block, the Scarf is to be cut using the conventional method. In particular, the V cut is prohibited.

### SAWING

113. The Competitor must, to the best of their ability, start their cut within the allocated amount of wood. In the instance of the unfixed end not being square, the allocated amount of wood shall be measured from the shortest distance from the fixed end to the unfixed end.

- 114.** Lubricant may be used on a saw prior to and during an Event.
- 115.** The saw cut must saw through the log from one side only. For the avoidance of doubt, Special Regulation 96 applies to sawing.
- 116.** In the case of single handed sawing, the free end of the saw must be free of any handle or any weight device.
- 117.** A Wedger must stand at the opposite end of the log to the saw cut, but must not in any way touch or guide a saw or that portion of the log which is being sawn off. Any breach of this Special Regulation will incur Disqualification for the Competitor and, if applicable, the team of which the Competitor is a member.
- 118.** All saws used by Competitors must be of a type approved by the Committee.

**TREE FELLING**

- 119.** Trimming of tree poles is permitter to the Competitor's discretion in order to make it safe for the Competitor to climb the tree pole but must not inhibit the next Competitor to climb this pole.
- 120.** Cutting of practice board holes in trees erected for Competition is prohibited.
- 121.** Competitors must put 3 boards into a tree above each other in the following manner:
- (a) the first board must be approximately 1 metre from the ground with the toe of the board inserted into a new board hole cut by the Competitor;
  - (b) the second board must be approximately 2 metres from the ground - otherwise as per (a);
  - (c) the third board must be approximately 3 metres from the ground - otherwise as per (a).
- From the third board the Competitor must cut the front Scarf, then descend, removing each board to the ground, then ascend on the other side of the tree, placing the boards as provided in (a), (b) and (c) above, and from the third board continue cutting.
- 122.** (a) Logs must not be cut from one side only.  
(b) All boards must be positioned in a board hole without any handling or supporting device.  
(c) The Competitor must not have any attachment from their Person to the tree or any device which could assist them to remain on the board, except that a non-skid surface on the upper surface of the board and/or the soles of the Competitor's shoes is permitted.  
(d) A Competitor who cuts into an existing board hole may be Disqualified, unless, within 5 minutes prior to the commencement of the Event, the Competitor has informed the Judge that having regard to the position of an existing board hole, that board hole may be slightly cut into and the Judge is of the opinion that this is reasonable in the circumstances.
- 123.** Two board trees shall be cut in the manner described in Special Regulations 121 and 122, unless the Committee decides otherwise.

**UNDERHAND CONTESTS**

- 124.** A Scarf must be cut clear of both footholds. A Competitor who cuts into a foothold is Disqualified.
- 125.** A Competitor must only cut whilst standing on the log. If the Competitor is dislodged from their position on the log before the log is completely severed, they must reposition themselves on the log before continuing to chop. However, a Competitor may get off a log to cut a Slab which may be chopped where it lies or after the Competitor has placed the Slab on the log.

- 126.** The cut must be made by cutting the Scarf on the front side of the log to about half way through, then a Scarf must be made on the back side of the log and chopping continue until the log is completely severed.

**STANDING BLOCK CONTESTS**

- 127.** A Scarf must be cut clear of all dogholds. A Competitor who cuts into a doghold is Disqualified.
- 128.** Special Regulation 126 applies to this contest. Circumferential cutting of the log is prohibited.

**NOVICE CONTESTS**

- 129.** A Novice Competitor ceases to be Novice in a Discipline if the Competitor wins an Open Event in the same Discipline.

**RELAY CONTESTS** (see also Special Regulations 175 to 182)

Butcher's Block (one Competitor at a time)

- 130.** The first Competitor commences the chop by opening a Scarf and cutting into the log to approximately half way through, during which time the Competitor's partner Competitor must remain in a neutral area as defined by the Committee. Upon completion of their cut, the first Competitor must retire to the neutral area. The partner Competitor then commences cutting by opening a Scarf on the opposite side of the log and cutting until the log is completely severed, during which time the first Competitor must remain in the neutral area. Circumferential cutting of the block is prohibited.
- 131.** Once the partner Competitor has commenced cutting, the first Competitor must not cut or touch the log. Breach of this Special Regulation will result in Disqualification of both Competitors.

Butcher's Block (two Competitors at a time)

- 132.** The two Competitors may cut the log either alternatively or simultaneously from both sides or, when the block is greater than 500mm in diameter, simultaneously on the same side.
- 133.** A Competitor must not, in the Committee's opinion, intentionally split the top or bottom of the Scarf. Breach of this Special Regulation will result in Disqualification of both Competitors.

Team Relay

- 134.** Teams of Competitors shall be as approved by the Committee. Each team must appoint a team captain.
- 135.** During the contest, the team captain may stand adjacent to the next Competitor to cut and as soon as the previous Competitor has completed the cut, tell that Competitor to commence cutting. If a Competitor commences cutting before the previous Competitor has finished cutting, or the team captain tells the Competitor to start cutting before the previous Competitor has completed the cut, the team is automatically Disqualified.
- 136.** Prior to completion of the second last cut, the team captain must move to their cutting position. The team captain must not commence cutting until the previous team Competitor has completed the cut. Should the team captain start cutting before the previous Competitor has completed the cut, the team is automatically Disqualified.
- 137.** Except for the team captain, all team members must remain at their respective blocks after they have completed their cut until the last cut has been completed.
- 138.** Where, in a team relay Event, all blocks are of the same diameter, those blocks may be drawn in team lots and placed by the team in any position.

**COMBINATION CONTESTS**

- 139.** In a single man contest, the Competitor must cut 2 logs each: one Underhand and one Standing Block. The Underhand must be cut first and immediately that log is completely severed, the Competitor must cut the Standing Block. After commencing to cut the Standing Block, the Competitor cannot return to the Underhand log.
- 140.** In a two man combination, the first Competitor must cut the Underhand log first and if both Competitors are using the same axe, immediately that log is completely severed, the first Competitor must place the axe against a log for the second Competitor to pick up and commence cutting the Standing Block, until it is completely severed. If the Competitors are not using the same axe, the second Competitor must not commence cutting until after the first Competitor has finished cutting.
- 141.** In both single man and two man combinations, the Competitors may set up the logs in any way they choose (provided that the logs are of the same diameter), except that in the interests of safety, the Judge or the Official in Charge may direct the Competitors to re-position the logs.
- 142.** Special Regulations 124 to 128 apply to combination contests.

**PROTESTS**

- 143.** Subject to these Special Regulations, a Competitor directly affected by the placings in any Event may lodge a Protest. A Protest may be lodged verbally or in writing, but a verbal Protest must be confirmed in writing if so required by the Official in Charge.
- Where the Competitor is a Junior, he/she may be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- 144.** All Protests must be accompanied by a fee of \$100 (or such greater amount as the Committee may have announced prior to the Competition). If the Protest is upheld, the fee is returned; if the Protest fails, the fee is forfeited.
- 145.** All Protests must be made to the Official in Charge, or their deputy, either before, or within 10 minutes of, the public announcement of the placings in the Event. Late Protests will not be accepted.
- 146.** The Committee will consider the Protest and announce its decision as soon as practicable. Where there is Technology in use which would assist the consideration of the Protest, it is to be used. The Committee's decision in relation to the Protest is final.
- 147.** No Person, other than the Committee and the Judge, is allowed into any area where they may see any equipment used in the judging process. Breach of this Special Regulation may be penalised in such manner as the Committee sees fit, including relegation of the Competitor to last place in the Event in respect of which this Special Regulation was breached.
- 148.** Despite Special Regulation 147, but only after any Protest has been determined, the Competitor who has lodged the Protest in question may, at the Committee's discretion, be permitted to view the video recording of the Event. Where the Competitor is a Junior accompanied by a parent or guardian, the parent or guardian may also view the video recording of the Event.

**TIMING**

- 149.** Timing of all Events must be to the nearest one hundredth of a second.

**LOG INSPECTION AFTER CUTTING**

- 150.** At the end of each Event the Judge and an Official will inspect each log for compliance with these Special Regulations. They will then signal that everything is in order, or not. If the inspection reveals a breach of these Special Regulations, which could affect the placings, the Official in Charge must then be so advised. The Judge and the Official in Charge must then determine whether or not the Special Regulations have been breached and in doing so, may have regard to what is revealed by any Technology recording of the Event.

**JUDGING**

- 151.** Each Event is initially judged visually by the Judge, who will then provide their assessment of placings to the Official in Charge or their deputy. If there is more than one Judge and they have differing opinions as to the placings, the matter must be referred to the Official in Charge who will then determine the matter using such Technology as may be available. Subject only to the right of a Competitor to Protest (if permitted by these Special Regulations) and the application of Special Regulation 148, the decision of the Official in Charge will be final and conclusive.
- 152.** If an Event is recorded using Technology, the Judge and the Official in Charge, or their deputy, may have regard to what is shown on the recording in coming to a decision.

**PRIZE MONEY**

- 153.** If there is prize money payable in respect of an Event, it will be paid in such manner as the Committee decides.
- 154.** If prize money is payable to a Competitor who lives out of Australia, the Competitor assumes the risk of currency fluctuations and of any fees that may be payable in respect of international transfer of funds.
- 155.** In circumstances where GST is, or may be, payable on or in respect of prize money, a Competitor must comply with the requirements of the RAS in respect of GST obligations.

**THE COMMITTEE**

- 156.** The Committee is:
- responsible for the running and organisation of the Competition;
  - empowered to do all things necessary or desirable to that end;
  - subject to these Special Regulations, the final arbiter on any matter arising in relation to the Competition.
- 157.** The Committee may appoint such Persons as Officials as the Committee deems fit:

**ROLE OF OFFICIALS**

- 158.** The role of an Official is to undertake the tasks assigned by the Committee or the Official in Charge.
- 159.** An Official must not provide any advice or guidance to a Competitor in respect of any matter which could give that Competitor an advantage over other Competitors.

**CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE**

- 160.** The Committee is empowered to deal with all breaches of these Special Regulations in such manner as the Committee deems fit. Other than providing an opportunity to be heard in respect of an alleged breach of the Special Regulations, the Committee is not bound by any rules of procedural fairness and may:
- obtain evidence in such manner and from such Persons as the Committee sees fit;
  - have regard to hearsay evidence, provided such evidence is corroborated by other evidence;

- (c) undertake its deliberations in such manner and at such times and places as the Committee considers appropriate;
- (d) conduct its business by means of electronic communication and without meeting;
- (e) determine any penalty without first giving the Person concerned an opportunity to be heard in respect of penalty.

**161.** Any Person who, whether present at a Competition, or not, acts in breach of these Special Regulations, may be dealt with by the Committee.

**162.** At a Competition all Persons must:

- (a) conduct themselves in a polite, civil manner;
- (b) promptly obey any direction given by the Committee or an Official;
- (c) comply with these Special Regulations;
- (d) not be unruly, or cause or contribute to any dissent or argument over any matter relating to an Event or the Competition;
- (e) in the case of a Competitor, not compete with any alcohol detectable by breath test, or in the bloodstream, nor consume any alcoholic beverage until after the Competitor has competed in their last Event for the day in question.
- (f) not within 72 hours of the start of, or during, a Competition take or consume any drug, whether or not that drug may affect the Competitor's performance, unless:
  - (i) that drug has been prescribed by a medical practitioner and a copy of the prescription has been provided to the Committee before the Competitor competes in any Event;
  - (ii) in the case of a drug that has not been prescribed by a medical practitioner, particulars have been provided to the Committee before the Competitor competes in an Event, and
  - (iii) in the case of each of (i) and (ii) above, the Committee is of the opinion that the Competitor should be allowed to compete.
- (g) not deceive, or in any way attempt to deceive, the Committee or any Official at the Competition;
- (h) strictly adhere to the Code of Conduct;
- (i) in the case of a Competitor, when requested to do so, strictly comply with any requirement of the Committee, or the RAS, or any Person authorised by the Committee or the RAS, in relation to the testing of breath, or blood, for the purpose of detecting the presence of alcohol, or in relation to obtaining a saliva sample, for the purpose of detecting the presence of any drug;
- (j) and whether or not at a Competition, not, by their words or actions, denigrate or bring into disrepute any Person, connected in any way with the sport of Woodchopping and Sawing.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 162A(a)** This Special Regulation applies to all Persons who are Competitors, or who have in the past been Competitors, or who in the future seek to be a Competitor.
- (b) Whether or not at a Competition, a Person must not, by their words or actions, or inaction, denigrate or bring into disrepute any Person connected in any way with the Sydney Royal Easter Show Woodchopping and Sawing Competition.

- (c) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (b), a Person must not
  - (i) publish or display,
  - (ii) cause to be published or displayed,
  - (iii) be concerned in the publication or display of,
  - (iv) suffer or permit the publication or display of,
 in any media (including without limitation any social media), any words or images which denigrate or bring into disrepute an Official.
- (d) Unless otherwise decided by the Committee, any Person (being a Competitor) who in the opinion of the Committee has breached this Special Regulation 162A automatically:
  - (i) if the breach occurred at or in the course of a Competition, forfeits all Awards that the Competitor has won at the Competition;
  - (ii) is ineligible to compete in any further Event at the Competition, and
  - (iii) is not entitled to a refund of Entry Fees paid in respect of the Competition, and
  - (iv) is ineligible to enter the Competitions to be conducted by the Committee in the ensuing two years.
- (e) Any Person, not being a Competitor at the time of the breach, who in the opinion of the Committee has breached Special Regulation 162A is automatically ineligible to enter any future Competition conducted by the Committee.

**163.** A Person is deemed to have breached Special Regulation 162(a) if that Person conducts himself in an unacceptable manner. Unacceptable conduct includes, without limitation, bad or unseemly language, denigration of other Persons, displays of temper, mistreatment of an axe or saw, throwing anything, dropping anything to the ground from a height above ground level, unjustified complaint concerning the timber, the timber supplier or any Official, refusal or unreasonable delay in complying with a direction of an Official, and any other conduct which in the opinion of the Committee is contrary to the interests of the sport of Woodchopping and Sawing.

**164.** Conduct in breach of Special Regulation 162(a) will incur an immediately payable fine of \$100 plus such other additional penalty that the Committee in its discretion may (within the ensuing 60 days) decide to impose.

**165.** If at any Competition a Competitor breaches Special Regulation 162(a) on more than one occasion, a fine of \$200 in respect of each breach after the first, is immediately incurred and payable, plus such other additional penalty that the Committee in its discretion may (within the ensuing 60 days) decide to impose.

**166.** A Competitor who has been fined as provided in Special Regulations 164 and 165 is Disqualified from further competing at the Competition until the fine has been paid.

**167.** If during the course of a Competition, or a series or number of Competitions, a Competitor acts in breach of any of the provisions of Special Regulation 162, on more than 3 occasions, the Committee:

- (a) may declare the Competitor ineligible from further competing at that Competition, and/or any subsequent Competition conducted by the Committee, for such period as the Committee sees fit;
- (b) will promptly inform the relevant SAA and the AAA of the circumstances.

**168.** When imposing a penalty for a breach of any of these Special Regulations, the Committee shall have an unfettered discretion to impose such penalty as it considers appropriate in the circumstances, which may comprise or include a monetary fine, suspension or cancellation of membership of the RAS, Disqualification, a declaration of ineligibility from entering or being present at any Competition, or any combination of the foregoing.

**169.** A Competitor who, after two requests fails or refuses to comply with Special Regulations 162(i), is automatically Disqualified from competing in an Event for the ensuing 24 hours.

#### DISPUTES COMMITTEE

**170.** The Committee has the discretion to authorise the establishment of a Disputes Committee. If so authorised, a Disputes Committee may be established prior to, or during, the conduct of a Competition. The Disputes Committee will comprise one member of the Committee, an Official with responsibility for the Arena, and two (2) association representatives. The names of the Persons who are members of the Disputes Committee will be made known by public notice, or announcement, as soon as practical following its establishment.

**171.** The role of the Disputes Committee is to informally and without delay conciliate any issues or complaints raised by Competitors, relating to the Competition. If any matter cannot be resolved by the Disputes Committee, it will be reported to the Committee for further attention.

#### MEDIA EXPOSURE

**172.** By entering a Competition, Competitors agree that the Committee, or a Person authorised by the Committee, has the right to film, photograph or otherwise record the image, appearance, name, voice and likeness of the Competitor and to use that material in any way and in any media (and without the Competitor having any right of prior inspection or approval). Each Competitor warrants to the Committee that the use of such material in any manner as contemplated by this Special Regulation will not infringe the rights of any other Person.

#### RESPONSIBILITY FOR POSSESSIONS

**173.** Competitors are solely responsible for the security of their own possessions and neither the Committee nor the RAS nor any other Person in any way connected with the organisation or conduct of the Competition accepts any responsibility for lost, mislaid or stolen property.

**174.** To the extent practicable, the Committee will provide each Competitor with a single locker. Competitors must:

- (a) provide their own padlocks for their locker;
- (b) use only the locker assigned to them;
- (c) at the direction of a member of the Committee, open their locker and allow the Official and/or the NSW Police to inspect the contents.

A Competitor who fails or refuses to comply with paragraph (b) or (c) may at the discretion of the Committee be Disqualified from competing in any subsequent Event at the Competition.

#### RELAY COMPETITIONS – ADDITIONAL SPECIAL REGULATIONS

##### Interstate and Overseas Team Relay Contests

**175.** This Event (Underhand and Standing Block) shall comprise teams of 6 Competitors including a captain as approved by the Committee. The procedure for cutting shall be as in a Combination Contest (see Special Regulations 139 to 141).

**176.** Teams medley relay Events shall consist of 4 teams of 7 Competitors as approved by the Committee. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, Competitors must cut in the following order: Butcher's Block, Underhand, Double Handed Sawing, Standing Block and Tree Felling.

##### International Relays

**177.** The men's international relay team shall consist of 7 Competitors including a captain and will be run over 3 contests and consist of and be cut in the following order: 325mm Underhand, 325mm Standing Block, 375mm Single Handed Sawing, 500mm Double Handed Sawing, 325mm Underhand and 325mm Standing Block. At the discretion of the Committee, the team may be increased to 8 Competitors by the addition of a Competitor using a Chainsaw.

**178.** The women's international relay team shall consist of 7 Competitors including a captain and will be run over 3 contests and shall consist of and be cut in the following order: 275mm Underhand, 375mm Double Handed Sawing, 325mm Single Handed Sawing, 375mm Double Handed Sawing and 275mm Underhand.

**179.** The under 21 international relay team shall consist of 7 Competitors including a captain and consist of and be cut in the following order: 300mm Underhand, 300mm Standing Block, 350mm Single Handed Sawing, 400mm Double Handed Sawing, 300mm Underhand and 300mm Standing Block.

##### Under 21 Interstate Relay

**180.** The under 21 interstate relay shall consist of 7 Competitors including a captain and will be run over 3 contests and shall consist of and be cut as provided in Special Regulation 179.

##### Veterans Relay

**181.** The veterans relay shall consist of 9 Competitors including a captain and will be run over 3 contests and shall consist of and be cut in the following order: 300mm Underhand, 275mm Standing Block, 350mm Single Handed Sawing, 300mm Underhand, 275mm Standing Block, 450mm Double Handed Sawing, 300mm Underhand and 275mm Standing Block.

##### NSW Area Associations Team Relay

**182.** This Event shall comprise a team of 7 Competitors including a captain and shall consist of and be cut in the following order: 500mm Butcher's Block, 300mm Underhand, 500mm Double Handed Sawing, 300mm Standing Block and 275mm Tree Felling.

#### CHAINSAW CONTESTS

**183.** In respect of any Chainsaw Event, if there is any inconsistency between Rules 184 to 200 and any other Rule, Rules 184 to 200 prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

##### Entries

**184.** A Person is not eligible to enter a Chainsaw Event unless the Entry Form is accompanied by a copy of a document that certifies that the Person has been formally accredited or licensed by an appropriate organisation to use a Chainsaw. The Committee has complete discretion to assess the appropriateness of the accrediting organisation.

##### Competition requirements

**185.** Whilst competing in a Chainsaw Event, a Competitor must wear:

- (a) tight fitting clothing;
- (b) long trousers and safety chaps;
- (c) head, eye and ear protection;
- (d) steel capped safety boots;

all of which must be marked with an Australian Standards mark to indicate suitability for use when operating a Chainsaw.

- 186.** A Competitor who does not comply in all respects with the requirements of Rule 185 is automatically ineligible to compete in the Chainsaw Event in question.
- 187.** It is the responsibility of the Competitor to ensure that when the Chainsaw is in use, no wood or shavings is ejected such that it could hit another Person. It is the responsibility of the Committee to take steps, including if appropriate the provision of screens, to facilitate the Competitor's compliance with this Rule.

#### Chainsaw requirements

- 188.** All Chainsaws used, or intended to be used in a Chainsaw Event must:
- be in good working order and condition;
  - have a complete sprocket cover, no loose handles or broken components;
  - have a chain catcher;
  - when not in use, have a bar cover over the chain and bar.

#### Chainsaw use

- 189.** Except when undertaking Maintenance, no Person may start, or attempt to start, a Chainsaw in any place other than in the Arena and adjacent to the block intended to be cut.
- 190.** A Chainsaw may only be started by a Person who is attired as described in Rule 185.
- 191.** Chainsaws must only be started whilst placed on the ground. Any Competitor who performs, or attempts to perform, a drop start in the Arena is automatically disqualified from the Chainsaw Event in question.
- 192.** Maintenance of a Chainsaw may only be undertaken in an area outside the Arena that has been nominated by the Committee for such use.
- 193.** When using a Chainsaw, the Competitor must at all times:
- be in full and complete control;
  - hold both handles in a firm grip with the hands, thumbs and fingers;
  - ensure that no Person is near or in the vicinity of the Chainsaw such that injury could be sustained by that Person.
- 194.** Only a Competitor may hold an operating Chainsaw. Other than when immediately adjacent to the block intended to be cut, a Competitor must not walk whilst holding an operating Chainsaw.
- 195.** Only a single Competitor may use a Chainsaw. Competitors in an Event must use the same Chainsaw throughout that Event.
- 196.** A Chainsaw may not be used in an Event unless, prior to the commencement of the Event, that Chainsaw has been inspected by the Official in Charge, or their delegate, and approval to use the Chainsaw for that Event has been provided.
- 197.** The cutting procedure and sequence must be as follows:
- 3 full discs are to be cut from the block by the Competitor;
  - The distance of 10cm (4 inches) is to be marked on the block in pen or chalk, where the distance marked must be 15cm (6 inches).
  - The block marking as per (b) must be visible around the entire block.
  - Except as provided in (b) and (c), no other marking is allowed on a block;

- At the start, the Competitor must first pierce (through the centre) the top of the block, cut down and then up for the first disc, then cut down for the second disc and then cut up for the third disc;
- If a disc has not been completely severed from the block, the Competitor must complete the cut from the same direction as that cut originally started from.

#### Operator's race

- 198.** All Competitors must use identical Chainsaws that have been supplied by the same manufacturer, retailer or sponsor.
- 199.** The allocation of a Chainsaw to each Competitor will be in accordance with a ballot conducted and drawn by the Committee.
- 200.** The procedure and sequence will be as provided in Rule 197, or as otherwise determined by the Committee.
- 201.** It is the responsibility of the Competitor to ensure that when the Chainsaw, Modified Saw or Hotsaw is in use, no wood or shavings are ejected such that it could hit another Person. It is the responsibility of the Committee to take steps, including the provision of screens (front and rear) of which need to be made of impenetrable material and must be 1.8 m in height and 1.2 m wide, to facilitate the Competitor's compliance with this Rule.
- 202.** A final call will be made 2 minutes before the start of each Event. A Competitor not present at the designated place in the Arena at the Start Time is automatically Disqualified from that Event.
- 203.** The starting method for an Event will be as nominated by the Official in Charge.
- 204.** In the event of a mechanical fault in the Chainsaw at the start of an Event, the Official in Charge has the discretion to stop the Event and allow up to 3 minutes for the fault to be rectified. Upon the expiration of the period allowed for rectification of the fault, the Event must be re-started. If the fault has not been rectified within the time allowed, the Competitor must immediately leave the Arena.

#### DEFINITIONS

**AAA** means the Australian Axemen's Association.

**Arena** means that part of the area in which the Competition is conducted from which the public is excluded and in which Competitors are to compete. The Arena includes the tree set up area.

**Award** means any ribbon, prize (whether or not in cash), trophy or other benefit that a Competitor may be eligible for as a result of an Event or a Competition.

**Catalogue** means the document (including an electronic version thereof) produced by the RAS which lists the Events proposed to be conducted at a Competition by the RAS in respect of which Persons may submit an Entry Form.

**Backmarker** means the last Person in a handicapped Event to commence cutting.

**Chainsaw** means any chainsaw that:

- is a standard chainsaw as sold to the general public, and
- does not exceed 110cc power capacity,
- has not been modified in any way.

**Chainsaw Event** means any Competition which comprises, or includes, a Chainsaw contest involving the use of a Chainsaw.

**Championship** means an unhandicapped Event in which the winner is described as a champion.

**Code of Conduct** means the Code that is set out in Schedule One to these Special Regulations and includes any Code of Conduct from time to time published by the Australian Sports Commission.

**Committee** means the committee responsible for the organisation and conducting of a Competition, and any decision or discretion of the Committee referred to in these Special Regulations may be exercised in such manner as the Committee deems fit.

**Competition** means any Event, or combination of Events, conducted by or under the auspices of the RAS in which a Competitor intends to, or does, compete.

**Competitor** means a Person who has entered a Competition and, where applicable, includes a Person competing at Junior or Novice level.

**Deputy** means a Person who is a member of Local Association who is by these Special Regulations permitted to undertake a task at the request of a Competitor.

**Discipline** means each of the following: Underhand, Standing Block, Tree Felling, Single Handed Sawing and Double Handed Sawing.

**Disqualified and Disqualification** mean (unless otherwise decided by the Committee) that the Competitor (or, where applicable, the team) is disqualified from competing in the Event or Competition in which, or in respect of which, the Disqualification was imposed. 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.

**Dress** means the attire specified in Special Regulations 35 and 36.

**Entry Form** means the document, by whatever name called, including 'Application for Entry', which a Person is required to complete and submit as a prerequisite to competing in a Competition (and includes an electronic entry form).

**Equipment** means the devices (sometimes called cradles) that are used to hold a log, or tree, in position for cutting.

**Event** means a Woodchopping or Sawing or chainsaw contest. An Event may comprise a single contest, or a contest that is divided into Classes, divisions, heats, semi-finals and finals, or as determined by the Committee.

**Handicapper** means that Person appointed by a Committee to grade Competitors in accordance with their inherent ability, skills, experience and performance and apply a handicap.

**Judge** means the Person appointed by the Committee to decide the winner and place getters in an Event.

**Junior** means a Person who has attained the age of 12 years but has not attained the age of 18 years as at the first day of the Show.

**Junior Event** means an Event at which only Juniors may compete

**Local Association** means any club, district or local association the members of which are involved in or with the sport of Woodchopping and Sawing and which is a member of a SAA

**Maintenance** means checking, repairing and testing a Chainsaw or Hotsaw for the purpose of ensuring that it is safe to use and otherwise complies with these Rules

**Month** means a calendar month.

**Novice** means a Competitor who has not won an Open Event in the Discipline in question.

**NSWAA** means Federation of NSW Axemen's Association Inc.

**Official** means any Person appointed as such by the Committee in respect of a Competition (and includes a Judge and each member of the Committee).

**Official in Charge** means the Official who has been appointed by the Committee to have overall responsibility for the conduct of the Competition and where applicable includes any Official to whom the Official in Charge has delegated a role, task or responsibility.

**Open Event** means an Event in which any Person may compete.

**Person** includes a firm, a partnership and an incorporated entity.

**Protest** means to dispute the placings in an Event in the manner provided in Special Regulations 143 to 148.

**RAS** means Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales.

**Restricted Event** means an Event in which there is some restriction placed on either the axe, or on some other aspect of the Event.

**SAA** means a State Axemen's Association that is a member of the AAA.

**Secretary** means the Person who has been elected or appointed to hold that office.

**Scarf** means the area beneath the surface of a log that is revealed as a result of chopping.

**Schedule** means the document (including an electronic version thereof) produced by the RAS which lists the Events which the RAS proposes to conduct at the Competition in question.

**Slab** means the portion of a log which is dislodged as a result of a run to a saw cut, foothold or doghold that exceeds 12mm in its greatest dimension at the saw cut, foothold or doghold end.

**Standing Block** means the style of Woodchopping in which the Competitor stands on the ground and cuts a log fixed in the vertical position.

**Start Time** means when the Event is due or scheduled to begin and, for the purpose of timing a Competitor, when the axe hits the log and, in a sawing Event, when the saw commences to cut.

**Technology** means any device that has been provided by or at the request of the Committee for monitoring or recording any Event. For the avoidance of doubt, technology of any kind or description that may have been used or provided by anyone other than the Committee is not Technology for the purpose of these Special Regulations.

**Tree Felling** means the style of Woodchopping in which the Competitor ascends a timber pole for the purpose of chopping a log affixed to the top of the pole.

**Underhand** means the style of Woodchopping in which the Competitor stands on footholds to cut a log fixed in the horizontal position

**Unrestricted Event** means an Event in which there are no restrictions imposed in relation to an axe or the Persons who may compete in the Event.

**V cut** means the style of wood cutting in which the block is severed predominantly using down blows to the front and back of the block.

**Veteran** is a Person who has attained the age of 60 years.

**Wedge** means a member of a Local Association who, in a sawing contest, is engaged to place a wedge in a sawcut.

## 205. INTERPRETATION

The singular includes the plural and vice versa.

A reference to the male gender includes the female gender (except in respect of an Event that is specifically described as applying to a particular gender).

The words "log" and "block" are interchangeable and refer to the timber provided by the Committee for the Event.

## 206. WORKING WITH CHILDREN

Competitors must comply with all applicable Working with Children Legislation.

The Competitor agrees to produce on demand, at least 1 month before Competition, 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.

**207. DISCLAIMER**

The information contained in this publication is for the purpose of providing information to our Exhibitors and Show patrons. The information is correct at the time of printing, however, the information may be subject to change or amendments. Please check our websites for the most recent up to date information.

**208. 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 and vice versa. Please note that security camera monitoring is continuous and ongoing and it is deemed that a Person, by entering the Showground, consents to this photographing, filming or taping. RAS strictly complies with the Workplace Surveillance Act 2005.

**SCHEDULE ONE**

**Code of Conduct**

1. The Special Regulations must at all times be complied with, both in word and spirit and intent.
2. All requests or directions of Officials must be immediately complied with.
3. At all times, all Persons must conduct themselves in a polite and proper manner and not in any way that could bring the sport of woodchopping and sawing, or any Person, into disrepute.
4. All Persons must be treated with respect and dignity and with proper regard to their rights and obligations.
5. A Competitor must at all times compete and behave in a sportsmanlike manner and not do or attempt to do anything that may give them an unfair advantage or disadvantage another Competitor.
6. Except in the case of medically prescribed substance, no Person may use, or provide to another Person, any substance that could affect the performance, or the behaviour, of another Person.
7. Alcoholic beverages must not be consumed on any day on which the Competitor will be competing, until after the Competitor has competed in their last Event for that day.
8. Smoking is prohibited:
  - (a) within or in the precincts of the Arena;
  - (b) in any room or area set aside for the use of Competitors at a Competition;
  - (c) whilst the Competitor is dressed in any way that identifies them as a participant in the sport of woodchopping and sawing.

**In addition, the Code of Conduct published from time to time by the Australian Sports Commission is deemed to be included in this Code of Conduct and has application to all Competitors.**



## WOODCHOPPING & SAWING 2025

*Woodchopping is to be conducted for 11 days from:  
Friday 11 April to Tuesday 21 April 2025.*

### 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, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21 & 27**

**(S003) - The RAS Women's World Champion Woodchop & Sawing Perpetual Trophy.** A Medallion will be awarded each year to the winning Competitors.

**Events 47 & 48**

**(S004) - The Annual Encouragement Trophy,** awarded to the Junior Competitor demonstrating special skill, talent and potential during Competition at the 2025 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

*Annual Trophy (Racing Axe) supported by the late Hon Tom Lewis AO.*

*Cash Prize supported by Jo & Mark Chadwick. Prize \$350*

**(S005) - MOST SUCCESSFUL COMPETITOR IN THE WOMEN'S EVENTS**

Points will be allocated as follows: 1st 5 points, 2nd 4 points, 3rd 3 points, 4th 2 points, all finishers 1 point. Prize \$500.

Points will be allocated in the following Events:

**43, 44, 45, 46, 47 & 48**

**(S006) - The Annual Achievement Prize,** awarded to the Female Competitor demonstrating skill, talent and potential during Competition at the 2025 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

*Cash Prize supported by Jo & Mark Chadwick. Prize \$350*

**(S007) - The Annual Encouragement Prize,** awarded to the Junior Tree Felling Competitor demonstrating special skill, talent and potential during Competition at the 2025 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

*Cash Prize supported by Jo & Mark Chadwick. Prize \$350*

**(S008) - MOST SUCCESSFUL COMPETITOR IN TREE FELLING EVENTS**

*Cash Prize supported by Jo & Mark Chadwick. Prize \$350*

## UNDERHAND EVENTS

**EVENT NO. 1**

**300mm Underhand Handicap**

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

**EVENT NO. 2A**

**350mm Underhand Handicap - First Division**

*Restricted to 32 best Competitors based on starting handicap.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$25. Total prize money \$2325.

**EVENT NO. 2B**

**325mm Underhand Handicap - Second Division**

*Restricted to 32 best Competitors NOT eligible to compete in Event No 2A.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$25. Total prize money \$2325.

**EVENT NO. 2C**

**300mm Underhand Handicap - Third Division**

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

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$25. Total prize money \$2325.

**EVENT NO. 2D**

**275mm Underhand Handicap - Fourth Division**

*Restricted to 32 best Competitors NOT eligible to compete in Event No 2C.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$25. Total prize money \$2325.

**EVENT NO. 3**

**275mm Underhand Handicap**

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

**EVENT NO. 4**

**300mm Underhand Handicap**

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

**EVENT NO. 5 The Manny McCarthy Memorial World Championship 375mm Underhand**

*Restricted to 32 best Competitors based on starting handicap.*

**Prizes** 1st \$6000 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$2800 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$1700, 4th \$800, 5th-6th \$350, 7th-9th \$300. Total Prize money \$12900.

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

**EVENT NO. 5A**

**300mm Underhand Handicap - Second Division**

*Restricted to Competitors NOT eligible to compete in Event No 5.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

**EVENT NO. 6**

**Sydney Royal Easter Show**

**325mm Underhand Championship**

*Restricted to 32 best Competitors based on starting handicap.*

**Prizes** 1st \$2200 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$1100 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$550, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$100. Total prize money \$4570.

**EVENT NO. 6A**

**Sydney Royal Easter Show**

**275mm Underhand Handicap - Second Division**

*Restricted to Competitors NOT eligible to compete in Event No 6.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

**EVENT NO. 8****325mm Underhand Handicap**

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

**EVENT NO. 9****300mm Underhand Elimination Championship**

*Restricted to 24 best Competitors based on starting handicap.*

**Prizes** 1st \$2200 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$1100 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$550, 4th \$220, 5th-7th \$100. Total prize money \$4370.

**EVENT NO. 9A****300mm Underhand Handicap**

*Restricted to Competitors NOT eligible to compete in Event No 9.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

**EVENT NO. 101****300mm Underhand Hard Hitting Championship**

*Restricted to 16 best Competitors based on starting handicap.*

**Prizes** 1st \$2200 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$1100 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$550, 4th \$220, 5th-9th \$100. Total prize money \$4570.

**EVENT NO. 101A****300mm Underhand Handicap - Second Division**

*Restricted to Competitors NOT eligible to compete in Event No 102.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

**STANDING BLOCK EVENTS****EVENT NO. 10****Sydney Royal Easter Show****325mm Standing Block Championship**

*Restricted to 32 best Competitors, based on starting handicap.*

**Prizes** 1st \$2200 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$1100 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$550, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$100. Total prize money \$4570.

**EVENT NO. 10A****Sydney Royal Easter Show 275mm****Standing Block Handicap - Second Division**

*Restricted to Competitors NOT eligible to compete in Event No 10.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

**EVENT NO. 11****300mm Standing Block Handicap**

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

**EVENT NO. 12A****325mm Standing Block Handicap - First Division**

*Restricted to 32 best Competitors based on starting handicap.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$25. Total prize money \$2325.

**EVENT NO. 12B****300mm Standing Block Handicap - Second Division**

*Restricted to 32 best Competitors NOT eligible to compete in Event No 12A.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$25. Total prize money \$2325.

**EVENT NO. 12C****275mm Standing Block Handicap - Third Division**

*Restricted to 32 best Competitors NOT eligible to compete in Event No 12B.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$25. Total prize money \$2325.

**EVENT NO. 12D****250mm Standing Block Handicap - Fourth Division**

*Restricted to 32 best Competitors NOT eligible to compete in Event No 12C.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$25. Total prize money \$2325.

**EVENT NO. 13A****350mm Standing Block Handicap - First Division**

*Restricted to 32 best Competitors based on starting handicap.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$25. Total prize money \$2325.

**EVENT NO. 13B****300mm Standing Block Handicap - Second Division**

*Restricted to Competitors NOT eligible to compete in Event No 13A.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$25. Total prize money \$2325.

**EVENT NO. 14****World Championship 375mm Standing Block**

*Restricted to 32 best Competitors based on starting handicap.*

**Prizes** 1st \$6000 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$2800 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$1700, 4th \$800, 5th-6th \$350, 7th-9th \$300. Total prize money \$12900.

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

**EVENT NO. 14A****300mm Restricted Standing Block Handicap - Second Division**

*Restricted to Competitors NOT eligible to compete in Event No 14.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

**EVENT NO. 15****250mm Standing Block Handicap**

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

**EVENT NO. 16****275mm Standing Block Handicap**

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

**EVENT NO. 17****300mm Standing Block Elimination Championship**

*Restricted to 24 best Competitors based on starting handicap.*

**Prizes** 1st \$2200 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$1100 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$550, 4th \$220, 5th - 9th \$100. Total prize money \$4570.

**EVENT NO. 17A****300mm Standing Block Handicap - Second Division**

*Restricted to Competitors NOT eligible to compete in Event No 17.*

**Prizes** 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

## TREE FELLING EVENTS

Tree Felling events are Limited to experienced Competitors only.

The Woodchop Committee reserves the right to decide who shall compete. Seedings for all tree felling events will be at the discretion of the Committee.

### EVENT NO. 18

#### 300mm Tree Felling Handicap

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$100. Total prize money \$2700.

### EVENT NO. 19

#### World Championship 325mm Tree Felling

*Restricted to 32 best Competitors based on starting handicap.*

Prizes 1st \$6000 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$2800 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$1700, 4th \$800, 5th-6th \$350, 7th-9th \$300. Total prize money \$12900.

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

### EVENT NO. 19A

#### 275mm Tree Felling Handicap - Second Division

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220. Unplaced Finalists \$100. Total prize money \$2700.

### EVENT NO. 20

#### 275mm Tree Felling Handicap

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$100. Total prize money \$2700.

### EVENT NO. 21A

#### 300mm Tree Felling Handicap - First Division

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$100. Total prize money \$2700.

### EVENT NO. 21B

#### 275mm Tree Felling Handicap - Second Division

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$100. Total prize money \$2700.

## RELAY EVENTS

### EVENT NO. 22

#### NSW Inter-Association Relay

*Timber for this Event shall be selected by the Committee.*

Prizes 1st \$2000, 2nd \$1200, 3rd \$800. Total prize money \$4000.

### EVENT NO. 23

#### Interstate Teams Relay

*NSW, QLD, VIC & TAS*

Prizes 1st \$3000, 2nd \$1800, 3rd \$1200. Total prize money \$6000.

### EVENT NO. 25

#### Under 21yrs State Teams Relay

*NSW, QLD, VIC & TAS*

*To be conducted over 3 races. Event subject to sufficient entries received.*

Prizes 1st \$2000, 2nd 1200, 3rd, \$800. Total prize money \$4000.

## SAWING EVENTS

### EVENT NO. 26

#### World Championship 375mm Sawing (Single Handed)

*Restricted to 32 best Competitors based on starting handicap.*

Prizes 1st \$6000 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$2800 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$1700, 4th \$800, 5th-6th \$350, 7th-9th \$300. Total prize money \$12900.

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

### EVENT NO. 27

#### 375mm Handicap Sawing (Single Handed)

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

### EVENT NO. 28

#### World Championship 600mm Sawing (Double Handed)

*Restricted to 32 best Competitors based on starting handicap.*

Prizes 1st \$6000 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$2800 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$1700, 4th \$800, 5th-6th \$350, 7th-9th \$300. Total prize money \$12900.

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

### EVENT NO. 29

#### 500mm Handicap Sawing (Double Handed)

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$100. Total prize money \$2700.

## TEAM EVENTS

Handicapping of teams will be determined by the Handicapper. All Competitors must enter individually for each Event.

### EVENT NO. 31A - Parent & Child

#### 275mm Underhand and Standing Block Relay Handicap

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$100. Total prize money \$2700.

### EVENT NO. 32 - Team of Three Combination

#### 300mm Standing Block, Underhand and Tree Felling

Prizes 1st \$2200, 2nd \$1100, 3rd \$550, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$100. Total prize money \$4570.

### EVENT NO. 33A - Jack and Jill Championship

#### 375mm Sawing (Double Handed)

Prizes 1st \$2200 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$1100 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$550, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$100. Total prize money \$4570.

### EVENT NO. 33B - Jack and Jill

#### 375mm Sawing Handicap (Double Handed) - Second Division

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$100. Total prize money \$2700.

### EVENT NO. 34A - Team of Two

#### 600mm Standing Block Butchers Block - First Division

*Restricted to the top 9 pairs on handicap based on starting handicap.*

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$100. Total prize money \$2700.

## JUNIOR EVENTS

Minimum age requirement is 12 years of age as of 11 April 2025. The Committee reserves the right to view a birth certificate or other evidence of age acceptable to the Committee for all Junior Events.

### Competitors in Events 35, 36 & 37

*Restricted to Competitors who have not attained the age of 18 years on the first day of the Show. The Committee reserves the right to select a limited number of Competitors from the nominations received.*

#### EVENT NO. 35

##### 275mm Junior Underhand Championship (Under 18)

Prizes 1st \$900, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$250, 4th \$150, 5th \$100, Unplaced Finalist \$50. Total prize money \$2000.

*RAS of NSW Award of Excellence Medallion for 275mm Junior Underhand Championship.*

*Annual Trophy (Racing Axe & Cover) supported by Tuatahi Racing Axes & Saws Limited.*

#### EVENT NO. 36

##### 275mm Junior Standing Block Championship (Under 18)

Prizes 1st \$900, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$250, 4th \$150, 5th \$100, Unplaced Finalist \$50. Total prize money \$2000.

*RAS of NSW Award of Excellence Medallion for 275mm Junior Standing Block Championship.*

*Annual Trophy (Racing Axe & Cover) supported by Tuatahi Racing Axes & Saws Limited.*

#### EVENT NO. 37

##### 275mm Junior Underhand Handicap (Under 18)

Prizes 1st \$750, 2nd \$350, 3rd \$200, 4th \$110, Unplaced Finalists \$25. Total prize money \$1535.

#### EVENT NO. 38

##### Junior Development Program - 275mm Underhand

*This Event restricted to Junior Boys and Girls, 12 to 16 years of age who have been nominated by state associations. Contact your state association for more details.*

#### EVENT NO. 39

##### 275mm Junior Underhand Handicap (Under 21)

*Restricted to Competitors who have not attained the age of 21 years on the first day of the Show. Seedings for this Event will be at the discretion of the Committee.*

Prizes 1st \$750, 2nd \$350, 3rd \$200, 4th \$110, Unplaced Finalist \$25. Total prize money \$1535.

## VETERANS EVENTS

Events 40, 41 & 42 are restricted to Competitors who have attained the age of 60 years and over by the first day of the Show.

#### EVENT NO. 40 - The Hayden Timbers

##### 500mm Veterans Sawing Handicap (Double Handed)

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$50. Total prize money \$2450.

*Event prize money supported by Hayden Timbers Pty Ltd.*

#### EVENT NO. 41

##### 275mm Veterans Underhand Handicap

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$25. Total prize money \$2325.

#### EVENT NO. 42

##### 250mm Veterans Standing Block Handicap

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$25. Total prize money \$2325.

## WOMEN'S EVENTS

All Women's Events are open to females 12 years and over.

#### EVENT NO. 43

##### 275mm Women's Underhand Handicap

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

*Prize (Racing Axe) supported by Brute Forge Racing Axes.*

*Prize (Axe Covers) for finalists, supported by Ken Olney.*

#### EVENT NO. 44

##### 300mm Women's Sawing Handicap (Single Handed)

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

#### EVENT NO. 45

##### 375mm Women's Sawing Championship (Double Handed)

Prizes 1st \$2200 & Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$1100 & Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$550, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$100. Total prize money \$4570.

#### EVENT NO. 46

##### 300mm Women's Underhand Handicap

Prizes 1st \$1100, 2nd \$550, 3rd \$330, 4th \$220, Unplaced Finalists \$75. Total prize money \$2575.

#### EVENT NO. 47

##### Women's World Championship 325mm Sawing (Single Handed)

*Restricted to 32 best Female Competitors based on starting handicap.*  
Prizes 1st \$6000 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$2800 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$1700, 4th \$800, 5th-6th \$350, 7th-9th \$300. Total prize money \$12900.

#### EVENT NO. 48

##### Women's World Championship 275mm Underhand

*Restricted to 32 best Female Competitors based on starting handicap.*  
Prizes 1st \$6000 and Champion Ribbon, 2nd \$2800 and Reserve Champion Ribbon, 3rd \$1700, 4th \$800, 5th-6th \$350, 7th-9th \$300. Total Prize money \$12900.

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The Perpetual Trophies are the most prestigious of all RAS Awards. They have a dual function in recognising superior effort in competition and commemorating people and organisations that have had a long and meritorious connection with the Society. Some of the trophies currently competed for were first won in 1911. Winners of Perpetual Trophies are permanently honoured, taking their place alongside past winners and becoming part of the ongoing tradition of the RAS.

The Perpetual Trophy Collection of the RAS is unique. It comprises a wide range of beautiful and elegant trophies that illustrate an extraordinary history of agricultural judging and the pursuit of excellence.

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

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