

Fashions on the Field 2018 Rules & Regulations – Conditions of Entry

Eligibility:

- Contestants must be 15 years of age or over on the day of the judging of the event. Proof of age may need to be provided at the time of registration.
- Employees, directors and other representatives of the Promoter (Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland) and organisations involved in the sponsorship or judging of the event are ineligible, as are members of their immediate families and households.

Non Commercial Involvement:

- Neither contestants nor their outfits are permitted to commercially promote a brand, store, or designer.
- Contestants may not enter the competition on behalf of a third party, nor receive any payment or benefit from a third party for entering (or otherwise in connection with) the Promoters, Sponsors or Judges of the event.

How to Enter:

- It is preferred that entries be made online, in advance, via the Royal Queensland Show Competitions webpage.
- Competitors must source their own entry into the grounds.
- Competitors who wish to enter the competition in person on the day must seek their own entry into the grounds.
- Competitors in Classes 5, 6, and 7 may only enter in person via a manual form.
- Entries made on the day may not receive a gift bag or other sponsored materials.
- Preference will be given to on-line registrants and remaining gift bags/sponsored materials will be distributed on a first come, first served basis at the promoter's discretion.
- Competitors entering Classes 5, 6 and 7 are not eligible to receive a gift bag.
- Contestants may enter multiple classes in the competition (in which they are eligible), provided they meet the described criteria for each class.

Regulations:

- Once a contestant has participated in the heats of the Ekka Fashions on the Field competition, the contestant is not permitted to make any alterations or add or remove any of the garments for later rounds and/ or final of the same competition, otherwise they will be disqualified from the competition.
- Contestants who fail to appear for their competition at the correct time will be disqualified from the competition.
- The Promoter will select the judging panel and each validly entered contestant will be judged based on the Judging Criteria (as interpreted by the judges in their absolute discretion). The judges' decision is final. In the event of a draw, the Promoter's Adjudicator, The Ringmaster or delegated RNA Councilor, will determine the winner.

- Entry may be refused if a contestant does not meet one or more of the Judging Criteria or the eligibility criteria or breaches these terms and conditions. Contestants are required to take full responsibility for their entry and for ensuring that their entry complies with these terms and conditions. Incomplete and illegible entries will be deemed invalid.
- If an entry is invalid or if a contestant is unable or refuses to take part in any element of this Promotion, the Promoters reserve the right to discard that contestant's entry and proceed as if that contestant had not entered the Promotion.
- If for any reason after a contestant has won a Prize, and the Promoters become aware that the contestant has not complied with the terms and conditions or that their entry is otherwise invalid, that contestant will have no entitlement to the Prize, even if the Promoters have announced them as a winner and that contestant will be required, at the direction of the Promoters, to return, refund or otherwise make restitution of the Prize.
- Contestants agree that their image, name, character, likeness, voice or anything else that identifies them for the purposes of any promotion or matter incidental to the Promotion, including future similar promotions, and at any time during or after the Promotional Period and via any means (including but not limited to, any national print media, the Promoter's website and any other promotional material) may be used by the Promoters, and the Promoters' sponsors for future promotional and publicity purposes without any compensation or reward.
- Should a winner prove to be ineligible for a competition, be unable to fulfil the Contestant Criteria in any way, breach these terms or interfere with the fair running of the competition (or attempt to do so), then some or all of their prizes may be passed on to the contestant with the next highest score in the Final. If that contestant similarly fails to qualify for a prize, then the prize will be transferred to the contestant with the next highest score in the Final and so on.
- All entrants must comply to the by-laws of the The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA)

Judging Criteria:

Class 1: Best Dressed Lady (18 – 40 years)

- Outfit to be of classic race wear style for the Spring Season.
- The style, originality and suitability of the outfit should be appropriate for a lady attending a Metropolitan Race Meeting during the Spring Racing Carnival.
- Skirt length should not be above the knees, narrow shoulder straps and strapless bodices are strongly discouraged.
- Attention to detail will be appraised for accessories, shoes, bag & millinery.
- Millinery is compulsory and should be appropriate for the spring season.
- A demonstration of an understanding and interpretation of the current race wear fashion trends will be looked upon favourably.
- Elements of the outfit should reflect current trends without losing the contestant's personal flair.
- The contestant will be appraised for grooming and deportment.

Class 2: Best Dressed Lady (40 years and over)

- Outfit to be of classic race wear style for the Spring Season.
- The style, originality and suitability of the outfit should be appropriate for a mature lady attending a Metropolitan Race Meeting during the Spring Racing Carnival.
- Skirt length should not be above the knees, narrow shoulder straps and strapless bodices are strongly discouraged.
- Attention to detail will be appraised for accessories, shoes, bag & millinery.
- Millinery is compulsory and should be appropriate for the spring season.
- A demonstration of an understanding and interpretation of the current race wear fashion trends will be looked upon favourably.
- Elements of the outfit should reflect current trends without losing the contestant's personal flair.
- The contestant will be appraised for grooming and deportment.

Class 3: Best Dressed Gentleman (18 years and over)

- Outfit should be of classic race wear for the Spring Season.
- The style, originality and suitability of the outfit should be appropriate for a gentleman attending a Metropolitan Race Meeting during the Spring Racing Carnival.
- Contestants must wear a suit and tie (or alternative neckwear).
- A demonstration of an understanding and interpretation of the current gentleman's race wear fashion trends will be looked upon favourably.
- Elements of the outfit should reflect current trends without losing the contestant's personal flair.
- A gentleman's hat is not compulsory but will be looked upon favourably.
- The contestant will be appraised for grooming and deportment and attention to detail.

Class 4: Best Dressed Junior (unisex, 15-17 years)

- Outfit to be age appropriate in line with classic race wear style for the Spring Season.
- For girls, skirt length should not be above the knees, narrow shoulder straps and strapless bodices are strongly discouraged. Millinery is compulsory and should be appropriate for the spring season.
- Boys must wear a suit and tie (or alternative neckwear).
- Attention to detail will be appraised for accessories, shoes, bag & millinery.
- Elements of the outfit should reflect current trends without losing the contestant's personal flair.
- The contestant will be appraised for grooming and deportment.
- All entrants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Class 5: Best Headwear (unisex, 18 years and over)

- The Millinery will be appraised for:
 - Originality
 - Concept of design theme
 - Quality and workmanship
 - Wearability
- The Millinery should be coordinated with the outfit worn.
- The contestant will be appraised for grooming, deportment and attention to detail.
- To be eligible for this category, a headpiece is **COMPULSORY**.

Class 6: Best Dressed Lady Strapper (15 years and over)

- All competitors must be nominated to lead an exhibit in Class 1- 14 in the Thoroughbred Ring. The Thoroughbred ring will break for the judging of these classes. The minimum age of entry for competitors is 15yrs.
- Lady strappers should be attired in an outfit suitable for leading a horse.
- At no time should any part of their ensemble affect the strapper's ability to control the horse or unduly affect the wellbeing of the horse.
- Strappers should consider potential environmental factors such as strong sun and/or wind or uneven ground.
- The lady strapper's skirt length should not be above the knees, narrow shoulder straps and strapless bodices are strongly discouraged. High heels will not be considered suitable footwear.
- Headwear is compulsory. Consideration should be given to the suitability and style of the piece in strong wind or rainy conditions.
- The contestant will be appraised for personal grooming, deportment, style and the suitability of their ensemble for leading a horse.

Class 7: Best Dressed Gentleman Strapper (15 years and over)

- All competitors must be nominated to lead an exhibit in Class 1- 14 in the Thoroughbred Ring. The Thoroughbred ring will break for the judging of these classes. The minimum age of entry for competitors is 15 years.
- Gentleman strappers should be attired in an outfit suitable for leading a horse.
- At no time should any part of their ensemble affect the strapper's ability to control the horse or unduly affect the wellbeing of the horse.
- Strappers should consider potential environmental factors such as strong sun and/or wind or uneven ground.
- Headwear is compulsory for gentleman strappers. Consideration should be given to the suitability and style of the piece in strong wind or rainy conditions.
- The contestant will be appraised for personal grooming, deportment, style and the suitability of their ensemble for leading a horse.

Class 8: Best Dressed Steward (unisex, 15 years and over)

- Open to male and female volunteer Stewards and Honorary Council Stewards of the Royal Queensland Show 2018.
- Stewards should abide by a standard of dress which upholds the traditions of the show and maintains a professional presentation.
- Ideal ensembles should be functional and practical for a day's stewarding in their relevant section.
- Stewards who are required to wear a traditional 'dustcoat' for their daily duties may remove them for the purposes of the competition.
- Female Stewards should consider a tailored type dress, suit, slack suit and/ or jacket, hat and suitable footwear.
- Male Stewards should consider a lounge suit, tailored slacks, dress moleskins, sports coat/ jacket, tie, hat and suitable footwear.
- Tracksuit pants, jeans, joggers, open toed shoes, and baseball caps are all prohibited and entries will be automatically disqualified.
- The contestants will be appraised for their personal grooming, deportment, suitability of their ensemble and their personal style.

Contestants Please Note:

- Weather conditions in Brisbane during August are often unpredictable.
- In the event of cool or inclement weather, contestants are permitted to style their outfits for the Winter season.
- In this instance both Spring and Winter season outfits will be judged equally.
- Please ensure that your chosen accessories, millinery and gentlemen's hats match your seasonal choice. Ladies should consider hosiery to add the finishing touch to their Winter season outfit.
- Attention should be paid to selecting suitable footwear for the event. Differing surfaces will be encountered by contestants during the event including, grass, dirt, concrete and steps.