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Membership Application / Renewal

Memberships for West Coast Cowboys (**WCC**) are valid for one (1) year from 2 March 2024 to 1 March 2025.

All members have to also be affiliated with the National Cowboy Challenge Association (**NCCA**). To become a member through our affiliate at a discounted cost click link below) ([Home | National Cowboy Chal \(nationalcowboychallengeassociation.com\)](http://Home | National Cowboy Chal (nationalcowboychallengeassociation.com))).

[NCCA Membership](#)

You will need to provide your NCCA number when applying for membership with WCC.

For NCCA membership click [NCCA Membership](#) then complete all parts of the form below that are applicable to your application. New annual members will be issued with their member number once their application has been approved.

WCC reserves the right the refuse any application, with or without reason. If an application is refused, you have the right to apply in writing of a review to be presented before the next general meeting.

Membership options – Please circle which option you are applying for

Individual/Adults	\$100
Family (2 Adults & 2 Children under 18)	\$150
Individual (18 years and younger)	\$25
Non- Riding/Social/Associate Membership	\$35

Follow us on Facebook [WCC Facebook](#) for any updates and all upcoming events!

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ D.O.B: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

NCCA Membership # _____

Emergency Contact 1 Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Mobile Number: _____ Alternative Number: _____

Emergency Contact 2 Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Mobile Number: _____ Alternative Number: _____

Family Membership

Full Name: _____ D.O.B: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

NCCA Membership # _____

Emergency Contact Other than above: _____

Relationship: _____

Mobile Number: _____ Alternative Number: _____

Child Name: _____ D.O.B: _____

Membership # _____

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Advertising

Would you like to be contacted for upcoming events and promotions from WCC? Your details will not be sold or given to any third parties.

Please circle YES / NO

Photography and Videography

Do you authorise the use of any photos and/or videos taken at an authorised event to be used for advertising or promotional use associated with WCC? This applies to every member on this application unless otherwise stated by the titles member. This applies only to authorised photographers and videographers approved by WCC. WCC has no authority over non-authorised photographers and videographers but will help investigate unauthorised use of digital material if a complaint is brought to our attention. Photos and Videos used for promotional use by WCC are uncompensated by the applicant.

Please circle YES / NO

Payment details

All applications and renewals must have a signed **waiver & release of liability** accompanying it for **each member**. Applications may be refused or returned if not completed to satisfaction. Please email your completed forms and receipt of payment to westcoastcowboys@outlook.com

Acc Name: WCC Inc

BSB: 633 000

ACC: 159 863 406

Applicant Signature

Name:

Signature:

Date:

COMMITTEE MEMBER USE ONLY Notes

Form completed in full	YES / NO	
Payment received	YES / NO	
Waiver & Release of Liability signed	YES / NO	
Application authorised by:	Position in WCC:	Signature:

Waiver and Release of Liability

I acknowledge and understand that participating in WCC events is dangerous and the risks and hazards associated with equine events, natural hazards and other hazardous activities being conducted on the premises may result in injury including death. Prior to undertaking any such recreational activity, I ensure I am aware of all the risks involved including those risks associated with any health/medical condition I have. I understand that horse riding and participation in horse related activities is/are dangerous recreational activity and horse and cattle can act in a sudden and unpredictable (changeable) manner, especially if frightened or hurt.

I agree to not be under the influence of any alcohol or drugs, that may have an effect on me and effect my responses and abilities to ride or handle a horse.

I agree that any minors in my care are entirely my responsibility and not that of any other persons. I hereby expressly assume all risks of harm to which I and those minors accompanying me may be exposed to while observing on the premises and/or participating in WCC Events. I release all liability for negligence and gross negligent acts or hazardous conditions including uncontrolled acts of other guests, participants, spectators and livestock.

I agree that I am responsible for my own safety, belongings and any horse/s in my care. In the event of Equine influenza, Hendra Virus or any contagious virus and subsequent lockdown I am responsible for the care and wellbeing of my horses/ponies. I Agree to comply with the DPI regulations and am responsible for any costs involved. If my horse/pony has been deemed ill by a WCC committee member, I will agree to leave the property with my horse/pony immediately if asked.

I agree to follow the direction of any event organiser or official and that any misconduct or refusal by me can result in the cancellation of my participation and my immediate removal from my horse no matter where that may occur and that I may be required to leave the premises immediately.

I agree that all riders under the age of 18 must wear an approved riding helmet. In the case I am over 18 years of age it is solely my decision to wear or not to wear an approved riding helmet and release WCC and their respective owners, officers, agents, sponsors, representatives, employees, volunteers and owners/lessees of property that I ride on at WCC events for any liability against my decision.

I hereby expressly assume all risks and hereby knowingly release WCC and their respective owners, officers, agents, sponsors, representatives, employees, volunteers and owners/lessees of property that I ride on at WCC events, from all claims of negligence, gross negligence and liability.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless WCC and their respective owners, officers, agents, sponsors, representatives, employees, volunteers and owners/lessees of property, from any and all claims, demands, causes of action and damage, whether or not caused by their negligence or gross negligence.

I release liability of WCC and committee members, indemnity agreement of spectators and participants, and waiver of any compensation for video recording and/or photography.

I understand that this waiver and release of liability will remain in force for one (1) year from date of signature.

Name:

Date:

Signature:

Parent/Guardian if participant is under the age of 18

Name:

Date:

Signature:

Please indicate which division you wish to compete in (not applicable unless a race day):

Name: Division:

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Divisions Explained

7. NCCA APPROVED CLASSES

Each Class will be allotted a specific obstacle level that is the degree of difficulty that such level is allowed to attempt in the competition arena. See more on obstacles in (12) the obstacle section.

The following classes in section 7 of this rule book must be offered at any NCCA Approved Show, with the exception the optional extra class, this is a show managements choice.

Age Class competitor age is determined as at 1st of January in the competition year. ^

JUNIOR CLASSES

*All Division in Junior classes are run concurrently**

7.1 Wranglers 5-7 yrs

7.1.1 Minimum age 5yrs. - Maximum age 7yrs. ^

7.1.2 Wranglers must ride independently.

7.1.3 Wranglers are permitted to have a parent in a designated place inside the arena to offer support and reassurance. This person cannot walk the course, touch the horse child or any tack.

7.1.4 Wranglers are eligible to ride up into

Buckaroo's 7.1.5. Wranglers can ride one

horse only in a round.

7.1.6. Wranglers Course will contain 9 obstacles

7.1.7. A Wrangler course can be made of all Level 1 Obstacles

7.1.8. Obstacle level 1-2

7.2 Buckaroos 8-11yrs

7.2.1 Minimum age 8yrs. - Maximum age 11yrs. ^

7.2.2 Buckaroos must ride independently

7.2.3 Buckaroos are eligible to ride up into Ranchers & Mavericks Youth Classes.

7.2.4 Buckaroos are eligible to enter a maximum of 2 horses in a round.

7.2.5 Buckaroos course will contain 9 obstacles

7.2.6 Obstacle Level 1-2

YOUTH CLASSES

*All Classes in Youth are run concurrently with the exception of Rookie Youth**

7.3 Youth Level 1-Ranchers 12-14yrs

7.3.1 Minimum age 12yrs - Maximum age 14yrs. ^

7.3.2 Ranchers are eligible to ride up into

Mavericks & Open 7.3.3. Ranchers are eligible to

ride a maximum of 2 Horses

7.3.4. Ranchers course will contain 12 obstacles.

7.3.5. Obstacle level of 1-4

7.4 Youth Level 2 - Mavericks Senior Youth 15-17yrs

7.4.1 Minimum age 15 yrs - Maximum age 17yrs. ^

7.4.2 Senior Youth are eligible to ride up to Non Pro and Open

7.4.3 Senior Youth are eligible to ride a maximum of 3 Horses.

7.4.4 Senior Youth course will contain 12 obstacles.

7.4.5 Obstacle Level of 1-4

7.5 Rookie Youth 12-17yrs *

7.5.1 Minimum age 12yrs - Maximum age 17yrs.^

7.5.2 Rookie Youth entry level division for youth competitors who are new to any form of Obstacle Challenge/Cowboy Challenge.

7.5.3 Maximum Term spent in Rookie is 12 months from attendance of your first Cowboy Challenge.

7.5.4 Rookie Youth are eligible to ride up into Mavericks & Ranchers - This is a concurrent entry

7.5.5 Rookie Youth are eligible to ride up to Open

7.5.6 Rookie Youth are eligible to ride a maximum of 2 horses in a round

7.5.7 Rookie Youth course will have 10 obstacles

7.5.8 Obstacle Level 1-3

Rookie Senior and Rookie Youth Divisions will run concurrently.

SENIOR & OPEN CLASSES

All class levels are rider based with the exception of Aged Classes and Rookie Horse

7.6 Rookie Senior 18yrs &Over

7.6.1 Entry level division for anyone new to any form of Obstacle Challenge/ Cowboy Challenge, this class can be used to establish the appropriate division for a competitor.

7.6.2 Maximum term spent in Rookie is 12 months from attendance of your first Cowboy Challenge.

7.6.3 Rookie Senior are eligible to ride up to Open

7.6.4 Pro Riders are not eligible to enter this Class.

7.6.5 Rookie course will have 10 obstacles

7.6.6 Obstacle Level 1-3

Rookie Senior and Rookie Youth Divisions will run concurrently.

7.7 Rookie Horse - Rider 12yrs & over.

7.7.1 A horse based entry level class for horses new to any form of Obstacle Challenge/Cowboy Challenge in their first competition year and for Futurity aged horses to gain exposure prior to competing in a Futurity aged event.

7.7.2 Maximum Term for horses spent in Rookie Horse class is 12 months from the horses attendance at its first NCCA Cowboy Challenge

7.7.3 Rookie Horse are eligible to ride up to Open

7.7.4 Rookie Horse course will have 12 obstacles

7.7.5 Obstacle Level 1-5

7.8 Novice 18yrs &Over

7.8.1 A Novice Rider, is a level for an inexperienced/beginner rider. A rider who can mount and dismount unassisted, is capable of applying basic aids, is comfortable and in control at the walk, moderate length trots and establishing a consistent lope.

- 7.8.2 A Novice rider is eligible to ride up into Intermediate, Legends or Open or Non Pro
- 7.8.3 A Novice rider will progress to the intermediate division at reaching a total of 50 ranking points.
- 7.8.4 Level 1 (0-25 points) Level 1 riders can nominate to run in Novice Level 2 This is a concurrent entry
- 7.8.5 Level 2 (26-50 points) Level 2 riders can ride up to Intermediate, Open, Legends or Non Pro
- 7.8.6 Novice course will have 12 obstacles
- 7.8.7 Obstacle level 1-3

7.9 Intermediate Level 18yrs & Over

- 7.9.1 An Intermediate rider is someone who displays good horsemanship and is confident and in control in all paces. Is increasing speed throughout the course and establishing lead changes. Has a basic understanding of advanced manoeuvres.
- 7.9.2 An Intermediate rider is eligible to ride up to Non Pro and Open Division
- 7.9.3 An Intermediate rider will progress to the Non Pro division at reaching a total of 50 ranking points.
- 7.9.4 Level 1 (0-25 points) Level 1 riders can nominate to run in Intermediate Level 2, This is a concurrent entry
- 7.9.5 Level 2 (26-50 points) Level 2 Riders can ride in Level 2 only in the Intermediate division.
- 7.9.6 Intermediate course will have 12 obstacles
- 7.9.7 Obstacle Level 1-4

7.10 Legends - Rider Age is over 60

- 7.10.1 Open to any competitor over 60 yrs of Age^
- 7.10.2 A rider who competes in any other division is eligible to ride in Legends.
- 7.10.3 A Professional rider over 60yrs is eligible to ride in Legends Level 2 only.
- 7.10.4 Level 1 (0-25 points) Level 1 riders can nominate to run in Legends Level 2 - This is a concurrent entry
- 7.10.5 Level 2 (Above 25 points) Level 2 Riders can ride in Level 2 only in the Legends division.
- 7.10.6 Legends course will have 12 obstacles
- 7.10.7 Obstacle Level 1-4

7.11 Non Pro - 12yrs & Over

- 7.11.1 A Non Pro rider is one that is an experienced rider but has **not** received compensation/remuneration for training/showing horses for owners, or the education of a rider for the purpose of improved skill, conducting clinics or re education of horses.
- 7.11.2 A non-pro rider displays excellent horsemanship with speed and softness through the course, established lead changes and advanced manoeuvres.
- 7.11.3 A Non Pro rider will progress through the ranks in Non Pro listed below
- 7.11.4 A Non Pro rider is eligible to ride up into the open division.
- 7.11.5 Level 1 (0-25 points) Level 1 riders can nominate to run in Non Pro Level 2 - This is a concurrent entry
- 7.11.6 Level 2 (Above 25 Points) Level 2 Riders can ride in Level 2 only in the Non Pro division.
- 7.11.7 Non Pro course will have 12 obstacles
- 7.11.8 Obstacle Level 1-5

7.12 Open

- 7.12.1 A class open to all levels of riders 12yrs+ including pro and "Rookie horse".
- 7.12.2 Open course will have 12 obstacles

- 7.12.3 Obstacle Level 1-5
- 7.12.4 Open must be run as the last class of the day.

7.13 Pro

- 7.13.1 An individual is considered a professional rider when an income is earned from training horses, showing horses for owners or for the education of a rider for the purpose to improve skill, conducting clinics or re education for remuneration.
- 7.13.2 Only Professional riders can enter the pro class.
- 7.13.3 A Professional rider over 60yrs is eligible to ride in Legends Level 2 only.
- 7.13.4 In order for a professional rider to move to a lower level of competition he/ she must not receive an income earned from training horses, showing horses for owners, for education of a rider for the purpose to improve skill for remuneration for a period of 3 years. Ref to (9.1)
- 7.13.5 Pro course will have 12 obstacles
- 7.13.6 Obstacle Level 1-6

A judge can/will recommend to the rider direct and also to the NCCA board the level of a rider should said rider be in the incorrect class.

7.14 Optional Extra Class

- 7.14.1 A Schooling Class, for trainers to school their horse, no prizes ribbons or prize money applies to this class, entry fee will apply. A maximum time limit applies and when the maximum time is hit the rider is whistled off the course see show guidelines about this class and arena time slots.

7.15 Concurrent Classes

- 7.15.1 When a class allows for a concurrent run this means the competitor can choose to pay an additional entry fee into the high level within the class. Scores for the one run will go through to the level/s chosen to run concurrently. This is the same course and the one walk through for each level within the division. eg: Intermediate Level on rider, decides to enter both level one and level 2 they do the one run and the score for that run goes to both levels. Ranking Points will not count in the concurrent run.
- 7.15.2 Concurrent Classes are where two classes will be run at the same time, same course, one walk through eg: Rookie Youth and Rookie Senior will run concurrently. If two classes have the same obstacle rating and number of obstacles they can be run concurrently.

7. AGE CLASSES^ & BREED CLASS- Approved Classes

The below classes are based on the horses age^

Aged classes are held at Major events such as State & National Championships. Aged & Breed Classes require special approval by the NCCA.

7.16 FuturityClass-

- 7.16.1 Aged event for 3 & 4 year old Horses ^
- 7.16.2A rider in the Futurity Class must be 12 years and over.

7.17 DerbyClass-

- 7.17.1Aged Event for 5-7 year old Horses^
- 7.17.2A rider in the Derby Class must be 12 years and over.

7.18Breed Class - Event/Location Specific as to the breed

- 7.18.1 A Class for specific Breeds native to the country of origin such as Mustangs and Brumby's

7.18.2 A Class for a specific breed to showcase at larger NCCA events with support and in conjunction with other associations eg: Thoroughbred, Standardbred, Paint Horse.

7.18.3A rider in a Breed Specific Class must be over 12yrs of Age.

Age Class Horse age is determined as at 1st of January in the competition year. ^