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Melbourne Royal Australian Young Farmer Challenge State Final Special Regulations 2026

1. These Special Regulations expressly apply to the Melbourne Royal Show Australian Young Farmer Challenge State Final Competition, which functions under the care and direction of the Melbourne Royal Emerging Leaders Group and operates alongside the Melbourne Royal General Regulations.
2. These Special Regulations shall constitute the whole agreement upon which an entry is submitted, and the entrant agrees that all representations and statements not itemised herein are excluded.
3. Competitors will be required to register as a team of four using the entry form located on the Melbourne Royal Australian Young Farmer Challenge [webpage](#). One competitor must be nominated as the team captain.
4. Competitors must be aged between 18 and 35 years of age on the day of the competition. Competitors may be required to provide proof of age.
5. Competitors in each team must include both male and female competitors. Single gender teams will not be eligible to enter.
6. One member of each team is required to meet each of the following criteria for entry:
 - Be physically capable of riding a mechanical bull.
7. Any queries regarding team eligibility and criteria for entry should be referred to the Competitions Assistant at emergingleaders@melbourneroyal.com.au.
8. Competitors will be sent an information pack within 14 days of the start of the competition. The information pack should contain all the information competitors will require to take part in the competition as well as entry passes.
9. Teams are not required to have taken part in one of the VAS Australian Young Farmer Challenge regional heats. However, in the event that more teams enter the State Final than can practically be fit into competition time, teams who have competed in regional heats will be prioritised for the State Final over those who have not.
10. The following people are not eligible to enter the competition for prizes:
 - Melbourne Royal Competitions Managers or Competition Assistants
 - Children and grandchildren of staff of Melbourne Royal
 - Melbourne Royal Emerging Leaders Group
 - Competition Officials
 - Employees of a sponsor of the competition.
11. Prizes awarded pursuant to the competition are not transferable. Prize money for the Australian Young Farmer Challenge will be sent to the winning team's individual bank accounts as a direct deposit post the competition.
12. In consideration of Melbourne Royal accepting this entry, the entrant indemnifies Melbourne Royal, judges, officials, stewards or any sponsor or provider of prizes against all claims, losses, suits and demands made against or suffered by Melbourne Royal by reason of any act of omission on the part of the entrant, and that the entrant agrees that any act or omission on his/her part found in any action against Melbourne Royal to be negligent shall be deemed to have been a claim under this indemnity.
13. The entrant hereby admits and acknowledges that they will participate in the Competition wholly and solely at their own risk and indemnify Melbourne Royal including their servants and agents in the terms of this indemnity contained in the Conditions.



14. It is a condition of entry that the entrant waives any right to claim against Melbourne Royal and Competition organisers or any sponsor or provider of prizes in connection with any loss or injury suffered by the entrant or in relation to the decisions and directions of judges, stewards, officials and Melbourne Royal Emerging Leaders Group, Melbourne Royal staff, and Melbourne Royal Board Members.
15. The entrant must disclose any medical condition reasonably expected to restrict tasks to be undertaken during the Melbourne Royal Australian Young Farmer Challenge to the Competition Assistant. Such disclosure to Melbourne Royal will also adhere to the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) legislation, as referred to in the General Regulations. Should any entering team have any queries about making such disclosure, they are welcome to discuss their concerns with the Melbourne Royal Privacy Officer who can be contacted on 03 9281 7444.
16. Failure to comply with any of the above regulations may result in disqualification from the Competition.
17. Teams agree to comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 (Vic) and any regulations under that Act, including the duty to preserve a site for an investigation and a duty to inform Melbourne Royal immediately on 03 9281 7444 when any incident has occurred. These include any near misses, dangerous incidents, damage to property, minor to serious injuries or incidents resulting in death (as defined in section 37 of the OH&S Act).
18. The winner is final and no further discussions will be entered into by Melbourne Royal or the Melbourne Royal Emerging Leaders Group.
19. Only a competitor may enter a protest against any decision or act or omission on the part of a judge, Melbourne Royal, or any official of Melbourne Royal.
20. The protest shall be determined by the Chair of the Melbourne Royal Emerging Leaders Group and the Chief Steward of the Melbourne Royal Australian Young Farmer Challenge State Final. Their decision is final and binding. No reasons for the decision shall be required.
21. Melbourne Royal has the discretion to terminate, retract or change any aspect of the competition during the period.
22. Teams must ensure they have read these regulations. Upon submitting of their entry form, all members of the team agree to adhere to all the provisions set out in these Special Regulations.