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Competitor Information Guide

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The following information has been provided to assist you during your time at the 2023 Sydney Royal Woodchopping & Sawing Competition. Please familiarise yourself with this information as much as possible.

AXES & SAWS

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

All axes must be safe and properly pinned with a minimum of a 3mm pin. Failure to do so will result in a \$500 fine and confiscation of the axe and its protective cover. If the Competitor does not surrender the axe, the Competitor may be disqualified from the competition, or otherwise penalised as the Committee in its discretion sees fit.

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

COMPETITOR BIOS



Woodchop has always been a much-loved event with both crowds and the media.

To assist our hardworking competition announcers, we are asking for competitors to complete a quick online form. The form can either be accessed through the QR code or if viewing online click [here](#).

DRESSING ROOMS

Competitor's dressing rooms are located on both eastern and western sides of the stadium.

There is one locker per Competitor. Scratching names on the paintwork is not permitted. The security of personal belongings is the Competitor's responsibility. Lockers are provided to Competitors, but Competitors **MUST** bring their own small padlocks – similar to those used on letter boxes to secure their belongings and all equipment must be locked away at night.

The back doors of the locker rooms are for access OUT only. They are to be kept locked at all times. THEY MUST NOT BE WEDGED OPEN. This is for the safety of you & your equipment.

Dressing rooms will be locked 45 mins after the final event each day. Competitors will not be permitted access to the dressing rooms after this time. RAS will not be held responsible for the loss or damage to any competitor's belongings during show.

DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING

Drug and Alcohol testing will once again be taking place during the 2023 Woodchopping & Sawing Competition across multiple days.

Competitors will be notified via stadium announcements if they are required to be tested that day. All tests are required to be completed a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the event. Failure to pass or complete, may result in the removal from competition.

EXHIBITOR ACCOMMODATION

A list of Accommodation Options is available on the website under Exhibitor Information. www.rasnsw.com.au/woodchop

Woodchop Competitors are NOT permitted to stay onsite during the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Any Competitor found to be staying onsite will be removed from the grounds.

EXHIBITOR PASSES

Exhibitor entry passes are enclosed and have been allocated in accordance with Special Regulations in the Woodchopping & Sawing Schedule. These passes are magnetically coded and are **not transferable**. The cards should be signed immediately in the panel provided by the person nominated by the Exhibitor. If you are leaving the Showground and intend to return later during that same day, ensure your card is scanned upon exit, as passes are not automatically validated for re-entry on that day.

Instructions for using your passes will be displayed at all entrances to the Showground.

Your Exhibitor Pass enables you to travel on selected public transport services for the duration of the Show. Please visit our website to see details www.eastershow.com.au/visit-us/getting-here/.

Lost or stolen passes **will not be replaced**; to gain access without a pass, competitors will be required to purchase daily passes through the woodchop office. REMEMBER: NO TICKET - NO ENTRY!

JUNIOR AAA TRAINING SESSION

The Australian Axemen's Association will be running a training clinic open to all registered AAA Junior Members on the second Sunday of the show.

To ensure your position please complete the consent form available on the website and return to woodchop@rasnsw.com.au.

When 8.00am – 10.00am Sunday 16 April

NOTICEBOARDS

A notice board will be set up for Competitors near the Competitor Kitchen where important notices including Championship/Semi-Final/Final heat draws will be posted. It is the Competitor's responsibility to check this notice board daily.

Should you wish to utilise the notice boards in the changeroom hallways for non-commercial purposes such as selling used equipment, please see the Woodchop Office to arrange. Any non-approved notifications posted will be removed without warning.

PERSONS ALLOWED IN ARENA

During the conduct of an Event, the only persons permitted into the Arena are:

(a) the Competitor. (b) in the case of a sawing Event, the Wedger for a Competitor competing in that Event; (c) in the case of a Tree Felling Event, the board puller for a Competitor; (d) in the case of a Junior Event, a coach or parent or guardian as provided in Special Regulation 92; (e) Officials; (f) Any person authorised by the Woodchop Committee.

During the setting up of logs for an Event, the only persons permitted into the Arena are:

(a) the Competitor in the Event in question; (b) only one other person who is acting as the Deputy for a Competitor, (c) Officials, (d) guests of Officials.

At the end of an Event, no person other than an Official may enter the Arena until the "all clear" is given.

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,

No person may enter, walk through or remain in the Arena, unless that person is undertaking a specific task at the direction of the Official in Charge. Our full list of regulations can be found in the woodchop schedule listed on the website. rasnsw.com.au/sydney-royal-competitions/competitions/woodchop

PERSONS ALLOWED IN BACK OF HOUSE

For the safety of everyone, please be aware that the back of house area is restricted to authorised persons only unless deemed necessary from Woodchop Committee or Officials.

Any individuals in the area without authorisation will be asked to leave. If an individual continues to enter the back of house area without authorisation, the Woodchop Committee may elect to remove the individual from site/competition.

Competitors will not have access to storerooms or the Woodchop Workshop.

PRACTICE BLOCKS

Practice Blocks can be purchased from the Woodchop office for \$10.00 each where available.

RELAY EVENTS

Event 22	NSW Inter Association Relay	Friday 7 April
Event 23	Interstate Teams Relay – Race 1	Sunday 9 April
	Interstate Teams Relay – Race 2	Monday 10 April
	Interstate Teams Relay – Race 3	Wednesday 12 April
Event 25	Under 21yrs State Relay – Race 1	Friday 14 April
	Under 21yrs State Relay – Race 2	Saturday 15 April
	Under 21yrs State Relay – Race 3	Sunday 16 April

If you have entrants that will only be coming to compete in relay events, please email woodchop@rasnsw.com.au to request single day passes

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

All Competitors are to ensure that they have the relevant safety equipment for each event time and level, such as.

- All Competitors in Underhand and Standing block events are required to wear chain mesh socks.
- A person competing at a Junior level are required to wear chain mesh socks and chain mesh shin guards.
- A person competing in chainsaw events are required to wear steel capped safety boots.

A full list of the regulations can be accessed in the 2023 Sydney Royal Woodchopping and Sawing Competition schedule available on the website.

TEAM EVENT NOMINATIONS



For those registered to compete in any team events (excluding relay), please register your team details by following the QR Code or simply [Click here](#) to complete.

You may only nominate a team event if you have already entered and paid for an event.

Nominations without entries will not be accepted.

UNIFORMS

Each registered Competitor will be provided with 2 competition singlets with either your state or country shown. As part of the conditions of entry, these singlets **must** be worn for all events, and please remove any hats/caps during presentations. Long white pants must also be worn.

You will be required to present in your competition singlet & white pants for ALL ribbon presentations. Failure to do so may incur a deduction of your prize money.

Individual Advertising and Sponsorship Guidelines

No Competitor's private sponsor's logo may be worn on competition singlets. At presentation of Awards, a Competitor must not hold, wear or display, or stand adjacent to anything 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. The Committee may require a Competitor, at a presentation of Awards, to wear on his dress an insignia, logo or wording relating to any sponsorship.

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VEHICLE ACCESS & EQUIPMENT DELIVERY

Included in your pack you will find two (2) different Vehicle Passes to gain access to the Woodchop Stadium to deliver your equipment. For those who will be collecting your packs from the show and not having them posted directly to you, can collect packs from the **Exhibitor Services Centre** (located on Murray Rose Avenue) **between 9am and 3pm** from Monday 3 April.

Access to the Woodchop Stadium to deliver equipment will be restricted. Please see times below when the changing rooms will be open.

To gain access, your vehicle pass needs to be clearly displayed and affixed to your windscreen before arrival with your mobile number listed so you can be contacted if required. In addition, **ALL individuals within the vehicle are required to hold a valid access pass to enter the site in the form of an Exhibitor Pass.**

Date	Opening Hours	Gate	Vehicle Pass Required
Wednesday 5 April	8am to 6pm	Gate 10	SRES BUMPIN-2G10
Thursday 6 April	6am to 8am	Gate 10	SRES DELIVERY
Monday 17 April	6am to 8am	Gate 10	SRES DELIVERY
Tuesday 18 April	8am to 2pm	Gate 10	SRES BUMPOUT-2G10

Access will not be available to the Woodchop Arena outside of the above times.

WOODCHOPPING & SAWING CATALOGUE

The Catalogue will be available online approximately 2 weeks prior to the Show. One (1) printed copy will be provided per competitor to be collected from the Woodchop Office during show.

Replacement or additional catalogues can be purchased from the office for \$10 from the Woodchop Office.

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A copy of the General Regulations of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW is available for review on our website: www.rasnw.com.au